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



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From Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

Anti-Semitism: The Hatred That Must Not Be Named



At least it sure seems that way.

This week, the Jewish world held its collective breath when hostages were taken in a synagogue in Colleyville, Texas. The hostage taker was a Jihadist. He had gone to a synagogue because he was filled with fantasies about the “all-powerful” Jews who could command governments to do their bidding—in this case, demand that the U.S. release a woman convicted of attempting to murder American soldiers. At her trial, she had demanded that jurors be given a DNA test to ensure that they did not have “Zionist or Israeli background.” The Jihadi’s final words included the phrase “f***** Jews.”

Given all that, one would have imagined that after the terrorist was killed, the FBI would offer a straightforward condemnation of his Islamist anti-Semitism. But lo and behold, not only was there no condemnation, there was no anti-Semitism. According to the FBI, the actions of the Jihadi were not “specifically related to the Jewish community.”

Anti-Semitism is the hatred that must not be named.

Of course, by the next day, when the outrage (and the absurdity) mounted, the FBI back-pedaled and admitted what any clear thinking 8-year-old already knew. But, they were quick to add: “This is a terrorism-related matter, in which the Jewish community was targeted,”—as if it were coincidental that it was the Jewish community that was targeted. Instead, they could have noted that the Jihadist intentionally bypassed the 26 churches in Colleyville (that’s 2 per square mile) to get to—wait for it—Beth *Israel*.

In similar fashion, after the horror of the attack, one would have expected the ADL to issue a strong condemnation. And they did—of Islamophobia. The ADL devoted one paragraph of a long report to the Jihadi praise for the terrorist, but several pages condemning right-wing extremism and “anti-Muslim bigotry.” I do understand that Muslims everywhere should not be painted with a broad brush as terrorists—when in fact all kinds of Muslim groups, including the local mosque in Colleyville, to their credit condemned the act of terrorism. But the fact that we mustn’t generalize, doesn’t also mean that we mustn’t specify and call things by their proper name. The fact that all Muslims are not terrorists does not mean that no Muslims are terrorists. In truth, there have been enough Muslim terrorists to take over entire countries. What do we gain by ignoring this? The family of the terrorist claimed that he was

suffering from mental instability. Perhaps (although that explanation/excuse is getting a little threadbare). But isn’t it interesting that the mental condition of Jihadists never leads them to attack Eskimos. Only Jews. Why do you suppose that is? Of course, it couldn’t be anti-Semitism, because anti-Semitism is the hatred that must not be named.

Meanwhile, in sunny California, another “unnamed” drama is being played out. A young Arab woman has protested against USC claiming discrimination. She has suffered negative consequences because of her on-line comments including: “I want to kill every motherf***** Zionist,” and “curse the Jews.” But, her apologists explain, this has *nothing* to do with anti-Semitism. Of course not, because anti-Semitism is the hatred that must not be named. Instead, we are told, we must “understand” her remarks “in context.” Frankly, I’m curious what that context could be.

Here’s a thought experiment: In what context would it be morally acceptable to say, “I want to kill every motherf***** Palestinian!”? I’ll wait.

What all these stories (and many more, trust me) share is an unwillingness to call things by their proper name. The good folks at Zioness have something to say about this: “[T]argeting Jews, as Jews, is anti-Semitic. Targeting Jews in a synagogue is anti-Semitic. Targeting Jews in a synagogue on Shabbat is anti-Semitic. Hard stop. You can’t fight anti-Semitism without calling it anti-Semitism. You can’t fight for Jews by responding to an anti-Semitic attack with blanket statements about “confronting all forms of hate” or with “prayers for peace.” Your willingness to use the words and name our community are directly related to personal and collective potential for change.”

In the Harry Potter novels, Harry eventually insists on naming “he who must not be named.” He does this in frustration at all those who refuse to say the words, because Harry is aware that you can’t fight an enemy if you refuse to name it, and the enemy, with all his terrible power, is back.

Same for us.

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

From the Desk of Cantor Rockman

Speak Up and Take Action Against Evil



Jewish hostages are terrorized in Texas, we celebrate Martin Luther King Day, and it's Tu BiShvat (the birthday of the trees, honoring G-d's creation of the natural world.) Confusing. Here is what's been on my mind.

“There is an evil which most of us condone and are even guilty of: *indifference to evil*. We remain neutral, impartial, and not easily moved by wrongs done unto other people. Indifference to evil is more insidious than evil itself; more contagious, more dangerous. A silent justification, it makes possible an evil erupting as an expression becoming the rule and being in turn accepted.”

-Abraham Joshua Heschel (1953)

In a time when we look for meaning beyond our own tradition and even expect our modes to mirror the choices made by many, we should remember the impact that leaders like Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel had and continues to have an impact on people of all faiths.

Dr. Martin Luther King wrote “Rabbi Heschel is one of the persons who is relevant at all times, always standing with prophetic insights” to guide persons with a social consciousness. Both men were driven by the notion of a collective responsibility for the fate of all mankind and believed that the struggle to overcome injustice must be ecumenical.

Can we stand by as we continue to witness the pain of loss and the evil of hate?

“It is customary to blame secular science and anti-religious philosophy for the eclipse of religion in modern society. It would be more honest to blame religion for its own defeats. Religion declined not because it was refuted, but because it became irrelevant, dull, oppressive, insipid. When faith is completely replaced by creed, worship by discipline, love by habit; when the crisis of today is ignored because of the splendor of the past; when faith becomes an heirloom rather than a living fountain; when religion speaks only in the name of authority rather than with the voice of compassion--its message becomes meaningless.”

— Abraham Joshua Heschel, [God in Search of Man: A Philosophy of Judaism](#)

When a violent hate crime occurs next door or across the country, we wring our hands, shake our heads, and ask what we can do? Before long, we change the channel and move on, asking what **can** we do?

We ask our leaders what we can do. They add words of comfort and inspiration telling us to be vigilant, caring, and advising us what we can do.

We're living during a challenging era when justified fear of physical contact is paired with alienation and hate. Yet we must dwell on hope and caring.

Rabbi Heschel writes: “Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement.get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.”

One minute life looks hopeless and yet we're being told to be amazed. Everything is phenomenal.... it really is. What is more joyous than to nuzzle a baby, witness a bride, experience a new day, intimacy, a parent's pride.

To be spiritual is to be amazed! Amazed that broken hearts can heal, just as flowers blossom every year.

There is an answer to all of the world's problems. We are a part of something very, very special. We witness intentional acts of kindness and smiles of appreciation. G-d has endowed us with the ability to be optimistic during difficult and tragic times. Aren't you amazed at the strength of the survivors of the Shoah? I'm amazed that even with the loss of spiritual connection, that so many still search for answers.

So, what do we do about the craziness that life is? We stay amazed looking under rocks for a quarter. You say thank you G-d for another day and what can I do to make this a better world?

We are blessed to be a part of a caring, Jewish community. But we can do better. We cannot allow the evildoers to deter us. We must speak up and take action against evil.

B'shalom-Worship the Lord with Gladness!
Cantor Bruce Rockman

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Burn The Mortgage

Glass Half Full or Half Empty



Dave Offenberg

The “Burn the Mortgage” committee asked, and the Congregation responded! We would like to thank all those who made contributions following our appeal in the December and January Hakol to help us meet our goals as a Congregation. As a reminder, our goal is to retire the large mortgage this year....a goal of \$190,000. Your response has helped us get half-way to our goal. Thank-you!

Many say a glass can be half-full or half-empty. Whichever optic you choose, we know that we still have 50% of our goal to achieve. To assure our financial goal and provide future financial stability of our congregation, it is important, *no vital*, that those who have not yet contributed, be counted in those who want to secure our future. Every donation, in any amount, is important and greatly appreciated.

All donors will be recognized and memorialized. Donations greater than \$3600 will have a dedication to honor or memorialize someone.

Pledges can be made over the next 18-24 months (final payment with 4Q23 dues statement). All donations are tax deductible and can be received as cash, credit, appreciated stock donations and required distributions from IRAs. If considering stock or IRA distributions, please contact a tax professional and the synagogue office on how to do this.

Please help to fill our glass and be counted on to provide a financially sound B'nai Tikvah for future generations. Feel free to reach out to me or any committee member with any questions.

Marty Abschutz, Ruth Anne Koenick, Adrienne Ross
Jeff Schwartz, and Dave Offenberg (chair)

WAM: Ways & Means, Activities, Membership



Andrew Goldberger



Steve Juro



Renee Juro

Leave Your Mark at CBT

There are many ways to leave an impression on a community: through actions, through support, through making a difference and much more. And, these are all incredibly important at B'nai Tikvah. But wouldn't you love to see something concrete and permanent that will be there for years and years?

Hopefully by now, you are aware of the Brick Campaign that's been going for the past few years. We're installing a brick walkway to the building inscribed with messages, honors and tributes from and for our members. It gives you the opportunity to add your family's names, the names of loved ones, or other messages that you'd like to be preserved for years to come.

Delayed (as many things were due to Covid), it is coming to an end **March 1st**. We are in the final wave of taking orders before we send them to the manufacturer to be etched into stone. When we receive the completed bricks, they will be laid into the sidewalk. The new walkway will be unveiled at the Annual Gala in June.

When the project is complete, we can't add individual bricks, so you probably won't have another opportunity to order for years, if ever. Don't miss your chance!

Visit bnaitikvah.org/bricks/ for all the information, brick sizes, character counts and pricing. Do it soon so you don't miss out! And put your stamp on B'nai Tikvah.

Thank you for your continued participation!
Andrew Goldberger - Ways and Means
Renee Juro - Membership
Steve Juro - Activities



3 STEPS

TO SECURING YOUR
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Introducing the revival of CBT's Brick Campaign

Visit www.bnaitikvah.org/congregation-bnai-tikvahs-brick-campaign

Step 1: Buy a Brick

Choose from 3 options:

\$180 - 4"x8" Brick

\$360 - 8"x8" Brick

\$540 - 12"x12" Brick

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Step 3: See the Reveal

In June 2022, at our Annual Gala "Under the Stars," we will reveal our beautiful new walkway with your family's brick on display!

Step 2: Choose your Engraving

Ensure your family's legacy at CBT with your unique sentiment, etched in stone on our beautiful new walkway! Whether you choose to honor your family or the memory of a loved one, your family's name will forever be a part of our building!

Questions? Email WAM@bnaitikvah.org

Social Action

Thank you for your ongoing support of Social Action's mission through your very generous donations to the fund last month. I am so grateful that I can say "yes" when I get a call or an email from an area social service organization asking for monetary help.



Laura Waksman

Although it is still hard to do in-person volunteer work (we will get there), we still manage to do some. When JFS Kosher Food Pantry needed help this past month with stocking their shelves, Stacey, Bashe, and Rafi Rockman said "yes." Thank you so much! For those of you who don't know, JFS has moved from their Milltown office to Blackhorse Lane in North Brunswick- right near CBT. Their pantry is quite large, and though their food is kosher, their clients need not be Jewish. The Monroe Jewish Family Services office also has a kosher food pantry.

For Martin Luther King Jr. day of service, we supported Jersey Cares (jerseycares.org), a Livingston based nonprofit which identifies needs of nonprofits throughout the state, and implements projects to fulfill those needs. I chose their canvas painting project which involved purchasing pre-sketched 8x10 canvases. They have inspirational sayings, which came boxed with paints and brushes. When I sent out a request for creators to paint the canvases, Joanna Simon and Lynn Biderman quickly replied. See the pics of them holding their finished canvases. Thanks so much Joanna and Lynn! The colorful paintings got shipped back to Jersey Cares and they will be hung in social service agencies to brighten up their facilities. I plan to repeat this project, independent of Jersey Cares. We will purchase canvases ourselves and customize the art work for area local nonprofits that we choose. (See photo on page 14.)

Our B'nai Tikvah Children of Hope Little Pantry launched on December 24th, thanks to Cantor Rockman. He shifted CBT's annual Chesed for Chaankah project this year, from bringing goodies to first responders who work on Christmas, to a drive up donation drop off event of nonperishable food and personal hygiene products for our new pantry. Todah Rabah to all those who brought donations, and to those who could not come and gave donations to others to drop off. The response was huge and uplifting. Your donations filled the pantry, an upcycled cabinet, with a lot of extra items needing to be brought into the building and stored as future stock. Cantor, Stacey and Bashe helped take the bags of donations from members, carried the pantry to its spot in the parking lot, and helped me stock it. I am so grateful to the Cantor who, of course, played photographer, one of his favorite roles. (Photo pg 14)

Thank you to Betty Stoloff and Carol Eisenberg, for checking on the pantry and restocking items as necessary. Thus far, the hygiene items are being taken far more than the food items. We need more volunteers to check on the pantry on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings.

The Social Action committee and others continue to write to seniors living at Park Place in South Brunswick. Pat, the recreation director, tells me that each card is read by or read to the residents and they are so grateful. I ask Pat to share with me what she knows about the individual residents' interests, and I, in turn, share that information with the card writers. She sends me emails about smiles, chuckles, and expressions of gratitude when the seniors read a card which contains a message about their hobby or interest. Seemingly small acts are not small at all.

B' yachad... together .. let's make a difference.

NEEDY FAMILY PROGRAM

Another Pandemic Year!



Janice Baer

We recently completed our 20th year of running the "Needy Family Program." As we had another unusual year, to say it mildly, chose to run a hybrid program- those who felt comfortable shopping, shopped, and those who didn't, made financial donations used to purchase gift cards and needed items.

Shoppers

This year we were able to purchase gifts for 3 families....a total of 19 people. Two of the families were victims of fires that resulted in the loss of all their belongings. Both families recently moved into apartments where they had to begin all over in collecting needed items for their homes. The third family was living in an apartment in a domestic violence shelter. As victims of domestic violence, they ran out of their home with basically the clothes on their back. The social worker reported that these families were overwhelmed with the generosity of "strangers who did not even know us." One mother was in shock upon the arrival of the gifts and another mother cried hysterically stating that she thought "this would be their worst Christmas when in fact it would be their best."

Monetary donations

We collected \$9,312! The money provided 22 families with gift cards to begin the New Year with food, needed clothing and some apartment needs. Five of these families were living in homeless shelters, many were victims of Hurricane Ida, as they lived in basement apartments, several had disabled children, so the mothers weren't able to work, two had at least one parent disabled, several were unable to work due to having young children and no affordable day care, one family lost work and fell behind on their bills because both parents had Covid and lastly some were the working poor.

In addition to gift cards, the families were also given bags of hygiene items that were collected by our Religious School. These people were so grateful for the items, as they often need to choose between food on the table or staples like clothing, soap, etc. Thank you to Cantor Rockman and the Religious School for performing this mitzvah.

Our participation again was record breaking. One hundred eight synagogue member families-a significant percentage of our overall membership- purchased needed items or made financial donations. We also had two nonmembers who made very generous donations as they believe in the mission of the Needy Family Program.

This year continued to be a very difficult one on many fronts for all of us. I can't express in words the feelings inside me that our community never forgets those in need, regardless of our own situations. I am so proud of being a part of our B'nai Tikvah family.

Wishing you all a year full of health, happiness, hugs and gatherings with each other!



January 4, 2022

Mr. Gary Bergman
 Congregation B'Nai Tikah
 1001 Finnegians Lane
 North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Dear Gary Bergman

I want to thank you for volunteering your time to offer hope to those who need blood and blood products. The blood donated 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 continuing efforts of the Congregation B'nai Tivah very sincerely appreciated as a life-saving community service.

The results of your January 3 drive are as follows:

#	Goal	19
#	Registered	19
#	Deferred	6
#	Double Red	2
#	Collected	15

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,

Jeffrey Ochital
 Donor Recruitment Rep
 Vitalant
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Terry Katz and other congregants donating blood



CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH MEN'S CLUB

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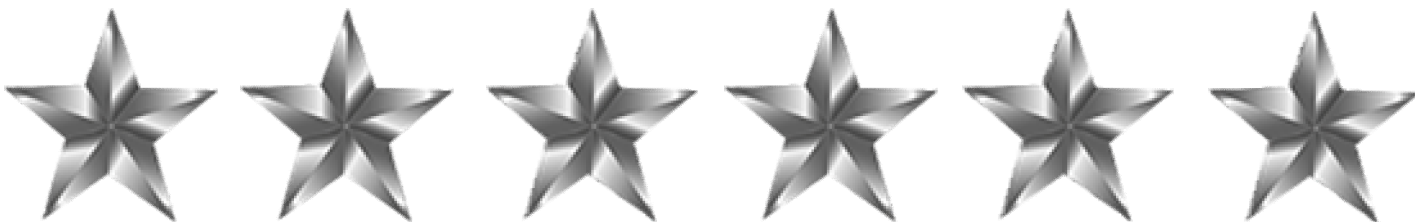
Marc Rosen, President



Men's Club Virtual Meeting, Sunday, January 9th

Upcoming Events

- February 6, 10am - Men's Club Meeting
- February 13, 9am - World Wide Wrap



Gala Under the Stars

An Evening to Honor the Stars in our Lives

Save the Date: Saturday, June 25th, 2022



Lori Sookerman



Shelly Wistreich

PURIM BASKET PROJECT

Everyone Gets a Basket!

Support this goal by becoming:

- A Golden Grogger (\$118 minimum)
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- A Contributor (\$5 minimum)

For detailed information, please visit
bnaitikvah.org/purim-baskets

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 at 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: Teresa Samtur at msamtur@comcast.net or 732-821-8163

Gift Shop

The gift shop will be having a jewelry sale for the month of January. Come in and treat yourself! 25% - 75% off almost all jewelry!

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Mark your calendars and get reading!

March 9th, 2022 - A View Across the Rooftops by Suzanne Kelman

May 18th - Becoming Eve by Abby Stein

RSVP to Sheryl Levine at slevine0710@gmail.com

A Zoom link will be provided as we are closer to each event.

February is Jewish Disabilities Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month (JDAIM).



Cheryl Crick

It is a unified effort among Jewish organizations worldwide to raise awareness and foster the inclusion of people with disabilities and those who love them. JDAIM is a call to action to each one of us in accordance with our Jewish values, honoring the gifts and strengths that we each possess. Established in 2009 by the Jewish Special Education International Consortium, JDAIM is observed each February.

Why am I sharing this? Besides wanting to highlight the importance of including people with disabilities and mental health conditions, my older brother Adam has autism and an intellectual disability. Hence this topic is near and dear to my heart.

Since the day I was born, I have been a part of the developmental disability community. I've never known a life without disability in it, and honestly, I can't imagine a life without it. It's like when people ask me if I miss celebrating Christmas. It's just my reality.

Growing up in this community has caused me to notice things that the mainstream doesn't typically see. For example, when a building or a curb cutout is not accessible or when there are only one or two curb cutouts in a parking lot so a person may find themselves parking and heading to one entrance only to find they must go to another area of the parking lot just to access the sidewalk (a pet peeve of mine). However, accessibility is not just about getting in a door. It's more than that.

Growing up Jewish, I wondered if Adam understood why we celebrated the holidays we did. Or why once a year, we had to read a book before eating. Couldn't we just eat? Did he understand what religion is? The point of tradition? Did he care? He certainly liked opening gifts on Hanukkah. But, then again, he also thought it was so funny to try and get past my parents to blow out the menorah candles.

Adam never had a bar mitzvah, never went to religious school, and to my knowledge, was only ever once inside a synagogue when my older daughter had her naming ceremony. When I was older, I did ask my dad why Adam never went to services or attended religious school.

He said they thought he wouldn't get anything out of it and would probably be bored at services.

Looking back, though, a Jewish community would have been nice for Adam. A place outside of school, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech. Even if he never learned to read Hebrew or understood why we had to read from that book once a year before eating, it could have been a place where Adam was himself. A place where people accepted Adam for Adam and met him where he was, instead of trying to make him fit into a box. Inclusion would have been nice for all of us.

Inclusion moves beyond ramps and curb cutouts. Inclusion moves us past outdated terminology and derogatory terms. It takes us to a place of understanding and then changes attitudes toward people with disabilities.

During this month, I ask you to take some time to think beyond physical accessibility and consider inclusion.

- Learn how to be a better ally and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities and mental health conditions.
- Support people with disabilities and mental health conditions to make their own decisions about belonging to their Jewish community.
- Remember, like Adam's disability, not all disabilities are "visible." If you see a person exhibiting atypical behavior, understand that it might be a sign of a disability. Embrace the person as being created Btzelem Elohim--in the Divine image.
- Practice acceptance and understanding of a person's need to move or get up and down during services. Some people with attention and sensory issues may find it hard to sit through services. Young children may also need to move around.
- When speaking about people with disabilities, avoid ableist language, which includes words such as "retarded" and "crippled" and derogatory language using disability metaphors such as, "it fell on deaf ears."
- Read: "Ableism 101: What it is, what it looks like, and what we can do to fix it" - www.accessliving.org/newsroom/blog/ableism-101
- Read: "10 Short, But Important Reads for Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month" - <https://jewishweek.timesofisrael.com/10-essays-jewish-disability-awareness-acceptance-inclusion-month>



Created in Your Image: a Blessing for Inclusion

by Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer | November 2020

*Makor HaChayim, Source of Life,
You created human beings in your image,
B'tzelem Elohim**

Each one of us a unique creation —
genetic material that holds a *neshamah***
a soul that is pure.

Our bodies and our minds
are different and diverse creations —
Full of strengths and vulnerabilities,
talents, challenges, abilities, struggles.

Some of us born into our bodies needing help
to move, to see, to hear, to talk, to eat.
Some of us will take our bodies and minds for granted
until they change with age,
reminding us that there are times
when we all need support.

The human body is a vessel that we can see, but deeper,
what is constant and in common among us all
is the unseen —
the souls that You have placed within us.

*Makor HaChayim, Source of Life,
Help us to encounter one another
as that pure soul created in Your image;
that we see ourselves and one another
as B'tzelem Elohim.*

*B'tzelem Elohim: In Genesis 1:27, we read that God created human beings in God's own image.

**Neshamah: A Hebrew word meaning 'soul.'



From the President



As I write this, I am in the midst of an apparent cold. I took a COVID-19 rapid test today, which thank G-d, was negative. I felt that little bit of fear that many of us have felt: is this me getting COVID? Some members of our CBT family have tested positive, including Rabbi Wolkoff. We have tried to be as careful as we can regarding services and events, vis-à-vis COVID. Some things are beyond our control: Rabbi Wolkoff may have contracted it during his visit to a hospital emergency room when he broke his ankle on black ice. (Wishing him a double refuah shleima to recover from both.)

We should continue to be as careful as we can when it comes to COVID-19. Vaccination is the first best defense against contracting COVID, getting very sick from COVID, being hospitalized from COVID and dying from COVID. Getting a booster shot increases that defense. Wearing a mask is an integral part of the proper defense against COVID. Wearing a properly fitted N95 or KN95 mask limits the possibility of your spreading COVID, especially for those people who are asymptomatic.

The sooner that every eligible person is vaccinated and boosted (when authorized), the sooner we will be able to return to a semblance of our pre-COVID world. In the interim, continue to wear a properly fitting mask and social distance, when it makes sense. Continue to visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for the latest facts. Scientists are continuing to work on the problem, including better treatments and more ways to prevent infection.

I'm hoping that we all will do what we can to eliminate the mass COVID-19 spread that is occurring as I write this. I am happy to report that plans are moving forward for our first gala since 2019. Circle your calendars for June 25, 2022. The Gala Committee is meeting regularly, virtually, to work on plans for an outdoor event under the stars, where we can celebrate each of our own stars.

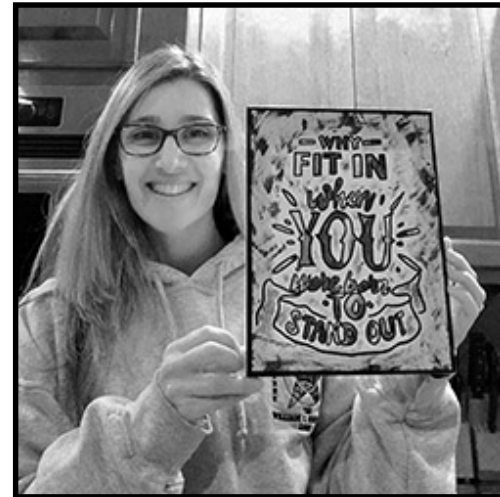
Following up on our recent Membership meeting (January 30), please reach out to any member of our Board of Trustees with questions on anything. As always, I can be reached at President@bnaitikvah.org.

Stay safe,
Marty

Social Action Contd. from page 6



Laura Waksman, Stacey, and Bashe



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Mount Sinai Memorial Chapels

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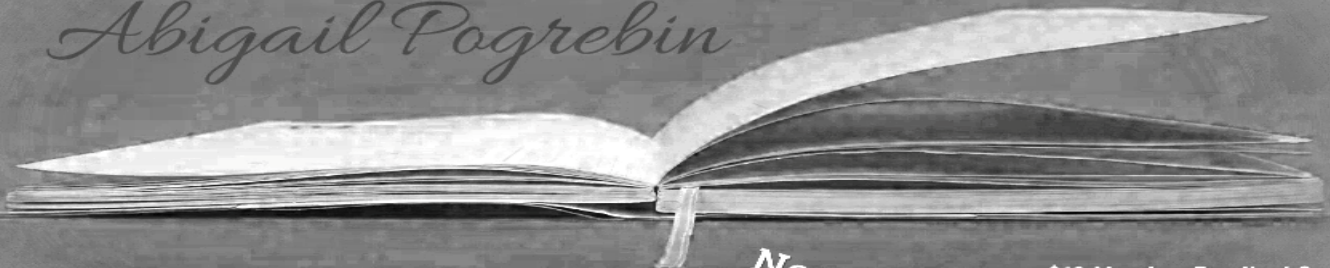
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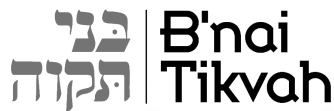
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