

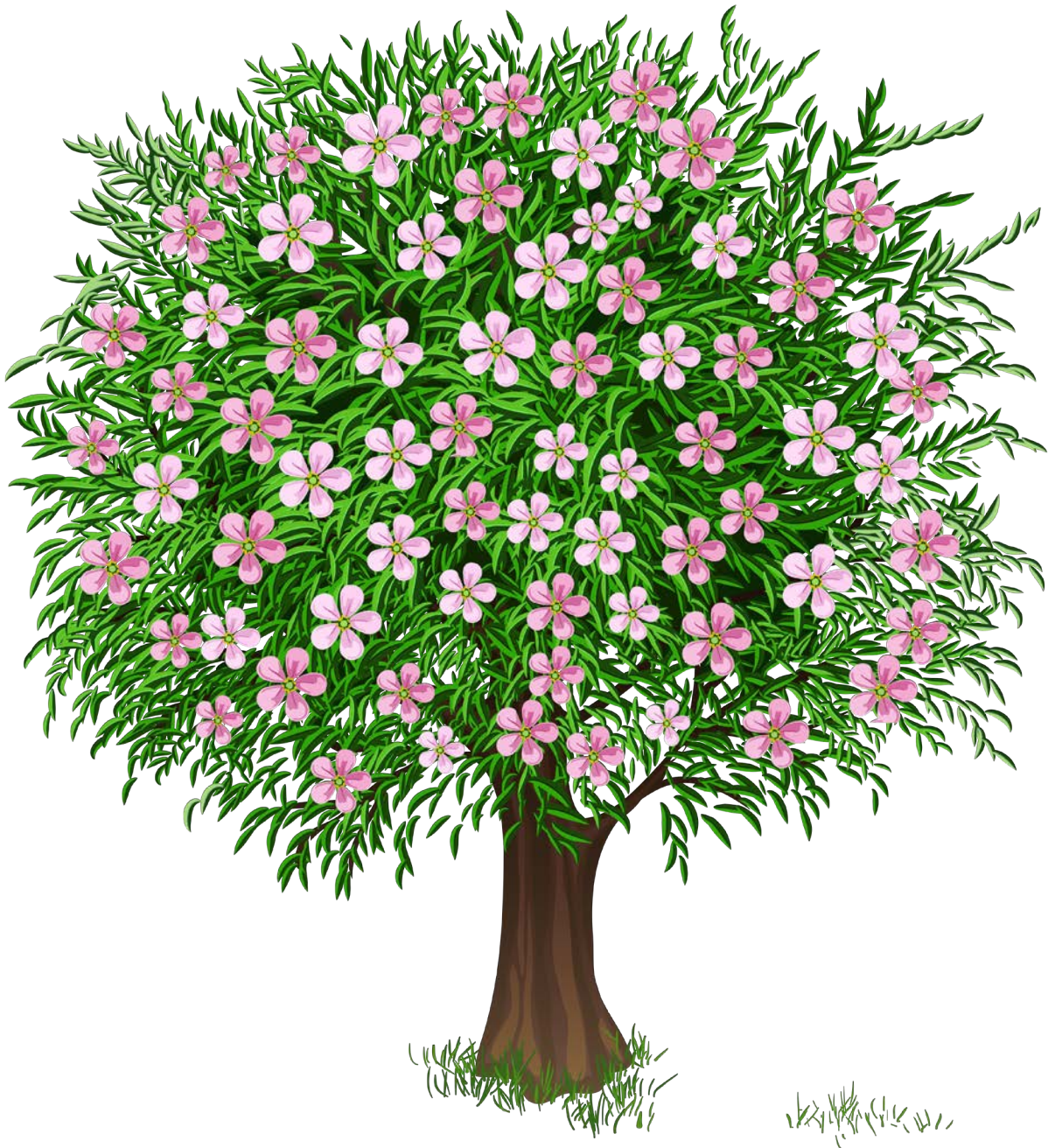
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Temple B'nai Torah's Sanctuary was filled with congregants of all faiths, for the annual Wantagh Clergy Council's Thanksgiving Interfaith Service. Clergy from the many houses of worship in our community participated in a wonderful presentation. The service was inspiring as always.



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RITUAL CALENDAR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016

Friday, January 1	6:30 pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday, January 2		No Service
Friday, January 8	5:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Service
	7:30 pm	New Friends Shabbat Service
Saturday, January 9	10:30 am	Shabbat Service
Friday, January 15	6:00 pm	Pre-Neg
	6:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday, January 16		No Service
Tuesday, January 19	7:30 pm	Ritual Committee Meeting
Friday, January 22	8:00 pm	Service
Saturday, January 23		No Service
Friday, January 29	6:30 pm	Indoor Picnic
	8:00 pm	Service
Saturday, January 30		No Service
Friday, February 5	7:30 pm	Family Shabbat – Scout Service
Saturday, February 6	10:30 am	Shabbat Service
Friday, February 12	5:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Service
	8:00 pm	Shabbat Service
Saturday, February 13		No Service
Tuesday, February 16	7:30 pm	Ritual Committee Meeting
Friday, February 19	6:00 pm	Pre-Neg
	6:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday, February 20	10:30 am	Shabbat Service
Friday, February 26	8:00 pm	Shabbat Service - Sisterhood
Saturday, February 27	10:30 am	Family Shabbat Service
		Grades 3rd – 6th
Friday, March 4	7:30 pm	Family Shabbat Service
		Shabbat Across America
Saturday, March 5	10:30 am	Shabbat Service – 1 BM



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INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



Shalom, Chaverim,

This year, I was elected national Vice President of Advocacy for the Women's Rabbinic Network. The Women's Rabbinic Network (WRN) is a constituent group of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR). It was created in 1975 by a group of female rabbinic

students to provide the support and advocacy needed in the early years of women in the Reform rabbinate. Since then, the organization has grown to include over 650 women reform rabbis who have been ordained since 1972 at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The WRN has consistently worked to promote the personal and professional growth of female rabbis and rabbinic students within the Reform Movement.

This is a very exciting time for the WRN. There is much movement in areas of key importance to all clergy, but to women, especially. Thanks to companies like Netflix, Facebook, and others, we see a growing awareness of the necessity for fair parental leave policies for employees of all genders. Salary surveys in the corporate world, and also in our own field, continue to show an enormous discrepancy between the wages of males and females. Our synagogues and other religious institutions/organizations should collectively strive to be a dugma, an example, at the forefront of fair and equitable employment practices.

The Torah teaches us that, "You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you until morning." - Leviticus 19:13

Women's rights have come so far in the past few decades, but we still have a long way to go. In the forty-three years of women in the rabbinate, our presence has moved from novel and unique to accepted and commonplace. However, our salaries and benefits behind the scenes do not reflect the equality that we feel more and more on the bimah.

To that end, WRN has been proud to support the recent efforts of Women of Reform Judaism to pass two resolutions at their 2015 Assembly: Resolution on Pay Equity, and Resolution on Paid Family Medical Leave. WRN will be convening a group of rabbinic colleagues to discuss how to amplify these efforts, and how to compassionately guide our communities to effectively address these areas for all Jewish professionals. We also hope to engage partnerships with other affiliate groups in the Reform movement, so that we can all be working together.

When we say Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof, "Justice, justice, shall you pursue," we naturally need to mean it for ourselves as well as for others. One of the highlights of Vice president Joe Biden's address to the URJ Biennial in Orlando included his remarks regarding the Reform Movement. He said that we are always at the front lines of the battle for equal rights, and it just takes the rest of the country a while to catch up with us. Here is another area in which the Reform community can lead the way and pursue justice for all Jewish professionals, and, indeed, for us all.

I look forward to updating you along the way as the effort grows. I know that work in this area can only serve to benefit us all, and to repair the brokenness in the world around us.

*L'shalom,
Rabbi Marci N. Bellow*



INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



I am writing this at my desk in my office here at the temple. As I write, I am also listening to the CD “Signs and Wonders,” the latest release from the Robyn Helzner Trio. I am listening, specifically, to “D’ror Yikra,” the text is from an ancient Sephardic poem now set to music by Robyn Helzner.

Among other things, it contains this lyric, “Know wisdom for your soul and it will be a crown for your head.” As I reflect back on these past 40 years since answering this sacred calling as a cantor, a shaliach tzibur, a “messenger to the people,” I am constantly reminded of so many stops along this still continuing journey that, summarily, have been a seeking and longing for that very knowledge and soulful wisdom that have been elusive in their attainment.

I am a bit frightened in anticipating the possible attainment of that wisdom. It could only mean the ending of a journey that has been a living search for something I am not always certain can or will exist in just a lifetime. It is as if the seeking is much more important than the finding. I don’t want the seeking to end and, yet, I know that it, someday, must, as all things must, pass and end.

It is in that spirit that I have been profoundly rewarded by being allowed a glimpse into that journey’s coming to fruition, by having been so movingly given the tribute accorded by our congregation on the celebration of my forty years in my profession. It has been, both, a challenging

and rewarding journey, blessed with achievements and satisfactions I could never have anticipated when first I began this trek.

I have been gifted with the generosity, love and compassion of so many along the way, especially here at Temple B’nai Torah. Over the wonderful tribute weekend, I stated with heartfelt sincerity, that I am so grateful to have reached this milestone with you, the community of our congregation at this auspicious crossroad.

I am so very grateful to so many for making this all possible, including the following: to Janine and Michael Berg for underwriting the presence of the Robyn Helzner Trio throughout the weekend; to the following for their many and varied contributions: Jan and Stan Friedman, Rita Hofer, Shelley Lomove, Barbara Held, Barbara Morgenlender, Lauren and Howard Lev, Julia Brite, Joan and Brian Levy, Joni and Steve Christie, Tessa Kean, Gary Dana, Janice Beldner, Diane Schoenberg, Robin Galardi, Stacey and Jeff Spiller, Sue-Ellen Pennington, Marilyn Pomeranz, Anthony and his staff, Dr. Regina White-Chereskin, Emily Altman, Sharon Cernese, The Music Emporium and to my beloved significant other, Nani Devi.

As the song continues, “Seek out my dwelling and my sanctuary. Give me a sign of deliverance. Plant the choicest vine in my vineyard. Heed the imploring cry of my people.” I am truly blessed.

Cantor Steve Sher

CHAI LIGHTS



So the secular New Year has begun and we have shared several Chai Club general meetings, many temple events together, and a fun exciting Chai Club Chanukah membership dinner. We are always welcoming new members to join and share with us. If you are fifty (only one spouse) or over, or have been members of a temple for eighteen years or more, you are eligible. Fee is still only \$18 per year -- a real bargain.

Our January General Meeting will be on Monday, January 4th at 1:30pm. The meeting will feature Rabbi Marci Bellows. We are so glad to welcome Rabbi Bellows to Chai Club and always so much to learn from her.

On February 1st, we will welcome Jack Biello back to talk to us about WWII. Our group liked his presentation last year and we’ve asked him to return. I’m sure we will again enjoy his many stories.

Our three winter meetings (Jan., Feb., and March) are

in the afternoon. This is to avoid night travel in the winter. Then we will return to our regular 7:30 PM time. We always celebrate birthdays, have a 50/50 and enjoy great desserts. So plan to join with your friends. Also during these two months are the Tu b’Shevat Seder (Sunday, January 24th), Wandering Jew Program with Cantor Sher (Sunday, January 31st), and another Triple Bingo. March and April will feature a theater trip, the TBT Purim Spiel, a three-part Adventures in Music with Cantor Sher, varied Passover seders, and the TBT Square Dance.

Watch the Web, Scroll, flyers in the lobby, and next TBT Times. Always check dates and times. Please feel free to call me for any info.

We can say “Have a Happy Valentine’s Day because it is always ok to say. “I love you.”

Rita Hofer, Chai Club President 785-5827

BROTHERHOOD NEWS & VIEWS



Greetings to all.

On Sunday November 29th, Brotherhood held our 21st annual winter Street Fair, which along with the summer fair is

our largest fundraiser. We had seasonably dry weather and a steady flow of shoppers all day. There were more than one hundred vendors selling wide-ranging types of merchandise and services. We also had food trucks selling their varied fare. Thank you to Vendor Chairman Ben Cernese and your entire staff of literally dozens, including volunteers from Brotherhood and Sisterhood. While the final numbers are yet to be determined I believe we had a very successful day.

Thank you to Brian Levy for all his efforts on Brotherhood's continuing social action project to support our deployed Troops. We 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 are also expanding the project by collecting used books on Sundays January 10th, 24th and 31st during the Brotherhood Breakfasts. Following the final collection on the 31st we will deliver the books to be used by 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. Make a point to join us on Tuesday, January 19th for our annual homestyle "mystery" meatloaf dinner thanks to head chefs Mark Chester and Dave Schuster. Also, watch the flyers for our dinner on February 16th, with a menu yet to be determined.

Brotherhood is proud to be the chartered organization for Pack and Troop 189. Friday February 5th, is Jewish Scout Sabbath which will occur in conjunction with the family service that evening. A Scout Sabbath Patch (courtesy of the Jewish Committee on Scouting), will be earned by all scouts attending in full uniform.

On behalf of my Co-President Mark Chester plus the entire Brotherhood Board and its membership, I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous (secular) new year. Until the next issue of the TBT Times, I remain yours in Brotherhood.

David Schuster
Brotherhood Co-President



Brotherhood continues to collect sundries and stationery for our overseas troops. In January there is also a collection of paperback and hardcover books for veterans.



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The following is a list of Class 2016, Adult Confirmation . 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 Neysa Levenstein, 15 Downhill Lane, Wantagh, NY 11793, 516-221-7046.

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Joni Christie	Judy Novet
Melissa Coene	Raymond Russolillo
Sandra Dabrusin	Helaine Schnall
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



This year, January 25th marks the annual celebration of the festival of Tu b'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees. While there is no mention of this festival in the Bible, the origins of the holiday may lie in the ancient custom of celebrating the beginning of each season.

According to the Talmud, the fifteenth of Shevat marks the season that comes after winter and before the spring harvest. This date is deemed the 'New Year for the Trees'. The Talmud explains that by this date in Israel, the trees have used up their water supply from last year and begin absorbing the water of the new year. For this reason, fruit produced after this date is considered produce of the coming year for purposes of tithing, and the concept of orlah – when food is set aside for God and prohibited for human consumption. The idea of orlah reminds us that the land belongs to God and not to humans.

There are many ways to celebrate Tu B'Shevat. In some communities, it became a custom to eat fifteen different types of fruit from Israel, especially the seven types of fruit and grain that, according to the Torah, represent the fertility of Israel (Deut 8:8). The Kabbalists, who settled in Safed and Galilee, created a special seder around the festival of Tu b'Shevat. Like the Passover Seder, a set order of eating was established and four cups of wine were consumed.

According to the kabbalists, white wine represented

hibernation and exfoliation, and the red wine represented the forthcoming reawakening of nature. The power of the red was anticipated throughout the seder. During the seder, biblical passages pertaining to grains, plants and agriculture were studied. Then, the first glass of white wine was poured. Dates, wheat, olives, and grapes were blessed and eaten one by one, and the glass of white wine was blessed and drunk. Next, the second cup of wine was poured, white with a small portion of red blended in. Four more fruits of Israel - figs, pomegranates, citrons, and apples - were blessed and eaten. The second cup of wine was blessed and drunk. The third cup of wine was half white and half red and the fourth cup was red. Between each cup, more produce from Israel was blessed and consumed. The Kabbalists identified with the fertility of the land of Israel, and celebrated its life-giving forces through its produce.

In the religious school, we follow a very similar seder, of course, exchanging the wine for juice. The students love to experience the change of seasons through their changing colored juice and produce that they eat throughout our Tu B'Shevat Seder. It is a special seder that helps our students identify with nature and the land of Israel.

May we take the time to appreciate the beauty and bounty of Israel, and be grateful for the bounty in our own lives.

L'Shalom,
Elisa Blank
Director of Education

ABOUT THE HOUSE

The Thanksgiving holiday is behind us but there are still many things for which the Housing Committee is thankful.

Thank you to the anonymous donor of ten new tables used for numerous temple events and our ongoing Bingo games. There are many more that need to be replaced. If interested please call the office for the exact amount per table.

Thank you to the congregants who volunteered their time and helping hands for our fall clean-up. Our volunteer Garden Crew could never have completed this task without your efforts. Housing is always looking for volunteers. If someone is looking to fulfill community service hours just let us know and we would be happy to direct you.

A very big thank you to the volunteers who worked as "menorah" fire marshals at our Chanukah service making

sure our Chanukah celebration was a safe one. It was amazing to see more than forty-five menorahs burning so brightly.

Thank you to "YOU" for taking pride in our Temple by keeping it clean, safe and beautiful. What might we do with funds to improve our building? Any suggestions? Please feel free to call the temple administrator or a Housing Committee member.

The motto, "See something, say something!" applies to our temple. Something needs repair or replacement? Please mention it to the Housing Committee and we will see what can be done.

The Housing Committee
Julia Brite, Shelley Lomove, Jeff Spiller



OUR COMMUNITY

From the TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by President Robert Saunders

D'var Torah – Rabbi Bellows led the opening prayer and shared “Praying Is Like Playing Jazz” by Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman.

Secretary's Report –Sharon Curry - Correspondence read. Correction from last month's minutes: Harvey Wiener is VP of Long Range Planning and Budget.

New Business – Helaine Schnall raised a motion on behalf of the membership committee. Right now, K-2 families have all the rights of members except for voting and High Holiday attendance.

Motion: Beginning July 1, 2016 we extend all rights and privileges of membership to families with children enrolled in K-2. They will continue to pay the non-member rate for Hebrew school until their oldest child reaches 3rd grade. Ben Cernese seconds the motion.

Discussion ensued. It is clarified that they will have privileges of voting and of attendance on High Holidays. The year that they enroll their first child in Hebrew school they would be members and it would be their first free year in the arms that provide this to new members. The concept is that they pay for religious school and receive free membership.

Motion passed with one opposed and one abstention, all others in favor.

President's Report – Rob Saunders – Congratulations to Rabbi Bellows on her pregnancy. The alarm password was shared with the board in case the alarm goes off when board members are at the temple.

Vice Presidents' Reports –. Jan Friedman reported that non-members have raised more than \$7000 for the temple for the non-member Yiskor donations and community tickets for the High Holidays. Sue-Ellen Pennington reported in the absence of Brian Levy that the Billy Joel concert raised \$3890.50.

Learning - Helaine Schnall – Report Stands.

House and Administration – Tessa Kean – Report stands. Please enter the parking lot from Oakfield and exit to Jerusalem. Many people after services are going the wrong way. In addition, people are parking in areas that are not designated parking spots or not pulling all the way in which is blocking cars. We will be following up on monitoring the parking lot on busy mornings. The Handicap spots are hard to see and need re-painting. Sue-Ellen Pennington reported that the cost of repainting the lines in the lot would be \$1250.00 if we choose to do it.

Spirituality: Janee Loewenstein –Jan Friedman added a request to please make sure that we have people at the door to welcome congregants when we have services.

Membership – Helaine Schnall –The idea of a community bulletin board or a central place for “Help Wanted” volunteer opportunities at the temple was raised. Membership committee will be discussing this further, but it would be great to have a place for this, especially for members who would like to participate in one-time or short-term volunteer opportunities. If you have any ideas to help get this running that would be great. Also, it was discussed that New Member Shabbat Service was poorly attended due to a storm. January 8th we will do it again at the Family Service.

Financial Secretary Report – Alan Loewenstein – Report stands. We have a total of 453 members, with 134 full paying members (down three from last month), 165 Chai members (down two from last month), 76 people on special arrangement. Anyone who needs special arrangements should contact Alan Loewenstein.

Investments Report – Alan Loewenstein - Report stands. We had great results last month with a couple of extra dividends.

BINGO/Gift Certificates/Purchasing Report – Rita Hofer –. Thanks to Barbara Gouveia for helping with purchasing. We lost nothing to the closing of Waldbaums -- thanks to Tessa Kean for your help with that. We will be carrying North Shore Farms gift certificates. About one-third of our members participate in the gift certificate program. Temple Emmanuel did close their Thursday night game and will re-open on Tuesday. Bingo has been packed and regular workers are needed. The custodians have been terrific.

Minyan Committee - Tessa Kean – Marc Herbert, Tessa Kean, and Rabbi Bellows have been doing Minyans this month. We are adding more English and both we and the congregants seem to be enjoying that. We need shivah minyan leaders, please join us if you can.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31. Respectfully submitted: Sharon Curry, TBT Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The football season is winding its way down to the final few weeks, and my Giants have demonstrated the difference between being able to finish, and being finished. Even so, they are somehow still alive in the playoff race, and I have to hope for the best. My Jets friends are only slightly more giddy at this point, but they also have much more experience in this realm.

The first six months of my tour as your president have been filled with quite a bit of tumult; so much has happened that it sometimes feels as though my head is spinning faster than the Earth. But that is the nature of the role. As one person said to me recently, "we should all have gotten firemen's costumes for Halloween..." January, the bleakest month of the year (IMHO), still has some positives, such as our annual Tu b'Shevat Seder, scheduled for Sunday, January 24th. We will also have another perennial favorite, the (indoor) picnic dinner on Friday, January 29th, followed by our Shabbat service at 8pm. The Super Bowl, which I think should be a holiday in America, will be played on Sunday, February 7th; please see me if you are interested in boxes for my annual pool, the

proceeds of which go to benefit the Temple. Just one short week later, we have another American classic, Valentine's Day (so don't forget your sweetie!) The following week, we will host our quarterly Triple Bingo game. Before we know it, we will be back to Springtime!

As many of you already know, Rabbi Bellows' maternity leave is set to begin on April 3rd. To help us with our rabbinic needs through the end of her leave, we have enlisted the assistance of Rabbi Howard Nacht, who is also a congregant, and if you have come to any of our Friday night services, you have undoubtedly seen him there. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role, and I think you will be very happy to see him up on the bimah, whether you are attending services for the first time in awhile, or you are there every Friday. He will also officiate at almost all of the B'nai Mitzvah ceremonies from April 10th through June 18th, or sooner, should a need arise. A meet-and-greet for all congregants, especially families of B'nai Mitzvah students, is scheduled for January 24th at 10:30am. Please plan to attend if you would like to meet Rabbi Nacht.

*See you around the Temple,
Rob Saunders
Congregation President*

BIENNIAL 2015

What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas. What happens in Biennial goes right back to the congregation and even to the world.

Biennial, a convocation of 5,000 Reform Jews, is a learning opportunity for all who attend. This year, fourteen of our congregants and clergy and educators flew to Orlando to vote for resolutions (Newsday had the result of the resolution on fair treatment of our transgender population), to study Torah with scholars, to learn about people to whom we are connecting with at the URJ (Union of Reform Judaism) who will be helping us with our staffing needs, to sing (and to dance with the Torah showing our joy on Shabbat) and to pray, and to hear people such as Rabbi Rick Jacobs, the current leader of the URJ, Ambassador Rabbi David Saperstein, a man who has worked tirelessly to repair the world, and Vice-President Joseph Biden who discussed our government's relationship with Israel.

We all attended workshops on interpreting Torah, on improving membership, on creating a pipeline of educated lay leaders, on interim rabbis and healing the congregation

when rabbis change, on securing rabbis educated to serve congregations, on clergy transition, and other topics. We received some timely information and made some valuable connections that will assist us in the coming months as we prepare for our clergy transition.

We experienced Sabbath services and were truly amazed at the singing which was an essential part of the service. Five thousand Jews were singing as one. They were singing uplifting melodies. Imagine 5,000 people chanting a line of Torah as one. Imagine 5,000 people coming up for aliyahs at different times.

More importantly, we learned that our temple is part of a major movement in Judaism. We suffer the same problems and rejoice in the same successes as other congregations. I am certain all who attended experienced a sense of forward motion and learned that the URJ will be guiding us on our journey ahead. May we all be able to attend the next Biennial in Boston in December 2017.

by Tessa Kean

TBT-PTA

It has been an exciting start to the school year for our Religious School and the TBT-PTA! Once the autumn holidays were behind us, we were able to gear up for winter fun! On December 6th Brooke Myer, assisted by our PTA parents, ran a fun Hanukkah program for the religious school students which included crafts, word puzzles and, of course, dreidel! We also enjoyed helping Sisterhood at their Hanukkah sale. On January 10th, we will be helping the classes create leaves for our annual Tu b'Shevat tree. It is always great fun to be a part of this beautiful project. We can all use a bit more glitter in our lives! We will also be helping to set-up and organize the Tu b'Shevat seder on January 24th. This is always enjoyed by all.

We are collecting family recipes for our TBT-PTA cookbook, which will be on sale this spring. Please share your holiday favorites and treasured family recipes for this wonderful collection. For more information, contact Susan Fioribello (souixzen@yahoo.com).

Mark your calendars now for Family Bingo to be held on February 28th. Always a fun time for the whole family! Upcoming PTA meetings will follow at 10:00am, right after the Brotherhood Breakfast, in Room 104. Dates are Sundays January 31st and March 6th.

I encourage you to attend the meetings to learn about all the fun programs and projects happening in our religious school and to volunteer just a little of your time. It is such a joy to see the kids learn about and celebrate the holidays. And remember, "Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals."

Ilene Hellman
PTA Communications Chair



Comedy of Motherhood with Ira Epstein

OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



Welcome to 2016! Although it is cold outside and we may feel like hibernating, your Sisterhood is ready with warm and inviting events to entice you out of your house and into ours!

- On Monday, January 11th, the sisterhood presents a program about Jewish life in Arab countries. It is a fascinating story about

what life was like for a Jewish family in Bagdad and how their journey led them through Iran into Israel.

- On Tuesday, January 12th, we begin our new Rosh Chodesh series. This year Rabbi Bellows will facilitate discussion of the book, *The New Jewish Feminism*. This book looks at the growth and accomplishments of Jewish feminism and addresses the important issues that concern Jewish women today.
- On Sunday, January 31st is our annual comedy club fundraiser at the Brokerage. Bring your friends and come on down for an evening of laughs!
- On Wednesday, February 3rd, there will be a knitting class at Jan Friedman's home. If you have always wanted to learn how to knit or if you just want to raise your competency in this craft, then you should come over and join us! More information will follow.
- On Tuesday, February 9th, we will be having Zumba at the temple. Many of you have made losing weight a resolution for 2016, here is your chance to get started. Never tried Zumba before? No problem, you move at your own pace.
- Friday, February 26th is our Sisterhood Shabbat. Please join us for what is sure to be a very inspiring service.
- On Saturday, March 19th, we will have our biggest fundraiser of the year: The Chinese Auction. It is not too early to start thinking about attending with family and friends. Prizes promise to be even bigger and better than last year!

As you can see, we offer a variety of events; there is truly something for everyone! If you haven't yet joined Sisterhood, it is not too late! Please check us out by coming to our events and feel free to bring your friends.

With affection,
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 September 19th, Military Bridge – organized by Debbie & Art Schlesinger, Barbara & Gerry Morgenlender, and Yolanda & Ira Friedman – was a huge success. It packed the room and was enjoyed by everyone who attended – so much so that we are looking for a spot in our crowded calendar to schedule another one!

On October 3rd, we attended the concert featuring the Billy Joel Tribute band – River of Dreams – in the Social Hall. It was a great event organized by Brian and Joan Levy – two of our Board members. 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 fifty were Circle of Friends members.

On November 7th and 14th, we were found at the LI Cabaret, some on stage performing -Barbara Morgenlender, Debbie Schlesinger, and Linda Lazarus – and many more in the audience. On November 22nd, we toasted our Cantor Steven Sher as he celebrated the 40th anniversary of his becoming a Cantor. What a great show and celebration! On November 29th, Circle of Friends attended the 21st annual Brotherhood Winter Holiday Vendor Fair – here at the Temple.

On December 13th, Circle of Friends celebrated the Festival of Lights in our own special way. Organized by our past presidents – Ann & Fred Dinstell – we ate, drank and gave gifts, but especially, we had fun!! Finally, on December 31, we closed out 2015 and welcomed in 2016 with our circle of friends amongst a larger group of friends at the neighboring Maria Regina Church. We had loads of fun as we danced the night (and year) away!

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:

January 10	Bowling and Dinner
February 13	Movie & Pizza Party
March 23	Purim Spiel
March 25	Circle of Friends Service
March 26	Membership Dinner

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

Dear Temple Family
On behalf of Sandra Feuerstein's
family, please know how much your
kindness means to us. Thank you for
all your thoughtfulness, donations,
and notes, and cards

Sincerely,
Heather and Lou Gottfried

OUR COMMUNITY



Master of Ceremonies – Steve Christie



Welcoming Remarks by Rabbi Bellows



Rabbis Bellows and Pasternak Blessing Cantor Sher



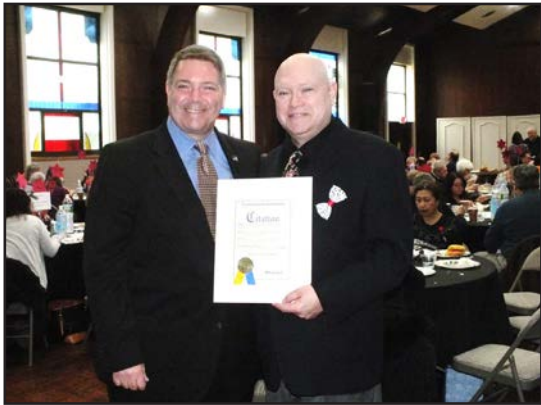
Accepting Gifts From The Congregation



Cantor Sher With The Robyn Helzner Trio



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Presentation to Cantor Sher



Another Honor for Cantor Sher



Closing Remarks From TBT President Rob Saunders



WHAT A WONDERFUL TURNOUT !!



Bagels &



Cantor Sher And The Planning Committee



Joining the Cantor for breakfast



SPECIAL GIFTS

SPECIAL FUNDS AND DONATIONS

Temple B'nai Torah follows a long and rich heritage of Tzedakah, consistent with our Jewish tradition. Such giving often recognizes a birth, birthday, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding, anniversary, or death. Your generosity, large and small, continues to provide for Temple B'nai Torah by sustaining programs for its members. A beautifully inscribed card is sent acknowledging and commemorating your gift.

Please mail this form to the Temple, together with your check payable to Temple B'nai Torah.
This will ensure that your donation is acknowledged in a timely fashion.

Enclosed is my gift of: ___\$10 ___\$18 ___\$36 ___\$54 ___\$100 ___ Other \$_____

Get Well to: _____ In Honor of: _____ In Memory of _____

From _____ Send Card To _____ Relationship _____

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For either the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund or Cantor's Discretionary Fund, please make your check payable to the fund; for all other fund donations, please make your check payable to TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH.

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TRADITION!

A new year brings hope for a brighter future, a fresh start on old projects, and many new joyful beginnings. Let this new year bring with it the start of a new tradition. A tradition to pass on the blessings you may have to those who have not. Are you blessed with a talent that another congregant might benefit from? Are you able to provide a ride to someone who is unable to drive to services? Are you able to visit someone who hasn't been able to get out for a while? Are you able to make a donation that would help the temple to help someone in financial need? Start a tradition.

Are you blessed with a joyful occasion in your family? Perhaps a child or grandchild has come into the world; or a wedding has joined two families into one; or a loved one has reached a milestone to celebrate? Share these joys with your temple family. A leaf on our Tree of Life will be a visible memento for everyone to see and share. Start a tradition.

Are you blessed with being a member of the Temple B'nai Torah family? Spread the word – it will enhance your Temple experience to bring others that you know into our temple family to share the religious, educational and social aspect of temple life. Belonging to temple is an enriching experience others should enjoy. Enlarging your temple family will keep Temple B'nai Torah a thriving, thought-provoking, and blessed place to be.

Start a tradition. Share your blessings – start a tradition.

*Happy new year to all,
Sue-Ellen Pennington*



SPECIAL GIFTS

YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

GENEROUS GIFTS

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

From **Brotherhood**

In honor of:

Birth of our grandson Benjamin Aaron

from Sharon & David Forman

Stan Friedman 2nd Bar Mitzvah from Jack Klein

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Bellows officiating at the unveiling of Ronald Jackson from Jane, Ben & Evan Jackson

Rabbi Bellows officiating at the unveiling of Ronald Jackson from The Esquenazi Family

Rabbi Bellows officiating at the unveiling of Martin Kaplan from Barbara & Gerry Morgenlender

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Rabbi Bellows anniversary blessing from Herb & Pat Berger

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In memory of:

Bernice Zimny from Andrew & Carol Zimny

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Joyce Chester from Laurie & Mark Chester

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of:

Cantor Sher from Marcia Kotkin

Cantor Sher from Laurie & Richard Epler

MUSIC & CHOIR FUND

In honor of:

Stan Friedman 2nd Bar Mitzvah from Barbara & Gerry Morgenlender

Stan Friedman 2nd Bar Mitzvah

from Rita & Harvey Drucker

In memory of:

Sandra Feuerstein from Wednesday

Bingo Kitchen

Arlene Friedman from Rita Hofer

JUDY BARDAVID MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of:

Edwin Sandler from Marilyn

& Walter Wechsler

RABBI ROBERT RAAB

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of:

Stan Friedman 2nd Bar Mitzvah

from Marjorie Raab

Jessica Beldner & Dan Maurer's marriage

from Marjorie Raab

Jessica Beldner & Dan Maurer's marriage

from Janis & Jim Beldner

Stan Friedman 2nd Bar Mitzvah

from Gerry & Harvey Alpert

Stan Friedman 2nd Bar Mitzvah

from Sarita Keyser

In memory of:

Sandra Feuerstein

from Janis & Jim Beldner

Ralph Abofsky from The Beldner Family

Arlene Friedman from Gerry & Harvey Alpert

Arlene Friedman from Janis & Jim Friedman

Arlene Friedman from Harriet & George Bernstein

TEMPLE GENERAL FUND

In appreciation of:

All the birthday good wishes from Marcia Kotkin

PRAYER BOOK/PLAUT COMMENTARY/FAMILY PRAYERBOOK FUND

In honor of:

Ruth Sussman's 85th birthday

from Bernice Rosenthal

Ruth Sussman's 85th birthday

from Gerald & Phyllis Tenenbaum

Jessica Beldner & Dan Maurer's marriage

from Tessa Kean

Ruth Sussman's 85th birthday

from H. Rudolf & Lois Zeidler

In memory of:

Carl Getzel from Jack Klein

Arlene Friedman from Irene Nelson

Mary Silverstein from

Marilynn & Stephen Block

Arlene Friedman from Helen Sass

PRAYER BOOK

In memory of:

Aida Gouveia from

Donald & Barbara Gouveia

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In honor of:

Elizabeth Schuster &

Andrew Costelenatta's engagement

from Jan & Stan Friedman

Adam Rifkin and Joan Fine's

engagement from Jan & Stan Friedman

Stan Friedman's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

from Barbara Garguilo

Stan Friedman's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

from Paula & Marvin Silverman

In memory of:

Arlene Friedman from Marion Lifton

BEAUTIFICATION FUND

From **Marilynn & Stephen Block**

In memory of:

Adam Blackbeer from Rita

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Carl Getzel from Brian & Joan Levy

Sandra Feuerstein from Brian & Joan Levy

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Sandra Feuerstein from Ellice

& Tom Toscano & Family

Sally & William Leonard from

Shelley & Barry Lomove

Arlene Friedman from Shelley & Barry Lomove

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& Sun. Bingo Workers

Arlene Friedman from Ellie Dayton

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Arlene Friedman from Dorothy Duckstein

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In honor of:

Logan Harrison Christie's birth from

Vicki & Bernard Deutsch

Stan Friedman's good health

from The Toscano Family

Adam Rifkin & Joan Fine's engagement

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Art & Debbie Schlesinger's new grandson,

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In memory of:

Benjamin Sussman from

Ruth & Herb Sussman

In honor of:

Sandra Dabrusin's "39th" birthday

from Tessa Kean

Marcia Kotkin's new twin

great grandchildren from

Tessa Kean

In appreciation of:

Janis Amer from Joan Ayoub

JOANNE SCHERZER YOUTH FUND

In memory of:

Arlene Friedman from Eileen Newberg

Arlene Friedman from Jack Klein & Shirley

Arlene Friedman from

Diane & Jay Schoenberg

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

ENRICHMENT FUND

In honor of:

Adrienne Robb-Fund's retirement from

Ellice & Tom Toscano & Family

Jessica Beldner & Daniel Maurer's marriage

from Ellice & Tom Toscano

HOLOCAUST FUND

In memory of:

Carl Getzel from Ellice &

Tom Toscano & Family

TORAH REPAIR FUND

In honor of:

Stan Friedman's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

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LISA YUCHT YOUTH FUND

From **TBT Sisterhood**

HARVEY BELLER YOUTH FUND

In memory of:

Leo Streickler from Sharon

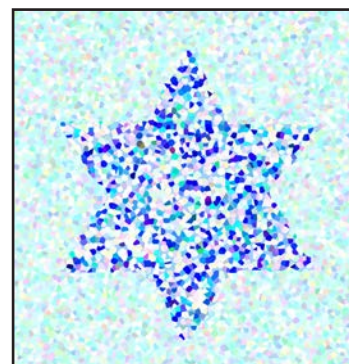
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Frances Kimmelblatt from

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--TBT Brotherhood Dinner--



Introduction to Digital Photography

Tuesday January 19, 2016



Plus a dinner that features:

Mark's Meatloaf

"The Return of a Brotherhood Classic"

Details:

*Cocktail Hour and Appetizers @ 7pm
Family Style Dinner about Seven-thirty
Presentation with Tim Cady to follow*



Don't end up Loaf-less!

You are asked for the consideration of a timely RSVP
RSVP due date is Friday, January 8th



Count me in!.....

Name(s): _____

Payment of Ten Dollars by Brotherhood Members

(\$15 for guests) is included -- \$ _____

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(Need to know more? Ask at 783-9607 or Emchest2@aol.com)



You are warmly invited to join us at our 2016

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Sunday, January 24 ~ 6:00 pm



Tu B'Shevat or the "New Year of the Trees" is Jewish Arbor Day. It was originally believed to be an agricultural festival, marking the emergence of Spring in Israel. After the destruction of the Temple in 70 A. C. E. this holiday became a way for the Jews to symbolically bind themselves to their former homeland, by eating foods that were found in Israel. In the 16th and 17th centuries Kabbalists created a ritual for Tu B'Shevat similar to a Passover Seder.

There will be a Creative Seder with music and song. Traditional fruits, nuts, and 4 cups of wine/juice will be served as part of the Seder Ritual. Dessert and coffee will be served afterwards. All ages are welcome!

There is no charge for this event. Please RSVP using the form below and return to the main office. *Please note – Nuts will be served at this event.*

Temple B'nai Torah - Tu B'Shevat Seder RSVP Form

Name(s) _____

of people attending _____ Ages of children attending (if applicable) _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

Temple B'nai Torah ~ 2900 Jerusalem Avenue ~ Wantagh, NY 11793



SPECIAL GIFTS

YAHARZEITS

Nathan H. Klein from Jan & Stan Friedman
 Minnie Polansky from Mildred Gordon
 Seymour Altman from Esta Regent
 Charles Gordon from Mildred Gordon
 James Z. Drucker from Rita & Harvey Drucker
 Rosaline Solomon from Rita & Harvey Drucker
 Martin Kane from Paula Grant
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 Fannie Noll from Richard & Francine Tepper
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 Elsie Saltzman from Yvette Consor
 Jennie Meirson from Andrea & William Rifkin
 Rose Miller from Arthur Miller
 Joseph Askin from Jeffry & Joanne Wengroff
 Kimme Maus from Tom Maus
 Phyllis Maus from Tom Maus
 Sol Brown from Tom Maus
 Rosaline Solomon from Harvey & Rita Drucker
 James Drucker from Harvey & Rita Drucker
 Henia Sukienik from Gail Calo
 Sol Schindler from Sharon & Arthur Schindler
 George Feldstein from Jules Weissman
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 Paul Freed from Heidi & Glenn Rosen
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 David Prosky from Larry & Jane Prosky
 Arthur Becker from Elaine Becker
 Diana Weissman from Jules Weissman
 Esther Gornitsky from Florence Garnet
 Hyman Garnet from Florence Garnet
 Esther Locke from Elaine Goldstein
 Dave Albert from Bernice & Harvey Albert
 Joseph Leidner from Marilyn Leidner
 Robert Greenbaum from
 Laurie Greenbaum
 Sandra Maltz Saccio from
 Barbara & Russell Carpenter
 Claire Lidsky from Terry Nyer
 Helen Solomon from Marlene Newman
 Larry Schulman from Hannah Feldman
 Lorraine Chereskin from
 Regina White Chereskin & Jerry Chereskin
 Newton Mandel from
 Regina White Chereskin & Jerry Chereskin
 Harriet Pepkin from Robert Pepkin
 Harriet Einbinder from Sandra Dabrusin
 Irwin Chaiken from Beth, Jeff, Adam & Ian Cohen
 Freda Horowitz from Edward Horowitz
 Louis Locke from Elaine Goldstein
 Morris Nacht from Rabbi Howard & Patti Nacht
 Jacob Krasky from Rabbi Howard & Patti Nacht
 Rosemary Lallathin from Diane Lewis
 Dennis Epstein from Ida Epstein
 Lillian Epstein from Ida Epstein
 Hyman Epstein from Ida Epstein
 Thelma Raucher from Ida Epstein
 Jerome Raucher from Ida Epstein
 Nathan Raucher from Ida Epstein
 Jack Meyerowitz from Laura & Mel Yorke
 Milton S. Berger from Herbert Berger
 Herbert Spindel from Helen & Steve Spindel
 Sally Chinowsky from Iris Kelmenson
 Dorothy Newberg from Eileen Newberg & Family
 Cortney Colby from Tom & Ellice Toscano & Family

Lillian Meyer from Tom & Ellice Toscano & Family
 Julius Becker from Elaine Becker
 Richard Drezen from Lori & Jarrett Freeman
 Charles Herbert from Marc Herbert
 Paul Zinder from Newton & Clarice Zinder
 Jennie Zinder from Newton & Clarice Zinder
 Linda Jan Gordon from Mildred Gordon
 Rose Nochlin from Sharon & Arthur Schindler
 Hyman Gelburd from Bob & Diana Gelburd
 Mac Zinderman from Herman & Norayda Weiner
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 Helene Kamper & Maureen Dominguez
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 Bertha Kessler from Sandra Dabrusin
 David J. Kessler from Sandra Dabrusin
 Paul Kussoy from Doris Kussoy
 Lisa Pitzer from Doris Kussoy
 Harry Bobis from Florence Karmel
 Charlotte Berlow from Rita Hofer
 Hani Feldstein from Jules & Toby Weissman
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 Sally Drucker from Harvey & Rita Drucker
 Kevin Swawite from Lois & David Swawite
 Blanche Swawite from Lois & David Swawite
 Jean Feldman from Hannah & Herb Feldman
 Felix Dreyfus from Delia Dreyfus
 Loretta Post from Jerry Post
 Bert Gruber from Sandra & Leonard Honig
 Harry Nochlin from Arthur & Sharon Schindler
 Rose Baron from Elliot & Andrea Baron
 Bertha Golden from Audrey Golden
 Nathan Woronoff from Marilyn & Michael Woronoff
 Shirley Woronoff from Marilyn & Michael Woronoff
 Annette Peltz from Daniel & Samantha Rosen
 Frances Klein from Jack Klein
 Michael M. Ross from Fran Ross
 Meta Krieger from Lorie Schultz
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 Boris Aronow from Edith Naps
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 Sidney Rosch from Janet Krasner

YISKOR ELOHIM:

Sandra Feuerstein, mother of Heather Gottfried
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 Edwin Sandler, brother of Ira Sandler,
 uncle of Diane Derby
 Eric Todd Lawrence, relative of Susan Healy
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MAZEL TOV TO:

Dave & Patti Schuster on the engagement
 of their daughter, Elizabeth to Andrew Castelenatta
 Steve & Joni Christie on the birth of
 their first grandchild, Logan Harrison Christie
 William & Andrea Rifkin on the engagement
 of their son, Adam to Joan Fine
 James & Janis Beldner on the marriage of
 heir daughter, Jessica to Daniel Maurer
 James & Janis Beldner on the engagement
 of their son, Jordan to Nicole Grubard
 Billy & Michelle Campos on the birth of their daughter,
 Samara Harley Elizabeth Campos
 Melvin & Paula Krupnick on the birth of their
 granddaughter, Peyton Rose Krupnick
 Eileen Newberg on the birth of her great grandson,
 Benjamin Felsen
 Marcia Kotkin on the birth of her twin
 great grandchildren
 Art & Debbie Schlesinger on the birth of their
 grandson, Rory Patrick Kinsella
 Ellen & Larry Rosenzweig on the marriage of their
 daughter Katie to Matthew Sussman



OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Service (K/L) • Office Closed 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Torah Study
3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Religious School • Building Closed 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) • 1:30pm Chai Club GenMtg (K/L) • 5:30pm BNTY Jr. • 6:30pm Teen Choir • 7:00pm Relig School • 7:00pm Sisterhood Svc Mtg (A) • 7:30pm Adult Choir • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Al Anon • 4:30 Relig. School • 6:45pm Sisterhood Exec. Mtg (K/L) • 7:00pm Brotherhood Exec. Board Mtg (104) • 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting (K/L) • 7:30pm Brotherhood Board Mtg (S/H) 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30pm Tot Shabbat • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Service 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Shabbat Service • 2:30pm-12:00midnight Rental (S/H)
10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Rel.School • 9:15am Brother-hood Breakfast (S/H) • 11:30am Youth Choir • 11:45am B/M Orientation Nov/Dec '16/Jan'17 Fam (K/L) • 12:00pm Adult Conf. (K/L) • 2:30pm Circle of Friends Bowling (A) 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) • 5:30pm BNTY Jr. • 6:30pm Teen Choir • 7:00pm Sister-hood Prog. (K/L) • 7:00pm JW V (S/H) • 7:00-8:30pm Religious School • 7:30pm Adult Choir • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Al Anon • 4:30-6:00pm Religious School • 7:00pm Rosh Chodesh (K/L) • 7:30pm Budget Meeting FY 2016-2017 (104) 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L) • 6:30pm Sisterhood Fundraising Mtg (A) 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm Pre-Neg • 6:30pm Kabbalat Service 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L)
17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO Religious School • Building Closed 	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Closed • No Religious School • Office Closed 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Al Anon • 4:30 Relig. School • 7:00pm Brother-hood Dinner (S/H) • 7:30pm Rel. Ed Mtg (104) • 7:30pm Ritual Meeting (K/L) 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Service • Confirmation Trip 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L) • Confirmation Trip
24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am ReligSchool • 9:15am Brother-hood Breakfast (S/H) • 9:45am-12noon Book Club (Library) • 10:00am Membership Mtg (S/H) • 11:30am Youth Choir (201) • 1pm Film Series K/L • 6:00pm Tu B'Shevat Seder & Dessert (K/L) • Confirm. Trip 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Chai Club Bd Mtg (K/L) • 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) • 1:15pm M.W.J. (K/L) • 5:30pm BNTY Jr. • 6:30-7:30pm Teen Choir (201) • 7:00pm Fund-raising Mtg (104) • 7:00pm ReligSchool • 7:30pm Adult Choir • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. • Confirm.Trip 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) • 4:30 Rel. School • 7:15pm Exec. Board Mtg (104) • 8:00pm Board Meeting (K/L) 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Indoor Picnic (S/H) • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Service (S/H) • NFTY-NAR Winter Kallah (Away) 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L) • NFTY-NAR Winter Kallah (Away)
31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am ReligSchool • 9:15am Brother-hood Breakfast (S/H) • 9:15am Circle of Friends Mtg (K/L) • 10:00am PTA Mtg. (Rm 104) • 11:30am Youth Choir (201) • 12:00-2:00pm Adult Confirm Cls (101/103) • 12:30pm Wandering Jew Series (K/L) • 7:00pm Sisterhood Comedy Club Fundraiser (Away) • NFTY-NAR Winter Kallah (Away) 	<div>JANUARY</div>					



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	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) • 1:30pm Chai Club General Mtg (K/L) • 5:30pm BNTY Jr. • 6:30pm Teen Choir • 7:00pm Relig. School • 7:30pm Adult Choir • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Al Anon • 4:30pm ReligSchool • 6:45pm Sisterhood Exec. Mtg (K/L) • 7:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting (K/L) • 7:00pm Brotherhood Exec. Mtg (104) • 7:30pm Brotherhood Board Mtg (S/H) 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L) • 7:00-10:00pm Sisterhood event (Away) 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Family/Scout Service 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Shabbat Service
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am ReligSchool • 9:15am Brotherhood Breakfast (S/H) • 11:30am Youth Choir (201) • 11:30am Religious Ed Mtg (104) • 12:00-2:00pm Adult Confirmation (101/103) • 1:00-2:00pm Wandering Jew Series (K/L) 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) • 5:30pm BNTY Jr. • 6:30-7:30pm Teen Choir (Rm. 201) • 7:00pm Jewish War Vets (S/H) • 7:00pm Housing Com. Mtg (K/L) • 7:00-8:30pm Religious School • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (Rm. 201) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Al Anon • 4:30-6:00pm Religious School • 7:00pm-8:00pm Sisterhood Zumba (Y/L) 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30pm Tot Shabbat • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Service 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circle of Friends Movie/Pizza Party (Away) • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L)
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO Religious School • Building Closed 	15 President's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO Relig. School • Building Closed 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Al Anon • 7:00pm Brotherhood Dinner Mtg (S/H) • 7:30pm Ritual Meeting (K/L) • NO Relig.School 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm Pre-Neg • 6:30pm Kabbalat Service 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Shabbat Service
21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO Relig.School • 12:00pm Rosh Chodesh (101/103) • 2:00pm Triple Bingo Set-up (S/H & K/L) • 6:45pm Triple Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) • 1:15-3:00pm M.W.Initiative (K/L) • 5:30pm BNTY Jr. • 6:30-7:30pm Teen Choir (Rm. 201) • 7:00-8:30pm Religious School • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (Rm. 201) • 7:00pm Fundraising Mtg (K/L) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Al Anon • 4:30-6:00pm Religious School • 7:15pm Exec. Board Mtg (104) • 8:00pm Board Meeting (K/L) 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30-9:00pm Boy Scouts (YL) • 7:30pm Bingo (S/H & K/L) 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Sisterhood Service 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Family Shabbat Gr. 3rd-6th/Siddur Presentation (Sanc.)
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am ReligSchool • 9:15am Brotherhood Breakfast (S/H) • 10:00am Membership Com. Mtg (S/H) • 11:30am Youth Choir (201) • 11:30-4:00pm PTA Family Bingo (S/H) • 12:00-2:00pm Adult Confirmation Class (K/L-Sanc.) 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Chai Club Board Mtg (K/L) • 12:00pm Torah Study (K/L) • 1:15pm MWI w/Rabbi Bellows (K/L) • 5:30pm BNTY Jr. • 6:30-7:30pm Teen Choir (Rm. 201) • 7:00-8:30pm Religious School • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (Rm. 201) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. 	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 4em; font-weight: bold;">FEBRUARY</div>				

OUR COMMUNITY



Temple B'nai Torah PTA is making creating a

Cookbook

The cookbook will be made up of recipes from our Temple Members, Family and Friends. The more recipes and contributions we get the better cookbook will be. We need help from everyone to make this a success.

Please email your recipes to TBTcookbook2016@gmail.com or send them to the TBT PTA mailbox by January 15, 2016.

Please include any additional notes you wish such as:

- ♥ Your Name
- ♥ Serving Suggestions
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	Kourtney Levy	Ken & Kelly
Mar. 19	Andrea Elsner	Steven & Hope
	Allison McGinn	Robert & Alisa
Mar. 26	Alexander Williamson	Donald & Karin
Apr. 2	Rachael Brite	Jeffrey & Julia
Apr. 16	Daniel Neches	Neil & Alissa

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BOWLING PARTY

Sunday, January 10, 2016

2:30 P.M. Bowling 5:30 P.M. Dinner

Members: \$33 Per Person / Non-Members: \$38 Per Person (Includes Bowling, Shoes, Ball & Food)

For Those Who Don't Want to Bowl, But Would Like to Eat and Socialize
Members Pay \$23 for Food Only / Non-Members Pay \$28 for Food Only

**Italian Meal – Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread Sticks, Baked Ziti Marinated Chicken Breast, Meatballs, Roasted Vegetables Soda, Coffee, Tea, Dessert
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Please indicate if you are joining us for only the meal

Contact Info: Steve Block (516) 541-6222 or steve_d_block@hotmail.com