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THANK YOU

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who attended the Israel Bond Breakfast. It was so wonderful seeing so many individuals show their support for Israel. We'd also like to thank all of the organizers of the event. You did a fantastic job! Finally, we'd like to remind everyone there's still time to purchase bonds if you haven't already; contact Larry Cohen at (732) 821-4376. We thank you again for a wonderful morning.

Suse & Walter Rosenstock

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

By Mitchell Frankin

As I begin my term as President of our Congregation, I have taken a few moments to look back at not only why I became involved in our Board of Trustees and what my involvement has been, but also to look forward to where I feel we will be going over the next few years. As with anything that happens in our "post-children" lives, although my family and I have been members for more than 12 years, my real introduction to B'nai Tikvah came as a result of my daughter Lauren's Bat Mitzvah preparations three years ago. For those of you who do not know, Lauren is hearing impaired and although she is mainstreamed in the South Brunswick school system, the challenge of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah would probably have been insurmountable without someone stepping forward to provide her with the additional tutoring that she needed. It was at this time that my family was contacted by Jeff Schwartz who was President at the time and offered to work with Lauren. How and why he contacted us, we still do not know, but over the next two months Jeff spent many hours working with Lauren which culminated with us practically living together for the last week. Her Bat Mitzvah was an unbelievable experience thanks to Jeff's help and support. At the service, you could hear a pin drop in the Sanctuary when Lauren recited her Haftorah perfectly. As fate had it, this was also the time of the year when the Nominating Committee was working to fill the slate for the coming year. My wife Arlene and I were contacted a few weeks later by Jeff to see if either one of us would be interested in being nominated. Since my wife has been actively involved in the National Council of Jewish Women for many years (and currently serves on the National Board) and I have only been involved in trade organizations, she was more than happy to offer my services.

Having been elected to the Board, I then began to attend the monthly Board meetings and began to realize that although the heart of our Synagogue is in our religious services, this is only a part of what makes us a Congregation. I began to learn about the many other groups which worked together in their own areas of interest, all with a common bond: wanting their families to be part of our Jewish heritage and identity and to have the opportunity to associate with people who have the same desire. I also realized that everyone's definition of this identity is different. While some Congregants come for the services on a regular basis, others come only on the Holidays or come to Synagogue to be a part of one of the multitude of groups and committees. This diversity in our membership I find to be the real strength of our Congregation and why the original founders of our Synagogue had the foresight to name us, "Congregation B'nai Tikvah" the "Jewish Community Center of North and South Brunswick."

From the Rabbi's Desk

By Rabbi David Mark Eligberg



Daven Under the Stars, Reach for the Heavens

In the sixteenth century, in the small community of Tsfat (Safed), nestled cozily on a mountainside in northern Israel, there flourished a group of Jewish mystics. This group, led by the Ari, Rabbi Isaac Luria, bequeathed to us a rich legacy, the most familiar of which is Kabbalat Shabbat.

Dressed in white, the Ari and his followers would go out into the fields surrounding their town to welcome Shabbat as it arrived. The beauty of the landscape, highlighted by the burnt amber rays of the setting sun, inspired them to recite Psalms and hymns in praise of God. Shabbat, personified as either a queen or bride, was greeted with rejoicing and celebration. The confluence of the setting sun, the harmonious singing the ethereal quality of twilight and the arrival of a longed for guest, Shabbat, gave the white clad mystics a glimpse into the Divine realm. Shabbat was a portal through which they could move closer to the Holy One.

To experience some of the awe and mystery surrounding the arrival of Shabbat into our lives we will try to emulate our ancestors and capture a sacred moment. For the months of July and August, our regular Friday evening service will be held outside, in the courtyard off of the Kiddush Room, beginning at 8:00 PM.

In addition, the Hazzan will be teaching some new melodies that have been introduced in various congregations across the country and beyond. These additional melodies will add rungs to our ladder of prayer that bring us closer to the Holy One.

Please join us as we pray under the stars. The Oneg Shabbat will follow in the Kiddush Room. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary at 8:00 PM.

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HAZZAN'S VOICE

By Hazzan Jodi Sered-Lever

Dear Friends,

The last number of weeks has been a particularly exciting time since our last correspondence in HaKol.

At the end of May, I was in Detroit, MI for the 53rd Annual Cantors Assembly Convention. Over three hundred hazzanim converged for this fabulous event. The sessions were most worthwhile. Dr. Lawrence Hoffman gave a lecture entitled "Looking for God in the Year 2000." Dr. Ron Wolfson spoke on the Synagogue 2000 program, which is a project that seeks to strengthen and revitalize synagogue communities. Both scholars emphasized that the hazzan is crucial to the success of the synagogue of the 21st century.

Hazzan Sol Zim presented "A New Musical Siddur for Shabbat." This session included new original compositions of congregational melodies by Hazzan Zim himself. I also sang as part of an octet that presented new publications in cantorial music. In addition, I had the opportunity to add materials to my Judaic library. I look forward to sharing my findings, both musical and non-musical, with you in the coming months.

I also had the distinct pleasure to direct members of the Makhela in a performance at the Central New Jersey Choral Festival. Our choir had an opportunity to perform for a number of choirs at the Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple. We were also able to hear the beautiful Jewish music of other groups in our community. It was a most enjoyable and educational afternoon.

B'shalom,
Hazzan Jodi M. Sered-Lever



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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

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

Suggestions for Summer Jewish Learning

Although formal Jewish education for the children in our Religious School is at a hiatus until September, there are many things that you can do "Jewishly" that are educational, interesting and lots of fun. Here are some Jewish learning opportunities:

- ❖ While on vacation, search out the local synagogue wherever you might be.
- ❖ Visit a Jewish museum in any city that you are visiting or visit either the New York Jewish Museum on 92nd Street, The Jewish Heritage Museum in Lower Manhattan or The Jewish Museum in Philadelphia adjacent to Independence Mall.
- ❖ Check out the Jewish book section in your local bookstore, or in the Public Library.
- ❖ Browse through our own Temple Library and check out a few books on topics that you'd like to know more about.
- ❖ Buy a new Jewish cookbook and experiment with a recipe you've been meaning to try.
- ❖ Research your family history and make a family tree--see how many generations back you can go.
- ❖ If a child in your family is approaching Bar/Bat Mitzvah, complete the 13 Mitzvot Program: The Bridges of Mitzvot County.
- ❖ Polish up your Hebrew and prayers.
- ❖ Do a Mitzvah at least once a week.
- ❖ Rent a movie of Jewish interest.
- ❖ Eat at an Israeli restaurant.

And, above all, whatever your family's plans for summer, I hope that it will be relaxing and enjoyable.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer!

AN UPDATE ON RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Even as we are all enjoying this relaxing season, work at the synagogue goes on as Religious School programs are being planned and registration is underway. You have already received your registration forms. If you have not yet registered, please fill out the forms and return them as soon as possible. A complete Religious School packet containing class assignments, the Religious School Calendar/Handbook and other information will be sent to **REGISTERED STUDENTS ONLY** later in the summer.

Please note, Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade will be offered one session only on SUNDAYS.

KINDERGARTEN will be held in the **EARLY SESSION (9:00 AM -10:25AM) ONLY.**

FIRST GRADE will be held in the **EARLY SESSION (9:00 AM -10:25 AM) ONLY.**

SECOND GRADE will be held in the **LATE SESSION (10:40 AM -12:05 PM) ONLY.**

Make Reading A Part of Your Summer!

Now that school activities are winding down and you are vacationing and relaxing a little, I would like to suggest that reading be part of your summer.

Why don't you get a head start on our author for Jewish Book Month in November...**DAVID ADLER**. Mr. Adler will be visiting our school on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13** between 4 PM - 6 PM. He is the acclaimed author of more than a hundred books, including *The Many Troubles of Andy Russell* and the popular *Cam Jansen* mystery series. Among David Adler's books are many award winning Jewish interest books. They include:

A Picture Book of Anne Frank

Chanukah in Chelm

Hilde and Eli, Children of the Holocaust

Jewish Holiday Fun

One Yellow Daffodil

Our Golda: The Story Golda Meir

The Number on My Grandfather's Arm

We Remember the Holocaust

HAPPY READING!!

Religious School Report continued on page 4

B'nai Tikvah's Tzedakah Program

Teaching our students about the mitzvah of giving is very exciting. This Jewish value of tzedakah involves the whole child, heart, mind, and body, and it's a wonderful concept to teach our children. At a young age, they have a need to believe that the world is fair and just and giving tzedakah fits into their view of the world. Our children have learned that even a small amount of money can make a difference in the quality of someone's life. As small links join to form a strong chain, so little donations combine to form a large total of good.

Our Religious School children, along with their teachers, made tzedakah part of their program. I am pleased to announce that all classes made giving on a weekly basis a priority. At the end of the year, they seriously thought about the organizations that would benefit from their donations. We are happy to have the great privilege, z'chut, to give our tzedakah to the following organizations:

Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Jewish Braille Institute, Central New Jersey Home for the Jewish Aged, Save the Rainforest Foundation, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Make-A-Wish Foundation, CHAI: Concern and Help for Animal in Israel, CAJE: Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education.

The term tzedakah embraces not only the material help provided through financial assistance, it also includes all acts of kindness. In the broadest sense, it expresses the Jewish ethic of righteousness. In an effort to continue to share and help in a meaningful way over the summer, consider a few suggestions:

- Collect cans of food for our food drive.
- Buy, repair, or send toys to children in hospitals.
- Visit the Central New Jersey Home for the Jewish Aged.
- Volunteer in the Synagogue Office or School Office.



Graduations

Want to mark that special occasion?

Why not sponsor a Kiddush or Oneg Shabbat?

For information please call Tammy Zimmerman at:
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Cost: \$136 each*
*Co-sponsoring available

Birthdays

Namings

Anniversaries

"Just Because"

B'NAI TIKVAH BULLETIN BOARD

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

Next Bowling Season (Sept.-May)

Carolier Lanes just spent 3 million dollars to redo their lanes and scoreboards. We're negotiating now to have a "guaranteed league", which means, we will be assured of an on-time start with lanes that are "in condition" for league play. This is strictly a "social league" (but were not telling them that). It's being scheduled for the 4th Saturday evening of each month, with the exception of September due to Selihot.

Gary Bergman 246-7285 Bowling@BnaiTikvah.org

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bill Greenberg for chairing the Garage Sale fundraiser. The exceptional organizational skills and abilities Bill demonstrated coupled with a generous donation of his time was greatly appreciated. As a direct result of Bill's efforts, funds were raised that are critically important to our budget!

Jodi Marcou
Vice President, Ways & Means

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH

All congregants should have a copy of the constitution and by-laws in their possession. Please note that at the June congregation meeting amendments were approved to these documents. If you are in need of a copy, please contact the office or visit the web site.

ATTENTION!!!

At the beginning of July, we will replace all the entrance locks and the alarm codes at the Synagogue. If you need a key and a code, please see Hadas at the Synagogue office.



Thank you to Federation and the Jewish Star for all the help and publicity they provided with our Palestinian/Jewish Dialogue program in April. Not only did they help with the organization and publicity for this event but the Jewish Star provided the pictures of Dr. Nasser M Al-Kidwa and Malcolm Hoelin featured in the May issue of HaKol. We look forward to many successful joint efforts in the future.

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JUNIOR CONGREGATION AWARDS

By Barry Safeer

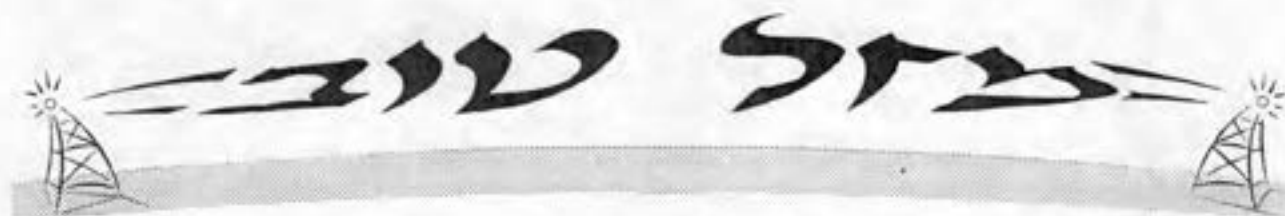
It is my pleasure to announce the following children who received Junior Congregation's highest award: Excellent Attendance. Each child below attended Junior Congregation at least 23 times during the school year and received both a certificate of acknowledgement and a book. These children were able to combine their secular life and Jewish life to attain this great feat.

Becca Binder
Elliot Cohen
Margot Cohen
Amy Binder
Ben Ehrlich
Aliyah Weinstein
Rebecca Spigner

Meryl Surks
Seth Frumkin
Elyse Ross
Samantha Alpert
Spencer Weinstein
Noam Brown
Brian Binder

Leah Behar
Julie Gordon
Shane Spigner
Melissa Sheps
Benjy Levin
Noah Levin
Rebecca Safeer

Matt Biderman
Gary Marx
Amy Wolf
Molly Herman
Hilary Berk
Ilana Katronetsky



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Mazel Tov to the Newly Elected 2000 - 2001 North/South Brunswick USY Executive Board

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Good luck and Mazel Tov to all of our graduating Seniors: Elyse Abschutz, Jacob Alexander, Allie Brams, Abby Edley, David Kaminker, Jennifer Samelson, Amy Schneider, and Amy Stein.

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B'NAI TIKVAH CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

September 2000 - August 2001

The synagogue calendar includes Hebrew/English dates, holidays, school and other special events, meetings, candle-lighting times and the Membership Handbook.

Have your family's birthdays, anniversaries, events and yartzeits included in the calendar!
Advertise your business and support our congregation at the same time!

Send in your dates with a check payable to B'nai Tikvah
THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS JULY 14, 2000

Please attach another sheet if more space is needed

Name	Birthdate	Name	Anniversary Date
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Please make check payable to CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH.
Mail to Jodi Marcou, 21 Village Road, Kendall Park, NJ 08824. Phone (732) 422-6628.

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.
- ❖ Deborah Spigner (545-8457) and Teresa Samtur (821-8163) are available all summer for your shopping needs. Mezzuzot, kippot, candles, candle sticks, challah plates and specialty needs. The showcase will be highlighting new items all summer. Special sale items July and August. Please come in and browse.



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

Order your High Holiday Day cards by August 31st and the printing for your return address is free. This deal can't be beat. Please call Joyce Gerbman for questions and or orders at 937-5514.

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Israel Bond Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who attended/pledged for the Bond Breakfast that honored Walter & Suse Rosenstock. It was a big success having received significant pledges to invest in Israel Bonds and recognizing two of the founding members of our community.

Special thanks to Jeff Schwartz & Marc Binder!

The Israel Bond Committee made a donation to B'nai Tikvah in honor of Walter & Suse Rosenstock. At their request, this donation will be for the Passport to Israel Program for our synagogue youth!

SCRIP SALES REACH ALL-TIME HIGH

\$80,000* PROFIT GOAL ACHIEVED!!

The Supermarket Scrip Committee is ecstatic that sales this year exceeded all expectations. The Budget Committee projected that dues would be impacted in a positive way and funding would be available for many exciting projects at B'nai Tikvah due to this large increase in scrip sales.

Read on to find out how to make this faux headline a reality:

Scrip is a wonderful, painless opportunity to support the synagogue.

What is scrip you ask? Scrip is a gift certificate issued from Edwards, Foodtown, Grand Union, McCaffreys, Pathmark or Shop Rite. This scrip may be issued in denominations of \$5, \$10, and \$20. When you go shopping, you pay with the scrip at the register. Every dollar of scrip is worth one dollar of cash.

Why should I use scrip? B'nai Tikvah receives 5% from the sale of the scrip. The funds raised go directly into our fundraising budget line item. This helps our synagogue in many ways.

How can I order Scrip during the summer?

1. Call the synagogue office at (732) 297-0696. If you get the answering machine, DO NOT hang up, just leave a message.
2. Call a committee person in your area. Not sure who that is? Contact Rachel Shaneson at 329-2189 or Jay Scheuer at 940-8473. Committee members even deliver!
3. Visit the scrip table in the lobby most Sundays right after minyon.
4. E-mail Scrip@BnaiTikvah.Org

*The \$80,000 faux number is based on 450 families each buying an average of \$75 a week in scrip for 50 weeks a year.

The Scrip Committee is an extremely dedicated, hard-working group of individuals. Due directly to their efforts, several thousand dollars were raised this fiscal year. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank each and every participant on this committee, particularly Rachel Shaneson, the Scrip Chairperson. I am grateful that Rachel has agreed to continue chairing the committee for 2000/2001.

Jodi Marcou

HIGH HOLY DAYS CHILDCARE AND TORAH FOR TOTS

Dear B'nai Tikvah Parents:

We are delighted to invite you to participate with your children (ages 1-7 years) in our High Holy Days childcare program. This program will be held in the Nursery School Rooms located in the Religious School wing of the synagogue. Children will be separated into age groups approximately 1-2, 3-4, 5-7. If you have any requests regarding placement, please note the appropriate information on the registration form. We will make every effort to accommodate requests.

The times and costs for the child care program are outlined on the registration form. Please note that fees cover expenses incurred for the care of the children. If you are interested, please complete and return the form (on page 11) along with a check made payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah by **August 29, 2000**. Because of limited space, **we urge you to send in this form immediately**. In the past, we have not been able to accommodate late registration.

We recommend that participating children dress comfortably. If the weather is pleasant, our sitters will take groups of children outside periodically during the day to play in the playground. Otherwise, the children will play inside. If indicated, please apply sunscreen and / or insect repellent ahead of time.

For reasons of kashrut, we will provide all snacks, which will consist of juices, crackers and/or cookies, and fresh fruit such as bananas and apples. Please do not bring your own food, except for baby formula and bottles. In addition, we will provide a light dairy lunch to the children. Choices are peanut butter & jelly (PB&J); jelly only (J); peanut butter only (P); or cheese (C). Please indicate your preference on the registration form using these choices.

For children requiring diaper changes, please send supplies, including diapers and wipes, clearly marked with your child's name. Make sure you send in sufficient amounts. If your child takes naps, please bring a blanket and pillow, also clearly labeled with your child's name.

Please note that the 9:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Rosh Hashanah sessions and the 10:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. Yom Kippur session include a supervised transfer of children ages 3-7 to and from our Torah for Tots program. If you do not register for Childcare but want your child to attend Torah for Tots, **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE TORAH FOR TOTS REGISTRATION FORM (on page 12). Unregistered children will not be allowed to participate in Torah for Tots.**

We are sorry but **WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT ACCEPT WALK-INS**. We need a complete count of all participating children before the holidays so that we can provide a safe and comfortable ratio of sitters to children. We welcome help with food preparation and registration. Please indicate on the form, if you would like to help.

Yours truly,

The Childcare Committee

HIGH HOLIDAY CHILDCARE FORM

Please complete and return this form along with your check made payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah no later than August 29, 2000:

Mail to: Shelly Wistreich
437 Halsey Road
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

PARENT (S) _____
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Home: _____ Work: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ LUNCH CHOICE: _____

CHILD'S NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ LUNCH CHOICE: _____

CHILD'S NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ LUNCH CHOICE: _____

Lunch choices are listed in the cover letter. List below if child is NOT toilet trained.

ALLERGIES/SPECIAL NEEDS/PLACEMENT REQUESTS: _____

DATE	SESSION	TIME	NO. OF CHILDREN	PRICE	AMOUNT
9/29 FRI	ROSH HASHANAH (1ST EVE)	6:15 - 8:45	1	\$ 6	_____
			2	\$10	_____
			3	\$13	_____
9/30 SAT	ROSH HASHANAH (1ST DAY)	9:30 - 2:00	1	\$18	_____
			2	\$25	_____
			3	\$30	_____
10/1 SUN	ROSH HASHANAH (2ND DAY)	9:30 - 2:00	1	\$18	_____
			2	\$25	_____
			3	\$30	_____
10/8 SUN	KOL NIDRE	5:45 - 8:30	1	\$ 9	_____
			2	\$15	_____
			3	\$20	_____
10/9 MON	YOM KIPPUR	10:00 - 2:30	1	\$18	_____
			2	\$25	_____
			3	\$30	_____
10/9 MON	YOM KIPPUR EVE MINCHA / N'EELA	4:00 - 7:12	1	\$ 9	_____
			2	\$15	_____
			3	\$20	_____
TOTAL				\$	_____

Can you volunteer for food preparation/setup/clean-up? _____ Yes _____ No
Please provide names & telephone numbers for babysitting recommendations.

Torah for Tots and Junior Congregation

(Both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur)

September 30, 2000 & October 1, 9, 2000

Torah for Tots:

We are holding two consecutive sessions of Torah for Tots (for children ages 3-7) on each holiday between the hours of 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM and 12:05 PM - 1:00 PM. The sessions will be divided according to your child's age: **11:00 AM - 11:55 AM for 3 & 4 year olds** and

12:05 PM - 1 PM for 5-7 year olds. Each child will attend only one-hour session per day.

If you do not intend to enroll your child in baby-sitting, **you must pre-register for Torah for Tots**, by mailing the form below to:

Shelly Wisteich
437 Halsey Road
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Junior Congregation:

Junior Congregation is for children 7-12 years of age. This Junior Congregation service will meet from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on each of the holidays.

You do not have to enroll your child in Junior Congregation!

Note: No child under the age of 7 will be allowed into Junior Congregation services even if accompanied by an adult.

Torah for Tots registration only: (if your child is enrolled in childcare, you do not need to complete this form).

PARENT(S) _____

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: _____ Home _____ Work _____

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B'NAI TIKVAH BOOK CLUB

SUMMER READING BANANZA

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!!!!

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MEN'S CLUB

Our June 11 meeting was very powerful.

Marsha Platt, LCSW, the noted marriage counselor and sex therapist, did a communications demonstration with one of the couples that attended and it was enlightening, instructive and enjoyable.

A number of people have asked me for her address and phone number:

Marsha Platt, LCSW
821 Hamilton St.
Somerset, NJ 08873
(732) 249-2998

Our next meeting will be in September. We look forward to seeing you then. Hope you all have a great summer.

Rabbinical Feedback Committee Survey – Preliminary Results

The following information is an update to what the Rabbinical Feedback Committee presented to the Board of Directors during their monthly meeting on June 5, 2000. The Feedback Committee thanks Joel Bradus for his expertise and assistance in designing the survey form, determining mailing procedures, and tallying the results.

The following tables present a summary of the results of the Rabbinic Feedback Survey mailed to all congregants in April 2000. Two hundred sixty (260) surveys were returned (more than 57% of the membership). Of these, 18 were eliminated because the respondents were not members "in good standing." ("In good standing" is defined as being current with synagogue dues, school fees, and other synagogue financial commitments.) In addition, 5 surveys were either non-responsive or unintelligible, leaving a total of 237 useable responses (~53% of the membership).

The following table displays responses to the critical issue: **The Board of Directors should negotiate a new contract with Rabbi Eligberg.**

Categories	Number of Responses	Percent of Responses
Strongly Agree	88	37.1%
Agree	89	37.6%
Indifferent	31	13.1%
Disagree	23	9.7%
Strongly Disagree	6	2.5%
Total	237	100.0%

One additional question was correlated with the critical issue, based on the above Categories: **If the Rabbi were to enter into negotiations with a congregation where you had a friend or relative, would you recommend the Rabbi to that friend or relative?**

Categories	Would	Would Not	No
Strongly Agree (88)	85	1	2
Agree (89)	77	2	10
Indifferent (31)	11	11	9
Disagree (23)	1	22	0
Strongly Disagree (6)	0	6	0

Summary

A significant majority of respondents favor entering into negotiations with Rabbi Eligberg and would recommend the Rabbi to a friend or relative whose synagogue was negotiating with him. The number of responses from members in good standing far exceeds the number of responses returned from other Rabbinical Feedback Surveys in recent memory.

Written comments seem unrelated to the number of synagogue activities, groups, or committees respondents participate in or whether to enter into negotiations with the Rabbi. Both positive and negative comments are included in each category. As in past survey results, what one congregant sees as an area of strength, another sees as an area of weakness.

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So, get your cowboy boots and spurs, hats, bandanas and other fine cowboy duds out of the attic and get ready for a real ho-down. Start spread'n the word to all your kin folk and pardn'rs (by e-mail or by pony express) to put this date on the calendar.

This should be a great evening for all. Non-congregants welcome.

Hey, all you Annie Oakleys and Buffalo Bills in the congregation, *we need your help!* This is our big fundraising event of the year. We are looking for advertisers for the journal and sponsors for the gaming tables. We are looking for donors for our silent and Chinese Auctions (such as sports memorabilia, theatre and/or sporting event tickets, gift certificates, handmade items, electronic and household appliances, and other brand new gift items and/or goods). In addition, we need baskets to wrap the prizes in.

Please let us know if you can help us.

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Over the past three years I have become more involved in the ongoing programs within the Synagogue, not only in terms of the day to day activities but also in the religious aspects. After serving on the Board for 5 months, the Vice President of Ways and Means became ill and had to step down. I was asked to fill the vacancy more than half way through her term and immediately took on the responsibility of organizing our first dinner dance and ad journal in a number of years. With the help of a number of other volunteers we were able to hold the event only three months later. It was not only a financial success but also a great evening. This past year I have served as Vice President of Administration and have become involved in most aspects of the Synagogue from coordinating the use of our building to the hiring of one Administrator and the releasing of another. I have also been involved in the development of our budgets for the past two years as well as the purchase of our new Parsonage. This past February I had the pleasure of seeing my son Seth become a Bar Mitzvah and read from the Torah for the first time in my life. My third child, Adam, who is eight, continues on in our Hebrew School and loves to now sit with me on the Bima.

As we move forward, there are a number of issues that are confronting us and are either in the process of being addressed or will need to be addressed in the near future. Our most pressing problem has been that of space. Whether it is for meetings of our many committees, the continuing growth of our school or in order to offer additional activities, the bottom line is that we have run out of space. This is not something that has happened all of a sudden, but has gradually occurred over the past few years. In this time we have gone from one trailer for the Hebrew School, which provides two additional classrooms to two trailers, which provide four. Without going into great detail on the planned expansion, based upon your overwhelming support, we are now moving forward with a capital campaign which will provide us not only with much needed space for classrooms and meeting rooms but also with the addition of a multipurpose room which will be used for a wide variety of activities.

Other issues that will be of great importance to our Congregation in the next year include decisions regarding an extension to the Rabbi's contract as well as that of the Cantor. We also are in the process of renegotiating our contract with Classical Caterers, which will most likely be finalized this year.

In conclusion, I am honored to be asked to serve as President of our Synagogue. There are many exciting things happening at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, the Jewish Community Center of North and South Brunswick and I look forward to the coming year with anticipation as we continue to grow not only in number and size but also in the programs and services that we provide to ourselves, the

members of our diverse Jewish community.

As the year goes by, I will be reporting back to you with our progress in all of the above areas. Should anyone ever have any questions or would like to become involved in any aspect of our Synagogue, please feel free to contact either me or any other of the Trustees.

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The Seventeenth of Tamuz

The seventeenth of Tamuz marks the beginning of the destruction of Jerusalem, for it is the day on which the Romans breached the walls encircling the city. During the siege preceding the first destruction of Jerusalem, the wall was breached on the ninth of Tamuz, but both events are commemorated on the same date.

The rabbis mention a number of other calamities that were believed to have occurred on the seventeenth of Tamuz: the breaking of the Tablets by Moses; the cessation of the daily sacrifices during the Roman siege of Jerusalem; the burning of the Torah and the erection of an idol in the Temple by Apostomos during the period preceding the Maccabean revolt.

The fast begins at sunrise and concludes at sunset of the same day. This applies to all fasts, with the exception of Yom Kippur and Tishah B'av, both of which begin the preceding night. The fast of the seventeenth of Tamuz also differs from Yom Kippur and Tishah B'av in that fasting is the only restriction imposed; working and bathing as usual are permitted.

The Three Weeks

The days between the seventeenth of Tamuz and the ninth of Av are considered days of mourning, for they witnessed the collapse of besieged Jerusalem, beginning with the breaching of the walls on the seventeenth of Tamuz, and culminating with the burning of the Temple on the ninth of Av. Since exactly three weeks passed between these two events, the period is known as the "three weeks". Weddings and other joyous celebrations should not take place during this period.

A further element of mourning is added during the "nine days" between the first and ninth of Av. "When Av comes in, gladness must be diminished". During this period the pious refrain from eating meat and drinking wine, except on the Sabbath or at a Se'udat Mitsvah, such as a Pidyon Haben or upon completing a treatise of the Talmud, and in addition they do not have their hair cut. The somber mood of the "three weeks" is accentuated by the special Haftarah chanted on the Sabbath. The third, the Sabbath preceding Tishah B'Av, is called Shabbat Hazon, from the first word of its Haftarah.

Tishah B'av

The ninth of Av is the saddest day in the Jewish calendar. The rabbis held that it was preordained to be a day of tragedy for the Jewish people. According to the Talmud, God marked the ninth of Av as a day of calamity because of an incident, recounted in Numbers 13 - 14, which took place on that day during the period of the sojourn in the wilderness. The spies sent to Canaan brought back a discouraging report, and the people, displaying ingratitude and a complete lack of faith in God's promises to them, tearfully bemoaned their lot. As a result, God declared: "You wept without cause; I will therefore make this an eternal day of mourning for you." It was then decreed that on the ninth of Av the Temple would be destroyed and the children of Israel would go into exile.

The destruction of Jerusalem and the loss of the Jewish state are not the only sad events that have occurred on the ninth of Av. The Mishnah enumerates the following:

On the ninth of Av it was decreed against our fathers that they should not enter the Land of Israel (Numbers 14:29), the Temple was destroyed both the first and the second times, Bethar was captured, and Jerusalem was ploughed up.

It is a tragic coincidence that since the time of the Mishnah, many other calamitous events in Jewish history have occurred on the ninth of Av. On Tishah B'av in 1290, King Edward I signed the edict compelling his Jewish subjects to leave England. The expulsion from Spain occurred on the same day in 1492. Tishah B'av also marked the outbreak of World War I, beginning a long period of suffering for the Jewish people.

Not only did this period witness the pogroms and massacres perpetrated against the Jews of Russia, Poland, and other countries of Eastern Europe, but it was also a prelude to World War II and the savage destruction of six million Jews.

Since the reestablishment of the Jewish state, it has been maintained in some quarters that Tishah B'av and the other fasts connected with the destruction of Jerusalem have lost their meaning and should be discontinued.

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Dr. Robert Gordis contends that the fast must be retained. "In sum," he writes, "Tishah B'av can perform these basic functions for Jews living in the middle of the twentieth century, with the state of Israel before them as a reality. It can keep Jews mindful of the tasks which lie ahead in the areas of Jewish religious rebirth and of ethical living, both in the state of Israel and throughout the world. It can focus attention upon the universal aspects of the Messianic hope, which have long been integral to Judaism.

Finally, it can help to remind Jews of the long record of sacrifices and sufferings of past generations, and thus prevent the cultural degeneracy which would follow from the ignoring of the achievements of the Galut or Diaspora" (Gordis, *Judaism for the Modern Age*, p. 210).

Observance of the Fast

The fast of Tishah B'av begins the night before, as does the fast of Yom Kippur, and therefore the last meal before the fast must be eaten before sunset. This meal, called the seudah mafseket, because it marks the boundary between the periods of eating and fasting, was characterized by certain mourning customs. As at the meal served to mourners after a funeral, it was customary to eat special foods that were signs of mourning, such as eggs and lentils. Some pious people went so far as to dip the bread in ashes and sit on the ground during the meal. While these expressions of mourning have fallen into desuetude, we retain the mood by keeping the meal modest and simple.

Before the Ma'ariv service the Parokhet is removed from the ark as a sign of mourning. As another sign of mourning, the congregants remove their shoes if they are made of leather. It was once customary not to wear leather shoes during the whole of Tishah B'av, but the practice is now limited by some to the time and place of the service. Ma'ariv is recited in a subdued and a mournful tone.

At the end of Ma'ariv the worshippers sit on the ground or on stools for the reading of Eicha - the Book of Lamentations. It is chanted in a special plaintive cantillation, and it is customary for the reader to raise his voice at the beginning of each chapter. The last verse is recited aloud by the congregation, and then repeated by the reader. The chanting of Eicha is followed by "Keynot", sorrowful hymns that emphasize the import of Tishah B'av and lament the tragic events associated with it.

In accordance with a tradition originating with Rabbi Meir of Rothenburg (ca. 1215 -1293), the Tallit and Tefillin are not worn at Shaharit, as an additional sign of mourning. The Tefillin are termed P'air, or "ornaments," and the Book of Lamentations says: "The Lord has cast down "Tiferet Yisrael, the adornments of Israel", which was interpreted as referring to the Tefillin.

At Minha the Tallit and Tefillin are put on, and the prayers that were omitted in the morning (such as the psalm for the day) are recited. The Ma'ariv is the regular weekday service, and it marks the end of the fast. At the meal after the fast one should still abstain from meat and wine, since the burning of the Temple continued until the next day.

The Seventeenth of Tamuz

Thursday, July 20, 7:00 AM & 7:30 PM

Tisha B'av

Wednesday, August 9, 8:00 PM

Reading of Eicha (Lamentations) & Discussion

Thursday, August 10, 7:00 AM & 7:30 PM

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

As a follow up to a recent story about new members of our Temple, Dr. 's Lanny & Elsa Rubin and their children Ben and Nicole, we wanted to add the following. Dr. Rubin's parents, Cy and Esther Rubin who live in Highland Park, were instrumental in our Temple's History. As we mentioned in the original story, B'nai Tikvah's original roots come from a Temple in South Brunswick called The Jewish Farmers Community Center. As President of the Jewish Farmers Community Center, Dr. Rubin's father, Cy Rubin, was one of the early members responsible for giving that Temple a Hebrew name and Shari Shalom was born. As we all know Shari Shalom merged with another synagogue, Beth Shalom, and another group forming a synagogue to become B'nai Tikvah. Dr. Rubin's mother, Esther Rubin, was also active in the Temple's early years, working in fund raising and with our youth group. We wanted to acknowledge Cy and Esther Rubin's efforts and thank them for helping our temple build the solid foundation that we have today and again welcome the next generation of Rubins to the fold.

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I'd like to thank the following congregants for helping with the Garage Sale. I appreciate the assistance of all who said, "Yes" when I called and asked for help. Please let me know if I omitted your name. You deserve the recognition!

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