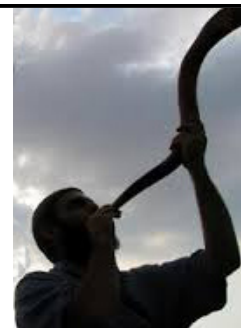


Our Mission: To foster a vibrant egalitarian Jewish community founded in the religious customs and traditions of Conservative Judaism; offering excellent Jewish education and community activities for all ages with commitment to Israel and Jewish communities throughout the world.



Welcome to a New Year

Wednesday, Sept. 1 st	USY Board
Monday, 6 th	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday, 7 th	Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, 8 th	Rosh Hashanah
Friday, 10 th	Birthday Shabbat
Sunday, 12 th	CBT Challah Bake
	Men's Club
	USY/Kadima Opening Event
	Rabbi Holiday Q&A
Monday, 13 th	Board Meeting
Tuesday, 14 th	Sisterhood Board
Wednesday, 15 th	Kol Nidre
Thursday, 16 th	Yom Kippur
Sunday, 19 th	Sukkah Building
	Rabbi Holiday Q&A
Monday, 20 th	Erev Sukkot
Tuesday, 21 st	Sukkot
Wednesday, 22 nd	Sukkot
Thursday, 23 rd	Executive Committee
	USY Pizza in the Hut
Friday, 24 th	Shabbat Hunan in the Hut
Sunday, 26 th	Rabbi Holiday Q&A
	Torah Art Scroll
	Kadima Pizza in the Hut
	PJ Library Sukkot Event
	Chai Program
Tuesday, 28 th	Shmini Atzeret



From Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

If Only We Could Put G-d First



There is a well-known sign that can be found in many offices. It reads something like this:

“Rule #1: The boss is always right.

Rule #2: When the boss is wrong, refer to Rule #1.”

This is the stuff that the comic strip Dilbert thrives on: unrestrained ego, job tyranny, hierarchy, orders.

There is another sign, much less well known, but infinitely more palatable. It was seen on the desk of the CEO of a shoe company. It read:

“**G-d first. Shoes second.**”

The ability to put G-d first is truly a gift, a gift that we give not only to others, but also to ourselves. An inflated ego is not a sign of power or status, but rather of weakness and pretension. Recognizing this is a blessing in every way. At the very least, such recognition would keep us from sounding silly. This is illustrated by a story told of the famous socialite Dorothy Parker. She once found herself at a cocktail party at which someone praised another prominent woman by saying, “She’s very kind to her inferiors.” Dorothy Parker responded, as only she could, “And where does she find them?”

How much healthier it would be if we could only put G-d first and everything else—including ourselves—second! If only we could learn to act consistently with *derech erez*, with basic decency! If only we could see in each person a little bit of the divine, rather than a mere object on which we can try to impose our will!

In its most radical form, pretensions of superiority can lead to murder. The endless school shootings, and other examples of mayhem and murder are perfect illustrations of this. On a smaller scale, though, we can see the impact of these pretensions in our day-to-day interpersonal relations.

All of us, at one time or another, take upon ourselves the role of guardian of some high moral principle. We may indeed be justified in doing so. We may indeed be sincere. But that’s not necessarily enough to keep our egos in check. Sometimes we espouse our principles at the sacrifice of the respect for the personal integrity of the persons to whom we are speaking—or, more accurately, pontificating.

The insistence on morals and standards is important, to be sure. Especially at this time of year, we should be thinking of such things. But putting high-minded principles ahead of flesh-and-blood people is usually getting things exactly wrong.

There are, of course, some exceptions. It’s all right if you step on a person’s foot or feelings when you are trying to save a life. You can always go back and apologize to the guy you pushed out of the way in order to save a baby from traffic. Usually though, what’s really happening is much less dramatic, just a variant on good ole’ Rule 1: The boss is always right... and when we say “the boss,” we usually don’t mean G-d.

Let us keep in mind that the purpose of our principles—and the principles of Judaism as a whole—is to help build a just and holy society. Societies aren’t possible unless people are willing to stick together. Walking off in a huff of righteous indignation, or inducing others to do so, just doesn’t add much *derech erez* to our lives. And, as we prepare to start the new year, *derech erez* is at a premium.

For all the long-winded sermons that pop up like mushrooms during this time of year, this message can be boiled down to three simple Yiddish words: *zei a mensch*. “Be a decent person.” We might expect something more profound for the High Holy Days. When all is said and done, though, these are perhaps the most important three words any of us will ever hear.

Wishing you all a sweet and healthy new year,
Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff (on behalf of Ruth-Ann, Ethan, Joseph, Dahlia, Nalle the Big White Floof, and Trotsky the Rebel)

HAKOL

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From the Desk of Cantor Rockman

Israel: Our Land of Determination and Beauty



For the second time in recent years, I was in Israel during extraordinarily troubled times. The 2014 Israel-Gaza conflict, “Operation Protective Edge,” was the first and now, Stacey and I (and our daughter Bashe who was already on a Camp Ramah teen program) were in Israel as the Covid crisis re-escalated.

In retrospect, and to anyone watching, our judgment may have appeared reckless. It was not. We complied with every protocol, including multiple tests, masks, and quarantine upon arrival and before we left. We were well supervised and our sense that we were in a safe place was consistent. We experienced Israel, though challenged, in all of its broad strokes of determination and beauty.

The purpose of the JNF World Conference, “Planting Hope for the Future,” was for us to become ambassadors for the cause — the JNF mission of building a better, safer home for the Jewish people, improving the quality of life for its residents, and increasing understanding throughout the world of the modern Jewish State. We learned about JNF initiatives and technological contributions developed in Israel and shared worldwide by Israel, our homeland.

Let me tell you a little about our mission. Each working day was long. We were on the road starting during the 7am hour and often returned to our hotel between 10 and 11pm. We traveled north to Mount Bental on the Golan Heights and met with military heroes on the battlefield of the 1973 Yom Kippur War. We later visited the Hula Lake Park. What a beautiful place! It would be ideal to be there during the crane migration.

In the south, we visited Beer Sheva which is the “Capital of the Negev” and the country’s fastest growing population center. This is where the new JNF-USA Israel Education and Technology Campus is being built. We then traveled further south to Halutza, which is located in the Northwest Negev on Israel’s borders with Egypt and Gaza. Halutza was founded by a group of families evacuated from the Gush Katif communities of Atzmona and Netzarim during Israel’s disengagement from Gaza. Today it is the home of hydroponic greenhouses and lush green fields in the middle of the desert, which are cultivated thanks to methods invented and developed by dedicated agricultural engineers, our modern Israeli pioneers.

We walked a lot, and saw so much, including the compassionate work JNF does, such as the JNF sponsored LOTEM project. LOTEM is the leading organization in Israel offering accessible hikes and educational nature activities around the country to children and adults with special needs. Experiences such as these helped us understand the depth and commitment of JNF-USA to every individual in Israel.

JNF-KKL was founded by Theodor Herzl with a vision of reclaiming our Jewish homeland, inch by inch, acre by acre, creating a safe haven for Jews, threatened and dispersed throughout the world. The dedication of generations of dreamers and pioneers since the end of the 19th century to today’s selfless pioneers is securing a future for our children’s children, one coin in a blue box at a time, one tree at a time.

Israel and the work that the Jewish National Fund are doing are inspiring. We were blown away, we had a great time, were filled with hope and purpose, and we felt welcomed and at home. And, of course, we did plant a tree.

May you too find purpose in all of your endeavors.

Wishing you a meaningful, healthy and happy New Year,
Cantor Bruce Rockman



Planting a tree in Shuni Park

More photos available at www.bnaitikvah.org/cantor

From President Marty Abschutz

Dear Friends:

During the past 18 trying months, our COVID-19 Task Force has continually met with the primary goal of setting parameters to keep our members, staff and visitors safe. With that continued goal in mind, the Task Force met again, last night, to review the current pandemic situation in Middlesex County and to establish the policies for the coming High Holy Day services.



As a result of the discussions and decisions made during that meeting, Congregation B'nai Tikvah will hold in-person services with streaming options available, as follows:

- Everyone entering our building **MUST** wear a mask **AND MUST SHOW** proof of full vaccination
 - There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**. If you are not eligible for the vaccine (such as children younger than 12), you cannot enter the building.
 - You must be two weeks past your second Pfizer or Moderna or your single J&J
 - Proof can be:
 - Showing your Docket app on your phone, with the “immunization records” screen open, or your vaccination card to the greeters at the check-in table
 - Uploading your vaccination record to the CBT portal no later than Monday, August 30, 2021, using this link: <https://bnaitikvah.org/vaccine-registration/>
 - Bringing your proof to the Office, no later than Monday, August 30, 2021
 - Consider bringing your proof with you, in case of a miscommunication
- Social distancing between pods will be observed; as has been our practice for several months, the curtains to the Social Hall will be open, regardless of how many people attend
- In recognition of the need to limit the amount of time people are gathered indoors, all services will be limited to two and a half hours or less
 - English readings will be limited
 - High Honors, such as aliyot, Torah and haftorah will be assigned in advance
 - Members in attendance will be invited for other honors
 - Speeches will be time-limited with full written transcripts available on our website

We plan to have 60- to 90- minute Torah for Tots and Junior Congregation services outdoors under a tent; further information will be forthcoming. Visit our website to see the various streaming options that will be available as we get closer to the Holidays.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our August High Holy Days Survey; based on the survey results, we expect upwards of 100 (and, perhaps as many as 200) vaccinated and masked people will attend services at one time or another. Everyone should assess their own risk factors. Speak with your personal physician(s). The medical professionals on our Task Force have agreed to be available to discuss the general issues surrounding COVID-19.

I thank everyone who has, and continues to participate, in this critical CBT community service:

Rabbi Wolkoff, Cantor Rockman, Gordon Heit, VP, Ritual, Neal Gittleman, DDS, Steve Levin, MD, Howard Waksman, MD, Melissa Kessler, Co-VP, School & Youth, Charlie Valan, VP, Administration, Kevin Krane, Ritual Committee & former VP, Administration, Kim Riemann, Webmaster & Board member, Ben Gottesman, CBT Streaming, and Lesley Lewkowicz, CBT Administrator.

No matter how it is that you intend to join us for the High Holy Days--stream, zoom, or in person--we welcome celebrating a new year together as a loving and safe community. Marci and I wish all of you, your families and your friends a Sweet, Healthy and Happy New Year (5782).

Marty Abschutz

President, on Behalf of the COVID-19 Task Force

Social Action



Laura Waksman

Making a Difference Despite the Challenges

When I embarked upon reestablishing the Social Action Committee almost one year ago, I had ambitions, though I remained realistic due to the restrictions Covid imposed upon us and everyone in our area. I learned a lot and continue to find myself bewildered by the limitations on charities and social service organizations' operations, directly impacting those in need. Finding recipient organizations for some of our collections was challenging, because some were not allowed to accept anything, not even if we dropped them outside. One remains closed due to Covid still today.

I'm the first to admit I'm Zoom challenged though, with practice, I've improved. The waiting room, my unstable connections, trying to manage us not speaking over each other, the impersonal nature of it all.... I was eager to hold "real" meetings. The reality is that not everyone is comfortable yet with in-person meetings. So, on August 5th, we held our first "hybrid" meeting, which is new for me, but happening all over the world. Four of us met in person, while others Zoomed in. This is another challenge for me. Thanks to Cheryl Crick for running the Zoom, I could just talk and listen. It was a step forward, and chatting with each other face to face (though masked) before and after the meeting was refreshing.

Thanks to your generous donations... we have been able to help our fellow congregants in need, and have given to Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen, North Brunswick Food Pantry, JFS Kosher Food Pantry, South Brunswick Senior Center, Chandler Health Center (New Brunswick), Interfaith Rise, Women Aware, Arc of Middlesex County, and Homefront (Lawrenceville).

What's been happening: Over the summer we purchased high school graduation gifts in the form of gift cards for five young women who are the first high school graduates in the group of immigrant and refugee families that I Rise has resettled since they were formed just a few years ago. They are all beginning college this month.

By the time you read this, we will have met in front of CBT and created Birthday Parties in a Box for up to eight immigrant children, including small gifts, and all the essentials.

Looking forward: Clean your closets! From October 1st through 31st we will be collecting children's, mens' and womens' winter coats in good condition. No sweaters, sweatshirts, lightweight jackets or other clothing will be accepted.

Our B'nai Tikvah Children of Hope Little Pantry is coming along, although more slowly than I had wished. A repurposed wood chest will be our pantry. It is primed and ready to be painted. As of this printing, the search continues for talented painters to give it a warm, welcoming artistic touch. We need volunteers to help with publicity, phone calls, and social media tasks, and to restock food and hygiene items as necessary. USY and Sisterhood have joined this effort. Hunger continues to rise. Consider this: Elijah's Promise served 7,990 meals in July 2019, 18,060 meals in July 2020, and 33,432 meals in July 2021.

Hot meal drive up: Cheryl Crick has read about other local houses of worship cooking hot meals during Covid, having those in need drive up, and volunteers placing the meals in the trunk. She thought we can be doing this too, and called me to discuss it. Of course, I was all for it. There are challenges, but with some out of the box thinking and teamwork, we can overcome them. This project is in its infancy, and all help and ideas are welcome.

Our own Holocaust Memorial Garden: Last, our Holocaust Memorial Garden, installed by then Eagle Scout Matthew Katz 14 years ago, is very much in need of beautification. More importantly, Matthew and his parents obtained two bricks from the Warsaw Ghetto at the time of the garden's installation, but they have not been placed in the garden. We seek ideas for displaying them, preserving them, and creating a plaque for them. The garden is lit and can be a place for meetings, classes, minyan, quiet conversation, and contemplation. Gardeners of all levels are welcome. Will you join us in this mitzvah of taking care of a neglected part of our building?

As we approach Rosh Hashanah 5782, I am grateful for the compassion in our community. May our acts of Chesed increase like the seeds of a pomegranate.

You can reach me at Laurawaksman@gmail.com

Together...let's make a difference.



July 13, 2021

Congregation B'nai Tikvah
1001 Finnegans Lane
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bergman:

I want to thank you for volunteering your time to offer hope to those who are in need blood and blood products. The blood donated by the donors you recruited save the lives of trauma victims, patients with blood disorders, cancer and many other life-threatening injuries and illnesses in our area hospitals.

The effort of Congregation B'nai Tikvah is very sincerely appreciated as a life-saving community service.

The results of your July 12, 2021 blood drive are as follows:

# Goal	20
# Registered	27
# Deferred	04
# Double Red	02=4
# Collected	25 + 4 ALYX = 29 Collected Products

Shortages occur throughout the year especially in this area of the country. This situation puts the lives of patients who need blood in danger. Please ask your donors who are unavailable to donate at your blood drive to donate at an upcoming blood drive in your area. Check our website(www.Vitalant.org) for locations or contact me for information.

Sincerely,
Brenda McEntyre – Saunders
Donor Recruitment Representative
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[Vitalant.](http://Vitalant.org)
bsaunders@vitalant.org



Marcia Schwartz and more than twenty other congregants contributed to this year's synagogue summer blood drive.

USY UPDATE



Sydney Sookerman

This past Spring we saw the election of our new Chapter Board and the election of two of our members to the Hagalil Regional Executive Board. A huge Mazel Tov to Bashe Rockman (NSBUSY President), Sarah Wilk (Israel Awareness VP), Jordyn Weintraub (Social Action / Tikun Olam VP), Liam Rosen (Membership / Programming VP), Hannah Cadoff (Communication VP), David Farber (Freshman Rep), and for REP, Rebecca Smoller and Rafi Rockman.

Be on the lookout for regular updates with upcoming NSBUSY & Kadima events, many of which will safely take place in our newly refreshed Youth Lounge! This includes a 'new' couch donated by the Blackin family, a large table donated by the Valan family, a foosball table donated by the Juro family, and a coffee table from an anonymous donor. Thank you to all of those who donated. Additionally, thank you to Rebecca Smoller, Liam Rosen, and Hannah Cadoff for helping refresh the youth lounge this summer.

"USY is USCJ's youth movement for Conservative Jewish teens across North America. For more than 60 years, USY has taught young Jews the values and skills they need to become exceptional leaders in their religious and secular communities. USY is truly a second home, a safe, fun space where teens can be themselves and discover their potential.

(www.usy.org/about-usy)

We can't wait for you all to experience our second home with us in the 2021-2022 year at CBT!

Follow us on Instagram @northsouthbrunswickusy for all things USY & Kadima. If you have questions about our chapter, the Hagalil region, or United Synagogue Youth, please contact me at nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com.



Bobbi Binder

Fiber Art Group! Knitting, Crocheting, and More

Do you knit, crochet, quilt, needlepoint, or cross-stitch (or any other fiber art)? Come hang out and schmooze with your fellow crafters at our new Knitting, Crochet, Fiber Art Group!

We will meet for 2 hours, starting at 7pm, on the first and third Tuesday of every month (unless you are subsequently notified).

This group is for people who already know how to knit and crochet, etc. It is not to teach. However, there are always new techniques to learn, patterns to share and general tips and tricks to pass along to each other.

Email to BobbiJBinder@gmail.com so we know to expect you, or in case we need to reach out to you.



Marc Binder

Poker Night

Our 1st monthly B'nai Tikvah Poker Night was a huge success. We all had loads of fun. Some winners, some losers, lots of dealer choice poker.

Someone was quoted as having said, "For \$20, it's a cheap night out." We settled on having the game in the library at the synagogue. Several brought their own drinks and snacks while we played from 6:00pm to 10:30pm. If you're interested in joining the group, send an email to marc@bindercpa.com.



CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH MEN'S CLUB



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Marc Rosen, President

L'Shana Tova!

It is not unique for me to say that these past 18 months have been a challenging time. COVID-19 constantly hampered our ability to gather to celebrate happy moments, console each other in times of loss, or simply create stronger community bonds.

This was as much a challenge for the Men's Club as it was for the rest of our congregation. Sadly, the Sukkah was much smaller, our beloved Latkes & Vodkas event was cancelled, the annual Man of the Year/Youth of the Year event for our Region went 100% virtual, and the World Wide Wrap was just not the same.

As this year's new Men's Club President, I see our goal for 5782 as "Recovery." It will be a year of bringing us all back together by rebuilding weakened relations, rebuilding our organization, and strengthening our community. For the first time in many years, our Region will be conducting meetings at our shul. We will also be partnering with other Men's Club chapters to provide programs to strengthen the bonds amongst the larger Jewish community in the area.

Some of our planned events this year are:

- 9/19, 9am - Raise the Roof
- 9/23, 8pm - Scotch & Sandwiches with EBJC Men's Club
- 11/4, 8pm - Football Night @ CBT - Jets vs Colts
- 11/8, 8pm - Northern NJ Region Board Meeting & Dinner
- 12/4, TBD - Latkes & Vodkas
- 12/12, 7pm - NNJR Man and Youth of the Year Awards
- 2/6/22, 9am - World Wide Wrap
- Spring 2022 - Men's Club Olympics and more...

I am excited for this upcoming year, but our club can only be successful with your participation, whether by helping with events or simply attending them. If you have not done so already, please consider joining for the low price of \$36 by either completing the application below or online, via our website.

I look forward to a great year.

Marc Rosen
Men's Club President



Men's Club 2021-2022 Membership Application

Please complete this form with your payment of \$36 or include payment as part of your dues.

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Please mail to the attention of (or place in the MC mailbox) a check payable to: **CBT Men's Club, B'nai Tikvah**



Lori Sookerman



Shelly Wistreich

Thank You For All Your Support

This past year the Sisterhood asked the CBT community to help on many social action projects and no matter what we asked, you always came through. In September 2020, Sisterhood held a School Supply Drive which benefited the Middlesex County Care Management Organization. This non-profit coordinates and supports Middlesex County families that care for youth, up to age 21, who present with moderate to high levels of behavioral and/or emotional needs and/or developmental disabilities. We donated many supplies and gifted five students with \$20 gift cards to help pay for new back-to-school clothes.

In January 2021, Elijah's Promise posted an urgent call for help on its Facebook page, and Sisterhood was there to help. Elijah's Promise was in need of premade snack bags. These bags are handed out to the homeless community during hot meals at Elijah's Promise. Sisterhood asked members to assemble snack bags at home and then drop them off at CBT. We donated over 200 premade snack bags!

The Garden State Regional Women's League for Conservative Judaism launched a social justice initiative which ran February-June 2021, called "Project Stock the Shelves." In support of this project, each month Sisterhood suggested different food items and collected monetary donations for those who wished to participate that way. Each month food items were donated to the North and South Brunswick Food Pantries, and we gifted all monetary contributions to the East Brunswick Food Pantry. The support for this project was incredible!

This coming year, Sisterhood plans to hold another back-to-school supply drive, and we will be collaborating with CBT's Social Action Committee on a few projects.

Thank you, everyone, for your support and kindness.

Cheryl Crick, Sisterhood Social Action Coordinator

Please visit <http://bnaitikvah.org/sismember> to discover the joy of getting involved in our circle. Sisterhood would love to welcome you.
Contact: Jessica Zink - JessicaZink@optonline.net

Mitzvah Baskets

Let us decorate the bima with nonperishable food baskets. We also deliver baskets for use at other synagogues. Tell your local friends about this service.
Contact: Teresa Samtur msamtur@comcast.net or 732-821-8163

Mazel Tosses

Enhance the simcha of your child's special day by having Sisterhood provide these bags of soft candy which will sweeten the day. These bags are also great for an aufruf. Visit the CBT website to order your Mitzvah Baskets and Mazel Tosses at least one month before your mitzvah.
Contact: Marci Abschutz, 732-735-1946.

Torah Fund

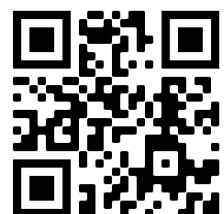
The new pins are available with a \$180 pledge. We would love to welcome you as a Torah Fund benefactor, helping the Women's League for Conservative Judaism to support the Jewish Theological Seminary, its teachers, Cantors, and Rabbis.

Contact: Gale Dillman - DillmanGale@gmail.com

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Bikur Cholim



Jill Stone, Chair

Literally, Bikur Cholim means "visiting the sick." This was the mission of B'nai Tikvah's committee, originally founded by Gale Dillman and passed on to several dedicated congregants.

However, with the advent of HIPAA laws and the recent COVID-19 pandemic, it has become difficult for anyone, let alone this committee, to fulfill that function. Thanks to a small group of members, we have been able to provide assistance to caregivers and their families in other ways. Our committee, with the help of several other volunteers, has been able to provide transportation to doctor visits, prescription pick-up, and delivering Shabbos meals to families who have been struggling to provide healthcare to their immediate family members.

If you need assistance with transportation or a small errand, please don't hesitate to call the synagogue office at 732-297-0696 or send an email to the committee at bikur@bnaitikvah.org.

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Welcome Back Religious School Students & Parents!

As summer comes to a close, we would like to take the time to welcome you back! We hope that everyone had a relaxing and healthy summer, and are ready to start a new school year! First, we would like to introduce ourselves to the new families. We are Cheryl Crick and Sharon Cohen, and we are the Religious School Parent Committee Co-chairs.

Get to know Cheryl Crick:



My husband Josh and I have been members of CBT for four years, but my seven year-old daughter, Miriam, has attended CBT since she was 2½ in pre-school. We instantly fell in love with the family feel of the preschool and when she was old enough to attend religious school we officially became members. I also have an almost four year old daughter, Maisy. Maisy attends the PJ Library events CBT holds and loves coming to Family Shabbat. She will be attending the religious school's new preschool class this Fall! I also sit on the PJ Library Events Committee and am a member of the Sisterhood Board. I am excited for the new school year and I look forward to working with you all.

Get to know Sharon Cohen:



My husband Craig and I have been members of the B'nai Tikvah family since our son, Scott, came home just over 13 years ago. Scott graduated from the JCC preschool as well as CBT's Religious School, last May. We celebrated his Bar Mitzvah this past January. We were regular attendees of Family Shabbat and when our daughter Emma arrived in 2012, she immediately joined us at CBT. She followed in Scott's footsteps and was a proud member of the last graduating class of the JCC of 2018 and is now a student in the Alef RS class. I have been a member of the Religious School Committee since 2013 and a co-chair since 2015. I welcome Cheryl as our newest co-chair and thank her for volunteering to take on this new endeavor. I look forward to welcoming our newest committee members as well.

The Religious School Parent Committee meets monthly to discuss issues that affect our children and their religious education. We hold fundraisers and plan fun events that enhance our children's religious education. Although the 2020-2021 school year looked much different than in the past, the committee still accomplished so much.

- We assembled Chanukah and Purim gift bags for all religious school students and delivered them to each child's home.
- We provided input to the Cantor and Co-VPs of School & Youth, Doug Smoller, and Melissa Kessler, on a variety of topics.
- Seeing a need to help connect parents and school leadership during remote learning, the Religious School Parent Committee helped organize a meeting.
- This past summer, along with Marlene Buckwald and Melissa Kessler, we held three Tot Summer Series programs. These programs were open to the public as well as our youngest CBT members. Check out CBT's website for the adorable pictures!

Our committee is always looking to grow! We encourage all those interested in helping, to join us. If it is not possible to make monthly meetings, you can always email us with questions, ideas or concerns. Getting involved is the best way to truly feel like you are a part of the CBT family. To learn more, please feel free to email us at cherylcrick13@gmail.com and sharoncohen@hvrds.org.

We are truly excited to start the 2021-2022 school year!

Cheryl Crick and Sharon Cohen



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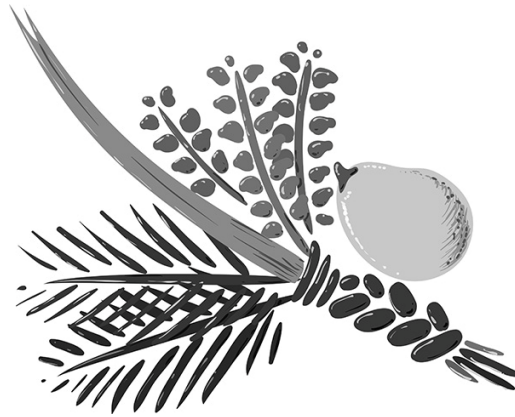
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 It throws flame when anger is at mind.
 But keeps her radiating flames inside when happiness is at heart.
 It reaches out to our solar planets, and takes them under her caring arm.
 From there she keeps the planets to herself.
 She is voiceless, mute, and speechless.
 For the flames have burned her throat.
 But the burning star doesn't need a voice.
 The gifts she gives are heat, light, and energy.

Without her, we would perish, and we would freeze.
 She is the loving mother of our solar system.
 She glows, giving tender light as far as the eye can see.
 She protects us from any danger that occurs in our midnight space.
 We would think that she would move out of place ...
 But she stays planted in the fabric of our solar system.

Genealogy Group



Gary Bergman
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The majority of people involved in their family's genealogy become interested only later in life. For most young people, it's something completely off their radar. My interest began, as with most things, with the advent of technology, when I got my first laptop and travelled the country on business. I found a DOS program called Family Tree Maker. I would make it my business to visit distant relatives and add as much information to the database as they could provide.

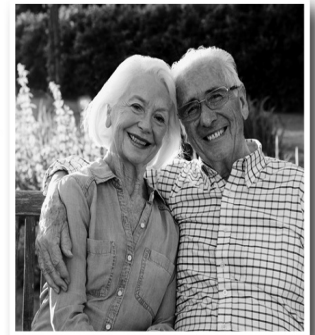
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12 6 Tishrei BT Challah Bake Men's Club Meeting RS First Day NSBUSY/Kadima Opening Event Rabbi Holiday Q/A	13 7 Tishrei CBT Board Meeting	14 8 Tishrei Sisterhood Board Meeting 8p	15 9 Tishrei No Religious School Erev Yom Kippur 6:48p Candle lighting	16 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur 7:45p Havdalah	17 11 Tishrei 6:45p Candle lighting	18 12 Tishrei Parashat Ha'Azinu 7:49p Havdalah
19 13 Tishrei Men's Club Raise the Roof Rabbi Holiday Q/A	20 14 Tishrei Erev Sukkot 6:39p Candle lighting	21 15 Tishrei Sukkot I 7:45p Candle lighting	22 16 Tishrei No Religious School Sukkot II 7:43p Havdalah	23 17 Tishrei EC meeting NSBUSY Pizza in the Hut Sukkot III	24 18 Tishrei Hunan in the Hut Shabbat in the Sukkah Sukkot IV 6:33p Candle lighting	25 19 Tishrei Sukkot V 7:38p Havdalah
26 20 Tishrei Rabbi Holiday Q/A Religious School Torah Artscroll Kadima Pizza in the Hut PJ Library Sukkot Event Chai Program Sukkot VI	27 21 Tishrei Sukkot VII (Hoshana Raba) 6:28p Candle lighting	28 22 Tishrei Shmini Atzeret 7:34p Candle lighting	29 23 Tishrei No Religious School Simchat Torah 7:32p Havdalah	30 24 Tishrei	OCTOBER S M T W T F S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

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- Ever thought you had a talent to help shape our shul, but no one asked?
- Believed you could help make our kehilah better?

Now you can! Please express your talents and interest to serve on a committee to: Adrienne.Ross@bnaitikvah.org

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