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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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THANK YOU

Dear Fellow Congregants:

Wild West Casino Night, which took place on March 3, was a blockbuster success!

Led by our dynamic, positive, and creative event co-chairs, Caryl Greenberg and Cyndi Kleinbart and supported by an amazing team of sub-committees, our wildest expectations were surpassed!

When I was nominated for Vice President of Fundraising, Caryl and Cyndi said they would do whatever they could to help. Often people say that but when push comes to shove, they find excuses why they can't. Not Caryl and Cyndi. They literally jumped in with both feet, and whole heartily took on the enormous responsibility for this night.

With leadership and determination, they worked long hours and late nights to guide committee members, attend meetings, and cover every detail. The commitment was daunting and at times overwhelming. Despite the hard work, they remained upbeat, optimistic, excited AND cheerful.

What motivated them to do this? It was purely their dedication to B'nai Tikvah and support for our programs and projects that kept them focused on putting together an unforgettable evening.

Over the past months of intensive planning, agonizing and just plain hard work, I've come to realize that fundraising is about more than earning money. It's about a community pulling together for a common cause and, in the process of all the hard work, having fun, meeting terrific people and reaching a level that seemed almost impossible months ago.

Cyndi and Caryl, on behalf of the Board of Directors and the congregation, we thank you for creating a successful fundraiser and an incredible, memorable evening. May you go from strength to strength.

Jodi Marcou
Vice President. Ways and Means

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HAZZAN'S VOICE

By Hazzan Jodi Sered-Lever

Dear Friends,

Some of you may know that I developed a graded curriculum for Pesah for my master's thesis in Jewish education. In preparing this project, I had the opportunity to examine (and have fun reading) a number of storybooks. I now share with you some of my recommendations of Pesah stories:

Only Nine Chairs: A Tall Tale for Passover, by Deborah Uchill Miller. In this story, you will meet a family who celebrates at their seder with only nine chairs for nineteen people.

Matzo Ball Moon, by Leslea Newman. This story is about a family celebrating Pesah. The grandmother makes such wonderful matzah balls that everyone eats them before the seder starts.

The Matzah Ball Fairy, by Carla Heymsfeld. This story is also about a family celebrating Pesah. Frieda Pinsky gets help from the fairy, and the matzah balls are so light that the guests begin to float through the air.

The Carp in the Bathtub, by Barbara Cohen. This classic story is about a family whose mother brings home a carp and keeps it in the bathtub until it is time for her to make the fish for the seder. The children become very attached to the fish and try to keep it for a pet.

Recently my nephew, Adam, called me because he needed to do some research on Dayenu for a religious school project. I referred him to The Kids' Catalog of Passover, by Barbara Rush and Cherie Karo Schwartz. It is an excellent resource for information, recipes, and projects.

My husband, Aaron Lever, joins me in wishing you and your loved-ones, a hag kasher v'sameach, a happy and kosher Passover holiday!

B'shalom,
Hazzan Jodi M. Sered-Lever

PURIM SHPIELING PAYS OFF

\$130 was collected during our Purim shpielung on March 8. The money was used to purchase supermarket scrip and donated to local food banks along with all the food that was also collected. Mazel Tov!

We also had over 120 people attend our special Purim dinner. More Friday night dinners are planned: April 27 Israeli Independence celebration and May 11 Lag B'Omer dinners. Please join us!

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

By Aaron Rosloff

THE BOOMERS

I'll make it short. The current Board and its associated committees are doing a great job.

When the merger committee was engaged in bringing together the three parent congregations of B'nai Tikvah twenty years ago, some of us wondered whether the next generation, the Baby Boomers, would have the interest and desire to continue to build on what we were trying and hoping to create (i.e., a permanent and thriving home for the Jewish Community in our area).

I, and others of the founding generation of B'nai Tikvah, are frankly delighted to see how the Boomers (and some of the older crows) have taken hold and pushed the envelope. With all of the expansion of the religious, social, intellectual, and soon to have athletic programs, we are on our way to someday becoming the Ninety Second Street Y of Central Jersey.

Kol Hakavod. All honor to you guys and dolls. You are doing a great job.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

—by Ann Kanarek—

PERSONALIZING YOUR HAGGADAH

Survey after survey shows that among Jews, attending a Seder is the most frequently practiced observance. It is centered in the home and offers a powerful opportunity for Jewish education, and for creating Jewish memories.

Haggadot can be adapted to respond to the times and needs of individuals. Prior to your Seder, consider having family discussions about what is most troubling in our world today. Then, in the section of the Seder that deals with the 10 plagues, follow each traditional plague with a plague of our time and a statement of what Seder participants could realistically do in the coming year to help alleviate that particular scourge.

Embodied in the celebration of Pesach are numerous themes, among them Jewish continuity, appreciation of nature, the potential for humanity to achieve a just and peaceful world and, of course, freedom. Family members of any age could write a poem or story or draw a picture on any of these themes for sharing during relevant parts of the Seder.

BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS PASSOVER!!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We hope that you are having a pleasant spring break and enjoying the Passover holiday. Even though we are all enjoying a break from school, registration materials are being prepared to go out. Please look forward to your registration materials for the 2001-2002 academic year at the end of the month. In an effort to keep the class sizes equal, registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Please fill out and return your registration forms as soon as possible.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF K-2 STUDENTS

If you have a child that is between the ages of 4 and 7 years old who is not yet registered in our religious school, please read the following....

.....Please consider joining our religious school program. It offers activities that develops a child's Jewish identity and stimulates their Jewish involvement through music, art, worship and storytelling. We make the most of the hours that your child is with us. The children participate in extensive enrichment programs throughout the year as they get acquainted and become part of our religious school life. Many exciting events are already planned for the upcoming 2001-2002 school year. PLEASE NOTE: Kindergarten classes will meet on Sundays, Early Session only at 9:00am-10:25am. First and second graders will meet either Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 4pm-6pm. (For the 2001-2002 school year—there will be no Sunday session option for first and second graders)

Please call the School Office (297-0295) if you would like an application to enroll your child in our school.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

Thursday, April 5 - Monday, April 16: Passover Holiday and Spring Break. Classes resume on Tuesday, April 17.

Sunday, April 22: Please note that the Yom Hashoah special program with Lisa Lipkin has been canceled. Other Holocaust Remembrance activities will be planned.

Sunday, April 29: SECOND GRADE PARENTS ORIENTATION, 11:45AM - 12:05PM Next year your children will a new phase of our Religious School. Please join us for an orientation to our ALEF curriculum, class schedule, junior congregation requirements and discussion about your role as parents.

Friday, May 4: BET CLASS SHABBAT DINNER, 6:30PM followed by **SERVICE 8:00PM.**

Sunday, May 6: DALET PROGRAM with Rabbi, 9am-12:05pm.

Religious School Report Continued on facing page

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Sunday, May 6: CHAI SCHOOL ORIENTATION, 11:45 AM - HEI STUDENTS AND PARENTS are invited to find out about our curriculum *Na'aseh V'nishma/Learn and Do*. The Rabbi, Education Director, our High School teachers and a panel of students will describe the program and share their thoughts and experiences.

Sunday, May 13: GIMEL CLASS MOCK WEDDING CEREMONY, 11:30AM.

Friday, May 18: ALEF CLASS HAGIGAT HASIDDUR, 7:00PM-8:00PM. (A one hour special service/program)



Our alef and bet classes collected a Treasure Chest of educational materials and school supplies for the American Red Cross. Students also wrote cards to the recipients of the provisions who are needy children in disaster and other emergency areas both in the United States and abroad. Through this program, our children learned about caring, reaching out to those less fortunate and providing a necessary service for other children. The young people who receive the box of supplies will definitely benefit from the contents and learn of the thoughtfulness, interest, and concern of our young people. We are very proud of our students and families at B'nai Tikvah for all their contributions, understanding and continued support.

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For Matthew's Bar Mitzvah project, the Katz family will be collecting media items for the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. These will include new to near new books and magazines, video tapes and audio tapes for adults. We will also be collecting the same items for children. We may be contacted at (732) 329-0687 and items may be left in the box outside the synagogue office. Thank you for helping a worthy cause.

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Yom HaShoah 2001 - A Candle In Every Home

Dear Friends:

During the *yizkor* service we are reminded to **Never Forget** those who are no longer with us. In addition to our loved ones, we are also obliged to remember those who were the victims of the Holocaust.

Over fifty years ago, Jews and other people were being put to death simply because they were who they were. The Holocaust death camps claimed six million Jewish lives and the lives of millions more in the ultimate hate campaign.

As the years pass, memories must not dim. That's why the B'nai Tikvah Men's Club is participating in the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle Program for 2001. Together, we are taking the lead in enlightening our Jewish communities and the world to the dangers of hate run amok by encouraging people to light just one yellow candle.

Our ultimate goal is to see a Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle lit in every home on 27 Nisan, the evening of April 19th. When each family lights a candle, we will increase the awareness of the Holocaust and perpetuate the Jewish people. The memory is important because Holocaust survivors are dwindling in number. They are passing on and taking our first-person link with history. As we lose this precious link, those who deny the Holocaust ever happened are poised to revise history. The success of our Yom HaShoah program has enabled B'nai Tikvah to set up its own Rescue Torah display and to participate in the Ann Frank exhibit.

Yom HaShoah candles are a highly visible symbol for keeping the flame alive. Their color recalls the badges Jews were forced to wear in Nazi-controlled Europe, but their flame inspires hope that we can yet make our world a tolerant place to live.

For the eight year, our Men's Club is distributing the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle to all members of the congregation and to college students away at school to ensure that the messages of freedom and tolerance continue to shine. Please light your candle on Thursday April 19th and join us in the Synagogue at 7:30 pm for our annual Yom HaShoah Program. For further information, please contact the office or Arthur Cederbaum at 732-821-8162.



Is 50!!

Alumni, tell us who you are!

At the close of USY's 50th Convention which be held in Boston in December 2000, we will launch USY's 50th Anniversary celebrations, commencing a year of activity, celebration and programming. We want to track down as many USY alumni as possible before we begin our Celebrations. If you were in USY, we look forward to hearing from you. Pass it on to a friend too!

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Years involved in Chapter _____

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Many of Today's Kadima and USY parents are USY alumni. If you have children currently in USY or Kadima, please indicate their names, birthdays and genders in the space below:

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Sisterhood Sizzles

Coming Soon...

April 26 Thursday -

Israeli night - Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day! 8:00pm.

Sisterhood has invited a speaker from Ayelet Tours, Ltd. to do a presentation on a variety of trips to Israel, including family trips. He will inform us about the newest places to visit, as well as the traditional sites. In addition, he will address our safety concerns.

Learn one or two Israeli songs with Cantor Sereed-Lever and the Makelah. Learn the steps for an Israeli dance or two taught by Rachel Shaneson.

Enjoy some Israeli refreshments.

May 24 Thursday -

Shabbat Arts & Crafts 8:00pm

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.

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You already go to the cleaners. Why not go to one that pays off for the Sisterhood? Use Gallery Cleaners (in Hempstead Plaza, 2015 Route 27. Across from Hidden Lake) or Absolutely Cleaners (Liberty Square Shopping Center in Dayton). Gallery cleaners donates over 10% of the total receipts! Send Gallery Cleaners receipts to Shelly Talmud (5 Patriot Court, East Brunswick 08816) and Absolutely Cleaners to Bobby Binder (94 Hazel Court, Dayton 08810). Get your clothes cleaned and help your Sisterhood stay solvent!

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GIFT SHOP

Stop by for your last minute Passover items and gifts - from the purely practical to pure artwork. Lots of wonderful new items available - come in and browse! Take advantage of our spring cleaning. Open most Sundays from 9 - Noon, or contact Deborah Spigner (545-8457) and Teresa Samtur (821-8163) for all your Judaica needs.

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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.

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.

PLANNING A WEDDING OR B'NAI MITZVAH?

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BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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

Due to Pesach, the Men's Club
will NOT be having a meeting in April.

Also, our May meeting is moving to May 6th, because May 13th is Mother's Day. All Men's Club members are encouraged to spend the second Sunday in May pampering all the mothers in their lives.

Join us on May 6th as we welcome

Dave Kaplan

Dave Kaplan is executive director of the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center, a nonprofit sports education entity on the campus of Montclair State University. Founded in 1998, the Museum's mission is to highlight the history of baseball, while reflecting the lifelong commitment of Yogi Berra to the education of young people.

The Museum offers culturally diverse, educational programming, conferences and rotating exhibits that enhance public awareness of sport and its role in society.

Mr. Kaplan, a resident of Montclair, is a founding member of the Museum. Prior to that he was a reporter and editor, having worked at the Associated Press and New York Daily News.

He also collaborated with Yogi Berra on the book, "When You Come To A Fork In The Road, Take It! Inspiration and Wisdom from One of Baseball's Greatest Heroes," which will be available in bookstores in May.

Mr. Kaplan will be regaling us with his stories of baseball and of Yogi!

Our famous bagels-and-lox breakfast starts at 10:00 AM, our speaker will start at 10:30 AM. Please let us know you will be coming by calling Mark Sherman (732.940.1110) or Danny Greenberg (732.297.3780).



**Congregation B'nai Tikvah
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Questions: Ann (609) 409 - 0668 Linda (732) 297 - 7025 Office (732) 297-0696

MAZEL TOV!

April B'nai Mitzvah



Shira Hecht - April 21
Jennifer Davis - April 28



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7:30 PM

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- ✧ *Holocaust Survivor,
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B'NAI TIKVAH BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is April 17 in the Synagogue Library at 8:00 PM. We will discuss *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg. Does adolescent insecurity, Jewish mysticism, the Hare Krishnas, and obsessive-compulsive disorder seem like a lot to pack into a first novel? Myla Goldberg tackles all that and more in a seamless, compelling narrative in *Bee Season*.

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

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 Thursday, April 24 at 1:00 PM in the social hall of the synagogue. The business meeting will include election of officers for the next fiscal year. Our program will feature a group of dancers from Hillel for our entertainment. Our May meeting on May 22, will not be held at B'nai Tikvah. We are planning a trip to the "Grounds for Sculpture" in Hamilton, N.J. and we will be taking reservations at our April meeting for this group trip including bus transportation. All members and guests are welcome at the April meeting to hear about our future plans. Call Blanche 732-297-0272 for further information.

TODAH RABAH

North/South Brunswick USY and Kadima would like to thank all of the parents and the Youth Commission for their help and support of our annual Purim carnival. A special thanks goes to Joe Grodman and his kitchen crew who cook up an excellent hot dog and knish each year. Thanks again for making the carnival a success.




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The Mitzvah of Organ and Tissue Donation

The inestimable value of human life is a cardinal principle of Jewish Law and its preservation is seen as an obligation imposed by the Torah. This obligation includes not only self-preservation, but the duty to save the life of one's fellow human being, should they be in mortal danger. This is based on the verse, "You shall not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor" and is reformulated by the Talmud into a positive commandment that "every individual, insofar as they are able, is obligated to restore the health of their neighbor."

Maimonides emphasizes that "all Israel are commanded to take life saving action." One must turn to all available resources so that one's neighbor's blood will not be lost."

That the mandate to preserve life takes precedence over other religious obligations is well articulated by former British Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits. "It is obligatory to disregard laws conflicting with the immediate claims of life, ... preservation of life overrides all other considerations." This mandate also demands an appropriate response from us.

For the last several years, I have had the opportunity to serve on a clergy advisory council for The Sharing Network: New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network. One of the most difficult issues we have had to confront is the misinformation that pervades many of the religious communities on this issue, the Jewish community included.

If asked about the permissibility of organ donation in Jewish law, most of you would answer "No" with absolute conviction. That "No" would be echoed in many corners of the Jewish world, reflecting the strong, ingrained belief, that Jews do not donate organs. It is viewed by many as coming under the same prohibition as autopsies. While this notion is very popular and pervasive, it is wrong when reflecting on the last two decades of discussion by the greatest authorities in Jewish Law.

To be sure post-mortem donation of organs is not without halachic difficulties. Scholars have dealt with the most common objections to organ donation: Nivul Hamet - disgracing the dead body (as by disfigurement); Hana'ah Min Ha-met - deriving benefit from a dead body; and Halanat Ha-met - delaying burial. Collectively, these three concerns can be termed K'vod Ha-met - the dignity of the dead.

Regarding the first two issues, Nivul Ha-met and Hana'ah min Ha-met, former Israeli Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman rules clearly.

Regarding the question of whether the Law permits surgical removal of tissue from a dead body... subsequently to be transplanted as an organic part of the living... I find the matter to be simple. Since these procedures constitute preservation of life there is no difficulty. After all, weighty Torah prohibitions are set aside for the preservation of life. Hence, such surgical procedures conducted to save a life are absolutely permitted.

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To this Rabbi Efrayim Oshry added, "Where saving a life is involved, we are not concerned with the desecration of the dead" for there is no greater honour to the deceased than saving a life.

While traditional sources do not deal directly with this issue, one can learn their position on this matter by looking at the limited condition under which they would allow for an autopsy to be performed. Permission to perform autopsies under the rubric of preserving life has always been limited by the stipulation that there be a specific beneficiary of the information gained by the procedure. A demonstrable need to avert an immediate danger to a specific human being is a necessary requirement. In the case of organ donation this requirement is ipso facto satisfied so immediate and specific is the need for organs.

To emphasize this, allow me to digress for a moment, to discuss the dimension of the need for organ donors. There are over 42,000 people waiting for organ transplants. Of this number, over 1,400 are children. Many thousands more need donated tissues. About 25% of these patients will die because an organ will not be available for them. Typically, eight or more such patients die each day.

Compounding this, according to The Sharing Network, is the fact that "primary donors are between ages 15 and 65. They are in good health but have died suddenly, possibly through accidents and are declared brain dead... An estimated 20,00 to 25,000 brain deaths occur in the United States each year." This limited group is further narrowed by the need for the organ to be a "good genetic match" to minimize chances of natural organ rejection. The closer the match, the greater the prospects for a successful transplant.

The use of brain-death as a medical determination of death dates only to the World Medical Assembly in 1968. It is defined as "permanent functional death of the centers in the brain that control the breathing, pupillary, and other vital reflexes." Amongst Jewish Halachic authorities, there is almost universal acceptance of this criterion for determining the death of an individual and is accepted by all Halachic authorities in the Conservative Movement. To safeguard the final moments of the potential donor's life, certification of death must be done by two physicians neither of whom are involved in the transplant procedure.

The third and most emotionally difficult issue, is that of K'vod Ha-met - the dignity of the deceased. This is a weighty and cherished religious imperative which has given rise to a widespread aversion amongst Jews to any interference with the dead. It is for this reason that the rabbinic community has in Rabbi Unterman's words attempted "to influence relatives and to persuade them to consent" to organ and tissue donation. This approach does not change the fact that, in the words of Rabbi David Golinkin, "It is not merely permissible for a Jew to bequeath his/her organs for transplantation following death, it is a Mitzvah to do so, in order to save one life or several lives."

Israeli jurist, Haim Cohn adds the following insight. "It is no accident that Jewish Law concentrates on duties and has no room for rights. It is the performance of duties by which God is served."

In a Teshuva for the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, Rabbi Joseph Prouser elaborated on this idea stating: "We affirm that the preservation of life overrides all other considerations. We ought not, as our final act, glorify personal preference at the expense of other human beings' lives."

One must also not underestimate the following consideration formulated by Rabbi Unterman. "It is a great merit to the deceased, and gratifying to his/her soul that so great a Mitzvah is fulfilled with his/her body." In addition to the benefit to the deceased, "studies have found that the organ or tissue donation of a loved one who has died helps to shorten the time needed by members of the bereaved family to recover from their loss. Serving as an organ donor thus not only saves lives, but also provides comfort and healing to one's own loved ones... a blessedness made more remarkable and unexpected precisely because of its association with an experience of such abysmal despair and suffering... It doesn't remove the pain or loss, but it allows something good to be salvaged from an otherwise horrible occurrence."

In addition to the "redemptive comfort" inherent in the act of giving, donor families identify the further emotional benefit of the sense of knowing that "donors will never be forgotten" by those whose lives they saved. Relatives of donors also experience a sense of extended family and community with other donors and recipients.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik writes, "Aninut (the stage of mourning between the death and the burial) represents the spontaneous human reaction to death... Man responds to his defeat at the hands of death with total resignation and with an all-consuming, masochistic, self-devastating black despair." It is understandable that at this moment families are not emotionally equipped to act magnanimously to preserve human life. In his teshuva, Rabbi Prouser concludes that, "Consenting to organ donation provides an effective source of comfort and emotional healing. Mandating organ donation in advance thus doubly exemplifies human sensitivity. It brings physical healing to the deathly ill. It also brings emotional healing to the bereaved, while relieving them of an emotional burden and decision they are temporarily unable to bear."

The Jewish Medical Directives for Health Care prepared by The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of The Rabbinical Assembly (available from the Rabbi along with organ donor cards) captures the essence of the matter. "The preservation of human life is obligatory, not optional. Since all conflicting halachic duties are suspended, and specific, readily identifiable human lives are at stake, providing consent for post-mortem organ and tissue donation when needed for lifesaving transplant procedures is not only permissible but a positive Mitzvah. There is no greater "K'vod Ha-Met" than to bring healing to the living."

May the Holy One preserve and protect us from such a circumstance but let us act as a blessing if misfortune, God forbid, strikes.

With blessings,

Rabbi David M. Eligberg

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The Gift of Life: COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q How are organs and tissues recovered?

A Organ recovery takes place in the operating room, just like any other surgical procedure, and is performed by an organ procurement surgical team. Tissue donation can be performed in a sterile or clean environment.

Q Can organ or tissue recovery be performed without our consent?

A Even though a signed donor card is a legal document, the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) always gets consent from the family. That is why you should discuss your wishes with your loved ones.

Q Will we meet the recipients?

A The identity of all parties involved is kept confidential. The donor family and the transplant recipient may only receive such information as age, sex, and occupation. Individually, the recipient may be told the circumstances of death, and the donor's family may be told how the transplant is functioning. All this information is relayed through the OPO, which, never gives the names or addresses of donors and recipients.

Q What is the official time of death?

A The official time of death is when the person is declared brain dead; not when the heart stops beating or the person is removed from ventilatory support. This is a crucial point. Otherwise, removing the equipment appears to cause the death (in the traditional sense of cessation of breathing and heartbeat). Rather, the equipment is being removed from someone who's already dead.

Q Who decides who will receive the organs?

A The United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) maintains a national waiting list of patients, who need organ transplantation. UNOS ensures the equitable distribution of organs through a computerized system of allocation.

Q Can organs be sold on the black market?

A The sale of human organs for transplantation is illegal. Also, black market sale is medically impossible because recovered organs must be appropriately matched to recipients and distributed according to UNOS' national policy.

Q Will we be responsible for the charges incurred with the donations?

A No, only those expenses incurred up to and ending with the time of death are billed to the family. All charges associated with the donation of organs and tissues are billed to the organ or tissue procurement agencies.

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Nursery School News

by Fran Pearson



The forecast for April is downpours of fun-filled learning activities when the children learn all about the special holiday of Passover.

Tradition, tradition! Like generations before us, we will recount the story of our ancestors and their journey from bondage to freedom. Here at our nursery school we will continue this spiritual journey when parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends will be invited to gather round our beautifully decorated tables to recite from the Haggadah, sing songs, eat matzah, drink (pretend) wine, and participate in the festive ceremony of the Passover Seder. It will surely be a beautiful and meaningful celebration.

Our special Passover events will help to enhance our children's knowledge of the holiday, too. The children will make their own matzah when the Matzah Factory once again comes to our school. They will grind wheat stalks to produce flour. They will each knead and roll dough to prevent leavening. They will perforate the dough and bake it. Last, but not least, the children will eat their matzah for snack! They will all receive a gift of Shmura matzah, compliments of our nursery school. We are also having a storyteller come to tell the story of Spring and Passover using puppets and props. I'm confident that our nursery school children will be very excited about participating in our Passover festivities.

On this high note, we will depart the land of Egypt for our Spring Break.



Spring Break
Friday, April 6th - Monday April 16th
School resumes on Tuesday, April 17th



HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, March 30th - Matzah Factory Program

Monday, April 2nd - Cheryl Scoles, storyteller, to retell Passover story with puppets and props.

Wednesday, April 4th - Three year old class Passover Seder

Thursday, April 5th - Pre-K and Two year old classes Passover Seder

Parents are invited to attend class seders.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Raffle mania is coming - this is our last fund-raiser for the year. There will be lots of prizes to win so please buy/sell tickets! The price is only \$10.00 for 10 tickets (1 book). Proceeds will go towards buying a computer for the nursery children as well as other needed items.

On behalf of the nursery school staff, I would like to wish our temple families a Happy Passover.

April 26, 2001
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New Group Seeks Compassionate People

(Bikkur Holim: The Mitzvah of Visiting the Sick)

Under the leadership of Rabbi Eligberg, Gale Dillman, Bette Koffler and Ann Rosenzweig we will be coordinating an effort to begin a Bikkur Holim Group to visit members of Congregation B'nai Tikvah who are in local hospitals.

As part of this undertaking, you are invited to attend a conference at St. Peter's University Hospital on Sunday, April 29, which focuses on issues surrounding Bikkur Holim. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County, the conference runs from 8:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Keynote speaker is Dr. Nayan Kothari who will speak on "The mind, body and spirit connection in the healing process."

Workshops include:

- ✓Listening Skills: Tricks of the Trade
- ✓Communicating with Alzheimer patients
- ✓Spirituality, Faith and Healing
- ✓Patient-Physician Relations
- ✓Focus on Family
- ✓Dealing with Pediatric Patients and their Families
- ✓The Power of Prayer
- ✓End of Life Decisions: When is Enough, Enough?


Special Awards will be given that day to:

- Rabbi Yakov Hilsenrath - "Golden Challah Award"
- Rabbi Marvin Richardson - Bikkur Holim Award

The cost of this conference is \$8 pre-paid and \$10 at the door.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Gale, Bette or Ann. We have tentatively scheduled two training dates at B'nai Tikvah with the Rabbi on Wednesday, May 9 and Wednesday May 16 after minyon. We look forward to hearing from you.

Gale Dillman (821-7392)
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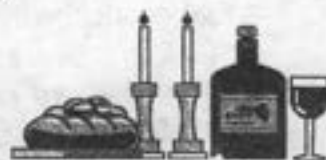
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 Kugel: Potato Noodle Apple
 Challah: Traditional Raisin Whole Wheat

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

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 Coleslaw Health
 Kugel: Potato Noodle Apple
 Challah: Traditional Raisin Whole Wheat
 Extra Chicken
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A Note About Wild West Casino Night

From all accounts, the WWCN was a wonderful success (obviously, we are not that modest). Not only did Congregation B'nai Tikvah reap a terrific financial benefit, but also it was a great social event for us to share with our friends and family. The energy level is at a record high at CBT and we are proud of any role this event played in helping spark it. We have all learned that we can set our sights high and through hard work and enthusiastic volunteer commitment, virtually anything is possible. Hopefully, future events will be even more successful. Unfortunately, we had to turn away a number of people; for this we sincerely apologize.

Before we go away quietly, we need to thank the many people who helped make this event so successful. The Board of CBT, especially Jodi Marcou and Mitch Frumkin, they have supported us throughout the last year. From soliciting advertisers and silent auction donations to manning the casino banks, our volunteers were the driving force behind the event (and maybe enjoyed themselves in the process). We extend our heartfelt thanks to Marci Abschutz, Andrea Allen, Peter Allen, Art Baer, Janice Baer, Gary Bergman, Bob Berk, Sheree Berk, Bobbi Binder, Mark Binder, Millie Browndorf, Jeffrey Cadoff, Stacy Cadoff, Penny Cohen, Nitsat Hadas Elami, Joyce Fischelberg, Steve Fleischacker, Arlene Frumkin, Joyce Gerbman, Joel Gerbman, Cindy Gittleman, Ann Gold, Cheryl Goldstein, Stephen Gordon, Gary Halpern, Naomi Jackenthal, Mark Kasdin, Maxine Kasdin, Ric Kleinbart, Bette Koffler, Steve Koffler, David Marcou, Irwin Millinger, Michele Millinger, Jeffrey Perlman, Rysie Perlman, Hope Peters, Tom Peters, Chris Riemann, Judy Roller, Mark Roller, Jamie Rothfus, Joel Rothfus, Rich Seidman, Ben Shapiro, Jennifer Shapiro, Brenda Sherman, Mark Sherman, Barbara Speesler, Shelly Talmud, Steve Talmud, Lisa Tannenbaum, Gary Warner, Lisa Warner, Alan Weg, Nadine Weg, John Wolf, Louanne Wolf, Alan Woller, Terri Woller, and Keith Zimmerman.

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Finally, to our outstanding Committee Chairpersons and special staff, Marty Abschutz, Marc Dillman, Cathy Fleischacker, Danny Greenberg, Kim Riemann, Lisa Seidman, Jeff Woller, Jodi Woller, and, last but not least, Tammy Zimmerman: this event couldn't have happened without you. May you continue to inspire us all.

Cyndi Kleinbart

Caryl Greenberg

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

By Mitch Frumkin

As we as a Congregation move forward with our plans for the expansion of our facilities, it is also time to look at not only how we operate as a Synagogue but also at the services which we offer to ourselves, the membership. In order to begin this process, two meetings have been held over the past few months by two different groups of Congregants to discuss these issues. At the first meeting which took place on January 28, the following two questions were posed, "Why did you join B'nai Tikvah?" and "What areas would you like to see further discussion about?" The results of these two questions are as follow.

Reasons For Joining B'nai Tikvah

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| ✓ Family | ✓ Sisterhood |
| ✓ Conservative | ✓ Conversion |
| ✓ Hebrew School | ✓ Outreach |
| ✓ Inter-marriage | ✓ Location |
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| ✓ Looking for Friends/Family | ✓ Egalitarian |
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| ✓ Programs for Kids | ✓ Looking for Communication |
| ✓ Adult Education | ✓ Opportunities to get involved |

Highlighted Areas for Future Discussion

- Service review, renewal, rejuvenation; Discuss changes that can be made in the services for spiritual enhancement
- What spiritual connection can we offer our teens? The post B'nai Mitzvah experience for teens on Shabbat and beyond
- Youth services
- Welcoming at Services
- Adult Education
- Social Action
- Cross Shabbos Celebrations
- Outreach
- Developing a regional "Chai" school
- Getting parents more involved in services/religious school
- Incorporating learning to speak/understand Hebrew into the Hebrew School curriculum

Based upon this meeting, a second meeting was held on February 25 to begin discussing these areas in greater detail. The discussions were divided into four subject areas: Spiritual, Social Action, "The Hook" Drawing People In, and Youth Opportunities. Resulting from this meeting were many different thoughts on pursuing these issues through a combination of our existing committee structure and specific Task Forces.

As we begin to look at these various issues, anyone who has any interest in becoming involved in any of these areas should either contact me directly or e-mail me at NOCPIK@AOL.COM. In addition, in the next few months, the Board of Trustees Nominating Committee will begin its work of selecting next years Board of Directors under the direction of Past President Mark Kasdin. Anyone who has any interest in being considered for a Board position should contact either myself, Mark Kasdin or the Nominating Committee.

It's Coming...
 JCC of North & South Brunswick Nursery School's
RAFFLE 2001

Each spring our nursery school holds a raffle to raise funds
 to benefit our school.

There are lots of terrific prizes to win.
 Please support our school by buying/selling our raffle tickets.

The cost is only \$10.00 for 10 tickets (1 book)

Just think, for \$1.00, you might win

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Completed ticket stubs must be returned to the nursery school office prior to drawing.

Drawing is to be held on May 18th.

Raffle books will be available in the beginning of April.

Yes, I would like to support our nursery school by buying/selling tickets.

Name: _____

Books: _____

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Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

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B'nai Tikvah Remembers Holocaust Victims in Special Service

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Congregation B'nai Tikvah will hold a special Yom HaShoah service in memory of the victims of the Holocaust on Thursday April 19, 2001 at 7:30pm. As part of the service, guest speaker Chief Warrant Officer Mark Henderson, Jr., U.S. Army Retired will discuss his experiences with the U.S. Army's 761st Tank Battalion and his role as Personnel Officer at a Displaced Persons camp in Bavaria.

All are welcome to attend this free program. Refreshments will be served. Congregation B'nai Tikvah is located at 1001 Finnegan's Lane, North Brunswick just off Route 1. For directions or additional information, call the synagogue office at 732-297-0696.

About Mark Henderson, Jr.

Mr. Henderson served the U.S. Army with distinction during World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. During World War II, he served with the 761st Tank Battalion, the second of three battalions comprised solely of Black Americans. When the 761st Battalion received orders for the European theater of operations, the advance party included Chief Warrant Officer Mark Henderson. The battalion participated in the Allied Forces D-Day invasion and served in England, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and Austria. While in Alsace Lorraine, Mr. Henderson learned to speak French and German by talking to the local residents. During his time in Europe after the war, Mr. Henderson served one year as Personnel Officer in a displaced persons camp in Bavaria. While working at the camp, he assigned survivors to participate in such tasks as vehicle driver, kitchen helper, etc. in an effort to help create a semblance of normality in their lives.

During his administration, President Jimmy Carter awarded the 761st Battalion the Presidential Unit Citation for Extraordinary Heroism. The Citation states: "The 761st Battalion distinguished itself by extraordinary gallantry, courage, professionalism and high esprit de corps displayed in the accomplishment of unusually difficult and hazardous operations in the European Theater of Operations from 31 October 1944 to 6 May 1945. . . Throughout this period of combat, the courageous and professional actions of the members of the "Black Panther" battalion, coupled with their indomitable fighting spirit and devotion to duty, reflect great credit on the 761st Tank Battalion, the United States Army, and this Nation."

Now retired and living in Willingboro, NJ, Mr. Henderson often travels and speaks at various universities, organizations, and broadcast stations with David Yeager, a concentration camp survivor. Mr. Henderson also speaks about his experiences and the plight of the Negro Soldier whose fight during World War II was on two fronts - on foreign soil for freedom and dignity for all, and on our own American shores for civil rights.

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Israeli Cuisine (Israel's Independence Day)

Friday, April 27

שבת

BBQ for Lag B'Omer

Friday, May 11

Dinners begin at 6:30 pm



Festive Shabbat evening dinners at B'nai Tikvah with Classical Caterers
Celebrate Shabbat with these delicious meals. Our Goal is to enjoy each other's company & celebrate Friday night.

(Just think—Passover will be over by then!)

April 27 MENU

- Israeli Station: falafel, Israeli salad, hummus, tahina, babaganoush, pita
- Steak & chicken kebabs
- Stuffed grape leaves
- Rice Pilaf
- Julienne vegetables
- Kids: Chicken fingers, French Fries
- Corn on the cob
- Soda

May 11 MENU

- BBQ Ribs and chicken on the bone
- Baked potatoes
- Pasta salad
- Coleslaw
- Mixed green salad
- Pickles, relishes, condiments
- Kids: Hot Dogs, hamburgers
- Corn on the cob
- Soda

Kiddush dessert served after service.

SOMETHING NEW FOR FRIDAY NIGHT...



- April 27 Israeli Cuisine for Israel's Independence Day
- May 11 Lag B'Omer BBQ



Name(s) _____
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Number of Adults _____ @ \$18 = _____
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 Number of Adults (both dinners) _____ @ \$36 = _____
 Number of Children (2 dinners) _____ @ \$16 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Checks payable to: Congregation B'nai Tikvah. Mail to 1001 Finnegan's Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902 ATTN: Friday Dinner. For April dinner, need check by Monday, April 23. For May, by Monday May 7. Questions or to assist, Dorothy Cohen 821-4376.

Local Author Speaks about "Mixed" Marriage at B'nai Tikvah

Azriela Jaffe, Bucks County resident and author of several books, will speak at Congregation B'nai Tikvah on Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30pm. Ms. Jaffe will discuss how two people who share the same religion can enter into a "mixed" marriage and how they can resolve their differences. The topic is also the focus of Ms. Jaffe's most recent book, "Two Jews Can Still be a Mixed Marriage: Reconciling the Differences Regarding Judaism in our Marriage."

Ms. Jaffe also writes "Advice from A-Z," a self-syndicated column, which regularly appears in about two-dozen newspapers, magazines, and websites. She has appeared on over 200 television and radio shows and is a respected motivational speaker. A member of the National Speakers Association, Ms. Jaffe is a popular keynote speaker and workshop leader for entrepreneurial and women's conferences nationwide.

This free program is sponsored by B'nai Tikvah's Adult Education Committee. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and autographing by the author.

To RSVP or for directions, contact the synagogue office at 732-297-0696. For additional information, check our website: www.bnaitikvah.org.

About the Book & the Author

The Web Site: isquare.com describes Ms. Jaffe's book, "Two Jews Can Still be a Mixed Marriage" with the following:

"If you are Jewish, and married to someone who is Jewish, or a Jew by Choice, you have already figured out that two Jews can be just as 'intermarried' as a Jewish/non-Jewish couple. This book is the first and only definitive guide for how to work out different preferences for Jewish observance and practice in a marriage. Whether you disagree on which synagogue to join, whether or not to keep kosher, how to observe the holidays, or even, how to celebrate a Bar Mitzvah, this book will offer strategies for conflict negotiation and compromise. It is designed to suit Jewish couples of all denominations, from non-observant to observant."

Azriela Jaffe and husband Stephen, although both Jewish, were raised in homes that were very different -- she is a Reform Jew and he as an Orthodox Jew. The difficulties they encountered as a couple and the compromises they reached became the heart of Ms. Jaffe's latest book. The Jaffes and their three children live in Yardley, PA.

Feedback Committee's Role Expands

Recently, the B'nai Tikvah Board officially designated the Feedback Committee as a Standing Committee under the direction of the President. As such, the Committee's role will expand to include both the Rabbi and the Cantor.

The original Rabbinical Feedback Committee was formed in 1995 to aid Rabbi Eligberg's transition into the congregation and to create a regular venue to discuss ongoing and timely issues as they develop.

As was true in the past, the Committee members are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the congregation's President. We will continue to be governed by the following premises. Congregants, the Board of Trustees, and the professional staff working together will make our Jewish community flourish. All congregants, Board members, the Rabbi and the Cantor are interested in and respect each other's goals and objectives. Working with the Executive Committee, the Rabbi and the Cantor are best able to determine how each will address congregational goals and objectives, as well as use the information provided by the Feedback Committee.

The Committee continues to meet monthly to discuss both the kudos and suggestions received from congregants. The Committee has also been and will continue to be instrumental in collecting information from the congregation through surveys to help the Board make informed decisions about its contractual relationships with the Rabbi and the Cantor.

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If this process is to be effective, we need your comments. Please contact us about what's happening in the synagogue that you like and where we can all work together to improve. You can send e-mail to Feedback@bnaitikvah.org or contact any member of the Committee.

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UPCOMING USY EVENTS

Wednesday April 4
7:15 - 8:45 PM


Wacky Wax Night at the synagogue


Thursday April 19

Participating in synagogue Yom HaShoah Program

Here We Grow Again

Mazel Tov to

 Bernice & Daniel Natelson on the birth of their daughter Ruby Rose.

 Rabbi David and Jodi Eligberg on the birth of their son Yonatan.



This Passover, let one who is hungry enter and eat.

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HAKOL DEADLINE

The next HaKol deadline is April 16th. I look forward to hearing from you. It will be distributed by May 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

April

Sunday 1 st	Budget Meeting
Monday 2 nd	Nursery School Pesach Seder, Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday 3 rd	Congregational Meeting
Wednesday 4 th	USY Meeting, Book Club Meeting
Thursday 5 th	B'dikat Chametz - Searching for Leaven RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SPRING BREAK BEGINS
Friday 6 th	Candle Lighting 7:09
Saturday 7 th	Erev Pesach - First Seder
Sunday 8 th	Passover - Second Seder
Monday 9 th	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - Passover
Tuesday 10 th	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, 50+ Board Meeting
Wednesday 11 th	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, New Beginnings
Thursday 12 th	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Friday 13 th	Candle Lighting 7:16, Erev Seventh Day of Passover
Saturday 14 th	Seventh Day of Passover
Sunday 15 th	Eighth Day of Passover, NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Monday 16 th	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Sisterhood Board Meeting
Tuesday 17 th	Kadima Meeting, Cantor's Healing Service
Thursday 19 th	Yom Hashoah Service, Rabbi's Feedback Committee
Friday 20 th	Candle Lighting 7:24, Family Shabbat Service
Sunday 22 nd	Religious School - Yom Hashoah Special Program, Budget Meeting
Tuesday 24 th	50+ General Meeting
Wednesday 25 th	Yom Hazikaron : Israeli Remembrance Day
Thursday 26 th	Yom Ha'atzmaut: Israel Independence Day
Friday 27 th	Candle Lighting 7:31
Sunday 28 th	Chai School Breakfast with the Rabbi, Presidents and their First Ladies, Budget Meeting
Monday 30 th	Executive Committee Meeting, Schmooze on the News

May

Tuesday 1 st	Guest Lecture - Azriella Jaffe
Wednesday 2 nd	Torah Lishma - Adult Ed
Friday 4 th	Candle Lighting 7:38, Bet Shabbat Dinner and Service
Sunday 6 th	USY Meeting, Men's Club Meeting, Budget Meeting
Monday 7 th	Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday 8 th	50+ Board Meeting
Wednesday 9 th	Torah Lishma: Adult Ed., New Beginnings
Friday 11 th	Candle Lighting 7:45, Lag Ba'Omer BBQ



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