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B'NAI MITZVAH





March 5 Michele Spiller

Jeff & Stacey

My name is Michele Spiller and I attend Grand Avenue Middle School. I am a *madrichim* in the Hebrew school, a member of BNTY Jr. and the teen choir, and have participated in many of the TBT Jr. Players productions. I am a member of the gymnastics team at my gym, and enjoy playing the flute in my school's jazz band, drawing, and spending time with family and friends. For my mitzvah project I helped at the Lymphoma Walk in Old Westbury Gardens. This walk raises money for the Lymphoma Research Foundation. Thank you to everyone who donated. I would like to thank my tutor, Mrs. Altman, Cantor Sher, Rabbi Bellows and my family for helping me prepare for my bat mitzvah.



March 12 Korrine Levy

Ken & Kelly

My name is Korrine Levy and I'm from Seaford. Family is extremely important to me which is why I decided to do my mitzvah project by volunteering at my uncle's pet shop. He was thankful to get much needed help and I was able to see all the animals there. I had a great time and he was very glad to have me there to help out. I would like to thank Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher and my family for all of their help and support while preparing me for my bat mitzvah.



March 12 Kourtney Levy

Ken & Kelly

My name is Kourtney Levy and I'm from Seaford. I feel the most important thing in life is family so, for my mitzvah project, I volunteered at my uncle's pet shop. I did this because I love animals and enjoy helping family members. It was really a lot of fun and he was very thankful for my help. I would like to thank Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher and my family for all of their help and support while preparing me for my bat mitzvah.



March 19 Andrea Elsner

Steven & Hope

My name is Andrea Elsner and I attend Berner Middle School in Massapequa. I enjoy volleyball, video games and just spending time with friends. I love animals and have chosen to collect donations for the Last Hope Pet Shelter in Wantagh as my mitzvah project. A big thank you to both Rabbi Bellows and Mrs. Emily Altman, who have helped me to prepare for my Bat Mitzvah.



March 19 Allison McGinn

Robert & Alisa

My name is Allison McGinn. I am in the seventh grade and attend Wantagh Middle School. The thing I enjoyed most about becoming bat mitzvah is the one-on-one time with my tutor, Mrs. Altman. She teaches and helps me perfect everything. My favorite thing to do after school is dance. I have chosen to collect and donate towels to The Last Hope Animal Shelter, for my bat mitzvah project. I have learned a lot. My favorite part of preparing for my bat mitzvah was learning my torah portion. I also learned that this is something really important and I am very grateful to become a bat mitzvah.

B'NAI MITZVAH





March 26 **Alexander Williamson**

Donald & Karin

Alex is in seventh grade at Wantagh Middle School. He is an excellent student, plays soccer and basketball, and is on swim team. He is also a brown belt in Kempo Karate. For his mitzvah project he looked for ways to help others while doing something that he loves - swimming and all things water related. He participated in Swim Across America to help raise money for cancer research (twice!) and also the Polar Bear Splash to help Make-A-Wish Foundation (also twice). He would like to thank Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher, his parents and grandparents for helping him prepare for this very special day.



April 2 **Rachael Brite**

Jeffrey & Julia

Shalom! My name is Rachael Brite and I attend Wantagh Middle School. My hobbies are playing video games, being with my friends, and any outdoor activities. I play the piano and love all kinds of music. My mitzvah project is based upon what my Torah portion is commanding me to do; observe the kosher food laws. I chose this because not only do I enjoy food, I want to experience what it is like to live the lifestyle of a traditional Jewish girl. I also will be helping out at a local food pantry with anything they need for me to do. And lastly, I want to send a huge הבר הדות (thank you) to Mr. Kramer for tutoring me in my Torah portion and Hebrew these past few years.



April 16 **Daniel Neches**

Neil & Alissa

My name is Daniel Neches and I am twenty-one years old. I'm a senior at the Career Development Center at Division Avenue High School in Levittown. I would like to thank Cantor Sher for helping me prepare for my bar mitzvah. He is a lot of fun to work with. I'd also like to thank my mom, dad, and brother Benjy for their love and support. TBT is one of my favorite places because everyone is so nice to me. Everyone in my temple family is my friend.



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INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI

Jewish Superstitions Surrounding Birth

Shalom, Chaverim,



As you might imagine, I've had plenty of opportunity to think recently about Judaism's approach to childbirth. My due date is April 15th, though the actual date is, of course, out of my hands. For that reason, the leadership and I decided that my maternity leave will

officially begin April 3rd (sooner, if necessary).

This time has allowed me to ponder the many superstitions that surround birth in our tradition and culture. Many of these *bubbe meises* stem from the uncertainty that we all feel regarding matters of life and death. There is so much out of our control, yet these rituals, as silly as some may seem, I thought I'd share some of the most fascinating or prevalent with you.

Baby Shower: Jews have not customarily held baby showers prior to giving birth. Though there are indeed more and more families who choose to throw a baby shower, there is still a strong desire amongst our fellow Jews to not hold one. Additionally, some couples will not purchase any baby items or furniture, nor bring anything into the home, before the birth. Why? As Rabbi Victor Appell explains, "The custom stems from the idea that drawing attention to a happy occasion also draws the attention of evil spirits. The custom may also hearken back to a time of much greater infant mortality. Though this is much less of a concern today, and most people are not overly superstitious, most Jews still shy away from lavish showers and prefer to either buy just what they need to prepare for the new addition, or order items ahead of time that will not be delivered until after the baby is born."(http://www.reformjudaism.org/practice/ask-rabbi/ittrue-jews-do-not-have-baby-showers#sthash.6j0Ie215.dpuf)

Red Strings Under the Crib: Jewish mothers (and mothers-in-law) are pretty insistent on this one. It harkens back to a fear of either the evil eye, or even of the demoness, Lilith. According to midrashim, Lilith was the first wife of Adam (before Eve), and she dared to believe that she was equal to him. Adam was frustrated by this and had her banished from the Garden of Eden. Her anger subsequently turned her into a demon, and she has spent all this time since then trying to kidnap little babies to create her own demon army. Presumably, the red string magically keeps her away.

Choosing Names: Ashkenazic and Sephardic families differ significantly in this area. Ashkenazic tradition is quite clear that you only name your new baby after someone who has already died. This stems from a fear that the Angel of Death may confuse the two people, and accidentally come for the baby instead of the adult. Additionally, there are often fears that, if you name after someone who died young or tragically, you might pass the same fate onto your child. Obviously, these are not reasons not to honor someone whom you loved, and thus I often encourage people to name after these family members nonetheless.

Conversely, Sephardic tradition encourages you to name after someone still living. It is considered an honor to know that the next generation will be carrying on your name, and there is no fear related to this practice.

Though these practices fall outside of what we might consider rational or logical, they are, nevertheless, pervasive and meaningful to so many people. I hope that we never forget the miraculous nature of creating life, and of welcoming new souls into the world through the majesty of birth. May we not be afraid of these precious moments, but, instead, live every single one to its fullest

L'shalom, Rabbi Marci N. Bellow

TBT-UJA BREAKFAST



Honorees Ellice & Tom Toscano



Nassau County Honors



TBT President Rob "Mr. Met" Saunders Adds Some Closing Remarks

INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



For these past 40 years, seven of them at Temple B'nai Torah, I have made a concerted effort to enhance the educational, cultural and musical life of the congregation with creative programming aimed at that goal. I take pride in having been a champion of such programming, which has brought many

composers, performers, teachers, presenters and educators into the communities I have served.

At Temple B'nai Torah, I am proud to have brought, among others, Rick Recht, Rabbi Joe Black, Dan Nichols, Cantor Lisa Levine, Sheba, Magevet, Pizmon and Gerard Edery. Each has brought with them a unique addition and perspective to the musical life of our liturgy and taught us much about the myriad possibilities for that expression.

More important, each experience has elicited community involvement in support of these events, without which, they could not have been achieved. That people may have been "entertained," is only a pleasant by-product of a goal much more salient to the building of our community through the building of our knowledge and experience in such endeavors.

The sustaining of membership and the efforts of our leadership to do so, may find greater efficacy in realizing the potential connection between ongoing community developments concurrent with this kind of programmatic development.

Having stated all that, it then becomes a fitting tour de force in publicizing the many such activities slated for March, April, May and June. This article touches on those events for March and April. My next article (May/June) will elaborate on those activities remaining.

The Jewish Experience in Film, continues on Sunday, March 13th, with "The Sky is Falling, an Italian film (with English subtitles), in the tradition of "Life is Beautiful," and "The Garden of The Finzi-Continis." Starring Isabella Rossellini and Jeroen Krabbe' (who also teamed together for "Left Luggage," with Maximillian Schell), it is the touching and tragic story of two young sisters, orphaned by a car accident, who have come to live with their relatives.

Well heeled German Jewish intellectuals, who live in a vast country villa, resplendent with servants, great books, music salons and....the impending Nazi invaders, they have managed to avoid the Nazi occupiers.....until now. The first furtive feelings of love, juxtaposed with the horrors of war, are seen through the young girls' eyes and make for a compelling and unusual movie afternoon in the Kiddush Lounge, beginning at 2PM.

On Monday, April 4th, "Adventures in Music" is pleased to present Rabbi/Cantor Howard Nacht, who will share his most unique perspective as having served the pulpit from both sides, so to speak! Ordained first as a cantor then as a rabbi, Rabbi Nacht, with his wife Patti, have been active members of TBT for many years. This presentation begins at 11:30am, in the Kiddush Lounge. All of the events in this series are sponsored by the Chai Club and a light lunch for a

modest fee is served at the conclusion of each presentation.

On Sunday, April 10th, at 1pm in the Kiddush Lounge, "The Wandering Jew" continues with Gerard Edery, well known Jewish world music performer, sharing his childhood experiences growing up in Casablanca, Morocco. This event will mark the first of 3 that will occur during the week of April 10-15th, comprising our "Performer-in-Residence" for 2016.

On Monday, April 11th, Gerard Edery continues with a unique performance of world Jewish music, for the second installment of "Adventures in Music," again, at 11:30AM, in the Kiddush Lounge, followed by a light lunch.

On Friday, April 15th, Gerard Edery will uniquely participate in the musical expression of our liturgy, with the addition of a "sermon-in-song".

We will have the rare opportunity of hearing our liturgical music in the Yiddish, Hebrew, Spanish and Sephardic traditions. This Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 6:30PM. On Monday, April 18th, I will conclude the "Adventures in Music" series with a presentation of favorites from my performance repertoire, as well as anecdotes guaranteed to make the selections all the more remarkable (and all the more appreciated after surviving the anecdotes....).

I am delighted to announce that Kathy Kliegman, daughter of our beloved Ed Kliegman (of blessed memory), will continue in Ed's tradition of underwriting all of the programs mentioned, in addition to others that have already occurred in January and February, through the Kliegman Fund. This fund was created by Ed to support creative educational programs, meant to enhance the life, knowledge and spiritual nourishment of our community. We are most fortunate for this support.

Please find additional publicity for these programs in this edition of the TBT Times and in the Temple Scroll. I hope you will endeavor to attend and be moved by these continuing expressions of so much our tradition has to offer. The coming of spring is the anticipation of rebirth and the spirit of creativity in all its forms. May you find this spirit in all our temple community has to offer you.

Cantor Steve Sher



Cantor Sher Introducing Magevet, the Yale University Jewish Acappella Choir

OUR COMMUNITY

BROTHERHOOD NEWS & VIEWS



Greetings to all. We survived the blizzard and shoveled out. I guess that Mother Nature decided to get even for our being able

to play golf until Christmas. With the final numbers now in, it appears that Brotherhood made \$4,000 in our Annual Winter Street Fair. Along with our summer fair, this our largest fundraiser. Thank you to Vendor Chairman Ben Cernese and your staff of literally dozens, including volunteers from Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Ben is already thinking about the summer event and is accepting vendor applications.

We received a beautiful thank-you letter from Sergeant First Class Kevin C. Joiner, who serves as Platoon Sergeant of a small aviation unit providing Medevac and attack capabilities to coalition forces in Afghanistan. SFC Joiner received both packages sent by Brotherhood. SFC Joiner stated in his letter, "It's hard being away from friends and family, but with support from people like you, we're always reminded how wonderful our country is and why we do, what we do!"

Thank you to Brian Levy for all his efforts on Brotherhood's continuing social action project to support our deployed troops. Thank you also to all those congregants who helped us by providing items to send. We still need snacks and other non-perishable food items as well as travel size personal care items, such as soaps. Please drop them off in the "Troop Box" in the lobby. We've expanded the project by collecting used books which will be delivered in February to the veterans at the VA Hospital in Northport.

Our breakfast and dinner programs are going well. Thank you to Mike Bruno and the entire Brotherhood kitchen crew. Come down and schmooze with us on Sunday mornings for a great breakfast whenever religious school is in session. We had a great chicken dinner on February 16th thanks to head chef Rich Slavin and his crew. Come on down on March 15th for our annual corned beef & cabbage dinner from head chef Brian Katzman. Join us also on April 12th for our annual Men's Seder. After speaking with Rabbi Nacht, he mentioned he would be delighted to be with us and serve as leader for the event.

Brotherhood is proud to be the chartered organization for Pack and Troop 189. On Friday February 12th, we observed Jewish Scout Sabbath which occurred in conjunction with the family service that evening. A Scout Sabbath Patch (courtesy of the Jewish Committee on Scouting), was given to all scouts attending in full uniform.

On behalf of my Co-President Mark Chester, the entire Brotherhood Board and its membership, I want to wish everyone a happy Purim and a Ziessen Pesach. Until the next issue of the TBT Times, I remain yours in Brotherhood.

David Schuster
Brotherhood Co-President

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Thank-you from Soldier to Brotherhood

Brian,

Thank you so much for your package! It is very much appreciated by my Soldiers and I. We are on a very small base here and appreciate all that we receive in the form of care packages. It's hard being away from friends and family, but with support from people like you, we're always reminded how wonderful our country is and why we do, what we do! I'm not sure if you've ever received a thank you? I just know I wanted to take a few moments and ensure you were indeed thanked for what it is you guys do to keep us supplied with the little things so many Americans take for granted!

v/r SFC Joiner, Kevin S. Platoon Sergeant A Co 4-4 ARB TF Gambler Guns (DAHLKE)



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



The Jewish calendar is filled with times set aside to dream, to take stock of our lives, to celebrate life's little miracles and put into perspective any bumps we have hit along the way. Purim and Passover are holidays that celebrate our triumph over those who

wanted to see us cease to exist. Yes, we celebrate our freedom, we celebrate that we are a vibrant people and we celebrate that we made it through another crisis. But there is more to it. We must use these holidays to think about our own lives. We must think about what might have been if we remained slaves in Egypt or if Haman succeeded. How would our lives be different? Who are our heroes and what do they really stand for?

A perfect hero may only exist in a comic book or on our favorite television show, but in our daily lives there can only be found human heroes, individuals with strengths and weaknesses, with values and virtues and flaws. It is important to remember that heroes have visions and hopes and human shortcomings as well, just like each of us.

As a young girl Esther could only dream of becoming a queen. Yet with courage and vision she became the heroine of the Jewish people. Purim advocates dreaming, having vision and finding personal courage. I hope everyone takes time to turn their own dreams into realities. Wishing you and your family a Happy Purim and Ziessen Pesach,

L'Shalom,
Elisa Blank
Director of Education



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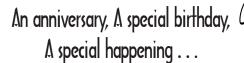


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Dave & Buster's is still in their regular locations, except for Airport Plaza which has been replaced by Stew Leonard's. So keep buying the certificates even if you do not work off the entire capitol amount. Any amount saves you money.

Happy shopping. Any questions? Call me. **Rita 785-5827**





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Cantor Sher's Upcoming Events....

- 1) Rabbi Howard Nacht, our own congregant and ordained as both a rabbi and cantor, will present his perspectives on both at the first session of "Adventures in Music," to be held at 11:30AM, on Monday, April 4th, in the Kiddush Lounge.
- 2) On Sunday, April 10th, Gerard Edery, accomplished linguist and Sephardic performer will present, "Reflections on growing up in Casablanca," as part III of "The Wandering Jew" series, again, at 1PM in the Kiddush Lounge.
- 3) Gerard Edery continues to present Sephardic and Ladino songs on Monday, April 11th, for the second installment of "Adventures in Music," to be held at 11:30AM, in the Kiddush Lounge.
- 4) After our Kabbalat Shabbat service, on Friday, April 15th, Gerard Edery, along with his bass accompanist, will present a program of international songs, including Ladino, Spanish, Sephardic, Eastern European and Hebrew selections, in our sanctuary immediately following the service.

All of these wonderful educational and entertaining events are sponsored by Kathy Kliegman and the Kliegman Fund. Please take time to attend any or all of these programs, especially, if you've never done so. You are in for a treat! CS

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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 Haggadan 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, seniors, and unaffiliated members of our community are all welcome. All reservations, which are required, must be made no later than April 8th, 2016. We can't accommodate 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.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am an aficionado of mostly older songs. I know a tremendous number of songs, and the words, to me, anyway, are more important than the music. Almost any impulse can cause me to spontaneously burst into song, whether I am at work, on the golf course, or at the Temple. As we approach springtime, especially with

how mild this winter has been, I am reminded of the lyrics from a song called "Daisy Jane" by the folk-rock group, America: "...the clouds are clearing, and I think we're over the storm." Of course, the song is about a couple with some issues, but the sentiment can be applied to many things, including our Temple.

As the president of our organization, I promised to do things that were in the best interests of the Temple, and I tried to instill the same value in the members of our Board of Trustees. In December, that body discussed the possibility of a merger with another local temple, Temple Beth Am of Merrick and Bellmore. Despite what I am sure were some serious concerns, the Board voted overwhelmingly (24-3) to enter into formal merger discussions; this new merger, while frustrating to some, would have been in our own best long-term interests. Unfortunately, the opportunity to even discuss a merger was taken away from us by the membership in attendance at a Temple Beth Am town hall meeting at the end of January. We will have to see if the opportunity to re-open the dialogue between our two groups arises again in the future; for now, we will march on solo.

Adding to the storm clouds of our merger news was the sudden and unexpected resignation (at the end of June) of our religious education director, Elisa Blank. This change came on the heels of Rabbi Bellows' decision, in late October, to leave us when her contract expires at the end of June, and puts our congregation in the precarious position of appearing to be in turmoil.

I want to assure you, however, that nothing that has happened so far has spun us out of control. As of this writing, a committee is being formed to begin the search for a new educator; at the same time, the committee that is searching for our interim rabbi is nearing the completion of its work, and I have every confidence that, come July 1, 2016, we will have a rabbi for our pulpit and an educator to run our religious school.

I also want to say that this is not just a religious organization; it is a community, and a family. When the

going gets tough, families and communities alike pull together for the common good. We are going to get through these rough patches, and we will emerge just as strong, if not stronger, from our tangles with adversity, but this will be easier to accomplish with your help. Please choose to get involved in your temple, especially its committees and its Board, and have a say in what happens here going forward. Be part of the solution, and help to foster the progress we make; you will feel more connected to your temple than you ever thought possible.

As a reminder, we have a few big events coming up in these two months: On Saturday, March 19th, we'll have our Chinese Auction (\$30pp includes dinner) and on Saturday, April 16th, we will host our annual Square Dance (\$30pp includes buffet dinner). The following Saturday, the Chai Club will sponsor a Second Seder for the community (see the flyer in this newsletter for details). Gather your friends and make your plans to have some fun!! And I will see you there!

Rob Saunders Congregation President

P.S. -- Thanks to all of those who participated in my annual Super Bowl pool fundraiser. Thanks to a great defensive effort by both teams, the Temple will receive \$900 in proceeds!!



OUR COMMUNITY

TBT-PTA

Happy spring from the TBT-PTA! While snowstorm Jonas managed to derail the religious school's Tu B'Shevat Seder, we had a fabulous time decorating our leaves on January 10th. Our Religious School Family Tree filled with each student's colorful contribution is a vibrant, visual reminder of our thriving school and enthusiastic students! Come and check out 2016's banner, hung in our school wing. We look forward to seeing our tree grow and change each year.

On January 18th, when schools were closed for MLK Day we held a successful fundraiser at Swirls and Twirls in Massapequa. Not only did participants get 10% off their yummy frozen yogurt, but a portion of each sale was donated to our PTA. It was a delicious way to spend part of our day off.

February 28th was the always fun Family Bingo!!! A wonderful time was had by all! Congratulations to all of our winners. Photos of that festive event will be in our next issue.

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers for making all our winter festivities so successful!

We are now springing into planning our March, April and May events. If you have not already, please send in your contribution to the Temple B'nai Torah PTA Cookbook. You won't want to miss having your treasured family recipes or new favorites included in this special collection. Our cookbook is sure to be enjoyed by members of our congregation for years to come. For more information, or to email your recipes, contact Susan Fioribello at souixzen@yahoo.com.

Please save the date for our End-of-Year PTA Celebration on Saturday, May 21st! It will celebrate the rollout of our cookbook and feature tastings of many of the recipes, plus a fabulous talent show. Details to come!

We hope to see you all at our upcoming Sunday morning meetings: March 6th, April 10th and May 15th. All meetings held right after the Brotherhood Breakfast, at 10:00am in room 104.

I close, as I type this while watching the snow melt from my kitchen window, with one of my favorite proverbs, "No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow..."

> Ilene Hellman PTA Communications Chair

OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



Looking forward to spring? Well, there are a lot of events blooming in your Sisterhood!

Sunday, March 6th is our last Rosh Chodesh of the year. Join Rabbi Bellows in a discussion of the book *New Jewish Feminism*. It features voices from all sections of Judaism and addresses important issues that concern Jewish women.

Saturday, March 19th, is our Chinese auction. This is our major fundraiser of the year. There will be delicious food and amazing prizes. This event is open to all and the prizes that will appeal to everybody. So bring your family and friends and enjoy a fun evening. I look forward to seeing you there!

On Wednesday, March 23rd we celebrate Purim. Be sure to check your mail this for information about our Shaloch Manos fundraiser. It is an opportunity to exchange sweets with those you care about. It is a fun way to both give and receive!

Tuesday, April 12th is our Women's Seder *Shaloch Manos* is one of my favorite events of the year. It is amazing to see women of all ages celebrating Passover together. Traditionally, we have had over one hundred women attending. This year is extra special because Sisterhood has created a new and inspiring service. Please join us and bring the women who are important in your life.

Sunday, April 17th is the Sisterhood program 'The Spring Garden'. Horticulturalist Paul Levine will provide information on annuals and perennials as well as the best locations to plant. There will also be a question and answer period. An ideal time for planning your 2016 garden!

Thinking of a perfect way to celebrate an anniversary, birthday, or any special occasion? Why not sponsor a Friday night Oneg. Share your simcha with your congregation!

There is a bouquet of events in Sisterhood. Please join us!

L'hitraot, Marlyn Appelt, Sisterhood President

OUR COMMUNITY

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



Did you ever walk into a room – maybe at an event, maybe for services, maybe a restaurant – and not know anyone? We're sure that it has happened to everyone at some time or another. At that

moment you stand there hoping to recognize someone. Wouldn't it be great if a member of your circle of friends happened to appear?

It is this exact scenario that prompted the formation of our organization – Circle of Friends. We are a growing arm of the temple whose mission is to provide its members with camaraderie – so you'll never walk alone!

The club's events are varied – hopefully providing something for everyone's taste. Our membership is also varied – different ages, marital statuses, and different backgrounds. On January 8th, our members participated in the New Members Shabbat Service at the temple. Then on January 10th, led by our past president Steve Block, Circle of Friends members enjoyed themselves at our annual Bowling & Dinner Party at Wantagh Lanes.

You will find our members in every phase of Temple life: on the TBT Board; directing and helping out at Bingo on Wednesday mornings, on Thursday evenings and at Sunday Triple Bingo; at TBT Fundraising meetings; at Sisterhood and Brotherhood and Chai Club meetings and events; at Sunday morning breakfasts and at Brotherhood fairs. Our members are found at services as members of the congregation and many are members of the adult choir.

The future will provide many opportunities for our friends to get together. Hopefully you will join us as a member at some of the following events:

March 23 Purim Spiel

March 26 Membership Dinner

April 16 TBT Square Dance
April 23 Passover 2nd Seder

April 23 Passover 2nd Seder
April 29 Circle of Friends Service

May 1 C of F/Chai Club Theater Party to see "Camelot"

May 14 Game Night

Our Circle of Friends is a terrific group of men and women – some married, some single – but there is always room for you. Hope to see you soon as a member.

If there is anything you would like to know about our group, please call us at (516) 322-8130 or e-mail us at scernese@optonline.net.



Sharon & Ben Cernese Co-Presidents, Circle of Friends

Temple B'nai Torah

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Cordially invite you to join us for

A Day at the Theater

Ticket Cost: \$15 Per Person Payments Due By March 23rd

When: Sunday May 1, 2016 Time: 2:00 pm sharp

Place: The Showplace at Bellmore Movies

222 Pettit Avenue, Bellmore



We have to commit for these tickets several weeks in advance so we have established a March 23rd date to receive payments for the show. <u>Seating will be assigned in the order payments are received</u>. If there is substantial interest we will try to obtain additional seating, so please get your final reservation in early to avoid being closed out.

Following the show, we will be going to dinner at The 3rd Rail, 216 Pettit Avenue, Bellmore Questions? Call Stephanie at (516) 826-8862

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RITUAL CALENDAR MARCH-APRIL 2016

Friday, March 4	7:30 pm	Family Shabbat Service
		Shabbat Across America
Saturday, March 5	10:30 am	Shabbat Service – 1 BM
Tuesday, March 19	7:30 pm	Ritual Committee Meeting
Friday, March 11	5:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Service
•	8:00 pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday, March 2	10:30 am	Shabbat Service – 2 BM
Friday, March 18	6:00 pm	Pre-Neg
•	6:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday, March 19	10:3 0 am	Shabbat Service – 2 BM
Wednesday, March 23	7:30 pm	Purim Celebration & Spiel
Friday, March 25	8:00 pm	Service
Saturday, March 26	10:30 am	Shabbat Service – 1 BM
Friday, April 1	7:30 pm	Family Service
	-	BNTY/HS Graduation
Saturday, April 2	10:30 am	Shabbat Service – 1 BM
Friday, April 8	5:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Service
	8:00 pm	Shabbat Service Brotherhood
Saturday, April 9	-	No Service
Friday, April 15	6 00 pm	Pre-Neg
	6:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat
	7:30-8:30 pm	Gerald Edery Musical Program
Saturday, April 16	10:30 am	Shabbat Service – 1 BM
Tuesday, April 19	7:30 pm	Ritual Committee Meeting
Friday, April 22	5:30 pm	Passover First Night Service
Saturday, April 23	10:30 am	Shabbat/First Day Passover Service
Thursday, April 28	7:30 pm	Passover Seventh Night Service
Friday, April 29	8:00 pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday, April 30	No Service	

FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

Taking a Leap of Faith



I like leap years. I really do. It's a reminder that no matter how perfectly things seem to be going, from time to time everything needs a bit of re-

adjustment. It is also a reminder that God isn't enamored by whole numbers: 29 and ½ days in a 'moonth', 365 and ¼ days in a year. 30 and 360 would've made things so much easier.

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Those aren't random numbers chosen by happenstance. They remind us it is we who have to adjust ourselves to the natural world, NOT the other way around.

The Jewish calendar adds an extra month to the yearly cycle. Two months of Adar instead of just one. Thirteen months in the cycle of months, a baker's dozen. A real bargain. I wish our secular calendar was arranged in a similar manner -- an entire extra month every few years. But not March, oh no! I have a candidate for the extra month: August. How about we agree to add an extra thirty-one days of August to the summer every once in a while? Can we get a show of hands on this?

Mark Chester, Editor TBTTimes



BLOG FROM RABBI MIRI GOLD

Well, we are still waiting for access to our new building. We do have water hooked up, so that is an important step forward. We planted a few trees on Tu B'Shvat, and we now await the deck and porches so that we can enter without climbing up from wooden pallets! As the spring approaches, we are always hopeful for the potential we see in the new buds and leaves to be realized. Any of you who visit us will be photographed in the new building, no matter what stage we have reached, so that you will be part of the story of progressive Judaism in Israel. In the meantime we are hosting groups in the "old" bet k'nesset and would love to see representation from B'nai Torah.

For those of you who like calendars, please note that 5776 is a leap year (shana me'uberet), which means we add an additional month (and this happens every four years). Therefore we have Adar Alef and Adar Bet. Believe it or not, the additional month is Adar Alef, and we wait until Adar Bet to celebrate Purim. That means that we celebrate Purim (the 14th of Adar) on March 24th (and Shushan Purim in the walled city of Jerusalem on the 25th), and Pesach (the 15th of Nisan) on April 23rd, with the seder night on the 22nd. Remember that our holidays begin at nightfall, so that if you look at a Hebrew calendar and see the 14th of Nisan on April 22nd, remember that by nightfall it will already be the 15th of Nisan.

Sound confusing? I learned this lesson years before I

went to rabbinical school. My son was born on October 10, 1984, and the Hebrew date was the 14th of Tishrei. I sent that information to my Aunt Belle, who was planning a cross-stitch wall hanging with all the pertinent information. Turns out that I made a mistake with the Hebrew date, because he was born at 9 pm, when it was already Sukkot, the 15th of Tishrei. So the wall-hanging has the incorrect information, but we always celebrate his birthday twice: on Leil Sukkot, the night we usher in the holiday, and on October 10th.

Getting back to Pesach, a holiday beloved by all: we will all say that Pesach is "late" this year", but of course by the Hebrew calendar it arrives on the same date as always, the 15th of Nisan. We are so tuned in to the Gregorian calendar that we think of our holidays coming early or late, but let us remember that this extra Adar is meant to ensure that Pesach, the Holiday of Spring, as well as the Time of our Freedom and Redemption, will indeed come in the Spring-time.

The main thing is to celebrate! Our rituals reinforce our values, and what better way to learn than by getting together with the congregation and with family and friends. Hag Purim Sameach, and Hag Pesach Sameach.

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

Sisterhood Enjoys An Evening of 'Zumba'



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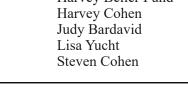
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OUR COMMUNITY

CHAILIGHTS



So, we are getting through this winter. We had, as always, a full January and February. Even with the snow, we did not miss a beat (except the Tu b'shevat Seder). In the winter our general meetings are at 1:30pm on Monday afternoons (Jan., Feb. and March).

Thank you Rabbi Bellows for informing us of some of the

resolutions discussed at the Reform Biennial in Florida. Thank you to Jack Biello who, in February, told us some 'untold' stories about WWII. Cantor Sher's Wandering Jew Series is always great. We, of course, enjoyed the

Circle-of-Friends' activities and together, other temple activities.

Even if you are not a Chai Club member, or do not know if you are eligible, you are always welcome to join us. We care about all our temple friends. You can always call me with any questions.

Now we can fill you in on what is happening during March and April. You can always find info on the scroll, on flyers in the temple lobby, or ask one of the Chai Club members. On Monday, March 7th, Chai Club will have our general meeting at 1:30pm. Albert Mulan will tell us about life in the Soviet Union and play varied selections of music. He is a very accomplished musician.

We can join our Temple members at the Sisterhood

Chinese Auction, Saturday night, March19th. On Wednesday, March 29th at 7:30 PM, we can join in or watch the annual TBT Purim Spiel. On Friday, March 25th, share with our Circle-of-Friends at their Shabbat Service.

April certainly is a busy month. Cantor Sher's Wandering Jew Program continues on Sunday, April 10th at 12:30pm. Gerard Edery will be the guest speaker. The Adventures-in-Music Series is on Mondays, April 4th, 11th, and 18th. Rabbi Nacht will be our guest on the 4th and Gerard Edery will perform Ladino and Sephardic songs on the 11 th. The cost is \$5 and includes lunch. Gerard Edery will perform with an accompanist on Friday, April 15th after the Kabbalat Shabbat Service. As many like to go out for dinner perhaps you can have dinner before the Service and stay for the performance.

TBT will have several wonderful Passover Seders. Chai Club is again sponsoring the 2nd Night Seder on Saturday, April 23rd at 6 PM. See the flyer in this issue of TBT Times. There are so many Chai Club Board Members and members who help make all these events possible. Thank you so much to all of you. Have a good two months, enjoy Passover, and we'll see you at many of our events.

Rita Hofer, Chai Club President





Jack Biello Presents 'Untold' Stories of WWII

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of her granddaughter Sarah Harriet & George Bernstein on the

Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Carly Bernstein





From the TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 16, 2015

Meeting called to order at 8:04 pm by President Robert Saunders

New Business –Rob Saunders announced that Barbara Cohen and Jan Friedman will be heading the Rabbinical Search Committee. In addition, we need volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Judy Novet, Sherrill Spatz, and Brian Levy volunteered.

President's Report – Rob Saunders – Thank you to everyone involved in the Hanukkah service and to the PTA who really came through for the games and activities afterwards.

House and Administration – Tessa Kean - Julia Brite reported that we spent more than \$1000 to fix the ventilation system and \$850 for the dumpster. On the "brighter" side, we had forty-five menorahs lit at the Hanukkah service! Joni Christie reported that upcoming fundraisers include Square Dancing, the Chinese Auction in March, and the Microbrew Fundraiser in May. Learning and Spirituality: Janee Loewenstein – Sincere thanks to Elisa Blank and Emily Altman for the camp service. Thank you both for your dedication and teamwork – it made for a wonderful evening.

Membership and Community – Helaine Schnall – Our membership breakfast was on Sunday. Thank you to Brotherhood for the delicious latkes. Communications: Judy Kule is working on a survey for the congregation. On January 8th new members and new families in the school will be welcomed during the family service.

Treasurer's Report – Bart Cohen –Bart Cohen passed around first quarter financials.

Financial Secretary Report – Alan Loewenstein – Membership remains the same.

Caring Committee Report – Jan Friedman - Donations to the Caring Committee would be greatly appreciated. There are families in need. If anyone knows of a family in need please contact Jan at Wisdom Lane School in Levittown from 7am - 10am or from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Rabbi Bellows added that her discretionary fund is depleted, and we could use donations for that to help people as well.

Tessa Kean made a motion to employ Rabbi Nacht as a leave replacement rabbi for the duration of Rabbi Bellow's maternity leave, with remuneration. Second by Robin Galardi. Passed unanimously.

Harvey Weiner made a motion to approve terms of employment for Cantor Sher as proposed by the negotiating committee. Second by Jan Friedman. A closed vote took place. The cantor will be offered the contract and it will be put up for vote at the congregation meeting.

Jan Friedman made a motion to enter into formal merger discussions with Temple Beth Am. Second by Rita Hofer. A closed vote took place .. The board will enter into formal merger discussions with Temple Beth Am.

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Curry, Temple Secretary

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday	Saturday
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6 • 9:00am Religious School • 9:15am Brotherhood Breakfast (S/H) • 9:45am-12:00ncon Book Club (Library) • 11:30am-1:00pm PTA Mtg. (Rm 104) • 11:30am Youth Choir (201) • 12:00-2:00pm Rosh Chodesh (K/L) • 2:30-4:30pm Purim Rehearsal (Sanc.)	7 * 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) * 5:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) * 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Rm. 201) * 7:30pm Chai Club General Mtg (K/L) * 8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	8 • 10:00am Al Anon (k/L) • 4:30-6:00pm Religious School • 7:00pm Brotherhood Exec. Board Mtg (101/103) • 7:30pm Ritual Meeting (k/L) • 7:30pm Search Com. Mtg (104) • 7:30pm Brotherhood Board Mtg (101/103)	16 • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L)	10 • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L)	11 • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 5:30pm Tot Shabbat • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	12 • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Shabbat Service (2) B/M Levy • 2:00-6:00pm Rental set-up (S/H-K/L) • 6:00pm-12:00am Rental (S/H - K/L)
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins • 9:00am Religious School • 9:15am Brotherhood Breakfast (S/H) • 10:00am Search Com. Mtg (104-Library) • 11:30am Youth Choir (201) • 11:30am- 1:00pm PTA Masks for Purim (K/L) • 11:45am B/M Orientation Feb-June, 2017 (101/103) • 2:00- 4:00pm Film Series (K/L)		15 • 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) • 4:30-6:00pm Religious School • 7:00-8:30pm How-to Series Death & Mourning (Library) • 7:00pm Brotherhood Dinner Mtg (S/H)	23 • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L) • 7:30pm Purim Celebration & Spiel	17 • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L)	18 • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 6:00pm Pre-Neq • 6:30pm Kabbalat Service	19 • 8:15am B/M photos McGinn (Sanc.) • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Shabbat Service (2) B/M Elsner & McGinn • 3:00pm Sisterhood Auction set-up (S/H) • 6:15pm Sisterhood Chinese Auction Preview (S/H) • 7:00pm Sisterhood Chinese Auction Fundraiser (S/H)
20 • Chai Club Trip (Away) • 9:00am B/M Rehearsal - Brite (Sanc.) • 9:00am Religious School • 10:00am-1:00pm Purim Carnival - BNTY (S/H & K/L) • 11:30am Youth Choir (201) • 7:00am BNTY Purim set-up (S/H)	21 • 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) • 5:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) • 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Rm. 201) • 7:00-8:30pm Religious School • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (Rm. 201) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	22 • 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) • 4:30-6:00pm Religious School • 7:30pm Religious Ed Mtg (104)	30 • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L)	24 • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L)	25 • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	26 • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Shabbat Servoie (1) B/M Williamson • 2:30-6:00pm Rental Set-up (S/H-K/L) • 6:00pm-12:00am Rental (S/H-K/L) • 7:00pm Circle of Friends Membership Dinner (Away)
NO Religious School Building Closed	28 • NO Religious School • 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L • 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Rm. 201) • 7:30pm Chai Club Board Mtg (K/L) • 7:30- 9:30pm Adult Choir (Rm. 201) • NO BNTY	29 - 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) - 4:30-6:00pm Religious School - 7:15pm Exec. Board Mtg (104)		31 • 4:30pm B/M photos Brite Family (Sanc.) • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L)		



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3 • 9:00am Religious School • 9:15am Brotherhood Breakfast (S/H) • 9:15-11:15am Circle of Friends Mtg (K/L) • 11:30am Youth Choir (201) • 12:00noon 7th Grade Trip (Away)	4 - 11:00am-12:30pm Adventures in Music (K/L) - 1:15pm Torah Study w/Rabbi Nacht (K/L) - 5:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) - 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Rm. 201) - 7:00-8:30pm Religious School - 7:30pm Chai Club General Mta (K/L) - 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (Rm. 201)	5 • 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) • 4:30-6:00pm Religious School • 6:45pm Sisterhood Exec. Mtg (K/L) • 7:00-8:30pm How- to Series Rituals & Innovations (Library) • 7:00pm Brotherhood Exec. Board Mtg (104) • 7:30pm Brotherhood Board Mtg (S/H)	6 • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L) • 7:00pm Fundraising Mtg (Away)	7 • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L)	8 • 5:30pm Tot Shabbat • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Brotherhood Service	9 • 9:30am Torah *Study (K/L) • 3:00-11:00pm Rental (S/H & K/L)
10 • 9:00am Religious School • 10:00am PTA Mtg. (Rm 104) • 11:30am Youth Choir (201) • 12:00noon BNTY Talent Show Auditions (Y/L) • 1:00-2:00pm Wandering Jew Series/Gerard Edery performance (K/L) • 4:00pm Rental set- up (K/L) • 5:00-7:00pm Rental (K/L)	11 - 11:00am-12:30pm Adventures in Music/Gerard Edery (K/L) - 1:15pm Torah Study (K/L) - 5:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) - 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Rm 7:00pm Jewish War Vets (S/H) - 7:00pm Housing Com. Mtq (K/L) - 7:00-8:30pm Religious School - 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir 201 - 8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	12 • 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) • 6:00pm Sisterhood Women's Seder (S/H) • 7:00pm Brotherhood Men's Seder (K/L)	13 • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L)	14 • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L)	15 • 6:00pm Pre-Neq • 6:30pm Kabbalat Service • 7:30-8:30pm Gerard Edery Musical Program Cantor Sher (Sanc.) • NFTY-NAR Spring Kallah (Away)	16 • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L) • 2:00pm 5-Arm Square Dance set-up (S/H & K/L) • 6:30pm 5-Arm Square Dance (S/H & K/L) • NFTY-NAR Spring Kallah (Away)
17 • 9:00am Religious School (K/L) • 9:15am Brotherhood Breakfast (S/H) • 10:00am Membership Com. Mtg (Library) • 10:00am-12:00noon Israel Bond Breakfast (S/H) • 11:30am Youth Choir (201) • 1:00pm Sisterhood Program (K/L) • NFTY-NAR Spring Kallah (Away)	18 • 11:00am-12:30pm Adventures in Music (K/L) • 1:15pm Torah Study (K/L) • 5:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) • 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Rm. 201) • 7:00-10:00pm Sisterhood Painting Party (S/H) • 7:00-8:30pm Religious School • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (Rm. 201) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	19 • 10:00am Al Anon (IX/L) • 4:30-6:00pm Religious School • 7:30pm Religious Ed Mtq (104) • 7:30pm Ritual Meeting (K/L)	20 • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L)	21 • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • NO Bingo	22 • 9:30am-12:30pm Chai Club seder-set- up (S/H) • 5:30pm Erev Passover First Night Service (K/L)	23 • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Shabbat & First Day Pesach Morning Svc • 3:30pm Seder set- up (S/H) • 6:00pm Chai Club Second Day Seder (S/H)
24 • NO Religious School • Building Closed	25 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) 1:15-3:00pm M.W.I. (K/L) NO Religious School 7:30pm Chai Club Board Mtg (K/L) 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (Rm. 201) NO BNTY	26 • 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) • 6:30pm B/M Rehearsal - Wunderman (Sanc.) • 7:00-10:00pm Cabaret (S/H) • 7:15pm Exec. Board Mtg (104) • 8:00pm Board Meeting (K/L) • NO Religious School	27 • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L) • 7:00pm Fundraising Mtg (Away)	28 - 7:30pm 7th Night Pesach Service/Yizkor - No Bingo - Passover	29 - 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) - Office Closed - 8:00pm Erey Shabbat Service	30 • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L)





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