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Our Mission

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

HAZZAN'S VOICE

By Hazzan Jodi Sered-Lever

Dear Friends,

As a hazzan, I can say that for me, leading a service or reading from the Torah is a very powerful and meaningful experience. On a regular basis, I am able to add my voice to the beautiful sounds of a community in prayer. There are many different ways that we may be participants on the bimah. It is at this time that I want to encourage you to let us hear the music you can make for our prayer community, by leading a service, reading from the Torah, learning how to chant a Haftarah, or maybe reading from Megillat Esther on Purim, or Shir Hashirim for Pesah.

Every voice that is heard in the sanctuary produces a lovely sound. I know that some of you may question that statement, but I will still maintain that it is true. The addition of your voice to our service can serve only to strengthen our worship experience. How much does B'nai Tikvah rejoice when a young person stands up and leads us in the Ashrei or reads from the Torah? Witnessing the involvement of the youngsters is a marvelous sight. But an adult coming forward and reading from the Torah is also wonderful to behold.

The children of our congregation have outstanding role models in the parents and grandparents that ascend the bimah. The entire congregation celebrates your accomplishments as well. It would be my great pleasure to meet with any adult that would like to learn a new synagogue skill, and I invite you to set up an appointment with me. As many of the children will tell you, I even have some pretty good snacks in my candy dish! I hope to see you soon!

B'shalom,
Hazzan Jodi M. Sered-Lever

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

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

FAMILY EDUCATION

We, as a school and a congregation are shaping our children's Jewish identities and share in the responsibility for their Jewish education. The school working solely with our students is not enough and that is why we depend on you, the parents, to help us succeed in our efforts. It is through your attitudes and values that our teachings are positively reinforced.

Our **PACT (PARENT AND CHILD TOGETHER)** programs are just one way to help develop and foster a more positive attitude toward your child's Jewish education. They also provide you with the skills needed to help reinforce what your children are learning in our school. Our series of programs have definitely generated an excitement on every grade level and have permeated the whole atmosphere of our school. It has allowed families to interact and generate enthusiasm for Jewish learning.

These programs are made possible, in part, through a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County. In addition to the Federation money, your generous donations to the Religious School Fund enables us to continue to provide our high quality of **PACT** and enrichment activities. We are grateful to all of you — our religious school families and the Federation — for your support and dedication to the future of our children.

My hope (if you haven't already done so) is that you will get involved in your child's learning experience by coming to our synagogue and participating in all our family education activities.

The following is a schedule of upcoming PACT programs:

Sunday, February 6:	Bet Class PACT: <i>The Joy of Shabbat</i>
Sunday, March 5:	Gimel Class PACT: <i>Tzedakah and the Giraffe Connection</i>
Sunday, April 2:	Dalet Class PACT: <i>The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Experience: The Bridges of Mitzvot County</i>

We also appreciate the Federation's support of our very successful programs to date:

Sunday, September 19:	<i>Fall Holiday Fest</i> for K-2
Sunday, November 7:	First grade PACT program: <i>My Synagogue</i>
Sunday, December 12:	Hei class PACT: <i>Tallit Making Workshop</i>
Sunday, January 9:	Kindergarten PACT: <i>The Shema Pajama Party</i>
Sunday, January 30:	2nd Grade PACT: <i>An Adventure in Jewish Ecology</i>

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDER:

Since the School wide Havdallah service was CANCELLED each individual class will participate at a Mincha/Maariv Havdallah service according to the following schedule:

ALEF CLASS:	Saturday, January 29, 4:45pm-6:00pm.
GIMEL CLASS:	Saturday, February 12, 5:00pm-6:15pm.
BET CLASS:	Saturday, February 26, 5:15pm-6:30pm.
DALET CLASS:	Saturday, March 4, 5:30pm-6:45pm.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS for the period of December, January and February will be celebrated at your child's Havdallah service.

OTHER SCHOOL REMINDERS:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6:	Bet Class PACT program: <i>The Joy of Shabbat</i>
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20:	No Religious School, <i>President's Weekend</i>
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21:	No Religious School, <i>President's Weekend</i>
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27:	Paper Cutting Workshop for 7th and 8th graders
SUNDAY, MARCH 5:	Gimel class PACT program: <i>Tzedakah & the Giraffe Connection</i> (Reminder: Posters are due February 22/23)

BARRICINI PASSOVER CANDY SALE

It's not too early to start thinking Passover. Check our website and your children's book bag for a Barricini Passover Candy Sale form. Our candy sale is going on right now. If you have any questions regarding the candy, please call us at the School Office, 297-0295. All student entrepreneurs will be rewarded with an incentive prize. Our top prizes are very exciting. So, join the fun; sell to family and friends but PLEASE do not solicit door-to-door. Our children's safety is important to us. Your support of the candy sale will go to future extracurricular and school enrichment programs.

Hurry!!

The sale will end on February 13th.

Many thanks for your support!!

Academy Awards Night Synagogue Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 11, 2000
7:30pm - Midnight
Congregation B'nai Tikvah

1001 Finnegans Lane
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
732-297-0696

The votes are in. You've had your say!! You have selected the following people to honor at B'nai Tikvah's annual dinner dance. Join us at this gala affair, show your fellow synagogue members how much they are appreciated and have a lot of fun.

☆BEST RELIGIOUS SCHOOL VOLUNTEER IN A PARENT ROLE:☆

JANICE BAER AND LISA TANNENBAUM.

☆MOST ACTIVE MEMBER IN A RELIGIOUS ROLE☆

BRUCE ROCKMAN

☆LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD☆

MARK DILLMAN

☆OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES☆

DEBORAH SPIGNER

☆MENSCH OF THE YEAR IN A LEADING LADY ROLE☆

BOBBI BINDER

☆MENSCH OF THE YEAR IN A LEADING MAN ROLE☆

ARIE BEHAR

Cost per person: \$100.00

Cocktail hour begins at 7:30pm.

Sit down dinner and dancing will be followed by the award presentations.

Mark your calendars now to attend this event. What a wonderful opportunity to honor those people at B'nai Tikvah who have put in hours of hard work so that we can enjoy great programs, fundraising events, school activities, enjoyable services and a general feeling of friendship and community.

LOOK FOR YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION ARRIVING IN THE MAIL SOON.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

By Jacqueline Master

A warm Congregation B’Nai Tikvah welcome to new members Barry and Rena Lepinsky and their family.

Having just passed their 1 year anniversary of living in North Brunswick, they decided it was time to stop their forays up to their former congregation at Ohev Shalom in Colonia and find someplace a little closer to home. Especially since in another few years their two girls, 3 ½ year old Erica and 18 month old Alyssa will be ready for Hebrew school.

Alyssa gets to spend her days with Grandma in East Brunswick and Erica is in the nursery school program at Anshe Emeth in New Brunswick. In fact, Barry said that this past Rosh Hashanah he still didn’t know that many people in the congregation, but quite a number of adults kept coming over to say hello to Erica. Rena and Barry found out they all knew her from the school.

Barry is in sales for Keer Electric in Newark. Rena is a space parts coordinator, a kind of purchasing agent, for Krupp, a German company that handles the machinery for making plastic bottles. Luckily for Barry, Rena doesn’t have to do any traveling other than her daily commute to Branchburg.

A graduate of Cook College at Rutgers, Barry lived in Edison for a number of years. Rena, a Kean alumnus, is from Carteret. And for those of you who underestimate the power of the press, keep in mind that Barry and Rena met through a local Jewish newspaper and have been married for seven years.

Aside from all of the projects a new house requires (do I hear stock ownership in Home Depot and Lowe’s? A personalized parking space?) , the Lepinsky’s do get out to eat occasionally and are looking forward to taking the girls ice-skating. Other than that with two full time working people, a new house and two kids... What *is* spare time? Although Barry said he does have some memory of something called the movies from the pre-kids days.

We’re very glad that the Lepinsky’s have chosen to make their family a part of the B’Nai Tikvah family

BIRTHDAYS

GRADUATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Want to mark that special occasion?
Why not sponsor a Kiddush or Oneg Shabbat?
For information please call Tammy Zimmerman at:
(732)398-1420

NAMINGS

Cost: \$136 each*
*Co-sponsoring available

BIRTHS

"JUST BECAUSE"

Nursery School News

by Fran Pearlson

Our nursery school celebrated the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of trees, by eating fruits grown in Israel. Each class had the opportunity to taste (carob) chocolate, oranges, fig newton cookies, raisins, wheat crackers, and apricots. Each class made a special Tu B'Shevat related crafts project too. In honor of this holiday our school collected tzedakah money to purchase trees for Israel from the Jewish National Fund.

Our new Mom & Babes class is off to a great start. Our new moms are learning all about baby CPR, nutrition, baby massage, reiki and meditation. Visual aids and handouts are also given out. Limited openings are still available. Please call our nursery school office if you and your little one are interested in joining the fun.

Register Now For Nursery School

Nursery school registration is currently taking place for the 2000-2001 school year. We are continuing to give members priority registration and tuition discounts. We are offering two Pre-K classes, two morning three-year-old classes, and a two and a half-year-old morning class. We will be offering a wide selection of extended day enrichment classes as well. These will include: Passport to Fun, Curiosity Club, Imagination Station, Kaleidoscope Kidz, Alphabet Soup And Story Stretchers, and Rhymes And Rainbows. A computer class will also be offered as an additional option. Our school will also be offering a very extensive program for our toddler set which will include Moms & Babes, Moms & Tots, Moms & Tykes, and the Toddler Fun Club for toddlers between twenty to twenty-four months.

Call the nursery school office at
297-0295

to request an application form or
for further information.



MAZEL TOV!



Victoria Shklar - February 12th
Seth Frumkin - February 19th



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 Hempstead Plaza, 2015 Route 27. Across from Hidden Lake) or Absolutely Cleaners (Liberty Square Shopping Center in Dayton). Gallery cleaners donates over 10% of the total receipts! 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.
- ❖ It's a New Year and a sweet time to visit the Sisterhood Gift Shop. 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. Please call Deborah Spigner at 545-8457 or Theresa Samtur at 821-8163

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12

Sisterhood will be leading Saturday morning services on February 12th. If you would like to participate please contact Ellyn Scheider at 254-4909. A luncheon will follow.

February 13

We are in for a real treat on that date: Rotating Crafts – three different tables with different crafts to learn and enjoy. Absolutely no skills required. Just show up and find out how much fun these crafts can be – especially when doing them with others. Our first table will be rubber stamping and making terrific greeting cards including Jewish cards. The second craft is quilling, an art form of rolling paper into exquisite shapes. Our third craft is crocheting kepahs. We are in store for a fabulous morning -- please join us at 10:00 am and bring a donation of peanut butter and/or jelly for the local food bank.

March 1

On March 1st at 8:00 p.m. we will have a wine tasting. Our wine expert has over 20 years in the business and will speak on various kosher wines from various regions of the world. This is open to all synagogue members, and there will be nominal charge. This will be a fun and informative evening. RSVP to Caryl Greenberg at 297-3780 ore-mail caryl@home.com. The wines that we will be tasting will all be available for sale for Pesech.

March 12

This will be a morning of delectable delights as Deborah and Melissa show us how to cook a non-traditional brunch. Don't count on bagels and cream cheese this time. Learn, eat and enjoy a fabulous morning with these two culinary wizards!

April 2

On April 2nd, join us for our Woman's Seder. Mark your calendars in advance as Pesach will be here before you know it!

May 7

After all of our culinary delights, put on comfortable shoes, a light shirt and lets dance the day away. Country-line dancing is fast, fun

KADIMA CONNECTION

KADIMA DATES 2000

Mark your calendars and don't miss out on the fun!

Feb. 1 - Meeting with the Rabbi to practice for services, 7:30-9:00 at the temple

Feb. 11 - Kadima Shabbat Dinner and services, 6:15 at the temple

Feb. 19 - Regional Dance

March 10-11 - 8th grade Shabbaton

March 14 - get ready for Purim meeting

March 19 - Purim carnival

Questions? Call Michele at 438-0083

USY WINTER SCHEDULE

<i>Friday, February 4 - Sunday, February 6</i>	<i>Regional Mid Winter Convention in Manalapan</i>
Thursday, February 10 7:15pm - 8:45pm	Watch a great movie and eat lots of pizza at USY's <u>Movie and Pizza Night</u> - at B'nai Tikvah.
Thursday, February 24 7:15pm - 8:45pm	We'll be going <u>Ice Skating</u> at South Brunswick's new ice arena.
<i>Saturday, March 4</i>	<i>Regional Semi Formal Dance in East Brunswick</i>
Thursday, March 9 7:15pm - 8:45pm	Don't miss your chance to have fun and learn about Israel at our <u>Israeli Awareness</u> meeting - at B'nai Tikvah.
Sunday, March 19 10:00am - 3:00pm	It's time for our <u>Annual Purim Carnival</u> - at B'nai Tikvah.
Thursday, March 23 7:15pm - 8:45pm	Come try your luck at USY's <u>TO Casino Night</u> - at B'nai Tikvah



Don't Miss It....

**B'nai Tikvah's
Annual
Purim Carnival**

Sunday, March 19, 2000
12:00pm - 3:00pm

Come play some games, win some prizes, eat some hot dogs, knishes, and cotton candy and have lots of fun!!

Prizes include authentic professional sports memorabilia autographed by sports stars, tickets to a New Jersey Nets Game, and Much, Much More!!

Admission is Free
Tickets Cost: \$5.00 for 20 tickets
\$10.00 for
40 tickets

Sponsored by
North/South Brunswick
U.S.Y. and Kadima



CHARGE IT!

By Kim Riemann

How many of you have the B'nai Tikvah credit card? Raise your hands. . . hmm, not too many. What's keeping you? Did you know that for every dollar you charge, the synagogue receives a little more than one penny. Doesn't sound like much does it? Well, let's put it this way, if every family (not every member), charges \$5000 a year to their B'nai Tikvah Credit card, the congregation would receive almost \$30,000 at no additional cost to any single member. How are those apples? We would make our fund raising budget without even blinking. Painless philanthropy still doesn't have you convinced? Okay, check out these perks:

Frequent flyer miles. Their travel rewards program is better than most others because you only need 20,000 miles for a free ticket. Plus, you accrue certificates for \$100 off airfares for each 5000 miles. That means, if you have an airfare for \$200, you can use 10,000 miles or \$200 in certificates for a free ticket rather than the full 20,000 miles needed on other frequent flyer card programs.

No annual fee. The card is totally free

No surcharge for purchases made in a foreign country. Many charge cards now charge an additional 1 to 2 percent on top of the purchase price of any items bought in a non-U.S. Currency. This credit card does not.

Lower Annual Percentage Rate: Many frequent flyer cards charge interest rates over 17%. The B'nai Tikvah credit card charges 13.9%. Balance transfers come in at 9.9%.

A nifty picture. The credit card displays a great picture of our synagogue.

You can use this card like any other Visa. You can charge your synagogue dues, purchases at almost any store in this country, you can even pay your child's college tuition (think of the kickback the synagogue will get then). Don't make me beg. Call or e-mail me and tell me I've convinced you to get a B'nai Tikvah Visa card. My phone number is 940-4066 or you can e-mail me at kimmer99@aol.com. I'll send you an application immediately.

An Evening of Comedy & Magic

Join us at the First Annual B'nai Tikvah Comedy Night.

Money back guarantee: we will dazzle and entertain beyond anything you have ever experienced before in all of recorded history! (All right, so we won't give you your money back . . . but we know you're going to have a great time.)

Champagne, dessert and coffee included. Great door prizes too!

**Saturday, February 26th
8:00 PM in the Social Hall**

To purchase tickets, please call the synagogue office at 297-0696
or call any of the committee members for free ticket delivery:

Dan Greenberg 297-3780
Joel Rothfus 613-0613

Peter Allen 422-8766
Steve Talmud 613-4456

Steve Gorelick 940-8607
Jeff Woller 821-7941

The committee member who sells the most tickets gets to be Master of Ceremonies. Cast your vote today!

NEW BEGINNINGS

From the Administrator's Desk

By Nitsat Hadas Elami

Do you have issues regarding interfaith marriage or relationships?

Plan to join us at "New Beginnings" a Jewish support group for parents/grandparents of children in interfaith marriages/relationships, on Wednesday February 16h, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegan Lane, North Brunswick.

We have scheduled an open forum discussion on interfaith issues with special guest Barbara Fishbein LCSW. Mrs. Fishbein, the senior clinical social worker on the staff at the Rabbinic Center for Research and Counseling, is a licensed therapist who specializes in the problems and concerns faced by both the parents & children of interfaith marriages. She has just completed research involving adult children of intermarriages and their reactions to being reared in the intermarried home. This research has not yet been published.

FREE! No membership required. Refreshments served.

Just a couple of quick reminders. While working on the report of 1999 donations to the Temple, we realized that in several cases people donated the money directly to the treasurer or other Board Members. This creates a problem with our ability to give these people reports about their donations. Please make sure that you give all your donations to the Synagogue's Office. We will direct them to the appropriate location. Thank you.

Also, you can download a copy of the By Laws from the B'nai Tikvah web page. If you don't have an Internet account, you can call the synagogue office (732-297-0696) and we will mail you a copy.



SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA 2000 is coming...

Friday evening, March 31. Mark your calendars!

B'nai Tikvah will be participating in this an extraordinary event sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program.

Shabbat Across America (and Canada) is a continent wide campaign to bring people to experience the joys of Shabbat. Since it's inception, SAA has introduced 170,000 participants to Shabbat in more than 1,500 synagogues.

Join B'nai Tikvah in celebrating Shabbat Across America on Friday evening, March 31. The program will include a modified, instructional service followed by a kosher Shabbat dinner. Program begins at 6:00 pm.*

Bring the whole family and *most importantly* -- bring a friend or neighbor. Cost will be approximately \$15/person. Registration details to follow.

* Regular Friday evening services will be held at the usual time.

HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

WE'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEW

The Yelo Family

The Kessler Family

SHALACH MANOT FOR PURIM

It is a custom to send sweet treats and give tzedakah on Purim – March 20, 2000. You can order beautiful Shalach Manot (Purim Bags) containing hamantashen and other goodies and a Purim Card. Each recipient will receive ONE Purim Bag and the card will include the names of all those who contributed in their honor.

Order for synagogue members. We will call your recipient and let them know that a bag is waiting for them to pick up on Sunday, March 19, 2000 (**same day as the Purim Carnival**) from 9am until 3pm or Monday night after the Megillah reading (around 9pm)

Order for non-synagogue members. Save yourself the trouble of putting bags together yourself, let us do it for you. Just place your order and then pick up your bags to give as gifts.

Join the Golden Grogger Club. Place an order for **\$100.00**. Your name is then included on every adult gift bag that is sent to any synagogue member

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Order Deadline:	Sunday, March 5, 2000.
Adult bags:	\$5.00 each
Child bags:	\$4.00 each
Golden Grogger Club:	\$100.00

Wish to reciprocate? We will automatically send a Purim Bag to anyone who sends one to you and **bill you later**. Just check this option on your order form.

Where's my order form? It will be arriving in the mail soon. Want to get started early? Call Bobbi Binder at 274-2797 for details.

Purim is such fun. How can **I help with the Purim Bags?** Call Bobbi for more information at 274-2797 or email at argmonlady@aol.com.

"New Empty Nesters" Havurah (45+)

We would like to start a new Havurah for families whose children are college age and above. My husband Dennis, and I just became members of B'nai Tikvah and would like to get together for a Jewish Experience, once a month sharing ideas and fun with families who's children are at this special age.

If you are interested in joining, please call me, Robin Kessler 732-355-0155

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

Yartzeits:

Jack & Lucille Sondike in memory of Rae Ladimer
Fred & Gloria Landsman in memory of Isidore Landsman
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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: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

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 Discretionary
[] Prayerbook Fund [] Social Action Fund [] Other _____

Men's Club

Last month's meeting by a business and profession planner gave wonderful insight in the process of business planning and financing. This month's meeting should be interesting as well. Topic to be announced. Also upcoming, the President of the United Synagogue of New Jersey will be speaking to our group.

Sunday, February 13, 2000
Time: 10:00 am
Bagels & Lox all you can eat
Men's Club Members \$3.00
All others \$5.00

Looking forward to seeing you. Remember, it's not too late to join.

Gerry Edley, President 821-6237

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 @ 8:00 PM



**FDR, Harry Truman, and
Henry Wallace (behind the window)**

The sign on Harry Truman's desk read: The Buck Stops Here. And it did!

Totally ignored as vice president by Franklin Roosevelt, Truman suddenly became president in May, 1945. In his seven years, he

- authorized dropping the first atomic bomb
- made America the first country to recognize the State of Israel, a vital show of support
- fired the country's most popular general
- helped rebuild postwar Europe.

Bess Truman was known as the First Lady who hated Washington and mostly remained in Missouri.

Now, hear Bess and Harry talk about his rise from political hack to well-regarded president; her behind-the-scene role in HST's policymaking; their lifelong love affair.

Will and Sue Wills, who will portray the Trumans, are real-life husband-and-wife actors who tour nationally with dramatic readings of "Presidents and Their First Ladies."

7:30 PM: Minyan 8:00 – 9:30 PM: "Bess and Harry"
Congregants: \$5.00 Guests: \$7.00

A Love Story

By Albert Sway

It was in the early days of my Parents' Life (of Blessed Memory) when living was frugal. One day as my mother was preparing a lunch box for my father who was going to work, it happened that there was only one egg left in the ice-box. He insisted that she should eat the egg, as it would be good for the baby she was carrying.

As the day progressed and it was time for him to have lunch, he opened the box and there was the egg.

Adult Education Presents

Walk This Way: What's the Shortest Path from Here to There

Instructor: Rabbi David Eligberg
Dates: February 2,9,16 and 23
Time: 8:45 PM

Halacha, the term, which is translated as Jewish Law, comes from the Hebrew root meaning "to walk". Jewish law is the path we follow through life. It is designed to bring us closer to God and to live in accordance with Divine expectations.

From lost objects to industrial pollution, each week the class will focus on a different situation or set of circumstances. We will then apply the pertinent halachic material as we try to resolve the case.

Walk This Way: The Road Less Traveled

Instructor: Rabbi David Eligberg
Dates: March 1,8,15 and 22
Time: 8:45 PM

This class will explore the different layers of Halacha, Jewish Law, by following one topic through the entire decision making process. The class will follow in the footsteps of a Posek (Jewish legal decision maker) who is trying to answer a contemporary halachic question. The specific topic will be drawn from the field of biomedical ethics.

Finding the Sacred in Our Life Experiences: Exploring Jewish Values Through Stories

Instructor: Cantor Jodi M. Sered-Lever
Dates: February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1 and 8
Time: 7:45 PM

In this class we will examine stories that are Jewish, both ancient and modern, as well as secular stories from a Jewish perspective. Each week will have a particular theme such as visiting the sick or being kind to strangers. We will discuss these stories in an effort to see how our experiences have the potential to yield tremendous meaning for us and for others.

Hebrew Literacy: Levels I

Instructor: TBD
Dates: February 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
Time: 7:45 PM
Minimum: 5 students
Maximum: 15 students

Learning to read Hebrew will help you participate in the services. This knowledge of Hebrew reading can open endless opportunity to learn more about Judaism. This class will introduce you to the Jewish Alphabet and vowels.

Why is this Seder Different from All Other Seders?

Instructor: Rabbi David Eligberg
Dates: March 30 and April 6
Time: 7:45 PM

If the most frequently asked question at your seder is "When do we eat?" then these two sessions are for you. Discover some "fun"amental ways to make your Seder into a wonderful experience for everyone. Learn about the Haggadah, games and activities that you can incorporate and songs, both new and old. Preparing for Pesach can be a huge challenge so let us help you.

Tikkun Lel Shavuot: Wait for the Midnight Hour?

Instructor: Rabbi David Eligberg, Cantor Jodi M. Sered-Lever, and selected others
Dates: June 8
Time: 8:00 PM to Midnight
Other: Includes meal (we must have final count by May 15)

On Pesach we stay up late into the night asking questions and retelling the story of Exodus. On Shavuot we stay up late studying the answers to the questions and exploring the mysterious events which took place at Mt. Sinai when God manifested the Divine Presence to the Jewish People.

A Twice Told Tale of Slavery and Redemption

Instructor: Rabbi Eliezer Diamond
Dates: March 23
Time: 7:45 PM

Presented by the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Central New Jersey Hereld Institute (which is sponsored in part through the generosity of the Hereld Family).

Kim's Kitchen

Wow, it's been a while since I've written one of these but I decided , since I had a little bit of extra space, to give it a try again. So, I pulled out my calendar to find a Jewish holiday during the month of February (or Adar if you go by the Jewish calendar) and to my surprise, other than Shabbat, I couldn't find one. We have so many holidays, imagine my surprise when I found I'd have no theme for this recipe, but I would not give up. I gave it another ten seconds of thought, and decided on Chocolate Chip Mandel Bread. After all, what else do you have to do on these cold snowy days but bake cookies. This is a nice change from your basic toll house. I hope you enjoy it.

Chocolate Chip Mandel Bread

3 Eggs
1 Cup Sugar
3/4 Cup Oil
2 Teaspoons baking powder
3 Cups Flour (heaping – that is, don't level them too much)
1 Teaspoon Vanilla
8 Ounces Chocolate Chips

1. Preheat oven to 350
2. Mix egg, sugar oil and vanilla well.
3. Add flour and baking powder gradually.
4. Make into 4 loaves (like biscotti) about 8" long and 3 inches wide on a greased baking sheet.
5. Bake 1/2 hour
6. Slice crosswise and bake another 30 minutes.

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 February 13 – Sisterhood Meeting
 Men's Club Meeting
 February 16 – New Beginnings Meeting
 February 24 – USY Ice Skating
 February 26 – Bet Class Havdalah Service
 Comedy Night

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