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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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From the Rabbi's Desk

By David M. Elligberg

I am constantly amazed by the random pieces of flotsam and jetsam that float to the surface of memory. From the distant recesses of youth, a snippet of the theme song of a television show that I cannot identify has been reverberating through my mind. "It's about time . . . It's about space . . ."

To say that I was perplexed by the unbidden appearance of these six words is an understatement. After reflecting upon what I had been doing in the moments leading up to "It's about time . . . It's about space" – mnemonic began to reveal itself.

With Jodi and Sarah away visiting my in-laws for a week, I was busy catching up on projects around the house. Moving around the house, the pervasive and unnatural quiet made everything feel a little out of synch. Each room was neat and tidy, an impossibility normally with Sarah's penchant for "investigating" and rearranging things.

"It's about time", the time that is spent in the little daily interactions were missing. "It's about space", the way this space is normally used. Jodi and I both consciously and otherwise have tried to create a home that is also sacred space, that reflects the idea that the Jewish home is a place where sanctity is found. We have also tried to ensure that each day has holy moments.

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By Hazzan Jodi Sered-Lever

Dear Friends,

I often tell people that one of the most important aspects of my cantorate is to connect with the members of my community. I have been fortunate to have many such experiences. Sometimes I come to know a person during a difficult time in his/her life or for someone close to him/her. We all face obstacles at some point in time.

I would like to extend to each of you a special invitation. On Thursday January 25th, we will hold Refaeinu: A Service of Healing. Rabbi Nancy Flam, one of the founders of the Jewish Healing movement teaches that "the function of a service of healing is to invite Jews into an environment in which each person can, through prayer, invite God to be in relationship to his or her suffering." Rabbi Flam also explains that "while each person comes to the service as an individual, the group also gathers as a collective. There may be an element of healing simply in the gathering itself, as one senses that one is not alone, as one feels oneself to be a part of a community of sufferers." Once a month we will gather after the evening minyan to focus on the renewal of our spirit. Refaeinu will seek to provide participants comfort, guidance, strength, and hope in the face of adversity.

The healing service is a modern Jewish ritual of the past decade. I encourage you to come and experience it for yourselves. I hope to see you on January 25th.

B'shalom,
Hazzan Jodi M. Sered-Lever

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WANTED IDEAS & VOLUNTEERSfor Activities Committee

The Activities Committee, chaired by Cheryl Goldstein, is looking for some innovative ideas for activities and volunteers to organize activities. There is no idea too far reaching. Our membership is so diverse that there is likely to be an audience for almost anything.

The Activities Committee strives to get all members involved in at least one fun activity each year. Please help to make this happen. If interested in volunteering or if you have ideas, please call Cheryl Goldstein on 732-821-7845 or send e-mail to activities@bnaitikvah.org

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

—by Ann Kanarek—

OUR CHAI PROGRAM

So.....what actually happens on Sunday mornings at 10:30am in the Youth Lounge. For some of you who do not have teenagers, it is a mystery. Although the expectation is that all students will continue in school at least through 11th grade, some have asked and are curious to know more about our "Chai" High School program.

"Chai" High School is the name we've given to our program, which encompasses grades 8-11 and some 12th graders that choose to stay involved. One of the nice things about our seniors is that this class continues to grow. More and more students are opting to stay through 12th grade. This year we are happy to report 52 students in total.

We know that Bar/Bat Mitzvah should not be an end to Jewish learning. At age thirteen, our children are just beginning to open their minds to much of what Judaism is about. They have learned about the holidays, have learned to read Hebrew, and can tell you something about life cycle, Torah, and mitzvot. However, they've only touched on, areas that until their high school years they are unable to truly understand. This is where our "Chai" School program comes in. Our youngsters are exposed to a wide-variety of subject areas, some academic, others that are value-laden.

We understand that the social aspects of being with friends are high on the priority list for our young adults, so our program includes significant opportunities for social involvement to take place. Special group activities and trips are planned. Also *Breakfast with the Rabbi* every month provides an informal atmosphere where everyone has an opportunity to discuss upcoming events as well as learn about a topic of interest like, Jewish Identity, Jews and Politics or Jews in America.

Through the "Chai" School program, our teenagers learn the value of Jewish traditions and insights when making life choices. We also cultivate in our youth a lifelong desire to explore and enjoy Jewish practices and rituals. Becoming a Bar or bat Mitzvah is not the end of Jewish education at B'nai Tikvah; it is the beginning!!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, January 7: KINDERGARTEN PACT: Shema Pajama Party, 9:00am

Sunday, January 14: **NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**, Professional Growth Day

Monday, January 15: **NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**, Martin Luther King Day

Friday, January 19: ALEF CLASS: Naming Ceremony and Dinner (6:30pm)

Sunday, January 21: SECOND GRADE PACT: Judaism and Ecology, 10:30am

Chai School: Breakfast with the Rabbi

Sunday, January 28: Chai School: Special Program: Living Voices presents The New American

Saturday, February 3: Dalet Class: Havdalah Program, 4:30PM

Sunday, February 4: Storytelling Workshop with guest, Lisa Lipkin

Sunday, February 18: **NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**, President's Weekend

Monday, February 19: **NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**, Washington's Birthday observed

REMINDER: In the event that it becomes necessary to cancel school due to inclement weather, every effort will be made to ensure that school closing announcement are made on **WCTC 1450 AM** and **WMGQ 98.3 FM**. School closings will be automatic at the cancellation of North or South Brunswick schools.

Guest Rabbi to Address New Beginnings Group

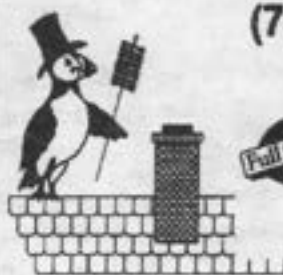
Do you have a child in an interfaith marriage or relationship? Would you like to hear how other parents face interfaith issues? On Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at 7:30pm come to a meeting of "New Beginnings," a Jewish Support Group for parents and grandparents of children in interfaith marriages/relationships.

Guest speaker will be Rabbi Jo David of the Jewish Appleseed Foundation, a worldwide organization bringing Judaism to those who have not had the Jewish experience. She has worked extensively with interfaith families and, because of her experience, brings a unique prospective to interfaith issues. Rabbi David has also authored a beginner's guide to genealogy entitled, "How to Trace Your Jewish Roots." Join us for this "Ask-the-Rabbi" discussion addressing diverse life cycle and family dynamics. The FREE meeting is open to everyone. Refreshments will be served.

"New Beginnings" meets monthly at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegans Lane, North Brunswick 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 or the synagogue office at 732-297-0696.

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Dear Editor:

A sincere thank you to Arlene Frumkin and Louanne Wolf for co-chairing the joint art auction with Highland Park Conservative Temple. They agreed to take on the project at a late date and did a terrific job of organizing and publicizing the evening. We appreciate the effort you put in and the funds that were raised for B'nai Tikvah!

Sincerely,
Jodi Marcou
Vice President, Ways & Means

B'nai Tikvah's Online Trivia Game

It began last month with a "Fastest Finger Question". As of this printing, no one has successfully put all of the B'nai Tikvah presidents in the correct order in which they served. No wonder, it took phone calls to three of them to formulate the answer.

A new question, relating to life at B'nai Tikvah, will be posted to the eGroup each month. Everyone should be able to easily answer the first few, starting with the \$100 question in mid January. They will get progressively tougher so, don't expect to see any Millionaires in March 2002.

Join our Online Community and be among the first to get a stab at \$1,000,000.

Good Luck.

There are over 70 families on B'nai Tikvah's eGroup mailing list.

MAZEL TOV ON YOUR UPCOMING SIMCHA

It is customary to throw candy at the couple while they are on the bima during their aufruf. So that you don't have to worry about small details, The Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai Tikvah will put together 50 bags of candy that will be available on the Shabbat morning of your aufruf.

All you need to do is:

- 1) Call Suse Rosenstock if your aufruf is before Oct. 15, 2000 or after May 15, 2001 at 732-329-3101. Otherwise, call Gale Dillman at 732-821-7392.
- 2) Give us your date.
- 3) Send a check for \$36 to Sisterhood, attn: Gale Dillman/Aufruf donation, to Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegan's Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

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Clean, good-natured fun!"
- Francine Feinerman, JCC,
Harrisburg PA



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"Within 90 seconds he had [the
audience] laughing which continued
and accelerated for the entire show."
— Leslie Weisen,
YM-YWHA of Mid-Westchester,
Scarsdale, NY

Tickets are \$25, including champagne and dairy dessert buffet.

Benefactor tickets are \$45 and include premium seating.

To purchase tickets or for more information,
please call a member of the Comedy Night Committee:

Dan Greenberg:	732.297.3780	Joel Rothfus:	732.613.0613
Peter Allen:	732.422.8766	Mark Sherman:	732.435.2223
Steve Gorelick:	732.940.8607	Steve Talmud:	732.613.4456
	Jeff Woller:		732.821.1015

Or send questions by email to: green@eclipse.net

Sisterhood Sizzles

Coming Soon...

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 Elyn Schneider at 254-4909. Anyone interested in helping with the luncheon should call Shelly Wistreich at 422-4273 or Linda Saffer at 422-7516.

January 21 Sunday -

Self defense with Tiger Shulman. Come to the synagogue at 10:00 am ready to learn how to defend yourself. Mark your calendars now.

Save the date...

February 22 Thursday -

Passover workshop 2001. Complete with a recipe exchange. Details to come.

March 22 Thursday -

Movie Review with Lori. 8:00pm. Watch for details in a future issue of HaKol

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For Sisterhood Shabbat on January 20. Have you always wanted to do a responsive reading, open the ark, lead a prayer, chant a Torah portion? If so, here is your chance in this service run entirely by Sisterhood. Call Elyn Schneider at 254-4909 and let her know how you would like to participate.

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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.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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

Men's Club

Men's Club Meeting

Come join us on Sunday, January 14 for an excellent program. Fredrick Streit, author of "Do Your Kids Know You Love Them" will speak.

Fredrick Streit currently does research in our area as well as out of his office in New York City. He's also a member of our congregation. We will be opening this meeting not only to Men's Club but also to our entire synagogue membership. This meeting will cost \$3.00 for members and \$4.00 for non-members.

Please join us for bagels and lox, a great program and an hour and a half away from all the pressures of your day.

**Sunday, January 14
10 AM**

Looking forward to seeing you

CROP WALK UPDATE

By Jackie Master

The 2000 CROP Walk was a huge success! Approximately 40 synagogue members participated in the walk, and you can see a nice picture of them in the photograph section of the B'nai Tikvah Website. I have in my hand \$5,700 that was raised by those 40 people. I am expecting to collect several hundred more dollars, and there could be much more money in matching funds. I will keep you updated.

I must especially mention the hard work this year of Barry Kivor. Individually, he raised over \$2,500. And he did not do it with one or two large donations. He solicited and collected donations from over 50 people. Church World Service has recognized him with their Golden Shoe Award. Thank you so much Barry for this accomplishment

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS
BY
FRAN PEARLSON



A GREAT BIG TODAH TO...

On behalf of the JCC Nursery School I would to thank the Parents Advisory Fundraising Committee for a very successful Holiday Gift Bazaar Fundraising Event.

A million thanks to Caryl Greenberg and Lisa Seidman, co-chairs of the Parent Advisory Committee, Dinah Harmon and Elisabeth Reichbart co-chairs of the fundraising committee, Tammy and Keith Zimmerman, Jodi Woller, Stacy Lewkowits and all the members of the committee for organizing and orchestrating our fundraiser. Through your tireless and diligent efforts our dream of new playground equipment will be realized!

NEWS FLASH...

2000 WAS A GREAT YEAR IN OUR NURSERY SCHOOL, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO 2001.

Our classes are filled to capacity with excited and happy learners - our enrollment is up! This January, three new students will join our two and a half-year-old class where they too will begin their learning adventures. The news has spread about our innovative afternoon enrichment programs and we are most happy to report classes are filled with eager and happy students. Our moms are thrilled with our Mommy & Me programs as well. Our newly launched Toddler Fun Club (Ages 2 - 2 1/2) has proven to be so successful that we plan to expand this program in the Fall of 2001.

Our staff of dedicated and talented teachers is the reason behind our success. They pride themselves on imparting their enthusiasm, spirit, and knowledge to our students. When you walk in our hallways, you will almost always hear the sound of giggles, laughter, beautiful singing, and even the delicious smells of foods being prepared. We have planned special activities and events, which will brighten your children's winter months here.

So... START SPREADING THE NEWS...

NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR WILL
BEGIN FOR TEMPLE MEMBERS
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH.

All temple families will receive priority registration and a discounted rate.

Registration packets must be completed and mailed directly to our nursery school office. Please make payment out to the JCC of No. & So. Brunswick Nursery School

(Call or come to the nursery school office to receive a packet)

Please refer your friends, neighbors, and relatives with age appropriate children to our nursery school. It is appreciated!

JANUARY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SHOWTIME

Our nursery school will be taking a trip to the State Theater to see the live production of "*Bear in the Big Blue House*" on Friday, January 5, 2001.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

This month many of our staff teachers will attend a *CPR* training course. All staff teachers are required to be *CPR* certified and every two years are required to update their training.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences will take place the week of January 22nd. Conference sheets are posted on each classroom door with the dates and available time slots.

UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS


The Philadelphia Zoo will be coming to our school in February to entertain and teach our children about the *Rain Forest*.

A program entitled "*Good Food Friends*" will be coming to our school in February to educate our kids about healthy food choices.

The nursery school will celebrate TuB'Shevat with a tasting party and a tzedakah project.

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Stay warm and enjoy!



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Thursday January 25, 2001

B'nai Tikvah Social Hall

7:45pm, immediately following minyan

For more information, please contact

Hazzan Jodi Sered-Lever

297-0696 ext. 3015

B'NAI TIKVAH BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is February 6 in the Synagogue Library at 8:00 PM. We will discuss *Fierce Attachments* by Vivian Gornick. In this autobiographical account, the author of *Essays in Feminism* (1979) recalls her childhood in a Jewish neighborhood in the Bronx in the 1940s and her relationship with her mother as she was growing up and in recent years.

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

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 will meet on Tuesday, January 23, 2001 in the Social Hall at 1:00 PM. Rabbi Eligberg will lead us in a Tu B'Shevat Seder. Please join us for our meeting and program. All members of the Congregation (over 50 years of age) and Jewish friends are invited to learn about our program plans for the future. If you are not a member and would like to attend, please call Blanche at 297-0272 to make a reservation for January 23.



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Yearly maintenance fees are \$468, and have already been paid for 2001. Check out this resort at www.pelicanresort.com.

This timeshare is for the 21st week of each year — which usually falls around Memorial Day — which in 2001 is May 26th through June 2nd.

Pelican Resort is affiliated with RCI, the world's largest timeshare sharing club. You may opt to join RCI for a small fee, giving you the right to trade your St. Martin week in any given year for a week at any other RCI resort worldwide.

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This is a 2000 sq ft. upscale home featuring every amenity possible. Master bedroom has a king size bed, private bath and a private deck. Second bedroom has twin beds and third bedroom has a double bed with a built in office. All bedrooms have a TV and VCR. Luxurious living area includes fireplace, phone, air conditioning, dishwasher, washer/dryer, fully equipped kitchen, and linens. There is also an electric barbecue, small library, 5 cable tv's, 2 bicycles and 4 beach chairs. Use of the community center with a pool, basketball and tennis court is included.

There are a few restrictions: No small children (This home is not childproofed) – No smoking – Black-out dates include the summer months and the month of April – A \$400 security deposit is required which will be returned after your week! For more details and a picture of this spectacular home go to www.vrbo.com and type in 4111.

Enjoy your spectacular week in Hilton Head!



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The vacation includes a fabulous week at a one-bedroom condominium, with a maximum occupancy of four people. It must be used between March 3, 2001 and November 1, 2001 (except for Colorado, which is valid 4/1/01 – 11/1/01).

This opportunity has a retail value of \$1,000. Snap it up!!



Lastk Surgery for Two People: Dr. Steve Gordon is generously donating surgery for two people (yes, that's up to four eyes total!). If you fed up with wearing glasses, here's your chance to do something about it. Dr. Gordon is a board-certified ophthalmologist with offices in both East Brunswick and Highland Park. He is affiliated with both Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Saint Peter's University Hospital. Steve will have you seeing perfectly in no time!



Sleep with Derek Jeter! Well maybe not Derek Jeter but you can sleep with his authenticated-signed Jersey generously donated by Elliot Runyon. Sports fans don't miss out!



Okay, here's the fine print:

- Airfare and ground transportation are NOT included in any of the vacation packages.
- You should be pre-qualified for the eye surgery – not everyone is a good candidate.



Schmooze on the News!

A Discussion Forum at B'nai Tikvah
Facilitated by Aaron M. Lever

Join us to discuss and debate:

- Issues in the Jewish Community
- World News from a Jewish Perspective

When: The 4th Monday of every month

After minyan, 7:45-9:00 PM

Next Date: Monday January 29th

Location: Classroom #4

Contact: Synagogue Office at 297-0696

Please RSVP one week in advance.

Next Topic: The American Jewish Community: Where Are We and Where Are We Going? (part 2)

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Some of these are simply a reflection of simply being ourselves, of the atmosphere of our home. The art on the walls, the books on the shelves, the objects around the house all reflect both our values and tastes. I believe that what triggered this vestigial memory was that the space was not being used as it normally was. Sarah's books, Jewish and secular, are sitting lined up on the shelf. *Dov (the large white bear in our family room (any resemblance to any person real or fictional is purely coincidental) looks quite lonely without someone jumping on him just as I miss hearing someone say, "Abba" (sorry, no substitutes.)

This interplay of holy time and sacred space emerges from a myriad of small things that we as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends communicate to the children we encounter. From the vocabulary we use Abba (Daddy), Imma (Mommy), Boker tov (Good Morning), Laila tov ((Good night.) Daily life is full of Jewish teachable moments – reciting sh'ma before bed at night, kissing the mezuzah before leaving or upon returning home, or putting a few coins into the tsedakah box at the end of the day.

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MAZEL TOV!

January B'nai Mitzvah



Julie Gordon - January 13
Maggie Shinder-Kline - January 27



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- YOU'VE BEEN INVITED TO A BAR/BAT MITZVAH. BUY SOME RETAIL SCRIP AT OLD NAVY OR GAP (TEENAGERS LOVE IT!).
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AS YOU CAN SEE, EVERYONE NEEDS TO BUY A GIFT FOR SOMEONE. WHY NOT SHOW SOME ORIGINALITY IN YOUR GIFT GIVING, AND HELP THE SYNAGOGUE AT THE SAME TIME! THE DISCOUNT RATE IS THE PROFIT THAT THE SYNAGOGUE MAKES ON EVERY PURCHASE.

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If you have any questions, please call Andy at 732/422-0637 or e-mail him at: adrcpa@aol.com

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

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Martin Spigner in memory of Cynthia Spigner
Joseph and Helen Feldman
Allen and Judith Cohen in memory of Louis Cohen
Fred and Gloria Landsman in memory of George Coon
Fred and Gloria Landsman in memory of Ida Coon
Fred and Gloria Landsman in memory of Molly Landsman
Carol and Sheldon Piekarski
Abby and Bernard Lorber in memory of Charles Lorber
The Binder family in memory of Elaine Cohn
Joyce and Joel Gerbman in memory of George Winstein
Abschutz family in memory of Yvette Abschutz
Abschutz family in memory of William Koshner

Expansion Fund

Brenda, Mark, Josh, Arielle & Hannah Sherman in honor of Amanda Dillman's Bat Mitzvah
Brenda, Mark, Josh, Arielle & Hannah Sherman in memory of David Talmud (Steve Talmud's father)
Brenda, Mark, Josh, Arielle & Hannah Sherman in memory of Phillip Rothman's mother
Brenda, Mark, Josh, Arielle & Hannah Sherman in memory of Cheryl Goldstein's grandfather
The Novek, Weinfeldt and Preston Families in memory of Dottie Cohen, Bonnie Kudwitt's mother
The Spigner family in memory of Tillie (Weisberg) Klein
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Rabbi Discretionary Fund:

Carol N. Marks in memory of Ted Marks
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Mae Rubinstein in memory of Sidney Rubinstein
The Spigner family in memory of Elizabeth Herman

Religious School Fund:

The Binder family in honor of Amanda Dillman's Bat Mitzvah

Youth Fund:

Walter & Suse Rosenstock in honor of Diane Rosuck's special Birthday
Joyce & Joel Gerbman in honor of Amanda Dillman; on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah
Sylvia & Erwin Lewis in honor of Amanda Dillman; on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah

Cantor's Discretionary Fund:

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The Spigner family in memory of Cynthia Spigner
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Myron & Cheryl Asnis in memory of Max Flashberg
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Contributions:

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

In honor of: _____
In memory of: _____
On the occasion of: _____

Amount of Donation:
 \$18 \$36 \$54 \$72 \$118 Other \$ _____

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Name: _____
Telephone: _____
Please send an acknowledgment to:
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Please Allocate Donation to:

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 Prayer book Fund Social Action Fund Other _____

Junior Congregation

By Dorothy Cohen

It's hard to believe **HALF** the school year is already complete. Just about every student has attended Jr. Congregation by now.

All students should have completed **HALF** their requirement by mid January.

Total Requirements:

Aleph 8	Bet 10
Gimel 14	Dalet 18
Hei 18	

Friday evening attendance counts up to 5 of the total requirement; Havdalah service counts up to 2 times of this five.

To see how your child is doing, check out www.bnaitikvah.org, click on the Jr. Congregation section and then Attendance. The site contains Jr. Congregation attendance for all students. **NOTE:** You will need to know the name of Rabbi Eligberg's famous male puppet in order to gain access.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE EARNED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PIZZA PARTY IN JANUARY.

Thank you to all parents who have sponsored a PIZZA.

Roller-skating Party

In order to qualify for the Roller-skating Party on February 25, student will need to obtain the following attendance by February 12: Aleph 6, Bet 6, Gimel 10, Dalet 12, Hei 12.

SAVE A LIFE!

On January 7th, 2001, Congregation B'nai Tikvah starts the new century with our Annual Blood Donor Drive, from 11am to 3pm. We closed the last century with fifty-eight people donating 48-pints. We're looking forward to an even better response from our community this drive. We hope to collect fifty or more pints, **with YOUR help!**

While bread is the staff of life, **BLOOD is the stuff of life!** Each time you donate a pint of blood, you give the gift of life to people in desperate need. Becoming a blood donor is a **MITZVAH** that ought to become part of one's life in early adulthood, and continue through the senior years. And multiple donations each year are the ideal!

The demand for blood is constantly increasing, yet the pool of blood donors doesn't seem to grow in answer to the need. For whatever reason, less than 5% of everyone eligible donates blood. Yet the need for blood grows 1% each year; donations decrease by the same number. We continue to play catch-up! There's still no substitute for human blood.

Think about the following and make a commitment to join us as a donor.

WHAT GOOD IS A BLOOD DONOR? A BLOOD DONOR IS GOOD FOR:

- ◆ Somebody with leukemia.
- ◆ People being operated on.
- ◆ Hemophiliacs, so they'll be normal as possible.
- ◆ People undergoing dialysis, while awaiting a transplant
- ◆ Burn victims
- ◆ New mothers in need of transfusion.
- ◆ Babies needing a complete change of blood supply.
- ◆ Cancer patients.
- ◆ The very tired with severe anemia.
- ◆ And people in a lot worse shape than most of the folks you know!

If you have any questions about donating, or would like to help with our drive, please call Marty Engel at 297-3198.

TORAH READERS' CLUB

for grades 5 & 6

Starts Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001

Join the Torah Readers' Club and learn to chant Hebrew from the Torah scroll!

The Club will meet on Saturday mornings 10:00 -10:30 am before Jr. Congregation in the school wing at B'nai Tikvah.

The goal of the Club is to meet for eight weeks and learn Torah "trope" - the melodies used for chanting the Torah. At the end of eight weeks, interested Club Members can read from the Torah at a Shabbat afternoon Mincha service.

Members are required to know the Aleph-bet and have a basic Hebrew reading ability. Questions? Call Cantor Sered-Lever 297-0696.

Torah Readers' Club Member Application

I wish to join the Torah Readers' Club:

Member Name: _____ Grade _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail address (optional): _____

Send application with \$5 (check made out to B'nai Tikvah) to cover materials to Cantor Sered-Lever @ B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegan's Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

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A few other things that can help create Jewish space for children. If they do not yet have a mezuzah on their door, you can (a) if they are old enough, allow them to pick one and have a family party when you hang it up; or (b) if they are young, hang a mezuzah on their door post at their reach. Each year on their Birthday, raise the mezuzah to reflect how they have grown in the past year.

Decorate your child's room with colorful posters of Israel, Jewish holidays or Jewish heroes. Incorporate Jewish puzzles and Hebrew letters into the collection of your child's toys. Set aside a time for reading Jewish books with your children. Let them see you reading books of Jewish content.

The ultimate goal is to create for your children positive Jewish memories that reflect the values you wish to transmit. As the words of the sh'ma remind us "You shall teach them diligently." The Torah knew that parents are the primary teacher of any child.

"It's about time . . . It's about space? And what we do with them.

With blessings,
Rabbi Eligberg



Nursery School Registration 2001-2002 School Year

Dates: Monday, January 29th to Friday, February 2nd
(All temple members receive priority registration on Monday, January 29th
and a discounted tuition rate will apply)

Classes

- 2 1/2 year old class meets Tuesday & Thursday
- 3 year old class meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Pre-K class meets Monday through Friday

Schedule

All morning classes meet from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Children will have an opportunity to take advantage of the JCC's outstanding educational curriculum. Our curriculum for 3's and Pre-K's are further enhanced by regular sessions of gymnastics, music, and optional computer instruction.

Children's Creative Enrichment Center (CCEC)

Afternoon lunch bunch and a varied selection of enrichment programs are offered as options. Design your own program!

Mommy & Me

A number of Mommy & Me classes, including our new Toddler Fun Club, round out our exciting programs.

- Tiny Tots: 12-18 months
- Little Moppets: 18-24 months
- Toddler Fun Club: 24-30 months

For Working Parents

For working parents, early drop-off and late-stay friendship club is offered.



Contact the nursery school office at 297-0295 for a registration packet or for more information.

Can you have a complete Shabbat Dinner for four for only \$25.00?

You bet you can . . .



On Thursday evening February 15 from 7:45-9:00 you can pick up your Shabbat dinner at the synagogue from The Kosher Experience in Shop-Rite of East Windsor. Your dinner will be in the refrigerator with your name on it.

You can partake in this wonderful fundraiser by ordering your dinner by February 11.

Basic dinner includes (serves 4):

- Chicken (1 large or 2 small)
- 1 lb. salad
- 1 lb. kugel
- 1 challah

For an addition \$5.00 we will deliver your dinner to your door (or to a friend's house as a special Shabbat gift). North/South Brunswick only (exceptions can be made, please call).

Basic Dinners

Choices: (choose one from each category for each dinner ordered)

- Salad: Potato Cucumber
 Coleslaw Health
- Kugel: Potato Noodle Apple
- Challah: Traditional Raisin Whole Wheat

_____ X \$25.00 = _____

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
- Extra Chicken _____ X \$7.00 = _____
- Gefilte Fish (4 Slices) _____ X \$3.00 = _____

_____ X \$2.75 = _____

_____ X \$ 3.75 = _____

_____ X \$2.75 = _____

_____ X \$7.00 = _____

_____ X \$3.00 = _____

Home Delivery _____

_____ \$5.00 = _____

Total Enclosed _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Make check payable to:
 Sisterhood, B'nai Tikvah
 Mail to: Theresa Samtur
 4 Zev Court
 Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852

Use separate sheet for gift instructions

Any questions call Theresa at: 821-8163

"ISRAEL UPDATE" DRAWS THREE GENERATIONS TO CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH

The subject was "Israel Update" and, on November 30, it brought the biggest audience in two years to a B'nai Tikvah program.

Jonathan Schierberg, representing the Office of the Consul General of Israel in New York, spoke and answered questions straightforwardly from almost 100 congregants. Interestingly, they ranged in age from teens to great-grandparents and included both new and founding members. Some of the major issues were:

Violence: Yassir Arafat generally plays the victim, asking in English for UN protection for his people; in Arabic, he sends mixed messages about stopping and simultaneously continuing the violence. The Israel Defense force's task is complicated because it must protect Israeli citizens, defend national sovereignty, and respond to attacks by Palestinians--while trying not to cause civilian casualties.

Public Relations: Israel is losing the media campaign. Nothing could have counteracted that famous photo of an Arab father cradling his dying boy, not even the video of gleeful Palestinians showing the blood of two IDF soldiers they'd butchered. And the media isn't asking why Palestinian schoolchildren are being sent to the border with Israel to start incidents.

Election: Re-election will be an uphill struggle for Prime Minister Ehud Barak. Speaker of the Knesset Avraham Berg, also of the Labor Party, is a very dark horse replacement. As for the Likud Party, its Leader, General Ariel Sharon, undoubtedly, would like to run, but its candidate will be former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu--already far ahead in the polls. (Barak's surprising resignation has created a legal roadblock to Netanyahu's candidacy; stay tuned.)

American Support: Our money's not needed; our involvement is. Israelis need to see--literally, see--that we care about them. How?

- (1) Daily life in Israel, away from the borders, goes on as usual. Go there with one of the organizations running short-stay, budget-priced "Missions to Israel" (Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County, 732-432-7711). Show by the moral support of your presence, that you stand with, and for, Israel.
- (2) Watch the media. Write a rebuttal letter if you see or hear biased coverage of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Special thanks go to our USY chapter's leaders and advisors, Craig and Candace Botnick, for choosing the "Israel Update" program as one of their twice-monthly meetings. They had an exclusive question-and-answer session with speaker Jonathan Schienberg before attending his scheduled presentation in the sanctuary.

Based on congregants' interest, last year, as well as this, "Israel Update" will become an annual event.

Ann Gold & Linda Kohn
Program Committee Co-Chairs

President's Podium

By Mitch Frumkin

For those of you who were not able to attend the Congregational Meeting on December 11, the following is a summary of the discussions which took place. If you would like to see a copy of the meeting minutes, it will be posted on the web in January (BnaiTikvah.org).

According to the Bylaws of our Congregation, it is mandated that two Congregational Meetings take place per calendar year. One in either May or June which is to include nominations and elections of the officers and trustees as well as the budget for the fiscal year (the last of which took place on June 12, 2000) and one in December to inform the general membership of important recent happenings.

It is required that the Congregation be notified of these meetings by mail a minimum of 10 days before and a maximum of 30 days before each meeting. At all meetings of the general membership, a quorum for the taking of votes shall consist of twenty-five members in good standing, of which at least three shall be members of the Board of Directors, at least one being the President or a Vice-President. Any motions can be approved by a simple majority. In the case of Constitutional changes, a quorum for constitutional meetings shall be 10% of the voting members in good standing, and a vote of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary for an amendment to be adopted.

The December 11, 2000 meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

Highlights of the meeting included :

Capital Campaign

Mark Roller and Jeff Schwartz, the Campaign Co-Chairs, presented the Capital Campaign report. The Campaign has surpassed our original expectations. While the Consultants originally estimated that we would raise in the range of \$700,000, our pledges to date total \$1,120,000. Some statistics:

- Refusals, 56 from personal contact and 40 from phone solicitation.
- 254 pledges, \$1,120,000.
- 20 pledges still pending.
- 30 prospects still to be contacted.

If anyone has not yet contributed to the Capital Campaign and would like to do so, please contact either Jeff Schwartz, Mark Roller or Mitch Frumkin. Remember, it is our goal for every family to make a contribution of any amount. Please help to make this a Congregational project and help us reach our goal of having a contribution from every family!

Expansion Committee

Mark Kasdin presented the Expansion Committee report. After interviewing three architectural firms, the firm of Cornerstone Architects has been selected to provide the necessary design services. The law firm of Borrus, Golden and Foley has been selected to represent us in front of the North Brunswick Planning Board. Based upon preliminary discussions with representatives of North Brunswick, it is not anticipated that any problems will occur during this process. It is the tentative plan to present our plans at the January or February meeting.

A motion was made to "Authorize the construction of approximately 10,000 square foot addition to Congregation B'nai Tikvah at a cost not to exceed the net total dollars pledged in the Capital Campaign." The motion passed unanimously with 5 abstentions.

Constitutional Committee

The Constitution Committee report was presented by Sam Rosensweig, Chair. A number of motions were made regarding changes to the Constitution. A summary is as follows:

Motion to add to Article IX, Section 1, as follows: The delegates designated in Section 1 shall serve for one year and shall be members in good standing of the Congregation.

Motion passed with 2 abstentions.

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Motion to add to Article IX, Section 1, the following: ***The Rabbi and Cantor shall serve as non-voting ex officio members of the Board of Directors.***

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to change Article IX, Section 2 as follows: Officers and Trustees shall be elected for ***(one)*** two year terms and may succeed themselves. . .

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to change Article IX, Section 2 as follows:except that ***(the President and)*** the Vice Presidents shall not serve more than three consecutive terms in their respective offices. ***The President shall not serve more than two consecutive terms as President.***

Motion passed with one opposed.

Motion to add a standing Committee to Article XIII, as follows: ***z. Feedback Committee- This committee shall facilitate communication between members of the Congregation and the Rabbi and between members of the Congregation and the Cantor and shall report to the Executive Committee. The Committee shall consist of four to six members appointed by the President.***

Motion passed with one opposed and one abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 pm.

CHAI SHABBAT MEMORIES

By Gerald Fischelberg

Before the doors opened, Joyce and Burt set up the table by the door. Howie brought over the cards and stacked them on the end of the table. Marc brought over the bank. It's Time.

In came the players. Most took multiple cards and set up their lucky gadgets.

Nine times out of ten they would light up a cigarette and before too long we could not see or breathe. Howie or Burt would start to call the numbers and we would

Go up and down the rows exchanging cards and checking winners.

Over the amplified call of B's and O's and from the money room at the back of the hall a frantic scream stilled the air. "He's got a gun." By the time we rushed to his aid, Marc Dillman had leaped over a table and tackled a masked man twice his size. He had wrestled the gun from his hand and subdued the intruder. "Call 911" Marc calmly instructed while he pinned the massive criminal to the floor. "And while you're at it, get me a dozen jumbo eggs to take home."

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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HAKOL DEADLINE

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

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

On the sad front, our Administrative Assistant, Pete Alferis has left. On the glad front, we have a new Administrative Assistant. Her name is Diane Eisenberg. Next time you're in the building, stop by and say, "Hi."

Committees, Groups & Staff

Rabbi	David Eligberg	297-0696
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Youth Committee	Marcia Schwartz	297-6365
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B'NAI TIKVAH UPCOMING CALENDAR

January

- Monday 1st Synagogue's Offices and Schools are closed
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
- Tuesday 2nd RELIGIOUS SCHOOL RESUMES, Executive
Committee Meeting
- Thursday 4th USY Meeting
- Friday 5th Candle Lighting 4:27
- Sunday 7th Religious School - Kindergarten PACT, Blood
Drive
- Monday 8th Board of Directors Meeting
- Tuesday 9th 50+ Board Meeting
- Wednesday 10th New Beginnings
- Friday 12th Candle Lighting 4:35
- Saturday 13th Men's Club Bowling - Evening Event
- Sunday 14th Men's Club Meeting, NO RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL
- Monday 15th Synagogue's Offices and Schools are closed
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
- Thursday 18th USY Meeting
- Friday 19th Candle Lighting 4:42
Alef Naming Service and Dinner, Family Shabbat
Service
- Saturday 20th Sisterhood Shabbat, Comedy Night
- Sunday 21st Religious School - 2nd Grade Pact, Sisterhood
General Meeting, Chai School Breakfast With
The Rabbi
- Monday 22nd Sisterhood Board Meeting
- Tuesday 23rd 50+ General Meeting, School Board Meeting
- Thursday 25th Cantor's Healing Service
- Friday 26th Candle Lighting 4:51
- Sunday 28th Religious School - Dalet Class Melton Program,
Committee Meeting
- Monday 29th Executive Committee Meeting, Shmooze On The
News

February

- Thursday 1st USY Meeting
- Friday 2nd Candle Lighting 4:59
- Saturday 3rd Religious School - Dalet Class Havdalah Service
- Monday 5th Board of Directors Meeting
- Wednesday 7th Tu B'Shevat Seder
- Thursday 8th Tu B' Shevat
- Friday 9th Candle Lighting Service 5:08
- Saturday 10th Men's Club Bowling,
Religious School - Hei Class Service & Lunch



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