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A BREATH, BREEZE, AND SPIRIT OF THE TIMES



B'NAI MITZVAH



Sept. 21 Jessica Rosenthal

Steven & Susan

My name is Jessica Rosenthal. I am a 7th grade honors student at Berner Middle School. I love to sing, draw, play softball and hang out with my friends. For my mitzvah project I held a book drive at my school for an organization called "Big Brothers, Big Sisters." The 431 books I collected went to the kids at the organization. This taught me that even one book can make a big difference. I would like to thank Cantor Hiesiger, Mrs. Altman, Cantor Sher, Rabbi Bellows and my family for all the support they have given me to prepare for this special day. I feel very lucky to be able to share this special day in my life with my sister, Nicole.



Sept. 21 Nicole Rosenthal

Steven & Susan

My name is Nicole Rosenthal and I go to Berner Middle School, where I am an honors student in 8th grade. I enjoy basketball, softball and hanging out with my friends. For my mitzvah project I collected books to help put a smile on someone's face and donated them to "Big Brothers, Big Sisters". I would like to thank Mrs. Altman, Cantor Hiesiger, Cantor Sher, Rabbi Bellows, and my family for helping me prepare for my special day and I can't wait to share my day with my sister, Jessica.



Sept. 21 Hannah Beverly Taustine

Michael & Lucy

My name is Hannah Beverly Taustine, and I'm in eighth grade at Berner Middle School in Massapequa. My bat mitzvah project involved addressing our congregation and The Church of St. Jude (Episcopal) about organ, tissue, and eye donation, and how this mitzvah fits into our religious beliefs. In my spare time, I am a huge fan of anime, and I am a Junior Black Belt in Kenpo Karate. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, and I listen to very unusual types of music. Thanks to everyone at Temple B'nai Torah and to my family for your love, guidance and support.



Sept. 21 David Letzter

Gary & Merileen

My name is David Letzter and I am an honor student at Berner Middle School in Massapequa. I am a pitcher/shortstop for the school baseball team and point guard for the school basketball team as well as for my travel teams. In my free time, I enjoy reading and movies. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I plan to raise money and awareness for Doctors Without Borders. This organization provides urgent medical care in countries to victims of war and disaster. I would like to thank Mrs. Altman, Cantor Sher, Rabbi Bellows and my family for all their support.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF SERVICES

Saturday, August 31st	7:30 pm	Selichot Service w/Temple Beth Am
Friday, September 6th	8:00 pm	Shabbat Shuvah
Wednesday, September 18th	7:30 pm	Erev Sukkot
Thursday, September 19th	10:30 am	Sukkot Morning Service + Luncheon
Friday, September 20th	6:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service-Chol HaMoed Sukkot
Saturday, September 21st	10:30 am	Shabbat Service – 2 B'not Mitzvah
Wednesday, September 25th	6:30 pm	Yizkor Service
	7:30 pm	Simchat Torah Service
Thursday, September 26th	10:30 am	Simchat Torah Service including Yizkor
Friday, September 27th	7:30 pm	Shabbat plus Consecration/Siddurim Ceremony
Saturday, September 28th	10:30 am	Shabbat Service – 2 B'nai Mitzvah



TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH'S HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 5774

EREV ROSH HASHANAH Wednesday, September 4th

7:30 P.M. Regular Service Tickets Required

ROSH HASHANAH DAY ONE Thursday, September 5th

9:00 A.M. Family Service* No Tickets Required

*This service is open to the community for families with young children.

10:30 A.M. Regular Service Tickets Required

10:30 A.M. Religious School No Tickets Required

Student Service

This will be held in the Youth Lounge concurrently with the regular service.

There will be parent ushers in attendance.

ROSH HASHANAH AFTERNOON (Following Services)

Tashlich - Approximately 1:30 P.M.

The symbolic casting of our sins into the waters will be held at Forest City Park. Watch the scroll for details.

ROSH HASHANAH DAY TWO Friday, September 6th

10:30 A.M. Regular Service No Tickets Required

Non-Member Complimentary Tickets Required.

The Service is open to the Congregation and the General Public. Potluck lunch immediately follows service.

EREV YOM KIPPUR- KOL NIDRE Fridav. September 13th

7:30 P.M. Regular Service Tickets Required

YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE Saturday, September 14th

9:00 A.M. Family Service* Tickets Required

*This service is open to the community (for families with young children).

10:30 A.M. Regular Service Tickets Required

10:30 A.M. Religious School No Tickets Required

Student Service

This service will be held in the Youth Lounge concurrently with the regular service.

1:30 P.M. Yizkor Service **Open to the Public**

YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON AND NE'ILAH SERVICES

2:30 - 4:00 P.M. **Text Study**

4:00 P.M. Afternoon Service No Tickets Required

5:45 P.M. Concluding Service (Ne'ilah)

Immediately following the service there will be a Break-Fast for the Congregation.

INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI

New, nu?



Shalom, Chaverim – Hello, Friends,

Welcome back to another wonderful year at Temple B'nai Torah. We are now well into our sixth year of existence as TBT. Cantor Sher and I have been with our congregation for more than four years. A new school year is about to begin. And we approach the new Jewish year, 5774.

A new year always brings the promise of novel learning experiences and fresh chapters of our lives. Many new activities, classes, events, and friendships await you in this new year. Some folks in the congregation may be starting new jobs, may welcome new family members, or may celebrate new lifecycle events. Some of us may even look back on 5774 as a year that changed the direction of our lives.

In the life of our temple, we have much to celebrate. First, we welcome our new Educational Director, Elisa Blank, to the temple family. Or, more appropriately, we welcome her back. Elisa grew up in our legacy Temple Judea, and, after many years of teaching in religious school settings around Long Island, we now look forward to her warm, innovative, and dynamic leadership in our own school. I hope that you will have an opportunity to meet her and help her feel at home with us, if you haven't already.

We also welcome our new board members, under the leadership of our newly installed president, Sherrill Spatz. As I remarked in June at our Board Installation Shabbat Service, we have been extremely fortunate to have the right president in place for each phase of Temple B'nai Torah's growth and development. Thus, following the leadership of Larry Bloom, Ray Russolillo, Barbara Cohen, and Judy Kule, I am excited to see the next chapter of TBT's life under the strong, capable guidance of Sherrill.

I know that newness, new leaders, new experiences, and new chapters are not always easy for everyone. It is not uncommon to feel fearful of change or of experiencing something new. We are often comfortable with the familiar, and we can feel anxious when the next chapter is made up of many "unknowns." Sometimes, depending on the variables involved, change brings loss or a sense of grief. Sometimes the changes that come our way, especially in our everyday lives, were not expected, or were not what we would have chosen. It is most certainly understandable to feel sad or apprehensive when thinking of change in this way.

Nevertheless, as a part of the Temple B'nai Torah family, allow me to remind you that you are never alone. Our staff

and board, both old and new, are always here. We are here to help you joyfully celebrate the blessings of life, and we are here to offer comfort, assistance, and consolation when sorrow or challenge comes your way. We are here when you have questions about faith, when you wrestle with God, or when you struggle with your place in the world.

May we all approach New Year 5774 with an open mind to welcome new experiences, with an open heart to meet new friends, and open arms to welcome that which life brings our way. And may we all be blessed with a good, sweet new year.

> L'shalom, Rabbi Marci N. Bellows

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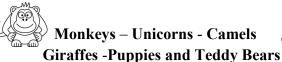


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INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



Recently, at a Torah study session in late July, discussions led to the consideration of the musical expression of our liturgy. Although the discussion was not directly related to the topic for that session, as in many cases, when Jews gather for discussions on any topic, the weaving of many opinions into an evolving cloth

of the search for truth, inevitably leads to conclusions and perspectives not originally considered. It was out of a side topic of the differentiation between "worship" and "prayer," that the consideration of musical expression ensued.

I am indebted to Robin Wexler, who, after the session, sent me links to an article about choral music expression and the physiological phenomenon of heart-beat coordination while singing. It made me realize how important is this seminal form of musical expression in our service and the "covert" benefits, not realized, that contribute to a unique form of communal expression and enhancement, not of our liturgy, but of the potential for benefiting from our liturgy, in ways not normally experienced.

To quote from the article, When Choirs Sing, Many Hearts Beat As One, we see the benefits of choral led vocal expression:

"Lifting voices together in praise can be a transcendent experience, unifying a congregation in a way that is somehow both fervent and soothing. But is there actually a physical basis for those feelings?

To find this out, researchers of the Sahlgrenska Academy at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden studied the heart rates of high school choir members as they joined their voices. Their findings, published this week in Frontiers in Neuroscience, confirm that choir music has calming effects on the heart—especially when sung in unison."

This, of course, applies to adult as well as teenage choral organizations. What a shame that the presence of choral singing is significantly becoming less and less a presence in synagogue expression. This has occurred for a number of reasons. However, there are two that seem to stand out. Each succeeding generation has become more and more culturally removed from the exposure to choral expression. Just as high technology has created an atrophy of inter and intrapersonal experience on all levels, so too, has the expression of music become more simplistic, depending on a very few common denominators that are able to unite communities in prayer.

This is not to say that such an experience is less valuable; to the contrary, the use of guitar and simple unison singing has significantly enhanced the involvement of those who would otherwise be disenfranchised, having difficulty relating to the sanctuary experience. I for one am and have always been a strong proponent of this type of expression.

Yet, there is a pressure to diminish the choral presence in our services, limiting our adult choir to only participate in one Erev Shabbat service a month, while the folk style of community singing is incorporated in all of our services, including Shabbat morning, the High Holidays and festivals. Next month, I will continue my thoughts...

May all of you enjoy these treasured and sacred moments surrounding our High Holy Days. May you and yours enjoy a good year, a year of strength and of fulfillment.

Cantor Steve Sher

Join Us for Tashlich....

The best start to the New Year is to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. Tashlich adds to the pleasure. When we participate in Tashlich we combine Judaism with Nature and draw closer to the meaning of the day.

We assemble on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, September 5th, at lovely Forest City Park, at the small, totally shaded bridge that spans a lovely stream – all just minutes from TBT. We meet at 1:30pm, shortly after the end of morning services. The experience takes less than thirty minutes. Directions are below, and will be available at services. Bring the family and add to the holiday.

DIRECTIONS TO FOREST CITY PARK FROM TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH
• drive time about three minutes •

CROSS JERUSALEM AVE. AND GO NORTH ON OAKFIELD AVE. FOR ½ MILE
Turn RIGHT onto BARRIE AVE (before the Southern State overpass).

Make a quick LEFT onto MORGAN DRIVE. Follow MORGAN around to the stop sign at POND ROAD
Turn LEFT onto POND ROAD and enter FOREST CITY PARK

We gather at the small shaded bridge near the picnic area. See you there.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



L' Shana Tovah,

As we begin the new year of 5774, I am starting my first year as President of Temple B'nai Torah. This is a very exciting time for me and for our congregation. We are starting our sixth year as Temple B'nai Torah, and with the news that our East Building has been sold,

we can now look forward to truly making this one blended congregation, instead of two legacy ones.

Our new parking lot is finally completed, and we have formed an Aesthetics Committee that is now looking into ways for us to update our lobby and blend our two Trees of Life. Many changes are planned to freshen up our Temple and make it more inviting.

I am looking forward to working with my new Vice Presidents: Rob Saunders, Shelley Lomove, Helaine Schnall, and Howard Popeck, and the whole Board of Trustees, getting their perspective on how we can enhance the congregation's views on what we have to offer and retain their membership longer.

I am also looking forward to working with all of the committees, some of which I have been serving on for years, and would hope that each and every one of you would consider joining some of these committees. A good way to really get your voice heard is to get active and participate on these committees.

Then there are the arms of the temple: Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Chai Club, Couples' Club and PTA. While

each arm is unique at TBT, there is some overlap, and I would like to foster more of a connection between the arms. There seems to be something for everyone in every age group. It is just getting the congregation to realize what they each have to offer.

Last, but by no means least, there is you, the individual congregant. My role as president is to guide the business side of the Temple, but I believe it is so much more than that. I am the personal representative of each and every one of you when it comes to your dealings with the Temple. Whether it is a dispute with the office, an issue with registering your children for religious school, or just an ear to listen to your concerns, these are amongst the most important parts of my position, and I take them all seriously. I want you to feel free to let me know your thoughts, your ideas for ways to improve our Temple, or for ways that you feel things could be done differently. When we are all part of the process, we are all part of the solution.

So feel free to send me an e-mail (sspatz@temple-bnaitorah.org), or leave a note in my mailbox in the Temple office; or, if you prefer to speak on the phone, or in person, please call the Temple office (221-2370) to set up an appointment. I really do want to hear from you, especially if we can improve your enjoyment of your membership here at TBT.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you and your family a *l'shana tovah tikateivu*, a very happy, healthy, and joyous New Year, and an easy fast!

L'shalom, Sherrill Spatz, Congregation President

IN THE HOUSE

Talking, planning, shopping, planning, selecting, planning, investigating, planning, agreeing, planning...that is what we are doing in the House Committee through several sub-committees. Keep your eyes and ears open to see and hear updating in our physical plant. Watch your step--you might be stepping on our new and improved parking lot. Look around every time you come to temple to see any improvements being made. Could it be electrical work or carpeting or new temple president boards or new signage? We waited and waited, sometimes patiently and sometimes impatiently, for funds to become available from the sale of our East Building for TBT's use for capital improvements. The time is now. The work will be done.

If you missed our August 12th meeting, come join us on September 16th at 6:45 p.m. Bring your ideas and your expertise.

Tessa Kean

NURSERY SCHOOL

While the graduating Class of 2013 is readying themselves for kindergarten, the Toddler and Pre-K classes are eagerly awaiting the beginning of the fall semester. TBT Nursery School is not large by some standards, but that doesn't diminish the heart of its students. Director-of-Staff Miss Ann, Olivia, Wendy and Elaine have created an atmosphere devoted to learning, socialization, Judaism and fun. Please make a point to attend monthly Tot Shabbats, celebrate festivals, make traditional foods and share multi-generational experiences. We would love to see you there!



OUR COMMUNITY

BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS



Welcome from Harvey and Bruce, Brotherhood co-Presidents.

We hope that summer has been restful and refreshing. Thanks to all who have already sent in their membership dues. Thanks also to Arnie Minsky for his gracious hosting of Brotherhood Board meetings this past summer, and for the use of his crystal-clear pool. Arnie's barbecue talents are unsurpassed!



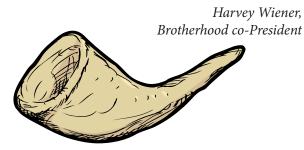
This past summer, Brotherhood also utilized the vision and organizational skills of Ben and Sharon Cernese, as they executed another great Flea Market. That same weekend, Ben also organized the visit from the Traveling Awareness Bears, in support of children

with disabilities.

Looking toward September, Brotherhood will again be serving Sunday breakfast, on any Sunday when Religious School is in session. September breakfasts will be free for all temple members. No misprint! Starting with October breakfasts, the cost will be a mere \$4.00. Please come and join with your fellow congregants.

In September Brotherhood will again assist with the building of the TBT Sukkah on September 15th. Our monthly dinner (with drinks) is set for September 17th, at a nominal cost of \$10 for Brotherhood members who prepay and reserve before the dinner. More details will follow.

Brotherhood provides a warm and welcoming environment for men of all ages. We serve the needs of our long-term members and our young fathers. We are particularly interested in expanding the service that we can provide to men who have children in the Religious School and are looking to develop relationships with the PTA and Religious School Committee. Why not join Brotherhood now and be a part of these worthwhile endeavors?



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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So long, summertime...see you next year!

As you read this column, we are in the midst of the High Holidays, which have come very early. Hopefully, you visited the Judaica shop in the temple lobby in preparation for the holidays. Perhaps you ordered Rosh Hashanah flowers to adorn your dinner table.

I am a mere two months into my tenure as Sisterhood president. It is an honor that I take very seriously. We have a dedicated team of women on our board who have already been meeting and planning so that we may offer programs, services, fundraising events, and more. We're bringing back some oldies but goodies, and in addition, will offer new experiences. We hope to increase our activities with the other arms of TBT

For the 2012/2013 year, Sisterhood was 174 women strong. Wouldn't it be wonderful to increase our numbers for this year? I urge all the women of TBT to join Sisterhood because there is definitely something for everyone. You will find a caring group whose members celebrate the good and support each other during troubled times. Plus, you can never have too many "sisters."

Come on down to our first general meeting on Monday, September 23, and see what we're all about. We've got a very special and exciting program planned. You will be transported to the Caribbean as we have TBT's first "Healing Drum Circle." Get ready to become a percussionist and possibly even a dancer!

On behalf of my husband, Jay, and our sons, Scott and Mark, I wish you and those you love a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year...and may 5774 be the best yet.

Diane Schoenberg Sisterhood President











SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 5, 2013 1-2 PM

Join us for Temple B'nai Torah's

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

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Questions? Marty & Vicki Goldberger 516-935-1613 or vgoldberger@gmail.com

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COUPLES' CLUB

For Auld Lang Syne

As the year comes to a close, it is a tradition to look back at what was accomplished, and to look forward to journeys not yet taken.

This past year has been one of adventure, and many marvelous activities. The Couples' Club is proud of its 60% growth in membership. Temple members who are eligible to join the Couples' Club are encouraged to do so in the coming year. Become members of the most exciting group

in the New York area. Those who have been reading these bulletin articles will remember our Scottish Highland Games, Polo Match, Decades Dance, Party, Bowling Chanukah Tournament, Square Dance, Theater Night Out and many other fantastic events. You will have traveled Couples' Club members to the far corners of the Earth. and shared in our adventures on both land and sea. Short of taking a trip on the TARDIS,

no organization offers more excitement. We take special pride in two of our couples being accepted into European Royalty.

Our final function of the year, a visit to Greenwood Cemetery on June 9th, followed by depleting Junior's Restaurant of its cheesecake, was a fantastic day. We toured 478 spectacular acres, visited the Revolutionary War historic site (the Battle of Long Island was fought in 1776), and spent time with the 560,000 permanent residents, including Leonard Bernstein, Boss Tweed, Charles Ebbets, Louis Comfort Tiffany and Horace Greeley.

Harvey "The Lensman" Drucker took advantage of our family summer cruise aboard the Delta Lady in August to do a little fishing. His expertise resulted in landing a several-hundred-pound yellow-fin tuna. Harvey bartered his catch with the owners of the Southside Fish restaurant, and obtained for the Couples' Club members a sumptuous meal consisting of sushi, tuna steaks, and 3 lb. lobsters.

Looking ahead to next year's spectacular calendar of events: On September 22nd, we have planned a visit to New York City to see the Intrepid Museum and the Enterprise Space

Shuttle. The Couples' Club's own Space Shuttle astronaut will provide her behind-the-scenes insight into flying on two space shuttle missions. Dave "The Terminator" Schuster, the only individual to have bowled a 307 in tournament history, has thrown down his bowling glove gauntlet in challenging "Bowlerman" Bernie, and Rolling Ray, the "New Kid on The Block", to an epic match at our January Bowling Party. Ed "The Deliverer" Pincus, the Couples' Club consigliere, is in negotiations with HBO and ESPN for a possible Pay-Per-View special of this once-in-a-lifetime sports spectacular.

Also included in our calendar for next year are the Decades Square Dances, our famous Chanukah party (featuring the Couples' Club players), theater evenings, and many other thrilling events. The continuing world travels of our members will also be looked forward to with great anticipation. Will Steve "Lord Bubble" Block survive his rescheduled visit to the Tiger Temple (the monks have assured us the tigers are bigger and hungrier than last year.)

What other thrills await the Couples' Club members, and don't you want to be part of the excitement?

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 fdinstell@yahoo.com.

Couples' Club monthly word of wisdom: When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

We would like to thank the TBT community
for their generosity of spirit, kindness and
caring especially when Rich's mom passed away.
Sincerely,
Richard Epler and Family





CHAI NOTES



With the High Holy Days arriving so early, your Chai Club board has already sent out our membership letter and has worked hard to prepare great programs for our new temple year. A warm thank-you to our Membership Committee, led by Harvey Drucker, and also to

our Programming Committee, led by Vice President Esther Philips for coordinating these very important aspects of the Chai Club.

Lowering our membership age requirement to 50 has been very successful. Many new members were able to join. If you are a member of Temple B'nai Torah, 50 and over, or have been a member of any Congregation for 18 years or more, you qualify! Once you join, you can enjoy the many activities the Chai Club has during the year. At each monthly general meeting, we sponsor a wonderful program. It can range from singers such as the Sweet Adelines, to interesting speakers. There are cultural trips and theater parties too! Don't forget to send in your Chai Club dues in the envelope you received in the mail. Dues are still just \$18 per person.

Due to weird aspects (vacations) of the calendar, the Chai Club will have two September Programs meetings without an October program. Our first September program, Monday, September 9th, will feature the Sweet Adelines. Sweet Adelines International is a women's chorus that embraces the uniquely American musical art form of Barbershop Harmony. Their music is sung in four parts, and is done a cappella, which means that they sing without instrumental accompaniment. We will also celebrate birthdays for those falling in July, August and September. At our second September program, on the 30th, we will welcome lecturer and sports historian, "Bud" Livingston. Bud will present his interesting program on the life and times of baseball great, Jackie Robinson. October birthdays will also be celebrated.

Watch for your invitation to our Membership Dinner, to be held, Monday, November 4th. Rita Hofer and her committee are planning a sumptuous dinner.

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.

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.

We wish everyone a very happy and sweet Year; *Shana tova u'metukah*.

Joan and Brian Levy Chai Club Co-Presidents

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hospital. Knowing I am a member of
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are so thoughtful and kind helped
in my speedy recovery.

Bernie Deutsch

OUR COMMUNITY

REFLECTIONS FROM ISRAEL ON THE NEW YEAR

Rabbi Miri Gold is Rabbi of our sister congregation Kehilat Birkat Shalom at Kibbutz Gezer.



Once again the Jewish New Year beckons, on the first of the seventh month, Tishrei. The seventh month? How can that be when we begin a new calendar year, moving from 5773 to 5774? The rabbis argued

among themselves. According to the Torah, the first month of our year is Nisan, the month of spring, when we commemorate our birth as a People, with the Exodus from Egypt, the change from slavery to freedom. Rosh Hashana marks the creation of the world, the birth of humankind. The rabbis compromised, designating the first month as Nisan, yet counting the New (calendar) Year from the first of Tishrei.

Other contrasts are evident. Pesach is a national holiday for the Jews, who chose God as their Sovereign, and, later at Sinai, were willing to forego anarchistic freedom for a sober set of laws and commandments to govern and guide them. Rosh Hashana is in many ways universal, not only because we celebrate our collective human and worldly birthday, but also because we become introspective - reviewing our past year's behavior, pinpointing our faults and weaknesses, and vowing to make changes. It is also common for us to look at our community's moral compass, and to determine how collectively we can make effective changes.

If we look at the ancient rabbis, who understood the value of compromise, perhaps we can be inspired to find solutions to some of the lingering issues of religious pluralism. With the recent elections in Israel, the Haredi (ultra-Orthodox) parties were left out of the coalition. The new Religious Affairs Minister, Naftali Bennett, suggested that instead of having the State appoint neighborhood rabbis, perhaps congregations could receive funding to hire the rabbi of their choice. While it is unlikely that this suggestion will be adopted in the near future, it was, nevertheless, another chink in the Ultra-Orthodox armor which currently dictates religious mores in Israel.

We can hope that once the current budget vote is over, the Ministry of Culture and Sport will finally release funding for non-Orthodox rabbinic salaries. We at Kehilat Birkat Shalom may be among the first to feel of warmth of those rays of light. We are still challenging the Supreme Court to support the decision to fund our salaries, and are hopeful that by the end of 2013 we may see some movement in the

right direction. At the same time, we are confirming the availability of funds from the Religious Affairs Ministry to help us acquire a new building, simple but larger, to maintain a liberal religious presence in our area. We hope that B'nai Torah members will be among the first to celebrate with us when we accomplish these goals. Shana Tova.





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TBT-PTA

The TBT-PTA is so excited about this year and is looking forward in working closely with all of our TBT families, the new school director, and the teachers. To welcome the New Year and make it a sweet one, the PTA we will be sharing apples and honey with the children and faculty during Religious School Welcome Back on September 15th.

This year we have so many exciting activities already planned. Due to their popularity and success, we will again be holding 'Pizza, Prayer, & Pajamas,' Family BINGO, as well as mitzvah projects, and the making of the Tu B'Shevat Tree. Please make sure to check our link on the Temple website for a list of upcoming events as well as a schedule of our meetings. All are welcome to our monthly meetings. We love to see new faces and hear your ideas and suggestions.

Please help support PTA by making a contribution of \$18. These contributions allow us to hold free, fun activities. There will be a membership drive during the school orientation as well as throughout the month of September. You also may join anytime by filling out the membership form available in the lobby and turning in your form and check to the PTA mailbox.

Finally, we are happy to announce a new board of officers. The Co-Presidents are Amy Herman and Sharon Curry, the Co-Vice Presidents are Melissa Coen and Randy Frances. Alaina Walsh is Secretary, and Treasurer is Shari Cullen. Feel free to contact them if you have questions at amyamy555@aol.com or TBTSharon@aol.com. You can also find them most Sundays between 9am and 10am at the Brotherhood Breakfasts. Please come into the social hall to say hello or join them for a delicious \$4.00 meal. Thanks to Randy Frances for donating her time and her writing skills to contribute the monthly PTA articles to the TBT times. Here's to another fabulous year!

I want to thank all of those
who called, texted, e-mailed,
or visited me during my recent
surgery and recuperation.
It was refreshing to feel the power of
community concern for my health and
welfare, and it helped to speed my recovery.

Rob Saunders

CONGREGANT CORNER



Michelle Strauss is a long time member of the TBT family. Her immediate family include her mom Dorene, dad Jeff and her brother Jonathan. Michelle is going into her Junior year at Hunter College and is studying Accounting.

You may have seen Michelle starring in some of the TBT Junior Players shows (Annie, Fiddler on the Roof, Okalhoma to name a few). She loves the theatre but she also has other hobbies, some of which include, jigsaw puzzles, a seashell collection and alphabetzing.

For the past couple of years, Michelle has been upstate at SUNY Oswego as she began her college studies. However, Michelle says "I haven't really been around so much lately, but I like that most traditions are being kept and are continuing to prosper, such as the youth choir singing once a month on the bima, the annual temple show, and mitzvah projects with the Hebrew School."

Michelle has had many positive experiences here at TBT. Among them: "My most positive experiences/fond memories were being involved with the shows, the old family club (we had some pretty amazing trips over the years), having a bat mitzvah and confirmation, graduating from Hebrew High School, and being Rabbi Pasternak's secretary in the office! We shared some laughs during all those hectic/crazy Sunday mornings! Also, being featured on the God Squad in 4th grade with my partner in crime, Eden Held!"

"While being an active congregant for 11 years (2nd-12th grade), I've realized that I accumulated a temple *mishpucha* from all the involvement in Hebrew School, Choir, Shows, SUYO, and all the miscellaneous activities/events over my years here. I always made sure I acted as a role model to the younger ones because I always loved the feeling of being looked up to. Making myself so involved was the best thing for me because it gave me something to look forward to after a long day in school. I always felt that the temple was my second home as I was growing up."

On the clergy of our temple, "Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher are wonderful spiritual guides and I encourage all kids to get involved with TBT as much as you can, for it will shape you as a person and will leave you with many wonderful memories."

Michelle has been such a great role model for the young ones at TBT by becoming involved in all that TBT has to offer Thanks Michelle!



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Shalom! My name is Elisa Blank and I am the new Director of Education at Temple B'nai Torah. I am very excited to be here and look forward to a wonderful year. I hope everyone has had a funfilled and relaxing summer and is ready for the challenges of a new school year.



Many new and exciting changes await the Susanna E. Heiman Religious

School this year. Each student will be given the opportunity to grow and learn, to experience the joys of Judaism and the fun of being part of our amazing community.

One of the many interesting changes happening in our school is the implementation of a brand new seventh grade program. This pilot program is based on the Eilu Devarim prayer..."These Are Our Obligations". There are certain responsibilities or obligations that go along with becoming a Jewish young adult. This new curriculum is designed to help students experience activities that ask them to make Jewish decisions and take on Jewish responsibilities. In order to study each of the Mitzvot listed in the Eilu Devarim prayer, students will participate in hands-on-learning activities, field trips, and simulated computer games created by me and our seventh grade teachers. This curriculum will take us beyond the Eilu Devarim prayer and look at the obligations that are placed on us from a variety of sources in the modern world: God, our parents, our teachers, our peers, our government, our community, and even ourselves. The final obligation our seventh grade students will learn about will be Zikaron – the mitzvah of remembrance with a study of the Holocaust and their obligation to teach future generations.

The first day of classes for grades K-6 will be on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 9:00am. Our seventh grade and Hebrew High School (grades 8 - 12) will begin on Monday, September 16 at 7:00pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 516-221-2370ext.24 or by email eblank@temple-bnai-torah.org

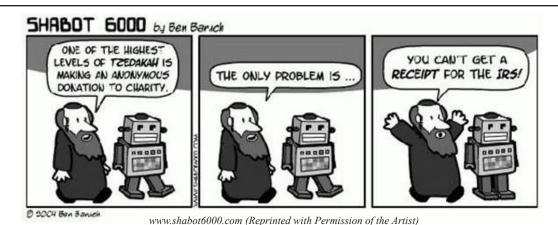
I would like to share this poem, by an unknown author, with you as we turn our thoughts to the upcoming religious school year.

Unity

I dreamed I stood in a studio And watched two sculptors there. The clay they used was a young child's mind And they fashioned it with care. One was a teacher, the tools he used Were books and music and art. One a parent with a guiding hand And a gentle, loving heart. Day after day the teacher toiled With touch that was deft and sure. While the parent labored by his side And polished and smoothed it o'er. And when at last their task was done They were proud of what they had wrought. For the things they had molded into the child Could neither be sold nor bought. And each agreed he would have failed If he had worked alone. For behind the parent stood the school And behind the teacher, the home.

My family and I wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year. L'shana tova tikatevu.

> B'Shalom Elisa Blank Director of Education



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Oct. 5	(M) Jason Spiller	Jeff & Stacey
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Oct. 26	(F) Daniella Leventhal	Keith & Tina
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Please make your check out to "Temple B'nai Torah" and note "College Connection" on the memo line.

Please also include your name and phone number, the student's name, his or her school address, e-mail address and birthday. Requests received after September 10th cannot be accepted.

If you have any questions or would like to join the College Connection Committee, please e-mail Barbara Morgenlender at msmorgy@aol.com or call her at 796-7924.

The first package will be sent Sept 10-14.

If your student starts later please let me know and we will work something out.

Visit the TBT College Connection page on Facebook!

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MAZEL TOV TO:

Marcia Kotkin on the birth of her great grand-daughter, Riley

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Dated Material - Please Rush!

Scouting Reports

It has been an interesting summer for Pack 189. We had our Pack Picnic in June. It was windy and fun! We also went to see a Ducks game in July. Not only was it a great time, but the Ducks won! In August, the Pack went to Cub-Family Weekend at Schiff Scout Reservation in Wading River. There was swimming, archery, BB gun shooting, and rocketry - building and launching.

We have an exciting program planned for this year, including an overnight at a museum, the annual trip to Frost Valley, and Beach Camping next June. It should be an enjoyable and educational year for everyone. I can't wait! Come on down and see what we are about at our Open House on Thursday September 19 at 6:15 PM.

by JJ Scotch

