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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

By Mitchell Frumkin

As I look back on my many hours spent on the Bima during the High Holidays, it brings to mind the behind the scenes activities that take place, which the congregants sitting in the services most likely miss. When we hear the Rabbi call the pages and the Cantor always ready with the next prayer, we do not realize the time spent by them coordinating the services both prior to and while they are on the Bima. Most of us miss the body language between the two clergy as they acknowledge when to start, when to stop, when to rise, when to sit, when to open the Ark, when to close it and on and on.

Add to the mix the hard work done by the Ritual Committee members who constantly search for the people who have Honors to make sure that they are in the right place at the right time. In some instances, juggling takes place when someone doesn't appear and at the last second, the volunteers scurry to find a replacement. Usually, this person sits in the front few rows and has no idea that the Ritual Committee is about to draft them! Also, what about the members of the Ritual Committee who have spent weeks preparing to lead the introductory services first thing in the morning when the majority of the Congregation hasn't yet arrived!!

Next, I look out into the lobby and around the Sanctuary at the Ushers. These congregants help people to their seats, make sure no one has to stand, make sure no one enters the Services during certain portions, keep the people in the lobby to a dull roar, greet people at the main entrance and make sure that everyone has their tickets. In addition, they are constantly coordinating with the custodial staff raising the temperature when it is too cold, and lowering it when it is too hot, trying to adjust for the comfort of 1100 people.

And how can I leave out the parents who walk into Services at 10:00 with their beautiful young children. Usually, after spending the past two hours waking them and fighting to get them dressed as all of their non-Jewish friends call them to go out and play. At those times, I realize how lucky I am to have the honor of being our Congregation's President. Those times when I can relax on the Bima and just imagine what is going on in my house from the time I leave until the time my family, with their shining, smiling faces appear at the side entrance!

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HAZZAN'S VOICE

By Hazzan Jodi Sered-Lever

Dear Friends,

In a previous article, I introduced Debbie Perlman, who composes her own Psalms. Her Psalms appear in her book, Flames to Heaven. Perlman writes Psalms that relate to different occasions, and one of them is Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving arrives when the fall Jewish holidays are behind us. We have had just enough time to settle into a regular routine when this long weekend blows in like the November winds. The liturgy for Thanksgiving is not fixed. We do not have a mahzor with all of the appropriate passages to recite for this special day. Debbie Perlman has provided us with a text that we may use at our dinner tables:

How easy to praise You, Beloved One,
For abundance, for cups brim filled;
How can we not delight in Your majesty,
Your endless blessings to us.

How simple our thanks, Beloved One,
For laden tables, for gathered families,
Shoulders touching in the intimacy of the meal
You have spread before us.

Teach us to thank and bless Your name,
When cups are empty and thirst is great;
Put our hands together to replenish,
Finding blessing in tiny sips.

Beloved One, to thank and bless You,
We find hope in uncertainty
And triumph in shaky steps.
We recreate abundance for your sake.

Everybody brings different experiences with them to the table. Perlman recognizes that it may be easy to praise God when life is going well. But she asks God for ways to be thankful when life is difficult.

I would like to suggest a ritual for you to use at your Thanksgiving table. Begin with an empty cup. Pass it around to each person. As everyone receives the cup, he/she pours some water from his/her own drinking glass into the cup and expresses something for which he/she is thankful. In this way, the cup is filled with blessings from all of the guests at the table.

Modim anachnu lach, we thank you, God, for all your gifts.
Modim anachnu lach.

B'shalom,
Hazzan Jodi M. Sered-Lever

Got Something to Say?

Or maybe you just want to hear what others at B'nai Tikvah are saying. Speak your praises or air your grievances. That's one of the privileges you have as a member of B'nai Tikvah's Online Community.

Want to catch up on what the "buzz" used to be? As a member, you can dig through the archives and bring yourself up-to-date (or out-of-date, as the case may be).

The B'nai Tikvah Online Community consists of our "private" exclusive (eGroup) mailing, our "public" website, and our growing list of website volunteers: Kim Riemann, Arie Behar, Steve Levin, and Barry Safeer.

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Got Nothing to Say?

Most members of our growing Online Community are there simply to keep abreast of what's happening at the moment. In addition to the urgent announcement of the bus trip to the Israel Rally in New York (which was also posted a few days prior to the event on our home page), a most important document relating to the crisis in Israel (Talking Points) was distributed to all eGroup members. The document contained the counterpoints to the distorted facts and directions how to distribute them to the news media.

I can't emphasize enough, how important it may be for you to be aware of these and other perhaps more personal announcements that spontaneously go out to our Online Community.

Apply for your free membership at the Bnaitikvah.org website or send an email to towebmaster@Bnaitikvah.org even if you have nothing to say

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

—by Ann Kanarek—

The school year is the beginning of a number of relationships. It is a year of Jewish learning that we hope you will share with your child. It is a partnership between you and your child's religious schoolteachers. It is also a partnership with other families who have the same goals in mind for themselves and their children as they connect to the synagogue.

Being a parent of a child in our Religious School is an important responsibility but can be fun, as well. It's a pleasure to see so many of you present in the school wing, socializing, volunteering to do various activities or simply helping out when needed.

The lines of communication between you and the school are always open, and we hope that you will take the opportunity to familiarize yourself with what's happening in our school. Some suggestions for parents are:

Be interested and ask about your child's class. Open your child's book bag. Display work that has been brought home. Ask what was taught in Religious School. Share your own experiences with your child, and if you are learning things for the first time, share that, too!

Participate in Jewish life. Do at least one new thing to celebrate each of the holidays and try to make part of Shabbat special. Why not create a Jewish component to bedtime rituals? If you would like any holiday/Shabbat or Jewish bedtime stories to get started, please ask at the School Office. If you have any questions or need anything else to help enrich your Jewish family time, we'll be happy to help.

Make friends with the teacher. Get to know your child's teacher by name. Make sure the teacher knows you. It is important that your child's teacher knows about any concerns or problems that may stand in the way of your child's learning. Good communication is the key for a better teacher/parent partnership.

Add Jewish books to your read-aloud routine or to your child's bookshelf. Our Jewish Book Fair that began on Sunday, October 29 and will continue into November is the perfect vehicle to begin a home library...and it supports our school enrichment program, as well.

Don't try to be Jewish alone. Find another family or two to share things with. It is far more enjoyable to go to synagogue when you go with friends. It's more fun to create Jewish memories and traditions with when two or more families do it together.

May your year at B'nai Tikvah be enriched with good friends, educational fulfillment, and beautiful Jewish memories.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5:

Jewish Book Fair
Chai School Gleaning Trip, 9:30am-12:05 PM
First Grade: PACT program: MY SYNAGOGUE, 9:00am
Kindergarten: Milk & Cookies with Rabbi & Moshe Moose

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12: NO SCHOOL, *NJEA Convention*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19:

Support our religious school by purchasing your Chanukah gifts, books, toys, music, etc. at **THE LEARNING EXPRESS**. Learning Express will donate 20% of your total purchases to the religious school fund, which supports many of our enrichment programs. Thank you!!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13:

Author Workshop with David A. Adler for grades 1-6; 4PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19:

Chai School Breakfast with the Rabbi

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22-SUNDAY, and NOVEMBER 26: NO SCHOOL, *Thanksgiving holiday*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3:

HEI CLASS: Special Tallit Making Workshop; 9:00am-1:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10:

CHAI SCHOOL Copper Chaunukiyot Workshop with Israeli artist, Avi Zuckerman

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The New Jersey/Hagalil region of USY invites
all of its alumni to attend a brunch on Sunday
November 26, 2000, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive,
Springfield.

This brunch is open to all USY Alumni. For
further information or to be added to our mailing
list, please contact Michelle Rich at the regional
office at (908) 925-7USY (7879) or e-mail her at
Rich@uscj.org.

MAZEL TOV ON YOUR UPCOMING SIMCHA

It is customary to throw candy at the couple
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AUTHOR & GUEST SPEAKER
DAVID A. ADLER

David Adler is a storyteller, educator, dreamer, and author. In his early years, he was a mathematics teacher, a writer for a financial newsletter, and a senior book editor. His inspiration for his first book, *A Little at a Time* came from a very inquisitive nephew. Adler switched careers and to date, he is the author of more than a hundred books for young readers.

We are delighted that Mr. Adler will be joining us for Jewish Book Month. His workshop on Monday, **November 13** will describe how he creates, researches, writes, edits, illustrates, and finally prints his books. He is the acclaimed author of the *Many Troubles of Andy Russell* and the very popular *Cam Jansen* mystery series. This workshop is geared for grades 1-6 and, although, all school children do not attend on Mondays, the workshop is open to everyone in those grades.

David Adler books will be available for purchase and signing. If you already own David Adler books, bring them for the author's signature. He will stick around so that everyone has an opportunity to meet him.

Some of David Adler's notable Jewish interest books 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 of Golda Meir

The Number on my Grandfather's Arm

We Remember the Holocaust



A special thanks to the families who donate to the religious school education fund on an ongoing basis and to all of you who will support our Chanukah flames project that will help to sponsor this program.

SUPPORT OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Put your name on a flame; put your handle on a candle. Look for the **WALL OF FLAME**, our Religious School Menorah with your name in lights. For only a dollar each, you can buy paper flames for every member of your family. Or for 18 big ones, you can buy a whole paper candle for your group. Anyway you choose, you are warming up to a great cause--your Religious School. For more information, check the flyer in this bulletin or in your child's bag. On behalf of the Religious School staff and children, we thank you for your support.

NEW STUDENTS RECEIVE HOLIDAY BOOK: On Erev Simchat Torah, as part of the **Welcoming Ceremony for New Students**, our young learners received **Dance, Sing, Remember** by Leslie Kimmelman, a beautifully illustrated book that will serve as a basic introduction to the Jewish year of holidays. Many thanks to Rabbi Eligberg for his support of the Religious School and generous donation of these books.

B'NAI TIKVAH THANKS:

...THE JEWISH BOOK FAIR'S CHAIRPERSON: Gina Giuffrè and her committee: **Susan Aaron, Janice Baer, Miriam Bavati, Michael Diatlo, Cindy Mevorah, Lynn Sheps, Joan Silver, Amy Smith, Barbara Speesler, Lisa Tannenbaum & Terri Woller** for running a wonderful Jewish Book Month Book Sale for the Religious School. We thank everyone who supported the Book Fair. Our proceeds will benefit the school's enrichment program.

...JUDAICA SHOP COORDINATORS: **Deborah Spigner** and **Theresa Samtur** for their continued support and advice on wonderful ideas for gift items for our Religious School students. Their expertise and efficiency is always greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Adult Education Programs

Congregation B'nai Tikvah is offering several adult education courses in October, November, and December. All are free and none require prior knowledge nor knowledge of Hebrew. Watch for additional details and course descriptions in future releases. The courses include:

- Jewish Foundations: Jewish Holidays, Rabbi David M. Eligberg, Wednesdays: November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20 from 10am to noon.
- Ethics: The Final Frontier, Rabbi David M. Eligberg, Wednesdays: November 29, December 6, 13, 20 at 7:30pm. These are the voyages of . . . Using several provocative episodes from the Star Trek universe, we will explore a series of ethical dilemmas and their implications for our own decision-making
- Exploring Jewish Values through Stories, Cantor Jodi M. Sereb-Lever: Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28 from 10:30 to 11:15am. Each week we will renew our spirit by examining stories with a particular Jewish theme and exploring how they may relate to our life experiences. Come and join in the dialogue as we discuss the themes present in these tales and discover what is meaningful to us.
- Family Relationships in the Torah, Mrs. Donna Glazer, to be determined, at 7:30pm. Love, hate, sibling rivalry, parental favoritism, marital discord These are just a few of the descriptions of the relationships that we see in the Torah Come and learn about how our biblical patriarchs and matriarchs interacted with one another Were they really so different from us? What can we learn from them?
- Hebrew Literacy: One-Day Marathon, Rabbi David Eligberg, Sunday, November 12 at 9:30am. Learn the basics of Hebrew reading in a one day Hebrew Literacy marathon. This one day crash course is either a wonderful introduction or an excellent refresher to the Hebrew alphabet and vowel system. Amaze yourself with what can be accomplished in an exciting and supportive atmosphere. Be sure to sign up for the follow up sessions. After all - practice makes perfect. Cost: \$18.00 includes all materials, lunch and snacks
- Hebrew Literacy: Level I, Larry Cohen, Tuesdays: November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19 at 7:30pm. 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.
- Kohelet (Ecclesiastes): Rabbi Kerry Olitzky, Thursdays: November 30 December 7, 14, at 7:30pm. Come explore the message of this teacher of wisdom of the Bible as he explores his own life and the experiences he has learned from living. We will read directly from the text (in English translation) while reflecting on our own lives. Learn more about the text as you learn more about yourself.

To register for the courses, call the synagogue office at 732-297-0696 or visit the web page at bnaitikvah.org/ and complete a registration form on-line.

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Yet, not only the adults helped make these holiday services so successful. The USYers participated too. Not only did they help the Rabbi with his props during his sermon, but they also helped collecting both the Israel Bond and the Congregational solicitations. We also can't forget the speeches made by, Jesse Olitzky, Ian Schwartz, and Steve Halpern on Kol Nidre about their trip to Israel this past summer. The way that they described their trip was unbelievable and should be an inspiration to us all for the coming year!!

Sisterhood Sizzles

Coming Soon...

Monday November 13th -

Paid up Membership Dinner - by now you should have received your invitation. To enjoy this buffet dinner and live entertainment all you have to do is pay your sisterhood dues. Don't miss it!

Sunday December 3rd -

Hanukkah Bazaar. Get all of your Hanukkah shopping done at our Hanukkah bazaar. If last year was any indication you'll find everything from gelt for the children to beautiful works of art. From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Call Deb Spigner (545-8457) now to volunteer your help!

Sunday December 17 -

Makeover's with Maddy. Come to a live make over meeting with a professional make up artist that has worked on the people you see on TV. Learn how to become a whole new you.

Saturday January 20 -

Sisterhood Shabbat and Luncheon. Come and participate in this wonderful Shabbat service run entirely by Sisterhood. Anyone interested in participating in the service should call Ellyn Schneider at 254-4909. Anyone interested in helping with the luncheon should call Shelly Wistreich at 422-4273 or Linda Saffer at 422-7516.

DON'T HAVE TIME TO COOK?

Purchase a delicious Shabbat dinner for the third Friday of each month! See the order form in this issue of HaKol or call Teresa Samtur at 821-8163.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Don't forget to bring in your Box Tops for Education and drop them off in the school wing.

LEAGRAM DISCOUNTS

Leagrams are cards sent in honor of, in memory of, in celebration of etc. Leagrams are 15\$ for 6 if paid for in advance, or \$3 if paid for separately. Just contact Toby Ehrlich by email at tehr18@yahoo.com or call her at 732-329-1082 with all the information, its easy.

NEED TO SEND A CARD?

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FAMILY SHABBAT

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. Interested in helping lead the service? It's fun and sets a great example for your kids. Contact Jackie Master at 545-8021.

GIFT SHOP

Deborah Spigner (545-8457) and Teresa Samtur (821-8163) are available for all your Judaica needs: mezzuzot, kipot, candles, candle sticks, challah plates and more. There are lots of new items available - come in and browse.

PLANNING A WEDDING OR B'NAI MITZVAH?

Order the B'nai Mitzvah computer program to help you keep everything organized and at your fingertips. See the order form in this issue of HaKol.

Call for photos

Have you noticed what's missing on our website? YOU. We need your B'nai Tikvah photos, anything from Nursery School parties to Fifty-Plus Group outings or personal photos relating to a sponsored Oneg or Kiddush, such as a Baby Naming, Engagement, Wedding, or B'nai Mitzvah. Drop off your glossy photos or negatives in the webmasters box at the synagogue office accompanied by a note containing your name and phone number. Your materials will be returned to you in the same condition as received or send electronic image files (in any format) to Photos@Bnaitikvah.org. For questions, contact Gary Bergman Webmaster@Bnaitikvah.org (732) 246-7285.

If you look like your passport photo, you probably need the trip.

Men's Club

"CONVICTING THE INNOCENT IN AMERICA"

The Men's Club is excited to present at our next meeting, JAMES C. McCLOSKEY, founder and executive director of Centurion Ministries. Jim has an impressive resume. He was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V for his valor under fire. After Vietnam, he worked for a consulting firm in Tokyo. He later established the Hay Group's management consulting business in Tokyo, a very successful enterprise.

At 37, his life took another path. He entered Princeton Theological Seminary and earned a Masters of Divinity. While serving as student chaplain at Trenton State Prison in 1980, he became convinced that one of the inmates, sentenced to life for murder, was innocent. Jim took one-year leave of absence from PTS to work full-time, independently, on behalf of the prisoner. He formed a committee of jurists, attorneys, and clergy, raised money to meet costs and ultimately the prisoner was freed and exonerated by a federal district court.

Jim decided to forgo a pastorate and set up Centurion Ministries devoting the rest of his life to freeing the imprisoned innocent. In the past 17 years, he has helped free 22 innocent people who have spent an average 15 years serving life or death sentences for crimes they did not commit.

Come and hear Jim's incredible and moving story. It will warm your heart.

This meeting is open to all temple members.

Date: Sunday, November 12, 2000
Time: 10:00 am
Location: B'nai Tikvah
Remember: Bagels & Lox all you can eat
Cost: Men's Club Members \$3.00
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Please RSVP so that we know how much food to get.
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Looking forward to seeing you

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Nursery School News

by Fran Pearlson

As the nursery school swings into our fall and holiday activities, we see the children's happy smiles and excitement as they participate in our hands-on learning activities.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS

During the month of November our children become immersed in learning the Thanksgiving story and begin to understand the meaning of the word "thankful". Our nursery school families will have the opportunity to ask their child/ children what they are thankful for. The children's responses will be written on paper turkey feathers and placed on our Thanksgiving turkey to make a meaningful Thanksgiving display.

A minimum donation of \$1.00 or more per feather will be asked of each family. On behalf of our nursery school children, this tzedakah money will be donated to Elijah's Promises Soup Kitchen for Thanksgiving meals. We are thankful we can help others have a happier holiday!

Please stop by the nursery school wing where you will have the opportunity to enjoy reading the children's individual thankful responses.

Our children will all be enjoying their own school Thanksgiving feasts. Their hands will be kept very busy as they concoct "class-made" foods, create Pilgrim and Native American costumes and make decorative crafts. A sampling of some of the foods the children will be making include vegetable soup, cranberry bread, class-churned butter, corn muffins, and other yummy fixings!

Capture the Moment...Reach out and Read a Favorite Book!

November is also National Children's Book Month. We think that reading is so special that not only do our teachers read them everyday to our children, but family members are invited to take time from their busy schedules to read a favorite book to their child's class. All parents, grandparents, siblings, relatives, and caregivers are encouraged to participate in our reading program. Pictures of readers will be taken and placed on our "Wall of Fame" bulletin board. When children view reading as something that is enjoyed by their adult role models, reading stories will become an important and enjoyable pastime to them.

Get ready for a sizzling December when we continue with our wonderful programs and invite all our nursery school families and siblings to attend our Chanukah 2000 extravaganza!

On behalf of my staff, I would like to wish everyone a hearty and happy Thanksgiving.

Nursery School Is Selling Kidstuff Coupon Savings Book

Kidstuff contains hundreds of coupons to help save money on clothing, shoes, toys, books, sporting goods, food, and more! It quickly pays for itself!

The books will be cost \$25.00 each and can be purchased through the nursery school Please contact the nursery school office at 297-0295 with any questions or to reserve a book.



**WILD WEST CASINO NIGHT is
Coming to
B'nai Tikvah
On Saturday, March 3, 2001!**

We're getting closer to the big night.....

A spectacular night of gaming and country-western activities is coming our way! Players can win prizes at the gaming tables by earning tickets. A silent auction and raffle will make this a night to remember. Country-western vittles by our own Classical Caterers should hit the spot. Music will liven up the even-and expect a few western-styled surprises.

Exotic vacations, electronics, hotel stays, spa days, jewelry, theatre tickets-hundreds of fabulous prizes will be available!

Be on the lookout for the invitation, coming by Pony Express, of course!

Please let us know if you can sponsor a gaming table. We really need the help to underwrite the cost of the casino. Tables are \$180, \$360, or \$540.

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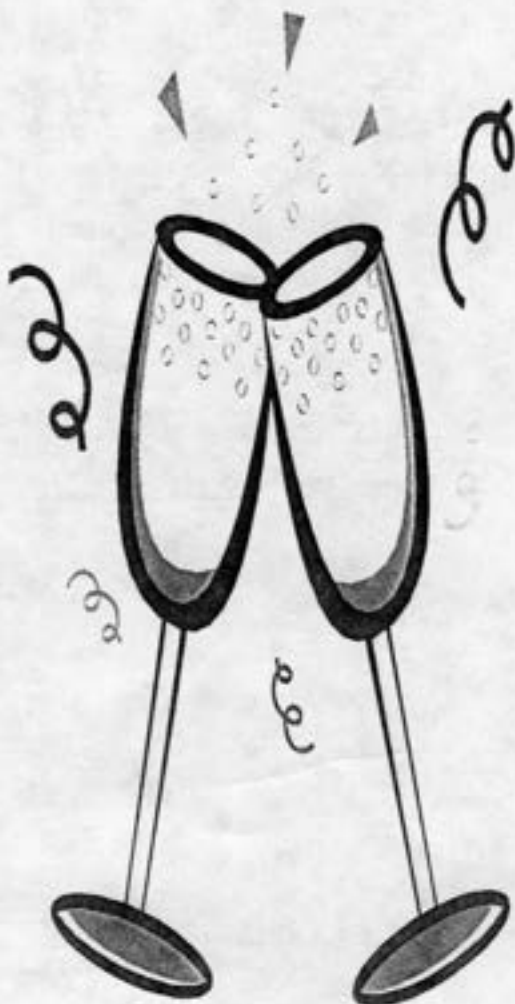
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**CALLING ALL TURKEY
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CLASSICAL CATERERS PRESENTS 1ST TIME NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA!

HURRY LIMITED SEATING



Our evening begins at 9:00 PM sharp on December 31, when Classical Caterers throws open the doors for the sumptuous cocktail hour with non-stop music. Then join us for an elegant dinner until 2:00 AM, January 1, 2001. Get your appetite revved up and your dancing shoes polished and join us for a party to end all parties.

- SPACE IS LIMITED!
- 10 - 12 people to your own table
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B'NAI TIKVAH BOOK CLUB

Given the worst rain/lightening/thunder storm in recent memory the October book discussion was lively - although cut short by the weather and West Wing! Many thanks to Shirley Engel for her hospitality.

Our next meeting is December 5 in the Synagogue Library at 8:00 PM. The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver. This book discussion should prove to be quite lively and interesting because this is a story told by the wife and four daughters of a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959.

We have picked our books for the next few meetings. The dates, titles and authors are as follows:

February 6, 2001: Fierce Attachments by Vivian Gornick
April 17, 2001: Bee Season by Myla Goldberg
June 5, 2001: Jew vs Jew by Samuel Freedman
August 7, 2001: Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson.

In addition to these books which are discussed the group usually comments on other recent good reads. All are welcome!

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 or purchase your Barnes & Noble Retail Scrip (in \$10 denominations) on Sunday mornings or by completing the order form in this issue of HaKol - what easy fundraisers!!!!

FIFTY PLUS

The Fifty Plus group meeting on Tuesday, November 28 will be held in the Social Hall at the Synagogue at 1:00 PM. We will feature a delicious dairy luncheon and entertainment at a cost of \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for guests. Reservations must be made in advance with your phone squad captain or call Blanche at (732) 297-0272.

Future plans include a Chanukah Celebration in December and a Tu B'Shevat program with the Rabbi in January. Please join us!

The "December Dilemma" Program at B'nai Tikvah

Do you have a child in an interfaith marriage or relationship? Would you like to hear how other parents are facing interfaith issues? Join our discussion on the upcoming Christmas/Chanukah season at "New Beginnings," a Jewish Support Group for parents and grandparents of children in interfaith marriages/relationships. First part of this two-part program will be on Wednesday, November 8th, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegan's Lane, North Brunswick. **NO CHARGE.** Everyone Welcome. The second part will be on Wednesday, December 13, 2000.

"New Beginnings" meets monthly to explore positive approaches to interfaith issues in a non-threatening, non-confrontational environment. To RSVP or for more information, please call Jeanette at 732-246-1393.

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USY FALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 16th
7:15pm - 8:45pm

You won't believe your eyes when you come to this meeting which is a surprise. At B'nai Tikvah.

Friday, November 17th through
Sunday, November 19th

REGIONAL FALL CONVENTION

Thursday, November 30th
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Want an easy way to visit Israel without getting on an airplane? Then come to USY's Ben Yehudah Night when we will transform the Temple into the streets of Israel. At B'nai Tikvah.

Thursday, December 14th
7:15pm - 8:45pm

Don't be confused when we celebrate Purim in December at USY's Switch Up- Mix Up Meeting.

Late Breaking News.....Save The Date!!!

**Congregation B'nai Tikvah
and
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Are Co-Sponsoring an
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On Sunday, December 3
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Preview begins at 6:00 PM

Please come to the Highland Park Conservative Temple for this joint fundraiser. Ross Galleries, located in Holbrook, Long Island, will be bringing a wonderful selection of art to choose from. Many famous artists will be represented & prints as well as signed pieces will be offered. Prices start as low as \$50. Dessert and soft drinks will be served. Ticket will be \$10.00 per person. Ordering information and invitations to follow. If you have any questions, please contact Arlene Frumkin at 297-5069.



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From the Rabbi's Desk

By David M. Eligberg

There is something magical about sitting in your Sukkah and feeling the sunshine come streaming through the branches overhead. The light and the shadow seem locked in a divine dance, moved by the gentlest puffs of wind. The warmth of the day releases the aroma of the pine. On such an exquisite October day one cannot help but feel enveloped by the joy of the festival. The serenity of the moment makes it easy to understand why the rabbis choose to use the Sukkah as a symbol of peace, harmony, and wholeness.

The Sukkah is also an expression of faith. We leave behind the comforts of our homes for the fragile structures that we build in our backyards.

We have faith that what we build will remain intact throughout the festival; that we won't come out one day to find the top of our Sukkah decorating the floor or the doorway on a side that is now facing skyward.

We have faith that what pours through the top of our Sukkah will be sun and not rain or snow.

We have faith that we will be wrapped in warmth and not in winter coats as we eat our meals under a canopy of stars.

We have faith that we will be able to celebrate the festival to its fullest, to express our gratitude and appreciation to God for the many blessings that we have received.

The Sukkah also reminds us of how fragile things can be; how so many things are beyond our control. We have faith, and so we continue to build our Sukkah. To not build is to give up on even the possibility of that spectacular moment.

In our liturgy, we read the passage "spread over us Your sukkah of peace." It is emblazoned in Hebrew on one of the sanctuary tapestries. That the rabbis chose the sukkah as their metaphor for peace, harmony, and wholeness should surprise no one. Peace, after all, is a fragile structure built out of hope and faith. It takes very little to topple what was so painstakingly cobbled together.

Recent events in Israel teach us this painful lesson. I do not know what the days and weeks ahead will bring for our people in Israel. The one thing I am certain of is that the status quo is not a viable option. It is eating away at the fabric of Israeli society and devouring the soul of our people.

Without the certainty of success they have faith and continue to build even as we pray that God will bless Israel and spread over it His sukkah of peace, speedily and in our own day. Amen.



ISRAEL UPDATE



THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

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- Kugel: Potato Noodle Apple
- Challah: Traditional Raisin Whole Wheat

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Additional Items (available after at least one basic dinner has been ordered)

- Salad: Potato Cucumber
 Coleslaw Health
- Kugel: Potato Noodle Apple
- Challah: Traditional Raisin Whole Wheat
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**FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT WAYS & MEANS.....
A MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR**

This past Spring I had the enlightening experience of serving on the B'nai Tikvah Budget Committee. Our challenging task was to recommend a budget for the current fiscal year. We had to balance the fact that if money was allocated to one area, we might have to cut from another. The desire to keep any dues increase to a minimum was always a driving factor. \$300 of expenses equates to \$1 of dues per family. If the cost of utilities or postage increased or we needed a capital improvement, we had to figure that in to the equation. It was a difficult process, as quite frankly, there was not a lot of play in the numbers.

During board meetings, we often have lengthy, sometimes agonizing discussions over proposed expenditures – small and large. When we finally achieve a consensus & decide to go ahead the inevitable question has to be asked. Where is the money coming from? Many times we simply can't come up with the answer and the expenditure has to be postponed – even if it is something that may be important. The bottom line: money is always a precious resource here.

The good news is that we have programs that with just a few minutes effort can not only help make the budget this fiscal year but if taken seriously can go way beyond that. The dollars we receive from fundraising activities help to maintain our facilities, support programs, keep dues and religious school fees stable and offset the expense side of the budget. Many dedicated volunteers give hours of their time to the administration of these programs. However, they need your participation to be successful.

The first program I am going to mention is not new. Grocery Store Scrip is simply a gift certificate issued by food stores such as Edwards, Foodtown, Grand Union, McCaffreys, Pathmark, and Shop-rite. It's available in denominations as low as \$5. Each dollar of scrip equals one dollar at the grocery store register. This is how it works. If you purchase \$25 in scrip at B'nai Tikvah, you take it to the grocery store register and it buys \$25 worth of groceries. **In other words, it costs you nothing to participate; you do not pay 1 penny more for your purchase.** It's that simple. 5% of each dollar goes directly to the Synagogue. You can even pay for scrip by credit card (this does cost us 3% of the 5% profit but we would rather have 2% than 0%).

Grocery store scrip is always in stock and easy to obtain. Just stop by the synagogue office or call with your order. Please leave a message if you reach the answering machine. Committee members will deliver to your door. There's also a table in the synagogue lobby on Sunday mornings during Hebrew School hours. Rachel Shaneson, the chair of the committee, has done an amazing job organizing and orchestrating the program and is assisted by Jay Scheuer.

There are many ways you can use scrip – of course, for your weekly grocery shopping. You can also be creative and send it to your kids in college, give it as holiday gifts to teachers, housewarming gifts, put it in a baby basket for new parents or perform a double mitzvah and donate it to a soup kitchen or

needy family.

During the fiscal year that ended on July 31, 2000, \$98,000 scrip was sold for a profit of \$4,700. During this time, only 87 families out of 450 made purchases. Out of those 87 families, only 37 bought more than \$500 for the entire year.

Just imagine...

If 200 families averaged \$100 week in scrip purchases for just 25 weeks a year that would be \$25,000 pure profit. If they purchased the same amount for 50 weeks a year, that would be \$50,000 pure profit. We could go on from there. It's easy to see how much we could and should be earning from grocery store scrip.

The other program that I am asking you to support is **Retail Store Scrip.**

This wonderful fundraising opportunity for the congregation again only involves a minimal effort and **no extra expense on your part.** Purchase gift certificates to many of your favorite stores & earn 2-18% of the sale for B'nai Tikvah. There are over 50 well known retailers in the program. The amount of money we can make on this is exciting. Please keep in mind that these stores issue attractive gift certificates or gift cards. They make wonderful presents for friends, family, teachers, coaches, etc.

Ordering is easy. Blank forms are available on line, in HaKol, in the office & on Sunday mornings during Hebrew School hours. Orders are faxed every Monday & usually arrive on Thursday. Please refer to the flier in this issue of HaKol for more details.

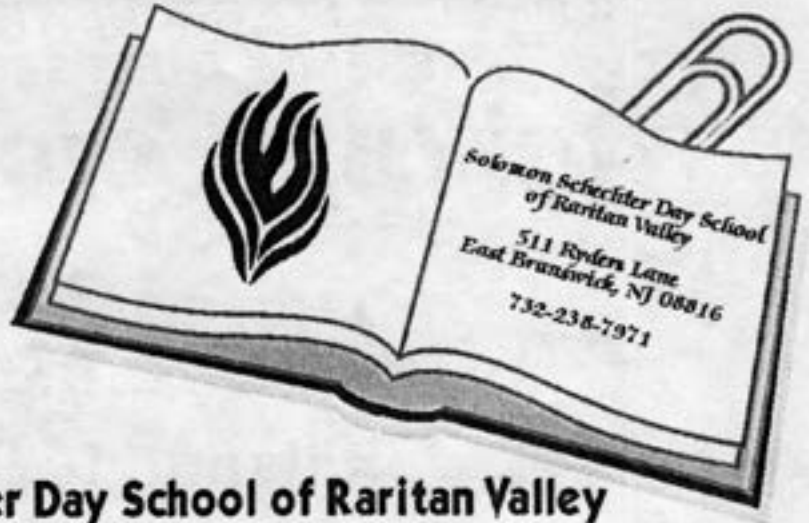
Both Scrip programs are the easiest, most painless way to help our synagogue thrive.

I hope that you will also support the 2001 Entertainment Book, the B'nai Tikvah Credit Card, and Wild West Casino Night coming up on March 3, 2001.

In the New Year, I challenge each of you to think a little differently. How many times do you say no when you really can say yes? Instead of thinking of reasons why you can't, won't or just don't feel like it, think of reasons why you can and should. Please, support the fundraising arm of the synagogue. Show your appreciation to the volunteers that give so much of their time – not just by saying thank you but by taking part in these programs. Stop by the scrip table on a Sunday & place an order or contact one of the committee members. Next time you are at a store without scrip, think about how much the synagogue lost.

We must all share in the responsibility of our financial security. This is after all, our house and our community.





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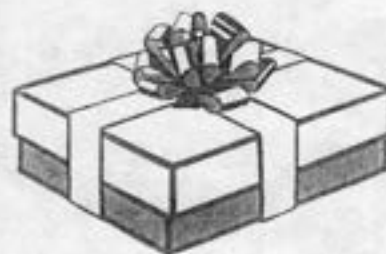
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What's New in Jr. Congregation

By Dorothy Cohen, Religious School Committee

Enhancements were made this fall to our Jr. Congregation service. Each week, a Hebrew root word will be introduced and discussed. These words typically appear in common prayers (ie. *baruch*) and are on standard vocabulary lists used in our religious school.

Barry, our Jr. Congregation facilitator, is also introducing a prayer board and prayer cards to distribute prayer leadership during the service and help eliminate "down time" between prayers. The prayer board shows the order of prayers and the page on which they appear in the siddur.

Come check out these new changes, Saturdays beginning at 10:30.

Religious Service Credit

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENTS TAKE NOTE: We can't imagine why anyone would want to attend service any where other than B'nai Tikvah, frankly. However, in the event you attend services elsewhere, send a note to Barry Safeer's attention indicating the date and location where your child attended.

Please check the board in the school wing or Bnaitikvah.org for an update on your child's attendance count. If there is a discrepancy, contact Barry. **AFTER JANUARY, NOTES FOR ATTENDANCE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Stay on Track of Attendance

As a guide to help "stay on track" of the religious service requirement, divide the total number of times required by 9 months. For Dalet students, as an example, that comes to 2. Therefore, Dalet students should be attending Jr. Congregation twice a month.

Keep in mind that the bulk of the requirement must consist of Saturday services. Friday night service will count up to five times. After five, they will no longer count towards your requirement.

CHAI SHABBAT MEMORIES

BY David Kutliroff

The Origins of Congregation B'nai Tikvah

(Reprinted from the Jewish Historical Society of Central New Jersey April-May 2000 Newsletter)

Jews in South Brunswick in the 1930's were a small percentage of the total population and were few compared to the number of Jews in the township today. They were, I believe, divided mainly into two communities. There were a number of families living along Davidson's Mill Road and nearby, and the rest were in the Dayton area.

No formal houses of worship existed. Solomon Engoran of Davidson's Mill Road had a small building near his house, which he used as a shul during the high holy days. People walked to this shul from all over the township. The Beckenstein brothers trudged over five miles from Friendship and Miller Roads near Dayton. Mr. Rothbard with his son, Jack, and daughter, Beatrice, walked from his tavern, the White Rose on Georges Road. The Steinberg girls and their grandmother, Mr. Seidenstein with Lester, Blanche, and Evelyn were also amongst those who attended services at the Solomon Engoren's shul. The Durmasking family came from Church Lane, while the Lukacs and Rosenfeld families walked from Riva Avenue.

Mr. Engoren obtained a Torah from a shul in New Brunswick, and after the holidays, money was collected to donate to that New Brunswick shul.

For a few years in the late 1930's, services were conducted in the Rosenfeld home on Riva Avenue. Then in 1940 and 1941, a small group began to meet at the Rothbard's White Rose Tavern to plan the building of a synagogue. By this time, the population of Jews had grown. Jews from Germany had begun to arrive by 1938, and were placed on farms by the Jewish Agricultural Society.

The Berk family, on Georges Road, contributed a piece of land, and with the aid of a loan from the Cranbury Bank and financial assistance from the Jewish Agricultural Society, the synagogue was built in 1942. It was then known as the Jewish Farmer's Community Center of Deans, and later became Shari Shalom.

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Membership Committee News:

Tell Someone You Know About Our Congregation...

If they become members you will receive a \$50 discount on your dues*

*Referral Policy: Referral is made by completing a Referral form. The membership committee will call the prospective member. If the prospective member joins as a result of the referral the existing temple member will receive a \$50 reduction in their membership dues. This reduction will be taken in the last quarterly payment.

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MEMBERSHIP REFERRAL FORM

Date _____

Name of Member _____

Name of Prospective Member _____

Address of Prospective Member _____

Telephone # of Prospective Member _____

Submit to: Membership Committee, Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnigans Lane
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

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ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We hope you will join us:

Sunday, November 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
New Member Meeting & Breakfast

More information to follow!

LIGHT UP THE B'NAI TIKVAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WALL OF FLAME



**Put your name on a flame.
Put your handle on a candle.**

See your name in lights this Chanukah.

For only a dollar each, you can buy paper flames for every member of your family (Including grandparents, aunts & uncles, pets - you name it!)

Or, for 18 big ones, you can buy a whole paper candle for your group.

Anyway you choose, you are warming up to a great cause - your Religious School.

Please order your flames and/or candles by December 17. Then visit our school during Chanukah, to see your name in lights on our magnificent Religious School Menorah.

BUY A CANDLE!

BUY SOME FLAMES!

**FIRE UP THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MENORAH
WITH CHANUKAH CHAPPINESS!**

Religious School Menorah

We would like _____ flames at \$1 each with the following names on them (limit one name per flame): _____

We would like _____ Candles at \$18 each with the following names(s) on them:

Please complete, detach, and send to the religious school office.

Your name: _____

Phone #: _____

Total enclosed: _____

The J.F.C.C. Congregation grew as the Jewish population of South Brunswick increased. We were plagued by some physical problems as exemplified by the following article, which appeared in the J.F.C.C. *Tidings* in the late 1904's.

"Well, Well, Well, by David Kutliroff

On Friday evening, October 8th, the Board decided to do something about the well. The following Sunday morning, the members met at the well. It was a hectic morning that extended well into the late afternoon and what happened can be described as follows:

'Twas a balmy autumn morning and a goodly crowd was there.

The board had come to fix the well, 'twas a delusion and a snare.

The mighty Berk had seen them come and with boots up to his hip, he plunged into the well with a mallet in his grip.

Belaboring rock with might and main, from spirits to arouse, he cried, "By God there's be water here to feed a thousand cows.

The blows were struck, a hole was found, a pipe was thrust therein.

The excitement had been too much for an old and trusted friend. The pump had broke its casing, we were foiled in the end.

INCIDENTALLY, SAM DASHEVSKY HAS INFORMED US THAT THE PUMP HAS BEEN REPAIRED BUT THERE IS STILL NO WATER.

There was no organization like the U.S.Y., which would help bring Jewish people from various parts of the township together. So in 1938, the Jewish Agricultural Society introduced us to the Jewish Rural Youth Association (R.Y.A.) and under the leadership and advice of Sophie Dobin, we met for socials at each other's homes, planned trips to the beach and to other places and events that were interesting. Several of the friendship we formed became permanent. Millicent Steinberg and David Kutliroff plighted their troth as a result of their R.Y.A. experiences as did Beatrice Rothbart and Alfred Karge.

A group of Jewish families formed an organization called the Jewish Country Club. Families belonging to this group were: Moses Beck, Sam Adler, Jacob Schor, Sam Kutliroff, Morris Squire, Max Kuthroff, Morris Kaplan, Morris Rothbard, Abraham Friedman, and Jerauchine Steinberg.

One of the first activities was the purchase of a cemetery section from the Washington Cemetery. Since 1946, Millicent Kutliroff has supervised these cemetery plots. Max Kuthroff, then secretary-treasurer, gave her the job in 1946. This cemetery section has recently been accepted by B'nai Tikvah in the interest of continuity. Since Lawrence Stoller passed away, Millicent Kutliroff was appointed to replace him as caretaker of the B'nai Tikvah Cemetery.

During the early years of the Jewish Farmers Community Center, we did not employ a rabbi. We had a group of elders like Louis Stabsky, Simon Schultz, Frank Vinicor, Morris Gibbs and Sam Durmaskin. They conducted services until we hired our first rabbi. We employed several rabbis until we hired a young student, Rabbi Andrew Warmflash. He lived at first in a motel within walking distance. After he married Beth, we built an apartment for them as a second floor on top of the Synagogue. Rabbi Warmflash stayed with us for seventeen years until he accepted another position in Newton Center, Massachusetts.

As the Jewish Farmers Community Center grew, inhabitants of Kendall Park began to apply for membership. Abe Dobin, who served for nine years as President of the J.F.C.C., refused to accept these applications. The charter of J.F.C.C. stipulated that members were to be Jewish Farmers. Abe Dobin, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Rutgers Agricultural College, was employed by the Jewish Agricultural Society. It was his responsibility to help lace Jewish Holocaust refugees on farms and the J.F.C.C. was there to welcome them into membership.

Kendall Park residents, therefore, purchased a Kendall Park home and converted in into a small synagogue called Beth Shalom. The Shari Shalom building was sold to the Moose Lodge in 1980 and we joined Beth Shalom in Kendall Park for a short interval while B'nai Tikvah was constructed and then both communities plus a group from North Brunswick became part of B'nai Tikvah in 1982.

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HAKOL DEADLINE

The next HaKol deadline is **November 15th**. I look forward to hearing from you. It will be distributed by **December 1**. You can leave articles in the HaKol mailbox in the synagogue office or e-mail them to HaKol@aol.com.

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.

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B'NAI TIKVAH UPCOMING CALENDAR

November

- Wednesdays 1st Jewish Foundation: Life Cycles Class, Jewish Book Fair
- Thursday 2nd Jewish Book Fair
- Friday 3rd Candle Lighting 4:34
- Sunday 5th First Grade PACT program, New Members Breakfast, Chai School Gleaning Trip, Jewish Book Fair
- Monday 6th Board of Directors Meeting, Family Relationship in the Torah Class
- Tuesday 7th Election Day, Exploring Jewish Values – Morning Class
- Wednesday 8th Jewish Foundation: Life Cycles – Evening Class
New Beginnings
- Thursday 9th Kristalnacht Service
- Friday 10th Candle Lighting 4:28
- Saturday 11th Men's Club Bowling
- Sunday 12th While Standing on One Foot – Rabbi's Class,
Men's Club
- Monday 13th Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner
Author Workshop: Religious School Grades 1 - 6
- Tuesday 14th Exploring Jewish Values – Morning Class,
Hebrew Literacy Level I – Evening Class, 50+
Board Meeting
- Wednesday 15th Jewish Foundation: Life Cycles – Evening Class
- Thursday 16th USY Meeting
- Friday 17th Family Shabbat Service; Candle Lighting 4:21
- Sunday 19th Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (off premises)
- Monday 20th School Board Meeting
- Thursday 23rd Thanksgiving
- Friday 24th Synagogue's Offices and Schools are Closed,
Candle Lighting 4:17
- Sunday 26th NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
- Monday 27th Executive Committee Meeting
Schmooze on the News – Aaron Lever's Adult
Ed. Evening Class
- Tuesday 28th Exploring Jewish Values – Morning Class,
Hebrew Literacy Level I – Evening Class, 50+
General Meeting
- Wednesday 29th Jewish Foundation: Life Cycles – Evening Class,
Ethics: The Final Frontier – Evening Class
- Thursday 30th USY Meeting, Kohelet – Evening Class
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Speaking

December

- Friday 1st Candle Lighting 4:14
- Sunday 3rd Sisterhood Hanukah Bazaar, Hei Class Talit
Making Workshop, Joint Art Auction w/
Highland Park Conservative Temple
- Monday 4th Board of Directors Meeting
- Tuesday 5th Hebrew Literacy Level I – Evening Class
Book Club - Poisonwood Bible
- Wednesday 6th Jewish Foundation: Life Cycles – Evening Class
Ethics: The Final Frontier – Evening Class
- Thursday 7th Nursery School Holiday Gift Bazaar
- Friday 8th Candle Lighting 4:14
- Saturday 9th Men's Club Bowling
- Sunday 10th Men's Club, Chai School Program
- Monday 11th Congregational Meeting



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