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From the Rabbi's Desk

By David M. Eligberg

A number of years ago Steve Martin and Rick Moranis teamed together in an amusing film entitled *My Blue Heaven*. Martin's character is a flamboyant mobster in the Federal Witness Protection Program, while Moranis plays a rather straight-laced FBI agent. During a visit to New York City, Martin eludes his FBI escort and Moranis tracks him down at a favorite men's clothing store. It is here that Martin's character, Vinnie, after disparaging Moranis' wardrobe suggests he take advantage of his surroundings.

The following dialogue ensues:

"Just try something different."

"Vinnie!"

"Just try something different."

"I'm not interested in this."

"Of course you're not. We know this. If you were interested we wouldn't be having this conversation....No wonder your wife left you."

"My wife didn't leave me because of my socks."

"You see. The wardrobe is a symbol of how you are. You follow me. Now, look at yourself. What do you think? Barney, it's very hard for a human being to change. I know this. I'm an expert on this. So, sometimes, in order for a human being to change, you have to change from the outside in. Wow! You look beautiful!"

What is true for human beings is equally true for institutions. We develop standard operating procedures, routines and traditions which we find comfortable in their familiarity. We are reluctant to change. Over the past few weeks, a small group has begun to meet with the goal of looking at how we do things with an eye to making changes. This small group will expand to encompass an ever increasing number of congregants.

Hazal, our sages of blessed memory, stated in the Talmud, "Kol hathalot kashot," "all beginnings are difficult." Any one who has ever tried to change a routine, break a habit, or start a new one knows this to be true. It is

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HAZZAN'S VOICE

By Hazzan Jodi Sered-Lever

Dear Friends,

I was recently sorting through some papers, and I came across an excerpt of an article on prayer by the theologian, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. Heschel taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York until his death in 1972. While I was studying at the Seminary, I had the privilege to come to know his wife, Mrs. Sylvia Heschel. Mrs. Heschel, a gifted pianist, invited Aaron and me over to her home one Shabbat afternoon. We enjoyed getting a glimpse into the life of this scholar and his family. I would like to share with you the piece from that 1959 article:

"An island in this world are the words of prayer. Each time when arriving at the shore, we face the same hazard, the same strain, tension and risk. Each time the island must be conquered as if we had never been there before, as if we were strangers to the spirit. Rugged is the shore and in the sight of majestic utterances, we stand, seeking a kindred word in which to gain a foothold for our souls. The words we face are lofty, and the humble ones are concealed beyond our reach. We must not be shaken, we must learn to crawl if we do not know how to leap. Prayer does not complete itself in an instant nor does it move on a level plain. It thrusts itself forward through the depths and heights, through detours and by-ways. It advances gradually from word to word, from thought to thought, from feeling to feeling, arriving, we find, on a level where words are treasures, where meanings lie hidden, still to be discovered. Restrained insight, slumbering emotions, the subdued voice of deeper knowledge burst upon the mind.

To speak about prayer is indeed presumptuous. There are no devices, no techniques; there is no specialized art of prayer. All the life must be a training to pray. We pray the way we live. Prayer depends not only upon us but also upon the will and grace of God. Sometimes we stand before a wall. It is very high. We cannot scale it. It is hard to break through it, but even knocking our heads against the wall is full of meaning. Ultimately, there is only one way of gaining certainty of the realness of any reality, and that is by knocking our heads against the wall. Then we discover there is something real outside the mind."

Prayer is a complicated thing. It can be a daunting task to enter the sanctuary and pick up a siddur. There are so many different prayers, so many different ideas presented. It is important to remember that each of us may go at our own pace. Making meaning of the prayers is an individual process. While we come together as a community, it is still each individual that comprises the group of worshippers. We have the opportunity to seek the treasures embedded in the texts, and, in the words of Dr. Heschel, to gain a foothold for the soul.

B'shalom,
Hazzan Jodi M. Sered-Lever

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The most important aspect of any web site is not so much the technical work involved, but its "content". Too often, people assume that web publicity is OK if it's "on time for the HaKol" when in fact, it could have been posted almost a month earlier. A week is like a year in "internet time". If publicity is to be valued for a committee, school or group's event, people must be made aware to get the word to the webmaster.

Help us by leaving copies of things to be mailed (before the ink is dry) in the webmaster's box in the synagogue office, or even better, e-mailed to webmaster@BnaiTikvah.org.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

—by Ann Kanarek—

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 7 AT 6:00PM CELEBRATE SPRING IN ISRAEL!

WHAT IS IT?

The Jewish calendar has several new years: Rosh Hashanah, the Head of the Year; Passover, the start of Spring; and also Tu B'Shevat, a special new year for the trees. In ancient Israel, the trees needed a new year the same way businesses need a fiscal year, "first fruits" had to be brought to the Temple. First fruits were defined as the first to ripen after Tu B'Shevat (the 15th of the month of Shevat). Also, the fruit of a new tree could not be eaten for three years, also counted from Tu B'Shevat. In modern times, Tu B'Shevat has become an occasion to focus on nature and the environment. We concentrate on our role as caretakers of the earth. It is also an opportunity to affirm our commitment to the State of Israel and support the Jewish National Fund on Tu B'Shevat.

WHAT TO DO?

- Plant something! If you plant some parsley in a pot now, it will be ready to eat at Passover. The modern custom is to hold a Tu B'Shevat Seder. This is a special meal with songs and readings related to trees, including tasting special fruits from the trees of Israel. B'nai Tikvah's Tu B'Shevat Seder will be held on February 7th.
- Eat something! The seven fruits of Israel from Bible times are: almonds, figs, grapes, dates, apples, carob, and olives. You can add modern Israeli produce like oranges.
- Buy a tree! Now is the time to sponsor a tree to be planted in Israel in someone's honor. Look for the JNF form in your child's book bag.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS

Wednesday, February 7:	Congregational Tu B'Shevat Seder, 6:00pm
Saturday, February 10:	HEI CLASS Shabbat Service (9:30am) and Lunch
Sunday, February 11:	CHAI SCHOOL Trip: <i>Jewish Philadelphia</i>
Sunday, February 18:	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, <i>President's Weekend</i>
Monday, February 19:	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, <i>Washington's Birthday observed</i>
Saturday, February 24:	GIMEL CLASS Havdallah Program, 5:00PM
Sunday, February 25:	BET CLASS PACT PROGRAM: <i>The Joy of Shabbat</i> , 10:00AM
	CHAI SCHOOL: <i>Breakfast with the Rabbi</i>
Sunday, March 4:	SPECIAL PURIM PROGRAM with Ventriloquist, JONATHAN GEFFNER Grades K-4 will meet late session only, 10:40am-12:05pm (There will be NO EARLY SESSION for K-4 classes due to the special program with Jonathan Geffner and carnival following) (Regular school hours for grades 5, 6, 7 - 9:00am-12:05pm)
Thursday, March 8:	Purim Pizza Party, 6:00PM; Megillah Reading, 6:30PM
Sunday, March 11:	GIMEL CLASS PACT PROGRAM: <i>Tzedakah and the Giraffe Connection</i> , 10:00AM

HAVDALLAH HAPPENING!!

Celebrate the end of Shabbat with a Havdallah Happening—a song, a sparkle, a sniff and a sip! And, as an added bonus to the evening we will have an opportunity to start the new week by performing a mitzvah and fulfilling the Talmudic Dictum of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). We will partner with a local agency and work together to help the needy of our community. The Gimel and Dalet classes will bag sandwiches for *Elijah's Promise* and the Alef and Bet classes will participate in the *American Red Cross Treasure Chest* educational program which provides school

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supplies to children in impoverished places. After services, on the evening of your child's Havdallah program we will work to put everything together. We are looking forward to your participation in this very important activity. Please mark your calendar with your child's Havdallah/Mitzvah program date:

Saturday, February 3: DALET CLASS, 4:45pm
Saturday, February 24: GIMEL CLASS, 5:15PM
Saturday, March 17: BET CLASS, 5:45PM
Saturday, March 31: ALEF CLASS, 6:00PM

SPECIAL PURIM PROGRAM SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH

DON'T BE A "DUMMY!"
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"READ HIS LIPS"

We have a special program planned for Purim. Mr. Jonathan Geffner will be visiting us on Sunday, March 4th at 11:00am. Geffner is a versatile ventriloquist who will entertain us with his delightful cast of characters, Shmendrick, Yosi, Chippy, Ezra and Aunt Sarah. Geffner and his characters hold their audiences spellbound by getting them involved in the show. The puppets draw the children in, asking them questions and bringing them on stage as helpers. Their performance will precede the Purim Carnival. We look forward to seeing you with your family and friends as we enjoy an entertaining show with Jonathan and his "Jewish dummies."

Mr. Geffner will perform a one hour show for the entire school at 11:00am. (Please note there will be regular class for grades 5,6,7 and all K-4 students will come for LATE SESSION ONLY and meet their teachers in their regular classroom)

PROFESSIONAL STORYTELLER AND AUTHOR VISITS B'NAI TIKVAH

Lisa Lipkin, a professional storyteller and author of *Bringing the Story Home: The Complete Guide to Storytelling for Parents* (W.W. Norton & Co., 2000) says that inventing your own tales can be one of the most powerful ways to bond. We had a great time with Lisa when she conducted a teacher's workshop for us in the Fall and again when she visited our school (Sunday, February 4th) and presented a storytelling program for our children. Please join us—There's one more opportunity to catch Lisa Lipkin in her Yom Hashoah special program on Sunday, April 22nd).

WE THANK THE MIDDLESEX FEDERATION FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!!



Mazel Tov to our Alef Classes on a wonderful naming ceremony. On Shabbat, January 19th, our students had a unique opportunity to announce their Hebrew names publicly.

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- 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.

Baskets of the candy throws will be waiting for you at the synagogue. Thank you for your support of our Sisterhood.

FAMILY SHABBAT

All are invited to attend the Family Shabbat held at Congregation B'nai Tikvah on the third Friday of each month from 7:00pm to 7:45pm. The Shabbat service caters to young children and their families and includes puppets, singing, and dancing. The next service will be held on February 16, 2001. Future Family Shabbat programs will be held on March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, and August 17.

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Saturday February 10, 2001

On this Shabbat we read the "Song at the Sea", the unique poem sung by Moses, Miriam and the Israelites following the crossing of the Red Sea.

The reading of the Torah is punctuated by special singing and dancing.

The students in our Hei class will lead parts of the service!

**Everyone is invited to a
Lunch & Sing Program
following services**



Please RSVP to the synagogue office, 297-0696, if you will be joining us for lunch.

Sisterhood Sizzles

Coming Soon...

February 22 Thursday -

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

March 22 Thursday -

We will have a movie review based on the movie A Price Above Rubies. The movie is about a young woman who is married to a devout Jew and the problems that trouble their marriage because of the woman wanting something more out of her life.

Movie viewing times to be announced. The movie is also available at Blockbuster. Starring Julianne Margulies and Renee Zellweger.

PURIM BAGS

Don't forget to get your order in for your Shalach manot. You should have received an order form in the mail, or look in this issue of HaKol. Orders must be in by February 15. Any questions? Call Kim at 732-940-4066.

GIFT SHOP

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

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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.

DON'T HAVE TIME TO COOK?

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Men's Club

Men's Club Meeting

Sunday February 11 at 10:00 AM

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Mr. Levine, a certified public accountant as well as an attorney; is a member of the New York and New Jersey State Bar Associations and the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys. He has served as chairman of both state and local bar association committees, is currently a member of the Tax and Estate Law Committees, and has participated in drafting recent New Jersey tax legislation. Mr. Levine is admitted to practice before all courts in the states of New York and New Jersey as well as the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. Supreme Court.

All are welcome to join us for our traditional lox & bagels breakfast. If you're planning to come, please contact Danny Greenberg (732.297.3780) or Mark Sherman (732.940.1110) to RSVP.

Men's Club members \$3.00

Non-members \$4.00

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Sunday, January 7th was a "Hat-Trick" Day! The Giants won, the Ravens won, and B'nai Tikvah really raked it in. We made our goal, set a record and are trying to figure out our goal for next January.

Seventy-six good souls came down to do a mitzvah and we collected sixty-six pints of much-needed blood. It's almost unbelievable, but the South Brunswick Community Blood Bank heartily thanks our congregation members and concerned area neighbors for joining together in making this year's drive such an overwhelming success.

Thanks also go to the people who worked the drive all day: Terry Woller; Althea and Mort Wurmbrand; and Shirley Engel...you're much appreciated.

Marty Engel, Chairman

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

BY
FRAN PEARLSON



Forecasts for February indicate that temperatures will continue to drop. All bundled up in their heavy winter jackets, scarves, hats, mittens, and boots our children have not been deterred by the inclement weather. They have come to nursery school prepared, and so have we! Our staff is ready to provide a blast of wonderful wintertime activities that will surely warm and excite our children.

OUR FABULOUS FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS...

- The Philadelphia **Little Zoo On Wheels** will entertain our children on Friday, February 2nd. From the top of the canopy to the roots of the trees, the children will explore what life in the jungle is all about as they take an imaginary journey to meet some of the animals that live in the rain forest. This live presentation is sure to enhance our schools unit of study on the rain forest!
- **TU B'SHEVAT**, the birthday of trees, will be celebrated in the nursery school with a tasting party, a planting and crafts activity, and a tzedakah project.

On Tu B'Shevat, it is still chilly and rainy in Israel, but the almond tree is covered with white flowers. Israeli school children put on their boots and raincoats and climb the hills to plant trees for the holiday. At our school, some of our children will plant seeds and watch them take root and grow.

A delicious and nutritious tasting party will enable our children to sample many of the fruits that grow in the land of Israel. Oranges, carobs, Fig Newton cookies, wheat crackers, and other tasty treats will be offered.

In honor of this holiday, our nursery school along with temple families will participate in the Tu B'Shevat tzedakah project "Every Drop Counts"! We encourage all nursery school families to show their commitment to the state of Israel by either donating \$1.00 for a drop of water or \$18.00 for a bucket.

- **A VISIT FROM THE DENTIST** - February is dental health month. Dr. Altman, whose daughter Tatum attends our nursery school, has graciously consented to once again come to our school to discuss the importance of good dental hygiene.
- **GOOD FOOD FRIENDS** - A special program is coming to our school on Monday, February 26th. This program will emphasize through vegetable and fruit puppets the importance of eating healthy foods rather than junk foods. It is never too early to learn about taking good care of our bodies! This special program will culminate with our classes enjoying our healthy breakfast day. The children will choose from several cereals and will be given a choice of fruit toppings too.

REGISTER NOW!

Don't forget to register your child for the 2000-2001 school year. Temple members continue to receive priority registration and a discounted tuition rate. Please stop by our nursery school office to receive our registration booklet, take a tour of our school, or to have any questions answered.

Upcoming EVENTS IN MARCH

- **NURSERY SCHOOL'S THIRD ANNUAL children's PURIM CARNIVAL**
- **Nursery SCHOOL'S PASSOVER PLAGUES GOODY BAGS FUNDRAISER**

REMINDERS

The nursery school will be closed for President's Weekend on Friday, February 16th and Monday, February 19th.

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February B'nai Mitzvah



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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, February 27, 2001 at 1:00 PM in the Social hall. Back by popular demand, Mr. Arthur Shapiro will present a program on the town of Roosevelt, NJ. This historical town dates back to the 1930's and has a history rich in Judaism as well as the arts. Many notables still live there. Come and enjoy our program and refreshments. Call Blance at 732-297-0272 for further information.



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and the pony express.**

For ticket information, call Lisa Seidman at 297-6950 or send \$45 per ticket to Lisa at 397 Halsey Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08902 Buy tickets by Feb. 3rd and receive an extra \$25 in gaming chips.

O.K. Corral Silent Auction Update

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of Renee Levin and her famous father, sports legend, Dick Schaap, a lucky bidder will enjoy a coffee with "The Sports Reporters," which features Mr. Schaap. The lucky winner will get to shmooze with Dick Schaap and the talk show guest(s) and then watch the show being taped at the ESPN Zone in New York City. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the sports enthusiast in your life.

The Karp family has generously donated their Mayflower sailboat (previously used, but gently). If you are interested in a private viewing and inspection, please feel free to call Allen Karp at 297-6646.

Dr. Stephen Gordon is donating lasik surgery for two qualified candidates. All costs of the procedure are included. If you are interested, please contact Cyndi Kleinbart or Dr. Gordon.

An authentic, signed and framed Derek Jeter jersey has been donated by Eliot Runyon. Get your checkbooks ready.

In addition, we have sailing lessons, flying lessons, beautiful jewelry, vacations, New York city excursions, spa services, golf foursome, and many others. Just remember-no shootouts at this O.K. Corral allowed!

Questions? Call Cyndi (297.1577) or Caryl (297.3780).

The Spigner Family

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With Much Thanks,
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Martin, Shane, Rebecca and Especially, Deborah

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 In memory of: _____
 On the occasion of: _____

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

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 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____

Junior Congregation

By Barry Safeer

In January, we had a great Pizza Party for over 100 kids who met the first incentive level. I'd like to thank the following parents who helped serve these hungry kids pizza and ice cream: Barbara Speesler, Cindy Mevorah, Steve Dickert, Marty Zweig, Rose Berger and Al Garten.

I'd also like to thank the parents of the following kids whose parents helped to subsidize the cost of the party by sponsoring pizzas:

Ethan & Leah Suttner
Matt Yelo
Craig Dickert
Matt Katz
Jordan Teicher
Dan Garten
Ezra Zankel
Margot & Elliot Cohen
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Benjy Levin
Orran & Aaron Bierstein
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Samantha Alpert
Liz & Will Samtur

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.

Many Members of the Congregation
Prayed for Me at a Special Prayer Service.

My Successful Operation and Recovery Owes
Much to All of You and Your Prayer.

Special Thanks to:
Rabbi Eligberg and Hazzan Sered-Lever;

Special Thanks to:
Toby and Gary Ehrlich for arranging the service.

To All of You Who Wrote Special Notes
to Me to Read for Strength and Support:

The Biderman Family; The Seidman Family; Fran Weinstein; Rachael Shaneson;
Nancy Danto; Barry & Nancy Kivor; Rene & Joe Grodman; Bobbie Binder; Phil,
Melissa and Abby Fisch; Renee Levin; Jeff Scharz; The Heit Family; Ann &
Sam Rosenzweig; Nicole Danto; Judy Roller; "The Bike Rider" (you know who
you are); Sandy Levine; The Safer Family; Lisa Tannenbaum; Cheryl Asnis;
Bonnie, Woodie & Julie Stevens; Janice Baer;

And all of those who wrote but did not sign their cards.

I Sincerely Thank you from the Bottom of my Heart,

Deborah Spigner



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

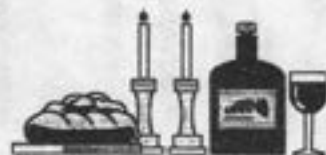
For working parents, early drop-off and late-stay friendship club is offered.



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	_____	X \$25.00	= _____
Choices: (choose one from each category for each dinner ordered)			
Salad: _____ Potato _____ Cucumber			
_____ Coleslaw _____ Health			
Kugel: _____ Potato _____ Noodle _____ Apple			
Challah: _____ Traditional _____ Raisin _____ Whole Wheat			
Additional Items (available after at least one basic dinner has been ordered)			
Salad: _____ Potato _____ Cucumber	_____	X \$2.75	= _____
_____ Coleslaw _____ Health			
Kugel: _____ Potato _____ Noodle _____ Apple	_____	X \$ 3.75	= _____
Challah: _____ Traditional _____ Raisin _____ Whole Wheat	_____	X \$2.75	= _____
Extra Chicken	_____	X \$7.00	= _____
Gefilte Fish (4 Slices)	_____	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

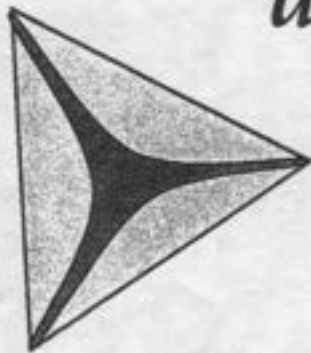
Any questions call Theresa at: 821-8163

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE

(For PURIM)



MEGILLAH READING & FUN *at B'nai Tikvah*



Thursday, March 8
6:30 – 7:00 Evening Service
7:00 Megillah Reading

Test your knowledge of Purim & hear the Megillah read.
Join the annual foolery and fun at B'nai Tikvah.

Put on your best costume for this outstanding event!



Volunteers, please call
Dorothy Cohen 821-4376

ADMISSION: Donation for FOOD BANK. Needed:

Pasta
Sauce

Peanut butter & jelly
Parmalat milk

Cereal
Snack foods

7:00 – 8:00 Tot Purim Activities in School Wing (ages
3-6 with parent)

CONTESTANTS WANTED FOR:



WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE

(For PURIM)



Regis Philbin turned you down? Want to show off your knowledge of Purim?

Become a contestant on B'nai Tikvah's own WHO WANTS TO BE MILLIONAIRE for PURIM.

To "audition", contact:

Dorothy Cohen
Purim 2001 Organizer
732-821-4376

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interesting to note the observation of the great talmudic commentator Rashi on these words which I would paraphrase as "having stepped I have begun walking." Rashi is suggesting that the act of taking the first step is tantamount to completing the process. I believe that Rashi is teaching us that simply starting to change is already a success.

There is an old Yiddish proverb, "Iz gait mir nisht ich zol hoben gegangen, iz gait mir in dem gayin," "I do not gain by having reached my destination, I gain in the process of going." It is no accident that the Hebrew term for Jewish law is Halacha, a word derived from the root meaning "to walk" and describes the path we follow in our desire to find our way closer to God. I believe that the institution will gain tremendously as a result of this process but even more, I am certain that those who participate in the process will be transformed and uplifted.

Like the travelers in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, we find ourselves on a journey together. Let us share our personal tales, thoughts, and experiences as we go forward together.

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

By Mitchell Frumkin

As President of our Synagogue, I receive a number of publications dealing with issues regarding our lives as Jews. This past month I received a booklet from the *Joseph and Marian Ratner Center for the Study of Conservative Judaism* titled, "Four Up" *The High School Years, 1995-1999: The Jewish Development of the B'nai Mitzvah Class of 5755*. This study by Drs. Barry Kosmin and Ariela Keysar examines the attitudes and practices of Conservative Jewish teens, as they are about to go off to college. It also presents the results of a two part survey in which the same questions are asked both during the students B'nai Mitzvah year as well as in their senior year in High School. It is interesting to note that 89% of the students who participated in the original survey also were re-interviewed. The results of these answers, sheds some light on the changing thoughts of students as they go through their High School years.

While it is not my intention to attempt to interpret the results, I do want to share with you the results of some of this survey as follows.

First, some basic demographics:

Gender Composition

1995 Boys 55% Girls 45%
1999 Boys 53% Girls 47%

Total Number of Students Interviewed

1995 260
1999 222

Selected Results:

1999, At present, are you more religiously observant or less religiously observant than you were in your bar/bat mitzvah year?

Much more 4%
More 18%
The same 40%
Less 27%
Much less 11%

How religiously observant would you like to be in the future?

Much more 3%
More 40%
The same 52%
Less 1%
Much less 1%
Don't know 2%

Teenagers Recollections in 1999 of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah: Aspects Most Remembered

Ceremony 49%
Training 29%
Party 14%
Ceremony and Party 6%
Gifts 1%

Looking Back on your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Training, was it:

Very Positive 44%
Mostly Positive 40%
Somewhat Positive 13%
Somewhat Negative 2%
Mostly Negative 1%

Importance of Being Jewish in Your Life

	1995	1999
Very Important	68%	57%
Somewhat Important	30%	33%
Not very Important	2%	8%
Not at all Important		2%

Living in a Kosher Home

Very Important	19%	15%
Somewhat Important	48%	34%
Not at all Important	32%	51%

Have You Ever Been subjected to Anti-Semitism?

1995 28% Yes
1999 40% Yes

How Important is it for you to marry someone Jewish?

1999
Very Important 55%
Somewhat Important 31%
Not at all Important 14%

While the above are just a sampling of the results of this survey, I would hope that they will start you thinking about how our children view their Jewishness and how these views change as they get older. If anyone would like to receive a copy of this study, which includes an analysis of the results, it can be ordered through the Publications Office of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 212-678-8842.



Don't Miss It....

*B'nai Tikvah's Annual
Purim Carnival*

Sunday, March 4, 2001

12:00pm - 2:30pm

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

Admission is Free

Tickets Cost: \$5.00 for 20 tickets

\$10.00 for 40 tickets

*Sponsored by
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Bible People!

Eight Rabbis teaching text and midrash

Join us for minyan at 7:30pm followed by coffee and cake. Class begins at 8pm.

January 31 -- Moshe, Our Leader

Rabbi David Wise, Congregation Beth El, Somerset

February 7 -- David: Warrior, Singer and King

Rabbi Jonathan Lubliner, Congregation Beth Ohr, Old Bridge

February 14 -- Saul: The Tragic King

Rabbi Marvin Richardson, EBJC, East Brunswick

February 21 -- Ezra: The Scribe

Rabbi Eliot Malomet, Highland Park Conservative Temple & Center

February 28 -- Sarah, Rachel, and Hannah

Rabbi Diane Cohen, Temple Ohev Shalom, Colonia

March 7 -- Isaac: Son, Father, Patriarch

Rabbi Eric M. Lankin

United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, NJ Region

March 14 -- Miriam: The Prophetess

Rabbi David M. Eligberg

Congregation B'nai Tikvah, North Brunswick

March 21 -- TBA

Rabbi Chaim Rogoff, EBJC, East Brunswick

SOMETHING NEW FOR FRIDAY NIGHT...

Festive dinners at B'nai Tikvah
(with the help of Classical Caterers)

Upside Down Purim Kosher "Traif" Dinner – Friday, March 9

End the holiday of Purim with this crazy kosher meal

Middle Eastern Cuisine for Israel Independence Day – Friday, April 27

How many falafel can you eat?

Bon Fire & BBQ for Lag B'Omer – Friday, May 11

Let's go outdoors and celebrate!

Traditional Shabbat Dinner on Friday, June 8

Chicken, what else!

Each Dinner: \$18/adult and \$8/child (under 13)

Dinners begin at 6:30 pm (veggie and kiddie cuisine too!) Dessert served after service.

Here's my reservation for:

Upside Down Purim Kosher "Traif" Dinner - Friday, March 9

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Number of Adults _____ @ \$18 = _____

Number of Children _____ @ \$8 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Checks payable to: Congregation B'nai Tikvah. Mail to 1001 Finnegan's Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

Our goal is to enjoy each other's company and celebrate Friday night. Please RSVP early to facilitate planning. Questions or to assist, Dorothy Cohen 732-821-4376.

SHALACH MANOT FOR PURIM

It is a custom to send sweet treats and give tzedakah on Purim – March 8, 2001. You can order beautiful Shalach Manot (Purim Bags) containing hamantashen and other goodies and a Purim Card. Each recipient will receive ONE Purim Bag and the card will include the names of all those who contributed in their honor.

Order for synagogue members. We will call your recipient and let them know that a bag is waiting for them to pick up on Sunday, March 4, 2001 (**same day as the Purim Carnival**) from 9am until 3pm or Thursday night after the Megillah reading (around 9pm)

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

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

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Order Deadline:	Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001.
Adult bags:	\$5.00 each
Child bags:	\$4.00 each
Golden Grogger Club:	\$100.00

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

Where's my order form? It will be arriving in the mail soon. Want to get started early? Call Kim Riemann at 732-940-4066 or e-mail kimmer99@aol.com for details.

Purim is such fun. How can I help with the Purim Bags? Call Bobbi Binder for more information at 274-2797 or email at eemaof3@home.com.

UPCOMING USY EVENTS

- Thursday, February 1st - Chinese Auction at the synagogue, 7:15 - 8:45 PM.
- Friday, February 2nd - Mid-Winter Convention at Ocean
Sunday, February 4th
- Thursday, February 22nd - Jewish Crafts Night at the synagogue 7:15 - 8:45 PM
- Sunday, March 4th Annual Purim Carnival

NEW BEGINNINGS

Do you have a child in an interfaith marriage or relationship? Do you have unanswered questions?

Come join us at "New Beginnings" on Wednesday, February 14th, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, To share experiences with other parents, in a non-threatening, non-confrontational environment.

"New Beginnings" a Jewish Support group for parents and grandparents of children in interfaith marriages, meets the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, please call Jeanette at 732 246-1393

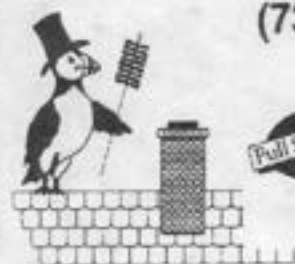
ATTENTION: Interfaith couples and/or adult family members of children in interfaith marriages.

Want to learn some fun ideas to make this year's Seder memorable? Need help preparing a Seder?

"New Beginnings, a Jewish Support group of parents and grandparents, is looking for couples & adult family members to participate in an interactive learning experience on "Making a Passover Seder Memorable" to be held on Wednesday, March 14th at 7:30 p.m. Great opportunity to share the experience with other interfaith families. A fun evening for all! RSVP EARLY to reserve your space. For more information, please contact Jeanette at (732) 246-1393, or the office at (732) 297-0696.

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Andrew Ross (732) 422-0637

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East Brunswick

Bonnie Stevens (732) 967-9560

Franklin Park-Somerset area

Jay Scheuer (732) 940-8473

Monmouth Junction

Linda Feinstein (732) 329-3185

Bette Koffler (732) 329-6518

Rachel Shaneson (732) 329-2189

Monroe, Jamesburg, Cranbury

Sylvia and Erwin Lewis (609) 409-0299

North Brunswick

Ann Rosenzweig (732) 249-9141

Jackie Master (732) 545-8021

Princeton area

Rachel Shaneson (732) 329-2189

Join us for a

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

&

DAIRY DINNER

Wednesday, February 7

6:00 PM

Cost: Adults \$7.50 Children: \$ 5.00

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Tu B'Shevat: The Short Story

Tu B'Shevat, the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat, is the new year for trees. For our ancestors centuries ago, it marked a new agricultural season. As the Diaspora grew over time, Jews throughout the world connected themselves to Israel on Tu B'Shevat by eating foods associated with the land of Israel such as dates and figs.

Jewish mystics added new layers of meaning to the celebration. They saw in the products of nature consumed at their seder, symbols or metaphors that helped them understand the nature of humanity and provided a glimpse into the realm of the Divine.

For many of us, Tu B'Shevat recalls the trees we bought, one leaf at a time, and the blue and white JNF boxes that we filled. Planting these trees in Israel connected us to our homeland and allowed us to be participants in its upbuilding.

Today, Tu B'Shevat allows us to express our commitment to Israel. The holiday has also become a time when we focus on what our tradition teaches us about our responsibility to the environment.

The Tu B'Shevat Seder incorporates these ideas, along with things to see, hear, smell, touch and most of all taste. Indulge all your senses and join us on Tu B'Shevat!



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The next HaKol deadline is **February 12th**. I look forward to hearing from you. It will be distributed by **March 1**. You can leave articles in the HaKol mailbox in the synagogue office or e-mail them to HaKol@aol.com.

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B'NAI TIKVAH UPCOMING CALENDAR

February

Thursday 1 st	USY Meeting
Friday 2 nd	Candle Lighting 4:59
Saturday 3 rd	Religious School – Dalet Class Havdalah Service
Monday 5 th	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday 7 th	Tu B'Shevat Seder, Torah Lishma – Adult Ed. Adult Ed. – Rabbi Jonathan Lubliner, Subject – David: Warrior, Singer, King
Thursday 8 th	Tu B' Shevat
Friday 9 th	Candle Lighting Service 5:08
Saturday 10 th	Men's Club Bowling, Religious School – Hei Class Service & Lunch
Sunday 11 th	Men's Club Meeting
Monday 12 th	Sisterhood Board Meeting
Tuesday 13 th	50+ Board Meeting
Wednesday 14 th	New Beginnings, Torah Lishma – Adult Ed. Adult Ed. – Rabbi Marvin Richardson, Subject – Saul: The Tragic King
Thursday 15 th	Cantor's Healing Service
Friday 16 th	Candle Lighting Service 5:16 Family Shabbat Service
Sunday 18 th	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Monday 19 th	President's Weekend – Synagogue's Offices are Closed; NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Tuesday 20 th	School Board Meeting
Wednesday 21 st	Expansion Committee Meeting Adult Ed. – Rabbi Eliot Malomet, Subject - Ezra the Scribe
Thursday 22 nd	USY Meeting, Sisterhood General Meeting
Friday 23 rd	Candle Lighting 5:24 Board/Committee Members & Spouses Dinner
Saturday 24 th	Solomon Schechter Day School Shabbat Religious School – Gimel Class Havdalah
Sunday 25 th	Religious School – Bet Class PACT program Chai School – Breakfast With The Rabbi
Monday 26 th	Executive Committee Meeting – VP House Shmooze on The News
Tuesday 27 th	50+ General Meeting
Wednesday 28 th	Expansion Committee Meeting Adult Ed. – Rabbi Diane Cohen, Subject - Sarah, Rachel and Hannah

March

Thursday 1 st	USY Meeting
Friday 2 nd	Candle Lighting 5:33 Jewish Singles Shabbat Service
Saturday 3 rd	WILD WEST CASINO NIGHT
Sunday 4 th	NO CHAI SCHOOL, Religious School Special Purim Program, Religious School K – 4 Late Session only, USY/Kadima Purim Carnival, Sisterhood Purim Baskets
Monday 5 th	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday 7 th	Expansion Committee Meeting Adult Ed. – Rabbi Eric M. Lankin, Subject – Issac: Son, Father, Patriarch
Thursday 8 th	Religious School Purim Pizza Party



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