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President's Message

The year that has passed has been one of the most difficult in our history. Because of the recession, B'nai Tikvah experienced a drop in membership dues and donations due to the financial problems of our members. As has been our policy, we do not turn our back on any member of our community who is having difficulty and do all we can to retain them as members. This also put an additional burden on our resources and as a result, B'nai Tikvah has had to request additional loan funding from our bank.

At this point in time, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. We are experiencing increased membership both in our synagogue and religious school. Even more important, many members have stepped forward to help, as their financial situation improved. But as we all breathe a sigh of relief, we must realize that much still needs to be done. Our financial situation is still far from perfect and we must watch every expenditure and that will be one of the highest priorities for this year's Board of Directors. As always, volunteers are always needed for many synagogue committees; Hebrew School, Fund Raising, Adult Education and others. Get involved this year, you might even like it.

As this year is drawing to a close and the new year is approaching, I want to thank each and every member for their support in what has been a difficult year and I hope that the coming year will find you in good health.

L'Shana Tovah from my daughters Brenna and Hilary, my wife Helene and myself.

Gary Tinkel

CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH

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1991 - 1992

The following Officers and members of the Board of Trustees were installed on the evening of June 21:

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THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh HaShanah, also known as the Day of Remembrance and the Day of Sounding the Shofar, marks the start of a ten day period of self-examination and repentance which culminates with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

The special Biblical precept that is most identified with Rosh HaShanah is the blowing of the shofar. The sound of the shofar has been regarded from time immemorial as a call to penitence and a reminder of the shofar sounded at Mt. Sinai. This entire period from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur is known as the Ten Days of Repentance, and is marked by special penitential prayers that are recited each day in the synagogue.

The main themes of Rosh Hashanah find expression in three special sections of the Musaf Amidah:

Malkuyot: while we view G-d as King throughout the year, we give His Kingship special emphasis during this period. We renew our consciousness of His rule and recognize His power of judgment over us.

Zikhronot: all of our deeds come before G-d who reviews them during this season. We remember that which has taken place and pray for forgiveness for our wrongdoings.

Shofarot: the shofar is mentioned in various Biblical passages which are included in this section. It was heard at Sinai when G-d gave Israel the Torah. It will be heard again in the future announcing the messianic restoration of the Holy Land. It will summon all peoples to recognize the Kingdom of G-d.

Rosh Hashanah customs: it is customary to dip a piece of Challah or a slice of apple into honey and prior to eating it say: "Yehi ratzon she-t'hadesh alenu shanah tovah um'tukah"—May it be the L-rd's will to renew us for a year that will be good and sweet. It is also traditional to greet other Jews with "Leshanah Tovah Tikatevu"—May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

YOM KIPPUR

The day before Yom Kippur is a day for preparation for the fast. The Torah specifies that the fast is to begin on the 9th day so that the fasting on Yom Kippur actually begins before sundown, while it is still light. The fast does not conclude until the "evening" of the next day—the "evening" not meaning sundown, but rather nightfall, when the stars appear. The fast thus lasts for a total of 25 hours.

Its observance includes abstinence from sexual relations, washing, the wearing of leather shoes and perfume, eating and drinking.

Children under the age of 9 should not be permitted to fast at all. Girls over the age of 12 and boys over the age of 13 should fast as adults. The Yom Kippur fast may be broken only for reasons of critical illness.

Yom Kippur is the most solemn day of the Jewish calendar. It is a day devoted to fasting and praying for forgiveness.

Highlights of the services are:

Kol Nidre: this opening service on Yom Kippur must take place before sunset because it is a legal action marked by the convening of a Bet Din (court). The Bet Din releases those present from any vows that they may have made on rash impulse and later regret. Since Judaism places a high value on a person's word, there must be an official means of release. The solemnity of the ceremony, the pageantry and the beautiful, haunting chant have combined to endear this service to Jews.

Avodah service: the ceremony of the High Priest praying for the forgiveness of the Temple in Jerusalem is described and enacted. The sight of the Cantor falling "ker'im" or prostrate while beseeching G-d's forgiveness may seem contrived to moderns but it was not long ago that this was done by all the worshipers. In so doing, they indicated their humility and cast aside all pretension and false pride which led to transgression.

Martyrology: we recite a special portion of the service in memory of all

Israel Bulletin Continued

to strengthen the economy of Israel and thus enhance their own future.

History is calling this Rosh Hashonah. Let each of us answer boldly and proudly that we hear, and that we will do what needs to be done. In this way, together with Israel, we will help complete the miracle of Jewish redemption that is happening before our eyes.

A message from Mark Twain

If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one quarter of one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of star dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of; but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk.

His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine and abstruse learning are also very out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world in all ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself and be excused for it. The Egyptians, the Babylonians and the Persians rose, filled the planet with sound and splendour; then faded to dream stuff and passed away; the Greeks and the Romans followed and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished.

The Jew saw them all, survived them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence,

Mazel Tov & Yasher Koach to:

Rachel Silverstein, one of our congregants, who was recently chosen as President of Jewish Family Services of Southern Middlesex County.

Amanda Feiner and her family on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah .

Erica Brams and her family on her upcoming Bat Mitzvah.

MAKHELAH

Our Makhelah (Chorus) is back from summer vacation. We have been diligently rehearsing and look forward to participating in services this fall.

The Makhelah will be singing during the following services:

Monday Morning Sept. 9

(Rosh Hashanah)

Tuesday Evening Sept. 17

(Kol Nidre)

Anyone interested in joining Makhelah Tikvah, contact Eve Goldberg at 422-0038.



Mark Twain continued

no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?

Mark Twain in Harper's magazine
September, 1897

Yom Kippur Continued:

Jewish martyrs throughout the ages.

Neilah: the closing service of Yom Kippur is envisioned as the last opportunity to repent on that solemn day before the gates of prayer are closed in heaven. It is not that repentance is not accepted after Yom Kippur, but rather that the special day which is devoted solely to that purpose has concluded and one will resume his daily life which affords less opportunity to be conscious of the need for Teshuvah. As a final symbolic act, the shofar is sounded to indicate that the gates have been closed.

SUKKOT

Sukkot is a joyous religious holiday highlighted by singing and dancing. The unique feature of the festival of Sukkot is the observance of the precept to dwell in the sukkah.

"Sukkah", meaning "tabernacles", "booths", or "temporary huts" refers to the temporary dwelling places used by the children of Israel in the desert during the 40 year period of their wandering following the exodus from Egypt.

During Sukkot, the sukkah is where one lives as much as possible in lieu of one's permanent home. In cold weather, at least one's meals are eaten in the sukkah.

A sukkah must have at least three walls. The fourth side may be left open, and the walls may be of any material as long as they can be firmly fixed and not easily blown down.

The temporary quality of the sukkah is in the roof or ceiling. (Anything that grows from the ground qualifies as roofing material, as long as it is not subject to ritual impurity, which includes fruits). More shade than sun should be provided by this temporary roof, and the sukkah should be decorated making it inviting and cheerful.

Another distinctive observance related to Sukkot is the precept to take the four species - a citron (etrog), a palm branch (lulav), a myrtle branch (hadas), and a willow branch (arrava), and with them rejoice before the Lord. During the special portion of the festival service known as Hoshanot, everyone in the synagogue with a lulav and etrog joins in a procession around the bimah.

Sukkot Continued:

Every day of Sukkot there is one such procession, while on the seventh day of Sukkot (also known as Hoshana Rabbah), there are seven such processions. These processions around the bimah commemorate similar processions around the altar of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem during the festival of Sukkot.

SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHA TORAH

The concluding eighth day of the Sukkot festival is not technically called Sukkot, but rather Shemini Atzeret (the eighth day of Solemn Assembly). It is independent of Sukkot.

Although its purpose is to conclude the festival of Sukkot, and it is commonly regarded as simply the final day of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret reflects none of the special observances related to Sukkot. The sages describe the reason for the eighth day in terms of the following parable:

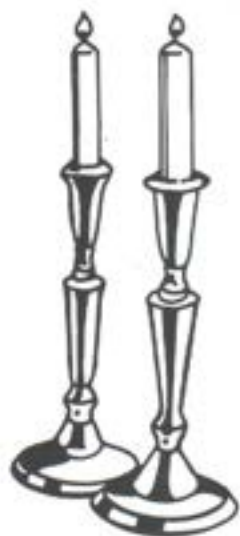
G-d is like a king who invites all his children to a feast to last for just so many days; when the time comes for them to depart, he says to them: "My children, I have a request to make of you. Stay yet another day, your departure is difficult for me."

On Shemini Atzeret, one takes leave of the sukkah and returns to his permanent dwelling, there to complete the festive week.

Since it is on Shemini Atzeret that the annual Torah reading is completed it has also become known as Simchat Torah, "Rejoicing of the Torah". Simchat Torah is probably the most exuberantly celebrated festival of the year. It is marked by seven processions around the synagogue with all the scrolls of the Torah. As many people as possible are given an opportunity to carry a Torah scroll.

It is customary on Simchat Torah for the children to be provided with special flags or banners, sometimes with miniature scrolls, and for them to join in the processions. During the processions, singing

Yom Kippur – יום הכפורים



After the pre-fast *Se'udah* and before candle-lighting on the eve of Yom Kippur, *Yahrzeit* candles are lit in the home calling to mind beloved ones who have died. Candles are then lit, as for Shabbat. The Yom Kippur *Berakhah* recognizes the special significance of this holiest of Festivals by actually naming it.

Barukh Atah Adonai
Elohaynu Melekh Ha'olam
Asher Kiddeshanu
Bemitzvotav Vetzivanu
Lehadlik Nayr Shel (Shabbat
Ve . . *) Yom Hakippurim.

ברוך אתה יי
אלהינו מלך העולם
אשר קדשנו במצותיו
וצונו להדליק נר של
(שבת ו . . *) יום הכפורים.

*When Yom Kippur coincides with Shabbat.

We praise You, Lord our God,
King of the Universe,
for You have made us holy through Your commandments
by bidding us light the candles of (Shabbat and) Yom Kippur.

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A YOM TOV VOCABULARY

SELICHOT - Prayers of forgiveness beginning at a special service at midnight, Saturday, September 19, 1981.

YAMIM NORAIM - Days of Awe - A reference to the entire High Holiday season.

ROSH HASHANAH - Literally, "head of the year," but better known as New Year's Day, this year we refer to the year 5742.

ASERET YEMAY TESHUVAH - The Ten Days of Repentance; the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

YOM KIPPUR - The Day of Atonement.

TASHLICH - The custom of walking to a body of water on Rosh Hashanah and emptying one's pockets of all contents into the water. It is symbolic of the throwing away of all our wrongdoings of the past year.

MAHZOR - The High Holiday prayerbook. It was added to by every generation, and designed to cause man to Hozer - to review his life of the past year, and to consider his plans for the year ahead.

HAZZAN - The Cantor, who leads the liturgical portion of the worship service.

SHOFAR - The ram's horn used to awaken us from our lethargy and call us to a mood of repentance.

TESHUVAH - The Hebrew word for repentance.

LESHANAH TOVA TEEKATAYVU - "May you be inscribed for a good year," the greeting for Rosh Hashanah.

GEMAR HATIMAH TOVA - "May you be sealed for a good year," the greeting for Yom Kippur.

CHALLAH - The bread traditionally eaten on Sabbaths and holidays. At this season of the year, a round Challah filled with raisins is found on the holiday table. The Challah is dipped in honey, and members of the family wish each other a "Shanah Tov Umetukah" - a good and a sweet year together.

BEST KNOWN PRAYERS OF THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

ROSH HASHANAH PRAYERS

Since Rosh Hashanah is the day of judgment, the prayers stress the greatness and everlastingness of the L-rd who is the Judge.

1. Zochreinu L'Chaim (Remember Us to Life) A prayer said at each of the seven services of Rosh Hashanah, requesting the L-rd to remember us in the Book of Life.

2. Hashem Melech (The L-rd is King) This prayer, said at the morning and Musaf services on Rosh Hashanah, declares that the L-rd is, was, and will be, King of the universe.

3. L'El Orech Din (To the L-rd Who Sits in Judgment) a prayer arranged alphabetically, which describes the way the L-rd judges mankind on Rosh Hashanah.

4. Avinu Malkenu (Our Father, Our King) This prayer lists many requests that we ask of the L-rd for the New Year.

5. Unesaneh Tokef (Let Us Tell How Holy Is This Day) This prayer said both days of Rosh Hashanah at the morning service, describes how all get ready for judgment on Rosh Hashanah, and how the L-rd decides what shall be each one's fate during the coming year.

6. Vechol Maaminim (Everyone Believes) This prayer describes G'd's power, kindness, and readiness to forgive.



YOM KIPPUR PRAYERS

1. Kol Nidre (All Vows) is recited before sundown on the eve of Yom Kippur. The cantor chants this prayer while surrounded by the elders of the congregation, who hold Torah scrolls. Kol Nidre is a declaration that all promises made by man to G-d and to himself during the next year, which he will not be able to keep, shall be null and void. However, vows and promises made by anyone to his fellow man are not cancelled by the Kol Nidre declaration.

2. Shema Kolenu (Hear Our Cry) This prayer recited toward the end of each service on Yom Kippur. In it we ask the L-rd to have mercy on us, accept our prayers and always be with us.

3. Al Chet (For the Sin) This prayer also is recited toward the end of each service on Yom Kippur. In it we list the sins for which we ask the L-rd's forgiveness.

4. Alenu Leshabeach (It Is Our Duty to Praise) This prayer which concludes the three daily services throughout the year has a special place in the Musaf service of Yom Kippur. When the cantor repeats aloud this prayer he kneels to the floor when he proclaims the L-rd as the King of Kings, the Holy One Blessed Be He. He is then helped to his feet to continue the service.

5. Kee Anu Amecha (For We Are Your People) This too is repeated in every one of the services of Yom Kippur. We ask the L-rd to forgive our sins because we are His people and children and He is our G-d and Father.

6. Neilah (Closing) This is the closing or final service of Yom Kippur. It is the Jewish belief that the gates of heaven are open during the Days of Repentance to receive our prayers for forgiveness and that they close after the Neilah service. The Neilah service is very beautiful, and the Jews stand throughout the service. They pray that the good lot which they hope has been assigned to them earlier, should receive the final seal of approval at the Neilah service.

This Selection from Ecclesiastes is read on the 8th day of Sukkot

Everything has its season, and there is a time for everything under the heaven:

A time to be born
and a time to die;
a time to plant
and a time to uproot the planted.
A time to kill
and a time to heal;
a time to wreck
and a time to build.
A time to weep
and a time to laugh;
a time to wail
and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones
and a time to gather stones;
a time to embrace
and a time to shun embraces.
A time to seek
and a time to lose;
a time to keep
and a time to discard.
A time to rend
and a time to mend;
a time to be silent
and a time to speak.
A time to love
and a time to hate;
a time for war
and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8



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Congratulations to:

Michael & Helene Feinberg on the birth of their daughter.

Avigdor and Rina Ne'eman on the birth of their daughter.

Ephraim and Carol Botnick on their son Jay's marriage.

Jack and Doris Birkenthal on the birth of their granddaughter.

Condolences to:

Toby Rosenzweig on the loss of her mother.

Neysa Bibel on the loss of her brother.

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Your help is needed...please call Betty Stark if you would like to help send out Good & Welfare cards.

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SEPTEMBER 5 - 5 P.M. - 8 P.M.
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Babysitting and Torah for Tots

The Ritual Committee has been responsible for the babysitting (ages 1-3) and Torah for Tots (ages 3-7) programs held every Shabbat morning. These programs are open to any child whose parents attend the service. Both programs begin at 10:00 AM and end 12:00 PM. Attendance this past year has been very promising; much better than last year. We hope that these programs are taken advantage of as much as possible in the upcoming year.

Daily Minyon

We are continuing to mail postcards inviting each member to attend one evening service about three times a year. We appreciate the favorable response we've been getting. As a result of our efforts, we've almost always had a minyon. Since there has always been at least one person there each day wanting to say Kaddish, your accepting our invitation to attend the daily minyon (7:30 PM, Sanctuary) allow us all to fulfill a mitzvah (we all made a minyon).

Should you be hesitant in wanting to come to services, please put yourself in the position of those wanting to say kaddish. Wouldn't you want a minyon made available for you should you have the need to say kaddish (may that time be far and few between)?

Should you be unable to attend the minyon which you've been invited to, please plan to attend one daily service during that week. Or if that is inconvenient, please plan to attend during the following week. Your presence, whenever you come, is needed and much appreciated. We would appreciate you calling the phone number on the postcard to let someone know which night you'll be attending. Thank you.

High Holy Days

We're not sure if you'll be receiving this issue of HaKol before or after receiving your High Holiday ticket package. In any event, we are planning on checking tickets this year. Those families which have tickets will be allowed to enter the main sanctuary. Non-

ticket holders will be allowed to pray in the second sanctuary. For those of you who are new to our congregation, last year, the second sanctuary was set up in the caterer's kiddish room. Over 150 chairs (possibly more this year) were made available in this room. A camera, which was set up in the main sanctuary transmitted an image of the bima (and therefore all activity conducted thereon) through cable to two television sets set up on high stands. We received an overwhelming positive feedback on this setup.

From the Ritual Committee to all,
Lashanah Tovah...Happy New Year.

Marc Binder
Ritual Committee Chairperson



TORAH FUND

Would you like an easy way to help the Jewish Theological Seminary and Women's League for the Advancement of Conservative Judaism (our Sisterhood's umbrella organization)? We've got just the way. When you want to send a special card (all types of occasions) or make a small or larger donation, use our "Torah Fund" cards.

You can buy them in bulk at \$2.50 each or have our Torah Fund Cabinet send them for you at \$3.00 each. We can put a special note in if you request it, as well.

Cards will be available at all Sisterhood meetings for you to see. Meanwhile, if you would like to take advantage of this service, please contact Ann Rosenzweig at 249-9141.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION 1990/1991

Congratulations to the following students who successfully fulfilled their Junior Congregation requirements for the 1990/91 school year:

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Jonathan Feuer
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Andrew Ribner
Brian Roland
Deborah Spinner

Don't Miss 1991/1992

The dates for the 1991/1992 Jr. Congregations are:

October 12 & 26
November 9 & 23
December 7 & 21
January 11 & 25
February 8 & 22
March 7 & 21
April 4 & 25
May 2, 16 & 30

Please mark your calendars and watch your mail for details and added incentives.

USY NEWS

Congratulations to the 1991-1992 USY Executive Board. They are:
President **Beth Greenberg**; Executive Vice President **Stacey Trooskin**; Religious Vice President **Danielle Blumberg**; Membership Vice President **Mark Baum**; Treasurer **Rob Cedarbaum**; Communications Secretary **David Baum**.

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For those parents who don't know who we are: we are the largest Conservative Jewish youth group in the world! All Jewish teenagers grades 9-12 are invited to join this B'nai Tikvah sponsored group.

If you have any questions, please call Barry Safeer, Youth Advisor, 422-8543 or Beth Greenberg, USY President 422-0945. We look forward to giving your teenager the time of his/her life. Watch your mail for the first event.



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On March 6th & 7th of 1992 our synagogue will be sponsoring a "Kadima Convention" for 100 Kadimanicks of Central New Jersey.

Our year will begin at 7:30 PM on September 25, 1991 with an Ice Cream Party/Registration Meeting in the youth lounge.

The new officers for 1991-1992 are:
President-Andrew Ribner
Programming-Sabrina Dworkin
Fundraising-Andrew Blumberg
Phone Squad-Heather Rutman

If you have any questions on Kadima, please call Melissa Kivor (Kadima Advisor) at 297-0769.

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Sun-Thurs Evenings7:30 PM

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Any additional questions should be addressed to Barbara Weiss at 297-0696.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!



September	16
October	4
October	18
November	1
November	15
December	6
December	20

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Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the universe whose mitzvot add holiness to our lives and who gave us the mitzvah to kindle Shabbat light.

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES (N.Y.C.)

September 6	7:01 PM
September 13	6:49 PM
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September

Mon	2		Labor Day
Tues	3	8:00 PM	Executive & Board of Trustees Meeting
Wed	4	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	B'nai Tikvah Gift Shop open for business Sisterhood Wine Sale Pick-up (synagogue) Sisterhood Honey Sale Pick-up (synagogue)
Thur	5	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	B'nai Tikvah Gift Shop open for business High Holiday Seating Set-up Sisterhood Wine Sale Pick-up (synagogue) Sisterhood Honey Sale Pick-up (synagogue) Sisterhood Flower Sale Pick-up(synagogue)
Fri	6	8:00 PM	HaKol Deadline, October Issue Shabbat Services
Sat	7	9:30 AM	Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Feiner
Sun	8	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:30 PM	B'nai Tikvah Gift Shop open for business Sisterhood Wine Sale Pick-up (synagogue) Sisterhood Honey Sale Pick-up (synagogue) Sisterhood Flower Sale Pick-up(synagogue) Erev Rosh HaShanah Services
Mon	9	9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Rosh HaShanah Services Rosh HaShanah Services
Tues	10	9:00 AM	Rosh HaShanah Services
Wed	11	4:00 PM	Hebrew School Classes Begin
Thur	12	4:00 PM	Hebrew School Classes Begin
Fri	13	8:00 PM	Shabbat Services
Sat	14	9:30 AM Evening	Shabbat Services Couples Club Event
Sun	15	9:00 AM- 12:05 PM	Back-to- Hebrew School Day for Parents & Students together (sanctuary)
Mon	16	8:00 PM	Sisterhood Board Meeting (Off Premises)
Tues	17	6:15 PM	Erev Yom Kippur Services Kol Nidre
Wed	18	9:30 AM 5:00 PM 7:40 PM	Yom Kippur Services Yom Kippur Services Mincha/Ne'ilah Final Shofar Blowing/ End Fast
Thur	19	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	High Holiday Seating Take-down Synagogue Sukkah Set-up Gathering

September Continued

Fri	20	8:00 PM	Shabbat Services
Sat	21	9:30 AM	Shabbat Services
Sun	22		General Sisterhood Meeting Congregation Sukkah Dinner 7:00 PM Erev Sukkot Services
Mon	23	10:00 AM 7:30 PM	Sukkot Services Sukkot Services
Tues	24	10:00 AM 7:30 PM	Sukkot Services Sukkot Services
Wed	25	7:30 PM	First Kadima Meeting/Registration
Thur	26	11:00 AM	Fifty Plus Group Event (Off Premises)
Fri	27	8:00 PM	Sukkot and Shabbat Services
Sat	28	9:30 AM	Sukkot and Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah of Erica Brams
Sun	29	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 7:30 PM Evening	Men's Club Meeting Hoshanah Rabbah Services Hoshanah Rabbah Services Couples Club Event
Mon	30	10:00 AM	Shemini Atzeret Services Yizkor Recited

October

Tues	1	10:00 AM 7:30 PM	Simchat Torah Celebration Simchat Torah Celebration
Thur	3	8:15 PM	Social Action Committee Meeting
Fri	4	8:00 PM	Shabbat Services
Sat	5	9:30 AM	Shabbat Services
Mon	7	8:00 PM	Executive & Board of Trustees Meeting



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Barukh Atah Adonai
Elohaynu Melekh Ha'olam
Asher Kiddeshanu
Bemitzvotav Vetzivanu
Layshayv Basukkah.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ
לֵישֵׁב בַּסֻּכָּה.

We praise You, Lord our God,
King of the Universe,
For You have made us holy through Your commandments
by bidding us dwell in the Sukkah.

Every family should own at least one *etrog* (citron) and *lulav* (palm branch). Every family member should be encouraged to recite the appropriate blessings once daily in the Synagogue, the Sukkah, or the home.

The ritual of *etrog-lulav* is performed while standing, *etrog* in the left hand, *lulav* in the right and held close together. (If left-handed the reverse applies.) The *etrog* is to be held with its *pitom*—the apex, a small, dark, flat-tipped point—pointing down, initially. The *Berakhah* then recited is:

Barukh Atah Adonai
Elohaynu Melekh Ha'olam
Asher Kiddeshanu Bemitzvotav
Vetzivanu Al Netilat Lulav.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי
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וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת לֻלָב.

We praise You, Lord our God,
King of the Universe,
For You have made us holy through Your commandments
by bidding us raise up the lulav.

The *lulav* and *etrog*, held together, are then waved, or in Sephardic custom, pointed in all four directions and up and down. The *etrog* is then reversed, *pitom* up, and the waving is repeated.

Shehecheyanu is recited when the *lulav* and *etrog* are used for the first time on the Holiday.

Sukkot greetings are "*Hag Samay'ah!*" (Happy Holiday!) or "*Mo'adim lesim'chah!*" to which the response is "*Hagim uzemanim lesason!*" (Holidays and Seasons for Rejoicing!).



Sukkot



Prayer is meaningless unless it is subversive, unless it seeks to overthrow and to ruin the pyramids of callousness, hatred, opportunism, falsehoods.

Abraham Joshua Heschel
God in Search of Man

THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Action Committee had their first planning meeting. The group is involved in a wide range of activities. We continue to be involved with the resettlement of our Russian family. By the end of July, Feliks and Dimitri accepted full time jobs. Vadim will be starting a job within the next month. Zhana has also begun accepting jobs as people call her (if you need a special cake she is an excellent baker). They have become part of our Synagogue family.

Our involvement with feeding the homeless in New Brunswick will start up in October and we are in need of a coordinator. Steve Levin is organizing our participation in the Crop Walk in October. Marty Engle will again organize our January Blood Drive. As a group, we remain committed to environmental issues.

After the holidays we will be collecting congregants' pushka's and will be allocating monies from them. If you have any ideas or strong feelings on how/where to allocate, please come and join us and help us to decide.

We are planning to invite speakers to some of our Friday night services and are in the process of planning for them. If you have ideas for topics or know of someone who you would like to invite, please come to our next meeting on October 3rd, at 8:15. We are always looking for interested members.

SISTERHOOD

The first meeting of the season for Sisterhood will be Sunday, September 22, 10 am at the Synagogue.

A fun morning featuring **The Malka Duo** is guaranteed. Join us for breakfast, singing, fun and friends.

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REGIONAL SISTERHOOD

The annual Torah Fund Study Day for the Central NJ branch of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism will be held this year on Thursday, September 26 at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Staten Island from 10am-2pm. Luncheon costs \$3.50.

Our guest speaker will be Rabbi Joel Roth, Professor of Talmud & Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He is chairman of The Committee on Jewish Law & Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly, and will bring us up to date on what is new in that committee. These monthly meetings of Central NJ branch are open to **all** Sisterhood members.

Please call Suse Rosenstock at 329-3101 for any information.

Also, hold the date of Thursday, November 14 (evening) for the next meeting which will be in Springfield, New Jersey.



A Message from the Religious School

Dear Parent:

I hope you and your family are enjoying a healthy, restful summer.

My staff and I have been busily preparing for the 1991-92 school year.

You will be receiving, by mail, all necessary information for the opening of school including class list and school calendar which also lists class services, parent programs, school-wide Shabbat, and other important dates. Please mark these dates on your calendar immediately in order to ensure your availability to attend these programs. If you do not receive this information by the end of August, please call the school at 297-0993.

The first day of school for Aleph, Bet, Gimel, Daled and Hei students will be Wednesday, September 11 or Thursday, September 12 from 4:00-6:00pm, which are the regular weekday hours. All students should report to the Sanctuary at 4:00.

On Sunday, September 15, all grades, Kindergarten through Hei will have a Back-to-School Day for parents and students together. The program will take place during regular class sessions (early session 9-10:25, late session 10:40-12:05). Please check your class list to be sure which session your child will be attending.

The program will begin in the Sanctuary at the beginning of each session. It is extremely important that you attend with your children so that you and your children will get all the necessary information for this school year. If you have more than one child attending Religious School, we hope that one parent can accompany each child to Back-to-School Day.

Please cooperate with us to ensure the safety of all of our children. When dropping off or picking up students, please stop only at the curb and have all students enter and exit cars from the curb side only. No students should ever be in the parking lot. Please do not call them over to your car.

When waiting to pick up students, please park in a single line as far up into the circle as possible. Once all circle spots are taken, please form a single straight line of cars back into the parking lot (not between the rows of parked cars and parking spaces).

As cars pull away from the curb, all other cars should pull up as far as possible to enable additional cars to wait at the curb. No car should stop to pick up children at the back end of the curb, since this prevents all cars behind you from picking up students.

As an alternate, you may park in the regular parking spaces and wait on the sidewalk for your children.

These procedures work well when everyone cooperates and take no more than 2-3 minutes for all students to be picked up. Please do not endanger the safety of our children or risk damage to your car by ignoring these procedures.

If you know of any students who expect to attend our programs but have not yet registered, please have their parents contact us immediately so we can properly plan for the education of all students.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call us.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Shalom,

Randy Solomon
Educational Director
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** All articles should be submitted on 8½ x 11 sheets of paper (neatly printed but typed preferred).

** We welcome any congregant's submission and will attempt to print as much information as space allows. We would appreciate any ideas for improving HaKol.

** Any submissions which the editors find inappropriate, will be turned over to the Rabbi and/or President for final approval.

** For advertising rates please contact Gail Dillman. Deadlines for advertising are the same as all other submissions.

** HaKol is produced by volunteers, not paid employees. Your patience is appreciated and your contributions valued.

Future HaKol Deadline Dates

Issue: October
Jewish Holidays: Simchat Torah (October 1)
Deadline: September 6

Issue: November
Jewish Holidays: None
Deadline: October 9

Issue: December
Jewish Holidays: Chanukah Dec. 2-9

Deadline: November 6

Issue: January
Jewish Holidays: Tu B'Shvat Jan. 20
Deadline: December 11

Issue: February
Jewish Holidays: None
Deadline: January 8

Issue: March
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If you know of Jewish families who may be interest in joining B'nai Tikvah, they may receive information and answers to questions by calling the synagogue office at 297-0696 or by contacting anyone on the Membership Committee:

Shirley Engel
Joel Gerbman
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Norman Politziner

New Members

In order to make new members feel less isolated and more a part of the congregation, we intend to provide all newly-joined families with names and addresses of congregation members in their neighborhoods.

We also intend to publish the names and addresses of new members so congregants can welcome them.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Greenberg at 297-6953.

Congregational Open House

Two open houses were held in conjunction with Friday evening Shabbat Services on August 16th and August 23rd for prospective members. Advertisements appeared in local newspapers.

If you know of any newly arrived or unaffiliated Jewish families, invite them to attend services. Of course, we would like as many of our current members to attend services as well as any future open houses!

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Lashanah Tovah,
Bill Greenberg
Vice President--Membership

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On the season, speedy leadoff man **Marc Binder** is batting .552. **Paul Schwartz**, **Irv Kalet**, **Irv Goldberg** and **Ted Dzienna** (seventeen runs scored) are all over .500. **Al Levine** leads with twenty-one RBI's. **Barry Kivor** and **Norm Politziner** have a combined on base percentage of .560. **Stan Katz** and **Gary Tinkel** have made clutch contributions!!

Please contact **Al Levine** at 297-6778 if you would be interested in playing on the synagogue's team or if you would be interested in playing touch-football during the colder season in a non-league setting.

FIFTY PLUS GROUP

Looking Back.....

The Fifty Plus Group luncheon installation meeting on Tuesday, May 28th boosted the membership to a high of 64, with 56 members attending the luncheon.

All the volunteers of the Knitting and Crochet Group received certificates. The Fifty Plus Group received "Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Generosity and Dedication to the Clothing Bank" from the State of New Jersey Department of Human Services, & Division of Youth and Family Services which was signed by **William B. Cowherd**, Regional Administrator. In addition, **Ann Cherson** received a Certificate of Appreciation from the State of New Jersey for the Club's services. **St. Peter's Medical Center** has also recognized the group for the many baby blankets for the indigent mothers of new-born infants.

The Fifty Plus Group has had theatre parties, two trips to Ellis Island and several Atlantic City Casino trips this past year, and many interesting meetings. We plan to continue in this vein in the future.

Fifty Plus Group

Going Foward....

On Thursday, September 26th at 11:00 AM we will be the guests of **Neysa and Leon Bibel** at their home on Davidson Mill Road, North Brunswick, for another visit of **Leon's gallery**.

On Sunday, October 20th at 2:30 PM we have reserved a block of seats at the Forum Theatre for the production of "The Cantorial"...a play by **Ira Levin** and directed by **Peter J. Loewy**.

Please call **Ann Cherson**, President of the Fifty Plus Group at 297-3575 for information and reservations regarding the above events.

" The world rests on three foundations:

On Torah, on service to the community, and on acts of loving kindness." Mishnah Avot

Honors Awarded

The **Hannah G. Solomon Award** for excellence in community service, the most prestigious award presented by the National Council of Jewish Women, Middlesex County Section, was given to one of our congregants, **Ann E. Cherson**. For over thirty years Ann has been selflessly giving of herself to her extended community, both through NCJW Programs, **Beth Shalom** as P.T.A. president, and the community at large. The **Hannah G. Solomon Bust** graces a place of honor, at present, on a table in her livingroom until a display cabinet is built.

Estelle Bach, a member of the Fifty Plus Group Board and member of **Hadassah** for many years, has received a National Leadership Award from **Hadassah**.

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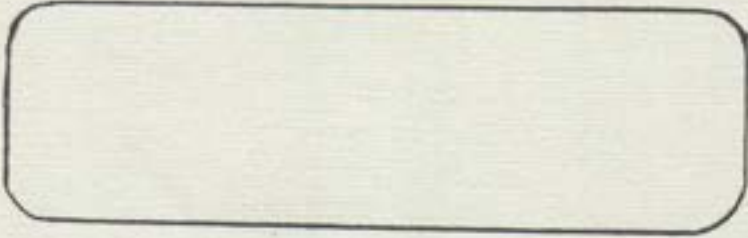
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FROM THE RABBI

Like all Jewish symbols, the shofar, which we sound during the High Holy Days, transcends simple explanations. Its shrill blasts evoke profound associations and provoke many levels of response. The shofar is only a ram's horn, the simplest of musical instruments, yet its message is highly complex. It is a true symbol of the new year, for it has two faces. It stares both back into the past and forward towards the future.

Looking backward upon the year which has past, the shofar calls us to repentance. Its shrill sound shocks us awake and confronts us with the bare realities of our existence. They challenge us to sweep away the glib rationalizations of the past year and force us to see ourselves as we really are.

Nevertheless, the shofar is even more. It also stands as a herald of the future, calling to mind the "great shofar" which will proclaim the beginning of the Messianic era. As such, it challenges us to create a future which is greater than our past. The shofar embodies within its blasts the promise that repentance is possible, that we can remake the world in the image of God.

Simultaneously embracing past and future, the shofar offers us the promise of a new beginning, and a brighter future if only we will confront the present realities of our lives and resolve to return to the traditions and ideals of our peoples past.

The shofar's many notes reminds us that life is not a single grand gesture. Rather, it is a tapestry of human relationships and interactions each of which must be lovingly reexamined and restored if the promise of the future is to be ours.

We sound the shofar in the midst of prayer, but its blasts are not a call to prayer. They are a call to action. They challenge each of us to turn to those we love -- our families, our friends and associates, most importantly our God -- and we wincereely seek forgiveness and a new life.

This year, let us resolve to heed the multi-dimensional calls of the shofar, to transcend the pettiness, and selfishness, which has sometimes characterized our past and strive together to create a shining future.

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