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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,

There is a woman I have met, who happens to be from my hometown in Chicago. Her name is Debbie Perlman, and she has a very keen sense of her surroundings both physical and emotional. You see, Debbie composes her own Psalms. While we do not disregard the traditional Psalms from the Bible, we may glean a lot from her perspective on various things. She writes very elegantly about different situations.

At this time of year, spring is in the air. We are settling in to this welcome weather. Not long after Pesah is over we celebrate the beginning of the month of Iyar. We are counting the days from Pesah to Shavuot with Sefirat HaOmer, the counting of the Omer. What Debbie Perlman teaches us is that this time of year is one of renewal for us, both physically and spiritually. I share her Psalm Eighty-Four entitled Rosh Hodesh Iyar:

In the long walk of spring,
You take us toward our obligations,
Sudden chill rains reminding us
Of intangible warmth at this season.

Awaken us, O Eternal to burgeoning wisdom,
To tasks we will learn to perform.
Awaken our hearts to sing to You
The melodies that our people are creating.

In the long walk of spring,
Turn our eyes to one another,
Clearing the path ahead, steadying us
As we walk toward matured beginnings.

You have taken us from slavery to new destinies,
Even as You reawaken the earth to growing;
You have started us on a righteous path,
Even as You challenge us with new duties.

Awaken us, O Eternal, to Iyar,
The month beyond beginnings,
The month of learning and telling,
The month of new discoveries.

May all the melodies we create, both in this season and always be sweet, beautiful, and meaningful for us, and for God.

B'shalom,
Hazzan Jodi M. Sered-Lever

PALESTINIAN/JEWISH DISCUSSION ON PEACE IS AREA "FIRST"

In a meaningful "first for central New Jersey, representatives of the Palestinian Authority and American Jewish community spoke on the same program--and B'nai Tikvah hosted.

More than 275 concerned people attended, including several members of this area's mosque and our congregation. They heard, and seriously questioned, Dr. M. Nasser Al-Kidwa, Palestinian Ambassador to the United Nations, and Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations. Both speakers agreed that:

- an official peace between Israel and the Palestinian Authority will be achieved;
- it will happen sooner or rather than later;
- many "stops and starts" still lie ahead;
- "Jerusalem as capital" is the most difficult issue;
- person-by-person acceptance of peace could take a generation, requiring a change in what children are taught in school and at home.

B'nai Tikvah benefited greatly from a lot of publicity surrounding the event. We were mentioned prominently in pre-publicity, printed in many area publications, which had been sent by our volunteer Publicity Chairperson Bette Koffler and by Federation. Generous coverage of the program appeared afterward in the Star-Ledger, Jewish Star, and Jewish State.



Speakers Say We Can live Together in Peace, If . . .
(L): Dr. Nasser M. Al-Kidwa and (R) Malcom Hoenlein



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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

—by Ann Kanarek—

As the school year comes to a close, it is gratifying to look back at all that our students have learned and accomplished. It is thanks to our devoted group of teachers that all of our students have had such a successful year.

Teaching is crucial to the Jewish future and without our teachers Judaism would quickly evaporate. As we mark the end of the school year, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and efforts of our teachers. Many thanks to our esteemed faculty:

Deborah Cohen
Jeffrey Cohen
Joel Cohen
Rabbi David M. Eligberg
Abigail Edley
Phyllis Edley
Simon Feil

Gina Giuffre
Erica Gross
Brian Grossman
David Kanarek
Marshall Lesack
Aaron Lever
Bruce Rockman

Melanie Rodgers
Cantor Jodi Sered-Lever
Avi Slivko
Stacy Thompson
Kfir Weinraub
Carol Winter
Miriam Ziegler

On behalf of the faculty and school, I would like to thank the parents for all your support and, most especially, for giving us the pleasure of working with your children.



Religious School Faculty

THANK YOU TO OUR CHAI SCHOOL TEENS

The Toranim (our High School aides) have been excellent role models for our younger children. You can find them around on a Sunday morning or midweek afternoons either in the school Office or in a classroom. They have been a wonderful asset to our staff, helping in every capacity. I am really proud of the high level of commitment demonstrated by these fine young people. Despite the complexities of their busy schedules, its wonderful to see how seriously our Toranim take their roles in our school. Our Toranim provide our Congregation with a genuine source of pride and joy. This year's Toranim are:

Emily Alpert
Maya Behar
Maoz Brown
Justin Cohen
Scott Edley

Hannah Ehrlich
Sara Goldstein
Allison Gordon
Jessica Halpern
Steven Halpern

Gabe Harkov
Brian Hirsh
Stacy Kasdin
Sari Kaufman
Jordana Koffler

Audrey Levine
Allie Nudelman
Erin Marx
Amy Schneider
Rachel Wolf

Thank you to Vice President of School and Youth, Kim Reimann and Religious Education Co-Chairpersons, Lisa Tannenbaum and Janice Baer and their committee for their encouragement and efforts all year. Many thanks to all the subcommittees for helping us to make our Shabbat dinners and other holiday celebrations special.

Religious School Reminders:

Friday, May 12: Hei Class Siyum and Chai School Graduation, 7:30PM

Saturday, May 13: Dalet Class Shabbat Service, 9:30AM and Luncheon, 12:30PM

Sunday, May 14: Gimel Class Mock Wedding Ceremony, 11:30AM

Tuesday, May 15 & Wednesday, May 16: Yom Ha'Atmaut celebration with Israeli Folk Dancer, Sarah Alter

Friday, May 19: Bet Class Shabbat Dinner, 6:30PM and Service to follow, 8:00PM

Sunday, May 21: Chai School Breakfast with the Rabbi/ **LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Religious School Report continued on page 4

SPECIAL GRADUATION SERVICES, Friday, May 12, 7:30PM Hei Class Siyum (7th Grade Class Commencement) Service

On Friday, May 12, we will have an opportunity to celebrate with our Hei class at their siyum service. This special service marks the completion of one segment of our students' Jewish education here at B'NAI TIKVAH, and the beginning of another, the CHAI School program.

This is an exciting event for which our seventh graders have been eagerly working. As a culmination of their studies, students will be sharing Jewish rituals that are particularly meaningful to them. The theme this year is how we learn and live Judaism. Their play "Open Up Our Eyes, Teach Us How to Live" beautifully explains how each one of us can be a better person and a proud Jew.

Please join us as our hei students "graduate" from Hebrew School and share their service with the congregation.

**Congregation B'NAI TIKVAH
extends heartfelt good wishes
to the members of the 2000 Religious Hei (7th grade) Class**

CHAI SCHOOL GRADUATION

Following several years after Bar/Bat Mitzvah (in our Congregation, graduation is celebrated in 11th grade), our students graduate from Chai School. This ceremony affirms one's commitment to the study, observance, and practice of our tradition. We will celebrate our class' graduation on Friday, May 12, 7:30PM. Our graduates will lead a creative service that they have prepared. This promises to be a very special service and memorable experience. Our students will each read poetry and selected readings that they have put together for a very beautiful service. We hope that many of you will join us as we congratulate this year's graduation class.

We offer Mazal Tov to this year's "CHAI" School graduates:

Steven Halpern
Rachel Kane
Stacy Kasdin
Jordana Koffler

We look forward to seeing them continue their activity in Temple life.

Graduations

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Save the Date – August 26, 2000

B'nai Tikvah is going to honor families who have been members for 18 years.

We invite all temple members to join us for "Chai Shabbat" services followed by a luncheon, details to follow.

A memory book is being organized. If anyone has a funny story, a serious story or anything they would like to share with the congregation please send it to G. Fishelberg, 22 Chipper Drive Kendall Park, NJ 08824 or to the Synagogue Office

HOW WE DOING?

While we're proud of our synagogue and its programs, we are always looking for ways to improve. Help us identify areas in which we can do even better. Call any Board member with your suggestions (Phone numbers can be found on page 23).

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ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION!

Come join us for an Israel Independence celebration commemorating the fifty-second anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish State.

Odessa Klezmer Orchestra under the direction of Ed Goldberg will perform in concert at Congregation B'nai Tikvah on Wednesday, **May 10, 2000** at 8:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. Admission - \$5.00 per person

Please respond by either calling the temple office (732) 297-0696 or Joel Gerbman at (732) 937-5114. We would like to have responses on or before May 5, 2000, along with your checks.

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EYE EXAMS BY APPOINTMENT

SECURITY ALERT

In the coming weeks and months steps will be taken to further secure our facility. Though these improvements will involve some inconvenience, it is an important step that we feel is needed. The improvements that are to be made will have the capability of monitoring who is going in and out of the building. In addition, it will allow people in various locations to monitor who is at the door, before they are allowed into the building.

Before taking this step there has been many hours spent in discussion with all branches of the synagogue, as well as congregants. In the end, we have designed a system that will allow access to the building while providing the security and accountability that is sorely needed.

Work is to begin very shortly with the goal being to have the system operational shortly. As with any new system, there will be bugs. I will assure that I will do the best that I can to have them worked out as quickly as possible.

In the end, should people begin to disrupt the system because they feel it is to much of an inconvenience, it will not only jeopardize our safety, but will have wasted the thousands of dollars that we are about to spend to make our synagogue safer.

Thank You,
Ben Shapiro

Men's Club



In honor of Mother's Day, the Men's Club is postponing its May meeting so that we can cater to the complete needs and wishes of our wives. In case that doesn't work out, our June meeting will feature Marsha Platt Hefler, LCSW, noted marriage counselor and sex therapist, to help pick up the pieces.

Next meeting:
Sunday, June 11, 2000
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Breakfast - Bagels & Lox - all you can eat
Men's Club Members \$3.00, Guests \$4.00

Looking forward to seeing you.

Gerry Edley, President 821-6237



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Nursery School News

by Fran Pearlson

Spring has arrived at the JCC nursery school even though we were caught off guard with a flurry of April snowflakes. Our children are once again running, jumping, and just enjoying our outdoor play equipment. They are all actively involved exploring, creating, discovering, and learning about springtime.

May's Highlights

- Mother's Day Plant Sale & Fundraiser
- Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration & parade
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Mother's Day Celebration
- Lag B'Omer School Picnic
- Congregation B'Nai Tikvah & JCC Nursery School Memorial Day Picnic

Looking Ahead...

A limited number of openings are still available in our nursery for September.

Mommy and Me registration will take place starting May 1, 2000.

We will offer:

⇒ Moms & Babes	day TBA	3-12 months
⇒ Moms & Tykes	Wednesday	12-18 months
⇒ Moms & Tykes	Mon. or Fri	18-24 months
⇒ Toddler Fun Club	Tues. & Thurs.	24-30 months
⇒ Toddler Fun Cub	Mon. pm	24-30 months

Please call the nursery school office at 297-0295 for registration information.

Temple members will continue to receive priority registration and discounted tuition rates.

New for Fall of 2000!

Afternoon kindergarten enrichment class for children attending half-day morning kindergarten. Choose between 1-5 afternoons.



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 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. The Sisterhood gift shop has beautiful and educational items for sale. We have gifts for most occasions. Please call Deborah Spigner at 545-8457 or Theresa Samtur at 821-8163

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7

This is sisterhoods last program for the year and we are hoping to make it unforgettable. Country line dancing is fun, fast (easy on your knees) and fabulous! Be there or be square! No prior knowledge of line dancing required.

SPECIAL FUND-RAISING DEAL!

There's no such thing as a free lunch! Well, maybe not, but there is a terrific opportunity to save money!

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When: Sunday, May 28th 1:00-4:00 p.m.
(No Rain Date)

Where: Reichler Park, South Brunswick

Cost: \$4.00 per child and \$8.00 per adult
Includes food, beverages, games, and entertainment!

Please RSVP to the synagogue office by 5/17/00

* Make checks payable to: Congregation B'nai Tikvah *

Yes, my family will attend the picnic (please indicate the number of children and adults)

___ Children ___ Adults Amount Enclosed: \$ ___

We would like to know your food preference. Please indicate below the food your family would like to eat and approximately how many of each they will have.

___ hamburgers ___ hot dogs ___ turkey burgers ___ veggie burgers

Name: _____

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Redecorating?



Save your stuff for the
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B'NAI TIKVAH BOOK CLUB

SPRING INTO READING!!!!

The next book club meeting will be Tuesday, June 6 at 8 PM in the Synagogue Library, discussing "Strange Haven: A Jewish Childhood in Wartime Shanghai" by Sigmund Tobias (Pub: April 1999)

Future discussion dates and books are:

Tuesday, August 8 (Synagogue Library - 8pm): "Dancing on the Edge of the World" by Miriyam Glazer (Pub: February 2000) This is a collection of short stories and poems. Each participant will lead a discussion of a particular story or poem (or just listen and discuss).

Tuesday, October 4 (Meeting place to be determined): "Resistance" by Anita Shreve.

Tuesday, December 5 (Synagogue Library - 8pm): Discussion book to be determined.

All are welcome! Come read with us! The discussions are very lively, informative and enjoyable. Any questions contact Deborah Spigner 732-545-8457.

Remember if you plan to purchase any of these books they are available through Barnes & Noble, just sign into the B'nai Tikvah website and "go shopping" - Barnes & Noble will credit a percentage to B'nai Tikvah - what an easy fundraiser!!!!

KADIMA CONNECTION

MAY/JUNE 2000

(Questions, call Michele at 438-0083)

-SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2000 2:30-4:00, \$5.00

Mini Golf at Tara Greens, Rt. 27, Somerset. We will meet at the golf course. In case of rain, event will be postponed.

-FRIDAY, MAY 19-SUNDAY, MAY 21

Regional Weekend at the Fallsview in Ellenville, NY. Pre-registration was required.

-TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2000 7:30-9:00 at the temple

Model Magic, building with clay. Come make a sculpture and decorative beads with your friends.

-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2000 7:30-9:00 at the temple

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**FINAL EVENT OF THE 99-00 KADIMA YEAR! A TRIP TO BE ANNOUNCED!
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USY SPRING SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 7 1:00pm - 4:00pm	Take me out to the ballgame when USY goes to see the <u>Somerset Patriots Baseball</u> Team in Bridgewater.
Saturday, May 13	<i>Regional Closing Dance</i>
Thursday, May 18 7:15pm - 9:00pm	Come have fun while learning to protect yourself at USY's <u>Self Defense Night</u> - at B'nai Tikvah.
Sunday, June 4 11:00am - 5:00pm	<u>Bagels, Elections and a Broadway Show</u> will end USY's awesome year.
Sunday, June 11	<i>Regional Great Adventure Day</i>

Don't miss *THE MAIN EVENT*

The Main Event, presented by the Jewish Federation's Women's Division, will be the highlight of the spring season. Judith Viorst, best selling author, will be the featured speaker on Monday evening May 15th at Congregation B'nai Tikvah. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a wonderful evening with friends, take pleasure in a delicious dinner and be enlightened by our terrific speaker.

Ms. Viorst was born and raised in New Jersey and received a B.A. in history, Phi Beta Kappa, from Rutgers University and in 1981 graduated from the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute. Her book, "Necessary Losses", on the New York Times Best Seller list for almost two years, and its companion volume "Imperfect Control", deal with important issues that we all struggle with at some time in our lives. Her most recent publication, "You're Officially a Grown-Up" explores – in verse and illustrations – "all those terrifying but eagerly anticipated freedoms that go hand in hand with venturing out on your own and trying to make your way in the world". In addition, her accomplishments include twelve children's books, eight collections of poems for adults, five books of prose and twenty-five years of columns for Redbook Magazine.

Elaine Silberstein, Main Event chairperson, and her committee have planned a spectacular evening! The festivities include dinner and the program for a couvert of \$55. A minimum pledge of \$150 to the Federation's 2000 campaign is required to attend. All Federation gifts are used to help support Jewish individuals and families in our own community and worldwide.

To receive an invitation or for more information, please call Andrea Alexander, Women's Division Director, at the Federation office, (732) 432-7711 ext. 28. Many thanks to Summit Bank for their corporate sponsorship of this year's Main Event.

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

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MAZEL TOV!

May B'nai Mitzvah



May 6 - Brad Barksdale
May 27 - Joshua Baer
Also Mazel Tov to Molly Herman whose
Bat Mitzvah was April 8



Dear B'nai Tikvah Religious School families,

On behalf of the Dalet class, I would like to thank you for your generous support during our collection for the American Red Cross Friendship Box Program. The Dalet students were excited to organize this school wide program. I am pleased to report that we were able to fill 120 boxes for the American Red Cross.

When we finished filling the boxes, I asked the students to take a few moments to write some of their thoughts about our class mitzvah project. I am including some of their responses below:

"After doing this mitzvah, I felt really good. I realized that in doing this I would help people and bring hope back to them. Also doing this it makes me aware of all of the things people lost."

"In doing this mitzvah, the most interesting thing I learned was how to work together with my classmates to achieve a common goal. When we worked together collecting stuff to use, I realized that none of us could have done all of this alone. Together we can all achieve more. This mitzvah made me more aware of how much people in disaster zones, homeless shelters and other places of need don't have. They don't whine to their parents for Pokeman cards or Barbie dolls. They just are happy receiving a box of basic items. We are lucky. We have everything we need to live comfortably and healthily."

"Doing this mitzvah made me see how much is needed in the world. It also made me feel good inside. I really enjoyed making the boxes. I had a great time."

"During this mitzvah, I felt like I was really doing something - really making a difference. At first, I thought we were going to donate expensive items that so many people don't have. But, when we started collecting soap and toothbrushes, I learned how poor some people are and how much I can help."

"This mitzvah made me more aware of the needs of some people. There are basic items that everybody takes for granted that some people don't have. For example, some people don't have pencils, tissues, toothbrushes, etc. You may not care if you break a pencil or rip a tissue, but it may mean a lot to somebody else."

In doing this mitzvah, the most important thing I learned was that many people are not as fortunate as I am. All of the people who participated did a great job and were very helpful. This project made me think twice about the poor."

Thanks again for participating in our mitzvah project and helping to give our students a positive Jewish experience, which they will remember for a lifetime.

B'shalom,
Aaron M. Lever
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UPDATE ON HATE CRIMES

"Hate Crimes: Here and Elsewhere, Then and Now," will be our topic Thursday, May 4, 8:00 PM, in the sanctuary.

Our speaker will be the chief law enforcement officer of Middlesex County, Prosecutor Glenn Berman. His office, for example, was involved in the recent case of the desecration of Jewish cemeteries in Woodbridge. His prosecutorial responsibilities also encompass murder, child abuse, sex crimes, burglary, narcotics, and all other crimes.

In addition to providing information, perspective, and comparisons between hate crimes locally and in other areas, Berman also will be glad to answer your questions.

Admission is free to congregants and to community residents.



Glen Berman was sworn in as the Middlesex County Prosecutor just over two years ago. Prior to this important post, he had been a Superior Court Judge for nine years, sitting in the Family, Special Civil and Criminal Parts. In addition, Prosecutor Berman has been a South River Councilman, a Special Prosecutor and Township Attorney for other towns in Middlesex County, and a general-practice lawyer. He and his family now live in East Brunswick.



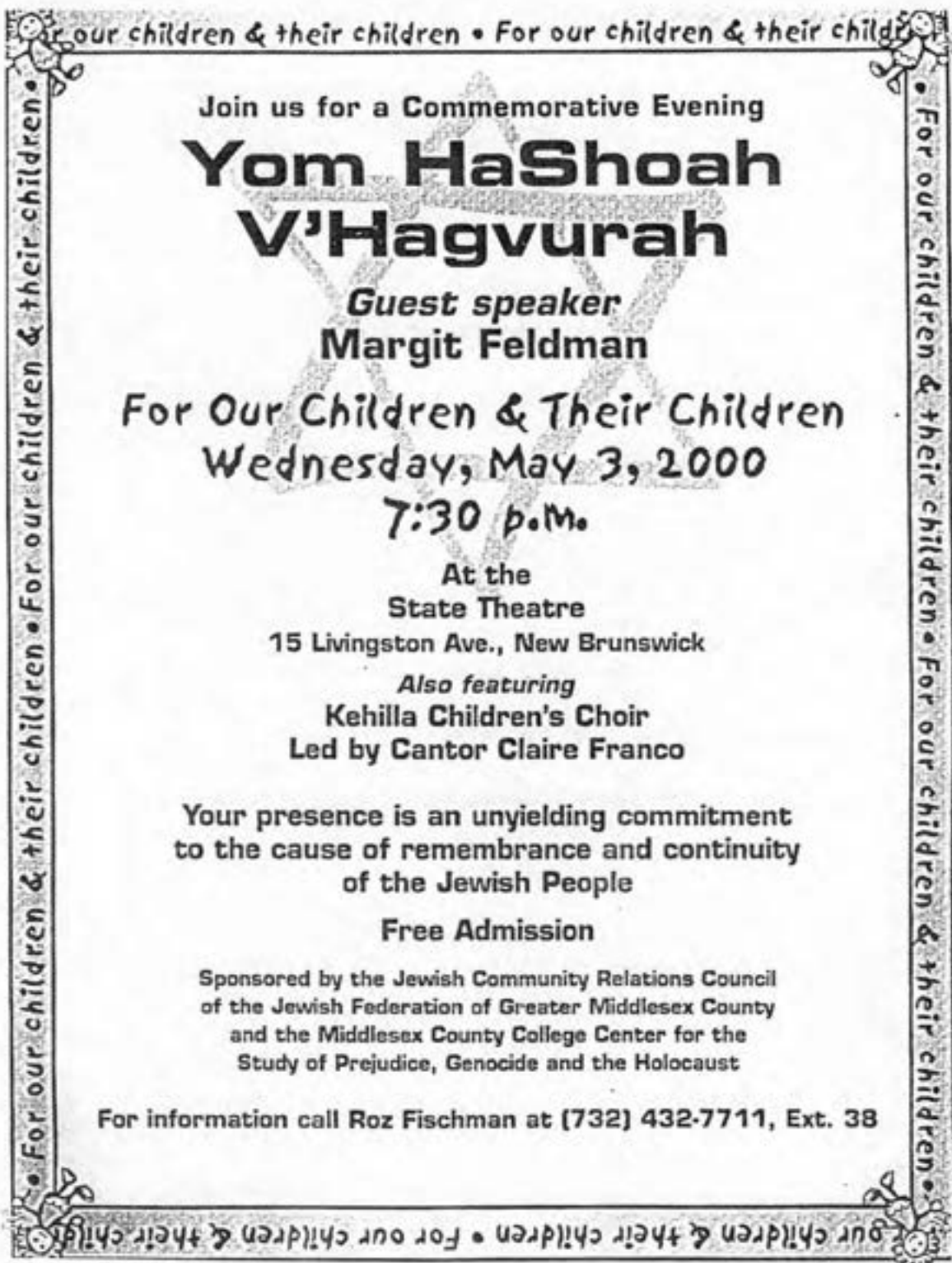
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**WHITE WATER
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On the Delaware River

Ages: 4 - 100

Date: Sunday, June 11, 2000

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The Israel Task Force of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County

Invites you to celebrate
Yom Ha'Aztnaut

Israel Independence Day

on
Tuesday, May 9, 2000

at
East Brunswick Jewish Center
511 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick

Dinner and program 6:30 PM
Entertainment 8:15 PM



Arik Wollheim is graduating this year from his studies of music and opera in New York. His concert work includes the Israeli Military Choir, Israeli Defense Army, Yuval Ensemble and the Miami Symphony Orchestra, Jerusalem 3000 celebration in Tel Aviv and the Israeli Independence Day 50th Anniversary in New York City. Arik is the recipient of many awards and scholarships. He also performs as a guest cantor all over the country.

Admission - Adults \$10.00, children (to age 15) - \$6.00

Reservations required. Please send checks made payable to JFGMC to Yom Ha'Aztnaut - Jewish Federation, 230 Old Bridge Tpke., South River, NJ 08882 or call Roz at (732) 432-7711 ext 38.

Co-sponsors: Congregation Ahavas Achim, Congregation Anshe Eretz of South River, Congregation Beth Ohr, Congregation B'nai Tikvah, Congregation Nave Shalom, East Brunswick Jewish Center, Highland Park Conservative Temple & Center, Monroe Township Jewish Center, Temple Beth Ohr, Temple B'nai Shalom, & Temple Beth Shalom.



28 Iyar - May 9-10, 2000
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Israel fills us with pride. Many of us can recall when there was neither a flag to hoist nor a land to claim as our own. For others, Israel has been a living, breathing reality, for we have grown up as she has. At this time, all of us reflect on the meaning of Israel in our lives:

- For the ingathering of our people from all corners of the world,
Doyeinu
- For the rebuilding of the Jewish homeland and reclaiming the land of Eretz Yisrael,
Doyeinu
- For absorbing the survivors of the Holocaust,
Doyeinu
- For the strength and security Israel provides to Jews in need,
Doyeinu
- For integrating the Jews from Europe, Africa, Asia, America Ashkenazim and Sefaradim,
Doyeinu
- For the rejuvenation of art and poetry, music and dance, drama and literature,
Doyeinu
- For the growth of Jewish wisdom and knowledge, enlightening all of us in God's ways,
Doyeinu
- For creating hope for peace anew and illuminating the vision of a better world,
Doyeinu
- For enabling Torah once more to go forth from the Land of Zion and the word of God from Jerusalem,
Doyeinu

May our support for Israel at this time of her 52nd anniversary be boundless and overflowing with love.

Prepared by United Jewish Communities Rabbinic Cabinet
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The next HaKol deadline is **June 10th**. I look forward to hearing from you. It will be distributed by **July 15**. You can leave articles in the HaKol mailbox in the synagogue office or e-mail them to Hakol@aol.com.

MAY/JUNE EVENTS

- May 04 – Glen Berman – Hate Crimes Discussion
- May 07 – Sisterhood Country Line Dancing, Kadima, USY
- May 10 – Odessa Klezmer Orchestra
- May 12 – Hei class and Chai School Graduation
- May 15 – Main Event
- May 18 – USY Meeting
- May 21 – Last Day Religious School
- May 23 – Kadima Meeting
- May 28 – Synagogue Picnic
- June 04 – Bond Breakfast, USY Meeting
- June 06 – Book Club Meeting
- June 07 – Kadima Meeting
- June 11 – Men's Club, White Water Rafting
- June 18 – Garage Sale
- June 19 – Garage Sale

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