

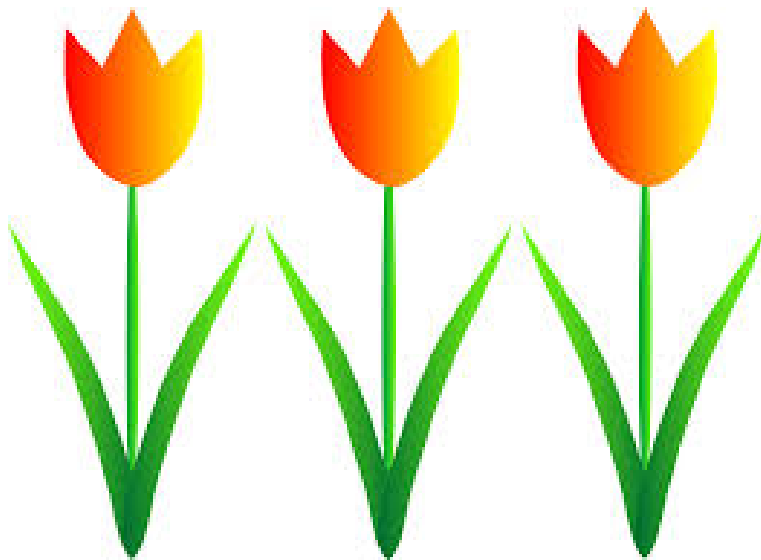
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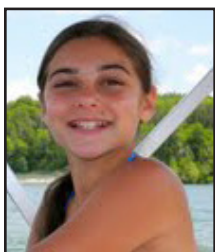
B'nai Torah TIMES

A BREATH, BREEZE, AND SPIRIT OF THE TIMES

IT'S MAY.....

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!



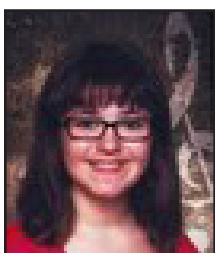


May 3

Emily Boden

Andrew & Stephanie

My name is Emily Boden, and I am a seventh grade honors student at Wantagh Middle School. I love dancing, and am a member of my dance school's company. I also enjoy softball and basketball. For my mitzvah project, I am collecting dance costumes and donating them to an organization that provides them to less fortunate dancers. I am looking forward to my bat mitzvah, and would like to thank Cantor Hiesiger, Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher for preparing me for my special day.



May 3

Erika Walsh

John & Alaina

My name is Erika Walsh and I am seventh grader at Island Trees Memorial Middle School. Music is my life. I play the violin and am active in their music department. I am on the Levittown swim team. I also enjoy cooking. I have been a part of Girl Scout Troop #3635. For my bat mitzvah project I collect goods and supplies to benefit, "Bobby and the Strays". Being a bat mitzvah is important because now women are allowed to be a bat mitzvah. Learning about Judaism is important to me. I would like to thank Mrs. Altman, Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher for helping lead me through this wonderfully memorable experience.

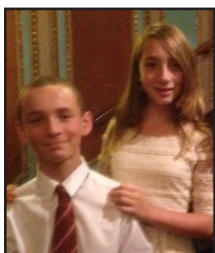


May 10

Matthew Jacobs

Brad & Janice

My name is Matt Jacobs and I am in seventh grade at Grand Avenue Middle School. I enjoy bowling and have been on a bowling league for five years. I also enjoy listening to heavy metal music and going to concerts with my family. For my mitzvah project, I raised money and volunteered at the St. Baldrick's Event at Mephram High School. We helped raise funds for childhood cancer research. I would like to thank Rabbi Bellows, Mrs. Altman, Cantor Sher and my family for all their help in preparing me for my special day.



May 24

Alex Gross

Ellen

My name is Alex and I go to Grand Avenue Middle School. I love to play basketball and be with my friends. I am putting my love of basketball into my mitzvah project by setting up a pick-up game with the donations going to various charities. The process of studying with Mrs. Altman to become a Bar Mitzvah has had a positive impact on me and will teach me many life lessons.

May 24

Isabelle Gross

Ellen

My name is Isabelle and I go to Grand Avenue Middle School. I've really enjoyed studying with my tutor Mrs. Altman and learning how to lead the service. Together with my brother and his friends, we are organizing a basketball/raffle event for our mitzvah project. The earnings will be donated to multiple charities.



May 31

Jordan Coene

Charles & Melissa

Jordan goes to school at Salk Middle School. She loves acting, singing, and dancing. She is really excited about being able to read from the Torah. Now that she is growing up, Jordan has learned about compassion, empathy and the true meaning of friendship.



May 31

Haley Kadin

Marsha

My name is Haley Kadin. I am a seventh grader at Grand Avenue Middle School. I enjoy hanging out with my friends and playing the violin. For my mitzvah project I raised money for Parkinson Disease, which my grandfather has, and participated in Paws for Parkinson walk in October. I have also volunteered at Bristol Assisted Living in East Meadow. I helped run Grandparents' Day, Bingo and balloon volleyball. On Chanukah I read the prayers for the candle lighting.

I would like to thank my mom, Cantor Heisiger, Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher for helping me prepare for my special day.



OUR COMMUNITY

MAY RITUAL CALENDAR

Friday, May 2	7:30 pm	Family Shabbat
Saturday, May 3	10:30am	Service (2) B/M
Sunday Eve /Monday, May 4/5		Yom Hazikaron
Monday, May 5	7:30pm	Yom Ha'azmaut Celebration
Monday Eve/Tuesday, May 5/6		Yom Ha'azmaut
Friday-Sunday May 9 - 11		Scholar-in-Residence Weekend
Friday, May 9	8:00pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday, May 10	10:30am	Service (1) B/M
Tuesday, May 13	7:30pm	Ritual Committee Meeting
Friday, May 16	6:30pm	Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday, May 17	10:30am	Service (2) B/M
Friday, May 23	8:00pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday, May 24	10:30am	Service (2) BM
Friday, May 30	7:30pm	Shabbat – Confirmation
Saturday, May 31	10:30am	Service (2) BM

From the TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2014 at 7 pm

Meeting called to order by President Sherrill Spatz at 7:00pm

New Business – Guideline for "Arms" Shabbat service were handed out. Please be aware of the dates when you sign up to usher. If you cannot make it, please get coverage. May 4th is the Israel Bond Breakfast honoring Judy Kule.

Education Report –BNTY: Germany was magnificent. During the winter 134 teens attended Kallah. All were very thankful to be welcomed and are still talking about how awesome it was and how great the host families were. Thank you to Cantor for arranging the Dan Nichols concert.

Treasurer's Report – Beth Cohen – currently working on December Financials

Financial Secretary Report – delivered by Sue Ellen Pennington- There are no new or resigned members. Numbers billed and collected have been reviewed. If you plan on applying for Special Arrangements please do so ASAP – requests should be made as soon as possible after December.

BINGO/Food Certificates/Purchasing Report – Purchasing is a tremendous fundraiser, please participate! Please contact Janice in purchasing to get paper goods for your events. Bingo – please come and help out – the dates are on the flyer.

Caring Committee Report – Jan Friedman –Please let the caring committee know of any temple members that have not been around in a while.

President's Report – Sherrill Spatz –Shared a letter stating that Sisterhood has unanimously voted to donate \$18,000 for the construction of the new woman's bathroom. Thank you Sisterhood! Sherrill will be on vacation from March 8-18.

Rob Saunders /Community and Fund Raising: Jay is looking for things to sell on Ebay.

Shelley Lomove/ House and Administration: Once again we have no heat in the school wing, which will be a large expense. So far we have spent \$7663.00 on snow removal and \$23,712.00 on electric. New fixtures have been ordered for the Kiddush and Social Hall. Bathrooms are going great.

Howard Popeck/Spirituality: Shabbat Across America will be the family service in March. At Ritual we discussed decorum at the services. Idea was raised for "Ten Commandments of Behavior." Julia Brite donated a new container of activities for the children. Please remember that ushers are empowered to ask people to be quiet, take a child outside, or turn off cell phones. Suggestion raised to have older kids teach the younger kids about decorum during services.

Moved into closed session at 7:55

Board voted to come out of closed. Motion by Judy Novet to present the budget, as proposed by the Budget Committee, to the congregation. Wendy Ser second. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Curry, Temple Secretary

INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI

A Joyous Spring



Shalom, Chaverim – Hello, friends, The holidays in the spring evoke many emotions, and their progression tells so much about the Jewish community and heritage. From Pesach on, there is a sense of growing momentum. First, we remember the Exodus from Egypt, and our redemption from slavery. This theme requires us to look for ways that we

can continue to free those in bondage, even to this day.

Then, on the second day of Pesach, we move to the counting of the Omer. These 49 days (a “week of weeks”) recall the length of time it took our ancestors to leave Egypt and approach Mount Sinai, where they first received the Ten Commandments and the Torah. These days represent anticipation, a sense of wandering, as well as a growing sense of peoplehood and community.

Before we know it, it is time to celebrate some lesser known, but equally meaningful, festivals.

Yom HaShoah, which we celebrated as a community on April 27th this year, commemorates the Holocaust. It has become traditional to remember both the victims as well as the heroes.

Yom HaZikaron, which begins the evening of May 4th, is Israel’s Memorial Day. As you might imagine, every single citizen of Israel knows someone who has fallen in the fight for Israel’s freedom and safety. It is a moving, sad, and powerful event in Israel. Profoundly, it leads right into...

Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel’s Independence Day, which is celebrated on the evening of May 5. We at Temple B’nai Torah will be taking part in a celebration for all ages from 6:30-8:30 pm. It will include food, music, dancing, and learning – all of which will help us appreciate the culture and contribution of the Land of Israel in our modern lives.

Lag B’Omer, the 33rd Day of the Omer, is a day of parties, festivities, and more. This year, it falls on May 17-18. The Counting of the Omer, in the most traditional sense, does not usually include weddings, parties, haircuts, or other grand celebrations. Lag B’Omer is the exception. It is celebrated with bonfires, parties, and more. Let us know if you plan one of these parties in your family!

Finally, the Omer concludes with the festival of Shavuot, celebrated on June 3-4. We, at Temple B’nai Torah, will mark this festival (which commemorates the receiving of Torah at Mt. Sinai) on Tuesday night, June 3, at 7:30 pm with an evening of learning, food, and prayer (including Yizkor). We also hold a Shavuot Morning Service on Wednesday, June 4, at 10:30 am.

Spring is a busy, joyous time on the Jewish calendar. I hope you’ll celebrate with us!

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

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

In the not too distant future you will receive a letter from Temple B’nai Torah informing you of a Congregational meeting on Wednesday, May 21st. During that meeting you will be asked to vote upon a number of important matters. The budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year is one of the items.



The budget is put together with the figures of various committees that work within the temple. These are committees which may have never seen your face or heard your voice, ever. If you don’t like the idea of a vocal minority acting for you, it is still not too late to do something about it. Try attending a few committee meetings. Have a say. You might even vote.

You will also be voting for the new Congregational Board members. Do you know who they are? Do you know their policies? If you don’t, why don’t you? These are the congregants that are making the decisions involving the temple. These decisions involve the clergy, housing, religious education and spirituality, just to name a few. Wouldn’t you like to have something to say on any or all of these items?

This is your Temple, why don’t you come down and find out more about us.

At this Congregational meeting we will also be presenting awards to some very special students and congregants. It would be wonderful if you would come down to support this.

I would also like to remind everyone to come to the Israel Bond Breakfast on Sunday, May 4th. We will be honoring Past President Judy Kule and Les Kule for all of their tireless efforts on behalf of Temple B’nai Torah. Come down and show your support for the Kules and for Israeli Bonds.

*Sherrill Spatz
Congregation President*



INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



I have often remarked, on and off the bima, especially when addressing bar/bat mitzvah students, that, “clothes make the man.” Or, to be in the latest fashion of gender neutrality, “clothes make the person.” Hmm....doesn’t have the same ring to it, but we get the idea. Dressing appropriate to the occasion and the environment, and drawing attention to the sacred space in which Jewish ceremony is conducted is, today more than ever, an important concept and reflection of our culture.

It seems that many of us have lost the connection between clothing and respect. To quote one of my favorite writers, Rabbi David Wolpe, who writes a wonderfully pithy, provocative and poignant (no alliteration intended) short and sweet column for the Jewish Week, “Musings”:

“The Talmud comments that honoring the Sabbath mandates that one’s dress not be the same as on weekdays.... So, if you dress in torn or dirty jeans, or very short skirts, you may find it harder (and make it harder for others) to feel the dignity due God’s presence. On the other hand, dressing in outrageously expensive finery seems at least equally irreverent. In this, as in many things, the custom of community should prevail; joining a congregation means understanding and respecting its standards as long as they do not outrage your moral sense.....And, please, no gum!”

Now, some of you may be feeling that my perspective

(and Rabbi Wolpe’s) is not fair. For some of us, after all, we are forced to dress in a possibly uncomfortable conformity in our work places, leaving the Shabbat, the day of rest, for more comfortable and relaxing clothing; a time to cast off the “bindings” of our work environment for the restful relief of religious sanctuary (not just the physical space to which we often refer). This understandably calls for a more relaxed type of dress.

However, there is a way to dress comfortably.....and there’s a way to dress comfortably.....relaxing and informal clothing is, I think, quite permissible and can maintain all the dignity and respect of formal clothing, if tastefully donned with a nod toward ease of movement without the sacrifice of being distracting, suggestive or alluring. Our teenagers, especially, could benefit from some guidance here, although, frankly, I conjecture that their parents’ generation has not yet learned this lesson. Some work needs to be done.

As we, as human beings, need to be respectful of each other in order to have loving relationships, so too, do we need to bring that same sense of respect to the relationship between ourselves and a Higher Presence. How we look on the outside is a reflection of how we view ourselves on the inside. It is from that kernel of self-identity that we develop a greater spiritual identity.

Oh, and, leave the sneakers at home, too.....

Cantor Steve Sher



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Jewish tradition teaches, "Teach us to number our days so that we may all attain a heart of wisdom." Perhaps that is why, in spite of having a perfectly good calendar, it is still part of our tradition to count the days, called the Omer, between Passover and Shavuot.

The Omer takes us from Passover, one of the most structured and demanding and happy holidays on the ritual calendar, to the second pilgrimage festival, Shavuot. The first represents the attainment of our freedom from slavery in Egypt. The second represents a commemoration of the revelation of Torah on Mount Sinai and thus our sages called it, *Zeman matan toratenu*, the season of the giving of Torah.

Perhaps we count the days to Shavuot to increase our anticipation of the revelation. Perhaps we count the days from Passover to Shavuot in order to bring ourselves to a level of wisdom that will make us worthy of receiving the gift from God which we call the Torah. Perhaps we count the days of the Omer out of an awareness that tomorrow is promised to no one.

The Omer is counted from the second night of Passover until the day before the holiday of Shavuot. The counting of the Omer is a unique mitzvah called *sefirat ha'omer* (counting of the Omer). The Torah commands us during this time each year to count seven complete weeks for a total of 49 days. At the end of the seven-week period we celebrate Shavuot.

Shavuot occurs on the sixth of the Hebrew month of Sivan. The name Shavuot literally means "weeks" because we celebrate it seven weeks (a week of weeks) after Passover. In the Torah, Shavuot is also known as *Chag Hakatsir*, the Harvest festival (Ex. 23:16) and *Chag Habikurim*, the festival of First Fruits (Ex. 34:22). When the Temple stood, Jews brought offerings of the first fruits, *bikurim*, to the Temple on Shavuot.

In modern times, Jews can no longer bring the first fruits of their harvest to the Temple in Jerusalem, and as a result there are no particular *mitzvot*, or commandments, associated with Shavuot. There are, however, several rituals that are traditional components of celebrating the holiday. Many people stay up all night studying Torah. This custom evolved from the story that says that when the Israelites were at Sinai, they overslept and had to be awakened by Moses. As a result, many modern Jews stay up all night to study and celebrate receiving the Torah. These events, known as *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, which literally means "Rectification for Shavuot Night," are understood as the custom of studying with a community in order to re-experience standing at Mount Sinai, where the Jewish people received the Torah. It also

is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot because Jewish tradition compares the words of Torah to the sweetness of milk and honey. Blintzes and cheesecake are among the popular foods to make and enjoy for the holiday.

Happy counting and wishing you a joyous and sweet holiday season of weeks,
Elisa Blank, Director of Education



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May, 2014

Dear Temple B'nai Torah Congregant,

It is our custom, as Jews, to offer a prayer each Shabbat for our members, families and friends who are ill. These names are read as the "*Mi Shebeirach*" (prayer for healing). The names to be read are compiled by the office from requests made by congregants and the Clergy. This list is then provided to both the Rabbi and the Cantor to be read aloud during Shabbat services.

This list has grown throughout the years with few names being removed when continued prayers are no longer needed. We certainly want to continue this important portion of our services so that those still in need of prayer continue to have their names read aloud.

So that no one is left out, at the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2014, we will be starting a brand new *Mi Shebeirach* list. The names will be read for one month from the date the request is made. If you wish the name (s) to continue to be read we ask that you notify the Clergy, or the office, of your request (Office number is: 516-221-2370 ext. 13 or e-mail: Marilyn@Temple-Bnai-Torah.org).

At this time, since we are beginning a new list, we ask that you fill in the form below, and return it to the Temple office, attention: Marilyn. We wish the best for your family and friends experiencing any illness at this time.

Please feel free to call with any questions: Jan Friedman (516) 781-5041
The Ritual Committee

I would like the following name (names) to appear on the *Mi Shebeirach* list for one month:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Thank you,

RITUAL COMMITTEE

PRINT YOUR NAME: _____ Dated: _____

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: _____

BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS



Our March Dinner featured the return of the 'classic corned beef dinner', orchestrated by Brian Katzman, Jay Jacobson and their crew: Scott Abrams, Rich Levine, Mark Chasen, Chuck Coene, Brenden Curry, Ed Blecher, Rich Slavin, Mike Bruno, and Arnie Minsky. Brotherhood men look forward to this dinner every year; and this year was no exception! Josh Rest organized an entertaining putting contest for those who had finished their dinner "seconds".



April dinner was our 2nd Annual Men's Passover Seder, logistics provided by Alan Loewenstein and Josh Rest. Cantor Sher led the service, which was developed by our parent organization, MRJ.

Brotherhood Breakfasts, on Sundays when school is in session, are still only \$4. The dedicated crew is led by Mike Bruno and Rob Saunders, and assisted by: Bart Cohen, Rich Levine, Brian Katzman, Ed Blecher, Jay Jacobson, Mark Chasen, Chuck Coene, Bruce Jaffe, Arnie Minsky, Dave Schuster, and Ben Cernese.

May brings a dinner and general meeting on May 6. Please note the date change. All Brotherhood members are welcome to attend as we consider our budget and the slate of officers.

Our TBT Brotherhood is fortunate to have many men who have served as leaders and are continuing their leadership roles after their initial terms of office. This month features Mike Bruno, Past President and current Vice President. Mike also brings his expertise to Brotherhood Breakfasts.

Our strength depends on men like Mike; but we look forward to developing new leaders, with their own special blend of experience and interests.

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

*Harvey Wiener,
Brotherhood co-President*

OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



It's hard to believe May is here already... but it is!

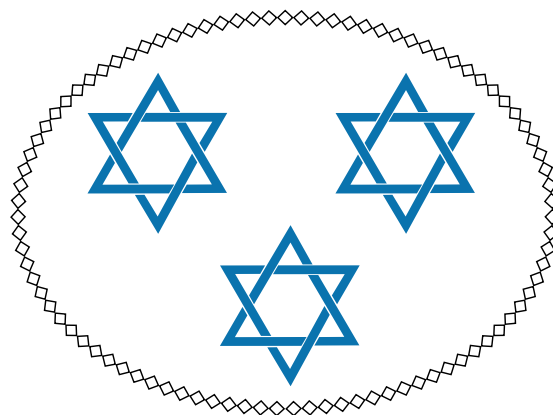
I hope you enjoyed Passover Seders with your family and friends. Did you come to the Sisterhood or Brotherhood Seder, both held April 8 at the temple? Or did you attend the temple's Community Seder on April 15 (after you paid your taxes)?

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11. For a number of years, Sisterhood has been selling cards for this occasion with a lovely verse, written by our resident poet Marilyn Woronoff. And the poem is appropriate not just for Mom, but for any special woman in your life. Sharon Forman and Susan Beller work very hard to coordinate the orders and send out the cards. Myrna Lieber, the "Invitation Lady," handles placing the order. If you receive one of these cards, you'll surely want to deal with Myrna when you need to order Bar/Bat Mitzvah or wedding invitations, as well as social stationery and holiday cards.

Monday, May 19 is the Sisterhood End-of-Year Dinner. The evening is always a great opportunity to socialize with your "sisters" and rehash the events of the year. It's also when we vote on the Sisterhood budget and the slate for 2014/2015. Please take lots of pictures that night and show them to me because unfortunately I won't be there. The commute from Alaska might be a bit much.

Remember on May 26 to think of all those who have given their lives to protect us here in the United States and throughout the world.

*Sincerely,
Diane Schoenberg
Sisterhood President*



TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH

FIRST FAMILY PICNIC

SPONSORED BY BROTHERHOOD & PTA

June 1st 2014

12:00 – 5:00 PM

Brady Park

Massapequa Park

Free Admission for Temple Members families and friends

\$5.00 per person deposit refundable at event

Volunteers needed to help plan and organize activities

RSVP by May 28th Bruce Jaffe (516) 316-0646 or

Amy Herman (516) 652-3170

Help us get off to a great start and make this an annual event!

Volunteer Today

Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be served at no charge

Event will be held Rain or Shine

Family Name _____ #of people _____ Will attend _____

Volunteer _____ ***Set up at 10AM*** _____ ***Activities*** _____ ***Cooking*** _____ ***Cleanup*** _____

Volunteer RSVP by May 15th

Bruce Jaffe (516) 316-0646

Amy Herman (516) 652-3710



COUPLES CLUB

Heigh Ho, Heigh Ho



It's off to Villa Roma we go. On May 12th a large group of TBT congregants will traverse the Borscht Belt, passing the ghostly remains of קאך-עלען (kokh-aleyns), bungalow colonies,

summer camps, and numerous hotels on the way to our gala gathering at the Villa Roma resort. Bacchanalian meals and world-class entertainment await our arrival. A few of the planned activities include Bocce, Paintball, Horseshoes, Handball, Shuffleboard, Bumper Boats, and Go Carts.

Arthur (The Chairman) Schlesinger and his identical twin brother, "Not Arthur Schlesinger" have arranged for a special TBT golf tournament. The requests from notables, such as Tiger Woods, have been turned down, as they do not have the requisite talent.



Toto we ARE in Wantagh. The Couples Club has just concluded negotiations for 100 Trillion Zimbabwe dollars, with the Weinstein Brothers, to produce a mega-budget movie based upon the many adventures, and sport triumphs, of our membership. "Couples Club, the Movie", starring a pantheon of Hollywood "A" list talent will start filming at the Temple and local venues in the near future. Rumor has it that almost every Academy Award-winning actor tried to be cast in this movie, but so far, the only official cast member who can be revealed at this time is Daniel Craig, who will be starring as "Bowler Man Bernie". This feature film has the entertainment community talking, and has been predicted as being the best Bang since the big one. It is a pre-production favorite for many Oscar awards.

In June, we have a full calendar. The Cabaret show at the Temple, Vicki Goldberger's Bat Mitzvah, and our end-of-year party. Our events planning committee is hard at work and has drafted an amazing calendar for next year.

The extremely talented team of Yolanda and Ira Friedman (The Dependables) has created a spectacular new exhibit for the Couples Club lobby display case. Check out why you would be making a major mistake in not participating in our many activities.

The 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 welcoming feeling of the Couples Club. The Couples Club strives to provide a comfortable environment for new members. *We would like to share this feeling with all TBT members.*

Fred Dinstell



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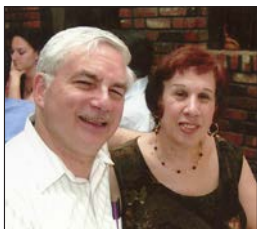
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CHAI NOTES



Last month the Chai Club and friends were treated to a wonderful day trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in NYC. In addition to the Museum's beautiful exhibits and garden, their lower Manhattan location (Edmond J. Safra Plaza, 36 Battery Place) has a picturesque view of the Statue of Liberty and is near all the downtown attractions, including Ground Zero and the new Freedom Tower. Janis Beldner and Shelley Lomove are to be congratulated for organizing this superb trip. See Harvey Drucker's accompanying picture next to this article.

Congratulations to the new Chai Club Board nominated for 2014-2015:

President – Rita Hofer

Vice President – Mark Kean

Vice President – Sarita Keyser

Vice President - Esther Phillips

Recording Secretary - Allan Itzkowitz

Corresponding Secretary – Pearl Sutz

Financial Secretary - Harvey Drucker

Treasurer - Ed Pincus

Past Co-Presidents – Joan and Brian Levy

Past President – Shelley Lomove

Trustees: Janis Beldner, Harriet Bernstein, Benjamin Cernese, Vicki Deutsch, Dorothy Duckstein, Beverly Frank, Sol Goldstein, Barbara Gouveia, Barbara Held, Tessa Kean, Edwin Kliegman, Barry Lomove, and Arthur Schlesinger.

On Monday, June 2, at 7:30 pm we will have a special end of year program as we invite back The Paul Joseph Jazz Trio. Paul and his group will perform selections from the great composer, Richard Rogers, including Bali Ha'i, My Funny Valentine, My Favorite Things, Falling in Love With Love, and many more. We will also celebrate Chai Club members' April, May and June Birthdays.

Please be in temple, 8:00 Friday night, June 13th, for Chai Club Shabbat Service as we congratulate our new slate of Officers and Trustees.

We still have room for our retreat to the Villa Roma in the Catskills, Monday- Thursday, May 12-15, 2014. The Villa Roma 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.

Joan and Brian Levy, Chai Club Co-Presidents



1. Upper left, Name of - Museum of Jewish Heritage, NYC
2. Upper Right, View of "Hava Nigila- A song for the People" Exhibit, providing the history of this popular Jewish dancing song.
3. Lower half, TBT attendees viewing historical photos from "American Jews and the Rescue of European Refugees" exhibit. Note white paper blank pages at right. It can be argued that so many more holocaust victims would have been saved if these blank pages were filled with letters of support.



THE CHAI CLUB OF TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH PRESENTS
ITS FINAL PROGRAM OF THE 2013-2014 SEASON
ON MONDAY, JUNE 2 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE SOCIAL HALL

THE PAUL JOSEPH TRIO

"Richard Rodgers Jazz" (trio: piano, bass and drums)



According to world-renowned maestro Arthur Fegan, "Paul Joseph is certainly a composer whose music deserves to be heard. His music has a beautiful, deep felt lyricism which has an immediate emotional impact upon its listeners."

This program is free to members of Temple B'nai Torah, their friends and neighbors.

We will be celebrating Chai members
April, May and June birthdays

OUR COMMUNITY

TBT-PTA

During April we had a wonderful time assisting the Hebrew School staff with a Model Seder for the children. Thank you to everyone who came to help us out.

On May 17th, from 6 PM – 10 PM in the Social Hall, the PTA will host our first-ever Pizza, Prayer, Dance Party! All PTA members and religious school families are welcome. There will be coffee, tea and snacks available for the adults. We hope you will come out for a great night. Please look for flyers, then RSVP so we have enough pizza for everyone.

Save the date!! On Sunday, June 1st Brotherhood will host a family BBQ. This will be a fabulous time for us to get together and let the kids play. There will be games and prizes. Keep your eyes out for more information.

Keep those box tops coming! We have raised considerable money already. We can't wait to see our final count for the year and start discussing what amazing item we can purchase to further our children's enjoyment at religious school.

As always, for up to date information please check out our Facebook page. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 4th at 9 AM in the library. Hope to see you then.

*Randy Frances,
Co-vice President*



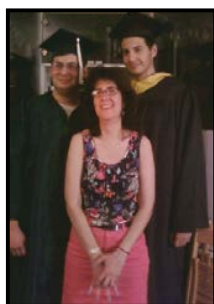
My family and I are so grateful for the support and warmth of our TBT family. So many friends reached out to help us through a difficult time. Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and generous donations in memory of my mother, Joan Steingart. Your caring was truly a source of comfort.

With gratitude, Judy Noves

CONGREGANT CORNER

Andrea Sternlieb

Andrea Sternlieb has been a member of Temple B'nai Torah since the beginning. A mom of three adult children, Zachary, Alexander and Sabrina, Andrea still has a very active life. During the day, she is a medical billing and psychotherapy coordinator for Nassau Guidance.



When she isn't busy at work, she is Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 189 (sponsored by the TBT Brotherhood) which meets right here on Thursday evenings. She is currently the only female scoutmaster in all of Nassau County (second female to be trained and certified in the Theodore Roosevelt Council). Her son, Alexander, is an Eagle Scout and an assistant scoutmaster with the troop. Running a troop is a very demanding, albeit rewarding, responsibility as a lot of boys benefit from the scouting program.

When she isn't working at her job or working with the scouts, Andrea enjoys cooking and reading and is an active member of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

When asked about the clergy of our temple Andrea says the rabbi and the cantor work well together. They have both been supporters of the Scouting Program. The rabbi is very compassionate and was very helpful during the time of our family's loss."

When asked "What does being a member mean to you?", Andrea states, "It allows me to celebrate the holidays with members of the community"

Andrea appreciates that the temple has programs that involve all different age groups and should continue intergenerational programming. It benefits everyone.

by Jeff Cohen



FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

Take a peek at the calendar and we can agree May has (f-i-n-a-l-l-y) arrived and spring has sprung.

From a Jewish perspective, May is full of notable events. We count the Omer throughout the month, as we proceed towards Shavuot. Yom HaZikaron (Israel Memorial Day) falls on May 5th, followed by Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) on the 6th. Mothers' Day, of course, is the second Sunday. Lag B'Omer arrives the following Sunday.



This May there are TWO Rosh Chodesh -- analogous to having two full moons in one calendar month. There will be two tiny crescent moons as May holds the dates of 1 Sivan (May 1st) and 1 Iyar (May 30th).

If the second full moon of a month is called a "Blue Moon", might we name the second crescent moon in the month a "Blue Banana"?

So as spring journeys into summer, let us remember to check the heavens. "There's a Moon out tonight!"

Mark Chester, Editor TBT Times

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MAY 2014				1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 6:00pm Rel. Sch./Nursery Teacher Recognition Shabbat Dinner (S/H) • 7:30pm Conversion/Naming of Faith Schnee • 7:30pm Family Shabbat K-3 Grade Svc • NFTY Jr. Kallah (A) 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15am B/M photos - Walsh Family - Sanc • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Service (2) B/M Boden & Walsh • 12:30-2:30pm B/M Luncheon - Boden Family (S/H) • 3:30pm-10:30pm Sisterhood Art Auction (S/H) • NFTY Jr. Kallah (A)
4 Yom Hazikaron <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Rel. School Meeting (Library) • 10:00am-12:00noon Israel Bond Breakfast (S/H) • 10:00am Adult B/M Class (Rm. 211) • 1:00pm Rosh Chodesh (K/L) • 7:00-11:00pm Cabaret Reh. (S/H) • NFTY Jr. Kallah (A) 	5 Yom Hazikaron; Yom Haatzmaut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00-2:30pm (K/L) Adventures in Music • 1:15pm Torah Study- Rabbi Bellows (S/H) • 2:30pm Staff Mtg • 7:00pm JWV (S/H) • 7:00pm Rel. School • 7:30pm Yom Haatzmaut Celebration (Israel Ind. Day) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L) 	6 Yom Haatzmaut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Al Anon • 3:30pm Tutor (Lib.) • 6:00-9:30pm Brotherhood Dinner (S/H - Kitchen) • 6:00-9:30pm Cabaret Reh. (Y/L) • 6:00-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (101/103) • 6:45pm Sisterhood Exec. Bd Mtg (K/L) • 7:45pm Sisterhood Board Mtg (K/L) • 8:00-9:30pm Outreach Interfaith Forum (101/103) 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo • 3:40pm-5:00pm Tutor 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholar in Residence Rabbi J. Salkin (S/H & K/L) • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 5:30pm Tot Shabbat • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholar in Residence Rabbi J. Salkin (S/H & K/L) • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Service (1) B/M Jacobs • NFTY NAR Gala (A)
11 Mother's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholar in Residence Rabbi J. Salkin (S/H & K/L) • 9:00am Rel. School • 10:00am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (Rm. 211) • 7:00-11:00pm Cabaret Reh. (S/H) 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples Club Villa Roma Retreat (Away) • 12:00pm Torah Study Rabbi Bellows (K/L) • 2:00pm Staff Mtg • 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Rm 201) • 6:45pm Housing Mtg. (K/L) • 7:00pm Rel. School • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (201) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr/YL 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples Club Villa Roma Retreat (Away) • 10:00am Al Anon • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) • 4:30pm Rel. School • 7:00-9:30pm Cabaret Reh. (S/H) • 7:30pm Religious Ed Mtg (104) • 7:30pm Ritual Com. Mtg (101/103) 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples Club Villa Roma Retreat (Away) • 10:30am Bingo • 3:40pm-5:00pm Tutor 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat/BNTY Svc 	17 Lag Ba'Omer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Shabbat Service • 6:00-11:00pm PTA Spring Party (S/H)
18 Lag Ba'Omer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Rel. School Last Sunday Class • 10:00am Couples Club Membership Brunch (Away) • 10:00am Membership Mtg (201) • 12:00-1:30pm B/M 2015 Make-up Wrkshp (Sanc./Clrm) • 6:45pm Triple Bingo • 7:00-11:00pm Cabaret Reh. (Y/L) 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples Club Membership Brunch (Away) • 12:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) • 2:00pm Staff Mtg • 7:00pm Sisterhood End of Year Dinner (S/H & K/L) • 7:00pm Rel. School - Sanctuary • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (201) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr Y/L 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Al Anon • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) • 7:00pm Calendar Mtg (K/L) • 7:00-9:30pm Cabaret Reh. (S/H) 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo • 3:40pm-5:00pm Tutor • 5:30pm B/M Orientation April, May, June 2015 families (K/L) • 7:30pm Congregation Meeting (S/H) 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery School make up Snow Day • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery School make up Snow Day • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am B/M photos - Gross (Sanc.) • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Service (2) B/M Gross • 1:00-1:45pm Baby Naming - Williams Family
25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Closed 	26 Memorial Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Rel. School • No Nursery School • Building Closed 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Rel. School • 10:00am Al Anon • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) • 6:45pm Exec. Bd. Mtg (104) • 8:00pm Board Meeting (K/L) • 7:00-9:30pm Cabaret Reh. (S/H) 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Rel. School • 10:30am Bingo • 3:40pm-5:00pm Tutor 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 6:00pm Confirmation Shabbat Dinner (K/L) • 7:30pm Erev Shabbat-Confirmation Svc 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15am B/M photos Coene (Sanc.) • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Svc (2) B/M Coene & Kadin • 12:30pm Baby Naming - Laurency Family (Sanc.) • 4:00-11:00pm Kiwanis-"Men Who Cook" (S/H)

Misheberach List Update

At Friday night services, we hear names announced of our friends, relatives or fellow congregants as part of our Misheberach prayer, a prayer asking for healing of our loved ones. The names on the list are submitted by our congregants, but in order to keep this list current, we need your help. Please let the temple office know when the person for whom you requested a prayer has recovered or, unfortunately, has passed away. Many on the list are undergoing surgery, are chronically ill, or are ill for a short period of time. TBT, as a caring community, wants to be kept informed of the health status of the people on the list, but we also would like to keep the list as current as possible.

Please contact Rabbi Bellows or the temple office, so that we can make adjustments to our list, as necessary. We thank you for your cooperation.

UNIONGRAM ORDER FORM

The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah
May, 2014 through June, 2014.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
May 3	(F) Emily Boden	Andrew & Stephanie
	(F) Erika Walsh	John & Alaina
May 10	(M) Matthew Jacobs	Brad & Janice
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
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Mission Statement

Temple B'nai Torah's mission is to embody, enhance and perpetuate Jewish tradition by providing a welcoming spiritual home where the community gathers to worship God, study Torah, engage in acts of Tikun Olam (repairing the world), participate in Jewish rituals and life cycle events, and experience the joy of being part of a caring community.



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Pack 189



The highlight of February was our annual Scouting for Food Drive with Troop 189. Two big events for Pack 189 in March: our annual trip to Frost Valley and our Blue and Gold Banquet!

Frost Valley is an environmental camp in the Catskills. Every year, there is a weekend with a program geared

towards Cub Scouts. Boys get the chance to take nature walks, learn how to use a map and compass, learn how to safely start an outdoor fire, and observe the stars away from the bright lights of Nassau County. There is also plenty of opportunity for fun: sledding, indoor rock climbing, and archery. We had plenty of snow for the sledding hills this year, and everyone had a great time at all the activities.

We go up with Pack 96 (another Pack here in Wantagh) and stay in a big lodge with beds and a great indoor fireplace for S'mores. Spending a weekend together also gets the boys to bond with each other, and with their families (the entire family gets to go). I am already looking forward to next year!

We also had our Blue and Gold Banquet. We take the opportunity to recognize the advancement work the boys have done throughout the year. The stars of the show are the boys who have earned the Arrow of Light and are bridging over to Boy Scouts. The Order of the Arrow (Scouting's honor society, formed around some of the traditions of the Lenni Lenape tribe) sends a ceremonial team (in native regalia) to award the Arrow of Light. They call on them to more deeply following the ideals of Scouting. I have seen the ceremony and it is always special. This year's was extra special to me, as the only boy bridging over was my son, Jacob. Legislator Dave Denenberg also came and presented Jacob with a proclamation in honor of the award. The theme of this year's banquet was Pokemon, and we had a great time making Pokeballs and playing Pokemon Bingo.

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