

# **The Rainbow Connection:**

# The Animals, The Ark & TBT



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# **B'NAI MITZVAH**



#### **October 5 Jason Spiller**

My name is Jason Spiller and I attend Grand Avenue Middle School. I enjoy my time at Temple B'nai Torah. I am a member of the choir, an aide in the Hebrew School and work backstage and on the lightboard for the TBT Jr. Players. Some of my favorite things to do are making movies, playing video games and archery. I also like to play my saxophone and have been in the All County Band twice. For my Mitzyah Project, I helped at the Lymphomathon. This is a walk to raise money for the Lymphoma Research Foundation. My team raised over \$1,500.00 (thank you to everyone who donated). It was fun and it felt good to help raise money to find a cure for Lymphoma. I would like to thank my tutor Mrs. Altman, Cantor Sher, Rabbi Bellows, and my family for helping me prepare for my Bar Mitzvah.



#### October 12 Jacob Goldberg,

**Jeffrey & Janet** My name is Jacob Goldberg, and I attend Grand Avenue Middle School. I love to act and sing, and I have enjoyed going to Hebrew school and preparing for my Bar Mitzvah. I want to thank all of the great teachers I have had, and everyone at Temple B'nai Torah who has helped me to prepare for my special day, especially Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher, and Cantor Hiesiger. For my Mitzvah project, I will be raising money to help the homeless; I have volunteered in a local shelter, and have seen people right here in our community who need assistance getting food, clothing and shelter. I know that my project won't help all the homeless people in the world, but it's a good place



#### October 26 **Daniella Leventhal**

#### My name is Daniella Leventhal. I am an eighth grader in Wantagh Middle School. I play soccer and do gymnastics. For my Mitzvah project I donated my hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths. My hair will go to help make free wigs for women with cancer. It is a great feeling to know that I can help someone feel beautiful and happy. I would like to thank Mrs. Altman, Cantor Sher and my family for helping me prepare for this special day.

# OCTOBER CALENDAR OF SERVICES

Friday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	7:30pm Family/New Member Shabbat Service including the Parade of the (Stuffed) Animals		
Saturday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:30pm	Shabbat Service 1 B/M		
	1:00-2:00pm	Blessing of the Animals (Outside)		
Friday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat		
	8:00pm	Erev Shabbat		
Saturday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Shabbat Service 1 B/M		
	5:30 - 9:30pm	Prayers, Pizza & Pajamas		
Friday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Kabbalat/"Camp" Shabbat		
Saturday, October19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Shabbat Sababa (Jr. Congregation)		
	10:30am	Shabbat Service		
Friday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	Shabbat Service - WRJ Centennial Shabbat		
Saturday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am Shabbat Service - 1 B/M			
	5:00pm Sat - 8:30	Dam Sun 7th Grade Shul-In		

Keith & Tina

#### From The Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting

May 22, 2013

(These Minutes were submitted by Temple Secretary Helaine Schnall. They need to be approved by the Congregation at the spring meeting in 2014.)

The annual Congregational Meeting of Temple B'nai Torah was called to order by President Judy Kule at 7:54 pm.

The opening prayer was presented by Rabbi Marci Bellows.

The minutes of the May 2012 meeting were summarized and presented for approval.

MOTION: to accept the minutes as presented (Jack Phillips, 2nd Carol Finkel)

PASSED: by a show of hands

Rabbi Bellows gave an update on our spiritual health and presented some plans for the future. She wished TBT a happy 5th anniversary and listed many of the new programs that have already become traditions.

Judy Kule presented the State of the Temple that included very recent developments such as the closing date on the sale of the East building (6/21/13), the hiring of Elisa Blank as our new educator and the restoration of the parking lot.

Mark Chester, on behalf of himself and co-chair Mickey Horwitz thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work and read the slate as sent out to the congregation.

MOTION: The Secretary cast one vote on behalf of the Congregation to approve the slate.

Those present voted on the members of the congregation to serve on the next year's Nominating Committee: Mark Chester, Barbara Cohen, Rich Epler, Stacey Spiller and alternate Mickey Horwitz.

As per the TBT Constitution, there was a vote as to whether Cantor Sher should be retained. The vote was unanimous in favor of retaining Cantor Sher.

The Cantor Negotiating committee, represented by Larry Bloom, then presented the terms of a new 3 year contract with Cantor Sher.

MOTION: to accept the contract (Barbara Morgenlender, 2nd Howard Lev)

PASSED: by a unanimous show of hands

The proposed 2013 – 2014 Budgets were placed before the Congregation by Rob Saunders, chair of the Budget Committee

MOTION: to accept the proposed 2013 – 2014 Capital and Operating Budgets (Les Richards, 2nd Harvey Drucker) PASSED: by a unanimous show of hands

Two proposed amendments to the TBT Constitution were presented by the Secretary, which had been approved by Board motion in July 2012 but required congregation approval.

MOTION: To recommend the following amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of Temple B'nai Torah in Article XIII, Section 2– add the following as Standing Committees: Long Range Planning Committee (approved by Board on 9/28/2010), Audit, Leadership Training and Youth Activities. (Carol Finkel, 2nd Howard Lev)

PASSED: by a show of hands

MOTION: To recommend the following amendment to this section of the Constitution and Bylaws of Temple B'nai Torah – An Assistant Treasurer may be appointed by the President, and approved by the Board, after consultation with and recommendation of the Treasurer, to assist the Treasurer in maintaining the books and records of the Temple. The Assistant Treasurer may serve as an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the Board. (Harvey Drucker, 2nd Lynne Happes) PASSED: by a show of hands

MOTION: to adjourn Congregational Meeting (Ellice Toscano, 2nd Linda Cannata)

Respectfully submitted, Helaine Schnall Secretary, Temple B'nai Torah



The Judy Bar David Award which goes to a Confirmation student that demonstrates excellence, goodness and scholarship was presented to Jaymee Dietz.



The Harvey Beller Award for temple youth was given to Perri Levine.



The Righteous Deeds plaque was presented to Rob Saunders.



Certificates of Appreciation were given to Sol & Elaine Goldstein and Jeff & Sue Beller for all the good that they do in the name of TBT.

#### Highlights of Rabbi Bellows' Erev Rosh Hashanah Sermon, "Reform Judaism and Belonging"



Why be a Reform Jew?

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, immediate past president of the Union for Reform Judaism, suggests four points:

1. Reform Jews are committed to a Judaism that changes and adapts to the needs of the day. Since its earliest days, Reform Judaism has asserted that a Judaism frozen in time is an

heirloom, not a living fountain. Changes must be thoughtful, of course, and must be rooted in the history and traditions of our people. But we assert Judaism's innovative character, and we assert, too, that a stubborn failure to change will make Judaism an irrelevance.

Reform Judaism's most enduring "mantra," if you will, is one of INFORMED CHOICE. All too often, I hear people say, "I'm Reform, so I don't actually have to do anything." Or I hear, "This is a Reform congregation, so we don't have to observe that ritual." This is one of the greatest falsehoods, and it is important that we work together to educate each other about this. It can be much more difficult to be a Reform Jew than Orthodox. In Orthodox Judaism, you learn the rules and you follow them. Pretty clear-cut.

In Reform Judaism, we all have the responsibility to learn the traditions, to study the rituals, and then to make our own decisions about what is meaningful to us. Therefore, many Reform Jews choose to keep kosher. Many Reform Jews choose to wear tallitot or don Tefillin when they pray in the morning. Many Reform Jews choose to study Torah or Talmud every day. Many Reform Jews choose to observe Shabbat every week. We must all be respectful of their choices, even if we've chosen something else. It is not enough to just choose ignorance or default to the easiest option – we must learn, study, and educate ourselves, and then make the choice that resonates most for ourselves.

2. Reform Jews are committed to the absolute equality of women in all areas of Jewish life. We were the first movement to ordain women rabbis, invest women cantors, and elect women presidents of our synagogues.

3. Reform Jews are committed to social justice. Like the prophets, we never forget that God is concerned about the everyday and that the blights of society take precedence over the mysteries of heaven. A Reform synagogue that does not alleviate the anguish of the suffering is a contradiction in terms.

4. Reform Jews are committed to the principle of inclusion, not exclusion. We understand clearly the need for boundaries between Judaism and the society around us, but

we have little patience with those who spend day and night trying to define precisely where the boundaries are to be drawn in order to keep the maximum number of people out.

With these ideas in mind, I have a job for you. This new year, 5774, I want you to do five things:

- 1) Be proud to be a Reform Jew. You BELONG to a beautiful, welcoming, growing, and inspiring family in the Jewish community.
- 2) When you are here at Temple B'nai Torah, help us allow others the same sense of BELONGING – we can work together to be the welcoming, warm, and inclusive community of which we all dream. You can do your part to live out the mandate to welcome the stranger.
- 3) Learn something new some new piece of Jewish text, some new part of a lifecycle event, or something new about a Jewish ritual. The more you know, the more you'll feel like a confident, competent part of the community. Explore your heritage, discuss it, and debate it.
- 4) Try a new ritual. You might decide that you don't like it, or that it isn't meaningful to you, but you will have experimented and expanded your own Jewish identity. You will have made an IMFORMED CHOICE about your own Jewish life.
- 5) Take on a new act of Social Justice write a letter to a politician about an issue that is important to you. Participate in a charity walk-a-thon for a cause that matters to you. Donate money or items to support those who are less fortunate.

And may we all have a good and healthy new year. Amen.

L'shalom, Rabbi Marci N. Bellows

# TREES FOR ISRAEL

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The cost of a tree is \$18.00 and trees are available in the National Forest or the Children's Forest.

# INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



What is Magevet? Magevet is a Jewish, Hebrew and Israeli *a capella* group from Yale University. They will be our guests for the fourth year, on Sunday, November 3, 2013. I'm writing about them in October so that any and all of you will have the opportunity of planning ahead to see, hear and experience this wonderful group

of young, enthusiastic, talented and cosmopolitan choral singers from the Jewish Ivy League.

They will join us, again, on a Sunday morning, interacting with our students in religious school and culminating in a wonderful and dynamic concert in the sanctuary, open to all comers, free of charge and open to the public. They have been so successful in past years, that we just had to bring them back again! I hope these visits will fast become an ongoing tradition between Temple B'nai Torah and Magevet.

From their website:

"Founded in 1993, Magevet has become one of the nation's premiere Jewish musical groups. A coed ensemble

of undergraduate Yale students, Magevet is known for their sweet blend of voices, their unique arrangements of traditional, modern and original melodies, and their lighthearted sense of humor.

The group's diverse repertoire spans from modern Israeli pop and Renaissance choral pieces, to Yiddish folk tunes and Zionist classics. Equally diverse are the members of Magevet: engineers and historians, Jews and non-Jews, and all united by friendship and love of singing.

Magevet is devoted to spreading Jewish music to the far corners of the globe and embarks on two major tours each year."

Magevet's repertoire and presentation has something for everyone, young and old alike. I hope you will join us on Sunday, November 3rd, for the fourth installment of what will undoubtedly be one of the musical highlights of our temple year. The concert begins at 10:30AM, in the sanctuary (this time may be subject to change; please watch for future notifications).

Cantor Steve Sher



"Why are there so many songs about rainbows and what's on the other side?"

I'm sure you recognize the lyric from "The Rainbow Connection", sung by Kermit the Frog in the original Muppet Movie. I am not certain God had the Muppets in mind at the first rainbow.

I believe the story of Noah & The Ark is everyone's favorite Bible story. There are issues of family, of trust, of morality and meteorology -- plus the unforgettable image of an endless line of animals two-by-two. Images of Noah's Ark are found everywhere, usually with those poor giraffes having their heads poking from the top of the Ark. Forty days and forty nights of storms. How do the animals and Noah survive?

Then the Rainbow! The image of the Rainbow represents a promise: no matter how horrible the event, things will end and there's always an opportunity for a new beginning. Storms, even Hurricane Sandy, are natural events and not divine retribution. Volcanoes, floods, earthquakes, even the Ice Age are manifestation of a dynamic, always changing Earth.

This year *Parshat Noah* coincides with the first children's service of the year, October 4th. Everyone is encouraged to bring stuffed animals and join the parade to our Ark. Just line up two-by-two!

Mark Chester, Editor TBT Times

# A coed ensemble

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hey, can you spare an hour?

Temple B'nai Torah is a hive of activity 6 days a week, with events ranging from the fun to the serious, from nursery school to Chai Club dinners, and everything in between. If you are ever wondering if there is something interesting going on down at the temple,

chances are the answer is "YES".

The way that we can offer so many diverse and appealing endeavors is through the committed volunteerism of dozens of our members; in fact, without our volunteers, we would not be able to run many of the programs we offer to both our membership as well as the local community. And while bingo may be the most visible of these programs, it is by no means the only one. During our recent spate of holidays and festivals, for example, members of Brotherhood volunteer to usher on the High Holidays, while members of Sisterhood collect tickets at the door, and members of the Ritual Committee worked incredibly hard to ensure that many congregants were able to participate in our services. During the rest of the year, we ask volunteers to do everything from sit on the bimah during services to help stuff envelopes for temple-wide mailings.

There are literally dozens of volunteer opportunities for our members, and most of them do not require lengthy time commitments, or attendance at committee meetings. In fact, you can help make a big difference just one or two hours at a time. Most of these opportunities require minimal effort (sitting at the table, selling bingo paper, was recently described to me as "painless"), and present our members with the chance to interact with other members they might not otherwise have even met. If you can make a commitment to doing something on a regular basis, so much the better: it will give you something to look forward to, and you will likely see the same people over and over again, giving you the chance to develop more of a relationship with both them and the temple. Hey – you might even grow to enjoy it!

In the interests of tikkun olam (repairing the world), I strongly urge you to consider any of the volunteer opportunities available to you through your temple. To get started, feel free to e-mail me (sspatz@temple-bnai-torah. org) or call the office. I guarantee that we can find something for you to do within the time you are willing to give; and I think that you will also get something out of it that you may not expect: the good feelings that come from helping others. I hope that you will take me up on this offer, which has no expiration date. Come down and help fuel the power of community and cooperation. You will see that it is amazing what we can accomplish when we pull together.

> L'shalom, Sherrill Spatz Congregation President

#### **IN THE HOUSE**

Have you seen our newly installed stained glass windows? We are excited to see another major project completed. What could be next? Have you driven on our completed parking lot? Enjoy driving on a hole free and water free area. Have you seen our front yard? Our fall clean-up made the front look absolutely amazing. Take a look at it (most of us park in the back). Thank you to all our Arms who generously contributed to our presidents' plaque board. Become a president of any of our arms and your name can be included. Thank you to Harvey Drucker for creatively producing the board.

We are still planning other projects. Every project takes time due to committee input, collection of estimates, making choices, etc. Keep your eyes open when you come to temple to see the new improvements. Will it be a Tree of Life that is completed or new carpeting or new shades in the Social Hall or updated memorial boards in the sanctuary or renovated bathrooms, etc. We cautiously approach each project and utilize the input of committee members.

A huge thank you goes to Sue-Ellen who arrives at

7:15 a.m. to oversee construction workers or coordinate the securing of estimates or deals with vendors and workers and uses her expertise in many areas to make sure the job is done correctly.

Changes are coming. New this and new that. Keep on looking around. New lights, new gardens, new curtains to be hung, new President's Board in our lobby (under construction), new signs, etc. Rome was not built in a day. Temple B'nai Torah is still a work in progress. We thank you all for pointing out improvements that should be done. We are now making a ten year plan which incorporates some of your excellent ideas. Keep the ideas coming. The House Committee is composed of caring people several of whom have been House Committee chairs or have professional expertise in the upkeep of our building. We all contribute to the discussions. Please come to our next meeting which is November 18 at 7:00.

Tessa Kean

# **BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS**



#### Thanks to:

- Ben and Sharon Cernese for their summer work on the Flea Market. The next Flea Market/Holiday Fair is already in the planning stage.
- Arnie (and Paula) Minsky for hosting Brotherhood Meetings during the summer.
- All who helped with Sukkah construction and deconstruction.
- Mike Bruno and crew for a
- successful September dinner.
- David Forman and all volunteers who ushered during the High Holy Days.
- Les Richards for great gardening outside of the temple.

Mark your October calendar for: Brotherhood Board Meeting on Oct 8 Monday Night Football/Dinner on Oct 21. Sunday Breakfasts on all days when Religious School is in session (only \$4).

As the year starts we look forward to all TBT men joining together in Brotherhood.

> Harvey Wiener, Brotherhood co-President

# **ADULT EDUCATION**

OCTOBER CALENDAR

**OUTREACH INTERFAITH FORUM** Tuesday, October 1, 2013 -- 8:00-9:30pm

> SHABBAT TORAH STUDY GROUP Saturdays - 9:30am

ROSH CHODESH STUDY: JEWISH WOMEN OF THE BIBLE Sunday, October 6th – 1pm

TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI BELLOWS Every Monday-12 Noon

SERIES "THE WANDERING JEW" Sunday, October 27th – 1pm 

#### **BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP**

Having finished a fun-filled and successful year, the Temple B'nai Torah Brotherhood is looking forward to a great 2013-2014. The dues are \$45 for the year, which entitles you to attend our monthly dinners (followed by entertainment), breakfasts on Sunday mornings (when Religious school is in session), dances, and socializing with a fun group of guys.

Please join us and enjoy get-togethers and other activities, and keep Brotherhood a strong and viable arm of the Temple.

Please make your check for \$45 payable to: Brotherhood – Temple B'nai Torah, and mail it to: Brotherhood, Temple B'nai Torah 2900 Jerusalem Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793 or simply drop it off in the Temple office the next time you are in the building. For further information, feel free to call Les Richards at (516) 753-4060 or e-mail him at: lesrichards@verizon.net.

#### **BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP FORM**

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## **OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE**



"Women of Reform Judaism...is the collective voice and presence of women in congregational life. Stronger together, we support the ideals and enhance the quality of Jewish life to ensure the future of progressive Judaism in North America, Israel, and around the world."

This is WRJ's mission statement and its words are indeed powerful. WRJ represents 65,000+ women in nearly 500 groups and TBT Sisterhood is one of these groups. Through its YES Fund (Youth, Education, and Special Projects), WRJ provides financial support to the

following:

- Rabbinic and cantorial students
- Youth programs of the Reform Movement
- Programs benefiting women and children in Israel, the former Soviet Union, and around the world

So why am I telling you all this? Part of each Sisterhood membership fee goes to WRJ and we also make donations

to the YES Fund. I want you to get a sense of what these monies help to accomplish. Moreover, WRJ was founded in 1913 and this year is celebrating its 100th year as an organization. That's quite a feat! Our very own Patti Nacht currently serves as Vice-President of Development for the Northeast District and Stephanie Jacobson currently serves as Area Director. We're going to be celebrating the 100th year on Friday night, October 25 at Shabbat services. Come on down and join me in wishing WRJ a very happy birthday.

Other Sisterhood events for this month include the first of five Rosh Chodesh programs on Sunday, October 6 at 1:00 p.m. The theme for this year is Jewish Women of the Bible. In addition, Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. is our Paid-Up Membership Dinner. That, I assure you, will be both fun and delicious (appetizers, dinner, and dessert...what could be better?). So ladies, if you haven't yet joined Sisterhood for 2013/2014, it's not too late!

Looking forward to seeing you around...

Sincerely, Diane Schoenberg Sisterhood President



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### **COUPLES' CLUB**



# VENIMUS, VIDIMUS, ET COMEDERUNT ET COMEDI COMEDIMUS ITERUM

Yolanda and Ira Friedman have come through again, hosting the Board Brunch on August 4th at the Black Forest Brew Haus, at which time we thanked the members of the Couples' Club Board for their hard work, and set a new record for gastronomic consumption. Artie (The Chairman) Schlesinger demonstrated his 8-plate balance, to the horror of the buffet owner. Barbara (The Voice) Morgenlender won the annual Couples' Club Buffet trophy by consuming a mountain of three feet of delicacies in less than five minutes. Our culinary carnivores made sure that the cooks had a strenuous morning keeping up. So much food, so little time!

At the Traveling Awareness Bears- Trivia Contest on July 27th, as usual the Couples' Club participated in force, with four tables of contestants. The Club's Co-Presidents, with the help of the Levys and Cerneses, outfoxed the fourteen other tables in winning one of the two table awards. In addition, my wife, Ann, won nine of the raffle prizes. All had a great time.

Lord Richard and Dame Francine Tepper flew to England on the Queen's personal jet, in order to attend the ancient ceremony in which members of the royalty from each of the former colonies of the British Empire provide a newborn future monarch with a special name. Arriving early for the royal birth, they took advantage and hopped over to Spain, to participate in the ultimate bull run of Spain's San Fermin festival. Francine dazzled the crowd by sporting a bright red blouse, instead of the traditional white outfit. Returning to London for the naming ceremony, they combined the most famous English headwear with a renowned American sports idol, and named the infant "Bowlerman Bernie". The royal couple was ecstatic and delighted with this colonial name from the United States. In appreciation, Lord Richard was presented with a directory of England's peerage, in which he found out that he is 267th in line for the British throne.

At our first board meeting of the year, held on September 8th, the board experienced another feat of epicurean delight. Debbie Schlesinger prepared a meal that would put the Iron Chefs to shame. The board feasted on numerous victuals and managed to establish an amazing program calendar for this year.

The planned events for this year include: October 5th we will be competing in our annual Military Bridge Games Night at the Temple. You will find us at the TBT Decades Dance on October 19 at which time the "Blue Footed Booby" mating dance will be taught. In November, we will be at the Cabaret Show, supporting our Couples' Club Stars. The Annual Membership Dinner is scheduled for November 23rd at H.R. Singeltons. Later in the year, we will repeat our outstanding Chanukah Party (Dec 14th), Bowling Tournament, Temple Square Dance, Games Night, Theater Evening, and other electrifying events. Several additional adventures are in the planning stage.

We also thank our Couples' Club members of the Temple choir who added so much to the High Holy Days services: Steve Block, Linda Cannata, Ann Dinstell, Rita Drucker, Yolanda Friedman, Vicki Goldberger, Alan & Linda Lazarus, Barbara Morgenlender, Debbie Schlesinger, and Fran Woods, as well as Stewart Altman and Arthur Solop, shofar blowers. The group and solo performances enhanced the services and made us very proud. Our Emily Altman once again led the religious school student service. The Couples' Club wishes a good and healthy year to our congregation family.

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 e-mail us at fdinstell@yahoo.com. Here's to the year gone by and to an amazing year to come.

Couples' Club monthly word of wisdom: - Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

# **CHAI NOTES**



The Chai Club was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Gerda Carroll, wife of Irving. Gerda served the Chai Club for several years as Recording Secretary and was involved (along with Irv) with all aspects of the Club. As each family member spoke at Gerda's

funeral, it became apparent that Gerda's soft voice and pleasantness were attributes that touched everyone who ever met her. Our deepest condolences are sent to Irv and the family.

Watch for your invitation to our Membership Dinner to be held Monday, November 4th. Rita Hofer and her committee (Janis Beldner, Harriet Bernstein, Vicki Deutsch, Dorothy Duckstein, Barbara Gouveia, Sarita Keyser and Shelley Lomove) are planning a sumptuous dinner. In addition to the dinner, Rita is planning terrific entertainment. Do not forget to send in your Chai Club Dues, still \$18 per person.

We give special thanks to Esther Phillips and her programming committee for our two excellent September programs, the Sweet Adelines and Bud Livingston's very interesting lecture on Jackie Robinson. Our December program (Monday 12-2) will feature the noted author and satirist, Martha Kolodkin. Thanks to Barbara Held for coordinating with Martha, who just joined Temple B'nai Torah.

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.

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 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 Vicepresident, Mark Kean, who ensures all Chai Club news is publicized in a timely manner.

> Joan and Brian Levy Chai Club Co-Presidents

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The Ritual Committee thanks the following for their work in polishing the silver crowns, breastplates and yads for the High Holy Days: Sarita Keyser, Jenny Roemlein, Pearl Sutz and Robin Wexler. When next at the Temple, please view the torah crown currently in the lobby showcase. It had been donated by members of Legacy Suburban and is engraved with artwork depicting the 12 Tribes, among other symbols. If you would like to be part of the silver polishing team, please contact Ritual.

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#### **TBT-PTA**

What a fabulous beginning of the new school year! It was nice seeing and meeting so many parents on Meet the Teacher Day. We're also glad that some of you decided to join us at the Sunday Brotherhood Breakfasts and we hope you continue to come. The PTA also wants to thank the Brotherhood for not only hosting, but for sponsoring the September breakfasts.

The PTA is busy planning and preparing for upcoming events. Due to the high holidays being so early this year, instead of having our traditional apples and honey right before Rosh Hashanah, we enjoyed this treat in our beautifully decorated Sukkhah (Thank you Sisterhood!) after the festival service.

On Sat. October, 12th, the PTA will be having the second Pizza, Prayer, and Pajamas from 5:30-9:00. Last year the children enjoyed socializing, watching movies, and eating pizza and popcorn freshly popped from an old fashioned popcorn machine. The children weren't the only ones having a good time. The adults got a chance to relax and talk with one another while snacking on goodies and sipping coffee or tea. What could be bad?! We'd love for you to come and participate this year. The PTA is asking for a small donation of \$5 per family. Remember to check your child's book bag for a flyer and don't forget to wear your pajamas and bring your favorite blanket and stuffed animal.

If your child is attending Hebrew School, please make sure the Class Parent has your contact information. Most class parents make phone lists so the children can call each other. They also need your information so that they can keep you informed about what is happening with the class.

The PTA has also formed a B'Nai Mitzvah Planning Group. The group will be meeting during the same time as BNTY Jr. This is the perfect opportunity to share ideas and information in order to help you in the planning of your very special event.

Thank you to all who have shown your support of the PTA by donating \$18. It's still not too late for you to make a donation and help support the children, who will hopefully become the future members of our synagogue. As you know, many programs and activities sponsored by the PTA are free for all our temple members. There are forms available in the lobby of the temple if you need one. The PTA will also be collecting Box Tops this year. This is such an easy way to support the PTA. Just clip the Box Tops off the products that you buy and bring them in to the school office or place them in the PTA mailbox. What could be easier than that?

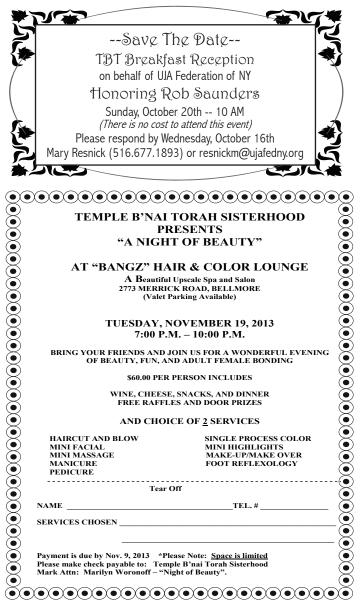
Please remember to check the temple website for upcoming events and meeting dates. Also.....don't forget to stop in and say hi during the Brotherhood Breakfasts. We always look forward to the company and any suggestions you may have.

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Ed Kliegman may be familiar from his role as a leader at Top 100 Firm, Marcum, and in the accounting profession as a whole, but he's also been a volunteer leader at many other sorts of organizations, and his new book draws valuable lessons from all those experiences to offer new leaders of all stripes advice on how to make the most of their time in office. Short and to the point, it urges them to not just sit out their terms without rocking the boat, but instead to exercise true leadership and make a lasting impact, while offering strategies to help them do so.





# **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

On September 29th, our Religious School held a Jewish themed book fair. Reading books is a part of every child's life, whether it is at home at bedtime, as a favorite pastime (definitely one of my personal favorites), or even at school during silent reading time. Reading becomes even more important as a means of transmitting Jewish values. I



want to share with you a few of my favorite children's books that are rich in Jewish values, have exciting plots, strong characters, and vivid settings. Many of them are winners of the two most important awards for Jewish children's literature: the National Jewish Book Award and the Sydney Taylor Book Award. A child's Jewish identity will be strengthened through the values they absorb by reading books rich with Jewish values.

#### YOUNG CHILDREN

*Sammy Spider Series* by Sylvia A. Rouss. Sammy Spider learns about the Jewish holidays at the Shapiro's home, and often gets caught in some funny and unusual predicaments.

A Sweet Passover by Lesléa Newman. Miriam loves celebrating Passover with her family. She especially enjoys eating *matzah*, but as the holiday progresses, day after day, the little girl is less and less enamored of the flat, crispy cracker and longs for bread or bagels or...anything but matzah! With the help of her grandfather and his matzah brei, Miriam learns about the true meaning of Passover.

*Something from Nothing* by Phoebe Gilman. A modern adaptation of a Jewish folktale that describes how the blanket Grandfather had made for young Joseph is transformed over the years into a jacket, a tie, a button and, ultimately, a story.

#### **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

*The All-of-a-Kind Family* by Sydney Taylor. This is a series of books about five sisters who live with their parents in New York at the turn of the 20th century. Together they share adventures, holidays, and customs that show an immigrant family remaining Jewish while becoming American.

Hanukkah at Valley Forge by Steven Krensky. During the grim winter at Valley Forge, a Jewish soldier tells General George Washington about the Maccabees and the miracle of Hanukkah that commemorates their victory, drawing parallels between the Maccabee's war against their foes with the American's war against the British.

The Adventures of Rabbi Harvey: A Graphic Novel of Jewish

Wisdom and Wit in the Wild West by Steve Sheinkin. Stories about honesty, hospitality, forgiveness, saving face, wisdom, and humility are wrapped in a lively cartoon strip format and based on traditional Jewish tales. The wise and witty sequels are Rabbi Harvey Rides Again: A Graphic Novel of Jewish Folktales Let Loose in the Wild West and Rabbi Harvey vs. the Wisdom Kid: A Graphic Novel of Dueling Jewish Folktales in the Wild West.

#### <u>TEENS</u>

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, this book relates the story of Liesel, a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her foster family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors. On the surface a story about the humanizing power of books and words, it is even more powerful in its depiction of Liesl's confrontation with horrific cruelty and her discovery of kindness in unexpected places.

*Life, After* by Sarah Darer Littman. When economic hardship forces her family to leave their home in Buenos Aires, teenager Dani has a hard time adjusting to life in New York City, where everything is different except her father's depression. She befriends an unpopular classmate with Asperger's Syndrome and, through him, his pretty, popular sister. They too know suffering, because they lost their father on 9/11. Background information about the situation of Argentinean Jews is seamlessly woven into a story about modern-day immigrants and one strong, spirited teen.

I want to encourage all of you to add to your personal Jewish libraries and to take of advantage of our Temple libraries.

Happy reading, Elisa Blank Director of Education



# SPECIAL GIFTS

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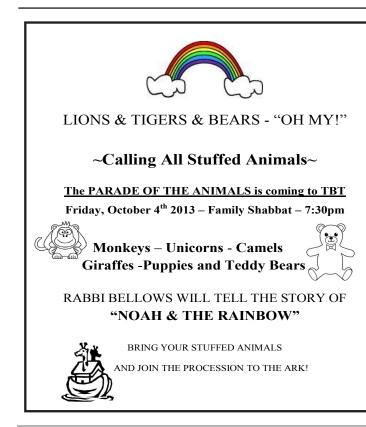
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# **OUR COMMUNITY**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	r 2013	1 •10am Al Anon (K/L) •3:30-8pm Tutor(Lib.) •4:30pm Rel. School •6:30-9:00pm SAT Class (Rm 208) •7:00pm Cab. (Y/L) •7:45pm SH Bd (K/L) •8:00-9:30pm Outreach Interfaith Forum (S/H & Sanc.)	2 •Long Range Planning Meeting (Away) •No Rel. School •10:30am Bingo	3 • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 6:30-9:00pm SAT Class (Rm 208) •7:00-9:00pm Cabaret Reh. (101/103) • 7:30pm Bingo • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)	4 •3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) •7:30pm Family/New Member Shabbat Service	5 • 8:15am B/M photos Spiller Family • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am SVCS 1 B/M Spiller • 1:00-2:00pm Blessing of the Animals (Outside) • 7:00-11:00pm Couples Club Military Bridge K/L
6 •9:00am Rel. School • 9:15am Bro. Brkfast • 11:30am-1:00pm BNTY Jr. (101/103) • 11:30-noon Youth Choir (Sanc.) 12;30pm-3:30pm Temple Show Reh (S/H) 1:00pm Rosh Chodesh (K/L) • 6:00-9:30pm Cabaret Reh. (S/H)	7 • 12:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) • 4:30pm Rel. School • 6:30-9:30pm Show Reh (S/H) • 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Sanc.) • 7:30-9:30pm Bro. Exec. Mtg (Rm 104) • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (201) • 8:30pm BH Bd (K/L) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	8 •10am Al Anon (K/L) •3:30-8pm Tutor (Lib.) •4:30pm Rel. School •6:30-9:30pm Show Reh (Y/L) •6:30-9:00pm SAT Class (Rm 208) •7:00-9:30pm Cabaret Reh. •7:00pm Jewish War Veterans Mtg (S/H) (200/202) •7:30pm Ritual (K/L)	9 • No Rel. School • 10:30am Bingo	10 •6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 6:30-9:00pm SAT Class (Rm 208) •7:00-9:00pm Cabaret Reh101/103) 7:30pm Bingo • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)	11 • 3:00pm B/M <u>Rehearsal (Sanc.)</u> • 5:30pm Tot <u>Shabbat</u> • 8:00pm Erev <u>Shabbat</u>	12 •9:30-11:00am Torah <u>Study (K/L)</u> •10:30am SVCS (1) <u>B/M Goldberg</u> •3:00pm Pizza, <u>Prayer &amp; PJ's set up</u> (S/H & K/L) •5:00-10:00pm <u>Prayers, Pizza &amp;</u> <u>Pajamas (S/H &amp; K/L)</u>
13 • Building Closed • No Religious School • 6:00-9:30pm Cabaret Reh. (S/H)	14 Columbus Day • Building Closed • No Nursery School/No Rel. School	15 •10am Al Anon (K/L) •3:30-8pm Tutor (Lib.) •4:30pm Rel. School •6:30-9:30pm Temple Show Reh (Y/L) •6:30-9:00pm SAT Class (Rm 208) •7:00pm Sisterhood Dinner (S/H & K/L) •7:00-9:30pm Cabaret Reh. (101/103)	16 • No Rel. School • 10:30am Bingo • 6:30pm B/M Orientation Sept/Oct 2014 families (K/L)	17 -6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) -7:00-9:00pm Cabaret Reh(101 /103) -7:30pm Bingo -7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)	18 • 3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) • 6:30pm Kabbalat "Camp" Shabbat • 7:30pm Camp Presentation (Sanc.)	19 • 9:30-11:00am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:00am Shabbat Sababa (Jr. Congregation) (Y/L) • 3:00-6:00pm Dance Set Up S/H • 6:00pm-12:00am Dancing thru the Decades S/H & K/L
20 • 9:00am Rel. School • 10:00am- 12:00noon UJA Breakfast (S/H) • 11:30am-1:00pm BNTY Jr. (101/103) • 11:30-noon Youth Choir (Sanc.) • 12:30-3:30pm Show Reh (Y/L) • 2:00-6:00pm Bro. ACDS Event (S/H) • 6:00-9:30pm Cabaret Reh. (S/H)	21 • 12pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) • 2:-4:00pm MWI/Study w/ Rabbi Bellows (K/L) • 4:30pm Rel. School • 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Sanc.) • 6:30-9:30pm Show Reh (S/H) • 7 pm BH Dinner (K/L) • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (201) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	22 •10:00am Al Anon (K/L) •3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Lib.) •6:30pm-9:30pm Temple Show Reh (S/H) •7:00-9:30pm Cabaret Reh. (Y/L) •7:30pm Rel. Ed Mtq. (104)	23 • No Rel. School • 10:30am Bingo	24 •6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) •7:00-9:00pm Cabaret Reh. (101/103) • 7:30pm Bingo • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)	25 • 3:00pm B/M <u>Rehearsal (Sanc.)</u> • WRJ Centennial <u>Shabbat</u> • 8:00pm Erev <u>Shabbat</u>	26 •9:30-11:00am Torah <u>Study (K/L)</u> •10:30am SVCS (1) <u>B/M Leventhal</u> +12:30pm-5:30pm <u>Leventhal B/M (S/H)</u> •5:00pm Sat - 8:30am <u>Sun 7th Grade Shul-</u> In (Y/L)
<ul> <li>9:15am Bro. Brkfast</li> </ul>	28 • 12pm-Torah Study W/Rabbi Bellows S/H • 1:00pm MWI (K/L) • 4:30pm Rel. School • 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir (Sanc.) • 6:30-9:30pm Show Reh (S/H) • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir (201) • 7:30pm Chai Board Mtg (K/L) • 8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	29 • <u>9am-Noon Al Anon</u> <u>Anniversary S/H</u> • <u>3:30-8pmTutor (Lib.)</u> • <u>4:30pm Rel. School</u> • <u>6:00-7:30pm Bhow</u> <u>Reh (S/H)</u> • <u>6:30-9:30pm Show</u> <u>Reh (S/H)</u> • <u>6:45pm Exec. Bd.</u> <u>Mtg (K/L)</u> • <u>7:00-9:30pm</u> <u>Cabaret Reh. (Y/L)</u> • <u>8:00pm Board</u> <u>Meeting (K/L)</u>		31 • 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) •7:00-9:00pm Cabaret Reh. (101/103) • 7:30pm Bingo • 7:30pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)		

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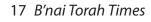
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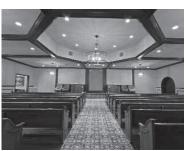
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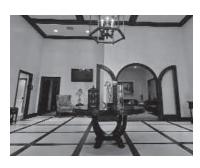
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