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A MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBI

There are really four Jewish New Years: The first day of the month of Nissan celebrates the inauguration of kings and the beginnings of pilgrimages. The first of Elul begins the year for the estimation of tithes on cattle, and the first day of the month of Tishrei marks the traditional High Holy Day of the Jewish New Year. The fifteenth of Shevat, however, is the Jewish New Year for trees, the time for the calculation of their ages and the laws pertaining to them.

A new year's day of this sort, for trees and not for people cannot be compared with the traditional High Holy Day of the Jewish New Year. Other "new year's days" like the first day of Nissan and the first of Elul have not made much of an impression on the Jewish people. Not so the fifteenth of Shevat, which became worthy of a national celebration despite our exile.

A reason may be found in the love and fondness this holiday expresses for the land of Israel. For especially in exile the unrequited love of a nation for its homeland grows and the fruits of the land become especially worthy and important in its eyes. Since the fifteenth of Shevat is tied to the fruit of the

tree, and therefore, the fruit of the land this day became worthy in the consciousness of the nation more than all others.

However, the double message of the Jewish New Year for humankind, as a day of celebration and as a day of awesome judgment, has confused our understanding of a new year for trees, which has no element of judgment attached to it.

Some of the customs and laws of Tu B'Shevat are:

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1 In times of crisis and disaster when a public fast has been declared for three days, and Tu B'Shevat is one of those days, the fast is postponed, for we do not fast on Tu B'Shevat which is a day of celebration;

2 Since the power of custom is often greater than the power of law, and the essence of the fifteenth of Shevat in our times is connected with festive meals, we taste and partake of all varieties of fruit, and especially those which have blessed the land of Israel.

3 This celebration is accompanied by the repetition of passages from the Torah, the writings of the Prophets, passages from the Oral Law, and passages from the mystic Zohar that are connected with each variety of fruit as expressed in the books Hemdat Hayamim, and Pri Etz Hadar;

4 One custom of the day is to taste of every variety of beneficial food which grows from the earth;

5 On the night of Tu B'Shevat it is the custom of much of Jewry to arrange their table as if it were a Seder, as we do on Passover, and each member of the family blesses one kind of fruit: One blesses the wheat, one the vine, one the olive, one the nut, one the pomegranate. The meal commences with the accompaniment of white wine or apple juice. As on Passover, four glasses are served. But into each successive glass a bit more wine or juice is added. In this way, a process of "ripening" is symbolized...the ripening of Nature's fruit and the "ripening" of history leading to the redemption of the Jewish people in its land.

6 In Israel, on this auspicious day, children, and adults go into the fields and mountains to plant trees.

Recipe for a Bountiful Harvest: Three Types of Rain by Rabbi Manuel Gold

Three types of rain were vital to the planting and growth of crops in ancient Israel:

Early Rain (Yoreh) - a light rain that came in the fall. It was essential in helping to soften the dry, sun-baked earth which the summer heat had hardened, making it possible for the ancient one-pointed plow to churn up the earth and ready it for seeds. If the rain came down too hard, it washed away the seeds. If the light rain failed to fall, the hard earth could not be pierced by the plow and planted.

Winter Rain (Geshem) - the heavy mid-winter rains that enabled the seeds to grow to their fullest. Too little rain could result in a poor crop and famine. Unlike many areas, where the winters are too cold for most crops and planting takes place in the spring, the area around Jerusalem experiences mild winters. Seeds planted in the fall grow during the winter and are harvested in the spring.

Latter Rain (Malkosh) - the light springtime showers that helped the barley and wheat grow to full maturity. If the heavy rains continued through the spring to Passover, the barley and wheat would be washed away, mildewed, or otherwise destroyed. If the rain stopped too early, before the spring, the crops would not grow to their fullest potential, resulting in shortages of the basic foods for everyone.

The rainfall chart illustrates the three basic types of rainfall needed by the farmers in the area around Jerusalem. They did not just pray for rain. They had to pray for three different types of rain-early, heavy, and latter-to come at the right time of the cycle. Any variation from this rainfall curve could spell disaster. Sukkot, which was celebrated at the start of the rainy season, became the Holiday (He-Chag), the most important of all the Jewish

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Three Types of Rain (continued)

Holidays, because the prayers for rain, if answered, would enable the Jewish people to survive.

TENDER FIGS

A king once set out for war at the head of his army. On the way he saw an old man planting fig cuttings. "How old are you, grandfather?" asked the king. "One hundred years, your majesty," replied the old man. "And is it really worth while for an old man like yourself to still be bothered with planting?" asked the king. "Your majesty," replied the old man. "I am planting; for if I am lucky I may yet eat figs from the trees I have planted, and if not - my sons will eat them, just as I ate from the trees my fathers planted."

The king was away at war three years, and then returned to his city. Passing the way he had come, he was met by an old man who offered him a basket filled with splendid first-ripe figs. "Your majesty," said the old man, "I am the same old man you saw three years ago planting trees in this very spot. Look, the good Lord has granted me the privilege of enjoying their fruit, and even of offering them to my king as a gift." The king tasted the tender figs and found them delicious. Turning to his servants he said: "Take the basket and fill it with gold dinars, as a gift to this industrious old man."

When the old man came home with the basket full of dinars, he told his sons what had happened. His words were overheard by his neighbor's wife, who rushed to her husband and said: "See now, there are some who go out and succeed, while you sit idle at home and do nothing. That old neighbor of ours gave the king a small basket of figs, and the king filled it with dinars. Quickly, fill a big

basket with apples, citrons and pomegranates; take it to the king and he will fill it with gold."

"As you say," replied her husband, "I will take a big basket, but only fill it with figs. It seems that our king likes figs most of all." The man took a large fruit-basket full of beautiful, ripe figs, brought it before the king, and bowed low. "Your majesty," he said, "I have heard it said that you are fond of figs. Here, then, I have brought you these fine, first-ripe specimens." The king looked hard at the man's face, then at the large basket, and understood the reason for the man's visit. Turning to his servants he said: "Take this fellow's fruit and throw it in his face." The king's servants took the man into the courtyard, threw the figs in his face one by one, and then sent him packing.

The man returned home in a happy mood, and could scarcely stop laughing. "What makes you so merry?" asked his astonished wife. "My good fortune," replied the man "that I brought the king figs and did not follow your advice. Imagine my plight if the king's servants had pelted my face with citrons and pomegranates. Not only did the soft ripe figs not hurt but I even enjoyed the sweet taste of those that hit my mouth."

Hebrew Legend

Ceremony of Spring

by Ruth Brin

God, whose life is eternal and whose light never sets, God, who sustains in mercy the changing souls of men... I will trust in Thee more than I trust in the coming of summer I will know the warmth of Thy love more than I know the heat of the sun... For I know that the seasons are Thine and the Earth is Thine, Thou art our blessing and our hope, and we are Thy possession.

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TREES

by e.e. cummings

Winter is still with us. Nature seems asleep.
The trees stand with black and brown
branches against the winter sky.
In the Land of Israel spring is almost here.
Flowers begin to dot the fields, almond trees
begin to blossom.

Heavy winter rains are over,
lighter showers fall,
sap begins to rise in trees.

Jews there and here and everywhere
celebrate Tu B'Shevat,
the new year for trees.
We thank God for the renewal of life,
for the blessings of branch and bud.

I thank you God for this most amazing day,
For the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky.
And for everything which is natural
which is infinite
which is yes.

from the Talmud

Two men were fighting over a piece of land.
Each claimed ownership, and bolstered his
claim with proof. To resolve their differences,
they agreed to put the case before the Rabbi.
The Rabbi listened, but could not come to a
decision because both seemed right. Finally
he said,

"Since I cannot decide to whom this land
belongs, let us ask the land."

He put his ear to the ground, and after a
moment straightened up.

"Gentlemen, the land says that it belongs to
neither of you, but that you belong to it."

A Custom As Lovely As A Tree...

In ancient Palestine, it was customary to plant
a tree when a child was born, a cedar for a
boy, a cypress for a girl. The cedar stood for
height and strength, the cypress for tenderness
and fragrance. When the children grew up and
got married a branch of their trees were used
to support the bridal canopy.

In The State of Israel today, on this holiday of
Tu B'Shevat, we remember the first Tu
B'Shevat in the State of Israel. We remember
the planting of the "Forest of Martyrs", a
forest which will one day contain 6 million
trees, each a reminder of a Jew who was killed
in the madness of the Holocaust.

On this holiday of Tu B'Shevat, we also
remember the Halutzim, the pioneers, who
reclaimed the land, who took dry desert land
and worked it till it bared crops. We pray to
thee our God, and God of our ancestors, help
us to keep the beauty of the land you gave us.
Help us to protect our trees, and our land, our
water, and air pure and free. May it be your
will, Adonai our God, that all fruit trees be
filled with beautiful buds and blossoms.

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ABOUT US
by Mili Rosloff

SMART PLUG - An international patent has been issued for the so-called "smart plug", which protects against electrocution. An Israeli research team has invented the aptly named hidden control switch, which checks the entry of unsuitable objects, like little fingers, screwdrivers, pencils, etc. The "plug" automatically turns off the current to foreign objects.

SURE CLOSURE - An American firm is to market another innovation developed by Israel's Technion in Haifa. The name seems appropriate for this new equipment. It stretches the skin from the outer edge of a wound, and helps close wounds in less than an hour. "Sure Closure" is the trade name.

"K" RATIONS - American military veterans are well acquainted with these canned and dried portable rations, not always appreciated by those who eat them out of necessity, not by choice. So it must be of interest to hear that Burger King, the fast food chain, is joining Israel's Shekem supermarket chain in setting up outlets at many army canteens throughout Israel to serve kosher fast foods. Who knows, this may spread to the United States, to replace the unlamented "K" rations. But, question. How well does a hamburger or fries pack into a can?

HOCK - LOCKS - These are no more according to the Empire Kosher firm. The hock-lock is the metal clamp that locks in the drumsticks of Empire's whole chickens and turkeys. Although most of us never did know the name of these clamps, the metal gadgets are now no more, condemned by a volume of complaints from housewives about the difficulty of getting at the giblets until the birds are thawed. Only time will tell whether the same housewives will soon be lobbying for its return.

POUNDS? - A survey by the Israeli medical corps revealed that Israeli male soldiers gain an average of 12 lbs. during their years of

service, while females gain only a mere pound on the same diet. Turns out that the men are not overeating at all. Females do attain their growth and maturity earlier, but that is not the entire story. Males develop strength and muscles and build their bodies as they mature.

MIXED ISRAELI MARRIAGES? - For the first time, the Israeli Interior Ministry must recognize civil marriages performed at foreign consulates in Israel. The Israeli Supreme Court has recently ruled that these are legal, thereby effectively allowing mixed Jewish-gentile marriages for the first time.

SARA LEE - This United States conglomerate best known for its cakes, has recently added to its products the "Pilpel" line of swim suits, having signed a \$5 million deal with the Israeli manufacturer. Gottex Swimsuits move over for Sara Lee.

KOSHER FOODS - More kosher foods than ever will be available by Pesach this year. It is now estimated that over 26,000 products manufactured in the United States are kosher, and thousands more are added each year. Sales are reported up by more than 12 percent this year, and even fancy foods have been added, such as sun-dried tomatoes and balsamic vinegar, salsa and a non-alcoholic beer. Jews are not the only consumers, for Moslems and Seventh Day Adventists also seek the certification, meaning a cleaner, purer product, they say.

BEN-GURION SAID IT BEST - *"A Jew who does not believe in miracles is not a realist"*. Isreal Bonds adds that we celebrate the miracle of Chanukah and the miracle of the State of Israel by giving gelt to help build Israel's future. So, buy a State of Israel bond or certificate.

L'hitraot,

Mili Rosloff

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

by Aaron Rosloff

I hate to get up early on a Sunday morning, but this one was special. So we rose at 5:30 A.M. on Sunday the tenth of December, in order to attend the peace rally at Madison Square Garden, memorializing Yitzchak Rabin. The Israel Bonds organization had arranged for busses to leave from various points in and around the metropolitan area. Mili and I, along with the Roller family, were invited to go on the bus leaving from the synagogue parking lot in Princeton and we were to be there by 7:30 AM.

They served us coffee and bagels and the ride into New York was pleasant enough. We were dropped off at the Garden at about 9:00 AM. The temperature was in the twenties and a cold wind was blowing. This was the kind of day that I like to sit in my pajamas and robe and read the papers. Instead we were dropped into an immense surging crowd of fifteen thousand people all trying to get in at the same time. And that's not counting the ones who took one look and went home again! Our leader, Sue Goldstein, only managed to keep us together by holding a bagel aloft. The word came back to us -**FOLLOW THE BOUNCING BAGEL.**

The event was scheduled to start at 10:00 AM, but security was so tight and so thorough that we didn't get seated until 11:20. Although late, we were still on time to see and hear the heroic Leah Rabin deliver her plea for peace. Her talk was then followed by very moving speeches by Shimon Perez and Vice President Al Gore.

As I sat and listened to these eminent people pleading to give peace a chance, I began to feel like Alice did when she stepped through the looking glass. It was so unreal. Why is it necessary to walk that same bloody ground over and over again? Are we condemned never to learn?

Mili and I have been to Israel almost 20 times. I fancied myself something of an expert

on Israel (compared to most Americans) and am shocked to find out to what lengths some Jews (Israeli and American) will go, to hold on to every inch of the occupied territories. The paradox is that some of the Ultra Orthodox wing of our religion want nothing to do with official Israel.

In every argument between sincere people, each side believes that it has the high moral ground. I do not believe that there is evil intent on the part of the Likud or any of the Orthodox parties, but the passions they exhibit border on the irrational. Put it down to fear if you will. Certainly a look back at history is not very comforting to the Jewish people, especially if they are holocaust survivors, or children of the refugees from Arab countries. But does that mean that Israel must remain forever in a permanent state of war?

God sent Moses and our ancestors into the desert for 40 years so that the generation that would settle in the land of Israel would have no memories of slavery. The present children of Israel must be permitted to free themselves from the emotional slavery that could forever shackle them and prevent them from accepting the opportunity to live in peace and prosper as a nation. Israel has the potential to become the power house that can light up the entire Middle East. Israel has the technology. Arabs are willing and intelligent workers with a rising level of education. Given the opportunity to develop an area-wide economy and open trade, it could be a win-win situation for everyone.

We will always have our dissidents. They are present in Europe, as they are in America. Cool heads should not permit a few terrorists to control the needs, the opportunities and the destiny of the many. When Palestinians can make a living and see hope for the future, they also will see that peace is their friend.

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The Board of Directors cordially invites you to attend the ceremony to celebrate the installation of Rabbi Eligberg on **Sunday, February 25, 1996** at 7:00pm. The ceremony will be followed by a coffee and dairy dessert reception in the Rabbi's honor. Child-care will be provided.

Although the Installation Ceremony celebrates the arrival of our Rabbi, it is also a solemn ritual filled with symbolism and meaning. It provides an opportunity for our congregation to respond in a meaningful way to a significant change in leadership. The installation also marks the congregation's ability to build on the strengths of the past and to continue moving forward with a new purpose and a new identity.

We look forward to having our entire congregational family share in this meaningful evening. There is no covert for this event; however, your donations will be gratefully accepted. **Please call the Synagogue Office, 297-0696, by February 15, 1996 if you are planning to attend and if you require child-care.**

REVEREND SOARIES TO SPEAK ON SHABBAT *"Blacks & Jews: Repairing the Rift."*

Reverend DeForest Soaries of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset will speak at Shabbat services on Friday, January 26, 1996. The Reverend's topic is: *"Blacks and Jews: Repairing the Rift."* Services begin at 8pm followed by an Oneg Shabbat in the Reverend's honor. This program is sponsored by the Social Action Committee.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Meeting of August 7, 1995

- Anyone scheduling a meeting at the Synagogue should clear the date, time, and room use with Sharon Levine.

- Board instructed cemetery committee to limit sales of plots donated to B'nai Tikvah, but not part of the congregational cemetery, until budgetary obligation is fulfilled and the Cemetery Committee can evaluate the situation.

- Plan and timelines to share feedback with Rabbi were presented.

- Motion passed to table acquisition of automatic telephone calling machine. Machine would improve communication between Board and Congregation.

- Board approved motion that any member two or more quarters in arrears on dues must submit credit card to pay for arrearage and all future dues and assessments when payable.

- Sukkah will be relocated to Finnegan's Lane side of building so it will be seen by community.

- Board approved motion to set up capital reserve fund for fiscal year to be funded by decrease in mortgage costs resulting from refinancing.

- Freezer and refrigerator in kitchen replaced.

- Part of B'nai Tikvah's archives sent to Rutgers University for inclusion in special collection.

- Garage Sale earned \$2,000.

- Hanging gardens on roof will remain. Any resulting leaks will be repaired by caterer.

- Board approved motion to delegate decision on spending money from Shomrie Tikvah for upgrading sanctuary lighting.

- Treasurer indicated a budget deficit of \$19,000.

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Meeting of September 11, 1995

- Committee formed to look into ways to survey new and uninvolved congregants to find out what they want from the Rabbi and synagogue.
- Treasurer reported large shortage from unpaid dues. Religious School registration down, but 100 percent of tuition has been collected.
- Caterer to install sprinkler system at minimal cost.

Meeting of October 2, 1995

- Ritual Committee investigating changes to Junior Congregation.
- Administrative VP asked to investigate inexpensive crowd control alternatives for High Holidays to prevent people without tickets from entering and causing insufficient seating for people with tickets.
- Board approved motion that all funds from Rabbi Warmflash's Discretionary Fund except for \$470 for Rabbi Eligberg's tzedekah fund & pushka fund be placed in an interest bearing account until a committee develops a disposition plan. Until that time, each line item will be entered as a liability.

Meeting of November 6, 1995

- Board approved motion to authorize the solicitation of funds from the congregation, to be used for the purchase of an Israel Bond in memory of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. B'nai Tikvah will be the owner (beneficiary) of the bond.
- Board approved Feedback Committee's recommendations for Rabbinical Goals and Objectives.
- Programming Committee presented ideas for two congregational "fun" events, one for adults only and one for families.

- Scrip program made \$3000 over past few months. Decreased volume since program is now voluntary.
- Treasurer indicated that budget is close to projections. High Holiday pledges \$5,500 below budget at \$34,390.
- Outreach to intermarried families [co-funded by Federation and B'nai Tikvah] met on November 12 and December 3 with attendance doubling. Beginning support sessions in December.

December 4, 1995

- Board approved a motion to acquire an automatic phone dialing machine to disseminate information to membership. Executive Board to look into options for funding purchase.
- Rabbi Eligberg and committee to rekashe the synagogue kitchen and to prepare rules and controls for maintaining kashrut.
- Board approved motion to participate in North Brunswick's diversity display during Chanukah.
- Unpaid school tuition (second billing cycle) will be collected in the same manner as for the first billing cycle.
- Closets in the office are being cleaned out to make room for office supplies. If you have items being stored in the office's closets, call Sharon Levine to reclaim them or they will be disposed of.
- Sharon Levine reported that theft is a big problem which is affecting every part of the building. Someone is stealing money, tools, and equipment. North Brunswick police are investigating the thefts and appropriate countermeasures are being taken.
- Fifty Plus Group donated \$400 to synagogue.

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Caryn Gordon Memorial Fund - support annual Synagogue-sponsored community education program on Judaism and feminism.

Jerry Yaros Memorial Video Library Fund - maintain and purchase videos for the Congregation Library.

Library Fund - repair or purchase new books and library supplies for the Congregation Library.

Prayerbook Fund - repair or purchase new Siddurim (\$18 each), Chumashim (\$36 each), Mahzorim, and books used during services.

Youth Fund - help financially needy and spiritually committed B'nai Tikvah youth participate in Jewish Youth Group activities and acquire religious articles and books; assist

in promoting and achieving Synagogue-sponsored education and social programs.

Marcia Bronfman School Fund - enhance Religious School programs.

Building/Capital Improvements Fund - repair or replace interior or exterior fixtures; preserve or add to Synagogue structure and grounds.

College Outreach Program Fund - maintain communications with our college students whether at home or away at school.

Makelah Fund - support and maintain Choir.

Kiddush Fund - pay for Onegs, Shabbat Kiddushes, and other Synagogue-sponsored events which include refreshments. To sponsor a specific Shabbat Kiddush contact Sonia Amanik, 422-7144.

Shabbat Child-Care Fund - support the Shabbat program that sponsors babysitting for children younger than 3 years.

Synagogue General Fund - general charitable fund used to assist in payment of recurring and onetime charges not covered by other Funds.

Leon Bibel Fund - perpetuate his memory and support Jewish artistic expression within the Synagogue.

Chai School Travel To Israel Fund - support culminating activity, such as a trip to Israel, for our Hebrew High School graduates.

Shomrei Tikvah (contact Jeff Schwartz, 297-6365) - a capital fund used to preserve, embellish, and expand our physical plant. Funds raised provide a financial cushion to repair and maintain our building, especially important as the building ages. Membership in Shomrei Tikvah requires a \$1000 contribution beyond current Synagogue obligations; however, activities are open to nonmembers.

**Congratulations to our
January Bat Mitzvah
Shelly Calem
January 13, 1996**

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE
MEMBERS NEEDED !!**

Synagogue Hospitality would like to form a small committee of individuals interested in assisting its all too busy, yet dedicated Coordinator, in plattering, layout of food, and general overseeing of the synagogue kitchen for Friday night Oneg's and Saturday morning Kiddushes.

Even if you are available to help only on Friday nights or Saturday mornings, your efforts would be appreciated and certainly welcomed. Contact the synagogue office at 297-0696 for further information or to volunteer.

**Planning to celebrate a simcha ...
Such as a birthday, auf ruf,
baby naming,
wedding anniversary,
bar/bat mitzvah anniversary,
child's first job or entrance into the
college of their choice...**

Whatever the joyous occasion might be, share your mazel with fellow congregants, extended family and visiting friends by sponsoring an Oneg on Friday night and/or a Kiddush on Saturday morning.

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NURSERY SCHOOL NOTES

Nursery school registration for the 1996-97 school year will begin soon.

Members of Congregation B'nai Tikvah have priority, if registered according to our schedule, and are granted a tuition discount every month. If interested, please call the school at 297-0295 to place your name on our mailing list in order to receive the application on time. We accept children for our state licensed half-day nursery school program starting at 2½ years of age, as of September 1996. All our Head Teachers are state certified.

Our winter session of "Mommy & Me" and "One Step Up" started this month. We are all back from vacation & eager to learn about health and safety.

Our nursery curriculum for the month includes a program on dental care. Tu B'Shevat will be celebrated by arranging to have trees planted in Israel in honor of the children. The children will sample different fruits that grow in Israel.

OUT-OF-THE-MOUTHS OF BABES:

When the teacher asked the class for words that begin with letter "F", Samantha shouted out, "Fanksgiving!"

Melissa was having trouble snapping her bodysuit after a bathroom trip and asked her teacher to "snapple her!"

When the teacher asked "What is Election Day", Ellis replied, "It's the day the electrician comes to your house to fix the electricity!"

When the teacher was discussing Shabbat and explained that they were making candlesticks, Alex wanted to know if we were making them for "the guy up there!"

Joan Shames
Director

FIFTY PLUS GROUP

As we enter 1996, we are pleased to have grown to over one hundred members. Our last two functions were a Chanukah Party and New Year's Party which were enjoyed by all! The Group looks forward to continued success. All B'nai Tikvah members (as well as their friends) over the age of "fifty" who are Jewish or are married to a spouse of the Jewish faith are invited to join us.

We have a year of interesting monthly meetings, programs and events planned.

Our January meeting will be on Tuesday, the 23rd, at 1:00 pm in the Social Hall at Congregation B'nai Tikvah. Come and bring a friend! For additional information, please call Madeline at 297-4240.

JERUSALEM 3000

This year we celebrate the 3000th anniversary of King David's transformation of a small mountain village into the focal point of Jewish dreams and life. Jerusalem.

To that end, a committee is being formed at B'nai Tikvah whose purpose is to plan, organize and carry out the social and educational events in our congregation (and in collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County).

We welcome each and every member of the congregation to participate in these efforts. Just think about it! When will be your next opportunity to help celebrate the third millenium of anything?

If you are interested in being part of a leading, proud and committed group, please call Shimmy Cohen at 422-7626 or contact the synagogue office.



KADIMA 1996

January;

Sun. 7th Kadima Day
Mon. 15th. Paper Bag Dramatics
Tue. 30th. Kadima Slide Show
Parents are Welcome to Attend

February:

Wed. 7th Ping Pong/Game Night
Thur. 22nd. Prepair for Purim
Carnival

March:

Sun. 3rd. Purim Carnival
12:00 - 2:30 pm
Sun. 10th. Bowling at Carolier
Lanes. 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Tue. 26th. Jack Pot Bingo
\$ 1.00 per Board
Sat. 30th. Dance in Old Bridge

ALL MEETINGS ARE FROM
7:30 - 9:00 PM AT THE TEMPLE
EXCEPT WERE NOTED.
FOR MORE INFO CALL:
MELISSA 438 - 0393

North/South Brunswick U.S.Y. Spring Calendar

January

- Wednesday 10th Paper Bag Dramatics/Bring a Friend Night (7:15pm - 8:45pm) at B'nai Tikvah
Tuesday 23rd Kippah Painting (7:15pm - 8:45pm) at B'nai Tikvah

February

- Friday 2nd-
Sunday 4th Mid Winter Kinnus, Caldwell
Saturday 3rd Regional Mid Winter Dance, Caldwell
Wednesday 7th Potato Bar & Movie Night, (7:15pm - 8:45 pm) at B'nai Tikvah
Tuesday 20th Jewish Jeopardy, (7:15pm - 8:45 pm) at B'nai Tikvah
Saturday 24th Regional Dance, Lakewood
Wednesday 28th Prepare for Purim Carnival, (7:15pm - 8:45pm) at B'nai Tikvah

March

- Sunday 3rd Purim Carnival at B'nai Tikvah
Wednesday 13th Anti-Semitism Night (7:15pm - 9:15pm) open to whole Congregation,
at B'nai Tikvah
Saturday 16th-
Sunday 17th Regional SATO Dance and All-Nighter, Metuchen
Tuesday 26th Laser Tag with East Windsor Chapter
Laser Park, 48 Everett Drive Building C, West Windsor (609) 936-1800.
Saturday 30th Regional Semi Formal Dance, Aberdeen

April

- Thursday 18th Roller skating (time to be determined) at Kendall Park Roller Rink. May invite East
Brunswick and/or Somerset chapters to join.
Sunday 21st Car Wash (9:45am - 12:30pm) at B'nai Tikvah
Friday 26th-
Sunday 28th Regional Spring Convention, Kutsher's Country Club, Monticello, NY
Tuesday 30th Scavenger Hunt (7:15pm - 8:45pm) at B'nai Tikvah

May

- Wednesday 8th USY Visit to Nursing Home (details coming soon)
Saturday 18th Closing Dance, Mid Jersey USY, Colonia
Sunday 19th Israeli Day Parade
Tuesday 21st Human Bingo/ Wacky Olympics with the 8th graders, (7:00pm - 9:00pm)
at B'nai Tikvah

** Other potential events include professional sporting event, bagel sale, and installation.

SISTERHOOD--CONNECTION

SISTERHOOD SHABBOT SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Any woman interested in participating in Shabbot services with us call Bernice Natelson (247-2707). Here's your opportunity to help lead or participate in services. Hebrew and English prayers and readings will be shared by all.

*GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 1995
SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.*

*Join us for a pre-superbowl meeting,
let's get together and prepare for the
day. Breakfast will be served.*

NEED A RIDE? If the weather is bad and you're afraid to drive; if your car is in the shop; if you want to attend our general meeting or the bazaar but can't get here - CALL US! Sisterhood will arrange a ride just for you. Call Joyce Gerbman (937-5114) or Bobbi Binder (274-2797).

Someone has a new baby? Forget Hallmark, go TORAH FUND! Call for a Welcome to The World new baby card. Cost: \$3.50 Call Gigi Cohen (821-5917). All funds are sent to The Jewish Theological Seminary.

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Thanks to all of you who joined us for our Annual New Year's celebration -- it was a wonderful celebration. You are the ones who make our fund raisers such a great success. This allows Sisterhood to better support our Synagogue. Again, Thank You!

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COUPLES CLUB

Are you looking to make new friends? The B'nai Tikvah couples club proudly presents the 1995-1996 calendar of events. We have exciting activities planned. We hope you will join us in fun and friendship.

- **January 14** 7:00 pm Tentative Date for Israeli Dancing
- **February 9** TBD Shabbat Dinner at B'nai Tikvah
- **March 30** TBD Progressive Dinner
- **May 5** 8:00 pm Wine & Cheese
- **July 7** TBD Family Bar-B-Que.

For more information about joining the Couples' Club please contact Shelly Talmud, Group Coordinator, at 297-3112, or Ken Wistreich, Treasurer, at 422-4273.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION SCHEDULE

- January: 6th & 20th
- February: 3rd & 17th
- March: 2nd & 16th
- April: 13 & 27
- May: 4 & 18

Booklets are available which explain all procedures and policies for Junior Congregation. Below are some highlights.

** Please send in \$3.00 with your child when they attend Hebrew School, to cover our special kiddushes and luncheons. In lieu of the \$3.00 you may wish to SPONSOR a Junior Congregation kiddush for \$15. In that light, the Junior Congregation would like to thank the following families who have sponsored kiddushes during the first half of this year:

Allen Family in honor of Ryan
Asch Family in honor of Jordan
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Brown Family in honor of Alex's birthday
Brown Family in honor of Sasha's birthday
Edley Family in honor of Abby's bat mitzvah
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Frumkin Family in honor of Lauren and Seth
Gonchar Family in honor of Daniel
Kaminker Family in honor of David's bar mitzvah
Safeer Family in honor of Barry's birthday
Safeer Family in honor of Rebecca's 4th birthday and Sarah's 1st birthday
Smith Family in honor of Ken
Tannenbaum Family in honor of Jeff and Lisa's anniversary
Wolf Family in honor of Amy and Rachel
Zweig Family in honor of Adam's birthday

The Junior Congregation appreciates all of the sponsors who help make it possible to have special kiddushes and luncheons after their services. For anyone wishing to sponsor a kiddush this year, it's not too late. As noted above, you can honor a birthday, anniversary, bar/bat mitzvah or some other special occasion.

** Two parent volunteers are needed for each Junior Congregation session to sit with us and watch our children lead Junior Congregation. Please let Barry Safeer know which date you are able to attend.

Please call Barry Safeer at 422-8543 anyday, except Shabbat, if you have questions or would like to sponsor a kiddush.

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- Docents** - Lead tours of the exhibit by lecturing and answering questions from viewing groups. (Sign Language interpreters and / or individuals fluent in a second language are also needed as docents.)
- Greeter/Host/Hostess** - greet arriving groups; orient them to exhibit.
- Trainers** - Supervise and lead training for docents, greeters, volunteers and staff.
- Captains** - Schedule, supervise, direct docents, assists with training.
- Bookshop Volunteers** - Man the exhibit store which sells books associated with the exhibit, such as "Diary of Anne Frank".
- Group Visits Scheduling and Coordination** - Coordinate group tour arrangements.

Training sessions are required for all docents and will be offered in September, 1996.

For further information: Call 329-4000, Ext.678 or 671, Bonnie Bruccoleri, Weekdays, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., or call Ext. 600 anytime and leave your name and phone number.

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Thank you,
Rabbi David Eligberg

In case of **illness** and/or **hospitalization**, please notify the synagogue office at 297-0696 or, if an **EMERGENCY**, Rabbi Eligberg at 940-1973.

In case of **death**, notify Rabbi Eligberg at the synagogue office (297-0696) or directly at home (940-1973) even **before** making the funeral arrangements. Rabbi Eligberg will assist you in arranging for an appropriate funeral.

In the event that you cannot reach the Rabbi, contact the funeral home and begin to make your arrangements. **PLEASE**, do not finalize the funeral time until Rabbi Eligberg has been contacted.

It is appropriate to contact Rabbi Eligberg whenever tragedy or trauma occurs. Please contact him irrespective of the hour at 940-1973. On Shabbat and Yom Tov, the Rabbi does not use the telephone. Therefore, you can convey information to him on these days at the synagogue during scheduled service times, by calling him immediately after Shabbat or Yom Tov, or by sending someone to his residence. The Rabbi lives at 6 Matthew Avenue, Kendall Park.

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👉 The Synagogue Board Needs Feedback 👈

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Bette Koffler, Board Trustee

Business on Shabbat

Just a reminder that no synagogue business is to be conducted on Shabbat. Please do not call any of the group or congregational representatives for any reason on Friday late afternoons or Saturdays.

Daily Minyan Schedule

<i>Friday</i>	8:00pm
<i>Saturday</i>	9:30am
<i>Saturday (am)</i>	Call Office For Time
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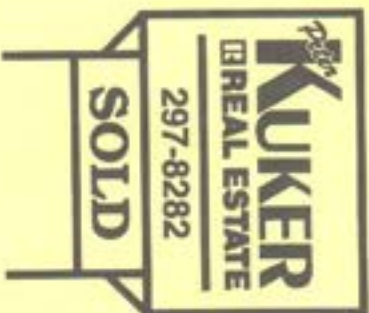
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