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What? No Jewish Holidays in January? Just wait!

Men's Club & Sisterhood



***Saturday* Evening, January 28**

Details inside

From Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

An Investment



We recently held a donor recognition breakfast for the major donors who helped us burn the mortgage, and thereby put our congregation on a firm financial footing for many years to come. At the urging of the Burn the Mortgage campaign committee, I would like to share with you my remarks that day:

We just finished the parsha where we read about our father Abraham buying a burial place for his beloved Sarah. The purchase cost him 400 shekels. Now, we know that when King David bought the land on which the Temple was going to be built, it only cost 50 shekels. So Abraham was prepared to pay 8 times as much to get that burial place for Sarah. That's very odd. Jews have a reputation for being good at bargaining, and probably, when Abraham was told the asking price of 400 shekels, the seller was assuming that Abraham would come with a counteroffer. Instead, Abraham jumps on it, taking it immediately. He wasn't going to take any chances on letting the deal fall through. He has to get it done.

Why the great urgency?

One of the explanations for this is that G-d had told Abraham that his descendants would be in Egypt for 400 years—and then come back to the Land. So the 400 shekels corresponded to the 400 years. The 400 shekels were a promise of return, a promise of great riches, a fulfillment of G-d's promise. An investment.

And that's exactly what we did here. Or more exactly, what you did here. The price was almost \$400,000. You did not wait, you did exactly what needed to be done, when it needed to be done. With a looming 8% interest rate, that would have cost an extra \$24,000 a year, if my math is correct. A crushing burden on the congregation.

So this campaign was very much an investment in our future. Think about what can be done with that money, roughly \$100,000 a year. Think about what can be done for our kids, what can be done for our families, what can be done in the Religious School, what can be done for the elderly. What can be done for the congregation as a whole.

And let me say one last thing. If you look around the room right now, there's something really wonderful about this. This was not done by three guys sitting around a table at the country club. Just look who we have here. It's really a reflection of the congregation. You've got some younger people and some older people. You've got some people that are in shul often and some people who aren't in shul that often (I know who you are). You've got some people who are absolutely ferbrent for our Israel programming at CBT, and some people who are just into having good social events at CBT. You've got people who are really into learning, and people who are just into having fun.

The most important thing is the community you have formed. So paying off the mortgage is not merely some economic thing, as important as that is. It's something that brought the community together in a very, very beautiful way. To you, the major donors, from the bottom of my heart, and speaking for everyone else in the congregation, Kol Hakavod Lachem, all honor to you, who helped us achieve this milestone.

HAKOL — The Newsletter of

Congregation B'nai Tikvah, JCC of North & South Brunswick
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From the Desk of Cantor Rockman

ISRAEL 75 & L'dor Vador are Coming!



BIG NEWS-Sunday, April 30 will be a very special day in our history at B'nai Tikvah. We will celebrate Yom Haatzmaut 2023, the 75th anniversary of the independence of our modern State of Israel with a magnificent community-wide event. Throughout the world, in Israel in particular, the glorious diamond anniversary of Israel's freedom and accomplishment epitomizes Jewish pride and our contribution to the world.

Our annual Falafel Ball, in commemoration of Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut, will be held on April 26. Our second big event, to be held on April 30, will mark the return of our **L'dor Vador Concert**. This year we will feature Magda and Shorashim, an exciting Israeli band.

Our joyful celebration of Israel will include a day of activities for our entire community. This event is being co-sponsored by our members, David & Cindy Teicher, the Federation in the Heart of New Jersey, B'nai Tikvah, and more sponsors to be added. We are planning for this to be the largest gathering in honor of Israel in our area this year.

Throughout the day, events for all ages will take place at CBT, including a Mega-PJ Library fair for our youngest families. With our partners we will highlight Israeli travel and organizations which are the backbone of Israel promise, epitomizing the Jewish People's commitment to repairing the world, Tikun Olam. Of course we will also feature Israeli food, Israeli products, arts and culture.

B'nai Tikvah is so well suited to host such a spectacular day thanks to our commitment to Israel and our oversized dedication to the Jewish community which is represented by our leadership in the Federation in the Heart of New Jersey and other leading Jewish organizations such as JNF, Hadassah, USY, Israel Bonds and Friends of the IDF.

Israel 75 and L'dor Vador represent our overwhelming gratitude to G-d and all of our blessings. So many of our brothers and sisters have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we and our children are now experiencing a Jewish homeland in our time. We must be ever vigilant in our love and support of Israel. Let's rejoice and celebrate L'dor Vador, from Generation to Generation.

Lashana habaah birushalayim-Next Year in Jerusalem!
Please contact me directly if you would like to be a supporter of this great event.

Social Action

We're Back



Laura Waksman

After a brief hiatus, I am happy to share that Social Action is back and eager to continue its mission of caring for our own members in need and for the greater Jewish and general communities. Thanks to your generous donations to the Social Action Fund, we were able to help our fellow congregants in the last month.

If you are struggling to pay bills or keep food on the table, please contact Lesley, Rabbi Wolkoff, Cantor Rockman, or me. We try our best to help or to find help for you. All calls are confidential. While I am on the topic of Ahavat Yisrael, love for your fellow Jew, I must mention a charity which is a gem in our midst; Jewish Social Service Committee of New Brunswick and Highland Park - jssnb.org. For more than 100 years, they have been the only all volunteer organization providing financial help to Jews in Middlesex County. As they have no expenses, every dollar donated is used to help their clients.

We recently completed our winter clothing drive to benefit Homefront of Lawrenceville, Homefrontnj.org, and Elijah's Promise of New Brunswick, elijahspromise.org. Thank you to those of you who donated. The response was tremendous, and the clothing was in beautiful condition, some new with tags. Todah rabah to Shelly Talmud for organizing the drive, and to Steve Talmud, Marcia and Gary Wesalo, and Mitch Frumkin for sorting the clothing and bringing it to Homefront.

In January, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr day of service, we will be painting canvases with inspiring quotes and uplifting pictures to be hung on the walls of Youth Advocate Programs Inc, yapinc.org, of New Brunswick. They are a social justice non-profit serving youth ages 14-17 that provides community-based alternatives to youth incarceration and congregate placements. We hope to further support their good work, changing the trajectory of the lives of at risk youth.

We welcome new members, new ideas, and new conversations.

B'yachad.....together.....let's make a difference,
Laura
Laurawaksman@gmail.com

From President Charles Valan

A CAPE CAN BE WORN BY ANYONE WHO CARES



Imagine breaking your finger on your dominate hand and despite your own needs or even restrictions that come with it, your thoughts are still focused on others. Well, once again (as she does too often to measure), our Cantorina Stacey Rockman stepped up to ensure we were able to proceed with shared Shabbat Services right after Thanksgiving, while our Cantor was experiencing personal discomfort and couldn't make it that day. To say our Cantor is Superman (as I previously referenced a few months back) was a statement of love and appreciation, but naturally he's human like all of us and you can never tell when anyone of us won't be able to perform any of our daily commitments.

Stacey had every justified rational on her own front to let the process proceed as best it could, but that's not in her nature. She woke up early, took care of the Cantor's immediate needs, and proceeded to walk to B'nai Tikvah with Rafi to do an incredible job working together (mother and son) with Rabbi Wolkoff to bring us a beautiful morning Shabbat service. But does this surprise any of us that have so often witnessed the generosity and commitment of our Cantor's entire family? I've said it before and I'll say it again, when love of others is put first and foremost in your heart, there are no boundaries or challenges that will stand in your way. Rafi's handling of the service preceding the Torah Service was simply incredible to experience and both Stacey and Rafi deserve such appreciation for the morning of November 26.

Personally, I always find such a place in my own heart for those who inspire me to be a better and more caring person. Writing every month to all of you always requires a spark of inspiration as I like to think of myself as someone who focuses his energy from his passion. Recently, I have witnessed the emotions of many of our family members in a variety of different ways. At various points in our services, you can see faces and hear their voices and know they're feeling something in what they're hearing and personally taking a hold of it from how it's speaking to them; their thoughts and their lives.

Our Jewish Community is always going through so much, especially during these more challenging times. Recently, I read an article that clearly stated hate crimes against religious houses are alarmingly up. But those numbers are at their highest levels against the Jewish people. I know I talk a lot

about involvement, caring, and devotion to all aspects of a Jewish Community, not as a lecturer, but as someone who's sharing his personal passion on the subject matter. Having recently attended some Shivas of our members, you can see the overall appreciation of the friendliness of being there in support of someone you might not have even previously known. Knowing someone and showing someone you care should never walk hand in hand from my perspective. We should all want to be there for people that are in immediate need, especially in a community like ours.

There is a wild card, though, when it comes to religion in any form. Those who are practicing the same faith can relate and exchange with a greater sense of belonging than those from outside the traditions. B'nai Tikvah is our Jewish Community; home base of everything that we can embrace as a Jewish individual. Significantly different, but somewhat the same, was my experiences on high school and college Track & Cross Country teams. It immediately not only brought me to passionate competition and an environment where I could train, but immediately gave me a support network of many fellow teammates to whom I could look for help, guidance, and support beyond just the athletics.

When my Mom passed away in 2017, I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love I felt from the many who visited my home. It was at those moments, surrounded by my community, that I felt not so alone, sad, and depressed. Of course I missed my Mom, but the distractions of conversation and hearing the many positive thoughts of those that knew what the visit was all about, was saying to me, "This is such a valued asset of a community that understands what I am feeling." Not all of us are blessed with more friends than we can count and naturally most of us have friends that can't be defined by a single religious affiliation. But at that moment, not one visitor was more or less than the other. What impacted me the most were all those from the B'nai Tikvah Community who said to me, "Right now, your religious family is here for you." Overwhelming pride and love in my heart.

Our services, events, celebrations, and moments of support are all part of who we are and what this community should mean to each of us. No one should ever force people to act in a certain way, but positive actions should be what our community is all about. Think of it as the embrace of wrapping yourself around Judaism. We are as large or small as we all want to be when you think about B'nai Tikvah. Looking overwhelmingly large is such a great feeling. Just a thought to digest.

A cape can be worn by anyone who cares. But a community cape... well, that's one worthy of all of us.

Timeless Wisdom That Will Enrich Your Life!



Sandy Sharon

A review of: “*Reflections on Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers): Not Just What My Rebbe Taught Me*” by Joseph G. Rosenstein

Looking for a book that contains timeless wisdom, teachings of the sages from about 300 BCE to 200 CE, what those teachings meant then, what they mean now, and history galore? Look no more! You will love reading *Reflections on Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers): Not Just What My Rebbe Taught Me* by Joseph G. Rosenstein. Professor Rosenstein gives a teaching (called a mishnah) from a sage, and then not only explains the meaning of the mishnah, but also gives the historical context of the mishnah, followed by an ethical principle that he derives from the mishnah. Sometimes, he even includes an interesting personal story related to the mishnah.

For example, in Mishnah 2:19: “Rabbi Tarfon also said: It is not your obligation to complete the task, but you don’t have permission to walk away from it.” Professor Rosenstein includes some biographical information about Rabbi Tarfon. We learn that this teaching of Rabbi Tarfon encouraged Professor Rosenstein to continue writing this book and how this teaching influenced an event in 2021. There is even a link to a song based on this mishnah.

Another example is from Mishnah 3:19. This Mishnah includes: “Everything goes according to the preponderance of one’s works.” Professor Rosenstein quotes Maimonides’ example: “...if a person gave 1000 dinarim to one person..., this one great deed will not accustom him to the quality of generosity to the same degree as if he gave 1 dinar to 1000 different people...” Professor Rosenstein then supplies the Ethical Principle: “Make a habit of doing good deeds regularly in order to build positive traits into your character.” What a great goal to strive for!

Professor Rosenstein’s vast knowledge, wisdom, and great insights are evident throughout the book. Make sure you also read the informative and fascinating footnotes.

What could be even better than studying this book on your own? Taking a 6 week course, discussing the mishnayot (plural of mishnah) and ethical principles with Professor Rosenstein! I thoroughly enjoyed learning

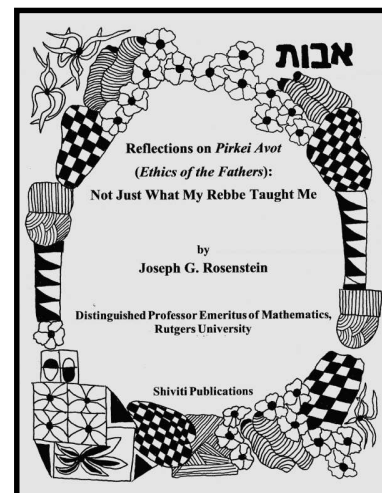
from him and the others in this course. (Mishnah 4:1 Who is wise? Those who learn from every person.) This is an opportunity not to be missed! He challenges his students to think carefully about what the mishnayot mean. Professor Rosenstein taught the course with lovingkindness, which is one of the things that the world stands upon (Mishnah 1:2).

Professor Rosenstein gives 69 ethical principles to aspire to live by. At the end of the book, he puts related ethical principles together into categories. For example, all the ethical principles that discuss relationships with other people are grouped together. All that discuss anger are grouped together.

In Mishnah 1:12, Hillel said: “Be of the disciples of Aaron, loving peace and pursuing peace, loving all people, and bringing them closer to Torah.” It is evident from both his book and from his course that Professor Rosenstein is a disciple of Aaron. He is a blessing to the world and so is his book *Reflections on Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers): Not Just What My Rebbe Taught Me*.

Your reflections on *Reflections on Pirkei Avot* will enrich your life and will inspire you to become a better person. The reflected light you see from *Reflections on Pirkei Avot* will brighten your life! You may even help put a smile on someone else’s face. Mishnah 1:15 says: “Greet other people cheerfully; a smile goes a long way.”

Go buy this wonderful book and sign up for Professor Rosenstein’s next insightful and thoughtful Pirkei Avot course at his website: joerosenstein.com Do it now! For, as Hillel said in Mishnah 1:14, “... ‘if not now, then when?’”



B’nai Tikvah is fortunate to host Professor Joseph Rosenstein’s presentation soon (TBA) of his book *Reflections on Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers): Not Just What My Rebbe Taught Me*. Come hear his talk, which will inspire you to take his Pirkei Avot course (based on his book), beginning on Wednesday April 19, 2023.



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Cheryl Crick

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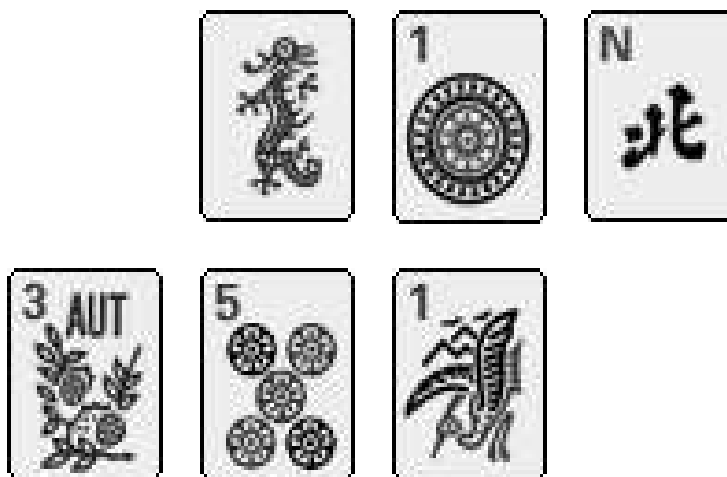
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Shomrei Tikvah Fund

Brenda & Mark Sherman, in loving memory of Arlene Frumkin's sister, Linda Lakin
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Bat Mitzvah Haley Rykus



Daughter of Shari & Lee Rykus
January 14

Youth Updates



Sydney Sookerman

December was filled with Chanukah fun for USY (9th to 12th graders) and USY Gesher (6th to 8th graders). We joined the CBT December Shabbat dinner series and services and enjoyed latkes and all things fried and delicious. Additionally, we had a book club event with Rabbi Wolkoff, USYers read the book *Jews Don't Count*, a book written by David Baddiel, published in 2021, which attacks the ignorance of anti-semitism by modern-day progressives compared to other forms of discrimination. The book is centered on various examples of anti-semitism in popular and social media, as well as justifications of modern-day anti-semitism. Baddiel argues that Jews are not seen as a proper minority group, and he also argues that there exists a hierarchy of racisms, which excludes anti-semitism. A must read and if you think YOU don't need to read it, that's just the clue to know you do.' (*Sarah Silverman*) USYers enjoyed a conversation with Rabbi Wolkoff about Jews as a minority, anti-Semitism, allies of anti-semitism, college campuses and more. We then concluded December with our annual Krispy Kreme fundraiser and joined the religious school Chanukah party where we had USYers volunteer at tables, including edible dreidels. Thank you to Jordyn Weintraub, our Social Action/Tikkun Olam VP, our President Rafi Rockman, and USYers, Ethan Goldberger, Dahlia Wolkoff, and Reese Krane, for volunteering their time. Lastly, we joined the CBT Chanukah party. Fun was had all around.

[A Thank you from our Social Action/Tikkun Olam VP, Jordyn Weintraub](#)

NSBUSY would like to thank the congregation for supporting our Krispy Kreme Fundraiser! We were also able to give back to the community. We donated several boxes of donuts to nutrition and housekeeping workers at Penn Medicine Princeton Medical Center. This fundraiser wouldn't be possible without the support of our amazing synagogue. We hope everyone enjoyed their donuts and had a wonderful Chanukah!

It's Back! Calling all USYers and USY Gesher. Saturday Night, January 14. 6:30 - 9:00 pm in the CBT Youth Lounge, Chinese Food & Movie Night, hosted by North/South Brunswick USY! \$15 per person. Bring cash for movie auction. All proceeds go to our chosen charity. RSVP using the link in our Instagram bio or in the constant contact emails for nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com We hope to see you there! Happy New Year!

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Jill Stone



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CBT Book Club

The December 13th book club discussion was a HYBRID meeting, only a handful came to the in-person discussion and a screen-full were on zoom.



Lynn Biderman

The *Matzah Ball* by Jean Meltzer was not anyone's favorite, but we did have an excellent, engaging discussion touching on aspects of health, religion, friendship, and love.

Our next book: *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich
 Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023
 Place: In-person at the home of Lisa Seidman
 Details TBD.

Healthy, Happy New Year wishes to all of you.

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2 - USY Board Meeting	16 - Sisterhood Board Meeting, 8pm
4 - Lunch & Learn, 12pm	16 - CBT office closed in observance of MLK Day
5 - Rabbi Thursday Evening Q&A, 8pm	18 - Lunch & Learn, 12pm
7 - JCFS (Junior Congregation Family Services)	18 - Sisterhood Book Club
8 - Rabbi Wolkoff's "2nd Sunday" Hot Topics from a Jewish Perspective	18 - Religious School In-Person
8 - USY Hagalil Regional "Convention" 3:30-7pm in Cranford	21 - USY Joins Shabbat Services
9 - CBT Board Meeting, 8pm	21 - JCFS (Junior Congregation Family Services)
11 - Lunch & Learn, 12pm	22 - JWLT (Jewish Women Learning Together)
14 - USY & USY Gesher - Chinese Food / Movie Night, 6:30-9:00pm	25 - Lunch & Learn, 12pm
14 - Haley Rykus Bat-Mitzvah	28 - Men's Club/Sisterhood Game Night
15 - NO Religious School	30 - USY Board Meeting

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