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## B'NAI MITZVAH

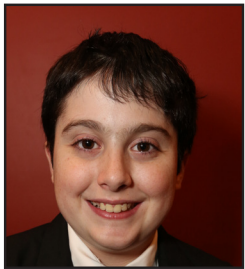


**May 13**

**Hannah Herman**

**Robert & Amy**

My name is Hannah Herman and I am a seventh grader at Plainedge Middle School. I enjoy cheerleading, singing, acting, swimming, playing guitar and reading. I am very active in our temple. I enjoy singing in our teen choir, managing the spotlights for TBT Jr. Players productions, and being a madricha for the second graders in our religious school. For my mitzvah project, I helped an organization called Fur Babies, a foster care system for rescue dogs. I help these dogs find their 'fur-ever' home. I would like to thank Mrs. Altman, Rabbi Nacht, Cantor Sher, and my religious school teachers for all of their support and guidance that helped me reach this very special day.



**May 20**

**Patrick Fioribello**

**Michael & Susan**

Patrick Benjamin Fioribello is a seventh grader at Wantagh Middle School. His favorite subjects are math and science and he made the honor roll every quarter. He is a member of the Chess, Art and TEAM Warrior clubs, as well as the Boy Scouts. Patrick joined Temple B'nai Torah Jr. Players for their presentation of Guys and Dolls. Patrick is a loving son, grandson, big brother and friend to many. Patrick would like to thank Rabbi Nacht, Cantor Sher, Mrs. Altman, Mrs. Herbert and all his friends and family for helping him to prepare for his bar mitzvah.



**June 3**

**Connor Waiting**

**Paul & Lori**

Connor is a seventh grader at Island Trees Memorial Middle School. He loves to play and watch all sports especially basketball and his all-time favorite, baseball. He currently plays baseball for the Long Island Junior Ducks Select and he is looking forward to competing in Cooperstown this summer. Connor is most looking forward to making his family proud the day of his bar mitzvah. Connor has worked very hard with Cantor Sher preparing for his bar mitzvah. We can't thank him enough! We are looking forward to celebrating with family and friends on June 3rd.

**June 10**

**Aydin Eichenholz**

**Scott & Amy**



**June 17**

**Rachel Chillemi**

**Robert & Jennifer**

My name is Rachel Chillemi. I am a seventh grader at Berner Middle School. I love playing all sports! My favorites are soccer, basketball, and volleyball! I have been playing sports since I was three years old. I also have two brothers and a dog. I love animals, so for my mitzvah project I want to do something to help them! I want to give a special thanks to Mrs. Altman, Rabbi Nacht, and Cantor Sher for helping to prepare me for my special day.



**June 17**

**Molly Pernick**

**Ira & Amy**

Molly is a seventh grader at Grand Avenue Middle School. She has been a member of multiple dance teams at Jam Dance and Fitness, also student teaching a group of younger dancers. Molly is full of energy and is endlessly positive about all life has to offer. Her mitzvah project has her working with the Macho Foundation to collect school supplies for students with the greatest need. She is excited about this momentous occasion and truly grateful to be sharing it with her family and friends.

### Interfaith Shabbat

We had a very good turnout for the annual Joyce Berger Interfaith Shabbat on Friday, March 24. This year's service featured a talk by the Very Rev. Christopher Hofer, the Rector of the Church of St. Jude in Wantagh; his subject was "loving your neighbor", and his thought-provoking and entertaining homily was very well received by those in attendance.

The Rev. Hofer's congregation has also been working on a Social Action project, collecting items needed for people with very young children, including diapers, formula, and toys. When he arrived at the Temple for that evening's service, he was startled to discover a table near the sanctuary doors, overflowing with donations we had collected to assist in their effort. As Rabbi Nacht later remarked, "it took up so much space in the Rev. Hofer's car, it was amazing that he was able to get in and drive..."

We should be very proud of this real-life embodiment of the Rev. Hofer's words that evening; it was done in the true spirit of charity and Tikkun Olam, and surely made him feel as though we were listening, albeit pre-emptively.



### Israel Bond Breakfast

On Sunday, March 26, more than 75 TBT congregants, as well as friends and family of the honorees, braved the rain and the early-spring chill to celebrate with Rabbi Howard and Patti Nacht as they were honored at this year's Israel Bond Breakfast. This year's event was a joint affair, with Congregation Beth Tikvah, the conservative congregation on the eastern edge of Wantagh.

Complete with bagels, lox, and an assortment of salads, we and our brethren from CBT listened intently to Izzy Ezagui, an American-born member of the IDF (Israeli Defense Force). His presentation had the entire room completely rapt, and his inspirational message should serve as a beacon to anyone facing an unthinkable hardship in their lives. For those who were not in attendance, Mr. Ezagui lost his left (dominant) arm to a mortar a few years back, but he has not only recovered sufficiently to have a full and functional life, he was actually able to go back on active duty in the Israeli army, and now serves in the reserves of their Special Forces unit.

At the end of the breakfast, the representative from Israel Bonds announced that they had sold more than \$160,000 worth of bonds that morning! Temple B'nai Torah conducted an internal collection, and will purchase a bond for \$1100 with that money.

Thanks to those who worked so hard to make sure that this was a successful event: the co-chairs: Stan Friedman, Janis Beldner and Howard Lev; Allyson Garvey, for taking so many pictures; Marlyn Appelt, for arranging the surprise attendance of members of the WRJ Northeast District; and to Howard and Patti Nacht, for graciously agreeing to be the honorees. We also thank our hosts, Congregation Beth Tikvah, for their hospitality in opening their home to us on this auspicious occasion.





## OUR COMMUNITY

# RITUAL CALENDAR – MAY/JUNE

Monday, May 1 7:00pm Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Celebration



Friday, May 5 7:30pm Family Service – Graduation Service

Saturday, May 6 No Service

Tuesday, May 9 7:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting

Friday, May 12

5:30pm Tot Shabbat Service



8pm Shabbat Service -- Chai Club

Saturday, May 13

10:30am Shabbat Service – 1 BM

Friday, May 19



5:30pm Pre-Neg

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat – B'not Quartet Performs

Saturday, May 20

10:30am Service – 1 BM

Friday, May 26

8:00pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 27

10:30am Service – 1 BM



Tuesday, May 30

7:30pm Tikkun Lavi – Shavuot Study, Service & Yizkor

Wednesday, May 31

10:30am Shavuot Morning Service & Yizkor



Fri., June 2

7:30pm Family Service /Confirmation Class Shabbat

Sat., June 3

10:30am Service – 1 BM

Friday, June 9

5:30pm Tot Shabbat Service



8:00pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 10

10:30am Shabbat Service – 1 BM

Friday, June 16

6pm Pre-Neg

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, June 17

10:30am Service – 2 BM

Friday, June 23

8:00pm Installation Service

Saturday, June 24

No Service

Friday, June 30

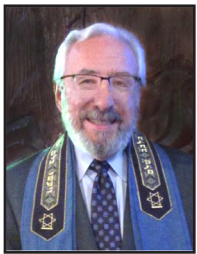
8:00pm Shabbat Service



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## INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



I trust and pray that everyone had a good Passover holiday. If you made it to the end of the second Seder, you will have noticed that we are told to begin counting the Omer. The Omer was a measure of the spring barley harvest that was to be brought daily as an offering, seven days a week for seven weeks totaling forty-nine days. The fiftieth day is Shavuot, z'man matan torateinu, the time of receiving the Torah. Some rabbis suggest that this counting of the Omer connects these two Festivals, Pesach and Shavuot, in such a way that we should think about them as one long holiday. (Oy vey, how much holiday cooking can we do?) But, in reality, it reminds us that we needed to be a free people in order to qualify to receive God's Torah. Let's not forget that.

And let's not forget that there are still people in the world who are not free, people who are enslaved physically, mentally, emotionally, economically or spiritually. Let us continue to do our part, as partners with God, in Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, by working to help free those who are still enslaved.

Shavuot, of course, is also the season when we have

Confirmation, a public statement by our young people confirming that they are part of our Jewish community. Check the TBT calendar and come to the Confirmation service; show your support for our youngsters. And don't forget to do the same for our High School graduating class. Let them know that their Jewish community is behind them as they prepare to head off to college.

Speaking of school, this is also the season when the school year comes to an end. That also means the beginning of something new. Looking forward to a new grade, new teachers, new subjects, new challenges and new opportunities. In other words, change. We've all heard the phrase, "When one door closes, another opens." Many people are apprehensive about change; they dread new things or the unknown. This can be true in our daily lives as well. But let's see change and new as positives. Rather than running away from new things, let's run toward them, embrace them as opportunity. In the words of the Psalmist, zeh hayom asah Adonai, nagila v'nism'cha bo, this is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be happy in it.

*Rabbi Howard Nacht*

## CHAI LIGHTS



We are now in the merry month of May. Chai Club members constantly continue their pursuit of happiness. On May 8, please join us for the Vic Vincent Group. Come listen and dance with us. On May 12, please join us in a Shabbat Service with Chai Club. On June 5, please join us for a delightful evening with Linda

Ipanema.

She will delight us with her songs and voice. Think about joining us and the Circle of Friends on August 20 when we see "Ragtime" in Elmont. See Pearl Sutz for information.

I wish to thank all our members this year who worked so hard to plan our meetings, make sure we were not hungry at meetings, and attend our meetings to share in camaraderie. What a conscientious group of people we are!

There is no rest for the weary. Our board continues to work thinking of educational and entertaining programs for next year. Remember: if you are over 50, you can become a member of this delightful group. Please join us next year for good times.

*Tessa Kean*

*(tessakean@gmail.com or 516-504-0012)*



Head Auctioneers Joni & Steve Christie Calling Winners  
at the Chinese Auction

### BLOG FROM ISRAEL

This year Shavuot occurs at the end of May. This holiday marks the end of the seven weeks during which we count the Omer, which began the first day of Passover. The Hebrew date for Shavuot is the 6th of Sivan. When I quiz Israeli bar and bat mitzvah children about the Hebrew calendar, they often find this date puzzling. It doesn't correspond to a full moon as do the other agricultural festivals of Sukkot, Tu B'shvat, Pesach and Tu B'Av (the Jewish version of Sadie Hawkins Day). It doesn't mark a new moon, like Rosh Hodesh or Rosh Hashana. The sixth of Sivan comes 49 days after Passover. At Passover, we celebrate the birth of the Jewish nation, and on Shavuot, we accept the Torah as our law and our guideline to living, our history book, our calendar for all time.

At Gezer, when we note the date for Shavuot, we are reminded that three days prior, on the third of Sivan, we mark a yearly anniversary: the battle for Gezer in the 1948 Independence Day War in Israel. Kibbutz Gezer was a fledgling community, started in 1945 by a group of young men and women who had escaped the Holocaust by getting to safety before or during WWII. Most of them were from Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. By 1948, there were already a number of married couples, some with small children. Tragically, the battle, which took place June 10th, 1948, happened a day before a pre-determined ceasefire, because June 11th was scheduled as the battle for Latrun, which would determine whether

or not the road to Jerusalem would be open to the rest of Israel. Consequently, no one paid attention to Gezer. Twenty out of sixty members were killed in that battle, including a number of young fathers. Try to imagine the emotional devastation. Some of the women remarried other men from the kibbutz and built new lives. By 1965, all the members had left Gezer, based on a vote they took in their General Assembly a few years earlier.

Every year, to this day, the survivors, which include people in their nineties, and their children, come to Gezer to the military section, for a memorial service. Photos of the fallen, including one woman among the kibbutz members, and nine soldiers who were in the area and came to help, are displayed in front of the stone. They are truly forever young, captured in their vitality. My husband David Leichman and I go to the ceremony religiously every year, to pay our respects to both the dead and the living who created a home at Gezer, which we inherited ten years after the founders left. We honor their memories by doing our best to make Israel a place that would make them proud, to know that they did not die in vain.

*Rabbi Miri Gold serves Kehilat Birkat Shalom, a regional Reform congregation located at Kibbutz Gezer between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.*

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### Going, Going, Gone...

The Chinese Auction was a great success. It was the premier fund-raiser of the year, and a good time was had by all.



Under the clever and enthusiastic presentation of 'Auctioneer' Steve Christie, thousands of dollars of donated treasures found their new homes. Unopened food trays were donated to the INN.

One question remained. Which were more enticing: the prize baskets or the desserts? You will have judge for yourself!







## OUR COMMUNITY

### OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



This is my last column as your Sisterhood President. The past two years have been very busy and very rewarding for me. I am extremely appreciative of everybody on the board who has given so much of their time and energy to ensure the success of our Sisterhood. Thank you to the Executive Board: Su Bruno, Stacey Spiller, Barbara Carpenter, Louise

Ponticello, and Vice Presidents: Lynne Happes, Joni Christie, Patti Nacht, and Amy Herman for their devotion to Sisterhood. Thank you also to the General Board members for their hard work throughout these two years. We are a diverse group of women who are committed to furthering our Jewish ideals through various events and programs. With Louise Ponticello as the next President of Sisterhood, I am confident we are in good hands.

There are still more Sisterhood events planned for this year:

**Monday, May 15th: Emily's Decadent Desserts.**

This is an interactive program where everybody will be able to bring home something delicious!

**Sunday, May 21st:** Our last Rosh Chodesh of the year. Join us as we discuss **The Socialization of Jewish Women – The Tiles That Bind.** It's more than a game; it's a way of life.

**Tuesday, May 23rd:** Finally, our **End-Of-The-Year Dinner** is on. What better way to end the year than with delicious food and friends!?!

Thank you for allowing me the honor of being your President.

*L'Hitraot,  
Marlyn Appelt  
Sisterhood President*



We've had another wonderful, busy and productive year. Thanks to Christine Altman and Alaina Walsh for providing delicious festival Onegs. The Judaica Shop was in the capable hands of Maureen Dominguez---thank you, Maureen---with many of our women rotating in to help out. Thanks also to Joni Christie for her help with the shop. Thanks to Felicia Denaro for her help with our informative and enjoyable Rosh Chodesh programs.

Who doesn't look forward to receiving Uniongrams

written by Ellice Toscano for birthdays and anniversaries, and Uniongrams written for confirmations, graduations, and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs written by Rhea Gringhaus? Thank you to Ellice and Rhea for a job well done.

New this year to the Sisterhood is our Social Action Committee. Thank you to Andrea Ferrara and Susan Judson for collecting donations for the Birthday Wishes organization and for Bethany House. It has been a great beginning for this new committee.

I am looking forward to next year in Sisterhood. May we go from strength to strength.

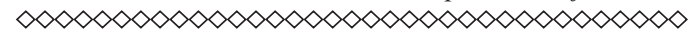
*Patti Nacht,  
VP Department of Religion,  
Education, and Advancement of Judaism*



I would like to thank the small army of amazing women who made our Department of Services so wonderful. This includes Pearl Sutz for her care and dedication to Good and Welfare; Sharon Forman for her outstanding work with the Torah Cards; Debbie Schlesinger for handling tree donations and keeping our Bima beautiful with flowers; Alissa Neches for a wonderful job as the TBT Times Coordinator and Editor; Rita Bogatch for making such attractive flyers for our events; and of course our Oneg duet Judy Novet and Helen Spindel for their role in making sure everyone was happy after each and every Shabbat service; and thanks to Jan Friedman for making such delicious brownies for Oneg.

I would also like to thank all of my Sisterhood friends for helping out whenever we needed you. It's such a pleasure to be an active part of Sisterhood, especially knowing I can always count on you for support and guidance.

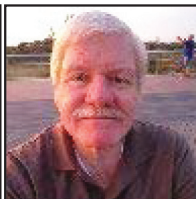
*Amy Herman,  
VP Department of Services*



The time of the year is here to say thank you to the Fundraising and Bingo Committees. Thank you to Marlyn for her leadership and running two great events. Ellie for running our holiday flowers; Megan for running Sisterhood Cares; and Julie and Cara for their all-around help. Thank you to Barbara, Janis, Diane, Amy, Emily, Jan, and Rita for always being there for me; Sharon for doing invitations; and all our BINGO helpers. What devotion from our Sisterhood. Marlyn thanks for two great years as our leader. Happy summer....

*Joni Christie,  
VP Department of Ways and Means  
(Sisterhood Continued on page 8)*

## ***BROTHERHOOD NEWS & VIEWS***



also to Brian Levy who has been working with the Town of Hempstead to renew our building permits which allow us to hold the event.

Brotherhood will be attending a New York Mets baseball game on Wednesday afternoon May 10th. Thank you to Bruce Jaffe who coordinated all the details. Sorry Yankee fans but don't feel slighted. It is a long season and if we can coax Bruce or another member to coordinate the details we can perhaps attend a Yankee game also.

This will be the last in my series of columns for Brotherhood. It has been my pleasure to keep you apprised of all Brotherhood has been doing over the past 2 Temple years and to serve as your Brotherhood Co-President. On behalf of my Co-President Mark Chester, the entire Brotherhood Board and its membership, I want to wish everyone a happy Shavuot. Until we see each other again at the next event, I remain yours in Brotherhood.

*David Schuster*  
Brotherhood Co-President

I would like to thank Emily, Alyson, Mindy, Connie, and Shari for their hard work and dedication for making 2016-2017 another great year for Sisterhood.

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. Our collection of used books which was delivered to the VA Hospital in Northport was extremely well received.





### PACK AND TROOP 189

Another couple of months, and lots more excitement for the Temple's BSA units!

Let's start with the Troop. The less exciting news: the Troop participated in the Council's annual cold-weather camping event at Onteora Scout Reservation, Blue Nose, in February. Trouble was, it was 54 degrees! Still, everyone that went had fun.

In March, the Troop went to Glen Gray Scout Reservation in Mahwah. It was a cabin trip, and it was snowy and cold (unlike Blue Nose). The boys had a snowball fight and learned about tracking animals, an important skill for conservationists. As an added challenge, the boys chose not to pack the Troop's camp stoves (read as everyone forgot to pack them), so they adapted and overcame, sharing the one stove in the cabin and cooking over a fire (which wasn't too hard – they all planned to do one meal in a Dutch oven anyway).

Unfortunately, I have no pictures from the Troop events, so I made up for it with extra pictures from the Pack events.

For the Pack, we went to a museum sleepover night at the Long Island Children's Museum in January and are all graduates of the Institute of Silly Science. The program there was an absolute blast, while also educational.

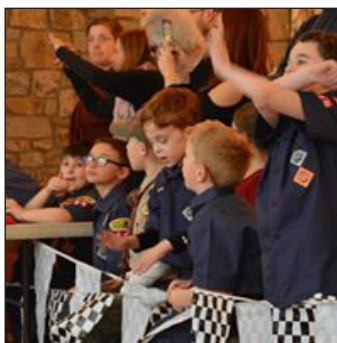
Listening to the kids talk, they learned more than they realized.

A big shout out to Liam F for earning the Light of Christ, the Catholic religious emblem for Tiger and Wolf Cubs. We are proud of boys of any faith who take the time to earn a religious emblem!

Most exciting for the Pack was our annual Pinewood Derby (in February) and the District Cub Carnival and Pinewood Derby (in March). The boys in the Pack all made wonderful cars, and the siblings and adults got in on the action, too (in a separate Division). I know you will be as disappointed as I was to learn that I did not win the Siblings and Leaders Division ☹️ Congratulations to our 5 qualifiers for the District Derby: Seth (Wolf), Alec (Arrow of Light), Nicolas (Tiger), Jack (Bear), and Andrew (Webelos). Seth also had the Pack's Best Looking Car. All 5 represented well at the District Derby yesterday, although no one placed in the competition. Everyone also had a great time at the Carnival half of the event (think Purim Carnival-type events).

Talk to everyone soon!

-J.J. Scotch,  
Assistant Cubmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster



### PiNeWood Derby



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The last three months or so has been quite momentous in our house, as both of our children were offered prestigious fellowships to continue their educations. And finally, the decisions are in: My older daughter, Randi, has decided to attend the University of Texas, to get an

advanced degree in medical sociology, and my younger daughter, Lauren, has elected Yale University for her graduate studies in physics. Debbie and I could not be more proud of what they have already accomplished, and that which is still to be accomplished by them both.

In the meantime, the world of the Temple has continued steadily on. And so many things have happened: a new slate has been chosen for next year's Board of Trustees, and I am happy to be handing the reins over to my good friend, Les Kule. I wish him and all of the new officers and trustees the best of luck in the coming year, as we move forward toward our merger with Temple Emanu-El of East Meadow.

At this point in time, it would be appropriate to express my gratitude to all of the people who helped me along the way; of course, there are far too many to name individually. But I would like to single out a few people for their exceptional help during the past two years: Rabbi Nacht, Emily Altman, Barbara Cohen, Jan Friedman, Judy Kule, Sherrill Spatz, Bart Cohen, and Rita Hofer. Thanks to all of you for stepping up, as needed, to help fill a void. Thanks to those who helped push the merger forward: Alan and Janee Loewenstein, Judy Novet, Shelley Lomove... but nobody worked harder on it than Les Kule; he really made it happen.

I really could not have accomplished anything without the assistance of the custodial staff: Anthony, Steve and Robin, or the office staff: Marilyn, Paula, and especially, Sue-Ellen Pennington, who was an invaluable sounding board with incredible vision. I must thank my boss, Mr. Ellis Rudman, for giving me the latitude to do both of my jobs during his work hours. And of course, I must thank my wife, Debra, for sharing me so generously with the Temple -- without her support, I would never have been able to get through these two years.

I want to say a warm "fare thee well" to Cantor Sher, retiring at the end of this year. His off-beat sense of humor will surely be missed almost as much as his pastoral caring for our members. We also wish the best for Fran Pearlman, our educator, as well as Danny Strauss and Jordyn Willens, our BNTY advisers, all of whom have decided to leave us at the end of this year. We are sorry to see them go.

My term as President of the congregation is winding down, and as I look back on the past two years, I have mixed feelings about what has, and has not been accomplished. On the whole, I look at the experience as a positive, and I hope that history will be kind to me in its retrospective on my time in the role. I will continue to be involved, however, so I am not exaggerating when I say,

*See you around the Temple,*

*Rob Saunders,  
Congregation President*

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### TBT-PTA

It feels like I was just writing the “Welcome Back” column for the September Issue and here we are at the end of the year! What a year it has been for the TBT-PTA, starting with the Shofar Project and finishing up with a wonderful model Seder led by Rabbi Nacht.

If you have a chance, please check out the PTA display in the temple lobby with great photos of our kids and members at events throughout the year. We are appreciative to all members who shared their photos so we could create this fun look back!

Thanks to everyone who came out to Family Bingo on March 5th. It was a successful fundraiser for the PTA and a super fun afternoon for our community.

We also want to give a big thank you to BNTY kids for the wonderful Purim Festival! The younger kids have the best time and it is such a fun way to celebrate Purim.

We are so very lucky at Temple B’nai Torah to have such a thriving PTA! There are not enough words of gratitude to thank all the fabulous moms and dads who contribute their time, dollars, expertise and enthusiasm to our events and meetings. Thanks to our co-Presidents Carrie Levitt and Stephanie Gwiner, co-Vice Presidents Brooke Meyers and Maryann Maidat, Secretary Maryann Gross and Treasurer Jessica Spar for steering the ship this year.

Huge thanks to our wonderful teachers and to Mrs. Pearlman for a great year of learning.

Please keep in touch with your PTA over the summer months! If you are not receiving PTA emails, please send me a message at [rubigirl920@aol.com](mailto:rubigirl920@aol.com), and I will add you to the PTA email blasts. Check the emails and the temple calendar for summer meeting dates. The board will be hard at work over the summer brainstorming fun programs for the 2017-18 school year.

All of us at TBT-PTA wish you a wonderful and safe summer!!! See you in September!

*Best,  
Ilene Hellman*

*Bingo*



*Passover*

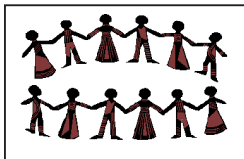






## OUR COMMUNITY

### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



Due to illness culminating in a hospital stay and further recuperation, we have not been available to write our usual column. Thank G-d, we're better

and attached here is our speech to the congregation at Erev Shabbat Services involving 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, built upon the successful multi-decade arm formerly known as Couples' Club. We are a growing social arm of the Temple whose mission is to provide its members with camaraderie – so you'll never walk alone!

You will find our members in every phase of Temple life: on the TBT Board and even in the pulpit; running 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. We also have a beautiful display in the main lobby – created by Yolanda Friedman – which highlights some of our activities.

Our membership is also varied – different ages, marital statuses, different backgrounds and religions. The club's events are varied – hopefully providing something for everyone's taste.

Our first trip of the 2016-17 year was our annual Sunday Sail Away - this year on the Lauren Kristy – 65-foot turn-of-the-century (20th, not 21st) style riverboat docked at Bayshore Marina. It was an exciting boat cruise through the Babylon Channel, into the state boat channel, past Robert Moses State Park, along Fire Island, and returning to Bay Shore. It was followed by a delicious dinner at one of our favorite restaurants. Kudos to Freyda & Warren Kolinsky for a job well done!

On September 17th, Military Bridge – organized by Debbie & Art Schlesinger, and Yolanda & Ira Friedman – was a huge success. It packed the room and was enjoyed by everyone who attended!

On October 22nd, we attended the concert featuring the music and dance band – Just Sixties – in the Social Hall. It was a great event organized by Brian & Joan Levy. The concert was a terrific fundraiser, and it also provided our members with lots of friends with whom to sit and enjoy. Of the 190 people at the event, over 50 were Circle of Friends members.

On November 5th and 12th, we were found at the LI Cabaret, some on stage performing - Bonnie Russolillo, Debbie Schlesinger, and Linda Lazarus – and many more enjoying the performance in the audience.

On November 19th, 60 of our members enjoyed a delightful evening filled with a delicious dinner and great Karaoke at our annual Membership Event. Kudos for a job well done to Yolanda & Ira Friedman who proved that they can spin on a dime and to Fran & Al Woods who ran a fantastic Karaoke program!

On November 27th, the Circle of Friends members were at the 22nd Annual Brotherhood Winter Holiday Vendor Fair – here at the Temple coordinated by my co-President Ben Cernese.

On December 18th, Circle of Friends celebrated the Festival of Lights in our own special way. Organized by our past presidents – Ann & Fred Dinstell with terrific assistance from Freyda & Warren Kolinsky, Debbie & Art Schlesinger, Les Richards, Shelly Spivack, and Steve & Joni Christie – we ate, drank, sang and gave gifts, but especially, we had fun!!

Finally, on December 31, we closed out 2016 and welcomed in 2017 with our Circle of Friends amongst a larger group of friends at the neighboring restaurant, Wild Ginger. Then we saw a great musical and comedic show entitled, "A Laughin' Rockin' New Year's Eve" at Molloy College. Finally, as the ball got ready to drop, we went back to one of our member's homes 'til the sun came up!

On January 8, Circle of Friends members enjoyed themselves at our annual Bowling Party at Wantagh Lanes organized by Steve Block, followed by dinner at one of our favorite restaurants.

On February 25th, Game Night was coordinated by Ira & Yolanda Friedman with help from Vicki & Bernie Deutsch, Debbie & Art Schlesinger, Brian & Joan Levy, Beverly Frank, and Marilyn & Ed Pincus. The dinner and evening was a terrific success – attended by many members.

*(Circle of friends Continued on page 15)*



## OUR COMMUNITY

The following is a list of **May 5, Class 2017, Graduates**. Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations, and print your name as you wish it to appear on the Uniongrams. Please return the list promptly with **\$1.25** for each Uniongram made payable to **Temple B'nai Torah Sisterhood** and send to Rhea Gringhaus, 288 N. Wyoming Ave. N. Massapequa, NY 11758 516 249-9824

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Samantha Schnall  
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On March 18th, our members attended the Temple B'nai Torah Gala Dinner and Chinese Auction – a great fundraiser organized by our members, Joni & Steve Christie with lots of help from additional members, Brian & Joan Levy, Les Richards, Arnie Minsky, Rich Tepper, Vicki Deutsch, Dave Schuster, Mark Chester, and Wendy Ser.

On March 11th, many of our members were found at Purim services either watching or participating: Rabbi Howard Nacht led the service, Debbie Schlesinger and Ann Dinstell acted in the Purim Spiel.

All of our events are made possible by the effective coordination of our new Treasurers Marty & Vicki Goldberger, our new Secretaries Shelley & Fred Spivack, our Vice-Presidents for Activities Debbie & Art Schlesinger and our Vice-Presidents for Membership Paula & Arnie Minsky.

As you can see, we are a very active organization. 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:

April 11 – the annual Chai Club Passover Second Seder coordinated by our members Joan & Brian Levy and Marilyn & Ed Pincus and led by Cantor Steven Sher.

April 30-Circle of Friends / Chai Club Theater Party to see “My Fair Lady” followed by dinner at a local restaurant coordinated by Stephanie Neigeborn

May 6 - the annual TBT 5-Arms Square Dance coordinated by our members Vicki & Marty Goldberger.

June 4 – miniature golf late afternoon coordinated by Paula & Arnie Minsky.

While this brings us to the end of the Temple year, our activities don't stop. We already have plans for the next year – including our annual Sunday Sail-Away in early August, followed by a joint theater gala with Chai Club to “Ragtime” and then a 5-day Carnival Cruise to Canada leaving from NYC in late August. Please take advantage of these opportunities to get to know us and discover for yourselves the great spirit of Circle of

Friends. We would like to share this feeling with all TBT members.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the members of TBT for all your concern and good wishes during my hospital stay and beyond. I would also like to wish all the rest of our members who have had various surgeries & illnesses – shoulder replacements, hip replacements, knee replacements, heart valve replacements, and the like – speedy and complete recoveries. Let's try to stay healthy! Remember: these surgeries are making us younger to match the younger members who are joining Circle of Friends”

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN



Could there be a more magnificent phrase in the English language than SUMMER VACATION? Two words, but they inspire hope and dreams and anticipation.

Before we begin our two-month hiatus for July and August, there are a number of folks who assist in bringing TBTTimes to you, and deserve recognition and thanks.

Les Richards does a yeoman's job of keeping in contact with those fine folks whose submissions appear each month. There is a dedicated group of proofers and staff whose names appear on the last page of each issue: Associate Editor Rob Saunders, Staff Photographer Harvey Drucker, Proofreaders Laurie Chester, Tessa Kean, Lynne Happes and Brian Levy. Also a big thank-you to Lisa at PIP Printing in Oceanside for making TBTTimes the beautiful newsletter before you.



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