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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Last spring I was invited to participate on "Religious responses to victimization" at the annual Victim Justice conference hosted by the New Jersey State Department of Criminal Justice in Atlantic City. In addition to hundreds of participants from state and local government, police and other law enforcement, the conference also attracted many "ordinary citizens" who have been the victims of violent crime.

Each member of the panel, which also included a Protestant minister and an Islamic theologian, was asked to make a brief statement reflecting on how their own religious tradition responds to the suffering experienced by crime victims. The most moving part of the program came afterwards, when many of the victims spoke of how their faith had enabled them to go on living in the face of almost unbearable tragedy.

Some of the victims who identified themselves as Christians spoke of their struggle with the issue of forgiveness.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You will be reading this just in time for the High Holidays.

A warm felt thanks to those who served their synagogue so ably this past year through their membership on the board of trustees and various committees. And of course, a hearty welcome to all the new members on the board and committees. I wish them a good year of serving their community.

Rosh Hashanah is a time for reflection. As this is my second and final year as President of the synagogue, I have been using the time before the holidays to reflect on my fifteen plus years of involvement with B'nai Tikvah.

As a co-founder of the NBJCC, one of the three original synagogues, and a member of the joint board that effectuated the merger, I have some thoughts to share with you. Especially the newer members of the congregation.

I am the last of the joint board members actively engaged in the day to day running of the synagogue.

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RABBI'S MESSAGE (cont.)

This tradition, which is reflected in the "Lord's prayer" requires that they "forgive those who have trespassed against us."

One woman whose teenage daughter had been abducted, raped and murdered shared her struggle to forgive the man who had killed her child. He is serving a life sentence for the crime which he still denies was his responsibility. "Someday," she said, "I hope I will be strong enough to forgive him. For now, I am still too angry."

Listening to her speak, I was struck by the difference between our traditions. Judaism does not demand of us that we "turn the other cheek" or gratuitously forgive our enemies. Rather than placing the onus on the victim to forgive, our faith emphasizes the responsibility of the victimizer to repent. Only when teshvah is complete, when the perpetrator has publicly acknowledged and taken responsibility for his actions, has attempted to make restitution, and is sincerely and painfully filled with remorse and regret; is it even possible to speak of a religious duty to forgive.

What is true of people is equally true of God. In our tradition, God's forgiveness isn't a matter of grace, it

must be earned. God is eager to forgive, but only when we are truly sincere in our desire to repent, and match words of contrition with deeds of righteousness.

It is a principle we would all do well to remember not only during this season of repentance culminating in the High Holy Days, but throughout the year.

With best wishes for a sweet New Year.

Rabbi Andrew Warmflash

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

In many ways I feel like a parent who has watched their child grow and mature. I also know, as a parent, that the hardest part of a child's (and parent's) maturing is letting go. While I will be Past - President and active in synagogue life, I know it is time for you, the younger/newer congregants to get involved and take over...as many already have.

This message is not a farewell but an invitation to all to get involved in the many activities offered through B'nai Tikvah. It is a time for a new generation to become the leaders of B'nai Tikvah as we chart new directions and confront new challenges.

L'Shana Tovah,

Jack Mailman

A CONGREGANTS PERSPECTIVE

Late, one afternoon, coming close to shabbat, we came home to find a sweet voiced, but anonymous, caller on our answering machine whose message had made us sour.

She had called to read us the definitions of perspective and prospective. While we agreed with the definitions, there was little to do. You see, the faux pas had been in the news flyer--the biweekly update that originates in the synagogue office. The monthly bulletin which we produce, and the one which we strive to perfect, is this HaKol...and we certainly have a long way to go.

So, to the unsolicited teacher, we ask that you do your homework before reciting any lessons.

More importantly, we take **great exception** to your comment: "We have to maintain, as Jews, a high level of excellence."

While we do not count ourselves among the Tzaddikim, it is our perspective that Judaism is about striving to be righteous (and since you have a yen for Webster's) that means *acting in accord with divine or moral law: free from guilt or sin*. Not, as you suggest, about being "excellent".

Furthermore, assuming the Jewish people have reached any level of excellence, is instead, self-righteous. That is, "*convinced of one's own righteousness, especially in contrast with the actions and beliefs of others.*"

Finally, we offer this quote

for you to consider, should another "pet peeve" of yours arise: "*In honoring, we begin with the most prominent; in censuring, we begin with the least important.*" (Talmud: Berakoth, 61A)

-- Mark & Gigi Cohen
Editors, HaKol only

P.S. Any other comments?
Please write.

WE DO CONFESS....

As editors, we often wonder if our congregation actually reads HaKol, or if it is an exercise in futility.

As we rushed to finish the final copy of last season's HaKol, we printed the bulletin without taking advantage of the electronic genius of WordPerfect's spell check.

While we did not mean for that month's issue to be a test, it did prove to us that there are a great many among our congregation who not only read HaKol, but can spell without fancy software! We find it gratifying and thank the many of you who offered your expertise in copy checking.

Because of deadline pressures, we'll have to rely on WordPerfect for now, but if you have a few minutes to spare, why not contribute an article, a story, a personal experience or a question for the Rabbi or the Cantor which we could answer in HaKol.

Happy New Year!
Mark & Gigi Cohen

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPENS...

L'shana Tova to everyone. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer -- both healthy and enjoyable. I'd like to welcome everyone back to another school year at Congregation B'nai Tikvah.

Hopefully, all of you have registered for classes this year. We have been busy working hard all summer to make sure that your children have a full and exciting 5754 school year. If anyone has not yet registered for Sunday School, Religious School, grades Alef through Hey or for our Chai School, there is still room and we'd love to have you join us.

Our first day of Religious School for all students in kindergarten through Seventh grade will be on **Sunday, September 12, 1993.** All children will report to the sanctuary first for announcements and class placement. Parents may join their children for the assembly but the students will proceed to their class with their teachers only. Parents may return to pick up their children at the conclusion of class.

Our Chai School (Hebrew High) will begin on October 3, 1993. I hope that all of our 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th graders have already registered. If not, it isn't too late. Please join us for an orientation breakfast with your parents on Sunday, September 12, 1993. Once again, I wish you all a very happy and health 5754.

B'Shalom,
Vickie Amron

NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES...

As of this writing, school has not yet begun. We anticipate school starting soon, along with tears.

We will be learning about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. The children will eat apples and honey, make decorations for the Sukkah, and consume their snack there. They will shake the lulav and smell the sweet etrog. All will be encouraged to attend Simchat Torah services at B'nai Tikvah.

The school welcomes a very qualified newcomer, Ms. Cindi Kaplin, to our staff.

The Fall Mommy & Me session is scheduled and the pre-school lunch program will begin shortly. We are also pleased to announce our newest class "Mommy & Me--One Step Up" to begin October 15th.

This new class will meet on Friday afternoons from 12:45 to 2:15 pm for 9 weeks, geared for children 28 months and up (age as of the first day of school). The children will participate in a mini nursery school program with 2 teachers while mommy or a designated adult will remain in a close-by room. In the event of a separation difficulty, the adult will be asked to sit in the Mommy & Me room.

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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:

Malkhuyot: while we view God 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 judgement over us.

Zikhronot: all of our deeds come before God 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 God 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 God.

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 Lord's will to renew us for a year that will be good and sweet. A second custom is to greet fellow Jews with the traditional saying of "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

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Kippur fast may be broken only for reasons of critical illness or other valid health circumstances (e.g. pregnant).

Highlights of the Yom Kippur services are:

Kol Nidre: this opening service on Yom Kippur must take place before sundown because it is a legal action marked by the convening of a "Bet Din" or 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 God's forgiveness may seem contrived to moderns but it was not long ago that this was done by all worshippers. 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 Jewish martyrs throughout the year.

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 & 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.

The structure must have at least three walls. The fourth side may be left open and the walls may be of any material as long as the 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

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Sukkot (continued)

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 (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.

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 a 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:

God 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 this day, 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 while singing religious songs, as well as dancing with the scrolls. The usual decorum that is associated with the solemn services is completely waived in the face of the celebration.

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SUKKOT BLESSINGS

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Barukh Atah Adonai	ברוך אתה ה'
Elohaynu Melekh Ha'olam	אלהינו מלך העולם
Asher Kiddeshanu	אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו
Bemitzvotav Vetzivanu	לישב בסוכה.
Layshayv Basukkah.	

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	ברוך אתה ה'
Elohaynu Melekh Ha'olam	אלהינו מלך העולם
Asher Kiddeshanu Bemitzvotav	אשר קדשנו במצותיו
Vetzivanu Al Netilat Lulav.	וצונו על נטילת לולב.

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 lesimhah!*" 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

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES

S'Lichot	Saturday, September 11	10:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah Eve Rosh Hashanah	Wednesday, September 15	6:30 pm
	Thursday, September 16	9:00 am
	Thursday, September 16	7:30 pm
	Friday, September 17	9:00 am
	Friday, September 17	8:00 pm
Kol Nidre	Friday, September 24	6:15 pm
Yom Kippur	Saturday, September 25	9:00 am
	Mincha-Neilah	4:45 pm
	Final Shofar (Ending Fast)	7:30 pm
Erev Sukkot	Wednesday, September 29	7:30 pm
Sukkot 1st Day	Thursday, September 30	9:30 am
		7:30 pm
Sukkot 2nd Day	Friday, October 1	9:30 am
		8:00 pm
Erev Shemini Atzeret	Wednesday, October 6	7:30 pm
Shemini Atzeret	Thursday, October 7 (Yizkor recited)	9:30 am
Erev Simchat Torah	Thursday, October 7	7:30 pm
Simchat Torah	Friday, October 8	9:30 am

SUKKOT SUPPLIES

Lulav & Etrog sets are available through the Synagogue Office for \$36 per set. We also have information on the purchase of prefabricated sukkot and instruction sheets for those who wish to build their sukkot from scratch.

This Sukkot, B'nai Tikvah will again be organizing the annual **Sukkot Hospitality Program** -- a program designed to match up congregants who have a sukkah and are willing to share with

those who want to fulfill the mitzvah of "dwelling" in a sukkah but cannot construct one. Look for details about the program during the High Holy Day services.

If you are interested in purchasing a "pre-fab" sukkah this year, Dorothy & Larry Cohen have gathered information about what is available in the area. Call them at 821-4376. The synagogue also has 2 "loaner" sukkot available. Borrowers should contact Larry and Dorothy.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

The following are the dates for Junior Congregation's '93-'94 season:

October 2, 16 & 30
 November 6 & 13
 December 4 & 18
 January 8 & 22
 February 12 & 26
 March 12 & 26
 April 16 & 30
 May 7 & 21

PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS

During The Holidays...

Y'hi ratzon mitanecha	יהי רצון מלפניך
Adonai Elohaynu v'Elohay	הי אלהינו ואלהי
avotaynu shetolikhaynu	אבותינו שתוליכנו
l'shalom v'tatzdaynu	לשלום ותצדינו
l'shalom v'tsm'khaynu	לשלום ותסמכנו
l'shalom v'tanaynu ei	לשלום ותנחנו אל
mehoz heltzaynu l'hayyim	מחוץ חסבנו לחיים
u'l'sm'han u'l'shalom	ולשמחה ולשלום
V'tatzlaynu mikaf kol	ותצילנו מקף כל
o'yayv v'orayv v'ason	אויב ואורב ואסון
baderekh umkol minay	קדרך ומכל מיני
puranuyot hamtragnot	פרעניות המתרגשות
lavo laqlam. V'tshlan	לבוא לעולם ותשקח
brakhan b'mal'asay	ברכה במעשה
yadaynu. V'tshaynu l'hen	ידינו ותתנו לנו
u'l'hased u'l'rahamim	ולחסד ולרחמים
b'aynecha u'v'aynay kol	בעיניך ובעיני כל
ro'aynu. V'tsma kol	רואינו ותשמע קול
tananunaynu ki Ayl	תחנונו כי אל
shomay'a l'ilan v'tananun	שומע תפלה ותחנון
Atah Barukh Atah Adonai	אתה ברוך אתה הי
shomay'a l'ilan.	שומע תפלה.

May it be Your will, Lord our God and God of our fathers, to conduct us in peace, to direct our steps in peace, to uphold us in peace, and to lead us to our desired haven in life, joy and peace. Deliver us from every enemy, ambush and hurt on the way, and from all afflictions that visit and trouble the world. Send a blessing upon the work of our hands. Let us find favor, loving-kindness and mercy in Your eyes and in the eyes of all who see us. Heed the voice of our supplications; for You are a God who heeds prayer and supplication. We praise You, Lord, who listens to prayer.

ABOUT TORAH HONORS

One of the most prevalent misconceptions about Jewish ritual is the idea that some Torah honors are more religiously significant than others. This is simply not the case. The first aliyah is no more important than the third or sixth. There is no greater prestige attached to the person who says blessings at the Torah than to the one who lifts it, ties it or places it in the Ark. Each of these honors represents an equally significant reflection of the community's respect.

A Talmudic tradition requires that the first person called to the Torah be a Cohen (direct descendent of Aaron the first high priest). The second person should be from the tribe of Levi, with the remaining aliyot divided among the congregation at large. Why? "For the sake of peace -- lest people mistakenly think that the first aliyah is the most important and fight over it."

Rabbi Andrew Warmflash



SPECIAL SIMCHAT TORAH PROGRAM

We will be holding a gala Simchat Torah program on Thursday, October 7 at 7:30 pm. The festivities continue on Friday at 9:30 am at which time, among other things, we will announce the winners of this year's B'nai Tikvah dubious achievement awards.

GARAGE SALE THANKS

To all those who donated, worked, bought or even thought about us, the 1993 Garage Sale Committee wants to say **thank you!** The sale was a success and guess what! We're beginning to plan for next year. So, if you have some warehouse space for us to stock & mark items early, please contact Ann Rosenzweig.

Stepping Back
by Gigi Cohen

*These are the days
I wish I was I child
When curious innocence
revels at the sound
of the Shofar
When the only service
you are interested in
is the one you cannot
begin to understand
and need not attend
When your world is filled
with friends and family
as small as the crowded lobby
When your wants are endless
and your needs are few
When you sins are simple
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and fills you with wonder
When your only true wish
is that you weren't a child*

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A YOM TOV VOCABULARY

SELICHOT - Prayers of forgiveness beginning at a special service at midnight

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.

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 Hoz'er - 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.



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 Melech Ha'olam
Asher Kiddeshanu
Bemitzvotav Vetzivanu
Lehadlik Nayr Shel (Shabbat
Vc . . . *) Yom Hakippurim.

ברוך אתה ה'
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.

Yom Kippur
יום הכפורים

A HIGH HOLIDAY CUSTOM

It is a Jewish "custom" to visit the graves of dear ones on the day(s) before Rosh Hashonah. Some communities extend it through the entire penitential period.

Graves should not be visited on Shabbat, festivals, and the intermediary days. Additionally, visiting graves on Rosh Chodesh and Purim is "discouraged," because of Judaism's emphasis on life. However, in some communities, individuals do visit cemeteries on these occasions.

Whenever you visit the cemetery, there are psalms that many find comfort in reciting (e.c., Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd...") However, it is not a requirement to recite any psalm and one may prefer to meditate silently, or find their own words to express their memories.

There is, however, an appropriate short prayer to be chanted before leaving the grave site. It is "Eil malei rachamim*" it begins "Exalted, compassionate God..." and requests eternal peace for the soul of the departed.

* From The Bond of Life, Edited by Rabbi Jules Harlow.

Eil Malei Rahamim



For male

אל קלא רחמים. שוכן כפרזים. הסעא מנוחה נמונה תחת
כנפי הסכנה. במעלות גרושים וסוורים קוטר הרקיש
מזירים. את-זשמת _____ קן _____ שְהַלֵּךְ לְעוֹלָמוֹ.
הו עָדוֹ תהא מנוחה. אָנָּה. בעל הרחמים הסתירה בסתר
קופיף לשלמים. וצורר בצורר התיים את-זשמתו. * הוא
נחלתו. נחיה בשלום על מסבבו. ונאמר אמן.

Exalted, compassionate God, grant perfect peace in
Your sheltering Presence, among the holy and the pure
who shine with the splendor of the firmament, to the
soul of our dear _____ who has gone to his eternal
home. Master of mercy, remember all his worthy deeds
in the land of the living. May his soul be bound up in
the bond of life. May his memory always inspire us to
attain dignity and holiness in life. May he rest in peace.
And let us say: Amen.

Personal meditation

Compassionate God, at this time of remembrance I
offer my prayers in behalf of _____. Keep his be-
loved soul in Your providential care. May his memory
and the goodness which he wrought in his life find
continuity in my life, and unto all eternity.

Personal thoughts may be added.

Amen.

Eil Malei Rahamim



For female

אל קלא רחמים. שוכן כפרזים. הסעא מנוחה נמונה תחת
כנפי הסכנה. במעלות גרושים וסוורים קוטר הרקיש
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Condolences to Meryl Heit on the loss of her mother, Rhoda Mandle.

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ABOUT US

KOL HAKOVOD DEPARTMENT: A "worthy cause" actually goes out of business, due to successfully meeting the "need"! The Association for Ethiopian Jews has announced the end of their organization. President and founder Nate Shapiro, who successfully led "Operation Solomon" and never let us forget our Ethiopian brothers and sisters, feels the mission has been accomplished, now that almost all have been settled in freedom in Israel. We Jews must take a bow for our dollars, our time, our support, and for this miraculous accomplishment. Never has the power of our combined efforts been more ably demonstrated. Mazel Tov Nate! Well done, all who helped!

COOPERATION: Israeli, Egyptian & Jordanian environmentalists, alarmed that coral reef life is threatened by oil spills, tourism, sewage dumping, and so on, have begun joint effort to save the Gulf of Eilat. And this year, Israel's cultural technology show, which always attracts crowds to its exhibition, had representatives from Saudi Arabia and Morocco in attendance.

REACHING OUT: 114 countries, including some which do not as yet have full diplomatic relations with Israel, are now enjoying Israeli technical aid in agriculture, medicine, education, etc. Among them are China, India, several African nations, and a number of former Soviet Union republics.

CALL 'EM NAHEET, ARBISS, OR CHICK PEAS: A nutritional staple in North Africa, the

Near East, India and Central Asia this food has been steadily improving production, courtesy of Israel's Agricultural Research Organization, which has been working towards environmentally safe disease-immune varieties.

JEWISH CEREMONIAL BREAD?: European Community standards for this item, call it just that. It's challah, of course, but get out that tape measure folks. It should be 20 centimeters long, and the loaf must contain 50-70 poppy seeds, or 20-50 sesame seeds, to be acceptable for sale. Imagine counting the pepper grains in gefulte fish!

NEGEV-LAND: American architects have been hired by a tourism company to plan a possible Disney like theme park for the Arava. No weather problem here. The French Disney Park has been plagued by rain and snow, obviously, non-existent in the desert.

NOT TO BE MISSED: Dead Sea Scroll fragments and artifacts from the area where they were found will soon be exhibited in the USA at the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library, the deYoung Museum in San Francisco, and elsewhere. Watch for announcements.

BROTHERHOOD: Tourism Minister Uzi Baram of Israel has stated that a major part of his budget will be expended to encourage Christian visitors for celebrations in Israel marking the 2,000 anniversary of the birth of Jesus.

DIVINE HOT-LINE: Bezek's recently announced fax-a-prayer has proven a true God send for

ABOUT US (continued)

those who have an urgent message to place in a crack in the Kotel (Western Wall), but live too far Jerusalem to do so in person. Calling Bezek in Jerusalem (612-222) results in a staff member personally delivering your "kvittel" to a crack in the wall within one day. This is already such a popular service that another line may be added. As a sidelight, it should be noted that other religions seem to have taken notice. In the UK, we learn the Catholic Church has been considering introducing their own version, dubbed "confession-by-fax." (We kid you not! You can read it in the Jerusalem Report.)

TREASURES: You may have missed a true prize at our synagogues "garage sale." Many bargains, lots of fun, especially a slim paperback called: "How to Avoid the Evil Eye." Our favorite item is a sketch illustrating the superstition, Fasting Prevents a Bad Dream From Coming True. It shows two zaftig people inquiring about recent bad dreams. One states sadly, "I dreamt I gained ten pounds." We can only comment: take heart, Yom Kippur approaches.

L'hitraot,

Mili Rosloff

LIBRARY NEWS

The library has experienced tremendous growth this past year. There are now over three hundred books cataloged and ready for check out. To those listed below who spent their spare time on Sundays processing books and to many others who made donations of books and money, **THANKS TO ONE AND ALL**. The dedication, time, and patience of the processing committee is greatly appreciated. They are: Dorothy Cohen, Estelle Bach, Irv Bach, Marcia Schwartz, Bette Koffler, Elaine Friedman, Annette Bohmstein, Blanche Fruhling, Abby Kline, Lauren Friedman, Michelle Friedman, Toby Wallach, Jeremy Bohmstein, and Alan Bohmstein.

The library is still not finished. Thanks to the generosity of Congregation Beth Mordechai in Perth Amboy, we were the recipients of several hundred beautiful books this past winter. In order to incorporate these into our collection and to continue our own processing, two kinds of help are especially needed at this time -- computer data entry and interfiling catalog cards. The basic skills required are touch typing and a knowledge of the alphabet (no kidding!) If you have either of these skills and can spare a few hours, please call me (Janet Weiss) at 246-0306. If you are looking for some basic computer experience to enhance your job skills, this is the perfect opportunity for you.

Browsing magazines of Jewish content might be an interesting way to pass the time. If you

LIBRARY (continued)

receive any Jewish periodicals and want to share them when you're through, please drop them in the donation box. Let's try to stick to material not more than one year old. If you'd like to donate cash so that the library could have its own subscriptions, please speak to Rabbi Warmflash at 297-0696.

Students, if you have projects or research assignments, we may have what you are looking for in the way of materials about the Holocaust, Israel, or Jewish Philosophy. If you need assistance, please call!

I invite you to stop in to the library and browse the shelves. If you'd like to check out a book or two, there are a few hundred sitting in the middle three sections of shelving that are ready. To check out a book, sign the card in the back of the book and drop the card in the box on the desk. (If the book has no card, it's not ready to sign out.) We are on the honor system. Try to return the book(s) within a month. If anyone has policy or borrowing suggestions please leave a note in the library box in the office. ENJOY!!!

FIFTY PLUS GROUP

We are on the go this year. And some very interesting trips and meetings are planned. So, come and join us.

FIFTY PLUS GROUP (continued)

Wednesday, September 8 -- at the Sands Casino in Atlantic City. Best casino package \$7.50 in coins. Cost \$13.00. Reserve Now!

Tuesday, September 28 -- meeting at 12:30pm. Celebrate Succoth - Mini luncheon. Donation.

Wednesday, October 13 & Sunday, October 17 at 2:30 pm -- Forum Theatre "Conversations With My Father."

Tuesday, October 26 -- meeting at 1:00pm, Rabbi Andrew Warmflash will speak. Topic to be announced.

Thursday, October 28 -- Matinee. Details at meeting.

Wednesday, November 3 & Thursday, November 4 -- Washington DC Trip, two days/one night to Holocaust Museum and other museums of interest. Tour, motel and food-out. Rates excellent!!!

Tuesday, November 30 -- Hanukkah Celebration -- Fun Auction.

Tuesday December 28 -- New Years Celebration.

The Fifty Plus Group is an active Senior Group and we welcome fifty plusers to join us. We also participate in volunteerism.

Call Sy at 297-3562 or Ann at 297-3575 for information and reservations for trips. Call now, you won't regret it.

We wish all a HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

COUPLES' CLUB NEWS

Couples' Club had a great summer together. On July 5, over 15 families attended the Kaminkers famous "4th" of July BBQ. The food was great and all enjoyed the beautiful outdoor party. On August 15th, we went to the Quarry for a day of sun and fun in the water.

Join us for Apple Picking on Sunday Sept. 19 and at a breakfast planning meeting for the year's events on Sunday, Sept. 26 in the Synagogue at 9:30 am. Please call Phyllis (before 9pm) at 422-8543 for more information.

MAKELA TIKVAH!

Support **MAKELA TIKVAH!**
Donations can be made to CANTORS SPECIAL FUND -- MAKELA. Funds are needed to purchase music, to expand our musical skills, and to maintain and increase our membership.

MAKELA TIKVAH will enhance services at B'nai Tikvah with choral music during Rosh Hoshana and Kol Nidre and during various services again this year.

KEEP SINGING...

LA SHIR, the Jewish choir of Princeton, will start its Fall season Wednesday, Sept. 8th, 1993 @ 8pm at the Jewish Center of Princeton. This community choir performs folk songs, Chassidic songs, and all kinds of Jewish choral arrangements in Hebrew, Yiddish, and Ladino. Singing experience is nice but not necessary. Call Robin Wallack at (609) 924-0330.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH

USY will be opening its new year with our annual trip to Great Adventure. We will be leaving from the synagogue on September 12 at 10am. We should be returning at 6pm. This is always one of our most popular events and you don't have to be a member to attend.

Our second event of the year will be September 27. We will be meeting at 7:30 pm at the Fairway Golf Center to play some games. There will be a prize for the best putting score! Hope to see you there.

Our biggest event is coming October 22-24. We will be hosting **LTI** (Leadership Training Institute.) It is a fun filled weekend with 150 USYers from around the state.

If you are Jewish, in grades 9-12 and interested in coming to any of our events, call any of the board members below for information. Bring your friends!

Stacey Trooskin (297-6916)
Scott Mason (545-6442)
Stacie Karp (422-7108)
Hilary Tinkel (220-8188)
Amanda Feiner (329-0873)
Alison Bromley (297-1284)
Jessica Greenberg (297-4169)
Erica Brams (422-7279)

SISTERHOOD CONNECTION

Welcome Back From Summer!

We want to welcome back Sisterhood members from last year and invite women who have not yet joined to give us a try. We have a lot of activities and programs planned for this year. For September alone look what's going on:

- New Gift Shop Hours
- Wine & Flower Sale
- New Member Teas
- First Sisterhood Meeting
- Challah delivery to new synagogue members

September's Meeting

Sisterhood's first meeting of the '93-'94 year will take place Sun., Sept. 12, 10 am, at the synagogue. Our program features Chava Lipman speaking on the history and background of Yiddish, including examples of sayings and their usage and origins. Watch for our flyer!

Please join us! Breakfast will be served. You need not be a Sisterhood member to attend!

Gift Shop (Lynn Biderman 297-6691)

Our Gift Shop serves all your Judaic shopping needs for religious articles and for gifts.

We will be open on Sun., Sept. 12, 9:30 am - 2 pm (first day of Hebrew School and first Sisterhood meeting).

Start 5754 with Something New!

We have New Year's Cards; Honey Dishes; Candles for every occasion; Candlesticks; Challah Covers, Kiddish Cups; Books; Toys; Kippot (new children's designs in stock: Barney and Thomas the Tank Engine); Tallit; Tefillin; and More!

Custom-ordered Kippot, Bridal Registry, 10% discount for Sisterhood Members.

Wine & Flower Sale (Bryn Schain, 846-6908)

Enhance your and your friends' High Holiday observance by ordering wine & flower arrangements through Sisterhood. Watch for the flyer in upcoming synagogue mailings. Put your orders in by Sept. 9. Pick up on Sun., Sept. 12, 10 am - 12 n and Tues., Sept. 14, 7 pm - 9 pm at the synagogue.

New Member Teas (Joyce Gerbman, 937-5114)

If you always wanted to find out what Sisterhood is about, these small, intimate meetings are perfect. Meet with Board Members in their homes to make friends and learn about our activities and programs. Dates to be announced.

Challah Delivery

One of our favorite services to the synagogue, we welcome new families to our community by delivering challah and candles for the Sabbath.

OUR JUDAICA SPECIALIST...

I want to thank all B'nai Tikvah members for helping to make my first year as Gift Shop Manager so successful!

The experience was so enriching that I have agreed to serve as "the Gift Shop Lady" for the coming year too!

I've already begun to prepare for the new year and promise to continue to bring you the best selection of Judaica -- not just for holidays, but for everyday needs as well.

I appreciate all your kind words and suggestions, and will be ordering many of the new items you have asked about.

The Bridal Registry will continue this year as will the very popular 10% discount offered to paid up Sisterhood members and B'nai Tikvah seniors. We also continue to order kippot for your special occasions.

The Gift Shop will be open Sunday September 12th from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Lynn Biderman
(297-6691)

THE MAXIMUM CARD

Get great discounts each and every time you shop. A copy of the restaurant/merchant service directory is in the synagogue office. Buy the card through B'nai Tikvah for \$25.00. 10% off the regular price. In doing so, you benefit yourself and the synagogue. In addition, a portion of the proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish

MAXIMUM CARD (continued)

Foundation of New Jersey. To order, send your name, address and phone number, along with your check made payable to "Congregation B'nai Tikvah", 1001 Finnegans Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902. Or call Ken Salzinger at 329-6487 or the synagogue office at 297-0696.

PERTINENT NEWS FROM THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT

In pursuing our goal of **Jewish Continuity**, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism continues to publish books in the "Confronting the Challenge" series. These books deal with the diverse issues involved in preventing intermarriage. For a list of publications call Sarrae Crane at Rapaport House (212-533-7800) ext. 2207.

A donation of close to 75 books on subjects ranging from Jewish history to Israel to Jewish stories has been received by The Department of Services to Affiliated Congregations. If anyone is interested in obtaining them for a synagogue, contact Rabbi David Blumenfield at the Rapaport House number above, ext. 2250.

A free booklet is available for graduating high school seniors from our **KOACH/College Outreach Department**. Entitled a Guide for the New Jewish College Student, the booklet gives tips on Jewish survival on campus. For your copy, contact our College Outreach Department, ext 2514.

Announcing: New publications from the **Youth Department**.

USCJ NEWS (continued)

HeChalutzon, the HeChalutzim newsletter and LaNasi, the chapter president newsletter -- written and designed by USYers with help from the department staff. Nativon, the Nativ newsletter featuring news about life on kibbutz was written by Natives in Israel. Kadimaniks received Kol Kadima and a new publication, Kadima Korner. For copies of any of the publications, call the Youth Department at 212-533-7800, ext. 2311.

THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE BIENNIAL CONVENTION will be held Thursday through Monday, November 11-15, 1993 at the Bonaventure Resort & Spa in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Registration fee for the convention (4 nights/5 days) is \$599.00 per person, including meals, excluding tax and gratuity. The hotel room rate is \$98.00 per room per night. Exciting events being planned include a golf and tennis tournament and a Mitzvah Fair Friday afternoon. For information or a brochure contact the Program Department, at the number above, ext. 2619 or fax 212-353-9439.



SCRIP PROGRAM RESULTS

Our scrip program was successful last year with over \$300,000 in sales, which will yield a profit in excess of \$15,000 to the Synagogue. Let's make this year better than last year. Supermarkets participating in this program are **Pathmark (Rickels), Foodtown, ShopRite, and Grand Union**. Let's make the '93-'94 a banner participation year!

Scrip can be purchased from the synagogue office Monday through Thursday from 9am - 5pm and on Fridays from 9am - 2pm, as well as Sundays during Hebrew School Hours. Or you can call:

Joyce Fishelberg	297-6290
Marcia Schwartz	297-6365
Joyce Gerbman	937-5114
Bette Koffler	329-6518
Arline Kane	418-1913
Rhonda Cohen	329-3328
Stu Sorkin (Pathmark Only)	297-0243
Arlene Schiller (Shoprite only)	821-8177

On Simhat Torah we read the last words in the Torah. Without stopping, we then go back to beginning and read the first words in the Torah. It takes a whole year to read the Torah, and Jews never stop studying it.

ישראל

The last word in the Torah is Yisrael. It is the Hebrew word for "Israel."

בראשית

The first word in the Torah is B'reshit. It means "in the beginning."

ישראל בראשית

Trace the heart. It includes the last letter in the Torah and the first letter in the Torah. It connects the end to the beginning. These two letters spell Lev.

Lev means "heart."



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Rabbi Andrew Warmflash
Congregation B'nai Tikvah
1001 Finnegan's Lane
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Dear Rabbi Warmflash:

It is obvious that your congregation is in the Vanguard in its concern for young Jewish families, both coupled and single. It is wonderful to see the synagogue as a welcome place for young children. The fact that you also provide babysitting service for events is unique in the county.

Concern for single parent families is clearly translated into action. Thank you for hosting the two single parent events. The workshop drew about forty people. If it were not for graduations and all the school year end activities we probably would have seen twice the amount of people. I know your lay leaders will be doing effective follow up.

I enjoyed the warm, welcoming atmosphere you established in your synagogue and look forward to working with you and your congregants in the future.

Shalom,

Lori Miller
Lori Miller
Outreach Director

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To submit articles:

** Submissions for any Hakol must be in the Synagogue office by the first of the previous month. For instance, the October deadline for HaKol will be September 1st.

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

** Suggestions for improving this monthly bulletin are also welcome.

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DAILY MINYON SCHEDULE

<u>Friday (Shabbat)</u>	<u>8:00 pm</u>
<u>Saturday (Shabbat)</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>
<u>Sunday Mornings</u>	<u>9:15 am</u>
<u>(bring your tefillin,</u>	
<u>learners welcome!)</u>	
<u>Sunday-Thursday</u>	<u>7:30 pm</u>
<u>Thursday Mornings</u>	<u>7:00 am</u>

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Congregation B'nai Tikvah

Dear Congregant,

We are pleased and excited to inform you that the North/South Brunswick chapter of United Synagogue Youth (USY) has been appointed to host the 1993 Leadership Training Institute (LTI) Regional Convention. It will be held at Congregation B'nai Tikvah the weekend of October 22-24, 1993.

We are in need of housing for approximately 140 convention attendees. The convention delegates bring sleeping bags, so all you need to provide is floor space. Also, all meals are provided at the synagogue except for Saturday morning breakfast. If you would like to house any USY convention delegates or staff advisors, please fill out the bottom portion of this letter by September 10, 1993 and return it to:

Barry J. Safeer
North/South Brunswick USY Advisor
109 Princess Drive
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

In addition to housing delegates, our chapter is responsible for providing odds and ends that compose a welcome package. If you or someone you know can donate key chains, pencils, pens, calendars, t-shirts, or similar items, your donation will be greatly appreciated. This is a great way to advertise a local business. Please indicate on the tear-off portion of this letter what you are able to donate and I will contact you.

We also need volunteers throughout the weekend to chaperone, assist in the serving and clean-up of meals and help to organize activities. We have numerous 2-3 hour shifts available. Please let us know if you will have some time to give during the convention.

Thank you for your continuing support in the past and your continued support in the future.

Sincerely,

Barry J. Safeer
Barry J. Safeer
USY Advisor

I am interested in housing ____ (#) of convention delegates.
male ____ female ____

My home is in walking distance from the synagogue? yes ____ no ____

My home is a kosher home? yes ____ no ____

I am interested in volunteering time during the convention? yes ____ no ____

I can donate an item(s) for the welcome package? yes ____ no ____

Name:

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