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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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I love music! I'm sure you'll agree that this is a good thing since I am the cantor of the synagogue. As long as I can remember, music has made a difference in my life. I have not spent much time analyzing my enthusiasm, the passion just was and is. Growing up in a home that nurtured this love helped significantly. As many of you know, my father, Royal Rockman is a retired cantor. During the 1940's my dad was the drummer in his family band. Benny Goodman and Louis Armstrong were regulars on our turntable as well as Dave Taras, the greatest klezmer clarinet player, opera star and cantor, Richard Tucker also shared space in the record cabinet with all the classical masters.

Growing up during the 1960's and 1970's, the classics that most interested me and my brothers and sister, were most available to us on the radio. My mother Bashe, "The Classics" By Cantor Bruce Rockman

z"l. appreciated our vouthful taste and was always willing to tune in to 77 WABC music radio, as she drove us to from school, she actually liked the modern sound ... well I think she did ... I'm sure she did. As we became more sophisticated. we switched to the FM dial for true cutting edge rock music, today it is known as classic rock. The classics to my generation, and to many, still relevant today, are the Beatles, Dylan, CSN & Y. Joni Mitchell, The Who and The Rolling Stones and James Taylor. I own countless record albums and compact discs by these people; they are the soundtracks of my youth and I still enjoy them.

Growing up in a committed Jewish family, we attended day schools and Jewish summer camps. We experienced Jewish and Israeli music as a matter of routine. My parents always encourMay 2002/ Iyar 5762 - Sivan 5762

aged us to sing our songs at our Shabbat table; we taught each other sometimes making up our own words, loving every minute of it.

My passion for Jewish, Israeli, Yiddish and liturgical music is overflowing. When I discover new music, I inevitably buy the compact disc (what's one more). Then, I can't wait to share the music. Recently I purchased such a disc. The title is "One Shabbat Morning" by Craig Taubman, his latest. This quote from his web site aptly describes Craig and his music.

"Perhaps best known for his work in the Jewish community, Craig's dynamic music and moving performance style have been an inspiration for over 22 years. His magical and enchanting music brings to life the joy and spirit of the Jewish heritage, appealing to young (Continued on page 3)

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

By Mitchell Frumkin

It is my pleasure to report to everyone the status of the proposed expansion to B'nai Tikvah. On March 22, we held a special meeting of the Congregation to present the results of two years worth of work by the Expansion Committee and to vote on moving forward with the project. The presentation included an introduction by Mark Kasdin, the Chair of the Expansion Committee as well as presentations by myself on the status of the project and the alternatives, by Cyndi Kleinbart on the programming opportunities that the expansion would provide to us and by Marc Dillman who presented the financial implications of the project.

As part of Mark Kasdin's presentation first he restated the motion which was made at the December 11, 2000 Congregational meeting in which we voted overwhelmingly to, "Authorize construction of approximately 10,000 square foot addition to Congregation B'nai Tikvah at a cost not to exceed the net raised by the Capital Campaign." It was estimated at the time that based upon a 10,000 square foot building the total cost including all soft costs (architectural fees, fund raising fees etc.) the expansion would cost between \$1,400,000 and \$1,500,000. The campaign brochure was based on a building of this size including a multi purpose room, seven new classrooms, a dairy kitchen, Sisterhood gift shop, Minyan room, Youth lounge and the possibility of a stage.

After a lot of hard work by the Capital Campaign Committee in coordination with the fund raising consultant, a total of \$1,088,000 has been pledged. At the same time, the Expansion Committee was moving forward with the development of plans for the addition while at the same time the engineering site plans were presented and approved by the township of North Brunswick. The plans submitted were based on a 14,222 square foot building which incorporates all of the amenities outlined in the campaign brochure while still allowing us to reduce the overall scope based on the actual funds collected.

In the meantime, a subcommittee headed by Arie Behar and Marc Dillman were busy investigating alternative means of financing. They not only explored conventional bank financing but also applied for and have been approved for bond financing through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority. In either case, it appears that the financing costs are essentially the same. The financing options also have included as an option, the refinancing of our existing debt at a lower interest rate.

The presentation at the meeting was based on two options. In both cases they were based on a refinancing of the existing debt in combination with the additional financing for the expansion. The objective was to either build as much as we can without an increase in our monthly carrying charges for the existing building as well as the expansion or, of building the entire project and presenting how much it would increase these carrying costs. In either case a Congregational vote was required because the project would include additional debt. It was felt that if we were to build only what was raised which after soft costs per the December 2000 motion, (this would be approximately \$874,000). that the building would not meet our current or long term needs.

After an hour of presentations and another hour of questions and answers, the entire project was approved by an overwhelming majority. This will result in an anticipated increase of in our monthly carrying costs of \$2235 which equates to an increase per year of \$87 per full dues paying member. The project will include everything outlined in the campaign brochure as well as a finished stage and the estimated additional maintenance and energy costs for four years.

As presented by Cyndi Kleinbart, this expansion will allow us to offer additional programming such as a Family Sunday Funday Series, Senior Activities, Adult and Youth Competitive Sports, After School Activities, Adult and Youth Mitzvah Corps, Mother/Daughter, Father/Son Series and Courses and Lectures. In addition, although not include in the financial projections, the potential for additional revenue is provided by renting the multipurpose room for B'nai Mitzvah Parties, Sports Events, Birthday Parties, Day Care and possibly Full Day Kindergarten.

As with any project of this type, you always run into issues which unfortunately delay the start of construction. We are now in the process of applying to the State for what is known as a Letter of Interpretation which confirms whether or not wetlands are present in the project area which may necessitate a special permit.

I will keep everyone informed as we move forward and thank everyone for there efforts in getting to this point. It looks like in the near future, based on the vision of the entire Congregation; we truly will become the Jewish Community Center of North and South Brunswick. .

"The Classics

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and old alike and captivating audiences wherever he goes.

His 14 Jewish recordings are an integral part of the Jewish community, weaving song and spirit into the fabric of Jewish life. Craig's most recent release (at that time), Friday Night Live was composed for a special Sabbath service held onece a month at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles. The service which attracts over 2000 people was designed for young adults, ages 25-40, many of whom were estranged from the synagogue and even from Jewish life."

When I first heard and enjoyed "Friday Night Live", I couldn't imagine how we could incorporate any of Craig's melodies into our service. So far three of them have become staples at B'nai Tikvah, including "Romemu".

I'm not sure when or if you will hear any of the new melodies that are on the new Shabbat morning disc during our services. For me, one who grow up on rock music, Craig Taubman's music makes familiar prayers more accessible, allowing me to experience the liturgy from a fresh but familiar perspective. My spiritual experience is heightened. An ancient prayer or psalm is new again. I listen to the words more closely and then when I sing our "classic" Shabbat melodies, it too adds to my kavanah (meaning and feeling). Hopefully God is listening. I highly recommend this music for sheer pleasure or as a spiritual instrument.

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

B'simcha, Cantor Bruce Rockman,



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Makelah News

The Makelah performed as part of the moving and meaningful Yom HaShoah Program on April 8, 2002. The chorus contributed to the evening by performing Gerald Cohen's *Adonai Roi* (The 23rd Psalm) and *The Hymn of the Partisans* to honor the memory of those who perished.

Would you like to hear the Makelah again? Keep the following dates in mind! May 18, 2002: Shavuot, Shabbat morning services June 2, 2002 (Sunday, 1:00 pm): New Jersey Jewish Choral Festival in East Windsor June 7, 2002: Friday evening 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.

Fifty Plus Group

The Fifty Plus group will meet on Tuesday, May 23 at 1 p.m. in the social hall of the Synagogue. Entertainment will be provided by a group from the NJ Philharmonic Orchestra. We also have available several items of information of interest to senior citizens provided by the Middlesex County Office on Aging. A spring dessert festival will be included. Guests and prospective members are welcome.





Mitzvah Project

Dear Congregants,

In honor of becoming a Bat Mitzvah, I am collecting personal hygiene items, twin sized sheets, pillow cases, towels and wash cloths for Women Aware, a shelter for battered women and their children. Could you please help me? All personal hygiene items must be new but the sheets and towels can be slightly used. The personal hygiene items needed are: full size shampoo, conditioner, band aides, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, shaving cream, combs, baby diapers, baby wipes, bar soap and lotion. Just one of these items can make a difference. I will place a donation box outside the Synagogue office and mark it Allison Baer's Bat Mitzvah Project for Women Aware. I thank you for your time and cooperation. Any questions, call me at (732)940-0268.

Sincerely, Allison Baer

P.S. If it is an inconvenience to drop your items off at the synagogue, I will be more than willing to pick them up at your house.

So, What Can WE Do?

While the situation in Israel is something that we all know about and are concerned and frightened by, the most often asked question is "What can we do?"

I would like to make the following suggestions:

- Every day send an e-mail to the President (president@whitehouse.gov) and let him know how you
 feel. While I am sure he does not read each piece of mail, I am also sure that someone keeps track
 of the comments and lets him know the results. You should get a response within a few minutes of
 sending your message letting you know it was received.
- 2) Make a contribution to Congregation B'nai Tikvah Israel Emergency Fund. This money will be forwarded to the Jewish Federation of Middlesex County's Emergency Fund (once it's all collected) and will go towards supplies that are desperately needed. Checks should be marked for the "Israel Emergency Fund".
- Attend the Israeli Bond Breakfast at B'nai Tikvah on Sunday May 19th honoring Herman and Martha Rotter and buy a Bond. You must RSVP to the Temple office.

And remember, any contribution no matter how small will make a difference!!

Mitchell Frumkin, President Congregation B'nai Tikvah

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS by Ann Kanarek

ABOUT SHAVUOT

SHAVUOT, the Feast of "Weeks" is one of the Shalosh Regalim, the three pilgrimage festivals in Judaism. Together with Sukkot and Pesach, these are the major festivals of the Hebrew calendar. This feast marked the end of the harvest of barley and the beginning of the wheat crop in ancient Israel. During the periods of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, Shavuot was primarily an agricultural celebration. One of the additional names by which Shavuot was known, was Yom HaBikkurim (Day of First Fruits) when the first ripe fruits of the harvest were brought as an offering to the Temple.

After the destruction of the Second Temple, (70 C.E.) our Rabbis provided a brilliant reinterpretation of the festival. They allegorized Shavuot as Z'man Matan Toratainu, "The time of the giving of the Torah." Suddenly, this agricultural festival was infused with a new spiritual dimension. It became the time when our people marked the anniversary of the Theophany at Sinai, when the ten Commandments together with the Torah were revealed by God through Moses to the people of Israel.

Join us for services on Friday, May 17th and Saturday, May 18th. This Shavuot holiday will help us all to reaffirm our love of learning, better understand who we are, and rededicate ourselves to our community.

CHAG SAMEACH!!

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

- Speak to people. There is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
- Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
- 3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
- 4. Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be a friend.
- 5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
- Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody if you try.
- Be generous with praise cautious with criticism.
- Be considerate with the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy: ours, the other fellow's and the right side.
- 9. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.
- Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience and a dash of humility and you will be rewarded many-folded.

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SHAVUOT GRADUATION SERVICES FOR OUR "CHAI" SCHOOL FRIDAY, MAY 17, 8:00 PM

"CHAI" GRADUATION

This year, on Shavuot, Friday, May 17th our eleventh graders will stand together before the Congregation to affirm their commitment to the study, observance, and practice of our tradition. Since lewish education is based on Torah, it is fitting that this year's CHAI School graduation will take place on Shavuot. The students will affirm Torah and make it their personal possession all the days of their lives. Our graduates will lead a creative service that they have prepared. This promises to be a very special service and memorable experience. We hope that many of you will join us as we congratulate this year's graduating class. A special Oneg Chag in honor of our students will follow in the Social Hall.

We offer Mazal Toy to this year's "CHAI" School graduates:

Caren Abschutz	Jessica Halpern
Emily Alpert	Genna Leebaw
Maya Behar	Audrey Levine
Allison Gordon	Erin Marx
Gabriel Harkov	Steven Rekant
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We look forward to seeing them continue their activity in Temple life.

Hei Class Siyum (7th Grade Class Commencement) Service

On Monday, May 20th at 7:30 PM, we will have an opportunity to celebrate with our Hei class at their sivum service. This special service marks the completion of one segment of our students' Jewish education here at B'NAI TIKVAH, and the beginning of another, the CHAI School program.

This is an exciting event for which our seventh graders have been eagerly working. As a culmination of their studies, students will be sharing thoughts on how they can help the world be a better place to live. The theme this year is how we learn and live Judaism. Their play, "PART OF THE SOLUTION," beautifully explains how Judaism and doing mitzvot enriches our lives.

Please join us as our hei students graduate from Hebrew School and share their service with the congregation.

> Congregation B'NAI TIKVAH extends heartfelt good wishes to the members of the 2002 Religious School Hei (7th grade) Class

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THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR

As the school year comes to a close, it is gratifying to look back at all that our students have learned and accomplished. It is thanks to our devoted group of teachers that all of our students have had such a successful year.

Teaching is crucial to the Jewish future and without our teachers Judaism would quickly evaporate. As we mark the end of the school year I would like to acknowledge the hard work and efforts of our staff. Many thanks to our esteemed faculty:

Sara Chvala	Marlo Hirshon
Ruth Ann Crockett	Loren Hurwitz
Melissa Director	Sherry Lander
Phyllis Edley	Becky Leventhal
Rabbi David M. Eligberg	Sara Nazar
Jacob Friedman	Cantor Bruce Rockman
Michael Friedman	Melanie Rodgers
Gregory Gerlovin	Ben Schwab
Gina Giuffre	Josh Seigle
Lisa Greenwald	Kfir Weinraub
Michelle Gross	Carol Winter
Stephanie Guberman	Miriam Ziegler

On behalf of the faculty and school, I would like to thank the parents for all your support and help throughout the year; and, most especially, for giving us the pleasure of working with your children.

Thank you to Vice President of School and Youth, Harold Schneider and Religious Education Co-Chairpersons, Bobbi Binder and Lisa Seidman and their committee for their encouragement, support and efforts all year. Many thanks to all the subcommittees for helping us to make our Shabbat dinners and other holiday celebrations special.

THANK YOU TO OUR CHAI SCHOOL TEENS

The Toranim (our High School aides) have been excellent role models for our younger children. You can find them around on a Sunday morning or midweek afternoons either in the school Office or in a classroom. They have been a wonderful asset to our staff, helping in every capacity. I am really proud of the high level of commitment demonstrated by these fine young people. Despite the complexities of their busy schedules, its wonderful to see how seriously our Toranim take their roles in our school. Our Toranim provide our Congregation with a genuine source of pride and joy. This year's Toranim are:

Caren Abschutz Emily Alpert Leah Behar Maya Behar Joshua Berger Matthew Biderman Brian Binder Rachel Cohen Jen Davis Amanda Dillman Mara Gittleman Lewis Goldsmith Daniel Goldstein Sara Goldstein Jessica Halpern Gabriel Harkov Brian Hirsh Ilana Katronetsky Matthew Katz Genna Leebaw Noah Levin

Audrey Levine Gary Marx Daniel Rekant Steven Rekant Allison Shultz Shane Spigner Julie Stevens

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

FRIDAY, MAY 3: GIMEL CLASS SHABBAT DINNER, 6:30PM followed by SERVICE 8:00 PM SUNDAY, MAY 5: CHAI SCHOOL ORIENTATION for HEI STUDENTS AND PARENTS, 11:45 AM FRIDAY, MAY 10: ALEF CLASS HAGIGAT HASIDDUR, 7:00PM-8:00PM. (A one hour special service/ program) SUNDAY, MAY 12: GIMEL CLASS MOCK WEDDING CEREMONY, 11:30 AM TUESDAY, MAY 14 (5:45 pm-6:00 pm) or WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 (5:45 pm-6:00 pm): SECOND GRADE PARENTS ORIENTATION--Next year your children will begin a new phase of our Religious School. Please join us for and orientation to our ALEF curriculum, class schedule, junior congregation requirements and discussion about your role as parents. FRIDAY, MAY 17: CHAI SCHOOL GRADUATION, 8:00PM MONDAY, MAY 20: HEI CLASS SIYUM, 7:30pm

THURSDAY, MAY 23: LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

ONE FAMILY

"Rebuilding Shattered Lives"

The terrorism in the Middle East has inflicted great suffering upon the citizens of the State of Israel. So many families have suffered the loss of a child and there are so many children who have been left orphaned.

In response to this ongoing human struggle, the Religious School has sold (and will continue to sell) blue and white bracelets that were put together by our Hei class students. The money collected from this project will go to an organization called ONE FAMILY, which is part of the Israel Emergency Solidarity Fund.

In one week we collected nearly \$500.00 and hope to double that amount.

It is important to continue to support our Israeli brothers and sisters. Bracelets are available for purchase (\$1.00 each) either in the Synagogue or Religious School Office.

> LET'S SEND ISRAEL THE MESSAGE THAT WE CARE !! Thank you for your support !!



CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH Announces the GRADUATING CLASS OF 2002



Members of the Congregation who wish to make a contribution to honor individual graduates or the entire graduating class are asked to do so by completing this form. A card will be sent to the individual graduates. Please check the name(s) and also a fund.

HEI CLASS GRADUATES

- {} Alyson Angstreich, daughter of Marty and Mindy
- {} Alana Asch, daughter of Jeff and Lori
- { } Allison Baer, daughter of Art and Janice
- {} Michael Becker, son of Marc and Aida
- { } Hilary Berk, daughter of Bob and Sheree
- { } Zachary Brooks, son of Joseph and Michele
- { } Jodi Eisenberg, daughter of Marc and Bonnie
- () Gabriel Eisner, son of Andrew and Sara
- { } Ally Garym, daughter of Gregory and Jodee
- {} Genifer Goldsmith, daughter of Fred and Debra
- { } Jessica Grollman, daughter of Valerie Grollman
- { } Nicole Hirsh, daughter of Harvey and Robin
- { } Robert Kline, son of Brad Kline and Abby Marcus
- {} David Kober, son of Aron and Sabrina
- { } Jason Marx, son of Paul and Libbie

- {} Dara Mehler, daughter of Mark and Beth
- {} Lauren Mink, daughter of Al and Renee
- {} Joshua Nili, son of Dan and Shiva
- {} David Pal, son of Thomas and Hilary
- { } Sarah Pontieri-Berk, daughter of Anthony and Eileen
- { } Amanda Saffer, daughter of Steve and Linda
- {} Frankie Schwimmer, daughter of Howard and Hilary
- { } Zachary Shapiro, son of Benjamin and Jennifer
- { } Rebecca Spigner, daughter of Martin and Deborah
- { } Ethan Suttner, son of Leon and Lisa
- () Eric Tannenbaum, son of Jeff and Lisa
- () Max Uniman, son of Howard and Diane
- { } Marci Winiarz, daughter of Aaron and Donna
- { } Mark Zell, son of Michael and Jill

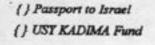
CHAI SCHOOL GRADUATES

- { } Caren Abschutz, daughter of Marty and Marci { } Emily Alpert, daughter of Michael and Carol { } Maya Behar, daughter of Arie and Amy { } Allison Gordon, daughter of Stephen and Miriam { } Gabriel Harkov, son of Ron and Kathy
- {} Genna Leebaw, daughter of Jeff and Barbara
- { } Audrey Levine, daughter of Jerry and Ronnie
- {} Erin Marx, daughter of Paul and Libbie
- { } Steven Rekant, son of Scott and Debbi
- [] Jessica Halpern, daughter of Gary and Kerry

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{ } Religious School Education Fund: K-Chai School Special Programs: Jewish authors Artists, storytellers, musicians, Holocaust speakers, etc

Please make your check payable to: Congregation B'nai Tikvah 1001 Finnegan's Lane North Brunswick, NJ 08902





Celebrate Jerusalem Day With Israeli dancing



Thursday, May 9, 2002 At Congregation B'nai Tikvah 1001 Finnegans Lane, North Brunswick, NJ (near Route 1 South)

Families, children and adults of all ages are welcome!

7:45 (promptly): Beginner lessons 9:00 - 10:30: Intermediate lessons and dancing

Cost: \$4 per person (\$2 for B'nai Tikvah members)

For questions or comments you may contact Michael Brown at (732) 297-0594 or israeldancenj@yahoo.com

Israeli dancing is a fun and energetic way to celebrate Israel's culture with your family and the extended Jewish Community.



Nursery School News May 2002



As our 2001-2002 school year winds down, it is time to say **Todah Rabah** to our superb staff of teachers, assistant teachers, administrative assistants, specialty teachers, parent advisory committee volunteers, and to Rabbi David Eligberg, Cantor Bruce Rockman, and nursery school advisors Naomi Jackenthal and Harold Schneider. On behalf of the nursery school, we thank you for your valuable and valued work and support. Through a successful collaborative effort we have had a wonderful school year!

Throughout this past year, our staff of teachers and assistants have kept our children's hands, bodies and minds busy with exciting educational, musical and relevant learning activities. We are very fortunate to have a staff comprised of teachers and administrative assistants whose dedication and caring makes a difference! On behalf of our school, we thank you for giving so much of yourselves.

Our School is Special... Thanks to You...

Carol Winter, Phyllis Edley, Ina Horn, Tracey Sager, Amy Smith, Lisa Tannenabaum, Maria Lesko, Brenda Sherman, Stacey Cadoff, Joy Orlan, Tracey Casamissima, Stacy Lewkowitz, Donna Falk, Melissa Director, Lisa Seidman, and Gina Giuffre.

Parent Advisory Committee 2001-2002

Our many special programs and events that our children have all greatly benefited from throughout the year were the result of the collaborative efforts of our Parent Advisory Committees. With true school spirit the members of these various committees organized our fundraisers, planned and helped out at our festivities, delivered our pizza lunch to our children, helped distribute our challahs and scholastic books, ran our school library program, assisted in making and assembling school gifts to our children, distributed flyers to promote our school and so much more!

On behalf of our nursery school, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to

Eammy Zimmerman and Tracey Casamissima

Co-chairs of the Parent Advisory Committee for making all our plans happen! Thank you for your caring and dedication. Your exemplary efforts are truly appreciated!

To Our VIP'S – Very Important Parents

On behalf of our school we would like to thank our valuable committee chairs and their committee members for their contributions in making this school year memorable.

Special Events & Programs Co-chairs: Tracey Casamissima, Elizabeth Reichbart, Andrea Wendler Committee: Leila Alterman, Hope Maurer, Karen Finklestein, Amy Kirsch, Cyndi Kleinbart, Stacey Deitch, Ruth Boda, Barbara Syetta, Marla Resnick, Karen Garcia Marketing and Public Relations Committee- Stacey Cadoff, Chairperson, Committee: Caryl Greenberg, Karen Finklestein Fundraising Committee: Hope Peters & Beth Berger - Co-Chairs, Committee: Jodi Segalewitz, Caryl Greenberg, Hilary Schwimmer, Carol Ann Harkavy,

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Marina Lavender Community Service Committee: Jodi Eligberg, Chairperson, Committee: Stacey Deitch, Tracey Weingarten, Cheryl Goldstein Shari Berman Library co-chairs: Allyson Kovacevich, Stephanie Landrieu, Committee: Amy Kirsch, Scholastic Book Co-Chairs Debbie Krutan & Tracey Weingarten, Committee: Tamanna Tariq, Barbara Schwartz, Ashbi Walia, Diana Consiglio, Heidi Rubino, Challah Chairperson: Marla Resnick, Committee: Charlene Nass, Heidi Rubino Photography-Chairperson Charlene Nass, Committee: Jodi Eligberg, Maryann Herrera Pizza Committee: Elizabeth Reichbart & Barbara Schwartz Co-Chairs, Committee: Carol Ann & Michael Harkawy, Marina Lavender, Hope Maurer, Stephanie Goodman, Debbie Krutan, Alan Deitch Classroom Parents: Lisa Seidman, Tracey Casamissima, Carol Ann Harkawy, Allyson Kovacewich, Hope Maurer, Stacey Deitch, Dana Panson, Ruth Ann Crockett, Tracey Weingarten, Cheryl Goldstein, Cyndi Kleinbart, Mary Ann Herrara, Karen Garcia.

MANY THANKS

The children at the JCC Nursery School have smiles on their faces every time Rabbi Eligherg and Cantor Rockman come to their classrooms to perform their holiday puppet shows and songs.

On behalf of our school, we would like to thank you both for enhancing our students Jewish experiences with your educationally entertaining holiday programs.

Thank you to Vice President of School and Youth, Harold Schneider and Assistant Treasurer, Maomi Jackenthal for their invaluable assistance and support this past year. We appreciate the time you have devoted for the betterment of our nursery school.

UPCOMING NURSERY EVENTS

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up. Please sign-up for conference day and time.

Shavuot - The nursery school children will be making mini blintzes for a special snack.

Pre-K Trip- Students will take a bus to the Forum Theater to see "The Wizard of Oz."

Farm Trips -Three and two and a half year olds will be going to Von Thuns Farm.

Graduation -- Pre-K graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 19th at 4:30PM.

Happy Mother's Day From The Nursery School!

NURSERY SCHOOL SNACKTIVITY

Step into the kitchen with your child and enjoy making this fun dairy recipe for Shavuot!

DIRT CAKE

INGREDIENTS:

2 20oz. Packages of chocolate sandwich cookies, crushed
 1 stick softened butter or margarine
 8 Oz. cream cheese
 1 cup powdered sugar
 3.5 cups milk
 2 packages (3.5 oz. Each) instant chocolate pudding
 12 oz. Frozen whipped topping thawed

OTHER ITEMS YOU'LL NEED: Clean, foil-lined clay flower pot. Clean garden spade Flower with foil wrapped around the bottom of the stem



STEPS:

- 1. Have your child put the cookies in a large, sealable plastic bag and crush them up
- 2. Together, cream the butter, cream cheese, and powdered sugar in a bowl.
- Mix the milk, pudding, and whipped topping in another bowl.
- Combine the two mixtures.
- 5. Put a third of the crushed cookies in the bottom of the foil-lined flower pot.
- Add one half of the pudding mixture and top with another third of the cookies.
- 7. Add a final layer of remaining pudding and cookies
- 8. Refrigerate. Add the flower before serving, so that it looks like a potted plant
- Use a clean garden spade to serve. Enjoy!





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Thoughts from

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Present

Mimi Schwartz

Author of Thoughts from a Queen-Sized Bed Reading and Book Signing



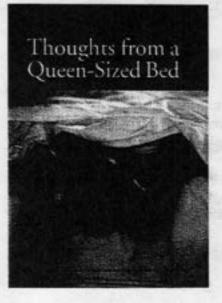
Thursday, May 23, 2002 7:30pm FREE program

Congregation B'nai Tikvah 1001 Finnegan's Lane North Brunswick, NJ 08902 Phone: 732-297-0696 ext. 3001 Website: www.BnaiTikvah.org

Mimi Schwartz talks about what it means to be married for almost 40 years, to grow up in an immigrant Jewish family, come of age in New York in the 1950s, marry her high school beau, and have her consciousness raised in the 1970s.

A question-and-answer session follows the presentation.

Mimi Schwartz is a professor of writing at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.



After the Rally... Ten Things You Can Do to Help Israel

- Make a contribution to the Israel Emergency Campaign through your local federation. To find it, go to www.jewishfinder.com
- Write or email the President and your legislators E-mail President Bush at president@whitehouse.gov. Find your legislators' email addresses at www.votesmart.org/index.phtml or www.congress.org. In the subject line write "Thank you for your support of Israel."
- Buy Israeli products through www.shopinisrael.com http://www.shopinisrael.com/ and www.export.org.il. For business to business, go to www.usaisrael.org.

4. Learn the facts, and educate others.

Visit the Israeli government's website (www.mfa.gov.il) and American Jewish organizations' websites (www.ujc.org, www.adl.org, www.jewishpublicaffairs.org). Email info@prescon.org (Conference of Presidents.) Speak in your own community.

5. Challenge media coverage of Israel

Call radio talk shows, write letters to the editor, speak out in chat rooms. For information on contacting the media, go to www.honestreporting.com/a/contact.asp

- Reach out to individual Israelis in your community's Partnership 2000 region (contact your local federation to find out how). Go to www.walk4israel.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=Living to find out about Project Embrace, which twins schools and synagogues with families of recent terror victims.
- Go to Israel Join a local federation or national UJC mission. Contact the UJC Missions Information Center at (212) 284-6519 or missions@ujc.org <mailto:missions@ujc.org>. Or visit www.goisrael.com
- Express solidarity with Israel Wear a blue ribbon or pin, display a flag, sing Hatikvah. Participate in community events.
- Write a letter to boost the morale of an Israeli soldier Mail to Letter to Soldier, POB 92, Jerusalem 91000, Israel, fax to 972-2-621-6133/6214, or email as an attachment to lettertosoldier@jazo.org.il.
- 10. Join something Jewish Connect locally with a project that helps build Israel. Volunteer your time, spirit and talents to the world Jewish community. Go to www.ujc.org or your local federation's website for ideas.

Be Counted

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 certifi-



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

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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

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INTRODUCING FOR MOTHER'S DAY!



Do something nice for your wife, mother, grandmother or anyone else you know this **Mother's Day!** Why not wake her up with a nice family breakfast for four? Buy a Lox Box sponsored by North/South Brunswick USY. Please have orders in the USY Mail Box in the main office at B'nai Tikvah no later than May 7, 2002.

Date: Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day)

Pick-up Time:

between 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. At Congregation B'nai Tikvah

Contents:

6 bagels ½ lb. Cream Cheese ¼ lb. Lox 1 quart Orange Juice There may also be some other surprise treats as well!

Cost:

only \$12!

Please make checks payable to North/South Brunswick USY.

Name:

Phone Number:

of Lox Boxes: _____

Total Amount Enclosed:

Approximate Time of Pick-Up:

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Erin Marx at (732) 297-2055 or Steve Springer at (732) 729-0750.

SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS

GOING TO THE CLEANERS?

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) Gallery cleaners donates over 10% of the total receipts! Send Gallery Cleaners receipts to Shelly Talmud (5 Patriot Court, East Brunswick 08816). Get your clothes cleaned and help your Sisterhood stay solvent!

NEED TO SEND A CARD?

Why go out to Hailmark 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.

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?

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.

Dates to Remember

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!!!!

Sunday, May 19, 2002 -breakfast at 10AM

Followed by the presentation of the new slate and voting for the Sisterhood Board for 2002-2003. This will be followed by a discussion on Rosh Hodash. Come and support your Sisterhood!!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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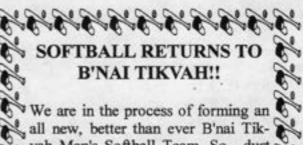
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ETZ HAYIM CHUMASH Still Available For Purchase

A limited number of Etz Hayim Humashim are still available for purchase. The special price is \$54 per book.

If you are interested in adding this volume to your Jewish library, please call the synagogue office Monday-Friday



vah Men's Softball Team. So....dust off your cleats, oil your gloves and give us a call if you'd like to play. We can't guarantee a first place finish (this year, at least) but we can promise you lots of fun.

Please call Gary Harmon for more information. 732-940-1108

MAY We Have Your Attention?

Yes, it IS the merry month of May. It's that time of year to honor all the Moms and graduates in our lives. There will be parties and gifts associated with these occasions. Purchasing the food, drink, paper goods and gifts are simple tasks if you use scrip from Congregation B'nai Tikvah. The scrip program is set up where you, the synagogue members, may buy the scrip (i.e., gift certificates) that will be used to buy the things needed to successfully complete your party needs. You need to shop for these goods anyway, so why not get the head start at Congregation B'nai Tikvah? The synagogue receives a percentage of all that is sold. So, how does one find the scrip? It is very easy.

- Visit the scrip table located in the synagogue lobby during religious school hours. Both the supermarket and retail scrip are available there.
- Contact the Synagogue office during business hours.
- Visit the Synagogue's website at www.bnaitikvah.org
- Call a scrip committee member (see list below).

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