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## *HOW DO I LOVE THEE?*



Is there a February Dilemma?

# B'NAI MITZVAH



**February 1**

**Ethan Herman**

**Cary & Beth**

My name is Ethan Herman and I am a seventh-grader at Wantagh Middle School. Sports are my biggest passion, and baseball is my favorite. I have been playing since I was four, and have been on a travel team for five years. I also played travel soccer for five years and on the school team this past season. Another of my passions is animals, and I have a houseful: dogs, fish and lizards. For my mitzvah project, I collected supplies for the dogs and cats at Last Hope. I would like to thank my parents, Mrs. Altman, Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher for all their help and guidance in helping me to become a bar mitzvah.



**February 8**

**Danielle Spiegel**

**David & Josefina**

Danielle Spiegel lives in Levittown and attends Wisdom Lane Middle School, where she is earning high honors. Danielle was a member of Girl Scouts for six years. She loves dancing and currently is in her ninth year in dance school, where she has danced competitively. Danielle's been playing violin for five years and is in Wisdom Lane's Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra. She is preparing to compete in NYSSMA at Level 4. Danielle participates in Mathletes and Drama Club at school. As her mitzvah project, Danielle is volunteering as a tutor at Abbey Lane Elementary School's After-School Program in Levittown.



**February 22**

**Marissa Firestone**

**Joel & Donna**

My name is Marissa Firestone. I'm in the seventh grade at Grand Avenue Middle School. I'm a dancer, and I'm on the competition team at Techniques Too. My mitzvah project is to donate my hair to raise money for cancer research, which I plan to do after my bat mitzvah. I'd like to thank my mom, dad, brother and sister along with Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher and Cantor Hiesiger for all their support in helping me reach this beautiful occasion.

## FEBRUARY RITUAL CALENDAR

Friday, January 31	8:00pm	Composer in Residence Shabbat Service
Saturday, February 1	10:30am	Service (1) B/M
Friday, February 7	7:30pm	Family Shabbat-Honoring TBT Scouts/6th Gr. Service
Saturday, February 8	10:30am	Service (1) B/M
Tuesday, February 11	7:30pm	Ritual Committee Meeting
Friday, February 14	8:00pm	Shabbat Service
Friday, February 21	6:30pm	Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday, February 22	10:30am	Service (1) B/M
Friday, February 28	8:00pm	Sisterhood Shabbat Service



## OUR COMMUNITY

### From the TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH BOARD MEETING MINUTES November 26, 2013 at 8:00pm

Meeting called to order by Executive Vice President Rob Saunders at 8:04pm.

**Blessings / D'var Torah** – Opening prayer led by Janee Loewenstein. Prayers as well for Rabbi Bellows who is in the hospital. Thank you to Cantor Sher who has been very helpful in taking over for services and other responsibilities. Thank you also to Janee Loewenstein and Emily Altman for help with activities this past weekend.

**New Business** – Question raised by about whether all of the arms operate under the same Federal Tax ID. The answer is “yes.” Is there a limit as to how much each of the arms can carry over, and if so, why? Discussion ensued about control of funds. Also, question raised in the Rabbi's absence about the chain of command and the role of the Executive Board and the VP's. This will be discussed at the next executive board meeting.

**Cantor Sher's Report** – A request has been made to shift the budget line for B'nai Mitzvah tutoring and Torah Booklets from Elisa Blank to Cantor Sher. This will be discussed at the budget committee meeting. Finally, the Dan Nichols concert is coming up on Saturday, February 1. Currently a volunteer is needed to chair this committee. Rita Hofer and Tessa Kean are handling ticket sales and Howard Lev is doing publicity.

**Education Report** –Elisa Blank-. Thank you to the TBT-PTA for an awesome Chanukah party for the students!

BNTY – Emily Besthoff –Winter Kallah: We have housing so far for 110 kids for Winter Kallah. 8<sup>th</sup> grade did a program on hunger that was successful. There is a school group going to Germany this summer along with Emily Besthoff and Rabbi Bellows. Accolades for BNTY's great work, combined with suggestions to make BNTY more prominently noticed at the temple, such as an article in TBT Times for BNTY.

**Treasurer's Report** – Beth Cohen –The new financial software is working out, which will lead to a better understanding of the financials going forward.

**Financial Secretary Report** – We have 483 members, including 48 associates and 18 families married by the Rabbi or the Cantor.

**Investments Report** – Alan Loewenstein – We have \$550,000 to invest between now and June. We need to maintain cash flow, at least \$25,000. The Fund for Life has \$185,000 that needs to be invested for long term. Housing Committee noted that housing will need funding.

**BINGO/Food Certificates/Purchasing Report** – Rita Hofer –We have sold over \$10,000 more in gift certificates than this time last year. Bingo: We are working very hard. Many board members participate, running 5 games in a row. We are getting good turnouts, but people are spending less. Our Bingo game was nominated in the Long Island Press for best Bingo game on Long Island.

#### **Vice Presidents' Reports:**

**Rob Saunders /Community and Fund Raising:** About 65 people showed up for membership sponsored breakfast. We made over 20 lbs of Latkes! Thank you to Wendy Ser and Howard Lev for publicity.

Craig Field (Fundraising): There was a suggestion from Harvey for Arms Fundraisers to be coordinated so they don't compete with each other. Discussion ensued on fundraising for each arm independently vs. raising money jointly for the temple. Judy Novet and Les Kule are trying to persuade Sunrise Mall to place us back in the mall to do giftwrapping. Craig Field followed up with Barnes & Noble who would be happy to have us there on several days including Black Friday.

**Shelley Lomove/ House and Administration:** There was an emergency heating situation in the religious school which was resolved quickly. The lobby flooring will be worked on over the next three weeks with consideration to b'nai mitzvah families. We are proud of ourselves and thankful to the cantor for pulling through this weekend. Social Hall ceiling is being painted. Rabbi's office, lobbies, being updated. We have new coffee urns. Thank you to PTA, Chai Club, Rita and Bingo, Brotherhood, and an anonymous donor for funds for the coffee urn. Suggestion made to replace chocolate cookies at service with plain cookies to protect the new rug.

**Howard Popeck/Spirituality:** Tu B'Shevat Seder on 1/15.

#### **Associates' Reports**

**Good and Welfare** – Janee expressed appreciation from ritual for Cantor Sher's support. Rita Hofer expressed that the cantor did a beautiful job at the B'nai Mitzvah on Saturday. Friday night was a great family service. Thank you to Elisa Blank for covering for the Rabbi regarding religious school duties.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:13pm

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Curry, Temple Secretary

#### **KOL NIDRE APPEAL UPDATE:**

Thank-you to all of you who have responded generously to this year's Kol Nidre Appeal. In order for the Temple to meet its expenses and obligations, these donations are so very vital. Temple B'nai Torah is blessed with a congregation of strength, warmth and purpose. If you have not already contributed to our Kol Nidre appeal, maybe that envelope got lost in the shuffle of everyday obligations, please consider all the blessings you have in your life and give back to your temple to ensure its financial health. Every donation counts – thank-you.

### I Believe in Love... But Should I Believe in Valentine's Day?



Shalom, Chaverim – Hello, friends,

What's so bad about a holiday about love?

Every year, I find that congregants, friends, and family members are perplexed as to how to approach the upcoming holiday of Valentine's Day. Questions abound: Is it okay to celebrate it if we are

Jewish? Isn't it really just a secular holiday?

What is the origin of and meaning behind Valentine's Day? Unfortunately, there is no clear answer. The History Channel provides the following information:

- St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition.

- One legend states that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men —Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, continued to perform marriages in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

- Some claim the Christian church might have decided to celebrate a Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to 'Christianize' celebrations of the pagan Lupercalia festival, which began near the ides of February (February 13th). This was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

These origins are clearly Christian, even Pagan. There even seems to be a particularly anti-Semitic association with St. Valentine's Day, in that an enormous massacre of the Jews took place in Strasbourg, France on February 14, 1349 due to the tragic misconception that Jews were somehow responsible for the Black Plague.

The next step is to determine what to do with this information. When our ancestors were presented with the question of whether or not to observe a particular non-Jewish holiday, Rabbi Moses Isserles (16th century, Poland) provided the following criteria:

- 1) Does the debated activity have a secular origin or value?
- 2) Can one rationally explain the behavior or ritual apart from the gentile holiday?
- 3) If there are idolatrous origins, have they disappeared?
- 4) Are the activities actually consistent with Jewish tradition?

Truly, one could argue that Valentine's Day, in its contemporary form, does indeed meet all of these criteria. Sending cards, chocolates, and gifts, all in the name of love, are wonderful rituals. In fact, we have our own tradition of

a day set aside for love: Tu B'Av. On the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month of Av folks were encouraged to run through vineyards and find their true loves.

Thus, given this background, as well as a look at the holiday today, I think that, if we are comfortable with it, we should go ahead and "observe" Valentine's Day. Hopefully, we don't need an excuse to tell our loved ones how important they are to us, but, -- just in case -- let's celebrate!!

*L'shalom – in peace,  
Rabbi Marci N. Bellows*

### Rabbi Miri Gold

As I write this, on Christmas Day, I am still basking in the warmth and vitality of the 2013 URJ Biennial. Reform Jews living in Israel often feel isolated and denigrated. Although surveys show that more and more Israelis feel that Reform Judaism best reflects their Jewish identity and lifestyle, we are still a minority. Nevertheless, over the years we have seen that the connections made between North American and Israeli Reform Jews are growing and deepening, as more congregational trips tour Israel and include at least one visit to a Reform congregation for Kabbalat Shabbat and a Shabbat meal. Birkat Shalom has been fortunate to host members of B'nai Torah several times, and we look forward to your visits. Similarly, I have enjoyed attending services in your congregation, teaching and learning with you, and celebrating simchas. Most recently, I had the honor of sitting on the bima, and blessing my niece Arielle Herbert and her groom Oliver Hudesman at their *aufruf*.

It is heartwarming to see members of the younger generation who feel a strong attachment to their Judaism, and who will help lead us all into the future, maintaining and strengthening Jewish life in America and around the world. Curiously, the Pew report has found that a significant number of young people who are overwhelmingly proud to be Jewish, define themselves as being Jewish ethnically, and possibly ethically, but say that they do not define themselves by "religion". I encountered two young people on this past trip to the U.S. who used this qualifier. I wonder if what they really mean is that they are not 'religiously observant'. It is interesting that to be a Jew one does not have to follow rituals, believe in God, or recite a catechism.

I believe that our Jewish values give us our distinct personality as a People, and it is this 'Peoplehood' which keeps us together.

*Rabbi Miri Gold, of Kehilat Birkat Shalom at Kibbutz Gezer, petitioned the Israel Supreme Court in 2005, demanding recognition as the rabbi of her community at Kibbutz Gezer.*



## INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



Now that Christmas and the accompanying season of good cheer have, once again, passed by, leaving Jews everywhere with the typically ambivalent feelings accompanying the season of good cheer, it occurs to me that few Jews realize how Christmas is such an exemplary Jewish holiday.

No, not because it is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, one of our most historically dramatic rabbinic figures, but because it always allows for the highlighting of so many exemplary moments in the lives of ordinary people, the significance of which are clearly, profoundly and importantly Jewish in nature, thought and deed.

After all, most of them, for Christians the world over, were inspired by the formative teachings emanating from our own Five Books of Moses (a/k/a the Torah), the most formidable, seminal resource available to and oft quoted from by Reb Yehoshuah.

For example, a good friend from Wisconsin, Michele Westlund, sends me all kinds of humorous and, sometimes, prophetic missives, most often gleaned from her thorough perusal of the detritus found in cyberspace. Not long ago she sent me the following link, which, I heartily encourage you to view:

[http://www.youtube.com/embed/WxjZB5S\\_g7s?rel=0](http://www.youtube.com/embed/WxjZB5S_g7s?rel=0)

In response, I wrote the following to former State Trooper John Welsh, the featured presenter in this video:

*Dear Mr. Welsh,*

*I received, from a friend, the You Tube presentation of "Sue MacKay (sp?)." I was so moved, that I forwarded it to several friends and congregants in my congregation, Temple B'nai Torah, a reform Jewish temple in Wantagh, Long Island.*

*Please know that your most moving poetry represents a stellar example of one of the most important Jewish ethical tenets, "tikun olam," (pronounced: tee-coon oh-lahm), the repair of the world. We believe in the repair of the world, one person at a time. I have been inspired to discuss your presentation in my next monthly bulletin article for the synagogue.*

*Bravo to you for not only sharing this anecdote, but also the important and noble work that you achieved as a trooper and your educating the rest of us on the great humane potential with which, being a trooper, enables and elevates the nobility of your profession and those who choose this "calling."*

*Yes, I would imagine that for some, like you, being a trooper, if not an originating motivation, did, indeed, become a calling.*

*Again, thank you. Those angels to whom you referred, are surely smiling down upon you.*

*Cantor Steve Sher, Temple B'nai Torah*

Still not curious and/or motivated to click on the above link? You'll be missing something very Jewish, important, exemplary, moving, and, most of all, in the spirit of all that is good and which all of our western faiths uphold.

On that note, I hope that all of you will have gleaned, or will glean, in the future, the important and potentially inspiring Jewish message, not of the Christ Mass, about which we Jews don't believe, and not of Hanukkah, a holiday bearing no relationship, but of Christmas, that wonderfully nostalgic and inspiring pagan holiday, even we Jews can enjoy.

*Cantor Steve Sher*

## FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

What's In A Name.....?

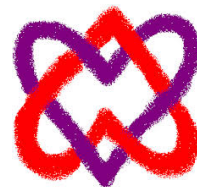
Calendars don't get enough respect. It is the one document combining history, astronomy, culture, politics and religion. When you peruse a standard Jewish calendar (the office still has a few copies for 5774) there are the usual boxes: holidays, feasts, fast days, Rosh Chodesh, plus candlelighting times galore. The fun comes when you search for what isn't included.

All patriotic national holidays are highlighted. Christmas, though it is a National Holiday (no mail delivery on Christmas), and St. Patrick's Day are blank. That is easy to appreciate.

Valentine's Day, which has long lost the 'Saint' part, is likewise invisible in the Jewish calendar. This is of interest to the students of our religious school. Their secular elementary school is decorated in reds and pinks, and complete with talk of cards, candy and love. Don't Jews send cards, eat chocolate hearts and purchase presents? From my experience as a religious school teacher, I sense the students are perplexed. Certainly, they're owed an explanation.

The explanation is this: love is great, candy is sweet, cards are fun, but the name Valentines' Day? – not kosher!

What's in a name? Everything!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we move further into the New Year, we are making determined progress within the building. We have a new video sign in the lobby to show our upcoming events, and new signage on the outside of the building (parking lot side). We have installed beautiful new carpets and flooring in the lobby, library, office, Kiddush Lounge, and new tile in the kitchens. There is a new stage curtain, and new wallpaper in the social hall. We once again have a permit to be able to rent the social hall to outside groups, so if you know anyone planning a party, we will be ready in the spring. I have to thank Sue-Ellen Pennington, Shelley Lomove, and Tessa Kean for all they have done to get this work done. And I have to send out a special thank you to Rita Hofer. She was unbelievably patient with all of the changes that had to be made in the way she runs bingo. Despite our needing to close rooms and maneuver where the bingo workers would be able to do their jobs, she still managed to run bingo in a very orderly, profitable and organized way.



The near-future will bring new fabric to the walls of the Social Hall, new window treatments in the Kiddush Lounge, as well as the refurbishment of the men's and ladies' rooms outside the Social Hall, and the construction of a new, handicapped-accessible bathroom (which will utilize part of the current coat closet). The membership committee is planning on setting up a coffee bar outside of the Kiddush Lounge in the near future so that parents waiting for their children to come out of religious school can congregate and socialize. On the programming side, we have our Annual Square Dance coming up on March 22nd; get a group together and plan to attend this really fun event.

Ten congregants attended the URJ Biennial in San Diego in December. I am looking forward to hearing all about the programs they have attended, and the new ideas that we might be able to implement at Temple B'nai Torah. Congratulations to our own Judy Kule, on being named a trustee on the URJ Board of Directors. She is the first member of our congregation to have been so named, and we are proud of her ascension to the national organization's ruling body.

And on a secular note, I want to remind you all to remember your sweethearts on Valentine's Day! It (and spring) will be here before you know it.

*L'shalom,  
Sherrill Spatz  
Congregation President*

### *Snow Bird Addresses Needed*

Do you "fly" south for the winter months?  
If you do, the office needs your departure dates,  
return dates, winter addresses and  
winter telephone numbers  
so that all mailings may migrate south with you.  
(It also saves on return postage!)

### NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Do you know someone  
who should help direct the future of  
Temple B'nai Torah? Could that person be YOU?

All officer positions are open,  
plus a number for the Temple Board.

TBT needs their leadership, and yours!  
Elections will be in the spring.

Get in touch with the Nominations Committee  
by email to [Emchest2@aol.com](mailto:Emchest2@aol.com).  
Please put 'Nominations' in the subject line.  
Questions? Call Mark @516/783-9607.



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## OUR COMMUNITY

### BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS

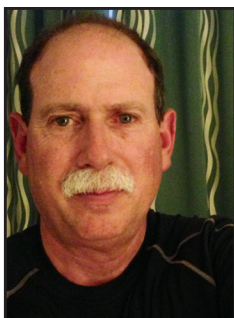


Our January dinner featured Mark Chester's Magical Mystery Meatloaf! Another great dinner from Mark and his crew.

February starts with a Board Meeting on the 4th at 8pm. All Brotherhood members are welcome to attend. Recent Board meetings have included participation by super-volunteer

Chuck Coene, and new member Alan Stern.

Brotherhood's monthly dinner on February 11th will be led by Chuck, Eric Altman and Mark Chasen. Still only \$10 for Brotherhood members, with pre-registration.



Scout Shabbat will be on February 7th. Troop 189 is sponsored by Brotherhood, and the service will highlight the achievement of two new Eagle Scouts: Michael Etzel and Joseph Rich. Congratulations to the boys, their families, and scout leaders.

Brotherhood Breakfasts, on Sundays when school is in session, are still only \$4. Due to rising costs and participation, we have a new price for any person or group who would like to sponsor a breakfast --\$200 for all attendees.... a bargain if more than 50 attend.

Our membership numbers are growing! Now greater than ALL of last year! Our strength depends on our membership, active volunteers, and leadership. If you are a member, become a participant. If you are a participant, become a volunteer. If you are a volunteer, become a leader.

Our Nominating Committee will soon be making recommendations for the 2014-2015 Board and Officers.

Join....participate...volunteer...the path to leadership.

*Harvey Wiener,  
Brotherhood co-President*

### CONGREGANT CORNER

Michele Samuels grew up in New Hampshire, and her family belonged to Temple Israel, where she was a Bat Mitzvah a long time ago. She met her husband, Ismail, in Central Park, and they moved to Bellmore in 1991. They have two children, Kareem and Joseph. Kareem is 22 and graduated from Oswego with a BFA in Art. Joseph is in 7th grade and will be a Bar Mitzvah at TBT in April.



Michele attended the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology before graduating from the University of NH with a BA in Hotel Admin and International Relations. She loves to travel and has studied in Spain, traveled through Europe and lived in Asia. Ismail is from Morocco and also loves to travel. When Ismail and Michele travel, he likes to sightsee; she loves to taste different foods and learn about local cuisine.

Michele left the hotel industry after only a few years and became a technology head-hunter in NYC. After three years, she opened her own recruiting company, Manx Technologies, which she closed after Joseph was born. While trying to decide what to do, she was offered a part time opportunity to learn about finance and is now an independent personal financial advisor.

Michele found TBT when Joseph was ready to start Hebrew School. Never having been part of a reform congregation, it took her a little while to acclimate. Both Michele and Joseph have settled in at TBT and found not only a temple, but a community of friends, and a long term home, and they are happy to be part of our TBT Family

*Jeff Cohen*

### MINYAN UPDATE

Our Minyan Committee members lead shivah minyans for our congregant families when requested. All our members feel that leading a minyan at a house of shivah is a gratifying experience. Please let us know if you would like to become a member of this important committee. Each minyan leader presents the service differently. We have English minyans, Hebrew minyans and mixed English Hebrew minyans. I will gladly help anyone learn the service. Call me (504-0012) or e-mail me (tessakean@gmail.com) and learn how to become part of this important group.

*by Tessa Kean*



## OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



WOW!! Can you imagine having Shabbat dinner and attending Shabbat services with 5,000 other people? Well, I did at the WRJ/URJ Biennial in San Diego this past December. I am writing this column having just returned from the assembly a few days ago. Patti Nacht, Stephanie Jacobson, Janis Beldner, and I represented

Sisterhood. It was a very busy few days that included the following:

- **Plenary Sessions:** These dealt with WRJ constitutional revisions and resolutions, as well as one with URJ president Rabbi Rick Jacobs, as the keynote speaker, and musical performances by Josh Nelson, Joe Black, and Dan Nichols.
- **YES Fund Breakfast:** We were the winner of the Avodah Award for Sisterhoods with 100-299 members and also achieved honorable mention for the Achat Award. Both awards related to direct monetary contributions over the previous two-year period. It was very touching to hear stories of individuals directly impacted by YES funds.
- **Workshops:** I attended two workshops on how to have an effective meeting, one run by WRJ and the other a joint WRJ/URJ effort. I think that Sisterhood is doing things pretty well but I did pick up some additional hints.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat T'filah:** The pre-dinner Shabbat service was very inspirational and the speakers were fantastic. So, too, was the music.
- **Shabbat Dinner:** Our table of 10 was filled with all the TBT convention attendees. We lit our own candles, blessed the wine and challah, and enjoyed each other's company.
- **Joint WRJ/URJ Song Session:** The place was ROCKING! Music was a very big part of the convention. Stephanie and I even took part in the spontaneous dancing through the aisles.
- **Saturday Shabbat Services:** This service ran long (about three hours), but the time just flew by. Cantor Angela Buchdahl, who will shortly become the chief rabbi at Central Synagogue in New York City, led the music portion and Rabbi David Ellenson, the just retired president of HUC, spoke eloquently. But, for me, the highlight was when all Sisterhood members were called to one of the mini bimahs for an aliyah. We played a role at a national convention!

There's much more I could say but the last thought I wish to share about the biennial is that you have to experience it firsthand. I definitely feel that we at TBT are part of a Jewish community much larger than we are as an individual temple. And I hope that my enthusiasm for the entire convention has come through with these words.

On the home front, please join us Monday, February 10 at 7:00pm for a program on Sisterhood's mission statement. Barbara Cohen will be leading an interactive workshop on this topic. The Sisterhood Shabbat service is Friday, February 28 at 8:00pm. Finally, I just want to give you a heads-up that our "Memory and Relaxation" program, originally slated for December 10 but cancelled due to inclement weather, has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 30 at 1:00pm.

Sincerely,  
*Diane Schoenberg*  
Sisterhood President

Community Second Night of Passover Seder Sponsored by Chai Club of Temple B'nai Torah 2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793 (516) 221-2370			
Bring your family and friends and enjoy a complete Passover Seder meal without the preparation.			
Led by Cantor Steven Sher Tuesday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> 2014 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.			
Cantor Sher will conduct the Seder and lead us in prayer and song. The Seder will be a full course traditional kosher style dinner, featuring many of your favorite dishes. Adults will receive a modern Haggadah to take home.			
In order to make the Seder accessible to everyone, we will recite familiar passages and songs in both English and Hebrew. Families with children, singles, elderly, and unaffiliated members of our community are all welcome. <b>All reservations, which are required, must be made no later than March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.</b> We can't accommodate any walk-ins. Please call Brian Levy, (516) 781-4966 or e-mail <a href="mailto:bellobl@aol.com">bellobl@aol.com</a> with any questions.			
Mail the form and check, payable to CHAI CLUB TBT, to: Temple B'nai Torah c/o Chai Club, 2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793.			
Reservations must be received by March 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2014.			
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First and last name of each person attending. For additional names please use the back of this form.	Adult meals age 13 + \$42.00 Members \$50.00 Non-members Chicken Vegetarian	Child's meal ages 7-12 Age appropriate meal. Members \$20.00 Non-Members \$25.00	Children under 7 years old no charge.
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## OUR COMMUNITY

### COUPLES CLUB

#### THE NIGHT THE LIGHTS WENT ON IN WANTAGH

The velvet ropes and red carpets were arranged, the ESPN announcers and camera crews in place. The strobe lights lit up the sky. The January 19th Bowling Party had finally arrived. Rolling Ray, the first to arrive on his gold plated hog with his biker entourage, exuded confidence as he entered the arena. Dave (The Terminator) Schuster, wearing his classical Elvis-style bowling attire, exited his limousine to the cheers of his many fans. Last but not least, Bowlerman Bernie was carried in on his litter, supported by the Kardashian sisters, his Bowlerman cheerleaders. His magical, mystical, invisible bowling ball, (currently on display in the Couples Club Temple lobby case), was lovingly carried by Paris Hilton. The tournament started with strike after strike, pins flying in all directions, the scoreboard recording the soaring scores, cool and confident competitors, and ended with the declaration of the Couples Club 2014 Bowling Champion. We are pleased to announce that the winner of this year's tournament is Martin (Mensa Man) Goldberger. Martin, using ten-dimensional warping of the space-time continuum, quantum gravity and string theory, introduced his "Time and Relative Dimension in Space" bowling ball, which was able to bowl in two lanes simultaneously. He achieved a score of 600 per round, and a grand total of 1800 for the three-round tournament. As a tribute, the other competitors lifted Martin up and carried him around the lanes, to the cheering of the audience.

Barbara (The Voice) Morgenlender, in order to expand her vocal expertise, and to hold her own with the gift of eloquence possessed by her husband Gerry (The Marksman) Morgenlender (who also answers to Gary, Mark, Jerome, David), braved the heights in kissing the Blarney Stone in Ireland. Her traveling companions, the Schlesingers, and Lazaruses also partook of this challenge.



Smiley on becoming great-grandparents.

Looking ahead we have our Games Night on Saturday, February 22nd at the temple. This night starts with our annual Couples Club Derby in which several thoroughbred

horses compete. Participants can then display their expertise in a variety of games, and feast on our buffet dinner. On March 22nd, we will be at the Temple Square Dance. On March 15th, several members will star in the Purim Spiel, and on March 28th, our annual Couples Club Service is scheduled. Details of these activities will be advertised in a timely manner.

These exciting Couples Club functions are open to all congregants, singles or couples, and many singles participate in our activities. Why not come down to our next event and join in the fun? Take advantage of this opportunity to get to know us, and discover for yourselves, the great spirit of the Couples Club. We would like to share this feeling with all TBT members.

If there is anything you would like to know about our group, please call us at (516) 798-5724 or email us at [fdinstell@yahoo.com](mailto:fdinstell@yahoo.com).

Couples Club monthly word of wisdom: In the pursuit of happiness, the difficulty lies in knowing when you have caught up.

*Fred Dinstell*

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### CHAI NOTES



Please join us in the Kiddush Lounge, Monday, February 3rd – our program will feature Art Schlesinger, leading a nostalgic fun night of participative interaction, with a special feature by Barbara Held. The program will include several of the most popular

oldies, rock and folk songs of the 50s, 60s and 70s, with song sheets for all to join in. We will also play a memory game involving the names of the songs, the year they made it “big” and their composers/singers. February birthdays will also be celebrated.

For our March 3rd program, Esther Phillips, VP Programming, has scheduled Dr. Ira Epstein, who will discuss the comedy of Mike Nichols and Elaine May. Join us as Dr. Epstein presents an illustrated lecture on the famous comedy team.

Special thanks to Esther Phillips, who also organized our George Gershwin program in January, as we were entertained by the beautiful piano-playing of Mr. Edward Hupton. Thanks also to Harvey Drucker for the photo (below). Congratulations to January birthday winners Elyss Schwartz and George Bernstein. Mazel Tov to 50-50 winner Marilynn Block.

In the spring we will continue our partnership with Cantor Sher's Adventures-in-Music series:

- March 31: Cantors Galit Cohen and Guy Bonne present:  
A Jewish Music Potpourri
- April 7: Mick Moloney -- The Irish Jewish-Connection  
Continues Mick Moloney combines careers as folklorist, arts presenter and advocate, professional musician, and radio and television personality.
- April 28: Beejhy Barhany -- The Life and Music of  
Ethiopian Jews in America  
Beejhy, a native of Ethiopia, was raised in Israel and now lives in New York City; she is the founder of the Beta Israel of North America Cultural Foundation.
- May 5: Joel Bainerman -- A Jewish Perspective of the  
Beatles Joel is the author of “The Musical Legacy of The Beatles”, a first volume of essays of the research study Beatle Musings – an anthology of scholarship that examines the historical and musical legacy of The Beatles.

All programs are at noon; Chai Club will continue to provide a light lunch. A four dollar (\$4.00) couvert is requested to defray some of the cost.

Chai Club will sponsor Temple B'nai Torah's annual Second Seder, Tuesday evening, April 15th. Last year, Cantor Sher led more than 80 congregants and friends in a traditional Seder. See the reservation form in this issue, which is also being mailed direct to your home.

Pearl Sutz is planning to continue her series of trips to Broadhollow Theater in Elmont. Join us on Sunday, March 9th, as we enjoy “Hello, Dolly!” Janis Beldner and Shelley Lomove have announced that they are rescheduling the Chai Club trip to the Jewish Museum in NYC, for Tuesday, April 1. Please see the TBT Scroll for details on both these outings.

Speaking of Janis Beldner, she is to be congratulated for sponsoring the ongoing Kosher Food Project. Janis thanks the congregational family for their food donations, as well as support collecting the food. A very nice letter of thanks sent by the Jewish Community Center of the Five Towns was received by Janis.

Don't forget to reserve your spot at the Villa Roma in the Catskills. We already have fifteen rooms reserved. Along with Couples Club, we are sponsoring a retreat to the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center, Monday- Thursday, May 12-15, 2014. The trip includes all meals and a full schedule of activities. Two- and three-night options, as well as single supplements and triple occupancy rates, are available. Please call us for further information, 781-4966.

*Mark Kean, Chai Club VP Communications  
Joan and Brian Levy  
Chai Club Co-Presidents*



### TBT-PTA

It was wonderful seeing so many families participate in the Tu b'Shevat Seder. It was truly a wonderful time! The children enjoyed making leaves for the Tu b'Shevat Tree and the tree came out beautifully. You may notice the trees from prior years hanging in the school stairwell as well!

The PTA will be hosting Family BINGO on Sunday, February 9th. This is a great event in which the entire family can participate. You definitely won't want to miss this fun-filled activity!

The Box Tops Collection is going strong. Please keep them coming.

The next PTA meeting will be taking place on February 2nd. We hope you can attend. The PTA is always eager to hear from you and we welcome any suggestions you may have.

*Randy Frances, Co-vice President*

### THE WRAP-UP

Dedicated TBT volunteers spent two December days at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Massapequa Park wrapping gifts for holiday shoppers and raising funds for our synagogue. Many thanks are due to our hard working crew of Janis Beldner, Harvey & Rita Drucker, Barbara Gouveia, Tessa Kean, Barry & Shelley Lomove, Leslie Mittleman, Barbara & Gerry Morgenlender, Judy Novet, Bonnie Russolillo, and Robin Wexler, as well as those that volunteered to be on-call reserves. (Sincere apologies if any names have been inadvertently omitted.)

Please consider joining us next year. There is always an incredible sense of cooperation and camaraderie and we always have a terrific time. In addition to helping TBT, this fundraiser is an excellent way to meet and socialize with fellow TBT congregants.

*by Judy Novet*



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATOR

In December, I had the privilege of attending the Biennial Convention of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) in San Diego, CA. I joined together with 5,000 people who represented more than 500 of the nearly 900 congregations that belong to the URJ. I wish I could figure a way to bottle up all of the enthusiasm and excitement that I felt and experienced while at Biennial, to share with each of you.

To try to pick out a few highlights from Biennial is difficult. I attended amazing workshops, plenary sessions where I heard inspirational speeches, enjoyed the music of some of the hottest artists in the Jewish arena, and participated in services with 5,000 other committed Reform Jews. There are no words to describe the feeling of 5,000 voices joining as one in prayer and song.

During his keynote address, Rabbi Rick Jacobs (President of the URJ) introduced a major commitment by the URJ, in partnership with the Ruderman Family Foundation, for inclusion of Jews with disabilities in synagogue life. Rabbi Jacobs said, "And then there are Jews with disabilities, where we pay lip service to inclusion, but too often fail to take real action. Up to 20% of our population is living with some kind of disability at any given time. Some are visible because the person is using a wheelchair or cane or has a service dog. Most are not - think of psychiatric conditions and chronic illnesses that may only be intermittently disabling, but can be especially cruel. Think of people who cannot manage a relationship, hold a job, get ahead, finish school, or even stay out late and have a decent meal on a regular basis. Inclusion is a lot more than changing physical structures and facilities. A ramp is just a sloped sidewalk if stigma and prejudice get in the way. You can subcontract out the construction of a

ramp, but being fully accessible and open to people with disabilities is work that we can only do ourselves, person-by-person, moment-by-moment."

I had the opportunity to take two workshops under the umbrella of inclusion for educators. I believe that Temple B'nai Torah is already a Jewish Spiritual home for people with disabilities and I hope we can continue exploring new and innovative ways to be a place of worship and learning for all.

Another exciting initiative that Rabbi Jacobs introduced is especially meaningful to me because it affects the children of our Religious School. It is a new Campaign for Youth Engagement, in partnership with the Jim Joseph Foundation. This will expand NFTY to include sixth, seventh and eighth graders, providing students with a vital bridge to post-b'nai mitzvah involvement. This initiative also includes getting more of our youth to one of the fourteen URJ overnight camps. If that weren't enough, it was the kick-off to NFTY's 75th anniversary year celebration.

I invite you to join me in embracing these new initiatives of the URJ. Temple B'nai Torah is a community that is sensitive and inclusive. Our school demonstrates that there is a place for every learner. We will continue to improve on the post-b'nai mitzvah involvement of our students. These are exciting times and I look forward to the possibilities these initiatives provide.

*L'Shalom,  
Elisa Blank  
Director of Education*



## OUR COMMUNITY

### IT'S SQUARE DANCIN' TIME AGAIN!

Picking up where Jeff & Sue Beller left off, after so many excellent years, we are pleased to chair the 2014 TBT Five-Arm Square Dance, which will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 in the Temple Social Hall. The five arms – Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Couples Club, Chai Club, PTA – want you out on to the dance floor for some do-si-dos, allemand lefts, grand squares, cloverleaves, and so much more! This year we are especially pleased to welcome back Lee & Lilith Kopman to lead the festivities for us. If you know about square dancing, you know the name Lee Kopman. For many years he has been one of the top callers in the United States. Lilith is a professional country/western line dance teacher. Lee & Lilith led TBT's Square Dance for many years and, after a short absence, we are delighted to bring them home to TBT.

The evening will start at 7 p.m. with a hot sit-down dinner catered by Chicken Sensation of Levittown. Dancing will begin at 8pm, and continue to 11pm, after which we will finish the evening with coffee, tea, and dessert. Those of you who have been part of the Square Dance scene all these years know how much fun lies in store. If you're a newcomer to square dancing, this is a wonderful way to start!

Be sure and ask your friends to join you – definitely the more the merrier! If you belong to one of the arms, please let your club president(s) know that you will be coming and how many seats you will need. They will let us know how many tables to reserve for your club. The deadline for reserving is March 1 – make your plans now! You can call us with any questions: (516) 935-1613. We are proud to continue the happy tradition of TBT square dancing – look forward to seeing you all there!

*Marty & Vicki Goldberger*



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### THE CHAI CLUB OF TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH PRESENTS



The Chai Club is inviting all members of Temple B'nai Torah and their friends to a presentation of the hit Broadway show "Hello Dolly".

This beloved Broadway musical, *Hello Dolly*, concerns itself with Dolly Levi, a New York-based matchmaker who merrily arranges things... like furniture and daffodils and lives. A widow, she has found herself in love with a "half-a-millionaire" Yonkers merchant named Horace Vandergelder. So she proceeds to weave a web of romantic complications involving him, his two clerks, a pretty milliner and her assistant. Eventually, of course, all is sorted out, and everyone ends up with the right person.

Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

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TICKETS ARE \$22.00 PER TICKET  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FEBRUARY 2014</b>						<b>1</b> •NFTY-NAR Winter Kallah - BNTY host @TBT •9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) •10:30am Service (1) B/M Herman •1:30-4:00pm Compo- ser in Residence (S/H & K/L) •7:30-10:00pm Composer in Residence Concert (Sanc.)
<b>2</b> •NFTY-NAR Winter Kallah BNTY host @ TBT •9:00am Rel. School •9:00-11:30am Composer in Residence (Sanc.) •10:00am Adult B/M Mitzvah Class ( 211)	<b>3</b> •12:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) •6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Rm 201) •7:00pm Rel. School •7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (201) •7:30pm Chai Club Gen. Mtg (K/L) •8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	<b>4</b> •10:00am Al Anon (K/L) •3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) •4:30pm Rel. School •6:00-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) •6:45pm Sisterhood Exec. Bd Mtg (K/L) •7:45pm Sisterhood Brd Mtg (K/L) •7:00pm Brotherhood Exec. Bd. Mtg (104) •8:00pm Brotherhood Brd Mtg (S/H)	<b>5</b> • 10:30am Bingo • 3:40pm-5:00pm Tutor	<b>6</b> • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo	<b>7</b> • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 6:00pm 6th Gr. Shabbat Dinner (S/H) • 7:30pm Family Shabbat-Honoring TBT Scouts / 6th Gr. Service	<b>8</b> • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Service (1) B/M Spiegel
<b>9</b> •9:00am Rel. School School Wing & K/L •9:00-11:30am Grade 5 Fam. Ed. (Y/L) •9:15am Bro. Brkfast •10:00am Membership Mtg (S/H) •11:30am-5:00pm PTA Family Bingo (S/H) •11:30-noon Youth Choir (Rm 201) •12:00pm Adult B/M Class (Rm. 211)	<b>10</b> •12:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) •6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Rm 201) •7:00pm Rel. School •7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (201) •8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	<b>11</b> •10:00am Al Anon (K/L) •3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) •4:30pm Rel. School •6:00-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) •7:00pm Brotherhood Dinner (S/H) •7:00pm Jewish War Vets Mtg (101/103) •7:30pm Ritual Com. Mtg (K/L) •8:00pm Religious Ed Mtg (Library)	<b>12</b> •10:30am Bingo • 3:40pm-5:00pm Tutor • 5:30pm B/M Orientation Dec 2014 & Jan/Feb 2015 families (K/L)	<b>13</b> • Germany Trip • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo	<b>14</b> • Germany Trip • 5:30pm Tot Shabbat • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat	<b>15</b> • Germany Trip • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L)
<b>16</b> • Germany Trip • No Rel. School - Mid-Winter Recess 10:00am Couples Club Bd. Mtg (Away) •2:00pm Bingo Set-up (S/H & K/L) •6:45pm Triple Bingo	<b>17 President's Day</b> • Germany Trip • No Rel. School - Mid-Winter Recess • No Nursery School • Building Closed	<b>18</b> • Germany Trip • No Nursery School • No Rel. School • 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.)	<b>19</b> • Germany Trip • No Nursery School • 10:30am Bingo • 3:40pm-5:00pm Tutor	<b>20</b> • Germany Trip • No Nursery School • 7:30pm Bingo	<b>21</b> • No Nursery School • 3:00pm B/M Reh (Sanc.) • 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>22</b> • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Service (1) B/M Firestone • 7:00pm Couples Club Games Night (K/L)
<b>23</b> • Building Closed • No Rel. School - Mid-Winter Recess	<b>24</b> •11:00am Chai Board Mtg (K/L) •12:00pm-Torah Study-Rabbi Bellows (S/H) •1:00-3:00pm Wom. Meadowbrook In K/L •1:15pm Blood Drive Set-up (S/H) •3:00pm-8:30pm Blood Drive (S/H) •6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Rm 201) •7:00pm Rel. School •7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (201) •8:30pm BNTY Sr Y/L	<b>25</b> • 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) • 4:30pm Religious School • 6:00-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) • 6:45pm Exec. Bd. Mtg (104) • 8:00pm Board Meeting (K/L)	<b>26</b> • 10:30am Bingo • 3:40pm-5:00pm Tutor	<b>27</b> • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo	<b>28</b> • 8:00pm Sisterhood Erev Shabbat	



## BNTY (YOUTH GROUP)

BNTY Jr. has had an amazing year so far! Recently, we made sandwiches for the Mary Brennan INN in Hempstead. As social action is a big part of BNTY Jr, we also made "blessing bags", which included small toiletry items to be donated, along with a towel drive being conducted in the religious school. We have played multiple rounds of Jewish Jeopardy, and are in the middle of our three-week Maccabiah games! In the recent past, we have done aleph-bet yoga with guided meditation.

BNTY Sr. has presented some amazing programs as well! Using a Regina Spektor song, our own Sabrina Chasen led a program on God, and our BNTY President, Lathan Lev, guided a "Cross the Line" program on teen /personal issues, which was a big hit with the members. Samantha Schnall wrote a program on Thanksgivukkah, comparing the two holidays, while sharing some recipes! We ended the night with a "songdown" (choosing a theme and naming songs with lyrics) which, towards the end, got super-competitive. Finally, we had a teen dreidel night. Aside from programming, we had a bake sale during the Sisterhood Chanukah Sale where we made \$150, which will be used towards the NFTY Winter Kallah!

Speaking of the Winter Kallah, Temple B'nai Torah will be hosting more than 150 teens from across the tri-state area, January 31 - February 2. It is a huge honor for our program and our Temple, and many people are working on the details to ensure that it runs smoothly. We want to thank those Temple members who volunteered to host some of the out-of-towners in their homes, as well as Mrs. Blank and the Temple Board for its support of the weekend's activities.

We recently acquired two awesome youth advisors, Robyn Smith and Alyssa Schneyman. With these amazing additions to our team, we have accomplished a lot. Thanks to the PTA, we have been raising money with our newly obtained soda machine. Some of this money is going towards the Winter Kallah, while the balance is being used for the purchase of a puppet theatre and puppets for the nursery school.

Both of our youth groups take membership on a rolling basis. If you would like more information, please e-mail me at: [bnty@temple-bnai-torah.org](mailto:bnty@temple-bnai-torah.org)

*Emily Besthoff*  
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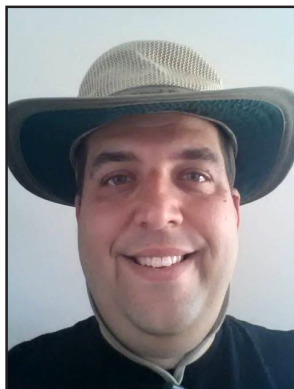
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## Pack 189



December was an absolutely amazing month for Pack 189.

The first big event occurred on the day after Thanksgiving. Every year, the Theodore Roosevelt Council (which covers Nassau County) sponsors the Ten Commandments Hike. They pick a neighborhood with a large number of Houses of Worship and set up a hike (about four miles total) among them. This year the Hike was held in Port Washington. At each location, a clergyman talks to the group about their religion, one or two of the commandments, and any significance to the architecture of their building. This was my first year

attending, as it was for all four Cub Scouts who went. We went to an AME church, a Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, a Catholic church, and a Conservative synagogue. We also visited a Methodist church whose pastor was unable to stay for the event, but where an imam came and spoke to us about Islam. All of the talks were interesting, and the hike was great fun. I am already looking forward to next year's event!

We also worked hard on advancement during the month, and it showed. First, let me point out that advancement "work" in Cub Scouts, while it does involve some effort and focus on the part of the Scouts, has fun aspects throughout. It is not like school work, but the boys do learn both values and skills. All of our dens strove to finish requirements for various achievements and awards, and at the Pack Night and Holiday Party, we presented an amazing 43 awards! We played games at the party, gave out the awards, and then enjoyed some dessert and fellowship before heading out to the winter break. A good time was had by all.

If your son is in 1st grade through 5th grade and is interested in giving Cub Scouting a try, please contact me at [thescotchs@verizon.net](mailto:thescotchs@verizon.net). Walk-ins are also welcome (we meet in the Youth Lounge most Thursdays from 6:15 – 7:15).

On behalf of the Leaders and Scouts of Pack 189, I hope everyone has a wonderful New Year!

*by JJ Scotch*