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**CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH
JCC OF NORTH AND SOUTH BRUNSWICK**

HAKOL

A Celebration of the
Life & Work of Leon Bibel

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**October 13 & 14
11 am—4 pm**

**Admission: \$5 Adults, \$3 ages 7—12,
includes one raffle ticket.
Additional tickets can be purchased.
One Leon Bibel print will be raffled each day.
Light refreshments.**

**Parking at Mill Road Day Camp, 75 Davidson Mill
Road. Shuttle bus to and from galleries.**

OCTOBER EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 10/13 Leon Bibel Gallery Exhibit
- 10/27 CROP Walk
- 10/27 Sisterhood's Hanukkah Bazaar
9 am—12 pm
- 10/27 Celebrate Jewish Book Month
Meet author Neil Waldman
- 10/27 Super Sunday

Painter, printmaker, and sculptor, Leon Bibel, of blessed memory, was a congregant of B'nai Tikvah. He created the Ark on our Bima, the Tallit rack in the entryway and the Walls of Jericho sculpture in our school wing. He was born in San Francisco in 1913 and trained at the California School of Fine Arts. In 1936, Leon moved to NY to join the Federal Art Project at Harlem Art Center. His work with the WPA ended in 1941, and he and his wife Neysa moved to South Brunswick. In 1942 Leon shifted gears and worked as a chicken farmer for twenty years in order to support his family. He resumed his artistic work in the early 1960s and continued to explore painting and sculpture until his death in 1995. This exhibit offers an invaluable opportunity to see Leon's magnificent sculptures displayed in his own galleries.

RABBI ELIGBERG WANTS YOU TO EXERCISE

Sit. Stand. Sit. Stand. Sit. Stand.

Dear Friends:

Sit. Stand. Sit. Stand. Sit. Stand. Sit. Stand. Sit. Stand.

There are moments when our High Holy Day services feel like an elaborate exercise program. In fact, it is. Our sages of blessed memory, were not interested in conditioning our leg muscles, they created a regiment designed to help us exercise our spiritual muscle.

Sit, and reflect on who you are as a person.

Stand, in awe and wonder of the beauty and grander of God's world.

Sit, and ponder the implications of living in proximity to the Holy One.

Stand in response to the realization that you are in sacred space/time.

Sit, and study the Torah for the enduring values it teaches.

Stand in support of the ideals which our heritage has bequeathed us.

Sit down for a Shabbat or Yom Tov meal as a family.

Stand together as a family at a rally in support of Israel.

Sit and enjoy a classic of Jewish literature.

Stand on a ladder attaching fruit to the top of your Sukkah.

Sit for a quiet moment of prayer in the sanctuary.

Stand with pride as a descendent of a noble heritage and a being created in the Image of God.

Every exercise program is difficult in the beginning. An initial burst of enthusiasm often gives way all too quickly. On the High Holy Days we are filled with lofty resolves, but what happens when the memory of the synagogue experience begins to fade and the spell it cast is broken? Does our commitment to ourselves and God to know our promises remain intact?

We can learn a valuable lesson from the Kotzker Rebbe's comment on one aspect of the Binding of Isaac account which we read on Rosh HaShanah. Abraham is commanded to take his beloved Issac and offer him as a sacrifice at a place God will show to Abraham. The Torah then states that "Abraham rose up early in the morning." Abraham's zeal in responding to the Divine call is unmistakable. The Kotzker calls our attention to the fact that Abraham does not reach the designated mountain until after three days have passed. The true measure of Abraham's spiritual stamina was demonstrated on the third day, when he was still responding to the Divine call with zeal and fervor.

The High Holy Days challenge us to follow in Abraham's footsteps. To carry the emotional uplift of this moment with us throughout the year. To continue to exercise our spiritual muscles.

Included in the envelope with HaKol was a pamphlet produced by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism entitled "Sign On" to the Conservative Compact of Jewish Commitment. I urge all of you to "sign on" and adopt this compact as your spiritual exercise program for the coming year.

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With blessings,
Rabbi David M. Eligberg

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

"The Poor Couple"

For a while now, I've been thinking about the article that I would write for this month's HaKol. The premise was to be a list of words that we read regularly in our prayer books. The purpose is to make them become more recognizable and that the concepts of the words and prayers become more accessible.

For example the word "chesed" means kindness and "rachameem" means compassion. And the word in the siddur for righteousness is "tzedakah".

I know such a list would be useful and I may try this again or I can use these words in the context of a story, as I'm about to do.

Following Yom Kippur, as I unwound a little, I heard a beautiful story by my favorite story-teller, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach z"l. The story is "The Poor Couple".

Some years ago Rabbi Carlebach performed the marriage of a young and very poor couple. They were so poor that it took place in a loft in Greenwich Village. They could only afford minimal refreshments, a jar of herring and a box of matzah. But the wedding was a joy.

There was a woman who was standing behind the Rabbi, whose father was a multi-multi-multi millionaire. She said that she had been married for four weeks and then was divorced. This was just two weeks after the divorce...she told Shlomo, "You know my father spent \$35,000 just on the flowers! But there was no joy at the wedding. Here, with just a little herring and matzah...oh what a wonderful holy simcha!"

A few years later, the beautiful couple was doing well; they had a couple of children, when Shlomo met them again. The bride told him this story. Following the wedding, the celebration continued with for a week with the customary "Sheva Brachahs" at the homes of their friends and family.

On the final night they were heading home on the subway from the Bronx to their apartment in Brooklyn. Alone late at night her husband said to his *Kallah*, his bride, during the train he repeated over and over how much he loved her. "I love you so very much...it isn't so terrible to be poor...but tonight I wish I had enough money to take you to a beautiful hotel to spend a few nights together...I wish I was rich."

A tear came to Shlomo's eye as he recounted the story. The bride responded, "To tell you the truth" she said to her husband "you know something, I wish we were rich".

At that moment the train pulled up to 72nd Street. As Shlomo recounted, "a black brother walks in, a good man, a little drunk, and sits next to them." Then the man said, "Are you married or you just dating?" No...we just got married!" "Yea" the black man responded, "that makes me feel good...I wish I was at the weddin' ". They continued to talk, but before they knew it the train had reached 42nd Street, and he got up to leave. Just as the doors were closing, the man turned around and threw an envelope into the bride's hand. She looked up but the man was gone. There was one thousand dollars in it.

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

B'simcha,
Cantor Bruce Rockman,

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF HAKOL IS NOVEMBER 15

Hakol, the official publication of Congregation B'nai Tikvah, is published and mailed to congregants ten times annually.

Become a HAKOL reporter.

Are you the chairperson of a committee or an event?

Did you attend a B'nai Tikvah sponsored activity you think others would enjoy knowing about?

In forthcoming issues, we'd like to share your info and experiences with the rest of the congregation, as space allows.

SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO:

Hakol@bnaitikvah.org, drop them in the Hakol mailbox in the synagogue office, or snail mail to

Paul and Nancy Zankel

15 Hershey Road

East Brunswick, NJ 08816

TEXT: Send in an email to Hakol@bnaitikvah.org. You can also write the article in MSWord, Wordperfect, MSPublisher, etc., and attach it to an e-mail. Don't go wild with funky fonts and wild formatting.

IMAGES AND GRAPHICS: If you have images or graphics you want to include, we'd prefer high resolution (300 dpi) jpegs, but don't e-mail them to this address. We might want you to email them to another address with a high speed connection, or send them on a CD or Windows format Zip disk.

ADVERTISING RATE INFO: Contact Tammy Zimmerman: 732-398-1420.

EXPANSION UPDATE

From Mitch Frumkin, President

As we move into the new year, the old expression, "the best things are worth waiting for" seems to have become the description of where we are with our proposed expansion of a multi purpose room and seven classrooms. To say that the last four months have been a frustrating experience with our State bureaucracy would be an understatement.

When we last left you, the site plan had been approved by the Township of North Brunswick, the architectural plans had been essentially completed and had been submitted to the Township for review. We had also submitted for the one last approval which is from the State in regards to what is known as a "Letter of Interpretation" confirming the absence or existence of wetlands in the area of the proposed construction. When the original school wing was constructed, these regulations were not in existence, and when we submitted this application we did not feel that this would be a consideration. However, we have just recently found that there is a small area of what the State classifies as wetlands in this area

Although our application was submitted a number of months ago, the State Inspector just recently inspected the property. Based upon recent discussions between our Environmental Engineer and the State Inspector, we are most likely going to need to make some revisions to either the configuration or location of the addition. Unfortunately, the final answer may have been determined by the time you read this. However, we felt that it was important to include an update in this issue of Hakol even as the ongoing discussions continue.

As soon as a resolution to this issue is determined, a special mailing will be sent to all Congregants with the outcome. I appreciate your patience and assure you that the project is still very much alive, although in a short holding pattern!

AARON ROSLOFF SHARES HIS THOUGHTS FOLLOWING THE ECUMENICAL SERVICE ON 9/11/02

On December 3, 1983, we dedicated the new synagogue of Congregation B'nai Tikvah, AKA Jewish Community Center of North and South Brunswick. The then mayor of South Brunswick, and my back door neighbor, Caroline McCullam was a key speaker at the dedication, and on the same day, as she left the sanctuary, went a short piece down the road to take part in the dedication of the new Mosque in South Brunswick, about a mile or two from my house.

Invariably, whenever I would pass the Mosque, which was frequently, I would mentally review that event, and I hope to be excused if I wondered what might be being planned there, so close to my home.

For many years there has been a clergy association in the surrounding area, involving most of the religious denominations, doing much to promulgate an ambiance of mutual understanding. For instance, when the South Brunswick

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

Ann Kanarek, Director

Great Beginnings

With special excitement, our students eagerly started classes, met their teachers, received their books and settled into a new year of learning. Welcome back everyone and very best wishes for a successful academic year.

Many of our new and returning families attended the annual Parent Reception and Orientation. We were very happy to see so many of you at this event and expect to see you at our school activities and PACT (Parent and Child Together) programs. The teachers appreciated meeting you and thank you for your support and encouragement. With your continued participation and support we look forward to a productive and creative year together!

There is a story in the Talmud about some strangers who approach a town. The strangers ask those who greet them to take them to the protectors of the town. The townspeople call out the military leaders in all their finery. "These are not your protectors," say the guests. The mayor and the elders are brought forth. "No, no," shout the guests, "we want to see your protectors!" "We have brought you our military leaders and our elected officers, and you say these are not our protectors?" ask the townspeople. "Who then are the protectors of our community?"

In one voice the strangers shout, "THE TEACHERS."

The teachers on our B'nai Tikvah Religious School staff are a dedicated and devoted group of people. They inspire and nurture, and set excellent examples and serve as wonderful role models for our children.

MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS

This fall, we are delighted to welcome seven new teachers to our staff:

Jessica Azad is one of our new hei (seventh grade) teachers. She is a junior at Rutgers University and is a pre-med and Middle Eastern double major. She has several years of experience with children and brings a special understanding and love to teaching.

Ariel Bashi is a junior at Rutgers University, majoring in journalism and media studies with a double minor in communication and political science. Ariel's friendliness and creativity will be a wonderful asset in our school. He joins our staff as a hei (seventh grade) teacher.

Philip Gordon joins our Chai High School staff as a ninth & tenth grade teacher. He is currently a Rutgers University senior who is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and geography. Philip brings a positive Jewish feeling and attitude to our teen program.

Michelle Gross is a third year student at Rutgers University with a sociology major and a double minor in Spanish and African Studies. She has done extensive work with children of different cultures and backgrounds. Michelle brings a special vitality and a unique Jewish understanding to our students. She joins the B'nai Tikvah staff as one of our gimel (fifth grade) teachers.

Joshua Jacobs is a senior at Rutgers University, majoring in philosophy with a minor in Jewish studies. In addition to being an active Mitzvah clown he is currently involved in Hagalil Kadima as a youth director. Josh brings a unique blend of Jewish commitment and teaching competence to our school. He joins our staff as a hei (seventh grade) teacher and supplemental instructor.

Yevgeniya (Jenny) Kagan is a junior at Rutgers University pursuing a political science and Middle Eastern studies major. She is Russian born and emigrated to the states with her family as a young girl to be able to study and practice Judaism. She joins our staff as a Supplemental Instructor. Her patience and love of children will be a positive addition to our school.

Sara Nazar is currently enrolled in the Rutgers Master's of Education program for special education and majoring in psychology. She brings a special warmth and compassion to our students and is committed to giving them the best. She joins our staff as one of our dalet (sixth grade) teachers.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS (continued)

We are also happy to welcome back all of our other fine staff members: Sara Chvala, Joel Cohen, Melissa Director, Phyllis Edley, Michael Friedman, Gina Giuffre, Lisa Greenwald, Marlo Hirshon, Loren Hurwitz, Sherry Lander, Rebecca Leventhal, Josh Seigle, Kfir Weinraub, Carol Winter, Miriam Ziegler.

SHALOM UV'RACHA...Greetings and Blessings To Our New Students: Brooke Altman, Gabriele Benzilio, Ariel Cadoff, Melanie Charwat, Alexandra Chinich, Corey Gorelick, Ari Gottesman, David Harkavy, Gregory Harmon, Andrew Katz, Alyssa Kirsch, Erin Koppel, Zachary Kurschner, Dana Lewkowitz, Jennifer Resnick, Gregory Rosen, Michael Rosen, Becki Rosenthal, Jeffrey Rosenthal, Rebecca Safeer, Amanda Scharf, Gloria Schultz, Iris Schwimmer, Dylan Segalawitz, Rachel Seidman, Rachel Sherman, Samantha Sherman, Ryan Siegel, Dina Sharon, Nicholas Tucci, Geoffrey Watman, and Charles Zaabadick.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR REMINDERS

Sunday, October 6:	Chai School Special Program; Kindergarten: First day of Religious School
Sunday, October 27:	Jewish Book Month author, NEIL WALDMAN visits. Book Fair begins
Thursday, October 31:	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL , <i>Staff Development Day</i>
Sunday, November 3:	Chai School Gleaning Trip; Book Fair continues
Wednesday, November 6:	Last day to visit the Book Fair

MEET AUTHOR NEIL WALDMAN

We are delighted to be able to bring Neil Waldman to our school for a morning of storytelling sessions and workshops. Mr. Waldman is an award winning children's book author and illustrator of more than a dozen books. His most recent books are *The Golden City*, a history of Jerusalem, and *The Never-Ending Greenness*. Both books have been praised for their "post-impressionistic paintings and as uplifting stories that honor the people who were committed to 'the greening' of Israel." He has also created paintings for many books for children, including *The Starry Night*, *The Two Brothers*, and *Masada*; all of which he wrote. His paintings can also be found in *By the Hanukkah Light* and *The Wisdom Bird: A Tale of Solomon and Sheba*, both by Sheldon Oberman; *And the Earth Trembled* by Shlamith Oppenheim. Before Mr. Waldman began writing and illustrating books, he had a varied career. He is proudest of having won a gold medal from the United Nations for a poster that was chosen to represent the International Year of Peace.

You are invited to meet Neil Waldman on Sunday, October 27, as we kick off Jewish Book Month with his visit.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION UPDATE

Congratulations!! Our **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** contest over the summer was a huge success. Many thanks!! We collected over 1000 box tops!! Todah rabah to our families. We appreciate all your efforts in cutting, collecting and sending in your **BOX TOPS**. Top prizes went to:

Amy & Rebecca Binder
 Rebecca Eisenberg and Shawn Kilcoyne
 Daniel Levin
 Jason and Rachel Seidman
 Ithan Sokol
 Andrew Sudran

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearson, Director

Our Fall season is now in full swing! As you walk into our classrooms the happy voices and smiling faces of our children show us that our children are having fun in learning. Our children are learning, playing, and making friends. Our dedicated teachers and assistants are happy to be back with our returning students, and thrilled to be getting to know our new students.

Right now, our children are actively engaged in learning about the Jewish holidays. They are learning about Rosh Hashanah, tasting apples dipped in honey, and making shofars for Yom Kippur. Small fingers are creating beautiful fruit and flower decorations to hang in our temple sukkah, and flags to march with for Simchat Torah. Our children's hands are kept busy as they actively learn about our beautiful customs and traditions. We are very happy that Rabbi Eligberg and Cantor Rockman will be making our holiday activities even more special when they captivate our children with their wonderful Sesame Street puppet show and special holiday songs.

Our first fund-raiser for the year, Innisbrook Wraps, is about to begin. Innisbrook Wraps offers a wide selection of Chanukah and holiday wrapping paper as well as kosher candy and other items. We hope you will participate in making our fundraiser a big success! (Please come to the nursery school office for an Innisbrook Wraps brochure and order form).

Chanukah coming early this year. Please look for games and activities that are fun and challenging for your child. When shopping please ask yourself the following questions:

- Does this item give my child practice with a skill?
- Is it well constructed?
- Are the directions easy to follow?
- Can my child use it in more than one way?
- Is it appropriate for my child's age? Interests?
- Can my child play with it without any help?
- Is it a game or activity that I would enjoy playing with my child?

Please do not hesitate to contact the nursery school office for information on our school, afternoon enrichment programs, Toddler Fun Club and our Mommy & Me programs.



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Questions? Contact: Rabbi Elyse Winick, winick@uscj.org or 781-784-8434

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The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Judy Yudof, President Rabbi Jerome Epstein, Executive Vice President Richard S. Moline, Director of **KOACH** College Outreach



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*A required deposit of \$250 is refundable following the return from Israel. Covered expenses do not include travel to and from New York and selected meals and gratuities.

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B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

KADIMA

Kfir Weinraub, *Advisor*
Kadima@bnaitikvah.org

Another year has started and Kadima is underway. What is Kadima? For those of you don't know, Kadima is a fun and social way to connect to your Jewish community that has nothing to do with Hebrew School. Come and see for yourself!!! We look forward to having you join us.

KADIMA OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 6th	Pizza Lunch
October 12th	Opening Regional Dance
October 27	Crop Walk.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION FAMILY SERVICES

Thank you very much to all of the parents who helped with Junior Congregation for the High Holydays, from the cutting of the apples and the ushers to the serving of the apples. I especially want to thank Lisa Seidman and Bobbi Binder who coordinated the ushers. We had some kids do some fun skits to tell the Torah portions and many kids had fun dancing outside in the beautiful weather.

Sign up now to sponsor a JCFS kiddush. Besides the kids enjoying learning the service, leading prayers, having aliyot and carrying torahs, they also like the special kiddush we have after services. Sponsoring the kiddush is a chance to honor your child, spouse or other for something special like a birthday, anniversary or other! We'll announce the special occasion from the main service bemaah and the JCFS pulpit. It's only \$18 and we have every Saturday available. You can either e-mail me with the specifics or go to www.bnaitikvah.org and click on Junior Congregation to sponsor a kiddush.

The roller skating party incentive has been changed. We will be holding an ice skating party instead!!! All of the same attendance requirements apply and the party will be February 23, 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. We hope very child will be able to make this party!!

Contact Barry Safeer with any questions at 609-627-8588 or jc@bnaitikvah.org

USY

All meetings begin at 7:15 PM and are at B'nai Tikvah unless otherwise noted.

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Thank you to the congregation for your generous food donations. 115 bags of groceries were taken to the South Brunswick Food Bank. Your tzedakah was greatly appreciated.

During the final week of summer freedom, nine USYers from B'nai Tikvah attended Hagalil Encampment. Hagalil Encampment is a week filled with prayer, Jewish learning, ruach, sports, friends, and just plain fun. This year, the theme of the week was V'havta Lareach Kamocho, or love thy neighbor as you would love yourself. We learned how this phrase can dictate the way everyone acts toward each other. During the 2002-2003 year of USY we would like to follow in the theory of V'havta Lareach Kamocho by helping our community through social action projects, Israel awareness, religious education, Tikun Olam contributions, and an increase in membership. With programming revolving these goals, we, as North/South Brunswick USY, hope to win the coveted "Most Improved Chapter" award. Under the leadership of our co-presidents Allison Gordon and Erin Marx, the amazing executive board, and our all-talented advisor Steven Springer we hope to rock North/South Brunswick USY! I encourage all high school kids to join in the fun because as our ruach-filled co-president Allison Gordon said, "Get ready North/ South Brunswick USY, this year's going to rock!"

*By Elyse Ross
VP of Communications
N/S Brunswick USY*

USY OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 10	SATO Night
October 13-14	Leon Bibel Exhibit Tours
October 19	Opening Dance
October 20	Mall Scavenger Hunt
October 15-17	Leadership Training Institute

Many thanks to the following parents, from Lisa Seidman and Bobbi Binder.

You made our job as usher coordinators for JCFS so much easier.

Mindy Angstreich, Nancy Asher-Shultz, Dorothy Cohen, Joanne Gorelick, Helene Haberman, Linda Jacobs, Bruce Kessler, Renee Levin, Cindy Mevorah, Kim Riemann, Theresa Samtur, Harold Schneider, Barbara Speesler

B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

FAMILY SHABBAT FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

A monthly children's service is held on the *third Friday night of each month at 7:00 PM*. This is an abbreviated service designed for families with young children.

Active participation in the service is encouraged.

Contact Jackie Master @ 545-8021 or Lisa Seidman @ 297-6950.

JEWISH GIRL SCOUTING

Jewish scouting activities will begin on *Wednesday, October 2*. Troops will meet the first and third Wednesday of every month. Based in East Brunswick, these troops are shomer shabbat and kashrut observant. Interested?

Contact Lisa Seidman at 732-297-6950 or at Lisa.Seidman@BnaiTikvah.org.

TOT SHABBAT

SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICES FOR 3—7 YEAR OLDS
Singing, Dancing, Torah and Shabbat Stories,
and a Light Snack

Separate programs for 3-5 year olds and 5-7 year olds.
Each group will meet once a month.
10 am—11 am Babysitting 11 am—12 pm Tot Shabbat

3—5 Year Olds

October 12, November 2, December 7, January 11,
February 1, March 1, April 12, May 3, June 14

5 -7 Year Olds

October 26, November 23, December 14, January 25,
February 15, March 15, April 26, May 10, June 28

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

CLERGY ASSISTANT JOINS BT OFFICE STAFF

We welcome Miriam Libove-Goldfarb to the position of Clergy's Assistant. Her hours are 10:00 am —12:30 pm, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

MAKELAH

Sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses are invited to join the B'nai Tikvah Makelah. Please call Cheryl Asnis at 732-297-5379 or Gina Gerstein at 732-329-1198 for information.

ISRAEL BONDS

Now, more than ever, they are an important investment. You can invest anytime! For information, call the Bond Office at 732-828-0200.

JOIN THE OTHER HALF

Half of our congregant families are now receiving notices from the synagogue directly via e-mail. Notices about life cycle events (births, weddings, funerals) and news from the synagogue (social activities, services, volunteer programs).

Half of those members are also part of our eGroup. The eGroup (originally known as the BT-LIST) is our uncensored exclusive mailing list enabling our congregants to exchange ideals about B'nai Tikvah and Jewish life in general.

Sign-up forms can be found on our "Communications" page at www.bnaitikvah.org.

WANTED:

24 (IN)EXPERIENCED BOWLERS

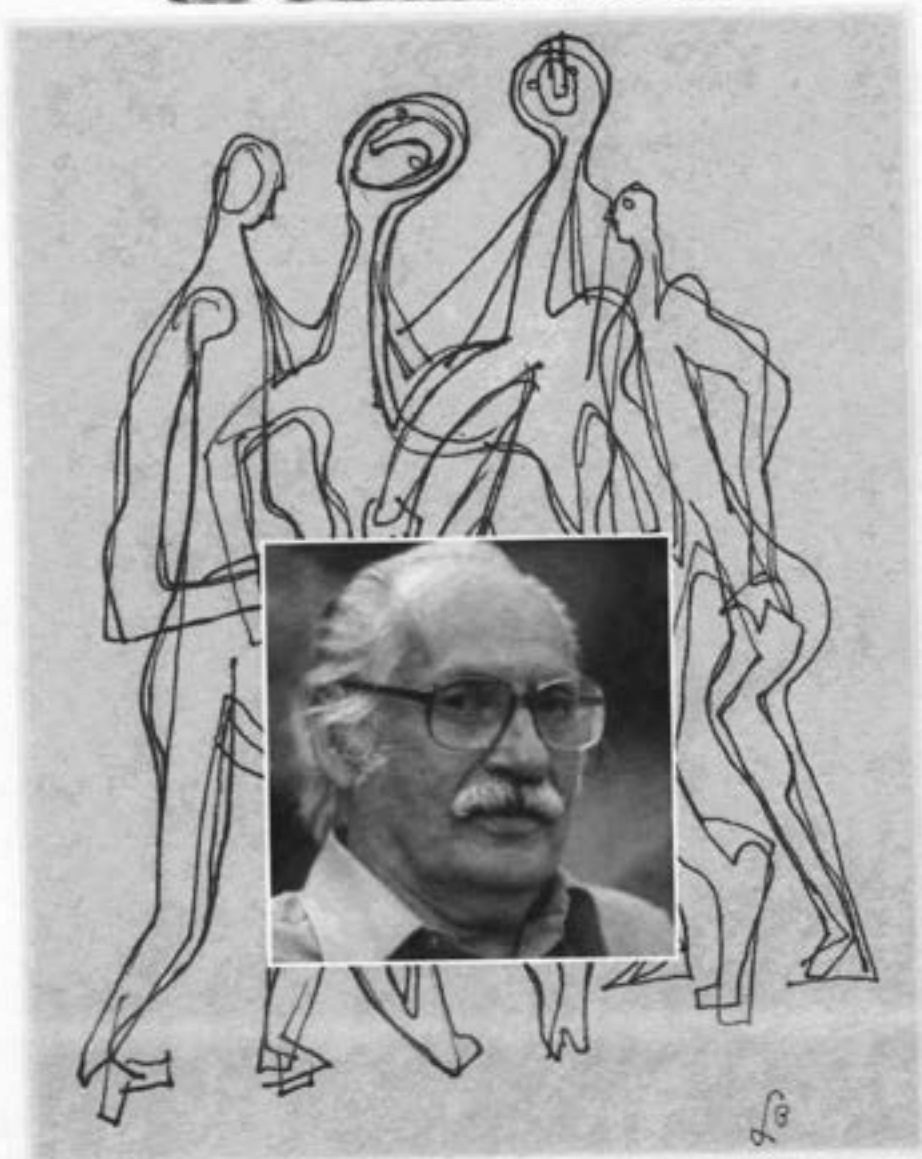
Our first games last month began with 10 full teams (same as last year), but with several new players of varying ages and degrees of skill. We have room at Brunswick Zone Lanes this year for as many as 6 additional, 4 person, teams.

Even if you've never bowled before, you're welcome to join us. If you are an experienced bowler, our friendly league gives you an excellent opportunity to try new approaches, techniques and equipment without risk to your normal league average. If you're new to the game, this is fun way to learn.

The next games are scheduled for October 12 at 8pm.

Call ahead, sign-up online, or just show up.
Gary Bergman, 732-246-7285
Bowling@Bnaitikvah.org

Celebrating the Life & Work of Leon Bibel



SUNDAY & MONDAY, OCTOBER 13/14

*At his home on Davidson Mill Road / North Brunswick
Park at Mill Road Day Camp, use Shuttle Bus to the galleries*

ADULTS \$5.00 / AGES 7-12 \$3.00

11 AM - 4 PM

*Each day, one Leon Bibel original print will be raffled off.
Raffle tickets cost \$3 each, or 4 for \$10.*

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

SOCIAL ACTION

Janice Baer, Chair
732-940-0268

SocialAction@bnaitikvah.org

The first meeting of the year for this committee is on *Wednesday, September 18, following minyan*. Everyone is welcome to join. We need volunteers to make great things happen. Whatever time you can give will make a difference in the lives of countless others. The possibilities are endless.

October

Coat Drive continues through October 31

Bring used, clean winter jackets or coats, mittens, gloves and hats to the synagogue's coatroom. Sizes: children to adult. New is, of course, accepted.

Questions? You can reach Janice Baer at 732-940-0268, or Jennifer Shapiro at 732-940-9229. Send e-mail to Janice.Baer@bnaitikvah.org or to SocialAction@bnaitikvah.org.

Crop Walk - October 27, 2002

Contact Renee and Steve Levin
732-422-8590

November/December

Sponsor a Needy Family for the Holidays

In addition to school supply and food drives already scheduled for February through May (details in following issues of Hakol), this committee hopes to sponsor a Youth Service Day as well as sponsor a meal at a soup kitchen.

Upcoming Events:

February 1st—March 2nd Food Drive-to replenish local food banks following the holidays

(Chair to be determined)

Bring food to the designated box in front of the main office

Social Action Committee is sponsoring.....

HELP A NEEDY FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

WHO ARE THESE FAMILIES?

These families are all in need. They are referred by various sources including Jewish Family Services, local welfare directors, school social workers and senior centers.

HOW DOES THIS PROGRAM WORK?

Each family will fill out a wish list of their needs. The wish lists typically include items like towels, sheets, blankets, clothing, shoes, coats and children's toys.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

There are several different ways...

1. Become a family coordinator for one family's wish list. This might involve getting your family, friends, co-workers, and merchants to donate the needed items to fulfill the family's wish list.
2. Volunteer to obtain one or more of the items on a family's wish list.
3. Donate money that will be specifically used to purchase items on a family's wish list. Checks made payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah Holiday Program.

HELP A NEEDY FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Name: _____

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_____ I want to donate money that will be specifically used to purchase items on a family's wish list. Checks made payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah Holiday Program.

Send completed form to:

Janice Baer, 11 Drexel Hill Drive, Kendall Park, NJ 08824

Questions,?

Call Janice Baer 732-940-0268,

Janice.Baer@bnaitikvah.org, or

SocialAction@bnaitikvah.org

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

DO YOU CHAVURAH?

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 or strengthen ties with old friends. Each *Chavurah* is unique, as it is defined by its members.

A "Young Couples" (ages 25—45) is forming. If you are interested contact Lori Pettit at 732-274-9606 or Lisa Seidman at 732-297-6950.

The "Empty Nesters" are a group of 9 (so far) great couples involved in social fun and entertainment events. We are open to couples who have children who are in college, married and or married with young children of their own. We have events once a month, normally on Saturday evenings or an occasional Sunday afternoon. Some of our events have been "Movie Nights", "Dinner & Shows", BBQ's, "Pot Luck Dinners". We are planning a Music night, Hanukkah Party, trips to museums, as well as other exciting events. If you are interested in joining our wonderful group, please call Robin Kessler (732-355-0155) or Ellyn Schneider (732-940-8880)

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to those listed below for their hard work in erecting the Sukkah.

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The B'nai Mitzvah Mentors are in their second year on the job!

We are an organized group of women especially designed to help the b'nai mitzvah families in our synagogue negotiate the planning of their child's simcha. We answer questions, have great ears for listening, give the heads up on what to expect next in the process, and share ideas and suggestions to make the event special for each family.

If you are interested in joining as a mentor, or need help as a b'nai mitzvah family, please call mentor coordinator, Cindy Gittleman 732-274-2253 or e-mail Cindy.Gittleman@bnaitikvah.org.

FIFTY PLUS CLUB

The Fifty Plus Group will meet on Tuesday, October 22, at 1 p.m. in the social hall of the Synagogue. We are pleased to have Emanuel Norick, president of the newspaper THE FORWARD, as our guest. He will speak on *Life and Times of An American Newsway; The Forward*. Mr. Norick will be bringing copies of the paper for all of us in English, as well as a selection in Russian and Yiddish. All congregation members and their friends are welcome. Come and hear about our future meetings and activities, a social afternoon, and refreshments. Did you know that we are a HAZAK chapter; the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's organization for mature Jews? Membership in our chapter entitles you to participate in activities statewide, as well as throughout the United States.

COME ONE! COME ALL!

**Come in and pick up your
very own
B'nai Tikvah Tsedakah Can!**

New cans are available through the synagogue office. A donation of \$1.00 per can is suggested (to cover the cost of each can).

What is Tsedakah?

The Hebrew word tsedakah means much more than the common definition – "charity". You can guess its true meaning from a related work – tzaddik.

A tzaddik is a righteous person. Therefore, tsedakah means an act of righteousness and justice. Righteousness means to do the right thing, like sharing with those who have less than we do.

To practice tsedakah is one the most important duties of the Jew.

Congregation B'nai Tikvah encourages its membership to provide to the needy of the community. All moneys collected from Tsedakah cans are used to provide food and shelter to those in need.

Bring your FULL Tsedakah cans to B'nai Tikvah's office. Please call ahead (732-297-0696) if you have a large amount of change.

PARENT OF A COLLEGE STUDENT?

Your studious sweetie can receive gift packages from the synagogue for Hanukkah, Purim, and Passover. To register contact Marcy Finkelstein by phone at 609-860-9338 or e-mail to Marcy.Finkelstein@bnaitikvah.org.



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SISTERHOOD

NEW MEMBERS, OLD MEMBERS!! COME ONE, COME ALL!! SISTERHOOD HAS MANY ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR. THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

October 6 - 10:00 AM Don't miss our first meeting. Come see old friends and meet new ones. Jennifer Gold will do a presentation on Global Dancing, a history of music and dance. Come participate and enjoy. (Bring cereal and parmalat as a donation to needy families.)

October 17 - 7:30 PM - Pampered Chef Party- Back by popular demand. Pampered Chef products are quality kitchen gadgets, such as knives, cutting boards, measuring cups pot, pans, etc., etc. Great for your kitchen as well as holiday gifts. Come enjoy an evening of food, drink and fun. Please join us on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7:30PM at the home Jodi Eligberg, 16 Gwyn Dr., No. Brunswick. RSVP to Cheryl Goldstein at 732-821-7845.

October 27 - 9:00AM - 12:00PM - HANUKKAH BAZAAR - Hanukkah is early this year. Come to the Sisterhood Hanukkah Bazaar and buy all your gifts at once. Many items on sale.

November 14 - PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER - Be sure to join us for dinner and entertainment. Pay your dues now so you don't miss out on a fun evening.

Attention all Mah Jongg Players !!! Sisterhood will be selling Mah Jongg cards this year. Don't buy your card anywhere else! Watch for information on our upcoming Mah Jongg tournament.

Torah Fund - Buy a Torah Fund pin for \$180.00. The money goes to support the Jewish Theological Seminary. The Women's League is presently undertaking the expansion of the Kripke Tower at the seminary. If you would like to order a pin or make a donation (large or small), please contact Sandy Levine at 732-940-8744.

Torah Fund Cards can be sent for any occasion. Only \$3.50. Call Sandy Levine at 732-940-8744.

Gift Shop — Give us a call and we'll open just for you! Deborah Spigner (732-545-8457) or Laurie Waltzer (732-329-9580).

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MEN'S CLUB

All Sunday morning Men's Club meetings will start with services at 9 am, to be followed by breakfast and our scheduled program.

October 13
10 am breakfast meeting followed by a visit to the Leon Bibel gallery

November 10
10 am breakfast meeting; Program TBA

Need to contact the Men's Club President.? Reach Steve Katz at Steve.Katz@bnaitikvah.org.



**'That 70's Thing'
is happening at
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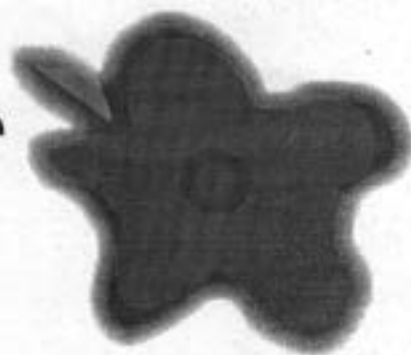
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At first the Imam demurred, but after a number of invitations, the Muslim congregation joined the friendly fray and the Imam came to take his place with the other clergy and participate in the annual Thanksgiving services. Frankly, although I found it interesting, I had my reservations.

This week, while America was paying tribute to our fallen and living heroes of September 11th, there was rioting by Muslim "students" at a Canadian university in Montreal, forcing them to cancel an address by Benjamin Netanyahu. But here in South Brunswick, there was an ecumenical service taking place in the local Mosque, in which our Rabbi took part, and was attended by members of our congregation. Only in America.

I'm proud of America and proud of my South Brunswick Community. My prayer for the Jewish New Year, that what we do here will be emulated widely.

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Chai School Begins Sisterhood Meeting	Board of Directors ROSH CHODESH	50+ Board Meeting Book Club New Beginnings Cantor's Adult Ed Class	Rabbi's Bat Torah Class Rabbi's Adult Ed Class			Bowling League
13 7 Cheshvan	14 8 Cheshvan	15 9 Cheshvan	16 10 Cheshvan	17 11 Cheshvan	18 12 Cheshvan	19 13 Cheshvan
Leon Bibel Gallery Tour Men's Club	Sisterhood Board Mtg. COLUMBUS DAY.	Cantor's Adult Ed Class	Rabbi's Bat Torah Class Rabbi's Adult Ed Class	Ritual Committee	Family Shabbat Service	
20 14 Cheshvan	21 15 Cheshvan	22 16 Cheshvan	23 17 Cheshvan	24 18 Cheshvan	25 19 Cheshvan	26 20 Cheshvan
Race for the Cure	School Board	No Nursery School 50+ General Meeting Cantor's Adult Ed Class	Rabbi's Bat Torah Class Rabbi's Adult Ed Class			
27 21 Cheshvan	28 22 Cheshvan	29 23 Cheshvan	30 24 Cheshvan	31 25 Cheshvan	Candle Lighting 4 th 6:18 11 th 6:06 18 th 5:56 25 th 5:46	<p>NOVEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>
CROP WALK BS Jewish Book Fair Guest: Neil Waldman Sisterhood Hanukkah Bazaar	Executive Committee	Cantor's Adult Ed Class	Rabbi's Bat Torah Class Rabbi's Adult Ed Class	No Religious School		