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By Rabbi David Mark Eligberg

Let me share with you an old Gary Larson cartoon. Larson was the creator of the comic strip The Far Side. In a one-panel cartoon, we see two deer standing beneath a sign that declares hunting season open. One of the animals comments to his friend, "Bummer of a birth mark." He is referring to the bull's-eye target on his friend's chest.

In the centuries following the death of Jesus, the belief developed that he would return after a thousand years. But there was a catch. According to a record in one of the gospels, he would "come back" only when "those closest to him accepted him." If you ask a fundamentalist Christian, he will tell you that "those closest to him" means the Jews of Jesus' time. And again, to a fundamentalist Christian, "accept" means acknowledging Jesus as the messianic figure promised in prophetic literature to redeem the people of Israel.

The year 1000 CE came and went, without any return of Jesus. We know that. We remember the turmoil in Christian Europe as that first millenium approached. If it was indeed the case that Jesus' return was predicated on the conversion of the Jews, then the conversion of the Jews was of prime importance. Back then, the choice was convert or die. We chose death.

A thousand years have come and gone, and the world has continued to see persecution visited upon the Jewish people; sometimes it is in the name of hatred thinly veiled as twisted science, and sometimes in the name of faith. And it has become clear to the Christian world that "convert or die" has not worked.

This millennium, they're trying something different, something new and improved. They're loving us to death.

Today, it seems, we have much in common with that woodland creature Gary Larson drew. The Louisville Courier Journal carried the following headline on the eve of Rosh Hashanah, "Baptists Start Drive to Convert Jews." This is not news. Already, last summer, the Southern Baptist Convention had voted to begin a major push to convert Jews to Christianity. Their International Mission Board, with millions of dollars budgeted, has produced materials, and developed tactics on how to save our souls.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

-----by Ann Kanarek-----

Wow, what a beginning! First the start of school and then the holidays!! We opened our doors to 140 very enthusiastic aleph to hei students. It was a pleasure to see so many returning students and several new students who were anxious to start class, meet their teachers and friends. Welcome back everyone and very best wishes for a successful academic year.

NEW TEACHERS

This fall, we are delighted to welcome four new teachers to our staff:

Aaron Lever is a fifth year rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He will be teaching our dalet students (sixth graders). Aaron brings a wide range of experience and unique Jewish understanding to our pre-teens.

Abby Sorrell is a certified elementary school teacher with a Master degree in Special Education. She has ten years of experience in religious schools and has worked as a resource room specialist. She will join our staff as a 5th grade teacher and Supplemental Instructor. Abby brings a unique blend of Jewish commitment and competence to our school.

Cantor Jodi Sered-Lever is our synagogue's new Cantor and a recent graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary. She also holds a Master's degree in Jewish Education and will be one of our three seventh-grade teachers. Her special talent and positive Jewish feeling is a wonderful asset to our school.

Kfir Weinraub is a third year student at Rutgers University with an elementary education major. As one of our new Supplemental Instructors, Kfir brings a special warmth, compassion, and understanding to our students.

*We are also happy to welcome back all of our other fine staff members: **Deborah Cohen, Jeffrey Cohen, Joel Cohen, Phyllis Edley, Simon Feil, Erica Gross, Brian Grossman, Marshall Lesack, Bruce Rockman, Melanie Rodgers, Avi Slivko, Stacy Thompsom, Carol Winter, Miriam Ziegler.***

SHALOM UV'RACHA--

Greetings & Blessings to Our New Students* : Seth Berger, Adam Dickert, Matthew Fleischacker, Matthew Gerstenblitt, Justin Goldstein, Jonathan Jacobs, Daniel Levin, Rachel Levinson, Alysa Marcou, Jenette Mazzaroni, Alissa Platz, Jesse Runyon, Sarah Sheps, Arielle Sherman, Benjamin Teicher, Spencer Weinstein, Brian Wistrecih, Ashley Woller, Courtney Zaabadick, Amanda Zimmerman, Joshua Ciccione, Andrew Kudwitt, Daniel Shapiro, Joshua Mayzler, Courtney Cohen, Brett Angrist, Samantha Berk, Aaron Bierstein, Orran Bierstein, Steven Birch, Carli Halper, Andrew Sudran, Samantha Alpert, Joshua Kohn, Nicole Rubin, Gary Goldsmith, Melissa Sheps, Ashley Mayzler, Dana Speesler, Danny Silver, Alexander Ciccione, Cara Wasserstrom, David Levinson, Danny Cohen, Marci Winiarz, Andrew Angrist, Abigail Levinson, Benjamin Rubin, Emily Alpert, Ross Winiarz, Allyson Silver, Lenny Naar.

* This list updated as of 9/12/99

KADIMA DATES AND INFO!

If you are in 6-8th grade and haven't signed up for **Kadima** yet, Don't Worry, there is still time. Call Michele at 438-0083 for a membership form. Already in September, we have had 2 outstanding events. On the 2nd, we kicked off the year with our annual ice cream social. On the 27th, we headed out to the sukkah for crafts and cookies.

The fun is only beginning as we head toward the first regional event of the year, the **OPENING DANCE** in **OCEAN, NJ**. Come and meet other Jewish kids from all over the state. Kadima membership is required (all you need to do is fill out the membership form and pay your dues).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday, October 7, 1999: KADIMA ELECTIONS, 7:30-9:00 at the temple (Come vote for the officers that are going to make Kadima 99-00 the best ever! Refreshments served)

Saturday, October 9, 1999: OPENING DANCE, OCEAN, NJ. Leave temple at 7:00 PM and return at 12:00 AM, \$11.00, RSVP to Michele by October 7.

Monday, October 25, 1999: GAME NIGHT, 7:30-9:00 at the temple, refreshments served. Bring your favorite board game to play!

FUTURE DATES

Regional weekend - 11/5-11/6

Movie and pizza - 11/8

Roller-skating - 11/21



TORAH FUND

Welcome back. I hope your summer was pleasant. Now to business!!! We have 14 pledged "benefactor" members to the Torah Fund of the Jewish Theological Seminary. These women have pledged \$150.00

They are:

Barbara Abramson	Nancy Kivor	Deborah Rosenstock
Bobbie Binder	Sandra Levine	Suse Rosenstock
Jodi Eligberg	Sylvia Lewis	Marcia Schwartz
Marcia Finkelstein	Sheryl Olitsky	Deborah Spigner
Joyce Gerbman	Elaine Peizer	

Wouldn't it be great if your name could be added to this list? Contact me, Sandra Levine @ (732) 940-8744, so that you can help support the seminary.

ESHET CHAYIL Women of Valor

The Women's Division of the Jewish Federation will be holding its third Eshet Chayil celebration on October 20th at the Double Tree Hotel in Somerset. Sisterhoods and organizations from Middlesex County are invited to participate by honoring a woman who has shown dedication and tireless devotion in all that she does to further the growth of our Sisterhood, Synagogue, and the Community. With great pride and pleasure, Sisterhood is proud to bestow this honor on **Bobbi Binder** as our Eshet Chayil. If interested in attending, contact the Jewish Federation @ (732) 432-7711.

HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES

Friday, October 1st	
Hoshanah Rabbah	7:00 AM
Evening Service	6:15 PM
Candle lighting	6:30 PM
Saturday October 2nd	
Shabbat	9:30 AM
Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor	6:00 PM
Mincha	
Simchat Torah	6:45 PM
Hakafot	7:00 PM
Sunday, October 3rd	
Simchat Torah	9:00 AM

Oy! Do we have jobs for you?!!

The "Fun"Raising Gang needs your expertise!!!!

- ◆ Keep track of checks as they come in
- ◆ Make phone calls
- ◆ Run some errands
- ◆ Do some shlepping
- ◆ Solicit advertising
- ◆ Come up with new ideas
- ◆ Make flyers (graphic artists welcomed)

No help will not be turned away. Whether you would like to work only 1 hour or maybe you have a spare 1/2 hour every month (or even better every week), please call.

Of course the appropriate "Free Membership Giveaway" chances will be awarded for your participation

Join Us For A Gala
**SIMCHAT TORAH
CELEBRATION**

Saturday, October 2, 6:45 PM

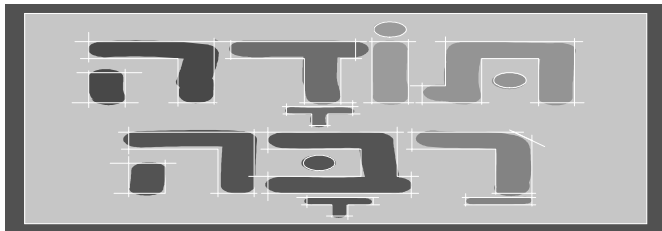
Sunday, October 3, 9:00 AM*

Join the fun as we sing, dance, and celebrate
completing and beginning the reading of the Torah

* Lunch for everyone following services!

Kickoff of Perek Yomi:

Old Play Book – New Game Plan



- ✓ The Religious School would like to thank the Sisterhood for their donation, which helped us purchase the furniture for our new classrooms. Thank you!
- ✓ The beautiful new white Shulchan Cover now adorning our Reader's Table during the High Holy Days is a gift to the congregation by Marcy and Harvey Finkelstein. Thank you!
- ✓ A special thanks to Sylvia and Erwin Lewis for their generous donation of a new set of Prayer books, A Minyan of Comfort, for use at a house of mourning.

B'NAI TIKVAH BOOK CLUB

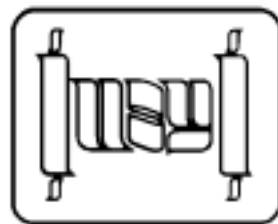
The BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP (after its hiatus this summer) will resume on Tuesday, October 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the Library at the Synagogue. The book this month will be "The Ghost of Hannah Mendes" by Naomi Regan (we were unable to cover this over the summer). We look forward to seeing all of you.

Questions: Deborah Spigner 545-8457.

Mark your calendars for December's meeting - 12/14 at 8:00 p.m. at the Synagogue, book to be decided at October's meeting.



North/South Brunswick U.S.Y.
Application For Membership 1999-2000



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

YOUR PHONE # _____

YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PARENT'S PHONE # _____

PARENT'S NAME(S) _____

PARENT'S HEBREW NAME

MOTHER _____

FATHER _____

GRADE (as of Sept.) _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

TEMPLE AFFILIATION _____

Dues:	<u>COST</u>
B'nai Tikvah Member	\$30.00
Non-B'nai Tikvah Member	\$45.00

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send your completed application and check made payable to North/South Brunswick USY:

Craig & Candace Botnick
23 Gallop Lane
Somerset, NJ 08873



Israel Bond Appeal

Thank you to the record number of B'nai Tikvah members that responded to our High Holiday Israel Bond campaign. Our participation rate increased by 30% over our 1998 appeal! In particular, the Chai Bond was extremely popular with our membership and is a wonderful gift for simchas and special events during the year.

Also, many thanks to our USY'ers for their help in collecting the pledge cards!



-----MEET-----
AUTHOR & LECTURER
ESTHER HAUTZIG

We are delighted to be able to bring Esther Hautzig to our school on Sunday, October 24. She is an award-winning author and has created stories that are inspirational and thought provoking. *THE ENDLESS STEPPE* is about her adolescence in exile in Siberia during World War II, and *A GIFT FOR MAMA* is a beautiful story about a young girl's present to her mother. Her most recent book, *RICHEs*, is about love, life, and spirituality, and was highly acclaimed by the New York Times. You are invited to meet Esther Hautzig and spend the morning with her as we kick off Jewish Book Month with her visit.

We thank you for your continued support to the **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**, which enables us to provide quality programming for our Religious School.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

- Sunday, October 3: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, *Simchat Torah*
- Sunday, October 10: RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Begins for K-2 Students
FIRST DAY OF CHAI SCHOOL, 10:40am-12:05 p.m.
- Sunday, October 24: Jewish Book Month Author Esther Hautzig visits 9:30am-12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 24-31: Visit our Jewish Book Fair in the Synagogue Lobby.

USY FALL SCHEDULE

<p>Thursday, October 7th 7:15pm - 8:45pm</p>	<p>USY's JACKPOT BINGO NIGHT at B'nai Tikvah. Cost is \$1/card. All proceeds go to Tikun Olum.</p>
<p>Friday, October 8th and Saturday, October 9th</p>	<p>USY SHABBAT at B'nai Tikvah. Come share Friday night services and/or Shabbat morning services with your fellow USYers.</p>
<p><i>Saturday, October 16th</i> <i>7:45pm - 12:30am</i></p>	<p>REGIONAL USY OPENING DANCE in Clark. Cost is \$14 for the dance and bus. Bus will leave from B'nai Tikvah.</p>
<p>Thursday, October 21st 7:15pm - 8:45pm</p>	<p>With all of the incidents around the country last year don't miss the opportunity to listen and participate in a ROUNDTABLE ON TEEN VIOLENCE at B'nai Tikvah.</p>
<p>Thursday, November 4th 7:15pm - 8:45pm</p>	<p>Come play BILLIARDS with USY at Paradise Billiards in North Brunswick. Cost is \$5.00.</p>
<p>Friday, November 5th and Saturday, November 6th</p>	<p>USY SHABBAT at B'nai Tikvah. Come share Friday night services and/or Shabbat morning services with your fellow USYers.</p>
<p>Thursday, November 18th 7:15pm - 8:45pm</p>	<p>Win great prizes at USY's second annual CHINESE AUCTION. All proceeds go to Tikun Olum.</p>
<p><i>Friday, November 19th through Sunday, November 21st</i></p>	<p>REGIONAL FALL CONVENTION</p>

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS!

We invite & encourage members that have joined the congregation since October of 1998 to come to both of the following events:

Saturday, October 9 at 9:30 AM

New Member Shabbat & Kiddush. Share the warmth of Shabbat as we welcome you to the B'nai Tikvah community.

Sunday, October 24 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

New Member Meeting & Breakfast

Please attend this informative and social meeting. You will learn about the many opportunities to become involved in the B'nai Tikvah Community. Find out about activities that are coming up, adult education, youth groups, Religious School, Nursery School and Summer Camp. Representatives from Sisterhood, Men's Club and our other diverse groups will be on hand to meet with you.

We are thrilled to have so many new families. Let's get to know one another!

Please contact Jodi Marcou, Membership Chairperson at 732/422-6628 to tell us you are coming.

HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

WE'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEW

Martin & Arline Arman
Ronald & Karen Cane
Allen & Judith Cohen
Bruce & Rhonda Erdreich
Stephen & Sharon Franzman
Rainer & Meredith Heisler
Gary & Sarah Horowitz

Leslie Klem
Paul & Ruth Anne Koenick
Barry & Rena Lepinsky
Seth & Susan Levinson
Michael Mayzler
Frederick & Pamela Scheff

Andrew & Susan Shapiro
Fred & Janet Streit
Scott & Audrey Sudran
Howard Tabachnick
Jerry & Joan Silver
Aaron & Donna Winiarz

RUN DON'T WALK TO THE CROP WALK

The 1999 CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 17 starting promptly at 1:00 PM. The walk is intended to raise awareness about hunger and money to assist people who are hungry. 20% of the money last year went to the South Brunswick food pantry and the Elijah Promise soup kitchen. Please call Renee or Steve Levin if you have any questions or to sign up at 422-8590.

sisterhood sizzles

Notes & Stuff

- ❖ You already go to the cleaners. Why not go to one that pays off for the Sisterhood? Use Gallery Cleaners (in Hidden Lake) or Absolutely Cleaners (Liberty Square Shopping Center in Dayton), save your receipts and Sisterhood collects 5 - 10 % of the total! Send Gallery Cleaners receipts to Shelly Talmud (5 Patriot Court, East Brunswick 08816) and Absolutely Cleaners to Bobby Binder (94 Hazel Court, Dayton 08810). Get your clothes cleaned and help your Sisterhood stay solvent!
- ❖ Why go out to Hallmark when you can call Sandra and she can send a torah fund card. Please give her a call at 940-8744 and for \$3.50, a card can be sent for any occasion or just to let someone know that you are thinking of him or her.
- ❖ Take advantage of our new Leagram discounts: buy 6 (for only \$18) and get one free! Send these personalized telegrams to celebrate or commemorate any occasion. Contact Toby Ehrlich at 329-1082 or tgehr@aol.com.
- ❖ The monthly children's service is held the third Friday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat following this service can call Lisa Seidman at 297-6950.
- ❖ Beth Statman, Sisterhood's historian, would greatly appreciate any old photographs of past Sisterhood events. Additionally, if any person has a 35mm camera that they would like to donate, please call Beth at 422-6926.
- ❖ A special thank you to Marv and Pete for all their help, support and smiles even while being driven crazy by last minute additions to the newsletter.
- ❖ Another special thanks you to our new Hazzan, Jodi Sered-Lever, for joining us at our last meeting. We look forward to enjoying her beautiful voice for many Shabbats and Yom Tovs to come.
- ❖ It's a New Year and a sweet time to visit the Sisterhood Gift Shop. The shopping was fantastic at the local gift fairs so come in and look around. The showcase will be updated as new and exciting gift items arrive. Check out our latest Bar and Bat Mitzvah gift section. Read the latest Mark I Shaloman Comics. We have gifts for most occasions. The Gift Shop will be open each Sunday in September (holiday permitting) and October. Please call Deborah Spigner at 545-8457 or Theresa Samtur at 821-8163.

SPECIAL NOTICE: OUR SUPER FANTASTIC HANUKKAH BAZAAR IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 FROM 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. SHOP EARLY!

- ❖ FYI: In addition to Sisterhood's annual donations, we just donated \$1,000 worth of much-needed classroom furniture to the religious school. Thanks to all our members for supporting Sisterhood programs. See you at the Kickoff Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 10, 10:00 A.M.

The Sisterhood Kickoff General Meeting will be featuring Ellen Musikant, Storyteller. This dynamic woman will bring us fabulous stories that will spark your emotions, from tears to laughter. Her one-woman show "Paradise Lost and Found" has been performed throughout the Greater NY and NJ area and we are pleased and fortunate to have her at B'nai Tikvah Sisterhood. Please join us. For our first meeting please bring peanut butter and/or jelly for the local food bank.

COLLEGE YOUTH CONNECTION

For many years, we have been sending Holiday packages to our children at college. They have always been well received and are a vital link between our Synagogue and the college youth.

We send three packages a year, for Chanukah, Purim, and Pesach. If you have a child in college, and would like him/her to receive these packages, please fill out the form below (PRINT), and send it to:

College Youth Connection
Congregation B’Nai Tikvah
1001 Finnigan’s Lane
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Student’s Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Parent’s Name and Address: _____

REMINDER TO PARENTS: This form MUST be filled out with the start of the new school year, as we do not keep lists from previous years. PLEASE NOTIFY COLLEGE CONNECTION IF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS CHANGES DURING THE YEAR.

Adult Education News

In the year 5760 make Jewish Education a priority on your agenda. Most of us take our children’s education very seriously, but children learn from their parents. In order to sustain their interest in Judaism you must take an interest also. The Adult Education committee is working hard to offer a variety of classes. Please show your support and interest by registering on time. Your interest will determine the future of adult education in Congregation B’nai Tikvah. Your feedback is also welcome. Please feel free to leave notes in the Adult Education box in the synagogue office, or call any of the Adult Education committee members: Arthur Biderman, Nurit Brown, Elliott and Nancy Danto, Joel Gerbman, Miriam Gordon, Janet Weiss, Barbara Wyman. You may also comment via email to Nurit Brown at fig99a@aol.com

The following are upcoming classes and their registration deadlines. Please call the synagogue office at (732) 297-0696 to register for the classes. Make checks payable to Congregation B’nai Tikvah and mention Adult Education on the check.

Weekday Mincha and Ma’ariv: How to and How Come?

Instructor: Cantor Jodi M. Sered-Lever

Dates: October 6, 13, 20, 26, November 3, 10

Time: 7:45 PM

Cost: No Charge

Prerequisite: Some comfort with Hebrew reading as well as with singing in front of others.

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Register By: **September 24** (some spaces may still be available – call and check).

Explore some of the rich traditions of the Jewish prayer modes or *nusachim* for the weekday Mincha and Ma'ariv services. Through a step-by-step process, participants will learn to lead both of these services. Audiotapes will be provided.

Afikoman, Sanhedrin, Synagogue: Sounds Like Greek to Me!

Instructor: Rabbi David Eligberg

Dates: October 6, 13, 20, 26, November 3, 10

Time: 8:45-9:30 PM

Cost: No Charge

Prerequisite: None.

Register By: **September 24** (some spaces may still be available – call and check).

The history of the Jews in their land during the Talmudic era and the influence of the Greeks and Romans on Jewish thought and practice. We will learn that the Rabbis struggled with many of the issues that challenge us today, including assimilation, Jewish literacy, and relations with other groups in society.

Reading the Torah through the Prism of the Soul

Instructor: Rabbi Kerry Olitzky

Dates: October 19, 27

Time: 7:45 PM

Cost: No Charge

Prerequisite: None.

Register By: October 5.

While we are all familiar with many of the narrative stories in the Torah, we often read them to learn more about the Torah. In this course we will learn to read some of the well-known biblical stories to learn more about ourselves.

Kabbalah (Jewish Mysticism): An Introductory Lecture

Instructor: Mr. Daniel Ricardo

Dates: October 31

Time: 10:00 AM

Cost: No Charge

Prerequisite: None.

Register By: October 17.

Kabbalah is an ancient Judaic wisdom. The introductory lecture, “Understanding the laws of Life”, will focus on how to remove chaos from one’s life and find fulfillment. Depending on the turnout in this introductory lecture, we will try to offer a 10-week course in Kabbalah.

Hebrew Literacy: Levels I & II

Instructor: TBA

Dates: November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 7:45 PM

Cost: \$18.00

Prerequisite: Familiarity with the Hebrew Alphabet and vowels is required for Level II.

Register By: October 19.

Learning to read Hebrew will help you participate in the services. The knowledge of Hebrew reading can open endless opportunity to learn more about Judaism.



From the Administrator's Desk by Marv Eisenstein

This will be my initial foray into the publishing world of HaKol. Each month I will try to outline some of the things that make life in B'nai Tikvah interesting.

Our joint YMCA and B'nai Tikvah community programs have started. Most days now our Library and Youth Lounge rings with the laughter of little tots practicing karate or learning ballet. Karate is also being given for adults and we already have a good size class. If you would like to participate in any class, we have brochures in the temple that will outline all of them for you.

Two weeks ago, there were large gaps between the curbs and the sidewalks around the circle. In addition many of the concrete blocks had fallen so that the sidewalk, in some cases, was 2" – 2 ½" below the level of the curb. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Tom Roman of Quality 1st Contracting, Inc. 1160 State Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. Tom brought a crew of three men to lift each concrete block to its correct height (through a secret process – we could tell you what it is but then we would have to . . .), filled in the space between the curb and sidewalk, caulked the entire length and, in their spare time – repaired the broken concrete in front of the temple. Tom donated ALL of the time and materials for the job. Quality 1st is a general contracting company that can do any and all jobs – from decks to concrete work – you may have. When you are looking to price out a job please include Tom. He can be reached at 1-800-290-2930 or 1-732-697-0557. Tell him that you are from B'nai Tikvah.

Have you noticed that our parking lot is looking mighty spiffy? Howard Rubenstein volunteered to repaint the stripes in the parking lot. It's amazing what a little yellow and white paint can do. Howard is not only doing the job himself but he is also donating all of the materials. I can't begin to tell you how many hours it has taken him. You can always say Thank You to Howard at his store, the Hidden Lakes Pharmacy on Route 27.

50 + Group

The Fifty Plus group meets on the last Tuesday of each month at the Synagogue.

- ❖ Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 26th.
- ❖ Join us on Tuesday, November 30th for our Chanukah celebration.
- ❖ We are planning a catered holiday dinner for our December 28th meeting. Reservations are required.

Plans for future programs and trips are in the works. Check your dates and join us!

From the Rabbi continued from page 1

Christian missionaries are increasing their efforts exponentially, driven by a millennial fervor that is frightening. In the forefront, The Jews for Jesus Movement combine zeal with a burgeoning war chest from fundamentalist churches across the country. An article in USA Today estimated that some \$140,000 is available for the conversion of every Jew.

Missionizing Christians target vulnerable populations. They target teens and college students. They target the elderly in nursing homes. They target any group that is unsure, uneducated, alone, and they are in our backyard.

Jews for Jesus opened a messianic church here in suburban New Jersey as an attempt to reach into the homes of average Jews. They will invite you to come read the Bible with them. Not study Torah, read the Bible. They will use our words. They will call our Bible, Tanakh. It's what we call it. And by using our word, they seek to legitimize themselves.

As our Chai School students learned last year in my class on Cults and Missionaries, these groups are very careful about the language they use. The training manual for these missionaries is fascinating. They are told don't say "cross." Say "tree." Don't say "Jesus." Say "Yeshu." What's the bottom-line? Don't use words that have baggage for the Jews. Use safe words. The missionary you meet on the street, or who knocks at your front door will quote verses out of context and demonstrate how these verses "prove" Jesus' divinity. They will take our sacred text and translate the Hebrew creatively to enable our words to prove that the details of Jesus' life and death fit ancient messianic prophecies.

The very most important thing we can do to combat the threat from the Christian right is the "E" word, Education. We need to educate our children and ourselves. The wake of the last millenium brought with it the horrors of the Crusades and centuries of persecution, but it also led to a flourishing of Jewish study, prayer, and spirituality. Let us once again respond by embracing what is uniquely ours.

MAZEL TOV!



October B'nai Mitzvah

Sara Goldstein - October 23

Rafi Glazer - October 30



All in the Mishpuchah

Congratulations to:

- ◆ Steve & Sharon Franzman on the birth of their grandson, Jordan Garret
- ◆ Joyce & Joel Gerbman on the birth of their grandson, Ryan George

We would like to Acknowledge the Following Contributions to Our B'nai Tikvah Funds:

Yartzeits:

Gaby & Jerome Margolin in memory Dagobert David Reich

Arlene Rutman in memory of Sam Rutman

Beth & Brian Staman in memory of Scherer

Beth & Matthew Schurman in memory of Christine Schurman

Ronnie & Stanley Levine in memory of Stanley Levine

Arleen & Barry Panson in memory of Celia Herlands

Rochelle & Ronald Horowitz in memory of David Mayeritz

Makelah Fund:

Estelle Bach

Rabbi Discretionary Fund:

Barbara & Harvey Abramson in honor of our grand daughters

Joan & Morris Shames in memory of Stacy Shames Manders

Estelle Bach

Contributions:

If you are interested in making a contribution to B'nai Tikvah, please fill out the form below and mail it to us at: Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegans Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

On the occasion of: _____

Amount of Donation:

\$18 \$36 \$54 \$72 \$ 118 Other \$ _____

This donation is being made by:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Please send an acknowledgment to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Discretionary

City, State, Zip: _____

Other _____

Please Allocate Donation to:

Building / Capital Improvements Fund Yartzeit

Cantor's Special Fund Passport to Israel Fund

General Fund Library Fund Youth Fund

Religious School Torah Restoration Fund

Makelah Fund Tzedakah Fund Rabbi

Prayer book Fund Social Action Fund

Programming Events – Mark your calendar

Our synagogue is a center of Jewish culture, entertainment, and identity as well as of religion. So . . . join us and enjoy!

Thursday, October 21 Jewish Classical Composers

By popular demand, we're doing Part II of Jewish Classical Composers. More than 60 congregants happily spent a musical evening with some of them on May 19th, and learned about—Rossi, “Anonymous”, Mendelssohn, and others, thanks to the enthusiastic and informative Paul Somers, publisher of “Classical New Jersey.”

So many attendees had questions and comments, we ran out of time at the turn of the 20th century. Therefore, Paul is returning on Tuesday evening, October 21, literally—to—bring us up to date. He'll play Gershwin, Copland, Mahler, Bernstein, of course . . . and Ernest Block, Philip Glass, and others you should get to know, too.

Come. Listen. You'll also like it. Minyon: 7:30 PM. Program: 8:00-10:00 PM. As before, registration in advance is free for congregants and \$4 for non-members, if you call the office (732-297-0696) before 4:00 PM on October 20th. At the door, registration will be \$5 and \$6 respectively.

Thursday, November 18 What's “Hot” in Israel?

What will be a “hot button” issue for Israel this November? Come to the synagogue the evening of November 18 and find out. Will it be the peace process? Israeli-Diaspora relations? Foreign policy? Religious pluralism? Whichever the subject, you'll hear it explained by an expert from Consulate General of Israel in New York. Then, you'll be able to ask questions.

Participate in the minyon at 7:30 p.m. and the program at 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by the congregation.

Also, look for our future events:

Sunday, January 16 – A Year in the House with Congressman Rush Holt

A MINUTE WITH . . . Cantor Jodi Sered-Lever

By Kim Riemann

Did you notice the woman with dark hair and beautiful voice on the bimah during the High Holy Days? For those of you who still don't know, that's our new Hazan, Jodi Sered-Lever. I sat down with her for a few minutes in order to get to know her a little better. Here's a very brief insight. Feel free to stop in to her new office at the synagogue, introduce yourselves, and say “Hi.”

Age: 27.

Family: Husband, Aaron Lever. Two sisters and brothers-in-law, Two parents, 2 nephews, 1 niece, and one nephew/niece on the way.

Hobbies: Walking, reading, cooking, and crocheting kippot.

Raised: In suburban Chicago, where I participated in USY, Camp Ramah, etc.

Education: Received two BA's from joint program between the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) and Columbia. Graduated from the JTS Cantorial School and simultaneously received a Masters in Jewish Education from JTS.

Favorite TV Show: “This is hard to choose. Will and Grace.”

Last Book Read: “She's Come Undone, which I found disturbing. No, that's not right. I read One True Thing by Anna Quindlen.”

Favorite Movie: I love so many, Breakfast at Tiffany's, West Side Story and South Pacific.

Motto: I can't encapsulate everything into a few words.

What is the greatest strength in the Jewish Community: I think our active laity is our greatest strength.

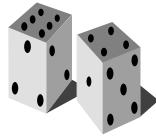
If you could go on vacation right now, where would you go? Israel obviously but after that, Hilton Head. It's where we went on our

honeymoon.

Why did you decide to become a Hazzan: I've wanted to be a Hazzan since I was 10. I loved the Synagogue and I loved to sing. I also loved leading services during Junior Congregation.

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John Patrick - Professional Gambler

John Patrick is unquestionably one of the most dominant forces in the world of gambling today. For 10 years, he was the host of his own cable TV show, "SO YOU WANNA BE A GAMBLER," which aired weekly on Financial News Network (FNN) and attracted a large and loyal following. Patrick's show was also seen on Action Pay Per View, reaching over 6 million homes nationally, as well as on satellite and selected regional cable systems throughout the country. His television personality has become so pervasive that he was satirized on the Cable Network Comedy Central as well as on Saturday Night Live.

Patrick's impressive credentials include being the author of 11 successful books, seminar leader, keynote speaker and guest speaker on radio and TV. He appeared in the film "Honeymoon in Vegas" and in the soap opera, "One Life to Live," naturally portraying a gambler each time. His infomercials are currently being shown in California, Colorado, Washington and several eastern states. Patrick is in constant demand as a keynote speaker at seminars and conventions and has appeared as a 'gambling expert' on well over 500 radio and TV shows.

John will share with us his 4 main ingredients in making a successful gambler. This is a special meeting and the price has changed for this meeting only. The \$10.00 fee includes John's book or video as well as bagels and lox: all you can eat.

1st meeting of the year
Sunday, October 10, 1999
Time: 10:00am
Bagels and Lox: all you can eat
Fee: \$10.00 (includes book or video)

Looking forward to seeing you,

Gerry Edley, President
821-6237

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