

# HaKol

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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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## Mah Tovu, How goodly are your dwellings, O Jacob, your sanctuaries O Israel!

By Cantor Bruce Rockman

Rabbi Eligberg and I just spent three days together attending "CONVENTION 2002: Five Pillars of Conservative Judaism." Through a cooperative effort, our Conservative movement decided to combine, for the first time, the annual meetings of the five organizations that represent Conservative Jews in North America. These five groups are the Rabbinical Assembly, Cantors Assembly, Jewish Educators Assembly, North American Association of Synagogue Executives, and The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. The programs showcased the finest that the Movement has to offer. Whatever ones particular interest, leaders from throughout our continent were present and shared the wealth of our movement with each other.

One of the obvious reasons for this first joint

convention was for the participants, with a common goal, to learn from each other, about each other and to create better relationships throughout the movement. Rabbi Eligberg and I had many opportunities to compare our experiences, while traveling, during meals or during the sessions that we both attended together or separately. The most enjoyable time was spent shopping at the Synagogue Exposition, where we were able to buy sacred books, CDs, Jewish art, educational tools and gifts for our wives.

The sessions themselves where educational and very enlightening. The most enjoyable and informative classes for me were taught by Dr. Saul Wachs, Professor of Jewish Education at Gratz College in Philadelphia. During one class, Dr. Wachs described the foundation of prayer. The sense of "I" belief in a

deity, "Who" that there is someone or something worth worshiping, and "You", that it is possible to communicate directly with that deity. Through our prayers, we are empowered. Teaching the class about the prayer Mah Tovu, Dr. Wachs quoted another scholar, Rabbi Rueben Kimmelman, "...the function of Mah Tovu is to physically and psychologically move me across the threshold from chol to kodesh", from the outside world in to the temple. One reason, these scholars give for a need for such a prayer is because there are many impediments and roadblocks that stand in our way, as we reach for a spiritual experience. What is it that keeps people from coming to the synagogue? What are our reasons? Some that can be suggested are lack of knowledge or confidence, not understanding the

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## MAH TOVU

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prayers. Theological issues, such as lack of belief. Priorities, time constraints, feeling unwelcome, lacking a sense of spirituality or even bad childhood memories can be an impediment or a lack of entitlement. Rabbi Kimmelman explains that Mah Tov, explains that the synagogue is God's house and that it is also our house. We are all welcome in the synagogue, thus giving ourselves permission to be part of a community.

This class was important because on one level I learned something new about this prayer and its intention. On a larger scale, Dr. Wachs taught, using Mah Tov, just as the conference organizers intended, about issues that confronts all us. How, through understanding and tolerance, our relationships with each other and our synagogue are impacted, and how these relationships can be improved.

I recommend, that whatever your field, attempt to take advantage of conferences and seminars, they lead to deeper insights and better relationships within your temples.

Rabbi Eligberg and I have come back with new experiences and insights, and with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing you and sharing much more of our joint mission with you.

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

B'simcha,  
Cantor Bruce Rockman

## Fifty Plus Group

The Fifty Plus Group will meet on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 at 1:00 PM in the social hall of the synagogue. Please note the change in date from our usual Tuesday because of the Passover Holiday. We will be accepting reservations for our upcoming theater party. All members and friends are invited to the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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# Education Programs

## Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegans Lane, North

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

**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.

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# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

By Ann Kanarek

## **YOU CAN CONDUCT A WONDERFUL SEDER**

It's not as hard as you think. And the little effort you put in will yield great enjoyment and satisfaction for you, your family and friends. Here are some recommendations.....

First, put away the Maxwell House Haggadah! There are so many better-written and more beautifully illustrated versions. You can find haggadot for a wide variety of age groups, as well. I would be happy to make suggestions as to which version might work best at *your* Seder.

Second, don't miss out on the pleasure of observing Pesach at home simply because you think you can't run a Seder "the right way." It would be a pity if Pesach were to "pass over" your home without this really wonderful Jewish home experience.

Here are some tips:

- 1) Make sure everyone has a Haggadah.
- 2) Don't feel your Seder must be too formal. The Pesach message of freedom is serious. But the *celebration* of Pesach should be joyous and upbeat.
- 3) Sit with your haggadah a day or two before, and plan out what parts you want to use, what

songs you want to sing, what Hebrew you want to read. **IMPORTANT:** Don't feel you have to read everything. **IMPORTANT OPTION:** Consider adding readings and songs of your own that you feel might be especially enjoyable and meaningful.

4) Don't lead all by yourself. Move right around the table, giving everyone a turn to read. And be sure there's some reading and singing that everyone does *together*. This will enhance the group spirit.

5) As for the Afikomen, take time to carefully conceal it. Searchers may be children or adults. Consider making the prize something of Jewish significance.

This is a good start. Should you want further recommendations, song options or additional activities, please do not hesitate to ask me or call the school office (732-297-0295)

Having a Pesach Seder at home is great fun and a tremendous source of Yiddishkeit, of positive Jewish feeling. So.....go ahead and start planning.....you will have a great time!!

**Sunday, March 3:** Gimel Class PACT program: *Tzedakah and the Giraffe Connection*, 10:30am-12:05pm

**Sunday, March 24-Thursday, April 4:** **NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**, *Spring break & Passover holiday*

**Sunday, April 7:** **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL RESUMES**

YOM HASHOAH special program with *Lisa Lipkin*

**Friday, April 12:** Bet class Shabbat service (8:00pm) and dinner (6:30pm)

**Sunday, April 21:** Dalet Class PACT program: The Bridges of Mitzvot County, 10:00am

**Sunday, April 28:** CHAI SCHOOL special program with the KLEZ DISPENSERS

**Friday, May 3:** Gimel class Shabbat service (8:00pm) and dinner (6:30pm)

**Friday, May 10:** Alef class Consecration Service, 7:00pm-8:00pm.

**Sunday, May 12:** Gimel class Model Wedding Ceremony

**Friday, May 17:** Chai School Graduation, 7:30pm

**Monday, May 20:** Hei class graduation, 7:30pm

**Thursday, May 23:** Last Day of Religious School

## AN AFIKOMEN OPPORTUNITY

When the afikomen is found, instead of giving the finder a gift, why not allow them to ransom it for a ten dollar (or more) contribution to a tzedakah recipient or a special organization of their choice? This way, the prize will reinforce the Pesach concept of acting on behalf of the oppressed in our day.

# TEN MODERN PLAGUES TO READ DURING YOUR SEDER

Tonight, we spill ten drops of wine in sad recognition of the pain that fills our world.

We pledge to work to help rid our world of these terrible plagues.

THE POISONING OF OUR EARTH.

WORLD HUNGER.

THE RAVAGES OF WAR.

RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE.

ECONOMIC INJUSTICE.

DISCRIMINATION AND ANTI-SEMITISM.

CANCER, AIDS, AND OTHER DISEASES.

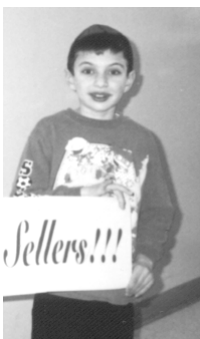
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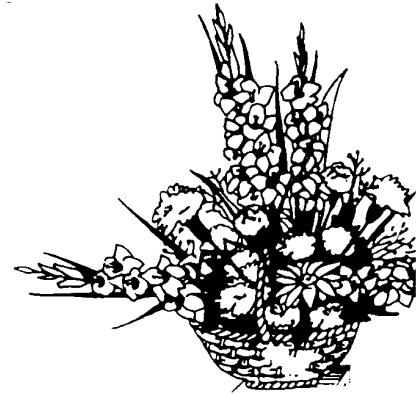
Many thanks to our religious school families who helped promote our Passover Candy Fundraiser. Your dedicated efforts made this a very successful fundraiser and our students will greatly benefit from your generous support.



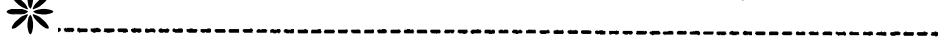
THANK YOU TO Emily Alpert, Bobbi Binder, Brian Binder, Dorothy Cohen, Margot Cohen, (son) Cohen, Lisa Koblin, Kim Riemann, Lisa Seidman and Jennifer Shapiro for all their help in the preparation and setting up of the Alef dinner and the Dalet luncheon.



\*  
 \* Each is coming, it's not too soon to think.  
 \* Do you want your flowers in white or pink?  
 \* Flowers are essential to your Passover Table.  
 \* Almost as important as inviting Aunt Mable.  
 \*  
 \* Don't delay, pick white or bright.  
 \* Pick up will be Sunday, 3/24, not at night  
 \*  
 \* For all who have ordered flowers in the past  
 \* Thank you and hope you will respond quite fast  
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 \* For newcomers you have nothing to lose  
 \* The hardest part is trying to choose (white or bright).



\* ORDERS MUST BE IN BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>



PASSOVER FLOWER ORDER FORM

\* FLOWER CENTERPIECES - \$25 EACH

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\* 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





The Israelis are coming!  
Join us in welcoming the 2nd Ramla Youth Mission  
March 15 through March 30

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**16 Israeli teens from Ramla's Israeli Folk Dance Group, Knaan, will be arriving with our friend, Ilan Frankel, and another chaperone. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for cross-cultural exchange!**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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|-------------|--|
| March 15    | Shabbat Dinner with host family  |
| March 16    | Shabbat Services/USY event at night  |
| March 17-21 | Touring Canada and Washington, DC  |
| March 22    | Visit to North or South Brunswick High School  |
| March 22    | Shabbat Dinner & Services  |
| March 23    | Shabbat Services/Regional USY Dance at night   |
| March 24    | Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero, Nets Game  |
| March 25-26 | Touring Boston with USYers   |
| March 27/28 | Seder with host family   |
| March 29    | Shabbat Services at night  |
| March 30    | Shabbat Services, Havdalah, Evening of Farewell Fun<br>Possible Folk Dance Performance |

Special thanks to Israel Bonds for their support.



## Nursery School News

by Fran Pearlson



As we begin preparations for **Passover**, our nursery school children will have the opportunity to participate in many fun filled activities to teach them about the traditions and customs of our ancient Jewish holiday.

**Tradition! Tradition!** Like generations before us, our children will recount the story of our ancestors and their journey from bondage to freedom. This spiritual journey continues when parents, siblings, grandparents and friends are invited to gather round our beautifully decorated tables to recite from the Haggadah, eat matzah, drink “wine”, taste bitter herbs, dip karpas in salt water, sample charoset that the children made, and participate in other Seder activities that enhance the meaning of the Passover holiday.

**Lotsa Matzah!** As our people departed the land of Egypt, our nursery school children will depart from school and board a bus to journey to the Matzah Factory. Here they will each grind wheat stalks to produce flour, knead and roll the dough to prevent leavening, perforate the dough and bake it. Eating their matzahs for snack will culminate this educational and enjoyable Judaic experience. In addition, a gift of Shmura matzah will be given to each child, compliments of our nursery school.

**Showtime!** The “Rugrats Passover” movie is action packed and will enjoyed by the children on our big screen TV. It’s an added treat to our exciting Passover programs!

### Calendar of Upcoming Events!

Friday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> annual Purim Carnival
Mon./Tues., March 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	“Rugrats Passover” movie for three’s & Pre-k’s
Thursday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Two-year-old class Seder – families invited
Friday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Matzah Factory trip for 3’s and Pre-k classes
Mon., March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-k and three year old class Seders

**Yasha Koach!** On behalf of the JCC Nursery School, I would like to congratulate all the PAC volunteers for their invaluable help in making our Purim Carnival a successful event. We couldn’t have done it without you! I would also like to thank our staff of dedicated teachers- Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Edley, Mrs. Horn, Mrs. Sager, Mrs. Lesko, Mrs. Tannenbaum, Mrs. Orlan, Mrs. Sherman, and Mrs. Cadoff, for orchestrating memorable Passover Seders for our children and their families.

**Just a Reminder...**Nursery School registration for the 2002-2003 school year is underway. Temple members get priority registration and receive a discounted tuition. Reserve your space now!

## HAVE A HAPPY PASSOVER!



# NURSERY SCHOOL SNACKTIVITY

Step into the kitchen and have fun preparing these yummy Passover Chocolate Chip Cookies with your child/children .

## Passover Chocolate Chip Cookies

### Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- ½1/2 cup sugar
- ½1/2 cup margarine, melted
- 1 cup matzah meal
- 2 tsp. Potato starch
- 1 6oz. Package chocolate chips (or chopped chocolate bar)

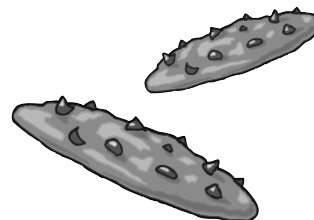


### Have your child help you gather these tools:

1. bowl and mixing spoon
2. egg beater
3. measuring cup and spoon
4. cookie sheet
5. spatula
6. potholder and timer

### Steps:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Beat eggs and sugar together in large bowl.
3. Add melted margarine and mix.
4. Add matzah meal, potato starch, and chocolate chips. Mix well.
5. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet.
- 6.
6. Bake for 30 minutes.
7. Makes 2 dozen.



Enjoy!!

## HELP WANTED

In order to run our synagogue Blood Donor Drives more effectively and continue on a twice yearly basis we're looking for eager workers with willing hands to join us in this endeavor. Requirements? A brief meeting prior to each drive to divvy up assignments and responsibilities, and a day's work when the drive takes place. Not too tough at all.

Please contact me @732 297-3198 or e-mail through martinengel@worldnet.att.net . We're looking forward to your joining us and proving that many hands make light work.

Marty Engel

## 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

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## AMERICA'S POLITICAL PARTNERS, JOHN & ABIGAIL ADAMS, SUN, 4/14, 8 PM

Imagine it's 1818. You're paying a "shiva" call on the second President of the United States, John Adams. He's mourning his wife, Abigail. Since 1754, she's been his best friend, confidante, political advisor, and passionate partner in helping establish America as a democratic republic.

Now, listen in as their lives, together and separated, are recounted by the husband-and-wife acting team of William and Sue Wills. Their goal is to present "the personal side of our first couples." They help us "gain an appreciation of" what they were like as real people, beyond their stiff portrayals in history books.

This annual "real people" program is scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 8:00 - 9:30 PM, in the B'nai Tikvah sanctuary. Children and adults, congregants and community members, are welcome -- free of charge. Join us!

# 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 = \_\_\_\_\_  
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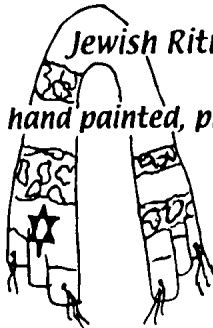
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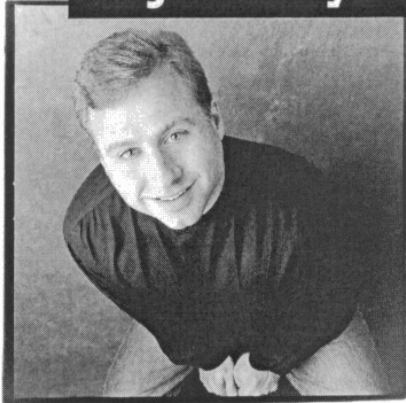
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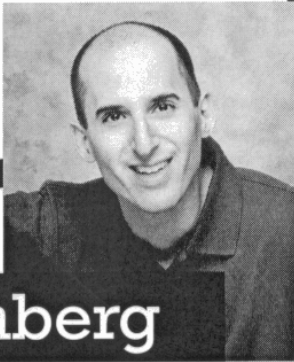


April 20, 2002 @ 8:00 PM  
Congregation B'nai Tikvah

Join us and see why people are still talking about last year's show! Enjoy delicious desserts, libations and three of the hottest comics around! Tickets are only \$22.50. Benefactor tickets (\$50) entitle you to your choice of front or back row!

# 3rd Annual B'nai Tikvah Comedy Cafe

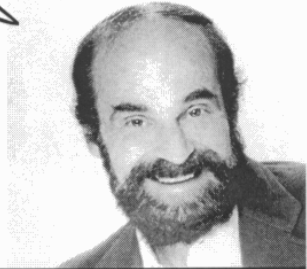
*Come have a great time at B'nai Tikvah! After all, if we can schlep there, so can you!*



# Gary Greenberg

*Listen. You'll come, you'll sit, you'll have a piece cake. What's so terrible about that?*

For Information or tickets, please contact Jeff Woller (732.821.7941 before 9 PM) or Dan Greenberg (732.297.3780 (before 10PM or Dan. Greenberg@BnaiTikvah.org ).  
  
Tickets will also be sold at B'nai Tikvah Sunday mornings 9 AM - 11 AM throughout March.



# Ben Kurland


 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](mailto:cherylgoldstein@home.com))

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## Makelah News

The Makelah was pleased to enhance the Shabbat morning service on February 23, 2002. Practicing the Hassidic Melody for *Yism'hu* and Debbie Friedman's *Ose Shalom*, the choir members had looked forward to sharing these pieces with the congregation. Recently, the Makelah sang the familiar *Torat Emet* to a new arrangement by their director, Jonathan Zimet, for the Sisterhood Shabbat Shirah luncheon.

Would you like to hear the Makelah again? Keep the following dates in mind!

March 15, 2002: Friday Evening Shabbat Services

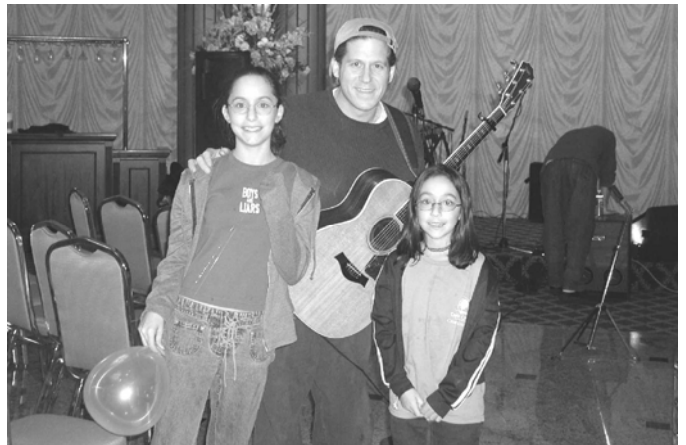
April, 8, 2002: Yom HaShoah Program

May 18, 2002: Shavuot, Shabbat morning services

Do you want to sing with the Makelah?

Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are invited to join the B'nai Tikvah Makelah Tuesday evenings at 8:50 PM. Please call Cheryl Asnis at 732-297-5379, Gina Gerstein at 732-329-1198 or Rachel Shaneson at 732-329-2189 for further information.

Dayton residents Amy Binder (l), age 11, and (r) Rebecca Binder, age 9, meet (c) Rick Recht, who recently appeared in concert with his band at Congregation B'nai Tikvah in North Brunswick. Rick, who has toured nationally at clubs and colleges, playing his positive, groove-oriented rock, was a big hit at B'nai Tikvah. The audience looks forward to a return visit.



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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.

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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 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, March 17, 2002 SISTERHOOD MEETING 10AM

Our guest speaker will be Professor Michael Rockland, Chairperson of the American Studies Department at Rutgers University. His recent book, Pictorial History of New Jersey, includes pictures of the mother and sister of our Sisterhood friend, Gale Dillman.

Monday, March 25, 2002 "TRAIN OF LIFE"

come to minyan at 7:30PM and stay for the movie

Sisterhood is pleased to announce an encore presentation of the above titled movie. Those who saw it the first time thoroughly enjoyed the movie about a village whose Jewish population decided to expel themselves rather than wait for the Nazis to come and do it for them. If you did not get to see this movie the first time or want to enjoy it again for the second time, come to see this movie. Call Lynn Biderman for further information.

Join us for our April 15 meeting at 10:00AM

May 2 - Sisterhood Fashion Show.

Mark your calendar now. It's going to be an exciting evening. Be sure to come and bring your friends!!!!



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The following are Contributions to our B'nai Tikvah Funds: (January 15-February 15)

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## *Contributions:*

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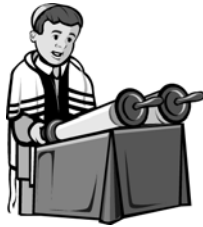
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# MAZEL TOV!



## March B'nai Mitzvah

Sarah Pontieri-Berk - March 2  
 Zachary Brooks - March 9  
 Dara Mehler - March 16  
 Hilary Berk - March 23



We would like to introduce ourselves again...

We are the

### B'nai Mitzvah Mentors

A group of caring and enthusiastic women who have taken on the challenge of helping each of our B'nai Mitzvah Families individually with the process of planning their child's big event.

We don't have all the answers, but we're willing to try and find a stress-free solution to every problem.

If you haven't heard from us yet, we will be in contact soon.

If you cannot wait please call Chairwoman, Cindy Gittleman at 732-274-2253 or Gittleman@comcast.net

(And yes, we are always looking for more helpful hands!)

**Presented by  
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# Spring Fashion Show

May 2, 2002



Please support Sisterhood, the synagogue and our community with a business or personal advertisement in the Spring Fashion Show event program.

*Cost: \$45 Full Page; \$25 Half Page; \$15 Business Card size*

**For more details contact:  
Joyce Gerbman  
(732-937-5114; gerbsfam@aol.com)**

**Ellie Greenberg  
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**BEWARE OF THE IDES OF MARCH**

YES, BEWARE!! March 15th is the Ides of March and it is less than 2 weeks from the first Passover Seder. Will you be prepared? The store shelves are getting filled with this year's selection of Passover foods and stuff. When you go shopping for your Passover items, how will you pay for them? Here's a BIG HINT: use supermarket scrip!

What is supermarket scrip? For the uninformed, supermarket scrip is gift certificates available in \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations that may be redeemed just like cash at your favorite supermarkets (i.e., A&P, Acme, Foodtown, Grand Union, McCaffreys, Pathmark, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop and Wild Oats). Some stores offer scrip in \$25 and \$50 denominations, too. Congregation B'nai Tikvah receives 5% of the scrip sales. As you sit down for your Seder, you will feel good knowing your purchases were paid with scrip. Scrip is easy to buy, here are four ways to purchase your supply:

- ◆ contact the synagogue office during office hours;
- ◆ email your order to [www.bnaitikvah.org](http://www.bnaitikvah.org);
- ◆ visit the scrip table in the lobby during Sunday religious school hours;
- ◆ telephone one of the scrip committee members (list follows)

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This month's helpful hint: When you buy your pre determined amount, get additional scrip. If you have college-aged family, send it to them, and they will be able to purchase their favorite Passover foods. OR Use the extra scrip and buy additional Passover foods and donate them to a local food bank/agency/family?

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EMPTY NESTERS

"The Empty Nesters" are rearing to go! We had a very successful first meeting and have planned a "In Home Movie Night" at Marilyn & Steve Breitkopf's home on March 23 8:00PM. If you are interested in having some fun and joining us, please call Robin Kessler, 732-355-0155 and/or Ellen Schneider 732-940-0880



# 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!

## USY Gets creative in March. and we can use your help!

USY Projects keep getting bigger and better! This past month, we had nearly 15 people attend the regional convention in Teaneck. We are one of the most active regional chapters, with nearly 2/3 of our active membership regularly attending regional conventions or dances. In February, USYers came together to help pull off a successful Purim Carnival with the help of Kadima. Now that Purim has come and gone, it's time to look ahead to the coming month, and what a month it is going to be!

There are two major chapter events this month, and one even LARGER event being co-run through B'nai Tikvah. As many of you know, our congregation will be host to a number of Israelis from Ramla. They will be arriving March 15<sup>th</sup> and will enjoy various activities, many organized by our USYers, until their departure on March 30<sup>th</sup>. We are VERY excited about their arrival! And this is only a PART of the month's activities. Our chapter has two major events planned. On March 7<sup>th</sup> is "Mind, Body, and Soul." This event will include a self-defense demonstration and more. It's an opportunity for members to learn and get involved on a physical, mental, and spiritual level with the events we have planned.

Now comes the part where we can use your help. On March 21<sup>st</sup>, we plan on painting the youth lounge, with a theme we have developed and submitted for approval. In order for us to do this, however, we can use your help. We are looking for donations of painting supplies, paint, and sponsors. If you have extra paint brushes, drop cloths, paint trays, paint or anything else that you think might be of use for us, please contact me or the Temple office.

In addition, I would like to thank those who participated in our tree sale. We hope to make this an annual event, so we encourage your continued support.

Until next month,

Steve

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Steve Springer is this year's USY Advisor. He can be reached for additional information or questions at 732-729-0750 or via email at [USY@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:USY@bnaitikvah.org).

**Get up to date information  
on USY events at our new website:  
<http://bnaitikvah.org/USY>**

### USY Calendar for March:

- ◆ March 2: Regional Semi-Formal in E. Brunswick
- ◆ March 7: "Mind, Body, and Soul"
- ◆ March 15th - March 30th Ramla Israeli Exchange
- ◆ March 21st- Painting the Youth Lounge
- ◆ March 23rd- Dance in Manalapan

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### HAKOL DEADLINE

The next HaKol deadline is **March 15**. I look forward to hearing from you. It will be distributed by **April 4**. You can leave articles in the HaKol mailbox in the synagogue office or e-mail them to [Hakol@aol.com](mailto:Hakol@aol.com).

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## KIM'S KITCHEN

I ran out of space inside but I thought I'd cram this recipe onto the back cover. It's too good to miss.

I tried these brownies at Lisa Seidman's house last year and couldn't believe they were kosher for Passover. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did. Thanks Lisa.

4 eggs -- slightly  
beaten  
2 cups sugar  
1/2 cup cocoa powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup vegetable oil  
1 cup matzo cake  
meal  
1 cup chocolate chips

1. Beat eggs, sugar, cocoa and salt.
2. Add oil and blend well.
3. Stir in cake meal and choc chips.
4. Bake in a greased 13x9 pan at 325 for about 30 minutes. The top will be shiny and edges will be dry.
5. Let cool on a rack.