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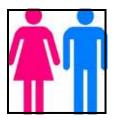
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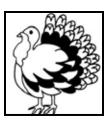
MEN'S CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR AND YOUTH OF THE YEAR DINNER TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, AT 6:00 PM



GUEST SPEAKER ITAMAR MARCUS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th



BARNES & NOBLE EVENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th



THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



"Out of chaos comes order."
Nietzsche

"Out of chaos comes order...but not yet." Rabbi Wolkoff

File under "unfinished business."

Now that the holidays are over, it's time for me to deal with the avalanche I have created by telling everyone that I would get back to them after the holidays. And I am reminded of the classic rabbinic saying, "You don't have to finish the work, but you aren't free to desist from it."

And in this, it seems, my desk is a microcosm of the world as a whole. Almost everywhere we look, there are issues that are chronic, messy, and open-ended. The war against the Islamic State is one example. It's hard to remember a time when an American President had to do a uturn as quickly as President Obama did. One day, the threat of war is receding, and we can—with a great sigh of relief—bring our troops home from the Middle East. The next day, it seems, we have to go back in because another head of the hydra which is Middle Eastern terrorism has gone on the attack.

And it ain't over yet.

So, too, Ebola. One victim here, one victim there. And then a second victim here, a second victim there. And then...Where this one will end, nobody knows, but it's hard to talk about Ebola without using the word "epidemic" in its full, terrifying, meaning.

And then there's the issue of women's rights. The Supreme Court recently shot down a Texas law—supposedly for the "protection" of women—that would have closed a dozen women's clinics. This was the law, if you recall, that Wendy Davis tried to filibuster. But that's not the whole story. The decision is only **temporary**. The Federal Appeals Court still must render a decision on the constitutionality of the Texas law, and that ruling will be appealed to the Supreme Court. So there are at least two more rounds to go. And then, most assuredly, we'll start all over again.

Then there's Ukraine, and Ferguson, and unemployment, and Fracking and...[feel free to fill in the blanks].

And the Redskins. As if we didn't have enough to do.

So how do we handle all this? The best way we can. And what is the best way we can? With love, and empathy, and wisdom, and determination. And all of these we can learn from our Torah tradition, and from our mindful interactions with our community.

We won't finish. But we will at least be able to live with ourselves while we bring some order out of the chaos.

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

SPECIAL SPEAKER: ITAMAR MARCUS

Itamar Marcus, founder and director of Palestinian Media Watch, is one of the foremost authorities on Palestinian ideology and policy. Mr. Marcus was appointed by the Israeli government to represent Israel in negotiations with the Palestinian Authority.

He has presented analyses of Palestinian ideologies in academic, cultural, and government frameworks, including hearings, lectures, and briefings to members of the U.S. Congress and Senate; the Canadian, British, French, German, Norwegian, Swiss, Italian, and Australian Parliaments; and the European Parliament. Marcus' reports on how foreign aid is misused by the PA for hate and terror promotion have led to changes in U.S. legislation and U.S. funding procedures. He has lectured at conferences and universities and to senior security officials worldwide. He provides analyses on CNN, Fox News, the BBC, and a full range of international TV news programs.



JOIN US FORTHIS SPECIAL EVENT Wednesday, November 12th 8:00 PM CBT



From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



What Do You Want to Know?

One of the most difficult things to do is to admit that you do not know something. I believe that this is a true statement for all of us and, regardless, of our stage in life. It also is my belief that learning equals growth and new challenges keep us vibrant.

So, when over the last few weeks, a number of congregants came to me with the request to learn how to improve their Hebrew reading and how to better navigate our services, I immediately replied YES! Now I've been thinking about this for a while but I'm not certain or know what the plan should be.

I'd like to teach basic Hebrew reading and language, Torah and Haftarah Trope, and how to lead every service weekday, Shabbat, and all of the special holiday services. OK - - maybe I should temper my enthusiasm; this may be a bit much, or is it? It is easy to forego such an opportunity due to unrealistic expectations. For example, you must be a competent Hebrew reader in order to take on any of my other goals, so that's where we should start!

In our prayers we sing "Kedeshaynu B'mitzvotehcha, instill in us the holiness of Your mitzvoth." With great enthusiasm, we rhythmically bang the pews and sing this prayer on Friday nights and Shabbat mornings. Rabbi Wolkoff spoke to us on the High Holidays about doing just this. Some of you were overwhelmed by the message; my take is that Rabbi Wolkoff wants us to grow and is encouraging us to take another step on the ladder; it's time. Clearly it is and that is why people are asking to learn more.

I would say that I have a reasonable level of Judaic knowledge, but I'm so far from being satisfied. As I did this past summer, I will continue my studies this semester and gladly share with you my journey.

Now is the perfect time for us to refresh our skills. Please stop in, contact me by phone (732-2978-0696 ext 15) or email at cantor@bnaitikvah.org.

Would you like to become a Bat Mitzvah? We'll plan it. Would you like to refresh your Bar Mitzvah? We can do that ,too. Read Torah or a Haftarah, read Hebrew for the first time, advanced Hebrew, I'll teach you or I'll find you a teacher.

I think we're all ready to learn and to embrace our destiny. Please ask and expect the best.

"Kedeshaynu B'mitzvotehcha, instill in us the holiness of Your mitzvoth."
With joy,
Cantor Bruce Rockman

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P.S. I'll see you at the Rutgers Jewish Film Festival.







CBT Fall Picnic in the Park



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The Newsletter of

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B'nai Tikvah Book Club

The B'nai Tikvah Book Club met on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at the Asnis Sukkah to enjoy some refreshments and to discuss <u>The Usual Rules</u> by Joyce Maynard.

We share opinions and enjoy stimulating conversations on the books we choose to read.

The group meets on the second Tuesday of every other month. If you want to join in - - on December 9th, at 7:30 pm - - read <u>The Lowlands</u>, by Jumpa Lahiri, and RSVP to hostess Janis Hoffman (732-342-9855).



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wine & cheese reception. RSVP

SUNDAY, November 23 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Menachem Safrai will be on hand all four days to answer questions about the Israeli artists and the Israeli art scene.

Contact 732-251-4300 or www.bnaishalom.com

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A Message From Our Co-Presidents





The last few months at B'nai Tikvah have been packed with fabulous activities. We kicked off our series on Israel programming with Kasim Hafeez – a passionate Zionist Muslim – and Rabbi Ken Spiro – a renowned lecturer on anti-Semitism. Nearly six hundred people came out to hear these presentations. We went hiking in the woods of Sourland Mountain Preserve, finishing up with a world-class tailgate. We toured the baseball exhibit at the National Museum of American Jewish History and we barbequed at our annual picnic in Reichler Park. We went kickboxing with Sisterhood and built our sukkah with Men's Club, and our school year is off to an incredible beginning. Of course, we gathered together for the Fall Four (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah), marveling at our beautiful new Holiday Torah mantles, and committing ourselves to a fresh start this year.

The coming months promise to be just as exhilarating, including a group trip to the screening of The Green Prince at the Rutgers Jewish

Film Festival; an evening with Itamar Marcus – founder of Palestin ian Media Watch; the film, Honor Diaries; comedy night; game night, and a whole host of learning opportunities. We are so grateful to everyone in our community for bringing these events to life. Please log on to bnaitikvah.org for all of the details and be a part of the vibrant B'nai Tikvah family.

There is something very poignant about the transition from the Jewish season of repentance and forgiveness to the secular season of giving thanks. We are so thankful for our health, our families, our friendships, and our amazing CBT community. We resolve to do better in our personal lives and in our roles as Presidents of this congregation. We wish everyone a healthy, happy, and peaceful year.

Allison Nagelberg, Co-President Ruth Anne Koenick, Co-President



Please email or call LouAnne and John Wolf at 732-821-1395 or lawolfie@gmail.com

This is a great way to get involved and meet more people in our community

Our next four meeting dates are at 7:45 in the Youth Lounge on Tuesday, September 30, Tuesday October 14, Wednesday October 29 and Thursday November 13. Hope to see you there.

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Save the Date

Sunday, November 16th 2014 – Join us for breakfast at CBT.



Vendors Needed

Sisterhood is hosting "Shop till You Drop" Vendor Fair on Sunday, April 26th, 2015. If you know a vendor or if you are a vendor who is interested in participating, please email Jill at <u>jillfeisner@hotmail.com</u>. Vendor fee is \$36.

Volunteers Needed

We need your help for the Passover Poker, which is NOT during Passover. So ask yourself these Four Questions

- 1. What will make this event different from years past events?
- 2. Do I want to have fun with my friends?
- 3. Can I make this event I can bring my friends to?
- 4. Do I want to stop Jill from pleading for help?

To volunteer email Jill at jillfeisner@hotmail.com

Having a Mitzvah???

Visit the B'nai Tikvah website to order your Mitzvah Baskets and Mazel tosses. Please have your forms in one-month before your mitzvah.

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is open Sunday 9am-12pm Wednesday 4pm-6:15pm or by appointment call Serena Blackin at 732-390-9515

November Special

20% off all serving pieces 50% off all clearance Calendar Diaries still available \$10

Gabrieli is coming to B'nai Tikvah for a tallit trunk show, stay tuned for details

Torah Fund

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FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER SERVICE

NOVEMBER 21, 2014 6PM – Multi-Purpose Room Services begin at 7pm RSVP a must for dinner by November 19, 2014

This program is geared for anyone who has children/grandchildren, etc. between the ages of 2 and 7!

Everyone is welcome - Bring a friend or two!!!

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Activities!!

September and October were very busy months at CBT (besides all the holidays!) with a variety of activities for all. We enjoyed outdoor activities (hike on Sourland Mountain; picnic/fun day in the park), adult education (the Rabbi's series on spirituality; lunch and learn at Sapthagiri Indian restaurant), special speakers (over 250 people for Rabbi Ken Spiro; over 350 for Kasim Hafeez) and even a trip to the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia.

Looking ahead to November, we have even more wonderful programs planned. On Wednesday, November 12th, we will be joined by another fabulous guest speaker: Itamar Marcus (*please see description elsewhere in this issue*).

On Sunday, November 16th, we will try something new at CBT: family board game night. Bring your family and your favorite board games, and let's have some fun!

Rabbi Wolkoff will continue his adult education series on Spirituality (Nov. 5th, 12th and 26th) as well as Study and Samosas (Lunch & Learn) at Sapthagiri (Nov. 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th).

And looking ahead to December, we have a wonderful movie on Sunday December 7^{th} : "Honor Diaries."

As always, the most up-to-date details are available on the synagogue website, and we encourage you to check it for times and locations.

Also, we never want your participation in any event to be limited by your reluctance or inability to drive to get here. If you need a ride, please reach out to me (Danny Greenberg, greenbergdan@gmail.com, 732.640.5086) and I will do my best to get a fellow congregant to pick you up.

Lastly, I want to thank the very generous donors who have made our speaker and movie series possible with their sponsorship of events and purchase of a new movie screen.

HAKOL

The Good Old Days: The Clothes Line Pole



Some of us older folks remember the "Good Old Days" with affection. Well, let me tell you that the "Good Old Days" did not always exist. Let's hope that they never come back. I'm talking about the Depression days of the late 1920's and the 1930's, and the desperation that was endemic in our country.

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A few of us may still remember the clothesline pole that was part of the life of every housewife. Our laundry was done in the family bathtub on a metal washboard. It was back breakingwork, bending down over the washboard or kneeling down at the side of the tub. Those few who could afford it would send out the laundry once a week. When it was returned, wet, in a net bag, it would be hung out to dry on the clothesline and then hand ironed in the kitchen (which helps explain why not many women had time to take outside jobs).

A clothesline has two ends, one at a window and the other at a building-high pole either in the backyard or in the air shaft. From the street, it looked like all the buildings touched at the sides but, actually, beyond the first room that overlooked the street the buildings narrowed so that the rooms behind the front room could have an outside window between buildings. This provided a space between the buildings called an air shaft and in buildings that did not have a backyard, this was where the clothes pole was installed.

I remember watching the clothesline installer climbing the pole when I was a boy. We lived on the third floor in our four-floor walk-up and, in order to reach our level, he had to make his way past the other pulleys and lines already in place. My stomach tightens into knots when I think of the dangerous job and I recall my mother in tears when she heard that a line man had fallen and was seriously injured. As a young teenager, I understood the risks involved in that line of work, even though, by that time, the late 1930's, things were not as bad as during the depths of the depression.

And that's where this story is going. The Great Depression struck in

1929, when I was about eight years old. My father was a presser in the women's wear trade. That put us in the working middle class and we lived in a working middle-class neighborhood. As far as food, clothing, and shelter were concerned, this did not affect me personally, but the catastrophes of the day have left me with memories of events that I pray we will never see again.

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At that time, we were living in an eight-family four-story walk-up. As I walked home from school one day, I saw a crowd gathered in front of our house. It looked like moving day for a family, but there was no truck. There on the sidewalk stood all of the furniture and possessions of one of our neighbors. To my amazement there was the kitchen table, the bedroom furniture, and dining room set with a beautiful carved wood sideboard. On top of the sideboard was a large dish into which passersby dropped coins. The pretty teenaged daughter of the neighbors sat on a sofa filing her nails while tears of shame and embarrassment ran down her cheeks.

I pressed through the crowd to get to the entrance of the house and ran up to my apartment to my mother to ask what was going on. She explained that because the father had lost his job they could not pay the rent and the landlord had to put them out so that he could get another tenant. By the end of the day, sufficient money had been collected to pay part of the rent and the neighbors moved the family back into their apartment. At least temporarily.

Oh, yes, the clothes pole. One night, shortly after the sidewalk scene, I got up to go to the bathroom. On the way back to bed, I passed the hall window that had the clothesline, and saw a flash of white go past. I thought as I climbed into bed that somebody's wash must have blown off the line. It wasn't wash. It was the evicted neighbor who jumped from the window. It seemed that in life he couldn't feed his family so, by ending it, his family could live off his life insurance policy, at least for a little while.

Today, in our neighborhood, no one lives in four-story walk-ups, but we do have families who are having trouble paying the rent. So don't forget to give something to the South Brunswick Food Pantry.

L'Shanah Tovah. Aaron Rosloff Originally published November 2008

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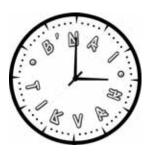
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| Wednesday | 7:30 pm |
| Thursday | 7:30 am & 7:30 pm |
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Annual Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs "FJMC" -Man and Youth of the Year Dinner at B'nai Tikvah!!

Wednesday, November 5th at 6pm Come help us honor:

Craig Cohen - CBT Man of the Year

Craig and Sharon have been CBT members since 2007. Craig became an active Men's Club member in 2008 and also participates on our softball team. In 2012, he volunteered to be part of the Casino Night Committee. Craig became a CBT Trustee and Board Member in 2012, organized the bowling league in 2013, and chaired the Gala committee in 2014, which became CBT's most successful fundraiser to date. Craig and his wife Sharon are both teachers and have two adorable children.

Hayley Nagelberg - CBT Youth of the Year

Hayley is the Hagalil Vice President of Israel Awareness and held that position for the CBT chapter. She works with AIPAC and Stand With Us on Israel advocacy and holds board positions for Israel projects at Solomon Schechter in West Orange. Besides volunteering many hours a week with special needs children at Special Strides, Hayley also runs half marathons to raise money for diabetes research at the Weizmann Institute in Israel and raises money for the Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind. She does varsity softball and cross country with captain positions. She is also an excellent student, wonderful daughter and friend!!

Where: B'nai Tikvah 1001 Finnegan Lane, North Brunswick, NJ \$36 for Men's Club Members; \$54 for non-MC Members Please RSVP to Steve Katz - skatz56@aol.com/732-329-0687 or Mark Rones - markwrones@outlook.com/609-580-0812

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Our apologies if we missed anyone. THANK YOU TO ALL!

Look for more upcoming events!

December 1st, Monday Night Football party in our Social Hall - Miami Dolphins at New York Jets. (Bring your favorite lounge chair...We'll supply the chips, dips, and Adult beverages.) Starting after Minyan at 7:30pm.

January 2015 - Joint program with Sisterhood (TBD) February 1, 2015, Sunday Morning Services in the Sanctuary -World Wide Wrap

We have an exciting slate of meetings, events, speakers, honors, and tzedukah planned for the year. We truly hope that you'll all join us.

Steve Katz CBT Men's Club President skatz56@aol.com







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Why we run this program? The following is an excerpt of one of the thank you notes we received on behalf of a family we sponsored: "This family has never experienced such great generosity. They felt overjoyed and emotional upon receiving the gifts. The mother told me she was happy to see that her children finally had toys to play with so they are no longer bored at home. The teachers commented that they noticed the children's self esteem improved when they came to school proudly dressed in their new clothes. The children are now appropriately dressed for the weather and are even wearing socks which were noticeably missing prior to receiving the gifts. They sleep much more comfortably at night with their new blankets and their heater....." This is why we run this program...to make a difference in peoples' lives.

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?

- 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.

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

Please send in the tear-off below, fill out the form at Bnaitikvah.org, or e-mail Janice Baer at Jbbd11@verizon.net or call Janice at 732-940-0268

PLEASE RESPOND BY NOVEMBER 14th

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Save the date: December 25th Chinese Food and Movie

Details coming soon

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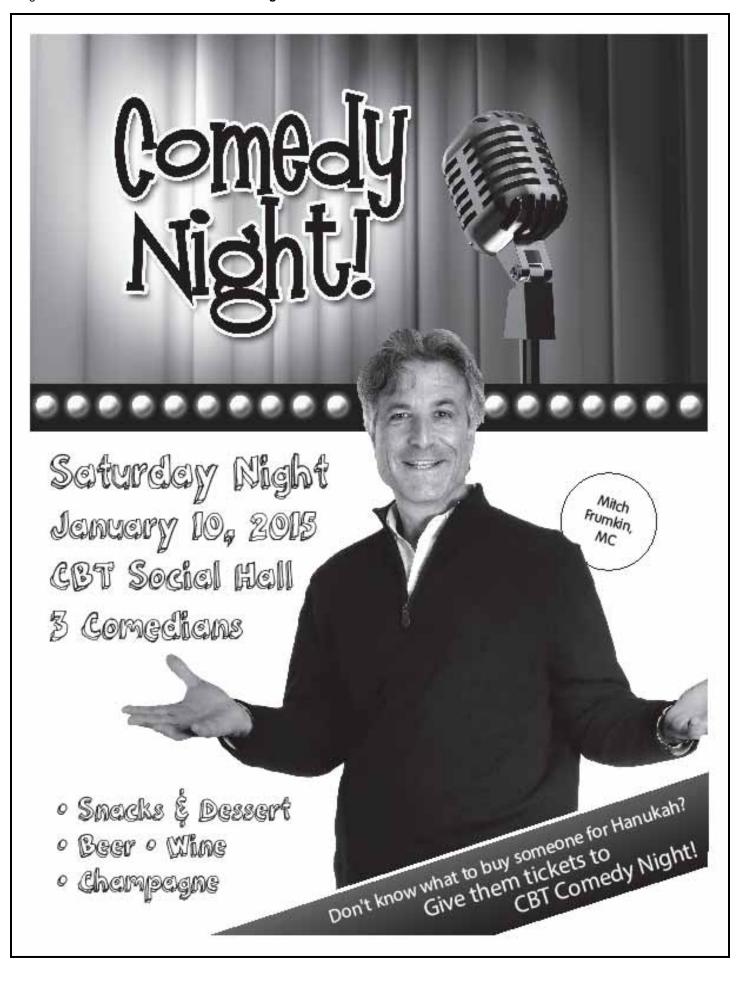
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Amanda Dillman, Advisor

USY RECAP

I would like to extend a big thanks to all of my USYers and future USYers (better known as Kadimanicks) as well as all the USY/ Kadima parents and, of course, Doug Smoller and Jennifer James for helping me pull off an awesome Opening Event at iPlay America.

I am also extremely proud of the USYers for doing such a fantastic job with the High Holiday Annual Food Drive this year; South Brunswick Food Pantry will be extremely grateful for the donation of the food as well as the addition of reusable bags.

Our Sukkot event was not one to be missed, with delicious sushi and lots of enjoyable games; what could be bad? The USYers and Kadimanicks also had a great time on a cool fall day picking pumpkins, getting lost in a corn maze, and experiencing a wild hay ride at Giamarese Farms. Lastly, our USYers also enjoyed spending time with friends from all over the state at the first regional event, Regional

Opening Dance!

USY UPCOMING EVENTS November, 2014

Thursday, November 13th – Decade War – 7-8:30pm – BT Youth

Friday, November 21st--Sunday, November 23rd – Regional Fall Kinnus - Paramus, NJ

Monday, November 25th – Mall Scavenger Hunt – 6:30-8:30pm – Menlo Park Mall

SAVE THE DATE December, 2014

Monday, December 8th 7-8:30pm - SA/TO Superhero Craft Night - BT Youth Lounge

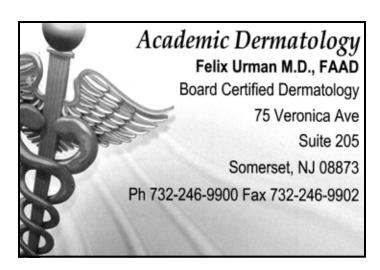
Friday, December 12th - Saturday, December 13th -Regional Freshman Shabbaton - Marlboro

Saturday, December 13th – USY Membership Event – TBD

Hannukkah Party - Details & date TBD

Friday, December 19th - Friday, December 26th Int'l Pre-Convention & Convention – Atlanta, GA

Question? Comments? Want to join USY? **Contact Amanda Dillman at** nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com



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As a college student the concept of time management is one I am familiar with, whether I am good at it is another story. That being said, I am often criticized for the way in which I spend my time once my daily courses are finished, over the weekends, and during long breaks in between semesters.

No, I do not engage in the prevalent college party scene, nor do I intern for a hotshot doctor or an important government official – I staff United Synagogue Youth (USY). I am a co-advisor for the newly formed Lehigh Valley USY chapter in Pennsylvania, I am a regional staff member for Hagalil USY the Northern New Jersey region, and I am an international staff member, staffing USY Summer Programs for two consecutive summers.

For many of those who never had the fortune of being a participant in USY, and even more so for those who are USY alumni, the motivation for staffing USY is something that is difficult to understand. Furthermore, fellow staff members have even ridiculed me for my significant involvement with the organization. Frequently, I am even asked if I think I myself am still in USY.

This is my response to all those people who want to know – why I do, what I do. This is my response to why I spend hours on end working on programming ideas and new marketing strategies. This is my response to why I spend Friday mornings and Sunday nights away from school driving to and from Allentown, PA, from who-knowswhere in NJ. And this is my response to why I chose to spend this summer in Europe and Israel looking after 45 teenagers.

Let's start off with getting something very important out of the way; I do not do it for the pay, because if I did I definitely must be reading my paychecks wrong.

As a USY staff member, I get to be a positive Jewish role model, a Jewish educator, and a friend. I work for USY for the individual moments. The moment when a USYer breaks out of their shell, the moment when a USYer makes a stranger's day, the moment when a USYer takes their first steps in Israel, and the moment when a USYer finds their connection to *tefillah* or God.

Why do I do what I do? – Because I believe in it. I firmly believe in the morals of Conservative Judaism, including keeping kashrut, keeping Shabbat, partaking in social action and *tikkun olam*, finding meaningful connections to *tefillah*, and being educated in our Jewish traditions. I

believe in being well versed in Israeli politics and the way in which Israel positively impacts the world. And lastly, I believe in the community and family that USY creates, and the leaders of tomorrow that it helps foster.

Yes, staffing can be time consuming, and it can get tiresome and challenging at times, but many of these teenagers do not have a positive Jewish role model in their lives, they lack basic Jewish foundations, and like normal teenagers they are struggling to be who they want to be. I have taken it upon myself to help them along the way to adulthood

I will end with a story: a while back there was a teenager. He was shy, quiet, had trouble socially interacting with other kids, was tired of learning about Judaism, and did not have a connection to Israel. However, not so long after his first USY event things began to change. He broke out of his shell, went on a summer program, found his connection, took on leadership positions, and went on Nativ, the Conservative movement's college leadership gap year program in Israel. None of those things could have happened without the chapter advisors, regional and summer staff members, and the regional and program directors.

That kid was me, and if not for the staff I encountered along the way I would not have gone to a college where 33% of the population is Jewish, I would not be on Hillel board, I would not keep kashrut or Shabbat, I would not be staffing USY, and I would certainly not have written this article. I do what I do because I owe it to the organization that helped me get to where I am today. I believe in what USY offers, and I believe in making a difference in Jewish young adults' lives.

Ethan Weg attends Muhlenberg College, where he is double majoring in Jewish Studies and Media Communications. He is the Israel Affairs Vice President at Muhlenberg's Hillel, and is a JNF Campus Fellow. In addition, Ethan works for USY (United Synagogue Youth) as a chapter advisor, a regional staff member, and a USY summer programs staff member. And ,lastly, Ethan is a graduate of the Nativ college leadership gap year program in Israel.

Direct link to the article....

http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/why-i-do-what-i-do/#ixzz3E0ueKMsA

From: The Times of Israel blog September 18, 2014 By Ethan Weg

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CBTNewsletter

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eGroup

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