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Times

It's PURIM...



B'NAI MITZVAH



March 8

Brett Herman

Robert & Amy

My name is Brett Herman and I attend Plainedge Middle School. I play the baritone horn in the school band, and am a member of our music honor society. I love playing my instrument, and also doing theatre. Recently I was cast as a lost boy in Peter Pan, and an ensemble member in Music Man. For my mitzvah project I led a team in Relay For Life, because many people in my family have been affected by cancer. I am excited about becoming a bar mitzvah because Judaism means a lot to me. I would like to thank Cantor Hiesiger, Cantor Sher, and Rabbi Bellows for helping on my way to becoming a Jewish adult.



March 15

Rebecca Sloan

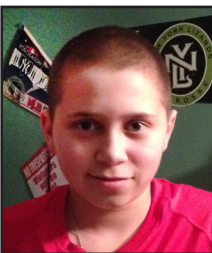
James Sloan & Sheri Epstein

My name is Rebecca Sloan, and I am a seventh-grade honors student at the Hicksville Middle School. I am a member of the National Junior Honor Society. I enjoy playing sports such as soccer, volleyball and basketball. I play the clarinet. I also take six dance classes which include tap, jazz, ballet, point, and musical theatre. I am also in Company at my dance studio.

March 22

Max Stefanakos

Steven & Jennifer



March 29

Scott Cappichioni

Edward & Francine

My name is Scott Capicchioni. I am a seventh grader at Plainedge Middle School. I play lacrosse, football, basketball and wrestling. For my Mitzvah project I volunteered at the Mary Brennan Inn Soup Kitchen in Hempstead. I look forward to becoming a bar mitzvah and I would like to thank Mrs. Altman for all her help preparing me for my special day.

MARCH RITUAL CALENDAR

Friday, February 28	8:00pm	Sisterhood Shabbat Service
Friday, March 7	7:30pm	Family Service/Shabbat Across America
Saturday, March 8	10:00am	Shabbat Sababa (Jr. Congregation)
	10:30am	Service (1) B/M
Tuesday, March 11	7:30pm	Ritual Committee Meeting
Friday, March 14	8:00pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday, March 15	10:30pm	Service (1) B/M
	7:30pm	Purim Celebration & Spiel
Saturday, March 21	6:30pm	Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday, March 22	10:30am	Service (1) B/M
Friday, March 28	8:00pm	Couples Club Shabbat
Saturday, March 29	10:30am	Services (1) BM



OUR COMMUNITY

TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 23, 2013 at 8:00pm

Meeting called to order by President Sherrill Spatz at 8:00pm

Blessings / D'var Torah – Study of Rabbi Rick Jacob's speech for Biennial. Need to practice Audacious Hospitality for the whole congregation.

Secretary's Report – Correction to last month's minutes: Sisterhood left out of coffee donations. Review/Acceptance of Last Month's Minutes, Board correspondence.

Unfinished Business – No unfinished business.

New Business – Motion was made regarding the donations of artwork. "Donations to the temple in the form of artwork shall be placed in the temple when possible at the discretion of the House and Esthetics Committee. Such donations shall be the property of the Temple. Donated items are gifts to the Temple which will become the exclusive property of the Temple to be used at its discretion. Motion passed

Motion to change Rabbi Raab Youth Fund name to Rabbi Raab Fund. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report – Beth Cohen – report stands.

Temple Administrator Report – Sue-Ellen Pennington –Thanks for everyone's support and patience during renovations. Everything looks great.

Financial Secretary Report --528 members billed \$992,000. Received \$510,000. \$422,000 cash received for dues.

BINGO/Food Certificates/Purchasing Report – Rita Hofer – report stands. There are concerns with keeping Bingo going. Video slots may be coming into nearby communities.

President's Report – Sherrill Spatz –Judy Kule is the first TBT member of the URJ Board. Rob Saunders UJA award was listed in Newsday. Regarding Budget: In the past arms were not charged custodian fees for events. Each arm will be charged for any time the custodian is not normally here. Money lost from these fees takes away from donations made. The charge is \$17.00 per hour per person on duty when the building is normally closed. Also, regarding chain of command, a policy will be written up by Sherrill Spatz and the Rabbi. We received the Epstein Communicate Award at Biennial. Thank you to Howard Lev, Rabbi Pasternak, Andrew Pasternak, Lauren Lev, Amanda Lev, and Lathan Lev for their contributions to the submission that led to the award.

Vice Presidents' Report: Rob Saunders: Budget Meeting will take place on January 6th. We will be discussing ways to close the big gaps. .

Rob Saunders /Community and Fund Raising: Barnes and Nobel gift wrapping raised \$334. Thanks to Judy Novet and all volunteers.

Helaine Schnall /Learning: Report Stands. Lifelong learning program for all ages. Working on rebuilding and publicizing the events we have now.

Shelley Lomove/ House and Administration: We have three months to do all projects. We are only doing one at a time.

Good and Welfare – Biannual attendees shared their positive feedback.

Move to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 9:52.

Thank you to Janee Lowenstein for recording the minutes.
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 28 at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Curry

Purim is just like....Yom Kippur??



Shalom, friends,

“Mi she-nichnas Adar, marbim b’simchah” – One who enters the Hebrew month of Adar is rich in joy!

On March 3, we enter the month of Adar II (since the year 5774 is a leap year, and we have two full Adar months). Why does the tradition tell us that we are all filled with joy during the month of Adar? It is because Adar (or Adar II during a leap year) contains the holiday of Purim. Our sages felt that Purim was meant to be celebratory, silly, raucous, and plenty irreverent. Just like the carnivals and festivals of other religions and cultures, we Jews feel the need to “let loose,” dress up in crazy costumes, and laugh at the seriousness of the rest of the year.

With all of that partying in mind, there is a surprising teaching that the sages also shared with us. They noted a similarity between Purim and Yom HaKippurim, one of the longer names of Yom Kippur. In order to understand how the rabbis linked these two holidays, let’s break down the Hebrew. Technically, Yom HaKippurim means The Day of Atonements, but the rabbis loved to play with language.

Thus, they came up with another possible translation of the same words. In this interpretation, Yom is the Hebrew word for “day,” Ki means “like,” ha means “the,” and Purim means “Purim.” Thus, Yom Kippur becomes “The day that is like Purim.”

What did the rabbis do with this new interpretation? They looked at the typical observance of Purim. What do many of us do to celebrate? We put ON masks. We pretend to be someone else. We dress up in ways that differ from our usual dress.

Yet, on Yom Kippur, we are encouraged to take OFF our masks, our pretenses, our labels. We are asked to stand before God as honestly and purely as possible. In order to do this, we must recognize that, in some way, we wear masks all the time that prevent us from being true to ourselves.

This year, on Purim, I hope you’ll think about all the ways in which we adopt identities, both for real and for play. I hope you’ll contemplate how the masks we choose, consciously or unconsciously, still reflect truths about ourselves that help us reach deeper understandings and self-awareness. I hope you’ll ponder how Purim is the other side of the coin of our holiest day, Yom Kippur, and thus, as silly as it is, equally holy.

*Chag Purim Sameach!
Rabbi Marci N. Bellows*

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The Talmud declares, “When Adar arrives, our joy increases.” Rightfully so, for the fourteenth day of the Hebrew month of Adar marks the holiday of Purim and when we think of the holiday of Purim we think of fun. Of course with fun comes laughter.

You have probably heard the phrase, “Laughter is the best medicine.” Many people believe that laughter boosts the immune system, is a powerful antidote to stress, pain, and conflict, and even prevents heart disease. Research has shown that laughter relaxes the whole body. A good, hearty laugh relieves physical tension and stress, leaving your muscles relaxed for up to 45 minutes. Laughter decreases stress hormones and increases immune cells and infection-fighting antibodies, thus improving your resistance to disease. Laughter triggers the release of endorphins which promote a sense of overall well-being and can even temporarily relieve pain. Finally, research has shown that laughter protects the heart. Laughter improves the function of blood vessels and increases blood flow, which can help protect against a heart attack and other cardiovascular problems.

There is a Jewish troupe of clowns called Lev Leytzan (heart of a clown). They are also known as mitzvah clowns. These clowns are volunteers that go to hospitals, nursing homes, to those who are isolated, ill, and in pain to cheer up people by filling them with laughter and a renewed sense of hope. One Israeli hospital even offers a “medical clowning” course to train professionals on how to use laughter therapy.

Rabbi Nachman, a great Hasidic sage, said, “It’s a great mitzvah to always be in a state of simcha – happiness.” Rabbi Nachman taught that happiness is essential to life and he recommended that people act as if they were happy, even when they were not.

They say laughter and smiling are contagious. Take the time to smile at a stranger, tell a joke to a friend, or gather your entire family together to watch a funny movie. Wishing all of you a fun and laughter-filled Adar!

*L’Shalom,
Elisa Blank
Director of Education*

BLOG FROM ISRAEL

We did it! History has been made. Towards the end of December, 2013 the Ministry of Culture and Sport transferred funds to help support the salaries of six rabbis: four Reform (including myself), one Conservative and one "Secular" rabbi. This is a precedent for the State of Israel, which, up to now, supported only Orthodox rabbis approved by the Rabbinate of Israel.

For the Reform movement in Israel, this funding will facilitate the creation and support of new congregations. A number of kibbutzim now have fledgling "minyanim" which attract people from the individual communities as well as from neighboring ones. Until now Birkat Shalom has received 70% of its funding for the rabbi's salary from the Reform Movement in Israel. It had paid the rest through money raised from local dues, events and from overseas support. The money provided by the government will not cover the entire salary, but it will certainly ease the burden.

We still have major challenges in Israel to promote religious pluralism. This morning, the local high school gathered its high-level English-speaking Israeli students to hear a talk about World Judaism delivered by an American Reform rabbi from Kansas City, who had a partnership connection with the Gezer Regional Council. When I was introduced (and understand, I have never had the opportunity to speak before the students), most of the teenagers gasped when they heard mention of a woman rabbi!

When we left the hall, I asked the teacher if she would allow me to address the students. She agreed.

It happens in small steps and quiet gestures, but we are making progress. Little by little, more young Israelis are being exposed to liberal Judaism. Whether it is through our youth groups or at the URJ Summer Camp experience, more Israelis are learning about the liberal Jewish options at their fingertips. This is a hopeful sign for our future!

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*.

Rabbi Miri Gold

TBT-PTA



The PTA is happy to announce the Tu B'Shevat trees are hanging for all to view and enjoy. If you haven't had the opportunity to admire them, come view the children's beautiful creations in the religious school stairwell the next time you are at the temple. Also, the PTA now has a glass showcase in the main lobby designed by Stacey Spiller. Please stop by and take a look. It is beautiful.



Family BINGO was a huge success once again. Thank you for joining us and supporting your PTA. A special thank you goes out to Alaina Walsh and Michelle Samuels for coordinating this amazing event.

Thank you everyone for sending in Box Tops. The collection is going so well. In fact, we've just received our first check for \$75! Please keep collecting them and bringing them in.

Passover will be here before you know it, and the PTA is looking forward to helping with the school seders. Currently we are selling Passover candy and goods. Parents should have gotten the order form in their child's back pack. Even if you buy only 1 or 2 items, it makes a big difference.

Our next two meetings will be March 2nd and March 30th. We hope to see you there.

Don't forget to check out the latest happenings on the PTA Facebook page.

Randy Frances, Co-vice President

FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

Adar 2 -- A Leap Of Faith

After a winter like we had, spring can't come too soon. Or can it? This year in the Jewish calendar the spring month will be delayed, and by an entire month! And not just any month, but Adar 2 (a.k.a Adar Sheini or Adar Bet).



The basic logic is this: the next new moon following regular Adar would've appeared in the sky way-y-y too early to begin Nisan (Nisan is the month that celebrates Passover, not Nissan the automobile). Without an Adar 2, the full moon

of Passover would arrive too early – before the first day of spring. Therefore, an extra month is required

Enter Adar 2. The first day of Adar 2 falls on March 3rd. Therefore 5774 is a "leap" year of thirteen months. This occurs every few years and keeps Passover exactly on schedule.

The technical reason reflects the fact that a "regular" Jewish year has only 354 days and the regular solar year is 365 days. But, hey, who's counting?

If only there were a way to ensure Passover would arrive after April 15th.....!

Mark Chester, Editor TBT Times

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHY DID YOU STAY?

A few weeks ago I had a conversation with Rabbi Bellows and Exec VP Rob Saunders regarding membership. Aside from the High Holiday Services, we only get to see a fraction of our congregants during the year.



We were trying to understand why so many families leave Temple B'nai Torah after their children's b'nai mitzvah instead of staying on as members. We were also looking at the Chai Club members that have stayed on for many, many years. What do those who belong to Chai Club find here at TBT that the younger membership does not? The Rabbi asked us "why did you stay?"

I remember when my youngest child was ready to become a bar mitzvah. Like many of the younger parents, I was looking forward to not having the obligation of paying dues, coming to temple etc. But as the day approached that I would be free of all that the temple had to offer, I realized how much I would be missing.

The numerous efforts and successful programs that Sisterhood, Brotherhood, CouplesClub, Chai Club and the other various arms provide seem to attract the same congregants. Why isn't the rest of the congregation participating? Those who are participating are getting the most value of their membership. Frequently these are the same congregants who work at Bingo, our programs and our fundraisers. The effort they put forward develops into a genuine feeling of community. Those of us who don't, miss out on a great experience of meeting these great people.

I was a very active member of Sisterhood, and became Sisterhood President. I made life-long friends here. Most of us didn't have family in the area, so we became one big family, spending not only the Jewish holidays together, but all of the secular ones too. I bonded with the more "mature" members of the temple, learning from their experiences of both temple life and the outside world. The pleasure of these friendships are what I would've missed if I left the temple 18 years ago. Through the 25 years I have belonged to this temple (and one of the legacies) I was able to grow as an individual, not only in spirituality but wisdom. So this was the answer to the question "Why did you stay?"

Temple B'nai Torah belongs to its members. Why don't you come in and give us a try? Then you can tell me why you stayed.

*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.
Please put 'Nominations' in the subject line.
Questions? Call Mark @516/783-9607.



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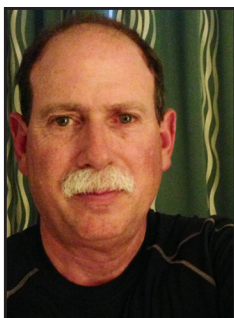
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BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS



January dinner was greeted by applause, as the Magical Meatloaf made its entrance. Dave Schuster, Bruce Jaffe, Sol Goldstein and Ed Blecher led culinary assistance. Josh Rest brought prizes as Mark Chester led the quiz "Things You Would've Learned in School, Had You Been Paying Attention."



Our February dinner featured a debut dinner performance by Chuck Coene and his crew (Eric Altman, Mark Chasen and Rich Tepper).

March brings a Board Meeting on the 4th at 8pm. All Brotherhood members are welcome to attend.

Brotherhood's monthly dinner on March 18th, will have a St. Patrick's "flavor".... still only \$10 for Brotherhood members, with pre-registration.

Leading the work of Brotherhood's Social Action is Sol Goldstein. Sol sends needed non-perishable items to our soldiers in Afghanistan. If anyone knows a soldier serving there, please leave a message for Brotherhood. If anyone has the kind of sample bathroom articles that many hotels provide for their guests (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo), please donate for the troops.

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

Our membership numbers continue to grow! But we're not satisfied until every male congregant is a member.

The men of Brotherhood provide support for our kids, our congregation and our nation. We provide a welcome, relaxing environment for men of all ages.

Join....participate....lead.

*Harvey Wiener,
Brotherhood co-President*



Men and women serving in the military have benefited from the generosity of the Social Action Committee of TBT Brotherhood.

For the past four years this committee has sent sixty gift packages to service personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are still in need of names and complete addresses of any military now in those areas who would like to receive one of these packages.

We do the collection, packaging, and shipping. Brotherhood pays the postage.

Please pass the word to anyone you know who has a friend, relative or neighbor who is presently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and who would like to receive one of these gift packages containing snacks, books, writing materials, candy, cookies, toiletries and other items they cannot readily obtain.

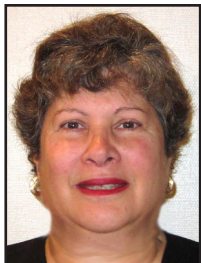
If you have any questions please call Sol Goldstein, Chair of the TBT Social Action Committee, at 516-798-1558.

There is a box in the lobby, near the coat racks, for your donated items.

Let's support this worthy cause by contributing generously.

*Thank you,
Sol Goldstein, TBT-SAC*

OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



Hello there! I'd like to first give you a membership update. Sisterhood has a total of 197 members for 2013-2014. It's a pleasure to see some new faces at our programs and events, many of which are open to the entire temple and guests. So what's going on this month?

- For those participating in the Shalach Manos Fundraiser, where we exchange sweets in celebration of Purim, look for your goodie bags. Frankly, this bag doesn't last long at my house because our son grabs what he wants first and asks questions later.
- On Wednesday night, March 26, is our Chinese Auction/Dinner at Chen's Buffet City in Levittown. This is a major fundraiser for Sisterhood. The food is delicious and plentiful, and the prizes (donated by outside merchants and our Sisterhood members) are terrific. We've amassed a load of gift certificates and baskets of merchandise that you'll surely want to have. Ladies, hope to see you there.
- Sunday, March 30, is our rescheduled "Memory and Relaxation" program. I quote from the flyer when I tell you this workshop "will teach you to use your mental resources to remember names, faces, and telephone numbers..." As all of us are very busy; doesn't this sound like a great idea?

Finally, I just want to mention that the Women's Seder will be held on Tuesday night, April 8. Mark your calendars for this special program.

*Sincerely,
Diane Schoenberg
Sisterhood President*



TBT SISTERHOOD SAYS YES TO YES!

Women of Reform Judaism supplies Uniongrams to our TBT Sisterhood. Then we offer them to our congregants to help celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, bar/bat mitzvah, confirmation and other life cycle events. Money raised by WRJ through uniongram sales goes to the WRJ YES Fund (Youth, Education and Special Projects). Through the YES Fund, WRJ has provided millions of dollars to ensure the future of Reform Judaism. WRJ provides scholarships to rabbinical and cantorial students, supports youth, camp and Israel programs, promotes innovative initiatives in Israel, sponsors youth activities in progressive Jewish communities around the world, and partners with other Reform organizations to strengthen Reform Judaism.

Now that you know the importance of Uniongrams, when you receive the monthly list of birthdays, anniversaries and upcoming bar/bat mitzvah students, please look for your friends' names, circle them and send in your order. Say Yes to YES!

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 15th 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. **All reservations, which are required, must be made no later than March 30th, 2014.** We can't accommodate any walk-ins. Please call Brian Levy, (516) 781-4966 or e-mail bellobl@aol.com 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 30th, 2014.

Name _____ E-mail _____	
Telephone () _____ I/We wish to be seated with: _____	

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

BABY IT'S COLD OUT HERE

That refrain kept repeating in Alan (The Brewmaster) Loewenstein's thoughts, as he entered the Sochi Olympic Stadium with the Couples Club members of the United States 2014 Winter Olympics Team. After several days of partying with the Swedish figure skating team, it was time for Arnie (YOLO -Hot Stuff) Minsky and Alan to compete in their events. Arnie, renowned in the Singles Luge, was a little groggy and suffering a momentary lapse, thought he was sledding on the slopes in Bethpage Park. He mistakenly mounted the sled face forward, belly down. This prevented him from steering the sled, which is accomplished mainly with the calves, by applying pressure on the runners. He barreled down the banked curves and walled-in straights to the finish line yelling, "PAULA". His record speed of 95.69 mph was disqualified. Alan, who competes in the individual large hill ski jump competition faltered in hitting the gate upon his release. This caused him to slide down the ramp backwards. Once airborne he executed a helicopter spin, which established the correct trajectory. Even though the spectators loved this, the judges were not so kind. The Couples Club did have a bright moment when the Ice Dance Team of Howard & Deanna Popeck, using micro lasers attached to their skates, etched the Clubs' crest into the arena ice.



Our Games Night on Saturday, February 22nd at the temple, started with our annual Couples Club Derby in which several thoroughbred horses competed. Participants then displayed their expertise in a variety of games, and feasted on a Chinese buffet dinner.

We will be at the Temple Square Dance on March 22nd. On March 15th several members 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.

In May we have seventeen rooms already booked for the Temple's Villa Roma outing. We are still taking reservations for this exciting getaway. Full details can be found on the Temple website. We have just been advised that Arthur (The Chairman) Schlesinger's identical twin brother, "Not Arthur Schlesinger" will be joining us. Hopefully, this meeting of two wild and crazy guys will not do too much damage to the physical structure of the cosmic web filament.

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 yourself, 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.

Couples Club monthly word of wisdom: The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why.

Fred Dinstell

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OUR COMMUNITY

CHAI NOTES



Please join us in the Kiddush Lounge Monday, March 3rd at 7:30 pm, for another fantastic program. Esther Phillips, VP Programming, has scheduled Dr. Ira Epstein who will present an illustrated lecture on the famous comedy team of Mike Nichols and Elaine May. March Birthdays will also be celebrated.

Due to the snow events of February, we had to postpone our musical oldies program and provide TWO programs in March.

The new date for the musical review is Monday, March 10, 7:30 PM. The program will feature several of the most popular oldies, rock and folk songs of the 50s, 60s and 70s. Special thanks to Art and Debbie Schlesinger and Barbara Held for working through many snow related delays

This month, Pearl Sutz has scheduled a theatre trip to Broadhollow. Join us as we enjoy "Hello Dolly", Sunday March 9th. Janis Beldner and Shelley Lomove have also announced that they have rescheduled the Chai Club trip to the Jewish Museum in NYC to Tuesday, April 1. Please see the TBT Scroll for details on both these outings.

Starting at the end of the month, 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
- April 28: Beejhy Barhany: The Life and Music of Ethiopian Jews in America
- May 5: Joel Bainerman: A Jewish Perspective 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 cover some of the cost.

Once again Chai Club will sponsor Temple B'nai Torah's Second Seder, Tuesday evening, April 15th. Last year, Cantor Sher led over 80 participants in a traditional Seder. See the reservation form that was sent direct to your home.

Don't forget to reserve your spot at the Villa Roma. We already have 17 rooms reserved. Along with Couples Club, we are sponsoring a retreat to the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center in the Catskills, Monday- Thursday, May 12-15, 2014. The Villa Roma 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.

We note that the Spay and Neuter Organization will be

running their fundraiser, Saturday night, March 29th. The Chai Club is to be congratulated for helping them get on the Temple Calendar.

Mark Kean, Chai Club VP Communications

*Joan and Brian Levy
Chai Club Co-Presidents*

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER



TREES FOR ISRAEL

**Remember your friends, family and loved ones
with the gift of a tree...a memorial forever.**

**Special tree certificates are available for
multiple tree purchases.**

**Call Debbie Schlesinger at 516 804-8432
or email at debartie@optonline.net.**

**The cost of a tree is \$18.00 and trees are available
in the National Forest or the Children's Forest.**

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

I can't believe we have completed half of the year already!!!! We have begun registration for the fall and, in addition, we once again offer the summer program. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact me at 781 KIDS (5437) ext 18. I would be glad to answer any questions, and to arrange a tour of our wonderful school. Remember that if you refer someone who signs up, you will receive a \$100 credit on your dues. Also keep in mind that we still have room in our classes if someone would like to join us now.

The last few months have been packed with lots of fun activities. We learned the story of Thanksgiving, and had a feast. At the same time we learned the story of Chanukah, and enjoyed a Chanukah show. Thank you to the cantor for doing such a great job in leading us. We learned about Tu B'Shevat, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We continue with our weekly Shabbats, including making challah. This winter we have been learning a lot about snow, ice, and the Polar Vortex. Soon we will be busy preparing for Purim, and then Passover with our mini seder. We take every opportunity that arises to create a teachable moment, while making sure that the children are having fun, and associate school with a happy experience.

I would like to give a special shout out to Emily Bestoff and the BNTY youth group. When I mentioned that something that the children played with in the youth lounge was missing, they stepped up to the plate. One day we went downstairs and found a beautiful puppet stage and a bag full of puppets. I guess Emily also believes in teachable moments. Her children learned how to be charitable, and my children learned how to be grateful. As I stated in my last article...it is wonderful to be part of this TBT family.

*Ann Lazare,
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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, allemande 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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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 9th, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

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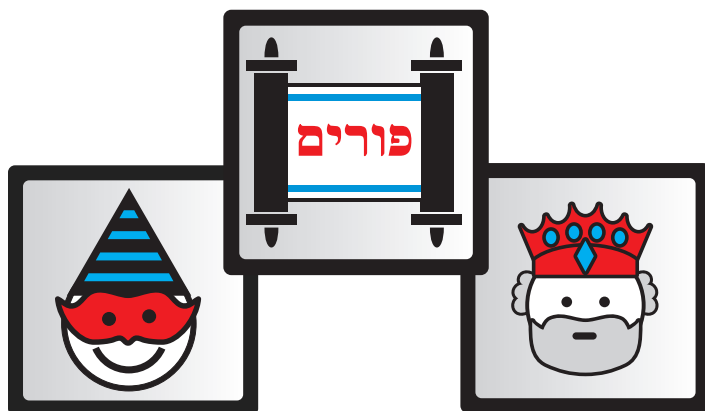
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9 Daylight Savings Time Begins • 9:00am Religious School/School & K/L • 9:00-11:30am Grade 4 Fam Ed. (Y/L) • 9:15am Bro. Brkfast • 10:00am Membership Mtg (201) • 10:00am-noon Book Club (Library) • 12:00noon Adult B/M Class (Rm. 211) • 1:00-2:00pm Jewish Cooking Class (Kit.) • 2:00pm Chai Club Theater Event (A) • 3:00-5:00pm Purim Spiel Reh. (Sanc.) • NFTY Elections (A)	10 • 12:00pm-Torah Study w/Rabbi (K/L) • 2:00pm Staff Mtg • 6:30-9:30pm Chai Club Gen'l Mtg (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)	11 • 10:00am Al Anon • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) • 4:30pm Rel. School • 6:00-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) • 6:30-9:00pm SAT Class (Rm. 208) • 7:00pm Jewish War Veterans Mtg (S/H) • 7:30pm Ritual Com. Mtg (K/L)	12 • 10:30am Bingo • 3:40pm-5:00pm Tutor • 5:30-7:30pm Purim Spiel Reh. (Sanc.)	13 • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo	14 • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 5:30pm Tot Shabbat • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat	15 Purim • 8:15am B/M photos • Epstein • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Service (1) B/M Sloan • 7:30pm Purim Celebration & Spiel (S/H)
16 Purim • 9:00am Purim Carnival/BNTY (S/H & K/L) • 9:00am Religious School • 12:00noon Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (Rm. 211) • 1:00pm Lay-Led Megillah Study Session (Sanc.)	17 • 12:00pm-Torah Study w/Rabbi (K/L) • 2:00pm Staff Mtg • 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Rm 201) • 7:00pm Housing Mtg. (K/L) • 7:00pm Rel. School • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (201) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	18 • 10:00am Al Anon • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) • 4:30pm Rel. School • 6:00-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) • 6:30-9:00 pm SAT Class (Rm. 208) • 7:00pm Bro. Dinner (K/L) • 7:30pm Rel. Ed Mtg (104) • 8:00-9:30pm Outreach Interfaith Forum (101/103)	19 • 10:30am Bingo • 2:00-4:00pm MWI/Study w/ Rabbi Bellows (K/L) • 3:40pm-5:00pm Tutor	20 • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo	21 • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	22 • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Service (1) B/M Stefanakos • 1:00pm Square Dance Set-up (S/H) • 7:00pm Temple Square Dance (S/H)
23 • 9:00-11:30am Grade 5 Fam Ed. (Y/L) • 9:00am Religious School/School & K/L • 9:15am Bro. Brkfast • 10:00am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (211) • 11:30-noon Youth Choir (Rm 201) • 12:00-2:00pm B/M 2015 Workshop (Sanc./2 clsrms)	24 • 12:00pm-Torah Study w/ Rabbi (K/L) • 1:00pm-3:00pm Womens Mead In K/L • 2:00pm Staff Mtg • 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Rm 201) • 7:00pm Rel. School • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (201) • 7:30pm Chai Board Mtg (K/L) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	25 • 10:00am Al Anon • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) • 4:30pm Rel. School • 6:00-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) • 6:30-9:00pm SAT class (Rm. 208) • 6:45pm Exec. Bd. Mtg (104) • 8:00pm Board Meeting (K/L)	26 • Nursery Special Persons Day • 10:30am Bingo • 3:40pm-5:00pm Tutor • 6:30pm Sisterhood Chinese Auction (Away)	27 • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo	28 • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 8:00pm Couples Club Erev Shabbat Svc	29 • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Service (1) B/M Capicchioni • 2:00-11:00pm Spay/Neuter (S/H & K/L)
30 • 9:00-11:30am Grade 6 FamEd (Y/L) • 9:00am Religious School/School & K/L • 10:00am PTA Meeting (S/H) • 10:00am-12:00pm Book Review (K/L) • 11:30-noon Youth Choir (Rm 201) • 12:00noon Adult B/M Class (Rm. 211) • 1:00-4:00pm Cub Scouts Blue/Gold lunch (S/H) • 1:00-3:00pm Sist. Program (K/L)	31 • 12:00-1:00pm Adventures in Music K/L • 12:00pm-Torah Study w/Rabbi (Lib.) • 2:00pm Staff Mtg • 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)					

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IN THE HOUSE...

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What is that sound coming from our cloakroom? It is stage one of our lavatory project. The construction of our handicapped accessible bathroom is well underway. Next is renovation of both facilities opposite the Social Hall. We look forward to paperless drying machines, and other new equipment. We thank you all for your patience with any inconvenience experienced during our improvements.

Lights, action, camera! (Well, maybe not the camera.) We are going to see progress in our building as our new lighting fixtures for our Social Hall and Kiddush Lounge have been ordered. We are doing our spring improvements one after another. Perhaps you may want to rent our Social Hall or Kiddush Lounge for parties after all the improvements are in place. Please call the office for any questions and to make reservations. We are certainly looking beautiful!

Please come to our March 17th meeting at 7:00 p.m. Bring your good ideas with you.

by Tessa Kean

YISKOR ELOHIM:

Harold Sweet, father of Sheri Goldstein

Ruth Newman, sister-in-law of Harriet Bernstein

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April, 2014 through June, 2014.

Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations, and PRINT your name as you want it to appear on the Uniongrams.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
Apr. 5	(M) Brian Blauman	Richard & Carolyn
	(F) Hannah Kussman	Michael & Glenda
Apr. 12	(M) Joseph El Amrani	Michele Samuels
	(M) Ethan Silver	Russell & Rahni
Apr. 26	(F) Sydney Mason	Timothy & Shari
	(F) Lindsey Pollack	Gregg & Melissa
May 3	(F) Emily Boden	Andrew & Stephanie
	(F) Erika Walsh	John & Alaina
May 10	(M) Matthew Jacobs	Brad & Janice
May 17	(F) Samantha McC Carson	Matthew & Natalie
May 24	(M) Alex Gross	Ellen
	(F) Isabelle Gross	Ellen
May 31	(F) Jordan Coene	Charles & Melissa
	(F) Haley Kadin	Marsha
June 7	(M) Ian Cohen	Jeff & Beth
June 14	(F) Jaclyn Klein	David & Amy
	(M) Ryan Krauss	Jonathan & Amy
June 21	(M) Jordan Bologna	Heidi

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January was another great month for our Pack.

First, let's talk advancement. Every boy earned at least one award, and a total of 30 awards were earned by our 10 boys. The Wolf and Bear Dens are all halfway to their badges. In the Webelos Den, all of the boys are either already finished or almost finished with the Webelos badge, and are already working towards their Arrows of Light. The boys are learning lots of really cool stuff and having a great time doing it.



Then there was the big trip in January. We went to the Science Museum of Long Island for an overnight stay. Friday evening, after munching on pizza, we had a great Geology program, making crystals, sorting different rocks and minerals, and learning about volcanoes. We also had a campfire and sang a bunch of songs, told some great stories, and shared some very funny jokes. In the morning, we had bagels for breakfast and then went for a walk down to the Sound. The instructor explained to us about marshlands and other aquatic ecosystems and how important they are to life on Earth. We also helped clean up some of the litter on the beach.

Last, we had our Pinewood Derby. The race between the boys was a lot of fun to watch. We are sending four boys to the District finals on March 29. The qualifiers are Matthew Mattina from the Wolf Den, Alejandro Aviles and Samuel Feldman from the Bear Den, and Jacob Scotch from the Webelos Den. We wish them a lot of luck in the finals. We also had a Siblings and Leaders Division. I, as Cubmaster, entered a car, which the boys had a blast rooting against, but to no avail, as I pulled out a third place finish.

Next month, I will have a report from our annual food drive, Scouting for Food, and talk about the different things our boys have learned so far this year. If you want more information about our Pack, please contact me at thescotchs@verizon.net.



by JJ Scotch