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A BREATH, BREEZE, AND SPIRIT OF THE TIMES



Rob Saunders Is Honored At UJA Breakfast

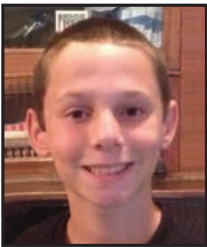
B'NAI MITZVAH



December 7 Aaron Mayber

Gary & Cheryl

My name is Aaron Mayber and I go to Salk Middle School. In my free time I like hanging out with my friends and playing sports. My favorite sports are soccer and basketball. I have been playing soccer almost my whole life and am on the school team. I've enjoyed studying with Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Hiesiger, and Cantor Sher. They have all helped me become a Bar Mitzvah. I've enjoyed helping and playing with my dog so, for my Bar Mitzvah project, I wanted to help out with other dogs that need my help. I volunteered at Last Hope, which is an organization to help animals in need. Helping animals is so much fun especially because you know you are saving some of their lives.



December 7 Alex Mayber

Gary & Cheryl

My name is Alex Mayber and I am a seventh grader at Salk Middle School. I am on the soccer team and have been playing soccer for almost 10 years. I love playing soccer with my brother, friends and family. I love dogs, that is how I came up with my mitzvah project. I am volunteering at Last Hope, an all-volunteer and non-profit organization. My favorite part about the whole Bar Mitzvah process was learning what my parshat was about, it was very interesting. I have enjoyed going through this process with my twin brother, Aaron. Lastly I would like to thank my mom, dad, Cantor Sher, Cantor Hiesiger, and Rabbi Bellows for helping me with everything I needed and asked about for my Bar Mitzvah.



December 21 Jillian Lapiana

Holly Sher

My name is Jillian Lapiana and I am an eighth grader at Howitt Middle School in Farmingdale. I have been on the school swim team for two years. My love for swimming has helped me decide on my mitzvah project. I worked with disabled children helping them to swim. I found being able to give back to the Farmingdale swim community very rewarding. I would like to thank Mrs. Altman and Cantor Sher for helping me prepare for my Bat Mitzvah.



December 21 Logan Peckman

Marla Peckman & Jay Kaplan

My name is Logan Emily Peckman and I go to Grand Avenue Middle School. Drawing is a huge passion of mine. For my mitzvah project I am illustrating a children's book about overcoming the loss of a parent or loved one. I plan to donate some of the books to local hospitals. My hope is to give children who lost a loved one strength to move forward and know they are not alone. I would like to thank Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher, Mrs. Altman and my family for all of their love and support in helping me reach this beautiful occasion.

DECEMBER RITUAL CALENDAR

Friday, December 6th	Family Shabbat	7:30pm
Saturday, December 7th	Services, 2 B/M	10:30am
Friday, December 13th	Tot Shabbat Service	5:30pm
Friday, December 13th	Erev Shabbat Service	8:00pm
Tuesday, December 17th	Ritual Committee Meeting	7:30pm
Friday, December 20th	Pre-Neg	6:00pm
Friday, December 20th	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30pm
Saturday, December 21st	Services, 2 B/M	10:30am
Friday, December 27th	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30pm
Friday, January 3rd	Family Shabbat	7:30pm
Saturday, January 4th	Services, 1 B/M	10:30am
Wednesday, January 15th	Tu B'Shevat Seder & Dessert	7:00pm



OUR COMMUNITY

From the TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH BOARD MEETING MINUTES **September 22, 2013**

Meeting called to order by President Sherrill Spatz at 8:06PM

Blessings / D'var Torah – Rabbi Bellows –Focus on Leadership Development: The Rabbi shared an article on Tzimtzum: Finding the Space to Lead by Steven Wernick.

Rabbi Bellows' Report – Wishing everyone *moadam l'simcha!* Thank you to everyone who helped out with High Holy Days. This was the 5th year of High Holy Days of having the honor of sharing the bima with Cantor Sher. School has started and the Rabbi has been spending time with the students in the Sukkah. This Friday night is Consecration and *Siddurim* presentation. Looking forward to this as well as *Rosh Chodesh* with Sisterhood and the UJA breakfast honoring Rob Saunders. There is a change in Shabbat service credit procedure.

Cantor Sher's Report –Discussion ensued regarding the role of the Caring Committee.

Elisa Blank's Report –There are currently 249 children in the school, with 34 being consecrated this Friday. This Sunday is Meet-the-Teacher Day and the Hebrew School Book Fair.

Treasurer's Report – Beth Cohen – June financials are complete.

Temple Administrator Report – Sue-Ellen Pennington – The apron to the entrance of the parking lot will be repaired beginning September 30. During that time this entrance cannot be used.

Financial Secretary Report – Alan Lazarus – 491 members, although an updated count is needed. Numbers of members on special arrangements noted. 39 new members.

Investments Report – Alan Loewenstein –Discussion of whether the Slomin Fund can be transferred. Some corrections were made regarding the wording of replacement on the committee. Discussed laddering of committee members. Rabbi Bellows raised the issue of the possible role of ethical considerations on our investments. Motion to amend the document to include laddering from the outset. Alan Lazarus made the motion, Ed Kliegman 2nd: "Motion to amend the document to say that the terms of membership will be laddered 1, 2, & 3 years for the first year. Unanimous vote. Motion passed.

President's Report – Sherrill Spatz – The high holidays were great. The Pass It Forward program is doing really well. Next meeting there will be a lesson on how to be a Bima Rep.

Vice President's Reports:

Rob and Craig/Community and Fund Raising: Power in numbers. If you know anyone who is experienced with fundraising or grant writing please let Craig know. Discussed the possibility of connecting fundraising with special arrangements. 'Dancing Through The Decades' is October 19th. Very successful New Members Breakfast. Robin and Julia made sure that everyone received an individual mailing and got a big return. Brotherhood Breakfast was a wonderful place to do it. The two co-chairs of membership have a lot of energy and motivation. They have a lot of ideas and will work throughout the year on next year's campaign.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 8:00pm**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00PM

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Curry, Temple Secretary

INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



Shalom, Chaverim – Hello, friends,

This month, I am very excited to be joining at least 12 of our staff and congregants at the Union of Reform Judaism Biennial. As the name suggests, this is a major Reform Jewish convention that takes place every two years. From Wednesday through Sunday, December 11-15, more than 5,000 Reform Jewish teens, lay leaders, and professionals join together to learn, pray, network, and schmooze. This year's Biennial is taking place in San Diego, California, and it promises to be one of the best yet.

Two years ago, 23 members and staff attended the Biennial in Washington, D.C. Highlights of the convention included the start of a new Campaign for Youth Engagement, the installation of new leadership (including Rabbi Rick Jacobs as the president of the URJ), and an afternoon with President Barack Obama. Many dozens of workshops were offered each day (I even had the honor of leading a few about how to use Twitter and Facebook in congregation-life). Multiple worship experiences were available every morning and evening.

Some of the sweetest moments at Biennial surround the observance of Shabbat. Can you imagine praying in a room with 5,000 other Jews? These are people who LOVE Judaism, who LOVE being involved in their communities, and who LOVE enhancing the role that Judaism plays in their lives. The feeling is indescribable. We sang, danced, clapped, swayed, and prayed as one. We welcomed the Shabbat bride, took a collective deep breath together, and were carried along the waves of music and spirit. Personally, it was quite special to pray alongside members of our TBT community, rather than in front of them on the bimah. We were able to put our arms around each other and sing, and I treasured each moment with the wonderful people from home.

We also dined together in what was possibly the largest Shabbat dinner in the history of the world. Though we had to nourish our bodies, we couldn't wait to further nourish our souls at the evening's song session. Cantors, rabbis, song leaders, and musicians from all over the movement took to the stage and led us in a huge singing event. We sang classic liturgy, favorite camp songs, and even "Sweet Caroline ("So good, so good, so good!")."

There was even another song session after the song session (that's how much we Reform Jews like to sing) but most folks went to bed. Shabbat morning began with torah study sessions, followed by a large Shabbat morning worship service. Many attendees opted to sing in the Biennial Choir – quite a treat for us all! Study lunches followed, then more learning and, after dinner, a Havdallah concert by Israeli

superstars, David Broza and Rami Kleinstein. Though Shabbat at Biennial is not usually the most restful, it is always inspiring.

I look forward to bringing back reports from this year's adventures in Biennial. I will join with our fellow staff and congregants in sharing with you what we learn, what inspires us, and what will work to make our community even stronger. And I hope you will consider joining us in two years in Orlando!

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



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INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



As we approach the secular New Year, traditionally, we think about reparation we can make, redemption we can seek, and our all too challenging and formidable resolutions, often made with the best of intentions -- often discarded with regrets. We struggle with the thought of reprioritizing our lives, if only a cerebral and ephemeral exercise in ultimate futility.

But it doesn't have to be that way, especially if we economize on our expectations. For example.....

The next time you walk by or into the sanctuary, you might notice two distinctive paintings of two distinguished former clergy that hang together on the wall immediately adjacent to the sanctuary doors. Closest to the entrance is Rabbi Robert Raab, the beloved emeritus rabbi of legacy Suburban Temple. Next to him is Cantor Walter Lewis, the beloved first cantor of legacy Suburban Temple. It is Cantor Lewis that I want to focus on in the context of this article.



Under this vibrant oil representation of an obviously strikingly handsome man, the memorial plaque displays, "He gave so much to the congregation he loved." I was struck by these words more than by the handsome and visibly well appointed stature,

so telling, before me. I have been told by numerous older members, who knew Cantor Lewis, many wonderful and colorful anecdotes of his life and his relationships. I am told he was also blessed with a beautiful voice and a charismatic presence which, obviously, left its mark.

Today, there is little by which to remember him besides the warm and treasured memories of his career, and his oil portrait which still looms large outside the sacred performance space that was his spiritual and professional home....with the exception of the Cantor Walter Lewis Fund.

The Cantor Walter Lewis Fund, dedicated and created in his memory, could also loom large, if only we were willing to allow it so. This fund could provide financial support for any of the many and varied music related activities here at Temple B'nai Torah. Yet, the knowledge of the fund, like the memory of Cantor Lewis, is limited. However, while we cannot expand on Cantor Lewis's memories, we CAN expand on our ability to help support those kinds of programs that Cantor Lewis would have loved.

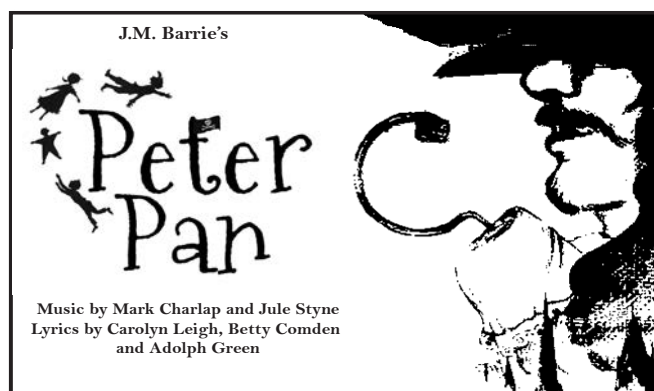
I write about this fund and the man who inspired it so that, yet, perhaps a new generation, as well as the older one, will help keep his spirit alive by keeping the musical life of our community alive and, subsequently, helping to

perpetuate that which sustains the passion of our tradition. Please help to preserve that passion, by giving whatever you can, whenever you can, to the Cantor Walter Lewis Fund.

Cantor Steve Sher

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



These past 5 months have held many “firsts” for me. I stood on the Bema and delivered the Shabbat announcements as President, for the first time. I also presided over my first Executive Board meeting and ran my first Board meeting as President. But the most challenging “first” I experienced was delivering my first High Holiday speeches. I have never addressed large audiences before and the thought of doing so kept my anxiety level at an all-time high.

I come from a family of very “vocal” communicators. My dad was a Brotherhood President and the Executive Vice-President at a temple in South Merrick, where we belonged when I was growing up. My dad, at 83, has been his condominium President for the last six years. My mom was Sisterhood President and is known for her great writing ability (she had wanted to be a journalist when she was younger). So I have to wonder, “What happened to me?” I have never been able to speak in public with any comfort and I always seem to have ‘writer’s block’ when it comes to writing columns or speeches. Going up to strangers and introducing myself was out of my comfort zone.

Standing up on the Bema and asking for money, another first for me, was certainly not my favorite thing to do, but our ultimate goal as a community is ensuring the financial stability of our temple. Please remember that every contribution, whatever the amount, makes a difference and is greatly appreciated. So if you have forgotten to make your Kol Nidre pledge, it is still not too late to do so. If you have already mailed in your pledge card and contribution, I thank you.

I must say, as I stood before you on the High Holidays, I realize my fears were unfounded. Seeing so many familiar, friendly and smiling faces helped me relax. I felt I had both your attention and your support as I spoke of my visions for our temple. I hope my words inspired you to get involved in all TBT offers, whether by attending services, volunteering on a committee, or by attending events and programs. I have been trying to be more visible around the temple and meet those of you that I do not know. If I miss introducing myself or greeting you, please feel free to come up to me.

*L'shalom,
Sherrill Spatz
Congregation President*

FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

A December With No Dilemma....

We are faced with something rare: a December “Holiday Season” without a menorah. We can’t drive around town and count the Chanukiyot proudly making their presence known among the red & green lit up homes and the giant blow-up Santas on the lawns. At this time of year a block bereft of bright lights seems like home.

Hanukkah has always had its defiant nature. Just as the Maccabees stood up to the Syrian Greeks, so today we use those eight days to say, “We’re American, but we’re Jewish too.” Christmas Day is a National Holiday (we’ll let that slide), but it makes no appearance in any box of our Jewish Calendar. In fact it is interesting to take the Jewish Calendar and see which holidays are noted and which are invisible. New Year’s Day, another national holiday, is noted. Martin Luther King Day is. Neither Valentine’s Day nor Halloween. Independence Day (July 4th) and Thanksgiving are included. All other patriotic national holidays we celebrate proudly.



January was properly named after Janus, Roman god of beginnings (featuring only one head but two faces). We share this duality, looking back at the past year and forward to the next. As the secular New Year approaches, and we use the past calendar as the guide to the new one, let us evaluate 2013 and look forward to an exciting 2014.

Happy New Year from our family to yours.

Mark Chester, Editor



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BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS



Winter Greetings from Co-Presidents Harvey and Bruce.

Due to publication requirements, this article was submitted for December release... at the end of October! So, on October 23rd, I can't shake the feeling of "This time, last year!"

Like many of our congregants, our family was hit last year (and is still rebuilding). So my thoughts are with all who are still recovering from that storm....

Brotherhood's recent activities included a great joint dinner with Sisterhood. Thanks to Mickey Horwitz, Arnie Minsky and their crew.

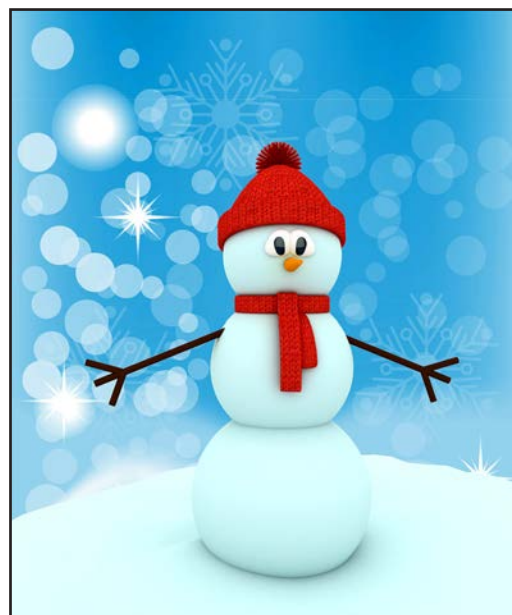
Congratulations to long-time Brotherhood member Rob Saunders,

for his recognition by UJA and thanks to Mike Bruno and to all who set up and coordinated Brotherhood's UJA breakfast donation: Brian Katzman, Jay Jacobson, Bart Cohen, Rich Levine, Ed Blecher, Mark Chasen, Larry Bloom, Craig Field, Ben Cernese, Dave Schuster, Arnie Minsky, Marty Happes, Bruce Jaffe, Les Richards, Mark Chester, Alan Loewenstein, Mark Kean and the man himself -- Rob Saunders. Truly a team effort!

Thanks also to Ben and Sharon Cernese, and their crew, for a great Holiday Fair on Dec 1.

December brings another Brotherhood dinner opportunity, Dec 17. Drinks and meal only \$10, for Brotherhood members who pre-pay. Another great reason to join Brotherhood. Breakfast is still only \$4, every Sunday when school is in session. The Sunday kitchen crew is amazing! If you've already joined Brotherhood, you can start to help with these terrific events, like our newest super-volunteer, Chuck Coene!

*Harvey Wiener,
Brotherhood co-President*



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OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



In my unbiased opinion, Sisterhood, with its 180+ members, is going very strong. Nowhere was this more evident than at our Paid-Up Dinner held on October 15. That evening, we honored our longest standing members, those who have been part of Sisterhood for 50 or more years. We wished a hearty mazel-tov to Patricia Berger, Bernice Cohen, Rita Drucker,

Jan Friedman, Marcia Kotkin, Neysa Levenstein, Dorothy Saperstein, and Ruth Sussman for reaching this level. The applause was thunderous! And it was with pleasure that we made a donation to WRJ's YES Fund in recognition of this accomplishment.

At this delicious and fun dinner, we also held a raffle that we termed "Sisterhood Cares." It's always nice to win a prize, but what added to the good feeling was that we took a portion of the proceeds and happily contributed it to Long Island Cares, a local charitable organization. I love bragging about Sisterhood's good deeds.

As you read this column, we are in the midst of Hanukkah. I hope you are celebrating the "Festival of Lights" with family and good friends. I also hope you patronized the Judaica shop for some of your holiday gifts and will continue to do so throughout the year.

We have a "three-day grand slam" beginning next week:

- Our third Rosh Chodesh program, during which the rabbi will discuss 'Women of the Bible', is on Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 p.m.
- On Monday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. is the Evening of Learning, a shared experience with other local Sisterhoods. Rahel Musleah will discuss the story of Jewish Calcutta through five generations of women. This event will be held at Congregation Beth Tikvah in Wantagh.

- At 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10th is our Memory and Relaxation program. This introductory workshop will be followed by a Q&A session.

In addition, four of us on the Sisterhood board will be going to San Diego later this month for the URJ Biennial. This promises to be an especially exciting convention since WRJ is celebrating its 100th year as an organization. We'll be happy to share our thoughts and experiences when we return.

I wish you a wonderful and healthful month as 2013 comes to an end. And may 2014 bring only peace and goodness into all our lives.

Sincerely,
Diane Schoenberg
Sisterhood President

ADULT EDUCATION DECEMBER CALENDAR

TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI BELLOWES
Every Monday (Ongoing) - 12:00pm

TORAH STUDY
Every Saturday (Ongoing) - 9:30-11:00 am

ROSH CHODESH
Sunday, December 8th - 1:00 pm

SISTERHOOD EVENING OF LEARNING
AT CONGREGATION BETH TIKVAH
Monday, December 9th - 7:00 pm

OUTREACH INTERFAITH FORUM
Tuesday, December 17th - 8:00-9:30 pm

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Circle the date:
Wednesday, January 15, 2014 - 7:00 pm

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COUPLES CLUB

THE GLORY THAT WAS ROME



Empress Helena



Pope Francis I

The Couples Club adventurers Bernie & Vicki Deutsch, Brian & Joan Levy, Barry & Shelly Lomove and Ed & Marilyn Pincus set sail on the Couples Club's 200 foot yacht for a cruise of Italian and Croatian ports on the Adriatic Sea. Arriving at each coastal port, they were met by local dignitaries, had a limousine tour of the city and attended a banquet in their honor. This routine continued until their arrival at Split in which they were to tour the 1700 year-old Diocletian Palace. They noticed a heightened level of attention and muttered conversation from the staff of this summer palace of Rome's Emperors. A formally dressed dignitary requested that they accompany him to a special part of the palace. He introduced himself as the head curator of the complex and advised them of a stunning observation by his staff. Entering a special chamber in the palace, they were directed to a life-sized portrait of Empress Helena, the mother of the Holy Roman Empire. To everyone's amazement the portrait was an exact depiction of Marilyn Pincus, in imperial robes. After a somewhat stunned conversation, Marilyn agreed to DNA testing to be compared against that catalogued by the Roman Antiquity Society. The sample was taken, the group continued their tour, and put the encounter behind them. However, when they arrived in Rome, they were met by a Papal envoy who escorted them to a private meeting with Pope Francis I. The Pope advised them that Marilyn was indeed a genetic doppelganger of Empress Helena. Marilyn was granted the title of Empress Matris Nobis, and Ed the title Emperor Matris Patronus, thus becoming the third couple from the Club to achieve Royalty. Marilyn invited Pope Francis to visit with the Couples Club the next time he is in New York.

Ira and Yolanda Friedman (The Magnificents) hosted this year's membership dinner at H.R.

Singletons in Bethpage. Prior arrangements with the Nassau County Crowd Control Swat Team allowed our annual red carpet entrance to proceed with minimal interference from the throngs of paparazzi and adoring fans. We settled into the hall, and partook of our lavish twenty-course dinner with imported wines and ale. A new Golden Age of Eloquence was launched with speeches by Tessa (Dependable) Kean, Emily (Guitarist) Altman, and Rita (The Actress) Drucker who, collectively, raised the great tradition of oration to a new plateau.

These exciting Couples Club functions are open to all congregants, singles or couples, and many singles participate in our activities. Why not come down to our next event and join in the fun?

A reminder to new TBT members: as new members, you automatically get a free year of Couples Club membership. Take advantage of this opportunity to get to know us and discover for yourselves the great spirit of the Couples Club. We would like to share this feeling with all TBT couples, married or not. If there is anything you would like to know about our group, please call us at (516) 798-5724 or email us at fdinstall@yahoo.com.

Couples Club monthly word of wisdom: Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.



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CHAI NOTES



As this article is being written, the temperature is starting to plunge into the winter range. Surprisingly, we've been already celebrating Chanukah since Thanksgiving. Given both the blessings of Thanksgiving and Chanukah, we wish everyone a

happy and healthy season.

More than 110 congregants and friends attended Chai Club's annual Membership Dinner on Monday, November 4th. Rita Hofer and her committee (Janis Beldner, Harriet Bernstein, Vicki Deutsch, Dorothy Duckstein, Barbara Gouveia, Sarita Keyser and Shelley Lomove) provided a sumptuous feast complete with superb desserts and wine. Everyone in attendance also enjoyed the entertainment from a selection of Long Island Cabaret's finest performers. Special thanks to LI Cabaret producer Mr. Gary Dana for allowing members of his troupe to perform during a busy week.

Please join us Monday, December 2nd when renowned writer and satirist Martha Kolodkin once again addresses our temple. Ms. Kolodkin's entertaining topic for the evening will be 'Superstitions: Caveman Through Spaceman'. Do you spit three times when you see a funeral procession go by or when you hear good news? Do you feel compelled to pull on your ears if you sneeze while speaking about someone who is dead? And do you tie a red string on a baby's crib to keep the 'evil eye' away? Come join us December 2nd. Thanks to Barbara Held for coordinating with Martha. We will also have our monthly drawings and congratulate our members who are celebrating December birthdays.

In the spring, Pearl Sutz is planning to continue her series of theater trips. On Sunday, March 9th, 2014, we will enjoy "Hello, Dolly" at the Elmont Broadhollow Theatre. Janis Beldner and Shelley Lomove have also announced that they are rescheduling the Chai Club trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in NYC to Tuesday, April 1st. We will also continue our partnership with Cantor Sher's 'Adventures In Music' Series and sponsor Temple B'nai Torah's annual Second Seder on Tuesday, April 15th.

Janis Beldner is continuing her WWY (World Wide Yarmulke) donation project. When Janis heard that the temple in the old city of Dubrovnik, Croatia was running low on yarmulkes, Janis and the Chai Club donated a box of yarmulkes and provided the postage.

Don't forget to reserve your spot at the Villa Roma in the Catskills. Along with Couples Club, we are sponsoring

a retreat to the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center, Monday- Thursday, May 12-15, 2014. The Villa Roma trip includes all meals and a full schedule of activities. Two and three night options as well as single supplements and triple occupancy rates are available. Please call us for further information, 781-4966.

Please watch the TBT TIMES and SCROLL for announcements of future programs. Special thanks to Vice-president Mark Kean who insures all Chai Club news is publicized in a timely manner.

*Joan and Brian Levy
Chai Club Co-Presidents*

CHAI CLUB PROGRAMS FROM DECEMBER 2013 TO JUNE 2014

Please note that Chai Club programs are open to all members of Temple B'nai Torah. To help defray the cost of the programs, non-temple guests will be charged \$5.00 per person.

*You are eligible to join our club at age 50.
Please read the membership notice.*

Unless indicated, all programs are in the Kiddush Lounge at 7:30 p.m.
Birthdays are celebrated and a light collation is served.

- ♦ **December 2nd, 2013** – Martha Kolodkin, *Superstitions: Cavemen to Spacemen*
Please join Martha Kolodkin as she takes us on a journey back in time and explains the origins of the superstitions we all practice.

Most of our superstitions can be traced to ancient civilizations some two to four thousand years ago, while others arose in the middle Ages. Yet many of us cling to these superstitions in our daily lives.

You will see why the groom kisses the bride, we toss salt over our left shoulder, we say "God bless you" after a sneeze, and do a host of other actions that are second nature to us. We will celebrate December birthdays.
- ♦ **January 6th, 2014** – Please note special time change – 1:30 p.m. – C. Edward Hupton, *George Gershwin* program. Whether it is his Preludes or Rhapsody in Blue, Gershwin's original arrangements are widely known. Pianist C. Edward Hupton will certainly play these compositions with the same style as Gershwin himself.
- ♦ **February 3rd, 2014** – Art Schlesinger - *A Nostalgic Fun Night of Participative Interaction with a special program by Barbara Held*. The program will include a sing-a-long of several of the most popular oldies, rock and folk songs of the 50s, 60s and 70s, with song sheets for all to join in. We will also play a memory game involving the name of the songs, the year they made it "big" and their composers/singers.
- ♦ **March 3rd, 2014** – Ira Epstein - *Mike Nichols and Elaine May*
- ♦ **March 9th, 2014** – Hello Dolly - *BroadHollow Theatre in Elmont*. Detailed information to follow in early January.
- ♦ **April 1st, 2014** – Mark this on your calendar – *Trip to Museum of Jewish Heritage*. The flyer will come out in January, look for the flyer in the TBT Times and the Scroll.
- ♦ **April 15th, 2014** – Circle this on your calendar – Our third annual *Second night of Passover Seder*.
- ♦ **May 12th - 15th, 2014** – *Villa Roma Retreat* – Information is in the rack and on the website.
- ♦ **June 2nd, 2014** – This is our last general meeting of the year. We are bringing back *The Paul Joseph Jazz Trio* since this has been a very popular program over the years.
- ♦ **June 13th, 2014** – *Chai Shabbat Dinner 6:00 p.m.* in the Kiddush Lounge with Shabbat services following.



OUR COMMUNITY

TBT-PTA

December is here, and Thanksgiving and Chanukah have kicked off the holiday season. The PTA was right there in the midst of everything. To welcome Chanukah the PTA hosted a party for the children. They made edible dreidels, played the dreidel game, and they got gift bags too! It was so much fun!

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Club is in full swing. It's a great way to share and get ideas to help you plan your upcoming event. The club takes place during BNTY Jr. meetings. Remember to check the calendar for dates.

Our class parents have been selected and we have an increasing number of people coming to our PTA meetings. We are so excited to have you!!!! Please join us for the next one. Check the calendar and our Facebook page for the dates. Also, remember to join us at Brotherhood Breakfasts

Sunday mornings. If you haven't shown your support by joining PTA, it's not too late to donate \$18.

Our Box Top Collection is going well and we've already raised a lot of money. Please keep sending them in. Upcoming events include Tu B'shvat in January and Family BINGO, which will be held on February 9th. It is such an amazing activity for the whole Family so make sure you save the date. You'll be glad you did!

Finally, the PTA wants to remind you to celebrate the little things with your children and loved ones.

Randy Frances, Co-vice President

NURSERY SCHOOL REPORT



The beginning of this school year was hectic due to the early holidays, but we celebrated each one as it should be...apples and honey for Rosh Hashanah, making *shofars*, talking about things that we need to improve, Shabbat in the *sukkah* and, of course, edible torahs. In addition to our regular academic curriculum, we are

squeezing in preparations for Thanksgiving and Chanukah. The children are starting to learn the songs that they will sing at our Chanukah show. They enjoy their time with both the rabbi and the cantor. The children are very busy and having a ball. But that is not what I am choosing to write this article about. I ran into a parent whose child left us to go to universal (free) pre-K. She told me how she wished that she could have stayed with us. She proceeded to tell me that academically the four year old is learning what we taught to our three year olds. More importantly, she told me how much she missed being part of a "family". Of all the things that we accomplish during the year this is what makes me proudest. Any teacher can teach letters, colors, holidays, but it takes a special school to make the children and the parents feel at home. A safe place where their child will grow socially and academically, where the teachers will always take time to discuss your concerns and will report anything special that your child accomplished. When I talk to a family that is interested in enrolling that is what I tell them. So the next time someone says, "But your school is so small", my answer will be, "In a big school will the teacher call if she heard that someone in your family is ill?"

In a big school do the teachers have the time to sit and talk with every child? At other temples when the children who have graduated see their nursery school teachers, do they get a big hello, and sometimes a hug?" Maybe they do, but I do know that when our teachers are here for services, we get LOTS of hugs. Most of the families that send their children to nursery school, and join a temple, do choose to join Temple B'Nai Torah. So if you know of any families that are looking for a nursery school, please keep us in mind. We may be small, but we have so much love to offer. Isn't that most important when you are dealing with young children?

Let me add a special thank-you to Mike Kussman for his effort in applying to the Target Education Program on behalf of the Nursery School. We received a gift card from Target.

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8 9:00-11:30AM Grade 3 Fam. Ed. (Y/L) 9:00am Religious School/School Wing & K/L 9:15am Bro. Brkfast 10:00am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (Rm. 211) 11:30-noon Youth Choir (Sanc.) 12:30pm-5:30pm Temple Show Reh (S/H & K/L) 1:00pm Rosh Chodesh (101/103)	9 12:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Sanc.) 6:30pm-9:30pm Peter Pan Reh (S/H) 7:00-8:00pm Bro. Exec. Mtg (Rm 104) 7:00pm Sisterhood Evening of Learning @ Wantagh J.C. 7:00pm Rel. School 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (201) 8:00-9:00pm Bro. Board Mtg (K/L) 8:30pm BNTY Sr. Y/L	10 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) 4:30pm Rel. School 6:00-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (101/103) 6:30pm-9:30pm Temple Show Reh (S/H) 7:00pm Sisterhood Program (K/L) 7:00pm Jewish War Veterans Mtg (Y/L) 8:00pm Religious Ed Mtg (Lib.)	11 URJ Biennial (Away) No Rel. School 10:30am Bingo 6:30pm-9:30pm Temple Show Reh (S/H) 7:30-8:30pm Scouts Training (Y/L)	12 URJ Biennial (Away) 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) 7:30pm Bingo	13 URJ Biennial (Away) 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 8:00pm Erev Shabbat	14 URJ Biennial (Away) Couples Club Chanukah Party (Away) 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) 5:30pm-10:30pm Temple Show (S/H & K/L)
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Many things are done at TBT by volunteers, but not many people know what was done and by whom.

One example is the rebuilding of the Past-Presidents Plaque in the lobby. Harvey Drucker, Barry Lomove and I recently completed this project after many weeks of planning and fabrication. Harvey should be recognized for his leadership and dedication. He made full-sized mockups of the boards and researched vendors. As a result of his efforts the installation went smoothly. It was my pleasure to assist Harvey and Barry, two dedicated temple members.

Sol Goldstein.

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Jan. 11	(M) Jake Salomon (M) Benjamin Neches	David & Debra Neil & Alyssa
Jan. 18	(M) Jason Bottari	Phillip & Caroline
Jan. 25	(M) Spencer Gustafson (F) Michelle Dominquez	Alan & Jennifer Mitchell & Maureen
Feb. 1	(M) Ethan Herman	Cary & Beth
Feb. 8	(F) Danielle Spiegel	David & Josefina
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Pack 189



Cub Scouting Update

It has been a great month for Pack 189. October is always fun with Halloween, and this year was no exception. We had our Halloween Party and Haunted House for the pack and its families, and everyone had fun.

Advancement work continues, with all of our boys learning new things about how to be part of a team, how to be good citizens, and how to prepare for emergencies. All of this is done in a way that is fun for the boys. In addition, we spent a meeting learning how to play marbles. I always

thought marbles seemed like a silly game, but it is harder than it looks to play well.

We also took a pack trip to the Long Island Children's Museum. Not only was the trip a lot of fun, but I believe the LICM is an important institution in Nassau County. It was great to show them our support. Everyone who attended had a blast!

November will be a busy month for the pack, as the Webelos go camping with the troop on its annual Turkey Trip and the pack takes a trip to the American Museum of Natural History. All that, plus we will continue our advancement work with the boys, helping mold them into strong members of our community. It is going to be a fantastic time!

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