

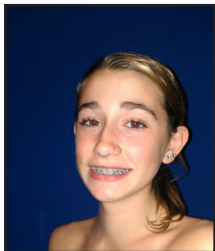
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B'NAI MITZVAH



November 9 Ella Schnee

Arthur & Faith

My name is Ella Schnee. I am an eighth grader at Berner Middle School. I like to play softball, swim and I have been dancing for 11 years. For my Mitzvah project I have volunteered my time to help the community. Two of the places I have been volunteering are the temple, where I am an aide in the classrooms helping students expand on Jewish studies, and also I volunteer at the Cultural Arts Program. I'm an outgoing person and always happy to meet new people. I would like to thank Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher, and Cantor Hiesiger, my mom and dad, and my sisters for helping me reach the place I am today.



November 16 Dylan Loiacono

Jill Siegel

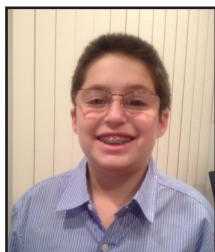
My name is Dylan Loiacono I attend Wantagh Middle School and I am in 7th grade. I like to play all sports and currently participate on two soccer teams and a baseball team. For my Mitzvah Project I had a food drive and donated the food to a local pantry. It was a great feeling to donate food for the holiday season. I would like to thank Mrs. Cannata, Mrs. Altman, and Cantor Sher for helping me prepare for my special day.



November 16 Jared Hunter Schwartz

James & Patricia

Hello, my name is Jared Schwartz. I enjoy playing classical and bass guitar, reading, and using the Internet. My Mitzvah Project involves volunteering at a Long Island Cares food pantry and assisting with the packaging of donated foods. I believe that it is important to help people less fortunate than I, so I will help give food to the hungry. I am an eighth grade Honors student at Salk Middle School. I truly appreciate all the help from my teachers and I look forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah.



November 23 Zachary Baruch

Michael & Nancy

My name is Zachary Baruch, and I'm an 8th grader at Wantagh Middle School. I am a brown belt in Karate, and I am also on the school's track team. I've been going to sleepaway camp for the past 3 years, and I also love to play video games. For my Mitzvah Project I sold t-shirts and bracelets for the "Who Cares" charity of "Teen Cancer America". It helps teens and young adults in their fight with cancer. I would like to thank Cantor Hiesiger, Cantor Sher, Rabbi Bellows, and especially my family for helping make this the best day ever.



November 23 Sarah Faith Lefkowitz

Jason & Heather

Hi, my name is Sarah Lefkowitz and I am an 8th grade Honor Student at Berner Middle School in Massapequa. I am a goalie on my travel soccer team, have been playing the drums for five years, enjoy reading, snuggling with my dog Jaxon and having fun with my friends. For my Bat Mitzvah project I volunteer for the Massapequa Soccer Club's "Special Soccer" program. It's fulfilling to share my love of soccer with kids who have special needs. Lots of thanks and hugs go out to my parents and to my Hebrew teachers-especially Mrs. Altman, Cantor Sher and Rabbi Bellows.

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NOVEMBER RITUAL CALENDAR

Friday, November 1st	Family Shabbat	7:30 pm
Saturday, November 2nd	Services	10:30 am
Friday, November 8th	Tot Shabbat	5:30 pm
Friday, November 8th	Shabbat Service	8:00 pm
Saturday, November 9th	Services, 1 BM	10:30 am
Friday, November 15th	Kabbalat Service	6:30 pm
Saturday, November 16th	Services, 2 BM	10:30 am
Tuesday, November 19th	Ritual Committee	7:30 pm
Friday, November 22nd	Shabbat Service	8:00 pm
Saturday, November 23rd	Services, 2 BM	10:30 am
Wednesday, November 27th	First Candle of Chanukah at Sundown	
Wednesday, November 27th	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Cong. Beth Tikvah	7:30 pm
Friday, November 29th	Shabbat Chanukah Service	7:30 pm

Selected from the TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH BOARD MINUTES

August 27, 2013 at 8:00pm

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

- Blessings / *D'var Torah* – Rabbi Bellows – ReformJudaism.org is a new website to checkout for latest updates. The Rabbi led a discussion on words that hurt.
 - Secretary's Report – Review/Acceptance of Last Month's Minutes, Board correspondence. Correction to minutes: February 10th will be a fundraiser, no specifics. December 9th will be an Evening of Learning at Temple Beth Tikvah
 - Unfinished Business – None
 - Financial Secretary Report – Alan Lazarus – To date 17 new members, 15 resigned. 499 total. Alan thanked board for all the support during these difficult times
 - Investments Report – Alan Loewenstein – Investment Policy Statement being completed. The template is from Binghamton's Foundation as provided by Ray Russolillo. A motion was presented to have Larry Prosky, Rich Epler, Shari Cullen, Ed Kliegman and Ray Russolillo serve on the Investment Committee. Motion passed.
- It was decided to hire an outside investment advisor to manage the assets that will be monitored by the Investment Committee. A question of fees arose. Depending on the manager it could range from 0% to 1.0%. The biggest question is asset allocation. How does board feel about investments that could possibly decline? Do we leave some cash in the account? The Committee needs an updated Balance sheet.
- Caring Committee Report – Jan Friedman – Herb Price is away. Pearl Sutz is making calls. Allison Garvey can use help in the house, driving. Rides from people in school needed
 - President's Report – Sherrill Spatz – The 'paying it forward' project for the assessment, 66% are approving. All public announcements for local papers should go through Rob for approval. Email list needs to be updated. Honey Fund raised less than last year due to increased price of honey.

Amazon Fundraiser made \$560 last year


New Website: www.tbttwantagh.org up and running. Judy Kule is taking over scroll tbtsroll@gmail.com. Scroll is too lengthy, needs links to website. New Year's cards being mailed, fundraised approximately \$2,800. Book of Remembrance will make more than last year. All flyers should be sent to Sharon Cernese to post onto Web site using scernese@pb.net

Winter *Kallah* meeting soon. Need volunteers to host Building ceiling painted. All fixtures cleaned. High hat rims painted. Building cleaned and ready for HH. New flowers planted. Need people to sit on *Bimah* for HH. Tessa making 2nd day RH speech

- Rabbi talked about Biennial

Meeting Adjourned at 10:01PM

Respectfully submitted: Janee Loewenstein



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Shalom, Chaverim – Hello, friends,

Do you believe in “love at first sight?” Do you think Judaism does? At the very end of October, we read a beautiful love story that seems to contain an instance of this kind of love – please allow me share it with you.

Parashat Chayei Sarah (Genesis 23:1-25:18) begins with the death

of Abraham’s beloved wife, Sarah. Following her burial, Abraham decides it is time for Isaac to get married. Thus, Abraham sends a servant to his native land, the land of Haran. The servant reached the town’s wells at evening time. He made his camels kneel down as he waited for the women to come to draw water. The servant offered the following prayer:

“Here I stand by the spring as the daughters of the townsmen come out to draw water. Let the maiden to whom I say, “Please lower your jar that I may drink,” and who replies, “Drink, and I will also water your camels” – let her be the one whom You have decreed for Your servant Isaac. Thereby shall I know that You have dealt graciously with my master.”

Now, the servant had barely finished, when Rebekah approached. She went down to the spring and filled her jar. When she came back up to where the servant was, he asked for a drink, and she responded, “Drink. I will also draw for your camels until they finish drinking.”

Rebekah invites the servant back to the house to meet her father, Bethuel, and her brother, Laban. Abraham’s servant shares the entire tale with the whole family, and when he finishes, Laban and Bethuel declare that he may take Rebekah to Isaac, yet only in ten more days. The servant explains that he really must hasten back to Abraham, at which point the family says, essentially, “Well, ask her what she wants to do.” (Such respect for her own needs!!) The family asks her, “Will you go with this man?” and she replies, “I will.”

Rebekah travels back with the servant to Canaan. Toward evening, Isaac went out walking in the field. When he looked up, he saw camels approaching. Looking up, Rebekah saw Isaac. She got off her own camel – some even say that she fell off, she was so in love! She said to the servant, “Who is that man walking in the field toward us?” “That is my master,” the servant replied. Isaac immediately fell in love with her, then brought Rebekah into the tent of his mother, Sarah.

So, was it love at first sight? What do you think was God’s role in the “*shidduch*?” I leave that up to you to determine. When I imagine the scene in my sometimes melodramatic way, I picture the silhouettes of Rebekah on her camel, and Isaac standing before her in a field, and the

sun setting behind them. In one moment they both look up (just like a soap opera!!), and you can almost feel their hearts skipping a beat at the sight of the other. Besides, throughout the rest of their story, it does seem as if they truly love each other, particularly when you consider that Isaac is the only one of the three patriarchs who remains monogamous.

Beyond the idea of monogamy and love, there is so much more to learn from Rebekah. We read that what makes her especially beautiful is her hospitality (she invites the servant back to her house without hesitation), and her kindness (not only does she allow the servant to drink, but she provides water for the camels until they finish drinking). We see an incredibly generous act here – allowing camels to drink until they are done could easily be at least 14 gallons. and the text tells us that there were 10 camels altogether. This demonstrates a very high level of kindness towards animals.

Understanding this metaphorically, we learn that, even when something is difficult, we need to go all the way and complete the task. Once we commit to an action, project, or deed of any kind, we should finish it. Walking back and forth to a spring and filling a small water jug 140 times is inspirational. Rarely do we find ourselves up to such a task. But Rebekah stands before us in our tradition, begging us to live up to our potentials and our expectations. We deserve to be our best, and others deserve to receive our best. Just as Rebekah was beautiful because of her innate goodness, so we are more beautiful when these inner qualities shine through.

Let us all learn from Rebekah. Let us make this a month filled with inner beauty, kindness, generosity, commitment, and humility. May we find something beautiful about every person in our lives, and appreciate the love for friends and family that fills our days.

*L’shalom,
Rabbi Marci N. Bellows*

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Let's imagine a conversation between an imaginary congregant, Dr. Yoni Ploni, with our imaginary cantor, Chazzan Evets Rehs. Imagine the conversation going something like this:

Dr. Ploni (upon meeting Cantor Rehs just after Yom Kippur N'ilah services): Cantor Rehs, I'm very upset that you not only had water on the bima, but also actively drank from the cup! I'm personally offended at such a flagrant display of disregard for those of us who maintain the integrity and piety of our High Holiday Days!

Cantor Rehs (rather mortified to be accosted in such a manner): Thank you, Dr. Ploni; and, to you, as well, a happy, healthy and fortunate New Year! I can see that the intensity of your inquiry even supersedes your sense of dignity, respect and thoughtfulness. It must be very important!

Dr. Ploni: Um....ugh, oh yes, Happy New Year to you, as well.....nu? What about it? How can you chug down water when your congregants are choosing to deny themselves the creature comforts of living in order to sincerely repent for their yearly transgressions?

Cantor Rehs: Dr. Ploni, you may not be aware, but many of the most lofty and highly respected of our teachings and commentary emphasize the concept of choosing life over all else, especially those traditional and ancient rituals by which many define themselves, as Jews. The Talmud, the Mishnah, and other of our most important tractates mandate that we "Choose life!" Knowing our tradition, will surely enlighten us to do the right thing in any situation that challenges our ritual priorities. Of course, Dr. Ploni, I know that you are well aware of this edict that defines us as Jews and prioritizes our welfare, especially in concerns over our physical well-being.

Dr. Ploni: But Cantor Rehs, you should be setting an example of maintaining the importance of our High Holiday rituals, whether or not they violate these important *halachic* tenets!

Cantor Rehs: Perhaps I didn't make myself clear. Our tradition teaches us that preserving our health and welfare, even at the sacrifice of certain important ritual practices, takes precedent and is the choice we must make in answering to our Higher Authority. For example, being able to hydrate the vocal chords and throat are necessary to be able to maintain adequate ability to continuously vocalize our sacred texts in a responsible and capable manner, further insuring that our traditional renderings maintain the integrity of the text. There are also chronic maladies that must be considered in being able to achieve this Herculean task, for which we train, long and hard, over many years.....

Dr. Ploni (interrupting in earnest)....but what about our

congregants who suffer just such maladies and must remain to deny themselves?

Cantor Rehs (becoming more frustrated, yet maintaining the dignity of his station): Each congregant is mandated to take responsibility for this challenging choice; that is, to say, we must determine, independently of any projected expectation, what is the most responsible decision we can make, with our utmost regard for how this observance will impact upon our own health and welfare. Therefore, as concerned Jews, we must be asking ourselves, "What is the most meaningful observance I can practice, based upon my own integrity and the responsibility I have for, not only my own welfare, but also the welfare of those others to whom I am responsible?" A ritual decision is not made in a vacuum and should not be made based upon what others will think of your practice, but how this practice will enhance and clarify your own beliefs.

Dr. Ploni: Cantor, I think I get it! Are you saying that I should be more concerned about why I practice ritual, not why you don't?

Cantor Rehs: You've got it! The *chrain* in Spain, on the table makes a stain! Yes, ritual observance is a relative phenomenon; we will always find those who will be critical of us for not fulfilling their judgments on what is appropriate. As reform Jews, we distinguish ourselves from others in being free to choose what is meaningful, not for the other guy, but for ourselves, a much greater and more profound responsibility. Always keep in mind, that our lofty ritual aspirations should always be seen in the context of our first and foremost responsibility to our health and well being. Be not one to judge others, or we, ourselves, may be judged harshly by a Higher Authority.

Dr. Ploni: Thank you, Cantor, for your insightful comments. By the way, how come you don't wear a yarmulke???

Cantor Rehs: Oy! Get another question!

I welcome your comments. May you continue to enjoy this New Year!

Cantor Steve Sher



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thanksgivukkah and Hanukkah Harry

This year is like no other that has come before, and will not come again until the year 79,811, because for the first time, Hanukkah and Thanksgiving will overlap. On November 28 the two holidays will occur on the same day for the first time ever, and for the last time in over 75,000 years.

Thanksgiving and Hanukkah had always been fun holidays for myself and my family. It was a time when everyone, friends included, would gather at my house for dinner and great laughs...the biggest laughs coming because everyone knew, except my mother-in-law, that I hated to cook. So I ordered in. She always bragged to anyone that would listen what a balabusta I was. All that came to a halt about 10 years ago, when my daughter Jennifer and her husband Brian decided quite suddenly that giving up their great jobs on Long Island and moving to Florida to be near friends was the best idea they ever had. My son Jonathan and his wife Jodi and daughter Miya were already down there. So that left my late husband Barry and I up here alone. It was then decided that Barry and I would make the pilgrimage down to Florida for Thanksgiving every year.

Two years after moving to Florida, Jennifer and Brian had their first daughter Brianna, and two years after that, their daughter Hailey. Now my children wanted me to come down not only for Thanksgiving, but for Hanukkah also. How could I pass up seeing my granddaughters' learning how to light the candles and opening their presents from Hanukkah Harry, my daughter's answer to Santa Claus? I think they all forgot that I worked and Barry wasn't well so we couldn't come down for every birthday and event in their life. So we chose to just go for Thanksgiving and teach my granddaughters about lighting the candles by visiting via Skype and watching videos of them finding and opening their presents from Hanukkah Harry.

Why I am telling you all this? Much of the activities revolving around Thanksgiving and Hanukkah take place at home with friends and family. The coincidence of these holidays falling together gives me a chance to blend my personal and temple life. As one of the lay leaders of Temple B'nai Torah, I feel it is important to share a bit of myself. As you can probably tell my sense of family is of utmost importance to me. So, too, is my TBT family.

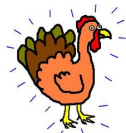
Now this year, I am given the greatest opportunity to celebrate both Thanksgiving and Hanukkah with my entire family in Florida. There will be 20 of us. My daughter and I now cook together and we are deciding whether to

make a deep fried turkey, sweet potato latkes and cranberry sufganiyot. My beloved husband Barry will only be with us in spirit for this great occasion. He passed away on the first night of Hanukkah in 2007. His 63rd birthday would have been on Thanksgiving this year, November 28th. This Thanksgivukkah will be one to remember forever.

From my home to yours, I hope that you will all have a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgivukkah.

*L'shalom,
Sherrill Spatz*

FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN



IS THIS THE YEAR FOR A NOVEMBER DILEMMA?



Cranberry sauce with latkes? Yes! The usual sweet potatoes will have to sit this one out. It's 2013/5774 and the turkey must share the spotlight with the *channukia*. Football, presents, dreidle, all on the same day! Pass the pumpkin pie and light the menorah!

The 2013 November calendar is unique and never to occur again. This year 25th Kislev and November 28th, first day of Chanukah and Thanksgiving Day, share the same box. (OK, it happens next in the year 79,811 -- but who's counting?)

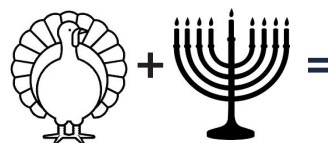
But wait -- there's more! Joining this calendar situation will be a show in the heavens above: Comet ISON is on its way to pass in the sky and might provide an impressive spectacle.



It will be interesting to see the many Thanksgivukkah recipes which will be invented to combine the holidays. Let's hear it for the bird; let's hear it for the oil! Quoted in the *Wall St. Journal* physicist Eli Lansky, who studied the calendar convergence, said "If ever there was a year for deep fried turkey, this is it!"

An early wish for a good holiday to everyone.

Mark Chester, Editor



Thanksgivukkah

BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS



Hello again from Harvey and Bruce, Brotherhood co-Presidents.

One year after Sandy, we hope that everyone has recuperated and refreshed.

Brotherhood continues to provide a welcoming environment for men of all ages.

During October, just passed, we tried an outreach to men with teenage sons, offering free dinner to those sons at our Monday Night football dinner. Thanks to Eric Altman and his crew for dinner arrangements.

Thanks to all the Brotherhood members who put up, and took down, the *Sukkah*, and to Les Richards and Jill Florman (TBT's Arts & Crafts

teacher) for the beautiful Sukkah decorations.

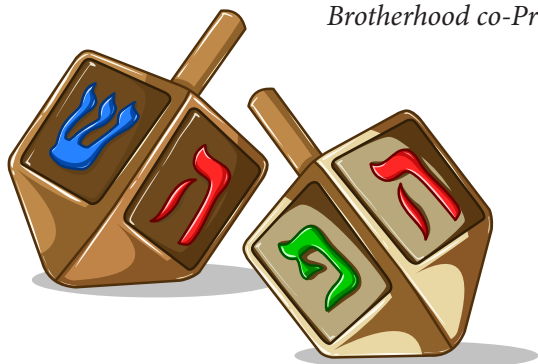
In September, we hoped to reach out to all congregants with free Sunday breakfasts when school was in session. Now our regular \$4 price is in effect.... still a great offer with eggs, bagels, juice and coffee/tea and more. Come and check it out at 9:15 every Sunday that school is in session.

Looking forward to the coming month, we have a joint dinner with Sisterhood on November 12th and a Holiday Fair/Flea Market on December 1st.

All of these events are great opportunities to meet your fellow congregants in a friendly, social environment. Men of all ages may join together in our Brotherhood. We serve the needs of our long-term members and our young fathers. All men in our congregation can benefit from this great environment.

Why not join Brotherhood now and be a part of these worthwhile endeavors?

*Harvey Wiener,
Brotherhood co-President*



Join Sisterhood & Brotherhood

on

Tuesday, November 12th

for

The Annual Joint Dinner

It's a great time to get together with friends: to socialize, to schmooze, to eat, to enjoy!

Cocktails: 7 pm; Dinner: 7:45 pm in the Social Hall

- ❖ \$10.00 for all Sisterhood members (with or without guests) & all Brotherhood members (with or without guests). You do not need to bring a guest!
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- ❖ *R.S.V.P with check (must be received no later than November 7th, 2013)*
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\$ 10.00 per person with an RSVP for all Sisterhood members and all Brotherhood members.

\$ 15.00 for any guests that you bring.

Total attending _____

Amount enclosed _____

Check # _____

OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



Sisterhood membership for 2013/2014 is growing! As of the writing of this column, I'm happy to report that we have over 140 members. For those of you who have not yet joined our ranks, please do...and please come and introduce yourself to me if we haven't met.

There's always lots of activity going on at the temple—especially with Sisterhood—and this month is no different. The following events are scheduled and I hope you'll participate by attending and/or helping out:

- Sunday, November 3 – Rosh Chodesh at 1:00 P.M. (Which woman of the Bible will be discussed? Come and find out.)
- Tuesday, November 12 – Brotherhood/Sisterhood Dinner at 7:00 P.M. (The food and entertainment should be a real treat.)
- Tuesday, November 19 – Night of Beauty at Bangz at 7:00 P.M. (This sells out quickly because of limited space so sign up ASAP. You'll leave Bangz feeling like a million bucks.)
- Sunday, November 24 – Hanukkah Gift Sale at 9:00 A.M. (Lynn Vosper, in charge of the Judaica shop, has great merchandise for you to buy at many price points. There's something for everyone.)

The Hanukkah gift sale is very early this year because, believe it or not, the first Hanukkah candle gets lit on Wednesday night, November 27, which is the eve before Thanksgiving. What wonderful timing!

I am very thankful for the love of my family and friends, as well as all the blessings in my life. I am also thankful for TBT, my "home away from home." How about you?

Sincerely,
Diane Schoenberg
Sisterhood President



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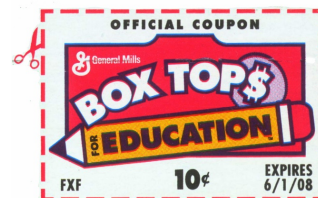
TBT has been approved to participate in the Box Tops for Education Program! **What is the Box Tops Program?** For those who are not familiar; this program was designed to help schools financially by having students clip Box Top coupons and hand them into their teachers. The coupons are remitted to the program director and a check is sent to the participating school. Each coupon is worth 10 cents! (think, if everybody cut out 10 coupons at 10 cents each, that's \$1.00 for every congregant.....)

These coupons can be found on select products from manufacturers who chose to be a part of this program. Old El Paso, Betty Crocker cake mixes, Cheerios, Land O Lakes butter, Hefty trash bags and Ziploc baggies just to name a few. A complete list of these manufacturers can be found with the flyer.

We are asking **ALL CONGREGANTS** to take part in selecting food products with the Box Top Coupons, cut them out and bring them in.

A collection box will be permanently stationed outside the Religious School office. On Sundays a jar will be stationed on the table where gift certificates are being sold outside the Social Hall. Be sure to place your coupons in an envelope or baggie with your name on it. We will be having a contest; the congregant and family who collect the most will be eligible for a prize! Envelopes can also be placed in Julia Brite's mailbox in the office. Thank You and start clipping!

What does a Box Top Coupon look like? Please make sure when cutting, the expiration date is legible.



ADULT EDUCATION

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

ROSH CHODESH STUDY SESSION
Sunday, November 3rd – 1pm

INTRODUCTION TO CHANUKAH
Sunday, November 17th – 1 pm

INTRODUCTION TO CHANUKAH COOKING
Sunday, November 24th – 1pm

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH CLASS
Every Sunday – 10:00 am

TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI BELLAWS
Every Monday – 12 noon



OUR COMMUNITY

COUPLES' CLUB

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These legendary confrontations pale in comparison to what will occur when Steve (Lord Bubble) Block, the hero of the Netherlands, meets King Phra Pathom Chedi (The Devourer), at the Tiger Temple in early November. The monks have assured us that their champion is in top form, while Steve is in a rigorous training program at all of the Long Island buffet restaurants. The January bulletin will feature photos of this skirmish. Ed "The Deliverer" Pincus, the Couples' Club consigliere, is handling all wagers on the outcome.



Saturday evening, September 7th, more than thirty Couples' Club members met at our VIP private, strategically located area at the Lakeside Theater in Eisenhower Park. As the staff cleared the remnants of our Kobe Beef / Lobster dinner, a chant started nearby. "We Want The Voice, We Want The Voice." This refrain quickly spread to the several thousand attendees. In a few moments the Trophy Trio of Barbara (The Voice) Morgenlender, Deborah (Grandmother-in-law) Schlesinger, and Linda (Ginger Rogers) Lazarus were lifted up, and passed overhead, from outstretched arm to outstretched arm until they reached the stage. Neil Sedaka soon joined them, and the concert proceeded into the early morning, with 37 encores.

Our calendar for the last few weeks has been extremely hectic:

On October 5th the Couples Club gladiators met in the Kiddush lounge for a rough-and-tumble round of Military Bridge, hosted by Gerry (The Marksman) Morgenlender, and Arthur (The Chairman) Schlesinger, both dressed in full Ninja gear.

The teams of four competed in several high intensity rounds, making the "Game of Thrones" look like a nursery rhyme. Finally one valiant team achieved everlasting glory, and won the ultimate prize.

October 13th found us at the Black Forest Brew Haus, for the Oktoberfest party. Alan (The Brew Master) Loewenstein, a five star Michelin hops fermentation expert, lectured us on the fine points of the many varieties of ale we consumed. After singing and dancing to the traditional band, we partook of an exceptional meal.

The highlight of the fall season was once again the Decades Dance on October 19th. We can only repeat our observation of last year, "Pity the fools who missed the Decades Dance." The outstanding band and food would have been enough but Sharon and Ben Cernese (The Dependables), along with their inter-arms support, did wonders. From the lesson on the "Blue Footed Boobies Mating Dance," to the tasting of Mark (Mr. Horseradish) Kean's Tiger Recipe, everything was superlative.

Space limitations prevent the telling of our Couples' Club adventurers' journey on the Adriatic Sea to ancient ports of call. Look for this in a future write-up.

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 special 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: Borrow money from pessimists - they don't expect it back.



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CHAI NOTES



Last minute reservations to our Membership Dinner, 6:30 PM, Monday, November 4th are still available. Please call (ASAP) Rita Hofer 785-5827 or Joan Levy, 781-4966. Special thanks to Rita Hofer and her committee (Janis Beldner, Harriet Bernstein,

Vicki Deutsch, Dorothy Duckstein, Barbara Gouveia, Sarita Keyser and Shelley Lomove) for planning this sumptuous dinner. Don't forget to include your Chai Club dues, still \$18 per person.

Our December program will be held, Monday, December 2 at 7:30 pm in the Kiddush Lounge. Back by popular demand: the noted author and satirist Martha Kolodkin who will entertain us. Martha's program will feature "Superstitions from Caveman to Spaceman". Do you spit three times when you see a funeral procession go by or even when you hear good news? Or 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.

In the spring we will continue our partnership with Cantor Sher's 'Adventures In Music' series and sponsor Temple B'nai Torah's annual Second Seder. Pearl Sutz is also planning to continue her series of theatre trips to Broadhollow or Hofstra. Janis Beldner and Shelley Lomove have also announced that they are rescheduling the Chai Club trip to the Jewish Museum in NYC. Watch this column and the TBT Scroll for announcements.

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.

Congratulations to Adele Freeman and Bernie Deutsch for winning our birthday cheer prizes at our September 30 program. Lucky Adele also won the 50-50 door prize!

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

*Joan and Brian Levy
Chai Club Co-Presidents*

Fifty is the new Chai

By Mark Kean

Fifty or older is a fortunate age. Why? If you are married and your spouse is at least fifty you can now join the Chai Club of Temple B'nai Torah. It isn't too late to be a member. Dues are only \$18.00 per person.

Join us at The Annual Paid-up Membership Dinner Monday, November 4th, 2013 and be part of our unique group

The dinner is complimentary, but we are asking for a small donation of \$10.00 to help defray our costs. We start at 6:30 p.m. with an outstanding cocktail hour, which you will talk about for days, a full dinner with yummy desserts, as only Rita Hofer and her renowned committee serve.

As you talk with your friends enjoy a glass of wine. Then settle back for entertainment by some members of the cast of Cabaret.

Drop off your reservation form and check or mail to the Temple no later than October 28th, 2013. Make your checks for the Annual Paid up Membership Dinner payable, to TBT CHAI CLUB.

The cost for dinner for guests, and non-members of Chai Club is \$20.00 per person.

Any questions, call
Rita Hofer at (516) 785-5827
or Joan Levy at (516) 781-4966

We look forward to seeing you at the dinner as a member of Chai Club. Our membership dinner is a highlight of the Chai Club calendar.



OUR COMMUNITY

TBT-PTA

Wow! It's unbelievable that we're into November! On October 12th, the PTA hosted the second 'Pizza, Prayers, & Pajamas'. It was a fun-filled night for all of the children and adults who came. Thank you to everyone for making this such a successful event and we hope you will join us next time.

In just a few weeks it will be Thanksgiving and Chanukah! This is an exciting time! The PTA will be in the classrooms hosting fun activities and helping children pick the perfect gifts for their families.

The PTA is preparing for our annual Family BINGO on February 9th. This is a fabulous family event. If you haven't joined us before, come this year. We guarantee you'll be glad you did. Keep your eyes open for flyers in the upcoming weeks and save the date!

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Planning Club is off to a great start. The club meets at the same time as BNTY Jr. Please check the calendar and stop by – we are learning so much from each other about planning the big day!

Our Box Top collection is off and running. Please keep sending them in. All money raised will be used for children. Also, if you haven't shown your support of the PTA by donating \$18 for membership, it's not too late.

To find out the latest information and all the incredible things the PTA is doing or how you can help, go to Facebook and check out the TBT-PTA page.

Finally, PTA would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! May love and friendship fill your homes and hearts during this season.

CONGREGANT CORNER

Audrey Neuhaus Axelrod and her family, husband Alan and children Matthew (11) and Jaime (7), have been members of TBT for a few years now. Both Matthew and Jaime attend our Religious School and both graduated from the preschool.



Audrey is a social worker for the US Department of Health and Human Services. Her area of expertise is childhood development and child care.

When she's not at the office Audrey likes to bake, take nature walks, and do crafts. She loves animals and has a big shaggy dog named Duncan el Pegao.

Audrey has been recuperating from bilateral knee surgery. "I will always be grateful to Cantor Sher for calling me while in the hospital after my knee replacement surgery. It was a difficult time and I watched other clergy visit patients throughout the 6 weeks I was there. I was so happy when I got a call from the Cantor, I felt that I was not alone. Thank you."

Temple B'ani Torah has become a second home for the Axelrod family. "I guess TBT has really become an extended family. I see my kids are cared for by others, Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher are always available to talk or just be with you. People are welcoming and warm. I always find people who are willing to help. Preschool was fantastic for my kids as was Cub Scouts. The religious school is becoming a positive experience for them also. I have made some good friends throughout the years."

Regarding the clergy, Audrey says "I have had many positives experiences with Rabbi Bellows and Rabbi

Pasternak. They have always been there to clarify and reassure me in times of trouble."

Audrey likes many of the activities of the temple. "I especially liked the 'Prayer Pizza and Pajamas' activity last year. We all had fun. I enjoy the Shabbat on the beach and festivals. This year I'm trying Sisterhood. I have made some friends with other mothers in the school and hope to deepen those relationships in Sisterhood."

"In general I have a good feeling about our temple. I like the spiritual flavor of services and love that the rabbi always takes an opportunity to teach us about different aspects of the worship. This year I have high hopes for the religious school. My children were not enjoying it and we were struggling with sending them every week. This year they both love their teachers, which gives me great hope. I do wish there was more teaching of Jewish traditions so that the children can understand why we do certain practices (eg. Kosher, tallit, kippot) I think it would help them in understanding their Jewish identity. I also think it would be good for the adults to learn more about Reform, especially when as in our case I am a convert and Alan comes from a more "conservadox" tradition."

Audrey sums up TBT best by saying: "It is a good place to be."

by Jeff Cohen

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

We all know the story of Chanukah. The Maccabees, after triumphing over the Greeks, returned to Jerusalem to dedicate the Temple. There was only enough oil for the menorah to burn for one day, but miraculously it burned for eight days.

There are many other levels, however, on which Chanukah can be understood. Chanukah occurs at the beginning of winter when the days are shortest. We all feel this transition to the coldest season of the year as the shadows of the night lengthen. Chanukah is our characteristically Jewish response to darkness. At the darkest time of the year, we kindle light. Each night we add one more light until, by the eighth night, the winter gloom is banished in a blaze of light.

The *Sefath Emet*, a Hasidic sage, explained why all the holidays, including Chanukah, are determined by the lunar rather than the solar calendar. To count by the sun requires no act of faith. The sun rises every day. We count our months and determine our holidays by the new moon. When the moon has vanished and the sky is dark, we proclaim our hope for the new month. To look to the future in the darkest moment is an act of faith.

Chanukah is a reminder that in moments of darkness we can always create light. Over and over again I am amazed at how, through acts of loving kindness by the students of Temple B'nai Torah, the faith and light are rekindled in



so many different ways. Our seventh grade students made sandwiches for the INN. Students are always organizing and collecting for those who are in need. In discussions with classes in the Religious School, they suggested that the *tzedakah* we collect in the school go to worthy causes, such as cancer research, diabetes research, sponsoring a terminally ill child to go to camp, as well as to Jewish organizations such as Magen David Adom and the Jewish National Fund. We should all be proud of how the students of Temple B'nai Torah help to rekindle the light of faith.

Wishing you all a Happy Festival of Lights.

*L'Shalom,
Elisa Blank
Director of Education*

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NOVEMBER 2013					1 • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 7:30pm Family Svc	2 • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Service
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends • 9:00am Rel. School • 9:00am Magevet (K/L) • 9:15am Bro. Brkfst • 10:00am PTA Meeting (S/H) • 10:00am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Cls (201) • 10:30am-12:30pm Bro. Defensive Driving Cls (Y/L) • 12:30-3:30pm Temple Show Reh (S/H) • 1:00pm Rosh Chodesh (K/L)	4 • 12:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) • 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Sanc.) • 6:30pm-9:30pm Temple Show Reh • 6:30-10:00pm Chai Club Mem Din (S/H) • 7:00pm Rel. School • 7:00-8:00pm Bro. Exec. Mtg (Rm 104) • 7:30pm Adult Choir (201) • 8:00-9:00pm Bro. Board Mtg (K/L) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	5 • Election Day - No Nursery School • No Rel. School • 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) • 6:30pm-9:30pm Temple Show Reh (S/H) • 6:45pm Sisterhood Exec. Bd Mtg (K/L) • 7:00-8:30pm Cabaret Reh. (Y/L) • 7:45pm Sisterhood Board Mtg (K/L)	6 • No Rel. School • 10:30am Bingo	7 • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo	8 • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 5:30pm Tot Shabbat • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat	9 • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Service (1) B/M Schnee • 7:00pm Cabaret Show (S/H)
10 • Building Closed • No Rel. School • LITE Conference (Away) • 1:00pm BNTY Jr. Event (Away)	11 Veterans Day • Veterans Day - No Nursery School/No Rel. School	12 • 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) • 4:30pm Rel. School • 6:30-9:30pm Temple Show Reh (Y/L) • 7:00pm Brother hood-Sisterhood Dinner (S/H) • 7:00pm Jewish War Vets Mtg (101/103)	13 • No Rel. School • 5:30pm B/M Orientation • 10:30am Bingo November 2014 families (K/L)	14 • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)	15 • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 6:00pm Pre-Neg • 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	16 • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am SVCS (2) B/M Loiacono & Schwartz • 7:00pm Cabaret Show (S/H)
17 • 9:00am Rel. School Grad. 6 Fam Ed (Y/L) • 9:15am Bro. Brkfst • 10:00am-12:00pm Book Review (Lib.) • 10:00am Mem. Mtg (K/L) • 10:00am Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (201) • 11:30-noon Youth Choir (Sanc.) • 11:30am-1:00pm 5th Grade Chanukah Party (Y/L) • 12:30-3:30pm Peter Pan Show Reh (S/H) • 1:00pm Adult Ed-Intro to Chanukah K/L • 6:45pm Triple Bingo	18 • 12:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) • 6:30pm-9:30pm Temple Show Reh (S/H) • 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Sanc.) • 7:00pm Housing Mtg. (K/L) • 7:00pm Rel. School • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (201) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	19 • 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) • 4:30pm Rel. School • 6:00-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) • 6:30-9:30pm Peter Pan Reh (S/H) • 7:00pm Sisterhood Night of Beauty (A) • 7:30pm Ritual Com. Mtg (K/L) • 8:00pm Religious Ed Mtg (Lib.)	20 • No Rel. School • 10:30am Bingo	21 • 6:00pm B/M photos - Baruch - Sanctuary • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)	22 • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat • Aufruf Arielle Herbert & Oliver Hudesman	23 • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am SVCS 2 B/M Baruch & Lefkowitz • 12:00pm-2:00pm Lefkowitz B/M Luncheon (K/L) • 7:00pm Couples Club Dinner (Away)
24 • 8:00am-1:00pm Sisterhood Chanukah Sale (Lobby) • 9:00am Rel. Sch. /School Wing & K/L • 9:15am Bro. Brkfst • 10:00am Adult B/M Class (Rm. 201) • 12:30pm-3:30pm Peter Pan Reh (S/H) • 1:00pm Adult Ed-Intro to Chanukah /Jewish Cooking (K/L)	25 • Nursery School Feast in Classroom • 12:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (S/H) • 1:00pm-3:00pm Womens Mead In K/L • 6:30pm Teen Choir (Sanc.) • 6:30-9:30pm Peter Pan Reh (S/H) • 7:00pm Rel. School • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (201) • 7:30pm Chai Board Mtg (K/L) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. Y/L	26 • 10:00am Al Anon (K/L) • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) • 4:30pm Rel. School • 6:00-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) • 6:30pm-9:30pm Temple Show Reh (S/H) • 6:45pm Exec. Bd. Mtg (K/L) • 8:00pm Board Meeting (K/L)	27 Chanukah • No Bingo • No Rel. School • 7:30pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Svc @Cong. Beth Tikvah	28 Thanksgiving; Chanukah • Building Closed • No Bingo • No Nursery School	29 Chanukah • Office Closed • No Nursery School • 7:30pm Shabbat Chanukah Svc	30 Chanukah • Flea Market Set-up all day • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L)

AN INTERFAITH EVENING



Cantor Sher invited Cantor Irene Failenbogen and her husband Reverend Bill McBride (a former Catholic priest) for an interfaith evening of dialogue and song. Irene played her guitar and sang. Bill told the story of their life together.

They have two sons, and both boys are being brought up in both religions. In fact Michael, the older, will become a Bar Mitzvah this year.

In addition to their professional duties as a Cantor and Minister, they consult with interfaith couples before and after marriage and, in many cases, together they perform interfaith weddings.

This is an interesting task in our day. So many meet and discover they are of a different faith. How do they resolve their dilemmas? Some give up and ignore their youth. Others convert to their mates' faith.

This was an interesting and stimulating event for our congregation. Cantor Sher said the couple will be back to visit us again soon. Cantor Irene was a Cantorial soloist for several years at Legacy Temple Judea. It was a joy to see them again and learn of their life together and the infinite worth of others.

*Rita S. Drucker
Photo: Harvey Drucker*

UNIONGRAM ORDER FORM

The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah **November 9, 2013 through DECEMBER 21, 2013.**

Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations, and **PRINT** your name as you want it to appear on the Uniongrams.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
Nov. 9	(F) Ella Schnee	Arthur & Faith
Nov. 16	(M) Dylan Loiacono	Jill Siegel
	(M) Jared Hunter Schwartz	James & Patricia
Nov. 23	(M) Zachary Baruch	Michael & Nancy
	(F) Sarah Faith Lefkowitz	Jason & Heather
Dec. 7	(M) Aaron Mayber	Gary & Cheryl
	(M) Alex Mayber	Gary & Cheryl
Dec. 21	(F) Jillian Lapiana	Holly Sher
	(F) Logan Peckman	Marla Peckman & Jay Kaplan

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LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS...

On Sunday, September 29th, I had the pleasure of having breakfast at the temple, which was sponsored by the Temple Brotherhood.

I enjoyed a good meal with friends and, afterwards, was sitting in the lobby with a couple of fellow temple members and we had a good conversation. I looked around and watched the comings and goings of the children; the Sisterhood and Brotherhood members were all busy with so many activities. I felt I was in a small town and TBT was the hub for everyone.

Our temple is not only for worship, but for friendship, working together and camaraderie.

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Dated Material - Please Rush!**Pack 189**

Pack 189 has started off the year, and the boys are having a great time!

The monthly theme for September had been Cooperation. We had a great time playing a number of cooperative games. The boys had the most fun on Pack Night, when families were invited to participate. We told stories where each participant told one or two sentences, and then the thread was taken by the next person in the circle. There were some pretty funny tales.

The Webelos Den went camping over the weekend of September 27-29, with Troop 189. We worked on essential outdoor skills (fire safety, cooking, and knot-tying), and took a three mile hike over the Camp Winnebago Historic Trail. A great time was had by all.

Pack 189 meets Thursday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 in the Youth Lounge. Come on down and give us a try.

by JJ Scotch