



## **Welcome** to Congregation Beth Tikvah / New Milford Jewish Center

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### ***Celebrating over 50 years of service to the Jewish Community***

**Mission Statement:** It is the mission of Congregation Beth Tikvah to create and maintain a warm Jewish community that embodies the ideals and practices of egalitarian Conservative Judaism.

***To achieve this goal we will:***

- \* Provide thoughtful religious services that are warm, participatory and provide for meaningful prayer.
- \* Provide a high quality religious education for our children as well as significant educational opportunities for all our members.
- \* Provide a supportive and welcoming home to all Jewish and interfaith families, regardless of race, age and sexual orientation.
- \* Nurture a community in which our members celebrate life cycle, religious and recreational events together.
- \* Recognize the significance of the state of Israel to the Jewish people and Jewish faith and provide financial and moral support.
- \* Provide for a Jewish presence in the larger community, participate in social action projects, support Jewish and non-Jewish causes and build coalitions with other faiths.



### ***Some of our many offerings:***

- \* Conservative egalitarian services emphasizing communal singing and interactive *Torah* study.
- \* Communal *Shabbat* dinners and *Passover Seder*.
- \* Sunday morning *Tallis and Tefillin* services followed by bagels and lox breakfast and a discussion.
- \* Parties and special programs for *Chanukah* and *Purim*.
- \* Participation in Town-wide Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.
- \* Ongoing food collection for local shelters.
- \* Partnership with the Inter-Religious Fellowship for the Homeless.

### ***Facilities:***

- \* Beautiful spacious main sanctuary that seats 150 and expands to seat up to 600 people.
- \* Private chapel used for weekday services.
- \* Spacious ballroom and youth lounge available for all occasions.
- \* Multimedia library.



## *Message From the President*

AS PRESIDENT of Congregation Beth Tikvah, New Milford Jewish Center, it is my pleasure to extend an invitation to you to become a part of our Conservative, Egalitarian family.

We have been an integral part of New Milford and surrounding communities for over a half century. Beth Tikvah has always been a warm and inviting family that has a special place in its heart for children.

We have actively participated in a wide range of both religious and community events and often host educational programs. Following the Pan Am 103 disaster we conducted a program honoring those who perished and were proud to host the families of several on board the ill-fated flight.

We frequently present the Raoul Wallenberg Award to a non-Jew for contributions to the Jewish community. We also present the Matthew Feldman Award, named for the late State Senator, to a Jew who has brought honor to him/her self and the Jewish community at-large.

If I can answer any questions for you, please contact me at 201-265-2236.

I truly hope that you will consider becoming a member of our extended family.

Cordially, *Howie Cohn, President Congregation Beth Tikvah / New Milford Jewish Center*



***Our Rabbi*** BOB MARK was ordained at *Marbitzei Torah*, a private rabbinical seminary in 1970. He is a *Yeshiva University* 1967 graduate of with a BA in Political Science. While attending YU he served as Baal Koreh, Hebrew School Teacher and Judo Instructor at Bergenfield Dumont Jewish Center. Bob was also a graduate fellow at the Bernard Baruch Graduate School of Business and Public Administration.

Subsequent to his ordination Bob continued with his business career while working part time as a Rabbi. He also served on the board of both Yavneh Academy and Solomon Schechter Day School and taught Hebrew School at various times.

Upon retiring from the full time businesses world Rabbi Mark accepted the part time rabbinical position with Congregation Beth Tikvah which he hopes to rejuvenate by inspiring increased synagogue attendance and outreach to nearby communities. He is looking forward to the challenge and welcomes all to join him at services and activities at Congregation Beth Tikvah, which is an egalitarian conservative congregation with traditional services.

Rabbi Mark is married to Gale, a graduate of Stern College of Yeshiva University. Gale and Bob have four adult children and are the proud grandparents of two.

