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From Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

Wandering Through The Wilderness



How odd are the trajectories of our lives! Writing on the eve of parshat bamidbar—“In the wilderness”—it occurs to me that our lives really are a wilderness. Filled with great beauty, great dangers, triumphs and tragedies, moments of glorious spiritual fullness and painful spiritual emptiness.

Above all, our wilderness is a place of complete unpredictability. We never know what is waiting for us around the corner. Or who. Statistics tell us that on average we move 12 times in our lifetime. Personally, just counting major moves, I’m at eight, including six states, three countries, and three continents. And the one thing I have found, through all that wandering, is that there are truly fine people everywhere—kind, smart, memorable people—holy people, that enrich our lives immeasurably.

There is little explanation for how and why we meet these people. It is perhaps the best example of divine grace that I can think of. Nor can we predict how long we will be in contact with them, or how long it will take until the full power of the relationship will be felt. Sometimes, it can only take a minute.

After my return from Sweden, Ruth-Ann z”l and I had to make a decision of what kind of congregation to consider. Should it be the kind of large 1,000 plus family congregation I was used to, or something smaller and more manageable?

We asked my mentor, Rabbi Bill Horn of Summit, NJ (perhaps better known to many as Dassy Mark’s abba) why he had stayed in a relatively small congregation in Summit when he could have been a rabbi virtually anywhere. His answer was this: “Do you know the greatest accomplishment of my career?” [this from the guy who had been the national rabbinic advisor to U.S.Y. for decades]. That I never missed one of my kids’ school assemblies.” Ruth-Ann and I looked at each other, looked at Rabbi Horn, and thanked him. And in that moment, made a decision that shaped the rest of our lives. That’s how we came to B’nai Tikvah!

Such is the power of the miraculous people we meet. Over the course of time, they drift in and out of our lives, as we do theirs, shaping the wilderness and giving it meaning. They make life vibrant, and worth living. And filled with warmth and laughter.

With that in mind, I want to make note of the fact that our dear congregants, Gary and Bobby Bergman, will be moving shortly to Florida. There is not space in this article to review all that they have done for so many. Whether it was greeting us on the High Holy Days, or rescuing our computers from PC Hell (and making a joke about it—“Why is the computer so slow today?” “Yesterday, it had a hard drive...”), the Bergmans have always been there for us. And they will be missed.

Of course, these days when having a conversation means two people sitting at the same table and texting to each other, we will still retain some shadow of their presence (hopefully a large one). And when Florida is entirely underwater, they are welcome home to NJ. But in the meantime, let me say to Gary and Bobby, on behalf of all of us—it’s been a blessing. Safe travels.



Gary & Bobby Bergman

From the Desk of Cantor Rockman

We Have Plenty to Celebrate!



The backbone of B'nai Tikvah is our many volunteers, the passion, the extraordinary people and initiatives that are created here. As we learn from our sages, it is not our responsibility to complete the job but we are always expected to try. We are accountable.

Bret Stephens recently wrote an opinion piece in the New York Times, titled *At 75, Israel Has Plenty to Celebrate*. In it he wrote "Israel is not a country that defines itself in terms of what it's against, what it's not, or who has done what to it. There is also an affirmative vision of Israeli identity, centered on the ideal of a renovated and renewed Jewish civilization within which its citizens can find prosperity, a sense of purpose and relative security."

For generations, our ancestors have remained steadfast in their determination to remain true to our destiny, to be a thriving and compassionate people, fulfilling our dreams and promise throughout the world and particularly in our homeland, Israel.

The establishment of the modern state of Israel offers Jews throughout the world a sense of "purpose and relative security". How grateful are we? We often use the tagline "at B'nai Tikvah we can!" Yes, we are able to say this during these messy times in a confused world thanks to our steadfast knowledge that we have a purpose. However you understand your commitment as a Jewish person, whether it is tikkun olam-repairing the world, bikur cholim-caring for those who are ill, gemilut chasadim-doing acts of kindness-caring for

the needy, or simply living in the service of G-d, it is our responsibility to grow, make an impact, to be accountable.

I, like many of you, can remember the days when it seemed like there was a b'nai mitzvah every Shabbat; it was special. Now, a new generation of members is growing in our religious school. The numbers are modest but our congregation is filled with the same excitement that we experienced when our kids were growing up at B'nai Tikvah. Our newer parents are adding their creativity and energy along with new perspectives, while guided by Jewish values, based on traditions that they too hold dear. B'nai Tikvah is filled with hope for the future.

I am grateful for all that we have accomplished this year—all of the awesome Shabbat dinners, the excellent attendance at minyan, the simchas and WAM programs that we celebrated together, the wonderful religious school and PJ family events. All were so much fun! And our continuing commitment and celebration of Israel @75 with the return of the L'dor Vador concert was amazing!

Todah-B'simcha! Thank you-with Joy!

Daily Service Schedule

Sunday	9:00 am - 7:30 pm
Monday	7:30 pm
Tuesday	7:30 pm
Wednesday	7:30 pm
Thursday	8:00 am - 7:30 pm
Friday	6:30 pm
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From President Charles Valan

HAS IT BEEN A YEAR?



Well, what you're reading is in the June edition of Hakol which marks one year that I have been so honored to be President of B'nai Tikvah. It has been such an incredible ride thus far. Being a realist has always been my main form of communication and I won't noodle around it here. Most of this experience has been wonderful, although there have been a few bumps along the way. But that is life in general. We aren't always going to be able to find 100% appreciation, agreement, or satisfaction in anything we set our sights on doing. What we can do is find the love in the effort, and not focus our attention on the negative.

Let me begin by saying thanks. Thanks to whom?

First and foremost, thanks to my wife Laurie. Laurie, to say you're the rock, the foundation, the love, the caring, and the reason I wake up every morning smiling the same way I go to bed every night would be an understatement, you're even MORE. I am better overall sharing a world with you.

To my children: I think we all envision a world better than the one we have lived, for our children. I love my connection to my children and Laurie's kids because they're my constant reminder in the beauty the next stage of life can be. As a child, I never understood this "parent pride thing". Now that I am here as the parent of young adults, living in this space makes me say, "Now I understand what my parents felt."

Now, my CBT Family, starting with our clergy. Rabbi Wolkoff, you have been through so much over the last few years and yet, you've always spoken from strength. Not just strength for your children, but for all of us at CBT. You've shown all of us what it means to forge ahead in life. We never know how much time we have and therefore, use each day with empathy, compassion, and wisdom. Cantor Rockman, Stacey, Bashe, and Rafi..... all of your love and support is evident in your pouring your heart into the smallest of programs to the largest. The recent 75th Birthday of Israel celebration at CBT was your vision and you rallied with the Federation for involvement, only making CBT more of a community leader and bringing our membership a place to celebrate right here at our religious home. Thank you for that and all!!!! Our Administrator, Lesley Lewkowicz, has broken down every aspect of the management of the business at CBT and has devoted herself to the advancing of process and technology. None of this would have happened without you. Special thanks also to Marci Abschutz, who has taken on a critical office role helping Lesley. Lastly, Julio, who has made sure each and every CBT issue has been handled with care.

Switching to the current Board: Everyone needs to understand, that this board has aggressively taken the role of post pandemic activities and process with such pride and dedication. Your Executive Committee and Board has put in many overtime days

and nights to ensure the calendar remained full. The only goal was engagement and community building.

Thank you all so much for EVERYTHING you've put out there for our community.

Committee leaders, volunteers, and to all those who organize out of love; you've helped, served, and many who have benefited from your devotion know who you are and what you do. It's with great hope to say your accomplishments have been discussed time and time again. If someone reading this has not seen any of this, please reach out to me. I'd be more than happy to "kvell" (take delight in) over the many wonderful things!!!

Over the last year, many of you have reached out to me either via email or in person and thank you all so much for your feedback. Feedback should be based from the foundation of love and be constructive, not destructive. If you see something positive, compliment it out of appreciation. If you are disturbed, reach out because you want it to get better, which is love. Both of these motivate community action and therefore, it makes everything and everyone only stronger.

As an adolescent, I was caught between the crossroads of what I learned as a youth and how that would elevate me to one day be a responsible parent and a family man. I knew I wanted Judaism to be a continued part of my world. As someone who's been a member of five different synagogues, I can most certainly articulate what makes CBT different, in the most positive of ways. But when I view the world today, it's so much different than the paradigm of many years ago, as well as changed since I first walked through the doors here in 2003. Each of us has a story to share and one of the challenges is always to focus on, "Why can't it be like it used to be?" Well, if everything was the same, what would be the excitement of waking up every day? I know I say this often, but it's because of enthusiasm and quite frankly, a like for people. If you have not attended a CBT function, whether religious, entertainment, community building, please please come out to add to the atmosphere and enjoy the environment in person.

Zooming is a wonderful thing, when you need to Zoom. Zoom shouldn't be the first and foremost way to look at anything. People ask why do I not like Zoom (which I am not a huge fan of) and it's because there is something special about being in person, seeing people, and interacting face to face. I can guarantee we have many members who haven't attended regularly and I ask for all of you to try to be here. A Jewish Community is not just about how religious you are, how many services you attend, what you like to do for fun. It's about recognizing that Judaism isn't just one thing. It's a community thing. Congregating together and sharing that appreciation is what was fought for more times than can be articulated here. From Egypt through the Holocaust, we have won, accomplished, and persevered. The strength is in the never-give-up approach to the world at large.

We know what is happening in the world today, and we see what is going on. Together we're strong!!!! Looking forward to another trip around the sun with all of you. I wish all of you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you right here at CBT, in person, soon.

**2nd ANNUAL MITZVAH DAY
JUNE 11, 2023, 10 AM- 2 PM
EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER**



Laura Waksman

Mitzvah Day is an opportunity for CBT to give to our community, learn new ways to make a difference, recommit to service, and meet and reconnect with fellow congregants. There is something for all ages, and we need a huge community effort. Please RSVP to me by email or text ASAP to let me know what time you plan to arrive and what projects you want to do. (All projects will be in the gym, unless otherwise noted.) More projects are in the works. Thank you!

1. Elijah's Promise- cook baked ziti (ages teens and up)
2. Elijah's Promise- pack snack bags.
3. Jewish Family Services- decorate reusable grocery bags for their Food Pantry clients.
4. Jewish Family Services - fill reusable grocery bags with food.
5. Interfaith Rise- pack school supplies.
6. Interfaith Rise- OFF SITE : Water, weed and till their farm plot at Rutgers Cook College, New Brunswick. We will be supervised on the farm.

7. CBT! - count the money in our shul tzedakah boxes. Also- if you have filled tzedakah boxes that you took from CBT, including JNF boxes, bring them in prior to or on Mitzvah Day.
8. CBT! - clean the toys and surfaces in the Religious School preschool room.
9. Wilf Campus for Jewish Senior Living- bring in your Jewish and secular books, including Siddurim and Chumashim in good condition, DVD's, CD's, cassette and VHS tapes. No records. Consider that this collection is for senior citizens. Bring to the table outside the office or on Mitzvah Day.
10. YAP inc- assemble art lesson kits for teens at risk summer program.
11. Tikva Odessa- create and write cards to Ukrainian children rescued by Tikva Odessa and brought to Romania. See the website for our WISH LIST. To volunteer to set up or clean up, staff a project station for 30 minutes, drive the finished projects to their nonprofits later in the week, or take photos at the event, contact me. Students will receive Community Service Credit certificates. Together,

B'yachad.... Let's make a difference.

Laura

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The Men's Club thanks everyone for their donations to our annual Yellow Candle program, commemorating Yom HaShoah. We have received donations from 79 families totaling almost \$2,500. The donations varied from \$5 up to \$180. Thank you to all who have donated. If you haven't yet done so, we are still collecting your donations to be mailed or delivered to the office.



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Cheryl Crick

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To join the Board, contact Shelly Wistreich: wis437@optonline.net

We are always looking for new faces to help us. Bring us some great new ideas!! We would love to hear from you!!

Gift Shop

We are open on Sundays during Hebrew School hours or by appointment. We carry a wide range of items from holiday, special occasion and everyday items. For appointments, please contact Felice: lorfox@aol.com The gift shop is also available online at <https://bnaitikvah.org/shop>.

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Women's League for Conservative Judaism, through Torah Fund's Chazak v'Ematz - "Be Strong & Courageous," campaign, supports scholarships and programming at The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, Schechter Institutes of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, and Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam.

We appreciate ALL donations sent in for Torah Fund, starting at \$18.00. If you make a donation of \$180.00, you will become a Torah Fund benefactor and receive the Chazak v'Ematz pin as a thank you from the Torah Fund Campaign. For more information or to donate, contact Teresa Samtur at msamtur@comcast.net. Or visit www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund.

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Rosh Hashanah 5784, September 15, 2023

Rosh Hashanah preparations are underway, and Sisterhood is planning for a sweet New Year! The "Honey from the Heart" fundraiser will open in the coming weeks. Emails and announcements will be sent out as soon as we receive the online notification!

The cost for each bottle of honey is \$14.00, with free shipping on all orders received by August 1st.

This is a special way to wish your friends and family a Healthy and Happy New Year. Details will be forthcoming once the website for ordering is opened.

Marci Abschutz
Fundraising VP, Sisterhood

Our Tributes to Bobby and Gary Bergman

Bobby and Gary Bergman will be moving to Florida this month. We are happy for them but, oh so sad, for us. Our synagogue has been deeply blessed by their being here. We will miss them so much.

They have done so much for our synagogue and community, from being B'nai Tikvah's founding parents to being our great President to all the social action they provide to being the Editor of Hakol to creating the synagogue calendar to being our computer doctor to supplying infants with hand knitted caps!

Indeed, Bobby and Gary have been the lifeblood of our synagogue. How fitting that they also run the blood drive! If anyone needs help, whether it is for a ride to the doctor or to take a cat to the veterinarian or to get groceries, Bobby and Gary are the first to be there! When I (Sandy) wasn't feeling well, they were ready to not only drive me to the doctor, but also to get me groceries. Bobby is always ready to help with any knitting project as she knits caps for newborn babies. We always look forward to Bobby's cheerful greeting of us on the High Holy Days!

When I had a computer problem and I called Gary at 11 pm, he said, without hesitation, "Come on over!" Yitzhak and I hopped in the car with our sick computer. It was ready the next day! When a synagogue member's friend had computer problems and he needed a printer, it was Gary to the rescue! How do we thank thee, Bobby & Gary? To paraphrase Elizabeth Barrett Browning, let us count some of the ways. But, no matter what we write, it will not be enough to express our deep gratitude for all you both have done to make our world a better place.

In the beginning, from Shari Shalom, you were instrumental in creating our now thriving B'nai Tikvah. When Gary was our President from 2011- 2013, he honored the deceased by attending every funeral. When Aaron Rosloff z"l announced he was going to skydive on his 90th birthday, Gary decided to join him, along with Hadas (our prior administrator), and Michael Weiss z"l, with whom he helped with Hakol.



Skydiving with Aaron Rosloff z"l and Michael Weiss z"l

Gary was our Webmaster from 1999 until Kim Riemann took over in 2014. Gary has been our Hakol Editor for the past five years and created the synagogue calendar for more than ten years. Bobby was always at the synagogue on Sunday mornings selling scrip. Gary set up the synagogue computers, designed and installed the original sound system, wired the school wing for internet access (before wireless became a thing), and mentored our Rabbi's son, Joseph, on building his first computer!

You brought joy to our synagogue by inviting the Rutgers Promenaders Square Dancing Group to our synagogue and inviting us to join in! What an exhilarating and fun experience! You bring healing to others by all you do on the Bikur Cholim committee. We thank you for bringing food to people and for providing rides to doctors and hospitals. You brought so much joy to children of all ages by bringing your macaw, Martini, to the Rejoice Celebrations at the Woodlot Park and the Purim carnivals. Yasher Koach for all this and more!

It has been our honor and pleasure knowing both of you! Thank you, Bobby & Gary, for all you have done, over the years, to make the world a better place. Thank you for your warm friendship. May all the good you do for others, return to you. We are ever grateful to you for all you have done for our family, for B'nai Tikvah, and for our community.

You always lead by example. You taught us, by your actions, to run toward a mitzvah. You were always there to help us and to help us grow. As you leave our community, know that, as the song "For Good" says: "because we know you, we have been changed... for good."

When we end one book of the Bible and start another one, we say: Hazak, Hazak, V'Nitzhazek, which means: Be strong, be strong, and may we be strengthened. Bobby & Gary: You are ending one chapter of your life and starting a new chapter. We say: Hazak, Hazak, V'Nitzhazek! May you, always go from strength to strength! We wish you and your family all the blessings of good health, happiness, joy, and peace! We will always cherish our warm friendship and our years together here. With our love and gratitude,

Sandy, Yitzhak, and Dina Sharon

Gary risked life and limb for B'nai Tikvah at times. I was with him while he changed some light bulbs in our gym with Dave Cukor using a rental electric scissor lift platform to raise himself almost to ceiling height! He should have trained his parrot to do so.

Bill Greenberg

Changing bulbs with Dave Cukor



The nights spent in your basement are memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you for being my CBT parents. We will miss seeing you at the Honor's desk. We wish you and Martini all the best at your new home in Florida. Come back to visit often!

Marlene, Warren, Jacob and Alyssa Buckwald

On behalf of the Bikur Cholim Committee, we would like to say a big thank you to Gary. As an integral part of Bikur Cholim, Gary was always willing to drive our congregants to doctor appointments, run errands, and help out where needed. He never said 'no' to a request. It was an honor and pleasure working with you; you'll be sorely missed.

We wish you all the happiness in Florida and we hope you'll come back to visit or we may have to go to Florida to visit you.

Your friends Jill, Joyce, Laura, Nancy and Allen

There are so many fun, fond, and delightful memories of Gary and Bobby. The one that comes to mind first is many years ago when I was on the marketing committee and we were doing the first revision to B'nai Tikvah's website. Gary wanted to put in so many bells and whistles that the website looked like a pinball machine. We indulged him for just a second and then built something very similar to the way it looks today. We all had such fun working it out at the Gittleman's house. There are so many ways Bobby and Gary supported the synagogue it would be impossible to recount. For all your effort and your love and devotion to our spiritual home, B'nai Tikvah, we'd like to thank you and wish you only the best in health and happiness as you begin your next adventure.

Stuart & Debbie Allen

I wish Bobby and Gary the absolute best on their next adventure! It was always so wonderful meeting up with them at the Krane's for wonderful meals and discussions. It will feel so strange not to see them when walking in for the high holidays. Lots of love and all of the best to you both!

Love, Joella Sperber

From the ridiculous to the sublime, we will miss you; and from the "Hi, how are you? Can we get you anything (for example, Italian ices from Ralphs)" to the "What's wrong with your computer? How can I help?" Although we will miss you, we wholeheartedly wish you all the best in your new horizons, closer proximity to some of your family and friends, and a Florida family of new neighbors who will value, respect, and love you as much as your New Jersey "mishpukha" does. Our Tuesday morning "breakfast club" without you will simply be breakfast. Also, my zoom book-club meetings could not have happened without you.

Lynn and Arthur Biderman

To the man (and women) that really invented the internet... Enjoy Florida! May you have happy days on the beach enjoying the beautiful weather! We will see you down there!

Andrea and Steve Katz

Bobby and Gary ALWAYS have big beautiful smiles whenever you see them. They always greet you with warmth and love. They will do anything for you. I know they will make a ton of friends in Florida!!

Patricia Rosen

A toast to you both for all you have done for our synagogue community! I came to know Gary and Bobby through the Ritual Committee. We were always glad to see Gary on the Bimah during his time as President. During the holidays Gary and Bobby were especially helpful reminding us of our honors and when to approach the bimah. Gary has an extensive computer background and interest in repairing household gadgets. We are especially grateful for all the time and energy he spent with us. Gary was also gracious in helping my mom Ruth Candeub during the times she needed computer help. One year I decided to take up knitting. I was thrilled that Bobby offered to teach me in learning skills needed. Gary and Bobby were especially helpful to us with our transportation needs and we are most appreciative. Gary and Bobby were warm hosts when visiting their North Brunswick home. Gary and Bobby will be especially missed. We wish them well in their new Journey !!

Janis and David Hoffman

Mazel Tov on your move! Thank you for all you have done for CBT and my family over the years. I have missed and will continue to miss your short witty comments at the end of your emails. You should publish them in a short (very short) book!

Safeer Family

What can be said about two amazing people who demonstrate consistent kindness, generosity and love to the CBT community? Well here are some interesting facts about Bobby and Gary...

1. When the pandemic years impacted our lives, Gary was so helpful getting so many of us on to Zoom with his technical skills. (i.e. book club and general meetings, etc.)
2. Did you know that Gary is an avid square-dancer with the Rutgers Promenaders? Maybe he can demonstrate his "do-sa-do" before he relocates to the Sunshine State!
3. Being such "giving" individuals, Bobby & Gary have devoted years of service to organize and coordinate CBT's Blood Drive.
4. Gary will always agree to provide transportation to those in need for doctor visits, deliver a Shabbat dinner, or anything else to lend a helping hand as a member of the Bikur Cholim Committee that he rekindled when he was VP.
5. We will miss seeing Bobby's smiling face and beautiful hat during the High Holy Days at the door of the sanctuary, making sure honors are appropriately distributed to assigned congregants
6. Both Bobby and Gary personify humility and represent the true meaning of "Menschlikeit." They are "behind the scenes" folks who ask for no recognition in return. Their "spirit of volunteerism" is genuine and heartfelt. They are a community "TREASURE" who will be deeply missed by so many of us.
7. In addition to performing multiple "Mitzvot," both Bobby and Gary each make time to have a "Martini" with breakfast, lunch and dinner each day. Not the Booze in a glass - it's their lively "feathered friend" who can be quite loquacious most of the time! Safe travels to Martini, as well! May you enjoy your new life in Florida in good health and happiness. All the best always.

Phyllis and Allen Pinsky



Bringing home a new Torah for Mitzvah 613

What word is not in Gary and Bobbi's vocabulary... the word "NO" comes to mind. Since they became members many, many years ago, we do not think anyone has heard them say "no" to any request-whether it was from an individual congregant or for something that needed to be done for our synagogue. Not only did they always help when needed, they did it willingly. Gary and Bobby are very kind and giving people. They are the true definition of mensches. We will miss them around the synagogue and in our lives but wish them a happy and healthy next chapter. We for one, hope they will decide to become snow birds.

Janice & Art Baer

We will miss Bobby in September, when she was always at her place, giving out Aliyahs. You could always count on Gary to handle all computer technical difficulties. Both Bobby and Gary were selfless and dedicated to B'nai Tikvah and their friends. To many wonderful years ahead for you in Florida.

Ilene Karp

We thank Gary and Bobby Bergman for their years of dedication to CBT and remember fondly their presence during members' most trying times, Bobby's welcoming smile and fancy hats at the honors check in table on High Holidays year after year, and Gary's presence in the building doing, we're sure, a multitude of tasks about which most of us are not aware. Wishing you good health and joy in Florida. See you when you're back in NJ!

Laura and Howard Waksman

Where to begin--What to say--

About a friendship that spans over 30 years of time from when you joined Shari Shalom till today. From celebrating Bar & Bat Mitzvahs, Seders, dinners, traveling to Israel with Rabbi Eligberg and all the times together with Gwen & Phil, Ruth & Lou, Dotty & Dave. Bobby--I'm remembering the times we spent with your Mom & Dad; working on needlepoint, selling Passover cake at Shari that Susie Rosenstock got from Brooklyn.

I could go on and on.

And Gary--the lifesaver--patient with my computer foibles as well as all you do for CBT. Though you're not disappearing, you both will be sorely missed. Stay well and enjoy--keep in touch! Oops! Almost forgot our days at the Honors Table!

Though I'm writing, the wishes come from Sam as well!

Ann Rosenzweig

Gary was my website developer mentor when I was beginning to learn more about the world of computers and programming. When I was younger, I recall he came to my house and spent hours showing me his tools to edit and maintain B'nai Tikvah's website. Today, I work in the IT field and I want to express my thanks to his guidance in teaching me about development when I was starting out. Sending you my best wishes as you move to the sunshine state!

Michael Reiningger

Hakol Continues Over the Summer

While I will be busy packing, moving, and settling down in Florida next month, B'nai Tikvah intends to produce an online-only issue of Hakol in July and August. Until someone steps up to the position of editor. I offer to continue my involvement with CBT by producing the September issue with the remote help of my esteemed colleagues, Sandy Sharon, Arthur Biderman, and Janet Weiss.

My New Jersey phone numbers and emails will not change. The only things I will be giving up are my wonderful times at B'nai Tikvah and the keys to the building.

Bobby and I thank you for the heartfelt tributes, Gary

When you do a good deed, get a receipt, in case heaven is like the IRS.

CBT Book Club



Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 13th for discussion about "And After the Fire" by Lauren Belfer.



Lynn Biderman

This is an in-person-only meeting. No Zoom.

Meeting at the home of Betty Stoloff at 7:30pm. For directions and to RSVP to Betty, contact her at: bhstoloff@gmail.com

Happy reading,
Lynn Biderman
CBT Book Club Chair

August - "The Latecomer" by Jean Hanff Korelitz
October - "The Immortalists" by Chloe Benjamin
December - "The Hidden Affair" by Pam Jenoff

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9 – CBT Summer Send-Off Shabbat
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Installation

11 – CBT Mitzvah Day

12 – Sisterhood Board Meeting

22 – EC Meeting

24 – Bar-Mitzvah Derek Berness

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