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# HAKOL

**תניקה**  
**CELEBRATE HANUKKAH!!!**

at the B'nai Tikvah

## FAMILY HANUKKAH PARTY

Monday, December 2, from 6-8pm

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Thursday  
December 12**

Please bring a new-unwrapped children's toy for Tzedakah

## RABBI ELIGBERG ASKS:

Do YOU think you've got a prayer?

*If we don't communicate, you haven't got a prayer. -God  
Talk to Me. -God*

*We really should get to know each other better. -God*

These were part of a series of billboards that appeared throughout the southern United States a few years ago. While the billboards created a bit of a controversy, they also demanded of the reader that they think, if only for a moment, about God. In particular, these messages raised the issue of prayer, of dialogue with the Holy One.

Prayer is a difficult subject to discuss because it is ultimately a very personal, even intimate experience. At least, that is how it is when prayer works. All too often we come away from the endeavor untouched, unmoved and unchanged. This is true for one who prays daily or infrequently. The difference between the two individuals is best reflected in a story told by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, of blessed memory.

In eastern Europe, Heschel relates, certain professions were performed by individuals who traveled from town to town, village to village, providing their service to the people who lived there. Amongst these itinerant workers was a watchmaker. Whenever he arrived in a community he would go to the synagogue. That evening anyone who had a watch that needed repair would bring it along when they came to the evening service. The watches were all placed on one end of a long table. The watchmaker would work deep into the night fixing the watches. Those he repaired were placed at the far end of the long table. The watches he could not repair he returned to their original location.

It happened in one town that amongst the people who brought their watches for repair was the richest man in the community, who left his watch at the end of the long table. The next morning the rich man returns to discover that his was the only watch not repaired. He turns to the watchmaker in anger and demands to know why the watch had not been fixed while even the cheapest of the other watches had been done.

The watchmaker calmly picked up the cheap watch and said to the rich man, "When this man's watch stopped working, he was so in the habit of winding it that he kept on winding it even though it was not running. You, when your watch stopped running, you left it sitting in the drawer and the mechanism inside rusted and because of that I cannot fix it.

Heschel's story teaches us that the routine of prayer is valuable even if it not always efficacious. Personally, there are days when I find my prayers to be rushed and perfunctory. These are probably the days when I need the routine of prayer the most. It is on days like these that the process of praying occasionally succeeds in changing my focus and putting me in the presence of the Holy One. At the least, it has forced me to pause and make the effort.

The first and most important step in the process of prayer is being willing to stop what you are doing. We must get into the habit of winding ourselves up for prayer. Being there puts us into the arena where the action will take place.

More on being there and what to do while you are next month.

*With blessings,  
Rabbi David M. Eligberg*

### "PIKUACH NEFESH" - TO SAVE A LIFE Rabbi Eligberg participates on Hadassah educational panel

Hadassah has launched "Pikuach Nefesh—to Save a Life," an educational program about organ and tissue donation, to help educate the public about the importance of organ donation and to dispel the myth that Judaism prohibits it.

East Brunswick Hadassah will present a panel discussion entitled "Pikuach Nefesh - to Save a Life" at the December 17, 2002 general meeting, to be held at the East Brunswick Jewish Center. The presentation is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. and will be preceded by a Hadassah business meeting at 7:30 p.m. The program is open to the public.

The panel will feature: Rabbi David Eligberg of Congregation B'nai Tikvah, Jewish medical ethics expert Dr. Ira Birnbaum, and representatives of the Sharing Network, an organ transplant agency, including a donor and recipient.

Contact Bonnie Birnbaum, at 732-651-7224 for more information.

## OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

### The Sons of Tikvah Band

*The Sons of Tikvah Band* is becoming a very busy entity. The group performed at the Interfaith Thanksgiving service here at B'nai Tikvah. For the first time, our *Makehlah* joined the band during this performance. The two groups sounded great together and uplifted the spirits of the entire community. Thank you to all the singers and players. Let's do it again!

The Hanukkah party was filled with highlights (and lots of lights.... not to mention

latkes). "*Kol Tikvah*", our new youth chorus, and the band entertained us. The children sounded like angels. Marty Angstreich, our musical director, has worked very hard to make this dream a reality. Marty and all of the performers from our 3 musical groups, have helped me greatly, making music even more meaningful in our synagogue programs.

#### Raise Our Voices for Israel, Saturday, January 11, 2003 at 8PM.

This is a fund raising event for the victims of violence in Israel. We are honored to lend our voices to this community program sponsored by the Federation. Musicians and singing groups from other area synagogues will also be performing. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for students, please contact the synagogue office to buy tickets. *The federation is matching your contribution for this most needed cause.*

#### Shabbat Shirah, Sunday, January 19th at 6:30 PM.

Last year the first time The Sons of Tikvah played publicly was our first annual Shabbat Shirah Sing-a-long. This year, our

lively evening fun filled event year promises to be bigger and and better. This event is open to the entire community. There will be more details in the next *Hakol*.



#### Trumpets, Saxophones or Clarinets?

The band would like to add a brass and woodwind section, and we're looking for experienced players. If you are interested, please contact me by email,

cantor@bnaitikvah.org or by phone, 732-297-0696 extension #3015. We are also looking for additional singers to join our *Makehlah*. For years, a small group of dedicated members, led by Cheryl Asnis, has provided us with choral music on holidays and special occasions, they have also represented B'nai Tikvah at community activates. With the help of Marty Angstreich, who will direct the *Makehlah* this year, the scope of our group will be expanding. Please contact Cheryl or me for more details. We all look forward to hearing you.

#### Update

My article for *Hakol* last month was entitled "*I want to learn how to read Torah!*" I'm very proud of my students' progress, just one month later they are about to prepare to read from the Torah Scroll. We'll be hearing them soon. If you missed this opportunity to join the Trope Class of 2002, you will have another opportunity this coming spring.

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

*B'simcha,  
Cantor Bruce Rockman,*

#### SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

Sunday	9:00 AM	Shahareet	7:30 PM	Mincha/Maari
Monday			7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Tuesday			7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Wednesday			7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Thursday	7:00 AM	Shahareet	7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Friday			8:00 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday	9:30 AM	Shabbat*	PM	Mincha/Maariv**

\* Babysitting available Shabbat morning 10:00—12:00 \*\* As appropriate for the time of year

## SUBMISSION DEAD- LINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF HAKOL IS DECEMBER 15

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

Submissions are subject to available space and editorial constraints. Editorial submissions must be in text format. Do not submit finished advertisements or flyers.

**TEXT:** Send in an email to [Hakol@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:Hakol@bnaitikvah.org). You can also write the article in MSWord, Wordperfect, MSPublisher ONLY and attach it to an e-mail. Don't go wild with funky fonts and wild formatting. Graphics embedded in documents may not import correctly.

**IMAGES AND GRAPHICS:** If you have images or graphics you want to include, we'd prefer high resolution (300 dpi) jpegs.

**SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO:** [Hakol@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:Hakol@bnaitikvah.org), or 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

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

## EXPANSION UPDATE

### From Mitch Frumkin, President

We have made quite a bit of progress since the October update that appeared in Hakol. A complete presentation of the expansion will be made at the Congregational Meeting on Thursday, December 12.

As you know, our expansion plans have been on hold for a number of months as we waited for the results of the wetlands analysis for the proposed construction area. In the last month we received verbal confirmation from the State Inspector that a small area of wetlands does exist in that area. We have worked with the Architect to reconfigure the "footprint" of the expansion. The changes that are necessary to avoid the wetlands area will have only a minimal impact on the proposed building configuration. We will also be rearranging some of the parking within the parking lot and realigning portions of the curbing.

We have also had discussions with the Township regarding the need to "reappear" before the Planning Board. Since the building footprint and total parking will be staying essentially the same as originally proposed we do not expect to be required to go before the Planning Board again. Based on these circumstances, it appears very likely that we will be starting construction in the Spring.

## B'NAI TIKVAH MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS 2002 ATLANTIC CITY BUS RIDE



- December 24, 2002
- Bus Leaves Synagogue parking lot at 6:30 pm promptly
- Upon arrival at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino receive \$20 in coins
- 5 hours of Casino Gambling at the showcase of Atlantic City
- Buses return to synagogue parking lot around 2:30 am, Dec 25
- Members - Cost \$25 per person
- Non-Members - Cost \$30 per person
- Contact: Ed Birch (732) 821-6201 or [edbirch@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:edbirch@bnaitikvah.org)

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

Ann Kanarek, Director

### The December Dilemma

From mid-November through December 25<sup>th</sup>, we have a problem. We are reminded that during this period of time we are outside the mainstream of American life. Christmas music, television specials, advertisements, decorations and commercials are all around us. Wherever you look, "the holiday spirit" fills the air. It is a beautiful time of year.

Acknowledging the reality of a different religious experience does not mean it should be grafted on to Jewish family life. In some cases, people even try to replace Christmas with Chanukah. This is ironic since the story of Chanukah is about NOT ADOPTING the dominant culture. Chanukah is a celebration of how we as a minority prevailed against a non-Jewish culture that was being forced on us.

Joel Grishaver, in his book **40 Things You Can Do to Save the Jewish People**, says to actively go and visit or participate in a non-Jewish friend's Christmas celebration. Have fun, but know and understand, this is not our celebration...then he says invite your non-Jewish friends to come visit and participate in our parties--a Shabbat dinner, a Passover seder, etc. Celebrate that as a Jew you are different! This is not something to be avoided or to be ashamed of--it is something to be proud of.

We need to teach our children about our Jewish holidays and our Jewish heritage. They will come to understand that each religion has its own holidays and observances. They will also begin to understand that our holidays are not in competition with those celebrated by other religions. A positive appreciation and respect must be encouraged. The stronger the experience of Jewish life, the less the attraction to outside influences. So...be active, be proud, and be appreciative of a diverse, free society.

### CHAI SCHOOL "CHAI" LIGHTS

Bend, squat, and pull on a Sunday morning. Is it an exercise class? No, but it was an exercise in doing mitzvot for those in need of food. On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> the teenagers in our "Chai" School, along with their teachers, Sara Chvala, Joel Cohen, Michael Friedman, Philip Gordon, Becky Leventhal, Jenny Kagan, Josh Seigle, Kfir Weinraub and energetic parent volunteers: Arthur Biderman and Bobbi Binder, and the high school class of Har Sinai Temple in Trenton harvested food at Giamarese Farms in East Brunswick. They collected one hundred eighty-one bags of collard greens, which amazingly weighed in at 3600 pounds! The New Jersey Farmers Against Hunger truck was there to whisk nearly 2 tons of food to soup kitchens to feed the hungry. Students got down and dirty in the process, but equipped with garden gloves and determination, the task was an exercise of satisfaction in knowing that those less fortunate would 'reap' the benefits of their reaping!!

### "THE TOWN THAT FOUGHT HATE"

*This program is made possible by contributions made to the Religious School Education Fund and proceeds from the "Wall of Flame" project.*

On Sunday, December 15, the religious schools of Congregation B'nai Tikvah and Congregation Beth El of Somerset will co-sponsor a special entitled presentation by Young Audiences Catskill Puppet Theater's "The Town That Fought Hate."

This puppet play is based on the book *The Christmas Menorah: How A Town Fought Hate\** by Janice Cohn. It is the story of how a community banded together to help young Isaac and his family fight back when they became victims of a hate crime. Everyone is invited to join us in the Social Hall between 10:00 am-11:00 am for this special show. \*(The book is available for purchase in the School Office for \$6.95.)

**Early Session students in the Kindergarten, Alef, Bet, and Gimel classes will have regular class at 9:00 am and will be dismissed at 11:00 am from the Social Hall.**

**Late session Bet and Gimel students should arrive no later than 9:45 am and meet their teacher and class in the Social Hall.** After the performance Late Session students will go back to the classroom until regular dismissal at 12:05 pm. **First and Second grade students and parents:** Ms. Leventhal and Mrs. Edley will save a section of seats so you can be up front and actively participate in the program. Moms and dads are welcome to stay, however, if you choose not to stay, please pick up your child from the Social Hall at the end of the program at 11:00 am.

**Dalet and Gimel students will have regular class as well as an opportunity to join the program.**

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sun. 12/15	"The Town That Fought Hate"
Sun. 12/22—Wed. 1/1	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Winter Break
Thurs. 1/2	Religious School Resumes
Sun. 1/5	Kindergarten PACT Program: The Shema Pajama Party, 9:00 am-10:25 am
Sat. 1/1	Hei Class Shabbat/Luncheon
Sun. 1/19	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Professional Growth Day
Mon. 1/20	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day
Sat. 1/25	Havdallah Service—Grades 3-6, 4:30 pm—6:00 pm
Sun. 1/26	Chai School Special, Theater Ariel
Sat. 2/1	Pajama Havdallah Service, Pre K—Grade 2 with singer/ performer Andi Josef

# NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearson, Director

## We've had a Fantastic Fall!

Rabbi Eligberg and Cantor Rockman helped the Nursery School celebrate the holidays. Their winning combination of puppetry and songs provided a Jewish learning experience in the guise of entertainment.

**Special Trips:** Students and parents enjoyed a trip to either Giamarese Farms or Lee Turkey Farm. Pre-K1 students made a class graph to determine their favorite part of the trip. Their choices: picking a pumpkin, seeing the turkeys, going on the hayride, or taking the school bus. Believe it or not, this class selected riding on the school bus their favorite part of the day!

**Special Programs:** Interesting, educational, slimy, slippery, but not dangerous, would best describe our recent reptile show. The children were shown an array of snakes, iguanas, lizards, and a huge boa constrictor. They enjoyed viewing and even touching many of the reptiles.

The library program, which gives our children the opportunity to take a book home, is proving to be a popular event. Children eagerly wait for their turn to select a favorite book from our book cart. This program would not be possible if not for the dedicated efforts of our library committee.

Our fire safety program was informative and fun. All of our school classes enjoyed seeing the big red fire truck, meeting the volunteer firemen, and learning to "stop, drop and roll" in case of a real fire.

**Holidays:** Our Thanksgiving feasts were a sight to behold with beautifully decorated tables and "classmade" foods. The children were actively involved in preparing the foods and in making Indian headdresses, tom-tom drums, totem-pole centerpieces, pilgrim hats, placemats, and turkeys. After all the preparations were completed, the Pilgrims and Indians sat down and enjoyed their sumptuous Thanksgiving feast with their friends.

**Thanksgiving Tzedakah Project:** During the month of November our children became immersed in learning the Thanksgiving story and began to understand the meaning of the word "thankful". In conjunction with this unit of study, the children were asked what they are thankful for. Their responses were written on paper turkeys and are currently displayed in the nursery school wing. Please stop by and read their wonderful responses!

In our nursery school, the children are taught the meaning of tzedakah. Each Friday, we encourage our children to bring in small amounts of change to help others less fortunate. Therefore, in the spirit of "caring and sharing" we have asked our nursery school parents to participate in our Thanksgiving tzedakah project by making a voluntary donation of \$1.00 or more to be sent to Elijah's Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick for

**Chanukah Celebration:** Our school will enjoy the celebration of Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, when they attend our holiday party on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. All nursery school families and siblings are invited.

We will sing Chanukah songs and light our menorah. Each class will perform a little skit or sing a Chanukah song. One class will be dressed as latkes, another as candles, yet another as Macabees. Our party continues with entertainment from "Ferris the Great". After the show, Pre-K and three-year-old classes will gather with their guests to enjoy latkes with applesauce and munchkins. Gina Giuffre, our music specialist, will be entertaining the two-and-a-half year old and Toddler Fun Club kids with a special holiday program. They, too, will celebrate with refreshments. All children will receive a gift of Chanukah cookies and a dreidel.

**Kids Only Gift Shoppe:** All students will be given an opportunity to select gifts for their families. Parent Advisory Committee volunteers will help the children make their selections and then gift wrap them. Gifts will range in price from fifty-cents to two dollars.

*On behalf of our nursery school staff I wish everyone a Chanukah filled with love, laughter, and lights! Have a safe and happy New Year.*

## Nursery School Open House

Nursery school will have an open house on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00. Refreshments will be served. Referrals welcome - tell your friends, neighbors, and relatives.

## Nursery School Registration

Get ready for the 2003-2004 nursery school registration. Registration will begin on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003. Registration packets will be available after January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### NURSERY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sun. 12/22—Wed. 1/1	NO SCHOOL, Winter Break
Thurs. 1/2	School Resumes
Mon. 1/6	2003-2004 REGISTRATION PACKETS AVAILABLE <i>Temple members receive priority registration and discounted tuition rates.</i>
Wed. 1/8	NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 9:00 am-11:00 am
Mon. 1/27	2003-2004 REGISTRATION BEGINS

## B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

### KADIMA DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec 5/6th	Kadima Shabbaton in Morris Plains
Dec 15th	Movie Night, 6 pm—8 pm at B'nai Tikvah
Dec 29th	Ice Skating at ProSkate (tentative)

Questions? Contact advisor Kfir Weinrab at  
HeyMisterW@aol.com

### FAMILY SHABBAT FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

A children's service is held on the *third Friday*  
night of each month at 7:00 PM.

### TOT SHABBAT SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICES

3—5 Year Olds: December 7  
5 -7 Year Olds: December 14

10 am—11 am Babysitting  
11 am—12 pm Tot Shabbat

### Mommy & Me Program Registration

Registration is now taking place for January 2003. Registration packets are available in the nursery school office. *Temple members receive priority registration and discounted tuition rates.*

#### Classes with parent/caregiver:

Tots (12-18 months), Tykes (18-24 months)

#### Classes without parent/caregiver:

Toddler Fun Club (24-30 months)

## USY

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On November 16th, USY had their first ever Youth Shabbat. Every aspect of the service was completed by USYers. We led Shacharit, read Torah and Haftorah, chanted Musaf, and did it all with a little ruach. Although we did lose our place in the Torah many times, and not everyone knew their parents Hebrew names, we pulled through proud. This is what USY accomplishes. We become independent Jews who can knowledgeably lead ourselves. This will become a monthly service and the congregation is welcome to visit and see what we do. The service will also be open to Kadima and any other teenagers not affiliated with USY or Kadima.

Also, USY will be collecting new or gently used books, toys, kosher candy, etc. for needy children this holiday season. There will be a box to donate your items in outside the youth lounge.

Rafi Glazer is also selling bracelets that have the name of a victim of Palestinian terrorism on them. They will be sold for \$5 and proceeds go to a fund for the victims. Rafi will be in the synagogue lobby on Sunday morning or you can contact him at 732/398/0112.

Elyse Ross  
V.P. Communications



### USY DECEMBER CALENDAR

December 7th	Youth Service/USY Shabbat
December 8th	Day at the Movies—8 Crazy Nights
December 19th	Israeli Fair—Israeli music, food, and more!

## EVENT PROGRAM ADVERTISING



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## ISRAEL VENDOR DAY

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### ADVERTISING RATES:

Inside Cover	\$500
Back Cover	\$500
Full Page	\$360
Half Page	\$200
Quarter Page	\$125
Business Card	\$50
Well Wisher	\$36

Include a photo-ready copy of your advertisement or text, as you would like it to appear. Please do not staple copy.

Return your this form, along with your tax-deductible check, payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegans Lane, North Brunswick, New Jersey 08816.

Make some  
noise about the  
**SILENT**



**AUCTION**

**DONATIONS  
ARE  
NEEDED!**

Suggested items could include (but are not limited to) sports memorabilia, theater and sporting event tickets, gift certificates for goods and services, electronic appliances, jewelry, time at a vacation home.

Contact:

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What a "Bonanza"... like a  
"Mission Impossible" to have an  
"All in the family", "Close Encounter",  
**"THREE DOG NIGHT"** It'll be a **"Rocky"**...  
"Saturday Night Fever" evening complete  
with **"Grease"** and "Shampoo" in your "Hair",  
and **"Jaws"** filled with "Ice Castles" ... This  
"Poseidon Adventure" with "Love American Style"  
will have even **"The Mod Squad"** trying to "Hustle"!  
Only the likes of **"Superman"** or "the Fonz"  
could stop this from happening!  
What in **"Star Wars"** are we talking about!?



**happening on**  
**Saturday, January 25th, 2003**  
**7:30 pm - 11:30pm**  
**at**  
**Congregation B'nai Tikvah**  
**North Brunswick, New Jersey**

**DJ Music of the 70's**  
**Open Bar and Dinner Buffet**  
**Games, Prizes...**  
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**\$49.95**  
**per person**

**70's Casual**

## B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

### SOCIAL ACTION . . . SOCIAL ACTION

The next meeting of the Social Action Committee will take place on *January 21, following minyan*. ALL WELCOME

The Social Action committee wants to thank all those who donated coats, jackets, snowpants, mittens, and gloves during the months of September and October. We collected over 150 coats/jackets! These winter items have been given to an inner city school in New Brunswick. The parents and children from this school were extremely appreciative. A special thanks to Amy Smith and Lisa Tannenbaum for their help. The drive is officially over. Please save all other coats for next year. Please do not bring them to the synagogue.

Thanks also go out to all those who donated money for the two South Brunswick families who were burned out of their homes. Because of your generosity, we were able to sponsor one family at the Red Roof Inn for one week and contribute toward the security deposit for the other family.

For information regarding this committee, call Janice Baer at 732-940-0268 or [Janice.Baer@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:Janice.Baer@bnaitikvah.org)

#### February

#### Food Drive

To replenish the food banks

#### March

#### Passover Food Drive

### Employment Opportunities, Resources, & Contacts:

There's now a place on our website where people can post job openings and job seekers can post their resumes. Job seekers who want their resumes posted, should email them as a WORD attachment to: [Webmaster@BnaiTikvah.org](mailto:Webmaster@BnaiTikvah.org).

If you know of any opportunities in your company or organization, or if you can provide assistance of any kind, please contact the Social Action Committee or visit [Bnaitikvah.org/jobs.html](http://Bnaitikvah.org/jobs.html) and fill-out the form.

### FIFTY PLUS GROUP LAUGHS IT UP

The Fifty Plus Group will meet on *Tuesday, December 17, at 12:30 P.M.* in the social hall of the Synagogue. Join us for a delicious luncheon prepared by our own Classical Caterers, and enjoy Mr. Steve Lanzman's comedy routine, "Laughter is the Best Medicine."

The cost for the afternoon is \$5.00 for paid-up members, \$10.00 for guests. Please call Annette at 732-297-3562 before December 6. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!

At this meeting we'll discuss our future plans, including a 5-day stay at Kutsher's early in April. (*The editors of Hakol say, "Go to Kutsher's. It will change your life!" Believe them. Did you know that Nancy and Paul Zankel met at Kutsher's almost 24 years ago? And during Passover, no less!*)

### MAKELAH

The Makelah joined Cantor Rockman and Marty Angstreich with the Sons of Tikvah Band to represent the Congregation at the interfaith Thanksgiving service held at B'nai Tikvah this year. The medlies presented emphasized the themes of peace, friendship and respect for others. The Makelah plans to participate in many other synagogue events during the year.

Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are invited to join the B'nai Tikvah Makelah. Questions? You can call Cantor Rockman at 732-297-0696, Cheryl Asnis at 732-297-5379, or Gina Gerstein at 732-329-1198.

### WWW.BNAITIKVAH.ORG

#### WHERE CAN I FIND IT?

#### WHY DIDN'T I KNOW

If there's a document, guideline, or written policy that you think should be made available to the Congregation, chances are very good it's already on our website but, perhaps you can't find it because it's not properly linked or indexed.

At the top of the Blue Index on the left of our website home page, there is a "Google Search". Just type one or two words to describe what you need and click the "GO" button. You also have the option to search the entire internet. If you still can't find it, let the [Webmaster@BnaiTikvah.Org](mailto:Webmaster@BnaiTikvah.Org) know.

### B'NAI MITZVAH MENTORS MONITOR MODESTY

Donations of cardigan sweaters in girl, teen, and adult sizes would be greatly appreciated, so that we may offer them as "cover-ups" during services in order to maintain a proper and modest dress code in our Sanctuary.

Please hang your items in the front right corner of the coat room marked as a donation to the "Modesty Mission."

*Dear Congregation B'nai Tikvah,*

*Thank you for your generosity  
during my family's time of need.*

*Words can't express how thankful  
we are for your support.*

*Sincerely,  
Jennifer Yelmin*

Jennifer Yelmin's family was one of two South Brunswick families left homeless after a fire last month. As always, members of CBT responded when an appeal was made by the Social Action Committee.

## B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

### MEN'S CLUB

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

**Sunday, Dec. 8:** Breakfast meeting; Program TBA

**Sunday, Jan. 12:** Joint program with Sisterhood. Details in this month's Sisterhood column.

### SISTERHOOD

**Sunday, December 15 at 10AM:** "This Month is for You"...learn about the History, Ritual and Practices of Rosh Hodesh. Join us for breakfast. Come and see old friends and meet new ones.

**Sunday, Jan. 12 at 10AM:** This is a JOINT PROGRAM WITH MEN'S CLUB. A bagels and lox breakfast will be served. RSVP to Hadas in the Synagogue office by Jan. 8th. Guest speaker will be Allen Weg, a well-regarded psychologist and B'nai Tikvah member. Dr. Weg will speak about "couples issues."

**Sunday, February 9 at 10AM:** The History of Chinese Jews.  
Kosher Chinese food will be served.

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Supermarket scrip is available in \$5, \$10 and \$20 amounts with \$25 and \$50 offered for most stores in our area. It is available at A&P (Superfresh, Waldbaums & Food Emporium honors this scrip), Acme, Foodtown, Grand Union, McCaffreys, Pathmark, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop and Wild Oats.

**HOW TO PURCHASE SCRIP:** 1) On Sunday mornings during religious school hours; 2) call/visit the synagogue office; 3) on-line at [www.bnaitikvah.org](http://www.bnaitikvah.org); 4) contact one of the committee members.

**NOTE:** Foodtown and Grand Union scrip will soon become only memories. If you have purchased scrip from either of these stores in the past or want to buy some, it may be a good idea to "stock pile" the scrip before it is too late.

*This month's hint:* Need to give a gift to someone "who has everything?" Even if this is remotely true, this "someone" still needs to eat. The scrip committee is pleased to offer a generic gift certificate that you may gift. The "giftee" can trade in the certificate for scrip of his/her choice. It's close to a perfect gift!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** If you drink 12/31/02 away, don't drive. We want you here in 2003.

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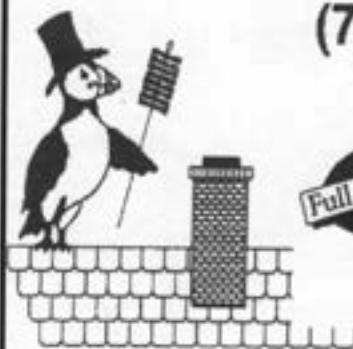
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<b>8</b> 13 Tevet  Men's Club	<b>9</b> 4 Tevet  Sisterhood Board	<b>10</b> 5 Tevet  Book Club Cantor's Adult Ed Class New Beginnings	<b>11</b> 6 Tevet  Rabbi's Bat Torah Class Rabbi's Adult Ed Class	<b>12</b> 7 Tevet  Congregational Meeting	<b>13</b> 8 Tevet	<b>14</b> 9 Tevet Bar Mitzvah Ethan Suttner  Bowling League
<b>15</b> 10 Tevet Kadima Movie Night School Puppet Show Sisterhood Meeting FAST DAY	<b>16</b> 11 Tevet  School Board	<b>17</b> 12 Tevet  50+ General Meeting Cantor's Adult Ed Class	<b>18</b> 13 Tevet  Rabbi's Bat Torah Class Rabbi's Adult Ed Class	<b>19</b> 14 Tevet  USY Israeli Fair Ritual Committee	<b>20</b> 15 Tevet  Family Shabbat Service	<b>21</b> 16 Tevet
<b>22</b> 17 Tevet  Start of Schools Winner Break	<b>23</b> 18 Tevet	<b>24</b> 19 Tevet	<b>25</b> 20 Tevet  Office Closed	<b>26</b> 21 Tevet	<b>27</b> 22 Tevet	<b>28</b> 23 Tevet
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