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Our Mission

To foster a vibrant egalitarian Jewish community founded in the religious customs and traditions of Conservative Judaism; offering excellent Jewish education and community activities for all ages with commitment to Israel and Jewish communities throughout the world.

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

By Rabbi David Eligberg

Masquerade!

A gauze half conceals the tableau of guests at the opera ball. The guests (whom we cannot yet see clearly) are in fancy dress: a peacock, a lion, a dragon, Mephistopheles, a highwayman, a clown, knights and ladies. The gauze lifts fully to reveal the staircase of the opera house. The opera ball begins. Among the guests are four carrying strange percussion instruments: a monkey with cymbals, a toy soldier with a drum, a triangle, bells. Together they play weirdly throughout.

CHORUS

M a s q u e r a d e !
Paper faces on parade . . .

Masquerade!
Hide your face,
so the world
will never find you!

M a s q u e r a d e !
Every face a different
shade . . .

Masquerade!

Look around -
there's another
mask behind you!

Flash of mauve . . .
Splash of puce . . .
Fool and king . . .
Ghoul and goose . . .
Green and black . . .
Queen and priest . . .
Trace of rouge . . .
Face of beast . . .

Faces . . .
Take your turn,
take a ride
on the merry-go-round . . .

.
in an inhuman race . . .
Eye of gold . . .
Thigh of blue . . .
True is false . . .

Who is who . . .?
Curl of lip . . .
Swirl of gown . . .
Ace of hearts . . .
Face of clown . . .

Faces . . .
Drink it in, drink it up,
till you've drowned
in the light . . .
in the sound . . .

RAOUL/CHRISTINE
But who can name the
face . . .?

ALL

Masquerade!
Grinning yellows,
spinning reds . . .

Masquerade!
Take your fill -
let the spectacle
astound you!

Masquerade!
Burning glances,
turning heads . . .

Masquerade!
Stop and stare
at the sea of smiles
around you!

Masquerade!
Seething shadows
breathing lies . . .

Masquerade!
You can fool
any friend who
ever knew you!

Masquerade!
Leering satyrs,
peering eyes . . .
Masquerade!
Run and hide -
but a face will
still pursue you!

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RABBI'S DESK

(Continued from page 1)

This is the spectacular opening of Act II of Phantom of the Opera. Watching the scene unfold is both dazzling and overwhelming. The pageantry provides an atmosphere of excitement while the masks create an air of mystery, allowing the story to unfold. Both the wedding plans of the young protagonists and the plotting of the Phantom are hidden behind a veil of secrecy. Friend and foe swirl together in a dancing masquerade, content to see the happy façade and avoid the reality behind it. Twists and reversals abound. Resolution is possible only once all the characters are unmasked.

Purim, its story and celebration, mirrors, in many ways, the scene described above. Megillat Esther is filled with people pretending to be what they are not: from the king's "loyal" cooks who plot to poison him; to Haman's duplicity; as well as Esther's own hidden identity. For the story to have a happy ending, all of the characters must be unmasked, their true identities and nature revealed.

Mordechai's unmasking of the plotters against King Ahashverosh begins the process. Esther must reveal her identity as a Jew before she can plead for her life and that of her people. Haman's evil designs have to be laid bare along with his self-serving goals. Recognition of Mordechai's loyalty and wisdom, as well as his connection to Esther, completes the process. Once the truth is apparent, Ahashverosh is able to choose correctly. Salvation comes from the assertion of identity, not by its denial.

As we busy ourselves with preparations for Purim, wearing masks, hidden identities and the true self strikes me as a challenge. Purim encourages us to put on our costumes, to hide our real selves, and to become something else, if only for a short time. It is an opportunity to step outside of ourselves and then reclaim our true identities.

Some years ago, I visited a friend of mine who lived in New Orleans. This afforded me an opportunity to experience Mardi Gras first hand, including marching in one of the parades. It was a unique and memorable experience. One of the enduring lessons I learned that day was about identity and self. There I was, hidden behind a mask and disguised by my costume, an anonymous figure with no past, an unknown person to all around me in a city gone wild. Those of you expecting some sordid revelation at this point will be disappointed. Ultimately, despite the mask of anonymity and the disguise of costume, I did not do anything that I could not share with all of you. The façade did not allow me to change my true identity or behave outside of my essential character. This too is part of the enduring message of Purim - be true to your own self.

One of the mitzvot of Purim calls upon us to be festive to the point of not knowing the difference between Mordechai and Haman; to create new realities and identities for ourselves for a brief time. Ultimately, however, we are being told that Jewish survival demands that we assert our true selves; that we live

consistently with the values of the Torah and as a reflection of the richness of our tradition. When we live this way we can be like Mordechai, an asset to the Jewish community and a blessing to all people.

With best wishes for a freilach and fun filled Purim,

Rabbi David M. Eligberg

SYNAGOGUE HIRES CHOIR DIRECTOR

Jonathan D. Zimet became musical director of Congregation Bnai Tikvah's Makhelah/ synagogue choir in January 2002, bringing to this position a breadth of Judaic experiences and passion in Jewish choral and liturgical music. He received his BA from Brown University, his law degree from New York University School of Law, and has studied Judaic texts, Nusach and music, at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Juilliard School of Music and Mannes College of Music. Jonathan has directed Middlesex County's Community Jewish Chorus, *Kol Rina*, led Tu B'Shvat Seders, Shir HaShirim Singathons, camping/zemirot Shabbat gatherings and Israeli Dancing. He is currently taking rabbinical courses at the Academy for Jewish Religion.

THE SINGING RABBI

By Cantor Bruce Rockman

For the sake of my brothers and friends

For the sake of my sisters and friends

Please let me ask, please let me sing
Peace to you.

This is the house, the house of the Lord

I wish the best to you.

From his sweet heart and soul
Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach sang these words from Psalms.

Who was Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach? Alternately known as “The Dancing Rabbi,” “The Singing Rabbi,” or “The Hippie Rabbi,” Shlomo Carlebach has influenced a generation as a bridge-builder and ambassador of love and joy, his message of openness and inclusion spoke to Jews and non-Jews of all persuasions.

Shlomo Carlebach and his twin brother Elyyahu were born in Germany on 18 Tevet 5685 (January 14, 1925). Their father, Naftali was a scholar and was a leading Rabbi in Berlin and their mother Pessia, was known for her deeds of charity.

After the Nazis came to power in 1933, the family left Berlin and moved to Austria. For a time the family thrived in Austria, where Naftali was appointed chief rabbi of an important Jewish community. The twins had the advantage of wonderful teachers and rabbinic greatness was predicted for both boys.

As the Nazi influence grew, the family escaped Europe to the United States and took up residence in the Williamsberg district in New York.

Shlomo’s spiritual quest began very early in his life. With his close friends, he would spend hours among the trees and lakes absorbing melodies and philosophy.

In 1943, Shlomo Carlebach was among the young scholars chosen to help lay the foundation for a new Torah center, the Beth Medrash Govoha in Lakewood. Today, the graduate school of Rabbinics, since named for him, has 1000 students on its roll today.

Ultimately Rabbi Carlebach found that he needed to bring his gift to more people and was not satisfied to reach great personal goals, such as being the head of the Torah Center. The Lubavitcher Rebbe R. Menachem Mendel Schneerson z”l, influenced Carlebach to choose a different path, he persuaded Shlomo that self-sacrifice on the behalf of the Jewish people means total devotion, giving oneself body and soul to the cause. Thus began his career in Jewish outreach.

Carlebach was a radical in the 1950’s and 60’s. He sang with Bob Dylan and Joni Mitchell. Still appearing very traditional, but very in step with the times, his outreach to the Jewish community grew, but due to his radical approach, was unable to continue his formal association with the Lubavitcher movement. Thus began the Carlebach legend.

I hope that I have peaked your interest. Starting on Tuesday evening February 5, with my new adult education class, “The Soul of Shlomo Carlebach”, I will attempt to fill in some more of the blanks for you. We will learn more about

this influential Rabbi’s life. In addition we will be able to *sing and learn from his beautiful music*, much of which has influenced, our synagogue experience. Also, will also have the opportunity to listen to and re-tell some of the Rabbi Carlebach’s inspiring and enchanted tales.

Worship the Lord in gladness, come before God with joyous song.

B’simcha

Cantor Bruce Rockman

B’nai Tikvah is Wired

The three main computers in the Synagogue office, plus the Rabbi’s laptop, are now all connected to high speed internet service (not Comcast). The service is secured via a LinkSys firewall router, which insures that private documents and files on the respective machines remain so.

Now when you send a message to Rabbi@BnaiTikvah.org, Cantor@BnaiTikvah.org, Administrator@BnaiTikvah.org, or even (our latest and greatest assistant) Roz@BnaiTikvah.org, you can be assured they will actually receive it at B’nai Tikvah.

LIFE AND WORK OF LEON BIBEL

We are planning a program for the late spring to celebrate the life and work of Leon Bibel. There are many examples of Leon woodwork in the CBT building. Most of the woodwork we are most familiar with was done in the last 10-15 years of Leon's career. Earlier works include oils and lithographs from as far back as the WPA era. We plan to have an open house at Bibel family home and have tours of his galleries (converted chicken coops), where we can view several hundred pieces of Leon's work that cover religious, sports, nursery rhyme, holocaust and contemporary themes.

I am looking for some volunteers to help organize the program. We need to decide on a date; we would like to have refreshments available in a tent on the property; we need to arrange for people to direct parking and guides to describe the works in each of the 7 rooms of art; and we need to organize a way to run a raffle or give a door prize of one of Leon's smaller wood works that the family indicated they might make available. We would also like to arrange a preview for some the local Jewish community leaders so they can take an announcement of the day(s) celebration back to their constituents in order to expand the community involvement. Leon gave much to CBT and here's a chance to give some back.

There will also be opportunity to purchase some of the art, but that is not the objective of the celebration.

Anyone interested in helping with the program please contact Mark Roller at (732)297-7055 or mroller867@aol.com

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Education Programs

Lunch & Learn Adult Education

These programs are FREE; however registration is required. No prior knowledge necessary. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call the synagogue office, 732-297-0696, to make your reservations.

Lunch & Learn

February 2: Donna Glazer, Solomon Schechter of Raritan Valley
Family Dynamics in the Torah

April 6: Cantor Bruce Rockman, Lunch & Sing

June 1: Rabbi David M. Eligberg, To Be Announced

Lunch & Learn follows the Kiddush on Shabbat mornings. Sponsorships available — Co-sponsor, Under \$100; Sponsor, \$100-499; Patron, \$500.

Makelah News

The Makelah is back in the swing of things under the direction of Jonathan Zimet. Never sounding better, the chorus is learning beautiful new Shabbat and holiday pieces in three and four part harmonies at the weekly rehearsals. There are exciting innovative arrangements for the familiar choral pieces. The Makelah is looking forward to singing at Shabbat services and special events. The chorus was thrilled to have the opportunity to sing for the Sisterhood Shabbat luncheon on Shabbat Shirah. Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are invited to join the B'nai Tikvah Makelah. Please call Cheryl Asnis at 732-297-5379, Gina

Gerstein at 732-329-1198 or Rachel Shaneson at 732-329-2189 for further information.

TORAH TROPE CLUB

On December, 7 students who are part of the "Torah Trope Club" at B'nai Tikvah, read from the Torah at Junior Congregation Family Service. These students meet every Saturday morning before ser-

vices. They were each presented with a Tikun (a Torah study guide book) to help them continue with their learning.

Mazel tov to Keren Brown, Benjy Levin, Samantha Alpert, Daniel Garten, Josh Kohn, Liz Samtur and Wil Samtur.

Keep up the good work!!!

Our latest Torah Trope Class has already begun!!! Students continue to meet every Saturday morning and they are looking forward to reading again in the near future.

STEP BACK IN TIME:
A BENEFIT FOR CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH

Prom Night:

Relive The Magic

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16th, 2001
B'NAI TIKVAH BALLROOM
7:30 PM**

- DJ Entertainment, Buffet Dinner (Classical Caterers), Open Bar, Silent Auction and other surprises!**
- Celebrity Guest: Alan David Stein (from 101.5)!**
- Vote for the Prom King and Queen!**
- Dress Semi-Formal for the Prom or Semi-Insane from the year of YOUR prom**

**Invitations to be mailed in January
Members & non-congregant friends welcome!**

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

By Ann Kanarek

One of the most meaningful discussions a family can share is about God. When children ask about God they are asking about their place in the world and they are looking for a meaning and purpose of life. They are not necessarily asking about a theological concept.

Our children want to achieve an understanding of God. A belief in God provides them with a sense of order to the world and a knowledge that it is a stable and friendly place. They want and need to feel a sense of security and reassurance in a world that is not always logical or hospitable.

By having open discussions and talking about God, we give our children an opportunity to feel sacred. Connecting to God is how we Jews bring a sense of holiness into our lives and into this world.

Some of Phyllis Edley's 2nd grade children were asked the question "How does God make me feel?" The students responded:

- ◆ Alyssa Benzilio: Happy!
- ◆ Justin Goldstein: Happy!
- ◆ Jonathan Jacobs: Good!
- ◆ Alyssa Marcou: Loved and kind!
- ◆ Jesse Runyon: Like dancing to music!
- ◆ Arielle Sherman: Happy and

safe!

- ◆ Cara Sherman: Happy because God made me polite and God is great!
- ◆ Sarah Sheps: Happy because I am safe!
- ◆ Kyle Spivak: Happy and sad!
- ◆ Lauren Tabak: Happy!
- ◆ Brian Wistreich: Really good because God is always there for me!
- ◆ Ashley Woller: Happy because God protects us!
- ◆ Amanda Zimmerman: Happy and proud!

As educators, we want our children to value themselves. However, given the complexities and uncertainties in life, it may sometimes be difficult to nurture a child's self-worth. We try to anchor self-esteem with the knowledge that we are all created in God's image, *B'tzelem Elohim*. The belief that we are created in the image of God makes us as individuals feel valuable. For our teachers to see God's image in the faces of our students whose spiritual lives are entrusted to us is truly a blessing.

(The Let's Discover God series that we use in our primary curriculum was a resource for this article.)

FEBRUARY is food for the needy month. Our classes will fulfill the Talmudic Dictum of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) and join together with B'nai Tikvah's Social Action Committee to help the needy of our community. We could use your help by bringing in food items that will help the poor and hungry in the area. Please check the flyer enclosed in this HAKOL for suggested food donations.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS

Friday, February 8: **A L E F CLASS NAMING** dinner (6:30pm) and service (8:00pm)

Saturday, February 9: **DALET CLASS SERVICE** (9:30am)

Sunday, February 10: **BET CLASS PACT PROGRAM: *The Joy of Shabbat***, 10:00am-12:05pm

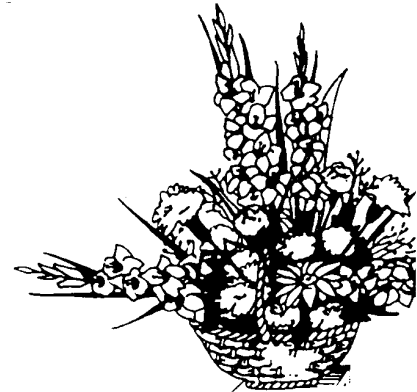
Sunday, February 17: **NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**, *President's weekend*

Monday, February 18: **NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**, *Washington's Birthday observed*.

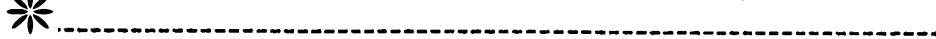
Sunday, February 24: **PURIM-CARNIVAL**, 12:05pm



*sach is coming, it's not too soon to think.
 * you want your flowers in white or pink?
 * flowers are essential to your Passover Table.
 * most as important as inviting Aunt Mable.
 * n't delay, pick white or bright.
 * k up will be Sunday, 3/24, not at night
 * all who have ordered flowers in the past
 * ank you and hope you will respond quite fast
 * r newcomers you have nothing to lose
 * e hardest part is trying to choose (white or bright).



* ORDERS MUST BE IN BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH



PASSOVER FLOWER ORDER FORM

* FLOWER CENTERPIECES - \$25 EACH

* Name: _____

* Phone # _____

* # of Centerpieces at \$25 each

* Amount enclosed \$ _____

* _____ Number of White flower centerpieces

* _____ Number of Bright flower centerpieces

* Please return form to Gale Dillman, 39 Quince Place, North





Nursery School News

by Fran Pearlson



Throughout the month of February our school has planned fabulous fun-filled events and learning adventures.

February...

February will focus on the importance of eating healthy foods, taking care of our bodies, and taking care of our teeth. Dr. Altman, father of Tatum in our N3AMI class, will visit with our children to discuss good dental health practices. We will celebrate President's Day by discussing Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and the important contributions they have made to our country.

Our Mad Science Dinosaur Dig Program is coming...

On Monday, February 11th and Tuesday, February 12th, Mad science is coming to our school to perform their preschool workshop program. This fun, exciting and educational science experience will enhance our nursery's dinosaur unit as this hands-on program takes them on a dinosaur dig! What a wonderful way to culminate our dinosaur unit.

The Festival of Purim...

The children will all have a fantastic time when they celebrate this joyous holiday with a Purim party. The children will have the opportunity to dress-up in costumes and parade around our school. They will learn Purim songs as well as the Purim story. They will enjoy a special snack of hamentaschen, which they will make in class. They will send shalach manot (gifts of food) baskets to their friends and family, too. As in years past, I look forward to our hallways being filled with the lingering and delicious smells of these freshly baked pastries!

And the Festivities Continue...

On Monday, February 25th, Elliot the Super will come to our school and perform his Purim magic show. His show will include puppetry, music and movement, songs, and balloons. The children will have an educationally exciting time!

The highlight will be our 4th annual nursery school Purim carnival on Friday, March 1st. The children will have lots of fun as they bounce and jump in Noah's Ark. From there they will have several booths or activity centers to enjoy. From face painting to spin art to pinning the grogger on Hamen to playing basketball in the Shushan Basketball Arena the children are sure to have a great time.

NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Nursery school registration for the 2002-2003 school year has begun. All temple members will receive priority registration and a discounted fee. Please contact the nursery school office for our registration booklet and application.

We hope you will step into the kitchen with your child/children and enjoy making our Hamentaschen for Purim! Happy Purim!

NURSERY SCHOOL SNACKTIVITY

Step into the kitchen with your child and make

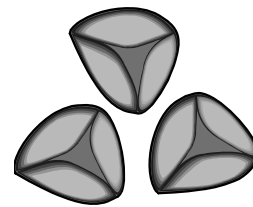
HAMENTASCHEN

For Purim!

INGREDIENTS:

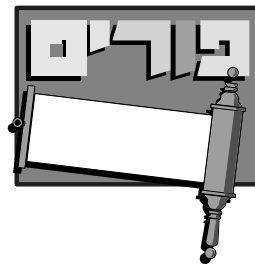
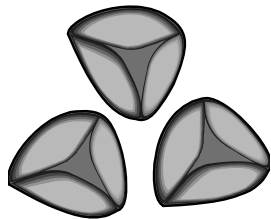
2 cups flour
 ½cup sugar
 1 ½teaspoon baking powder
 1 can fruit filling

2 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 ¼cup oil
 round cookie cutter or
 rim of a glass



1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a cookie sheet.
2. Have your child help mix flour, sugar, baking powder, eggs, vanilla, and oil together in a large bowl.
3. Flour a rolling pin and have your child roll dough out evenly on a lightly floured board. Make it flat as a pancake!
4. Use a round cookie cutter (or rim of a glass) to cut out circles.
5. Put a teaspoon of fruit filling in the center of each circle and fold the dough edges toward the center to form a triangle.
6. Put on greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, until lightly brown.

Enjoy!



BIDS WANTED

The Synagogue will be re-carpeting the Sanctuary. We are presently accepting bids from congregants and outside vendors. If interested, please contact Hadas by February 20th at 732-296-0696.

Mitzvah Project

For Religious School, the Dalet students have been assigned a Mitzvah Project that should benefit the world in some way. We, Amy Binder and Carly Weinreb, have chosen to collect stuffed animals and donate them to a local rescue squad and/or a family shelter.

We are asking you to donate **new stuffed animals** to these children to help spread some cheer in a situation that is often difficult and sad.

Please bring these stuffed animals to the box in front of the Religious school office by March 15, 2002. Thank you for helping us.

Amy Binder & Carly Weinreb

ABIGAIL ADAMS URGES MALE/FEMALE EQUALITY; PRESIDENT AGREES ON SUN., APRIL 14, 8 PM

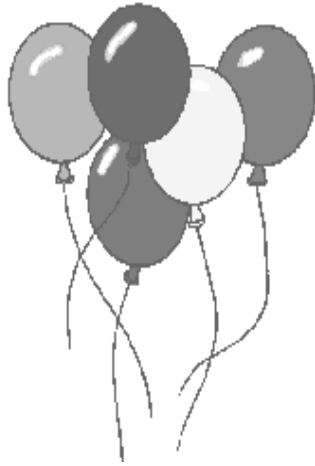
“You cannot be . . . an interactive spectator,” Abigail wrote to John at the Continental Congress. Then, she spent their married life either “like a nun in a cloister,” running their farm and raising their children, or following him to England, France, the Netherlands, and the presidency.

Join us on Sunday, April 14, 8:00 - 9:30 PM, in Congregation B’nai Tikvah’s sanctuary. Members and the community are welcome free of charge.

Abigail Smith Adams may be remembered best for urging John, in 1776, to create their new country’s laws so women would be treated with dignity and not as “vassals of your sex.” In fact, she was his “dearest friend,” confidante, and advisor from their courtship in 1759 until her death in 1818.

This dramatic reading will be our third annual “Presidents and Their First Ladies” program. The Adames will be portrayed by the wife-and-husband acting team of Sue and Bill Wills. We loved them as Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt and as Bess and Harry Truman and will, also, as Abigail and John Adams.

Come Celebrate With Us



Birthday Blessings

Join us on the second Friday night of each month as we bless all those whose birthdays fall within that month. Celebrate this special day together with the community!

Anniversary Announcements

A special toast and blessing as you celebrate your wedding anniversary!

Join us on the fourth Friday of each month as we honor the anniversaries that have taken place that month.

In order to send you an invitation, we need to create a separate database. Please send us the following information:

Family's Last Name: _____

Address: _____



Birthdays:

<u>Name</u>

<u>Birthday</u> (year optional)



Your Wedding Date: _____

Please mail the information to the Synagogue Office:

1001 Finnegan's Lane
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Prom Night:

Relive The Magic



**KEEP B'NAI TIKVAH STRONG:
A CALL FOR YOUR HELP!!**

We need lots of help to make this fundraising event a big success!

We are looking for goods and services donors for our silent auction. These items could include sports memorabilia, theatre and/or sporting event tickets, gift certificates, electronic appliances, time at a vacation home, etc.

As a result of the big success of our Casino Night Fundraiser last year, we were able to keep dues and religious schools fees reasonable. We were even able to start a "rainy day" fund! At a time when we have become so aware of the importance of community, we are hoping that you can pitch in to make ours the best it can be.

Please contact the following congregants to volunteer!

Silent Auction Donations

Gary Warner (732.422.9292) or Jodi Marcou (732.422.6628)
gwarner28@home.com jodimarcou@home.com

Event Planning

Cindy Gittleman (732.274.2253)
gittleman@home.com

Help us have a local night of fun which benefits B'nai Tikvah at the same time! Let's all make this a night to remember!

Leave the cooking to someone else...

Preorder your Shabbat dinner so that when you come home from work you can start Shabbat off on the right foot. Dinners are provided by The Kosher Experience in Shop-Rite of East Windsor. Pick your Shabbat dinner up at the synagogue from 7pm - 8pm. **(Come to minyan and then get your dinner)** Your dinner will be in the refrigerator with your name on it. Basic dinner includes (serves 4):

- 1 Chicken
- 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).

Orders must be received by February 10, 2002. Pick up is February 14, 2002

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 = _____
 Gelfilte 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: Bobbi Binder
 94 Hazel Court
 Dayton, NJ 08810

Use separate sheet for gift instructions

Any questions call Bobbi at: 274-2797



Passover Candy Sale

Our annual Bartons Passover Candy & Macaroon Sale is now underway!

Please help support your Religious School by buying this delicious candy for your family, friends and neighbors.

If you'd like to place an order, contact any religious school student or complete the order form on page 16 and mail w/ payment to
Candy Sale c/o B'nai Tikvah Religious School, 1001 Finnegan's Lane
North Brunswick NJ 08902 (all orders must be received by 2/7/02)



Great Prizes will be awarded to our top sellers!!!



PASSOVER CANDY SALE ORDER FORM

ITEM	Quantity	Price	Total
A. PARVE BAR		\$2.25	
B. CHOCOLATE COV. MACAROONS		\$8.50	
C. CHOC. COV MARSHMALLOWS		\$8.50	
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TOTAL			

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Congregation B'nai Tikvah Adult Education Survey

The following survey was designed to define the education needs of our adult congregation. Your participation will assist the Adult Education Committee to serve you better in the years to come. Each adult member of a household is encouraged to respond individually.

TWO WAYS TO RESPOND:

Drop off your completed survey in the B'nai Tikvah office mailbox, attention Lynn Koblin, Chairperson Adult Education Committee.

OR

**Submit your survey response online at <http://bnaitikvah.org/survey.html>
The deadline for all survey responses is March 1, 2002.**

If you wish to be informed of Adult Ed activities by email, please provide your email address and name at the end of this survey. Thank you for your participation and responses.

1. Your age: under 30 30-40 41-50 51-64 65+

2. Children? Indicate the age group(s) of your children:
 None 0-5 yrs 6-12 yrs Teenage to 21 grown

3. How long have you been a member of B'nai Tikvah?
 less than 1 year 1-5 yrs 5-10 yrs longer than 10 years

4. For what reasons would you attend an Adult Education class offered at B'nai Tikvah or any other synagogue? (check your top 3 reasons)

- To meet people
- To broaden my Jewish education
- To have something "different" to do occasionally
- To broaden my knowledge of social and political issues pertinent to Jews
- To learn a specific thing, such as "how to ..."
- To listen to a prominent speaker
- To participate in a stimulating discussion
- Other, describe _____

5. If a course offering were of interest to you, how many sessions are most desirable:

- One session only
- One night per week for 2- 4 weeks
- One night per week for 4-8 weeks
- More than one night, but not on consecutive weeks

6. Indicate your interest level in the topics below:

1 = Very interested, 2= Somewhat interested, 3= Not at all interested

Hebrew Language

Check One column per sub-topic:	1	2	3
Hebrew refresher class- (Alef-Bet / Reading prayers)			
Advanced Hebrew – Reading Torah			
Conversational Hebrew			
Modern Hebrew literature (in translation)			

Torah Studies

Check One column per sub-topic:	1	2	3
Midrash, rabbinic interpretations			
Talmud, what is the law and why			
Torah in context of modern day issues			
Biblical characters ("Bible People")			
Life and times of Rabbi Akiva and other famous sages			
Other. Specify:			

1 = Very interested, 2= Somewhat interested, 3= Not at all interested

Jewish Culture

Check One column per sub-topic:	1	2	3
Parenting and teaching Jewish values			
Jewish cooking			
Israeli dancing			
Jewish-American history			
Jewish art/artists			
Yiddish			
Other. Specify:			

Jewish Ritual

Check One column per sub-topic:	1	2	3
Holiday-specific customs and practices			
Life cycle customs & practices (i.e. brit, chuppa, burial)			
Mitzvot: Mikvah, T'fillin, Shabbat, et al			
Other. Specify:			

Kabbala and Personal Growth

Check One column per sub-topic:	1	2	3
Jewish spirituality			
Prayer			
How do I get closer to G-d?			
What is happiness?			
Kabbala and events around us			
Other. Specify:			

7. Consider the following potential class times. Indicate which you would most attend:

(Check more than one, if applicable)

- Shabbat Lunch n'Learn 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, during Religious School 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, during Religious School 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, after Religious School 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Weeknight 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- Weeknight 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

7a. If you selected Weeknight, indicate the night you would MOST likely attend: (Check one)

- Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Comments and feedback (optional):

Your name (optional): _____

Email address: _____

“New Beginnings”, a Jewish support group for parents and grandparents of children in interfaith marriages, extends an invitation to join us on **Tuesday, February 12th at 7:30 p.m.**, for an interesting and informative evening with

Genealogist

Dr. Nathan Reiss of the Jewish Historical Society

Dr. Reiss will speak on the importance of documenting Jewish family history, and will illustrate how to begin this fascinating undertaking.


TOPIC: WHY AND HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF YOUR JEWISH HERITAGE



Please plan to join us on **Tuesday, February 12th at 7:30 p.m.** Congregation Bnai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegans Lane North Brunswick, NJ.


**NO CHARGE
MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED
REFRESHMENTS**


RSVP please by Jan 25th (seating limited).


Contact: Jeanette: 732 246-1393






Hey! All you Super Bowl Watchers!!!! . . . Yeah, You!
 


 Let's Keep Up Our Super Bowl Tradition.
 


 Come Help Make our Sunday evening minyon at the synagogue on
 


 Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, 2002.
 

 Minyon starts 10 minutes after the whistle ending the 1st half!!!
 

 Don't worry, you'll be back on your couch at home before the whistle blows for
 

 the 2nd half.
 

 Maybe the few prayers said can help your team? Why not?
 



Do You Chavurah?

Okay - maybe that's not the best use of the word grammatically but it's a headline, what do you expect? A Chavurah is simply a group of friends who get together for social and/or religious purposes. It's a great way to meet new people in our community with similar interests or strengthen ties with old friends. Each Chavurah is unique as is defined by its members.

With that in mind, a group of families is forming new Chavurah and would like you to join. They are looking for young couples (ages 25 - 45)

with children. The goal for the new Chavurah is to meet once a month with content of meetings determined by the members. If you're interested, contact Lori Pettit (732) 274-9606. You can also receive additional information from Hadas at the synagogue office (732) 297-0696.

New Chavurahs can be formed by anyone with similar interests (e.g., single parents, seniors, empty-nesters, etc.). If you'd like more information on how to form your own Chavurah, contact Hadas at the synagogue.

Fifty Plus Group

The Fifty Plus group will meet on Tuesday, February 24, 2002 at 1:00 PM in the Social Hall of the Synagogue. The program will feature an R.N. from St. Peter's Hospital Senior Program speaking on topics of interest to seniors. Friends and prospective members are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Aaron's Back (Are you leaving?)

Phyllis Rosen



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Exciting Events in USY for February

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February 3rd

Mall Scavenger Hunt

February 9th

Mid-Winter Dance in Teaneck

8-11:30 pm

February 10th

Rick Recht at B'nai Tikvah

Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12

Call Temple Office 732-297-0696

7 pm

February 16-17th

Sleepover at Metuchen USY

February 21st

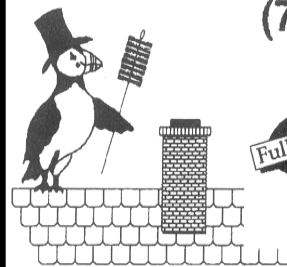
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February 24th

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 SPRING FASHION SHOW

May 2, 2002

Sisterhood presents a *Spring Fashion Show*, featuring the latest spring and summer fashions modeled by women of B'nai Tikvah. The evening will feature a run-way style fashion show, a cocktail hour, where guests will enjoy hot and cold hor d'ourves, a delicious catered dinner, and a prize raffle and silent auction filled with wonderful gifts donated by local merchants.

Proceeds from this event will support the synagogue and our community. Help make this night a success. Bring your mother, your sisters, your friends, your neighbors.

Invitations will be mailed in March. Your attendance is desired. Your support is needed.

- ◆ *Cocktail hour and sit-down dinner provided by Classical Caterers*
- ◆ *Fashions provided by FOX's of Marlboro*
- ◆ *Silent Auction, Prize Raffle and 50/50*
- ◆ *Area Vendors on hand for your Mother's Day, Every-day, and end-of-year teacher gifts*

Committee Chairperson: Cheryl Goldstein (732-821-7845; cherylgoldstein@home.com)

SHOP AT THE B'NAI TIKVAH MALL!



Come shop with us at Barnes & Noble, Gap, Home Depot, Macy's, and Old Navy! Buy gift certificates from these fine stores and help the synagogue at the same time! We have gift certi-



ificates in stock for these stores, and when you buy the certificates, the synagogue makes between 3-9%. In addition, we have gift certificates available for 50 other retail establishments. Just fill out an order, and you'll have the certificates in less than a week.

Use the certificates for yourself, or as a gift for friends or family. It's easy to do, and you help hold down synagogue dues at the same time. To order, you can do one of the following:

1. Mail the attached order blank to Congregation B'nai Tikvah, attention Andy Ross.
2. Fill out the order blank on the synagogue web site.



Contact Andy either at adrcpa.com or at 732-422-0637.



FILL OUT SUMMARY AS FOLLOWS:

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 RETAIL SCRIP, CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH, 1001 FINNEGAN'S LANE, NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ 08902 (ATTN: ANDY ROSS)

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

RETAIL SCRIP ORDER FORM
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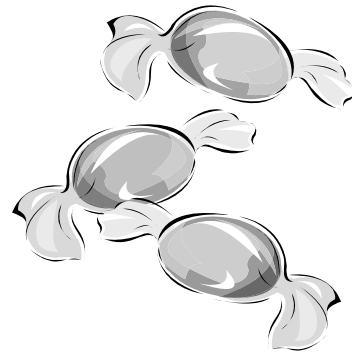
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PURIM

The service that you must be noisy at!!!

Join us on Monday night, February 25, 2002
at 6:30 pm for B'nai Tikvah's annual
Purim celebration.

Come in costume, prizes will be awarded



Candy, fun, noise (ear plugs not provided) and even a
show!!!

Come one, come all. Hear the story of treachery, lies, deceit
and courage.

Please bring a food donation

RITUALLY SPEAKING

2/14/02 RITUAL MEETING

3 Adar

- ◆ All Ritual Committee members are urged to attend. We'll be discussing and approving the procedure the High Holiday Committee has documented concerning how honors are given out during the High Holidays. Our intention is to make these procedures available to the congregation so everyone knows how the process works.
- ◆ Also on the agenda will be committee reports from the Daily Minyon Committee, the Transliteration Committee, and the Care of Religious Items Committee.
- ◆ The meeting will begin after 7:30 minyon.

2/25/02 PURIM

14th Adar

Purim festivities begin at 6:30pm. Along with hearing the reading of the Megillah, plan on having a good time making noise, voting on costumes and being entertained by the B'nai Tikvah Players in a skit that'll truly be memorable.

2/26/02 PURIM

14th Adar

If you're the kind of person that is a little distracted when there's a lot of noise, come to our morning services @ 7:00am. You'll be able to hear the whole Megillah much clearer than the night before. We should be able to get you off to work by 8:15am or so.

HELP - HELP - HELP

We are in need of a congregant who knows their way around a wood shop. We would like this person to inspect our Ark, Kipah stands, Tallit rack, etc. to see what repairs, if any, need to be made. Please contact Marc D. Binder (732-274-2797 mdbcpa@aol.com).

It's never too early to start planning. If anyone is interested in putting together a Community Seeder, please call Marc D. Binder (732-274-2797 mdbcpa@aol.com). It may be too late for this year, however, if enough of us are interested, let's make sure it gets on the calendar for next year.

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**Saturday March 16th
7:30 PM—11:00 PM
Buffet Dinner!
Open Bar!
Great Tunes!**

Prom Nite '02' Update

Don't be disappointed: Reservations are pouring in for the upcoming *Prom Nite*.
Have you gotten yours in yet?

We're already getting requests for songs like "Stairway to Heaven" and "Always and Forever"! Tell us your favorite and we'll get it on the list!

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Blast your favorite tunes on your Sony Surround-Sound System
Compliments of SeeMore TV & Appliance

Sizzle those steaks on your choice of a 36,000 BTU Weber Silver Gas Grill or 50,000 BTU Weber Summit Gas Grill
Compliments of SeeMore TV & Appliance

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NEED TO SEND A CARD?

Why go out to Hallmark when you can call Sandra and she can send a torah fund card. Please give her a call at 940-8744 and for \$3.50, a card can be sent for any occasion

or just to let someone know that you are thinking of him or her.

GIFT SHOP

Lots of wonderful new items available -- come in and browse. Open most Sundays from 9 – Noon, or contact Deborah Spigner (545-8457) and Teresa Samtur (821-8163) for all your Judaica needs

LEAGRAM DISCOUNTS

Leagrams are cards sent in honor of, in memory of, in celebration of etc. Leagrams are 15\$ for 6 if paid for in advance, or \$3 if paid for separately. Just contact Terri Woller at 732-422-1770 with all the information, its easy.

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?

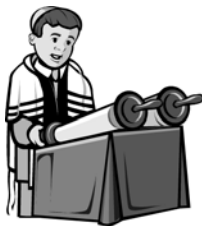
Order the B'nai Mitzvah computer program to help you keep everything organized and at your fingertips. See the order form in this issue of HaKol or visit the Sisterhood Gift Shop.

FAMILY SHABBAT Dates to Remember

Sunday February 21, 2002 at 8:00 PM

Shake off winter with a morning introduction to Tai Chi led by certified instructor Patricia Whelan. This class is as much spiritual as it is physical so everyone can participate! Get your circulation and relieve your stress. Come join us. Bring a friend.

MAZEL TOV!



February B'nai Mitzvah

Alyson Angstreich - February 16



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Contributions:

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

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Howard and Carole Kalish, in honor of Martin and Tobi Kalish, on the occasion of the birth of their son (Howard and Carole's grandson) Aidan Ryan Nitsat Hadas Elami and Colleen snow, in memory of Fred Bernstein Dan and Shiva Nili, in memory of Younatan Nili and Tiemour Nili Janet Szpiro – "I thank God for my "special birthday" and ask God for many more healthy ones. I was very happy to get an aliyah – it made the day even more special for me. I also ask God to bless Sheryl & Mark's new home and bless them soon with healthy babies, please God. Bless Andrew and Toby and all our family with good health and happiness. Thank you."

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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

By Mitch Frumkin

As President of B'nai Tikvah, it is my pleasure to inform the entire Congregation that one of our Congregants, Jesse Olitzky, the son of Sheryl and Rabbi Kerry, and brother of Avi has recently been elected as the President of USY International. When I first was informed of this news, I, of course was impressed by this accomplishment, but as I researched it further, I have now realized the full magnitude of this achievement.

The USY (United Synagogue Youth) recently celebrated its 50th anniversary at the annual Convention in Washington D.C. The conference was attended by 1,150 members who were from the 400 Chapters, which make up the 17 Regions throughout the United States and Canada. These teens represented the 16,000 members of USY. The USY is the High School affiliate of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the association of Conservative synagogues representing over two million Conservative Jews throughout North America. The United Synagogue was founded in 1913 by Dr. Solomon Schechter.

While the theme of the conference was "Choices and Challenges- Living as a Jewish Teen Today", the purpose of USY over its 50 year history has always been to provide a positive forum for social, educational and religious programming for the Jewish teenager.

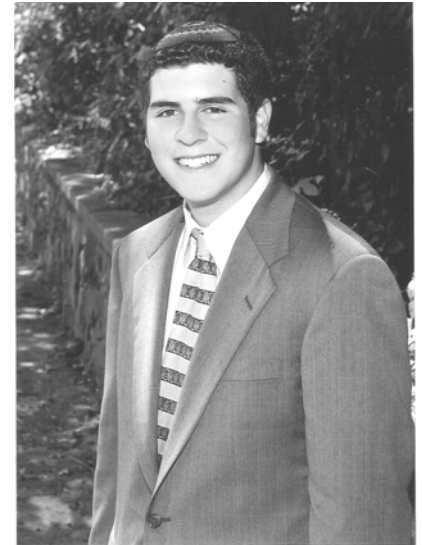
Jesse, who is 17, is a senior at the Solomon Schechter High School in West Orange where he is not only Secretary of the Student Council, but also serves as head of the Reli-

gious Life Committee and a member of the National Honor Society. He is also president of the USY Hagalil Region of New Jersey.

At B'nai Tikvah, Jesse has served as president of the North/South Brunswick USY for the 2000/2001 year as well as the Youth Group representative on many synagogue committees.

One of the things that has impressed me the most about Jesse is his outlook on the world around him which is something that most people do not appreciate until they are well past their teens which is his advice to others. "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop to look around once in a while, you might miss it."

Please join me in congratulating Jesse as he takes on this leadership role and represents our Congrega-



Jesse Olitzky, President of USY International

tion not only within our community but also with the Jewish community throughout all of North America !!!

PROM NITE IS COMING!

Prom Nite is the premier social and fundraising event of the year for B'nai Tikvah - come dance, dine, mingle, bargain, and pose for pictures with us, and.... maybe even spend a little money for the temples sake! March 16th is an evening you don't want to miss!!

Be sure to visit the Silent Auction - you're eyes won't believe the great items we've got for sale - and your wallet will be jumping out of your pocket!

- ◆ Lasik Surgery - Dr. Steve Gordon
- ◆ Driveway Paving/Backyard Basketball Court - All American Landscaping
- ◆ 48" Projection TV, Wine Cooler Storage Unit, Gas Grill - SeeMore TV and Appliance
- ◆ Teeth bleaching - Dr. Neal Gittleman
- ◆ Jewelry - Greenfield Jewelers. That right.... **necklaces, earrings, bracelets**. Hold off any jewelry purchases until you've seen what we'll have available in the Silent Auction.

Other items include a VCR, Camera, Net/Knick tickets, Sports Memorabilia, and a vacation home in the Poconos for a long weekend for up to 17 people

Social Action News

B'nai Tikvah's Social Action Committee will be collecting Passover food items and money for needy Jewish Families.

Items Needed:

matzah	macaroons/cookies
matzah meal	jellies
gefilte fish	grape juice
horseradish	canned vegetables
canned soup	canned fruit
potato kugel mix	canned tuna/sardines
Shabbos candles	tea bags - small box
oil	instant decaf coffee 4 or 6 oz.

All items must be Kosher for Passover. Monetary donations are needed for fresh produce, meats and supplements for the food baskets.

We will begin collecting at the Megillah Reading February 26th through March 14. A bin will be available in the hall outside the main office.

Please help us help others have a Ziesen Pesach!

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The next HaKol deadline is **February 15**. I look forward to hearing from you. It will be distributed by **March 4**. This will be the **Passover** issue. You can leave articles in the HaKol mailbox in the synagogue office or e-mail them to HaKol@aol.com.

*Some members of the Congregation
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They attend Adult Education courses at B'nai Tikvah.

But why should they have all the fun?
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Your feedback will help CBT offer topics that really tickle your fancy.

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