

B'nai Torah TIMES

A BREATH, BREEZE, AND SPIRIT OF THE TIMES

Summer Shabbat Services at Temple B'nai Torah

We hope you'll join us this summer for our relaxing, stirring, & inspiring Shabbat Services at Temple B'nai Torah.

Every Friday – Services begin at 7:30 pm,
with the following special events:

Shabbat on the Beach: July 10 & August 21



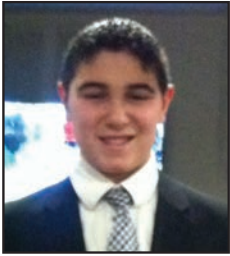
6:00 pm, Meet at Jones Beach Field 6
(services also offered at TBT at 7:30pm)

Picnic Shabbat at TBT: July 24

6:00 pm, BYO Picnic Dinner
7:00 pm Outdoor Service



B'NAI MITZVAH



June 6

Jack Chillemi

Robert & Jennifer

My name is Jack Chillemi and I currently go to Berner Middle School. I really enjoy playing sports and singing. My favorite part of my journey to becoming a bar mitzvah was learning and mastering all of the prayers and blessings. Since my family has been greatly affected by Alzheimer's disease, my mitzvah project is collecting cans and bottles to exchange. I am hopeful my donation will help someday to find a cure.



June 6

Autumn Ledbetter

Lee & Evren

My name is Autumn Lee Ledbetter. I am a seventh grade student at Jonas E. Salk Middle School. I enjoy cheerleading, volunteering as a cheerleading coach, basketball, bowling, track, drawing, sewing and playing the drums. For my mitzvah project I made a difference in the lives of animals in shelters by donating gift baskets with pet supplies to animal rescue organizations on Long Island. I also volunteer for the storm drain medallion project to keep our waterways clean. I would like to thank my family, all of my teachers, Rabbi Bellows, and Cantor Sher for helping me prepare for this special day.

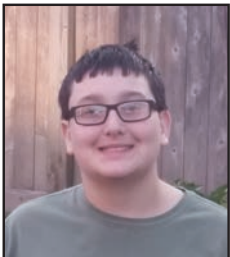


June 13

Jake Boden

Andrew & Stephanie

My name is Jake Boden and I am a student at Wantagh Middle School. I love sports, and I play on my school's soccer and baseball teams. I also play basketball and flag football. For my mitzvah project, I raised money and shaved my head for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a charity which supports research for children's cancer. I would like to thank Cantor Sher and Rabbi Bellows for preparing me for my bar mitzvah. I would also like to thank my parents and my sister, Emily, for their love and support.

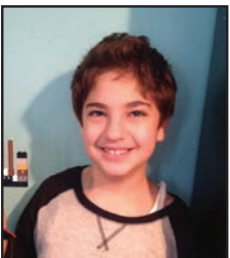


June 13

Harrison Rubin

Richard & Ann

My name is Harrison Rubin and I am a seventh grade honor student at Wantagh Middle School. My interests include sports, computers and music. For my mitzvah project I helped set up and run a chess tournament and the concession stand. The proceeds went to the American Friends of *Magen David Adom* which is Israel's ambulance, blood-services, and disaster relief organization. I would like to thank both Cantor Sher and Rabbi Bellows for their help with my bar mitzvah, and thank my family for all their support.



June 20

Matthew Axelrod

Alan & Audrey

My name is Matthew Axelrod. I am a seventh grade student at Jonas Salk Middle School and have honors in science and Spanish. I've attended TBT since nursery school, so think of it as my home. I am a Lego master and enjoy playing on my school's basketball team. For my mitzvah project I will collect new Lego sets to assist Sunrise Day Camp set up a Lego activity center for children with cancer. Mrs. Altman and I have worked hard together. I also thank Rabbi Bellows and Mr. Kramer for their help. Thank you to my family for their support as well.

The Israeli Bond Breakfast – Honoring Allan Itzkowitz



SUMMER RITUAL CALENDAR 2015

Friday, June 5	7:30 pm	Family Service
Saturday, June 6	10:30 am	Shabbat Service – 2 BM
Friday, June 12	7:30 pm	Service/Chai Club Shabbat
Saturday, June 13	10:30 am	Shabbat Service – 2BM
Friday, June 19	6:00 pm	Pre-Neg
	6:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday, June 20	10:30 am	Shabbat Service – 1 BM
Tuesday, June 23	7:30 pm	Ritual Committee Meeting (away)
Friday, June 26	8:00 pm	Shabbat/Board Installation
Saturday, June 27		Building Closed
Friday, July 3	7:30 pm	Summer Shabbat Service
Saturday, July 4		Building Closed
Friday, July 10	6:00 pm	Beach Service – Field 6
	7:30 pm	Summer Shabbat Service
Friday, July 17	7:30 pm	Summer Shabbat Service
Friday, July 24	6:00 pm	Picnic Dinner
	7:00 pm	Summer Shabbat Service
Friday, July 31	7:30 pm	Summer Shabbat Service
Friday, August 7	7:30 pm	Summer Shabbat Service
Friday, August 14	7:30 pm	Summer Shabbat Service
Friday, August 21	6:30 pm	Beach Service – Field 6
	7:30 pm	Summer Shabbat Service
Friday, August 28	7:30 pm	Summer Shabbat Service
Friday, September 4	7:30 pm	Family Shabbat Service
Saturday, September 5	10:30 am	Shabbat Service – 1 BM



How to do..... Shavuot!

Getting ready for Shavuot: everyone's favorite dairy occasion. The session included history, rituals and, of course, blintzes and cheesecake TBT Style.



Samantha Schnall and Morgan Schnee

2015 Recipients of the Judy Bardavid Memorial Award.

Fun in the Summertime



Shalom, Chaverim,

Once again, we have finally arrived at the summer, and I, like you, am very excited. Long Island is quite lovely during the summertime, and there are so many wonderful opportunities to appreciate the joys of nature, rejuvenation, and relaxation.

Additionally, summer can be a terrific time to bring some new “Jewish-ness” into your life. You have a little more time, feel a little more relaxed, and thus might just enjoy doing something new. Thus, I present to you my suggestions for 3 easy Jewish things to do this summer:

- 1) Have you visited the wonderful National Museum of American Jewish History, which opened just a few years ago, in Philadelphia, PA? Steps from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, the National Museum of American Jewish History is the only museum that celebrates and honors the American Jewish experience. After a brief addition to the Smithsonian collection of museums.
- 2) Attend one of our wonderful outdoor Shabbat experiences this summer! In addition to our weekly Summer Shabbat services at 7:30 pm, we are offering three different special events:
 - a. Friday night, July 10 – 6:00 pm Beach Service. We will meet at Jones Beach, Field 6 by the handicapped parking. Join us as we pray and sing together while the sun sets. Come early with a picnic and a Frisbee! (There will also be a Shabbat service at TBT, for those who prefer their Shabbat without sand.)
 - b. Friday night, July 24 – 6:00 pm Outdoor Service and Picnic at TBT. Bring your own picnic, then stick around for an outdoor service on the lovely lawn outside of TBT. Services will begin around 7pm.
 - c. Friday night, August 21 – 6:00 pm Beach Service. We will return to Jones Beach once more to mark Shabbat together.
- 3) Consider visiting an informative, thought-provoking Jewish website. There are so many that can truly change your life:
 - a. Tablet Magazine (www.tabletmag.com): Tablet features news, politics, culture, and religious discussion from all parts of the spectrum. Often provocative, its articles are

well-written, insightful, and profound.

- b. Kveller (www.kveller.com): Kveller bills itself as a website for those who want to add a Jewish twist to their parenting. Mayim Bialik (Amy on The Big Bang Theory) writes a popular, frequent blog for them. Their articles are terrific for families of all kinds.
- c. My Jewish Learning (www.myjewishlearning.com): You can find just about anything you want to learn about at this incredible site. Whether you want to better understand a holiday, lifecycle event, or Torah portion, or if you need a recipe, or if you want to read a blog post by some of today’s leading thinkers, this is the site to visit. Take your time to explore all of their offerings; you won’t regret it.

I wish you a wonderful, sweet, RELAXING summer, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

L’shalom,
Rabbi Marci N. Bellows

JCC FOOD PANTRY

Temple B’nai Torah has an ongoing collection of Kosher food which is delivered to the JCC Kosher Food Pantry in Woodmere (funded by UJA).

Sometimes their shelves are bare - depending on the donations. Currently, they feed 300 families/individuals in the local area as well as delivering to homebound people. The collection bin is near the Temple office.

The Pantry is always seeking volunteers.
If interested please call Renee at
516 295 5678

INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



congregants, Marjorie Ziegler.

For the last few years Marge and Manny, her beloved husband who passed away this past year, and I had developed a close relationship. Marge and I still remain close and I visit her periodically at her home in Commack.

Marge is extremely proud of her family, past and present, and never ceases to reflect on their interests, distinctions, accomplishments and, especially, the principles they hold dear and, by which, they conduct their lives. I have always found these anecdotes not only fascinating, but also profoundly moving in their scope, and often with the most challenging contexts.

During this last visit, over lunch, as Marge, with great enthusiasm, focus and intensity, regaled me with anecdotes from the remarkable life of her father, Phillip, I was reminded of one of our great, mystically inspired, legends, that of the “36 Just Men” who appear in every generation. What makes them “just” and outstanding in their time? Perhaps the story of Marge’s father will make you understand.

Marge grew up in Greenville, South Carolina, until the age of 10, when the family moved to Baltimore. Until that move, Marge enjoyed the idyllic life of a young girl in a small, close knit community of Jews in the small town atmosphere of Greenville, also a close knit community. As WWII was on the horizon, in 1939-40, Phillip’s generosity and deeds of kindness and good will had helped him overcome what was then the accepted norm of anti-Semitic expression endemic to the South. A Mr. Wilburn, the neighbor from across the street, even asked Phillip to join his chapter of the Ku Klux Klan!

Phillip, the seemingly perennial president of Congregation Beth Israel, in Greenville, ran one of several department stores owned by the family. A young African-American homeless boy, struck down by the great polio epidemic of the late 30’s, early 40’s, would pull himself along, on his stomach, with only the strength of his hands and arms, often landing in front of the store. Feeling compassion for the boy, Phillip, especially in the cold of winter, would invite him in from the cold. He also gave him strong leather gloves and knee pads.



In the same year as Kristallnacht, 1939, Phillip knew the moral and ethical imperative that he had learned from his tradition and had the strength to implement it, even though he received the following response from fellow businessmen; “Mr. PK, how can you let that n_____ stay in your store?!”

Our great sage Hillel wrote, “In a place where there is no man, strive to be a man. This teaching, from the collection, “Pirke Avot,” “Ethics of the Fathers,” the 56th and final tractate of our Talmud, is at the heart of what defines the “just” from all others. It must have been at the heart of one of Phillips most painfully difficult life decisions, that which involved Theodore Arnold Klyne, affectionately known as Ted, his son and Marge’s older brother.

Ted was a remarkable young man. At 13, he created, for his b/m project, what would be the archetype and first, “skateboard” like rolling support device. Like his father, he wanted to help the young homeless black boy from the street. His “invention” allowed the boy to much more easily pull himself along the ground. This was a mitzvah in the very highest form of our tradition.

Marge recalled that, around 1939/40, at the age of sixteen, Ted became a victim of the polio scourge and desperately needed the assistance of the one iron lung that was in Greenville. It was, at that time, occupied by another young African-American boy, of modest means. Another lung machine was located, but several days away.

Not only did the doctors and the local rabbi assure Phillip that they would immediately replace the boy with Ted, but also the local black minister urged Phillip to make this decision. Phillip remarked, “This young boy got here first; how could you take him out of the iron lung? How could you do that!!?” The black child remained in the lung, with Ted eventually being able to use the other machine, once it arrived in Greenville. This was an extraordinary decision, made by an extraordinary man.

Phillip Louis Klyne, a just man in a difficult generation, who strove to be that man when there was no other, took his place among the “just” of all our generations. I am greatly indebted to Marge and her boundless family pride and remarkable ethos, for allowing me to share her father’s story with you.



Cantor Steve Sher

BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS



May has passed and summer is upon us. We hope everyone enjoyed the May Dinner organized by Brothers Chuck Coene, Eric Altman and Crew. We also hope that everyone enjoyed the PTA-Brotherhood co-sponsored Picnic on May 17th. Thanks to the kitchen crew for their hard work on the Israel Bond Breakfast.



Congratulations to Brian Katzman and Alan Loewenstein on their well-deserved "Man of the Year" awards.

This is the last Brotherhood Speaks that we will write as Harvey and I am completing our two-year term as co-presidents. It has been a pleasure to work with everyone involved. Join us for the Brotherhood-Sisterhood Dinner on June 10th at the Carlyle on the Green in Bethpage, \$32 per person and our June 16th sojourn to Sammy's Roumanian Restaurant. \$100 includes transportation. Contact Bruce Jaffe for details. Best of Luck to Mark Chester and Dave Schuster, our incoming presidential Dynamic Duo, as well as all members of our incoming Board and Executive Board. Also I would be remiss if I did not wish Rob Saunders "Mazel" in his new position as President of TBT. Thanks to Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher for all the help that they have offered us during the past year.

At this time I want to take the time to reflect on the passing of Sol Goldstein, a stalwart member of not only Temple B'nai Torah and Legacy Temple Judea, but also of the Long Island Community at large. Sol, just shy of a young 83 years, was the President of Rebuilding Together/Long Island Chapter. We had awarded Sol and Elaine a Special Community Service award at Legacy Temple Judea. Sol's generosity of community service and his willingness to help out at a moment's notice will certainly be missed. He was a giant of a man and his good deeds and memories will live in my mind forever. He was also responsible for our community service project of sending care packages to GI's abroad as well as Israel Defense Forces. Our sincere condolences to Elaine and the Family.

*Thanks again in Brotherhood
Bruce Jaffe and Harvey Wiener*



Brotherhood Men-of-the-Year
Brian Katzman & Alan Loewenstein

CHAI LIGHTS



I can't believe this Temple year is almost ending. We have had so many great experiences, shared so much, and learned so much. This could only happen with a dedicated and working Board. As with any happening, there is a team behind the scenes that many do not see or envision. That, too, is Chai Club. The behind the scenes Chai Club Board make things happen. Thank you so much to the Past Presidents, Joan and Brian, and Shelley, our officers, and trustees. We even had fun and enjoyed working together. Our greatest reward is having all the Chai Club Members (almost 170 strong) participating in all the Chai events.

We still have June ahead of us with plenty going on. June 1st is a General meeting. We will celebrate America, Flag Day, and get ready for the 4th of July. The Banjo Rascals will entertain us. Tell your friends to join us. This popular group is very upbeat and truly represents Americana. The snacks will be delicious too. We look forward to joining together to enjoy Cabaret on June 6th, The Chai Club Service will be June 12th. This special Service will be shared with life cycle celebrations: a baby naming, b'nai mitzvot, Auf Ruf, plus a 60th Anniversary Blessing of our own Rita and Harvey Drucker. Hope you can join us. We will be joining with Couples Club at High Line. Finally is the 5-Arm/Congregation Board Installation on the 26th. This should be a resounding event.

So now we are planning the next year. If you have any thoughts on programming, we welcome them. Call me with any other ideas, also. If you would like to join the Chai Club Board, let me know. Have a great summer. Summer includes Shabbos services each week, beach services, Bingo and August Sunday Triple Bingo. So come on down and I look forward to seeing you.

*With love, Rita
President*

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Shalom, and wow! I cannot believe another school year is over. It seems like just yesterday that I was sitting down to write my September article in which I reminded everybody about the opening of Religious School. I guess the old adage; “time flies when you are having fun” really is true because we certainly have had a wonderful time learning and experiencing Judaism this

year.

I would like to thank everyone once again for helping to make this school year what it was. Thank you to each and every one for all of your time, dedication, support and, most of all, energy. Without all of you, the school year would not have been the terrific success it was. From consecration in the fall to confirmation and graduation in the spring, it has been one very complete and rewarding year for everyone involved.

I would especially like to take a moment to recognize the Religious School faculty because they are the ones who really make it all happen for our students. We are fortunate to have an extremely talented, knowledgeable, dedicated staff that works super hard to allow our students to learn and love Judaism.

Planning has already begun for next year. In the spring, we piloted Kulanu. “Kulanu: Teen Engagement for All of Us” is our new high school program which will allow our teens to grow as individuals, as part of the Temple B’nai Torah community and as participants in the larger Jewish world. I am very excited for the full roll out of Kulanu in the fall.

Registration is well underway for the 2015-2016 religious school year. Please return your completed registration forms to the office as soon as possible so we may properly prepare for the next school year.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a fun-filled and relaxing summer. Please practice your Hebrew a few minutes each week so you do not lose all the terrific progress you made during the school year!

*L'Shalom,
Elisa Blank, Director of Education*



Shayna Held, Our High School Grad



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This will be my final column as President of Temple B'nai Torah. My two years as president has now come to an end. The journey over the last two years has had many highs, a few lows, but it was a wonderful journey nonetheless. I met many congregants that I would never have had the opportunity to meet and made many new friends along the way. I became more comfortable with public speaking (something I have always hated) and I have written meaningful columns.

I had many visions two years ago. Most of them have come to fruition. We have an updated building, new memorial boards and a beautiful new Tree-of-Life. None of these things would have been able to happen without the support of the Vice Presidents and Temple Board, with the help of the great staff of TBT.

When you become President of an organization

you have to give up a good part of your life. Your family and friends sometimes take a back seat to the new responsibilities that you have. I am looking forward to reconnecting with those that I didn't have enough time for and moving on to living a somewhat normal life. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to lead this wonderful temple.

In the meantime you will be getting a fabulous new president in Rob Saunders. He was my Executive Vice President for the last two years, but he was really so much more. I could not have done my job half as well without him. Please support him and his new Temple Board as I know that I will.

Once again, thank you for letting me be your leader. It is an experience I will never forget and will carry the memories with me always.

*Sherrill Spatz
Congregation President*

Pack & Troop 189

So, we come to the end of another program year! Our boys have worked hard, and while there are still a few weeks left as I write this, I am sure that all the Cubs will advance by the end of the year, and the Boys will have made tremendous progress. A lot has happened since the last article, and a lot is planned for the summer!

The Pack went camping in April, out to Schiff for the new Cub-O-Ree. The nights were cold, but the days were warm, and the boys and girls that came (this was another whole family experience) were able to try shooting sports, climbing across a rope bridge, and playing in some great competitions. No camping trip is complete without a campfire, and this one was fantastic. Everyone stretched themselves in ways they did not expect, and all had a good time.

The Troop took a trip down to Washington, DC. They were able to visit Arlington National Cemetery and the National Air and Space Museum. The older boys hiked the President's Trail, and the younger boys took some time to see other sites of historical interest.

On top of that, the Troop and the Webelos from the Pack went to the District Camporee at the start of the May. This is an annual event where all of the Troops and Venturing Crews from our District are invited to spend a weekend together, sharing fellowship and competing in events based around

Scout skills (knots, first aid, cooking, etc.). This year's theme was Scout vs. Wild! and it was indeed a wild time. I am proud to report that your Boy Scout Troop came in second place! The boys demonstrated tremendous teamwork and Scout spirit and were able to come out winners.

It has been an amazing year, and I look forward to telling you about the fantastic summer events in September. In June, the Troop is doing a rafting trip, and in July, the Troop is going to Onteora Scout Reservation for two weeks again. Some of our Scouts and Leaders are attending the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference in Michigan. This is a very special conference, as it is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, which is Scouting's Honor Society. The Troop will also be staffing the Pequott District Cub-Family Weekend in August.

The Pack will also be busy. We are planning a camping trip in June, our Pack Picnic in July, and the Cub-Family Weekend in August. We will certainly do more (at least one event at a pool) than that, but it will have to be a surprise for September! Have a great summer everyone! Talk to you in the fall!

*J.J. Scotch,
Pack Cubmaster
and Troop Assistant Scoutmaster*

(Pack & Troop 189 Photos continued in pg. 20)

COUPLES CLUB & SINGLES CLUB

A STRANGE AND DESOLATE SPECTACLE



It was a magnificent, far-flung sunset, the whole west flaming with intense golden red that spread and paled far to the north. Against this glorious background the Couples Club Living

Legends paraded out of the Temple onto Jerusalem Avenue. They were walking in dense groups, in long straggling lines, in small parties, down to couples. It was an austere and sad pageant. Far to the fore the dark forms, silhouetted against the pure gold of the horizon, began to vanish, as if indeed they had ridden into that beautiful prophetic sky, surrendering to the longing to give oneself wholly to sensorial perceptions.

At last only one Legend was left on the darkening horizon—the solitary Vicki (the Fairy Card Mother) a melancholy figure, unreal and strange against the dying sunset – moving on, diminishing, fading with only the glow of her magic pen to be seen – vanishing, ----vanishing-----vanishing.

The Couples Club welcomes Sharon and Ben Cernese (The Dependables), our new Presidents.

Just as the Phoenix rises from the flame, and the Athenians replace the Titans, the Couples Club enters a new era with new adventures, many of our favorite activities, and a pantheon of new illustrious members taking center stage.



Our exciting activities are featured in the TBT scroll and calendar, and flyers are available in the lobby display case. Look for our 2015 – 2016 Membership flyer this summer. Planned activities include: Dinner Cruise, Excursions to New York City, Chanukah Party, Game Night, Military Bridge, Bowling Tournament and a Theater & Pizza Party,

Ben and Sharon encourage you to get to know us and discover for yourselves, how great the Couples Club is. You will be welcomed into the group, and very soon you will feel as if you were a long-time member. We would like to share this feeling with all TBT members. The Couples Club members actively participate in the other arms' functions - Chai Club, Brotherhood and Sisterhood activities. Being part of our family makes it easier to become engaged in the areas that interest you, as you will always have a friend in attendance.

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's monthly word of wisdom: Every story has an end -- but in life every end is a new beginning. except in memory" - Leonard Nimoy

Fred Dinstell

Thank you

*to everybody who came to the funeral,
paid a shiva call, made a contribution,
sent a card or said a kind word
in memory of our mother, Thelma Happes.
Marty and Lynne Happes and family*

IN THE HOUSE

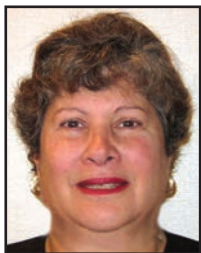
We continue to keep our temple house in order. A fifty-plus year old building has the usual aches, pains, and breaks. As a fifty plus individual, so do I.

Please visit our sanctuary to see our completed Temple Judea Memorial Board and our newly added Temple B'nai Torah Memorial Board. You can finally properly memorialize your departed loved ones. Call Marilyn in our office for particulars. Thank you to our donors who have made this possible. Remember to come to our next yiskor service (check our calendar or TBT Times or weekly e-blast for time).

This truly was a team effort. Thank you so much to Harvey and Rita Drucker for planning, for securing funds, for hours of physical labor, and for seeing this project to completion. Ed Blecher, Barry Lomove, and Robin (one of our terrific custodians) were part of Harvey's construction team. Marilyn undertook the tremendous job of entering all the positions of the plaques (A1, B2, etc.) on both the Temple Judea boards and the new Temple B'nai Torah board into the computer for easier access. Come to our next House Committee meeting on August 17th at 7:00pm.

by Tessa Kean

OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



First, a reminder that the only Sisterhood event of this month is the joint dinner we are having with Brotherhood on Wednesday, June 10, at Carlyle On The Green. It will be a lovely way to end the 2014/2015 year so please try to attend.

It takes a powerful leadership team to make an organization (or an arm of an organization, in this case) run so well. I've been very lucky to have such a team for the past two years, and I know this will continue when my friend Marlyn Appelt takes over as Sisterhood President on July 1.

I would like to thank the executive board of Barbara C., Marilyn, Marlyn, Neysa, Sharon, Amy, Joni, Patti, and the past presidents of Sisterhood who have been so generous with their time and guidance. In addition, everyone else on the board (and there's about thirty of them) are special women who have gone about doing their jobs so well as they balance everything else in their personal lives—all to help TBT grow.

My biggest thanks of all goes to someone who isn't even a member of Sisterhood, but has assisted Sisterhood behind the scenes with the kitchen during Bingo, Shalach Manos, and so many other fundraisers and programs. He has also fielded hundreds of calls and kept me somewhat sane when needed. I am, of course, referring to my dance partner of almost thirty-five years. May the music never end!

It has been an honor and a privilege being President.
I LOVE SISTERHOOD.

*Sincerely,
Diane Schoenberg
Sisterhood President*

Throughout the year Sisterhood's programs have been a huge success due to Connie Martin's eye for innovation. Julie Nietsch has always made sure we had goodies to eat. Joni Christie, Judi Rosen and Alaina Walsh have been hands-on and made sure everything went smoothly. A highlight this year was the annual Women's Seder. Rabbi Bellows lead us and Emily Altman added her beautiful voice. This evening wouldn't have been possible without the help of all the women who helped shop, serve and clean up. I would like to thank Joni Christie for chairing, as well as Marlyn Appelt, Pearl Sutz, Connie Martin, Barbara Gouveria, Amy Herman, Stacy Spiller, Julie Nietsch, Sarita Keyse, Emily Altman, Ann Dinstell, Tessa Kean and Rita Hofer.

Sharon Forman, Programming VP

At the end of my first year as sisterhood Vice President of Ways and Means, I would like to thank all of the amazing women who made it so successful.

- Ellie Dayton made our holiday tables look beautiful with flowers for the high holidays and Passover.
- Marilyn Woronoff organized the night of beauty and the comedy night at the Brokerage and she wrote the poem on the Mother's Day card.
- Sharon Forman organized the Mother's Day card sale, the Sisterhood Seder and many other functions.
- Cara Froese coordinated an amazing paint night, and she also served as our donor treasurer.
- Barbara Gouveia and the BINGO ladies worked hard all year.
- Myrna Lieber ordered everyone the invitations they needed.
- Joni Christie organized the incredible auction.
- All of the women who worked so hard on the Shalach Manos Purim bags—too many to name.
- Beverly Miller coordinated shopping at Lord and Taylor.
- Su Bruno, Andrea Rifkin, Stephanie Jacobson, Ellice Toscano and Hilda Singer worked on various projects throughout the year.

And lastly thank you everyone for all of your support, advice, dedication, and encouragement throughout the year.

Amy Herman, VP Ways and Means

This has been quite a year! Although meetings were canceled due to winter snows, Sisterhood's work continued uninterrupted. The Department of Services couldn't have had such a successful year without the tireless work of its members. My heartfelt thanks to Pearl Sutz for handling Good and Welfare, Rita Bogatch for Torah Cards, Barbara Morgenlender for onegs and Stacey Spiller for family service onegs. Special thanks go to Jan Friedman for shopping for pre-negs and to Barbara Morgenlender and Marlyn Appelt for coming early to set up. Thank you to Debbie Schlesinger for taking care of bimah flowers and trees, to Lynne Happes for being our TBT Times editor and Ilene Russo for creating flyers and being our website coordinator. You all made our department shine! I would also like to thank A Taste of Home Bakery for our delicious oneg cakes, and Colonial Florist for the beautiful bimah flowers each week.

Patti Nacht, VP Department of Services

Thank you to Louise for running all the festivals this year, Lynn and Alissa for having the best merchandise at the Judaica Shop. Every holiday we found reasons to empty our wallets. Thank you to Felicia for running the Rosh Chodesh program, and Ellice, Susan and Andrea for sending out all the Uniongrams we love to receive. Thank you to Diane for being a loving, understanding and supportive President.

Joni Christie

TBT-PTA

The PTA is happy to be wrapping up a successful and exciting year! As we do, we want to congratulate all of the children who graduated Hebrew High School, were confirmed, or became a bar or bat mitzvah this year! Parents, do you have children that recently completed their bar or bat mitzvah? If so, than you will be very happy to hear about the exciting changes happening to our Hebrew high school. Our new high school name is Kulanu, which means "all of us." There will more flexibility in the days and times, as well as a variety of electives, which will allow more high school students to participate in this exciting new curriculum. Please speak with Elisa Blank or one of our PTA Board members to find out more information. As the school year comes to a close, we also want to thank our teachers and Mrs. Blank for such a successful and fun school year. In addition, thank you to the many congregants who volunteered their time, energy, and ideas to make our PTA events so successful! Our most recent events, 'Pizza, Prayers, and Dance', the Brotherhood/PTA picnic, and the Teacher Luncheon were all a lot of fun! Thank you especially to our

class parents for your time and commitment this year to making sure that parents were kept informed of events and activities. Please keep an eye out for next year's meetings on the calendar. We hope you will join us! Volunteering with the PTA does not take a lot of time, and it is a great way to meet other parents and participate in school activities. We are always looking for new faces and new ideas! Finally, you may be wondering where the PTA will be this summer. We will be at the beach service on July 10th, the picnic service on July 24th, and attending the summer PTA meeting at the home of Amy Herman, (date TBA). At our summer meeting we will eat, drink, and make plans for the new year. Please bring your children and their swimsuits! Please check your temple calendar and keep an eye on the TBT-PTA Facebook page for all upcoming events. We hope to see you and wish everyone a wonderful summer!

Having Fun At The PTA Dance Party



BLOG FROM RABBI MIRI GOLD

As we take a break from blogging for the summer months, I wish to express thanks to B'nai Torah for its support and caring for Kehilat Birkat Shalom at Kibbutz Gezer. First of all, I wish to thank Les Richards for putting us in the loop communication, allowing me to write something from Israel on a monthly basis. This has been a great venue to share thoughts and events happening in our synagogue community as well as in Israel in general.

Last year, Sol Goldstein, Chair of the Altruistic Committee and the Brotherhood of Temple B'nai Torah, sent packages for soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces who were involved in the war "Protective Edge". We delivered them to units in which soldiers from the congregation and from the kibbutz were serving. It was obvious that this undertaking was done with love and caring, and we were honored to be part of the delivery process. I was finally able to take a photo of one of the soldiers, who during the war was barely home and not in the mood to be caught in his dusty battle garb by the camera lens. Instead, I took a picture of him in his dress uniform as a medic in the Paratrooper Brigade, just as he was about to light the torch for our local Yom Hazikaron (Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers) ceremony. He told me that the troops were happy to receive the packages, and asked me to send thanks on behalf of the soldiers. THANK YOU !!

I would also like to thank SISTERHOOD for its ongoing

support, sending yearly donations to Birkat Shalom. It is so nice to know that you are thinking of us. Especially now, when we are involved with building and furnishing our new synagogue, your help is all the more precious.

You may recall that after we won our Supreme Court case and began to receive some funding from the Ministry of Culture, our regional council of Gezer reached out to us and asked if we would like to receive a government grant, from the Ministry of Religious Affairs, to help us acquire a pre-fab building to serve our congregation. Of course we said yes and even though it means a great deal of fundraising, we were well aware of this new "victory", that the Regional Council of Gezer was willing to recognize our needs and offer their assistance. This is our local governing body: communities of up to 5,000 residents are part of a regional council, which provides municipal services such as schools and school buses, garbage collection, road improvement, playgrounds, cultural events and grants for improvements within the communities.

This marks a significant change, because in the beginnings of Birkat Shalom, in the late 1990's, the Gezer Regional Council was uncomfortable with the presence of a Reform congregation in its midst. We've come a long way, baby!

*Rabbi Miri Gold,
of Kehilat Birkat Shalom at Kibbutz Gezer,
invites you to visit next time you are in Israel.*



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TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2015 at 8:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 8:17 pm

President's Report – Sherrill Spatz – Thank you to Sharon and Ben Cernese for a wonderful night at the Matzoh Ball.

Vice Presidents' Reports - Rob Saunders – Les Kule reported that 90 people came to the Matzoh Ball and had a terrific time. 12 pledges were received for the windows. Thank you to Wendy Ser for the beautiful artwork.

House and Administration: Shelley Lomove – Report stands. In addition, please note that the report for the TBT times had incorrect numbers. \$6440 was spent on snow removal. Tessa Kean added that the housing committee strongly suggests that disposable dishes be used for events. Washing dishes and extra custodian time all costs money. Make sure you have a clean-up committee. The environmental impact of using water and regular dishes vs. disposable goods has been considered and is negligible.

Community and Fundraising - Les Kule – Report stands.

Membership – Robin Galardi and Julia Brite – Report stands. In addition, thank you to Social Action for the success of Purim with the pasta boxes and thank you to Rabbi Bellows for the "How to" series. Rob Saunders added a thank you to Brian Levy for a great job with publicity.

Social Action – Beth Herman – On 5/31 is the Israeli Day Parade and TBT members will be marching.

Education Report – Elisa Blank – Report stands. From now on, the High School will be called Kulanu, which means "all of us." Thank you to Wendy Ser for our new logo.

Financial Secretary Report – Tessa Kean – Report stands. No change in membership.

Temple Administrator Report – Sue-Ellen Pennington – Report stands. The calendar is up to date, please check it!

Investments Report – Alan Loewenstein – Report stands. There was a conference call with managers this month. Question from Brian Levy from last week was clarified.

Long Range Planning Committee Report - Jeff Spiller – Report stands.

Closed session

Meeting entered into closed session at 9:16. Closed session ended at 9:52. Rob Saunders made a motion to amend the previously approved contractual motion for Elisa Blank, adding \$120 to the total compensation package for each of the next two years (\$120 for the 2015-2016 school year and an additional \$120 for the 2016-2017 school year) for the purpose of pension contributions on top of the raise we already voted on. Les Kule seconded the motion. Motion passed 22 to 3.

Stan Friedman asked to go back into closed session. Meeting went into closed session at 9:56 pm. Meeting exited closed session at 10:02pm. Brian Levy made a motion to approve the now amended 2015-2016 budget. Motion seconded by Wendy Ser. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 10:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Curry, Secretary to the Congregation

Many people will see something that needs to be done; Sol Goldstein made things happen. As a volunteer with numerous groups, or as the president of his own charitable organization, 'Rebuilding Together', his greatest desire was to help those in need. As a vice-president of the TBT Brotherhood, Sol defined Social Action. He created an on-going collection of toiletries and other sundries and then shipped them to our troops serving abroad, where such items are in short supply. He cared about less fortunate people, made certain that they got what they needed, and motivated other people to join the causes so important to him.

After a long and valiant fight with leukemia, Sol passed away on May 2nd. He is survived by Elaine, his wife of more than fifty-nine years, his sister, a son and a daughter, plus five grandchildren. We offer our heartfelt condolences to all of them. We know that he will be impossible to replace, but we are hopeful his memory and his dedication to service continues to inspire others.

Submitted by Rob Saunders



OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) 7:30pm Adult Choir (201) 7:30pm Chai Club (S/H) 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) 7:00pm Calendar Meeting (K/L) 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Bingo 5:00pm-12:00midnight Cabaret Dress Reh. (S/H) 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) 7:30pm Bingo 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:30pm Family Service 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) 10:30am Service (2) B/M Chillemi & Ledbetter 12:30-1:30pm B/M photos Chillemi Family (Sanc.) 5:00pm-1:00am Cabaret Show (S/H)
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Closed 12:00-4:00pm Couples Club event (Away) 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) 7:00-9:00pm Adult Confirm. Class (K/L) 7:00pm Jewish War Veterans Mtg (S/H) 7:30pm Adult Choir (201) 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) 12:00-2:00pm Bingo Workers Luncheon (S/H) 4:00-5:00pm B/M photos Boden Family (Sanc.) Building Closes @5:00pm 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Bingo 7:00pm Joint Sisterhood/Brotherhood Dinner (Away) 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) 7:30pm Bingo 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) 5:30pm Fund Family Dinner (K/L) 8:00pm Wachtel Baby Naming (Sanc.) 8:00pm Chai Club Erev Shabbat Svc/ Aufruf Fund Family 8:00pm Drucker Anniversary Blessing 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) 10:30am Service (2) B/M Rubin/Boden 12:00-2:00pm Boden Family luncheon (K/L) 12:00-5:00pm B/M Luncheon Rubin (S/H)
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Closed 9:30am-noon Book Club (Away) 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) 7:30pm Adult Choir (201) 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Closes @5:00pm 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) 7:00pm End of Year Sisterhood Dinner (Away) 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Bingo 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) 7:30pm Bingo 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00pm Pre-Neg 6:30pm Kabbalat Service 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) 10:30am Service (1) B/M Axelrod
21 Father's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am-12:00pm Scout Award Breakfast (S/H) 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) 1:15-3:15pm Womens Meadowbrook Initiative (K/L) 7:30pm Adult Choir (201) Chai Club Board Dinner (Away) 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Ritual Meeting (Away) Building Closes @5:00pm 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Bingo 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Bingo 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Svc Board Installation 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (Away) 2:00pm-8:00pm Rental set-up (S/H) 6:00pm-11:00pm Rental (S/H)
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Closed 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (Rm. 201) 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) 6:45pm Exec. Board Mtg (Rm. 104) 8:00pm Board Meeting (K/L) 	<div>JUNE</div>			

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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

Summer is all but here! We deserve nothing less than a warm, sunny delightful three months. We have certainly earned this one in advance.



Some of the less appreciated pleasures of summer are Shabbat services at TBT. They are informal, lighter, and have a charm of their own. Some even take place outdoors as the sun is setting. Take a peek at the flyer on page one and make a resolve to join us. It won't be the same without you.

With this final issue of Volume 7, it is time to thank all contributors to TBT Times. These pages would be dry without your submissions. Gratitude goes to those whose names appear on the last page of every issue: Rob, Harvey, Laurie, Tessa, Lynne and Brian. In addition a huge debt of thanks goes to Les Richards, whose behind-the-scenes efforts on behalf of TBT Times go underappreciated. We will see you in September.

Mark Chester, TBT Times Editor

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The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah

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June	13	Jake Boden	Andrew & Stephanie
		Harrison Rubin	Richard & Ann
June	20	Matthew Axelrod	Alan & Audrey
Sept.	5	Jessica Serken	Edward & Jodi
Sept.	12	Ethan Leventhal	Keith & Tina
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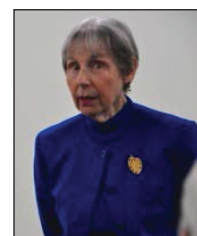


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The performers were Mark Brier and Arlene Morgan
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