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B'NAI MITZVAH



Feb. 2 Alicia Elsner

Steven & Hope

My name is Alicia Elsner, and I am a 7th grader at Berner Middle School in Massapequa. I love to dance, listen to music, and spend time with my friends. For my Mitzvah project, I volunteered at a pet shelter. It taught me that every little bit counts. Even the small things can make a big difference.



Feb. 9 Alyson Henig

Gina

Alyson is a very intelligent and talented 13-year-old girl. She is in 7th grade at Wantagh Middle School, where she is a member of the Horizons Program, for children who excel in certain subjects. She enjoys a wide range of sports and other extracurricular activities, such as music, cheerleading, and volleyball. She is kind and loved by all who know her personally, and the sky is the limit for Alyson; she has a very bright future.



Feb. 9 Michael Simmons

Thomas & Stacey

My name is Michael Simmons, and I am a 7th grader at Merrick Avenue Middle School. I enjoy playing soccer. I played on the MAMS soccer team this past fall. My Mitzvah project is about helping others. I am collecting new and gently-used sports equipment so I can help others that were affected by Hurricane Sandy, and also for those that are less fortunate than me. I would like to thank Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher, Cantor Hiesiger, and my family for helping me prepare for my Bar Mitzvah.



Feb. 23 Russell Holtzman

Jay & Bonnie Feldman

I'm Russell Holtzman, a 7th grade Honors Student at Grand Avenue Middle School. My favorite subjects are social studies, math and science. I played football for the 7th grade team and play basketball for the Bellmore Merrick Basketball League. I'm a sneaker "connoisseur" and a collector of the jerseys of my favorite players. I actively help my mom with consumer activities at the Young Adult Institute: Serving People with Disabilities and their Families in Westbury. I would like to thank Mrs. Altman, Cantor Sher, and Rabbi Bellows for their amazing support in preparing me for this special day.



Feb. 23 Jade Leviton

Brian & Susanne

My name is Jade Leviton, and I attend Jonas Salk Middle School in Levittown. I have been involved in Temple B'nai Torah's Israeli Heritage Dance Program and Levittown School District Dance Program. Dance is one of my passions! Another passion of mine is animals. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I have volunteered my time to make toys for cats and dogs currently at Bide-a-wee. I am very excited to be a Bat Mitzvah, and wish to thank Mrs. Altman, Cantor Sher, Rabbi Bellows, my parents and sister for all their support and guidance.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 1	7:30 pm	Family Service (honoring our Scouts)
Saturday, Feb. 2	10:30 am	Services (1 Bat Mitzvah)
Friday, Feb. 8	8:00 pm	Services (led by our Sisterhood)
Saturday, Feb. 9	10:30 am	Services (2 B'nai Mitzvah)
Friday, Feb. 15	6:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service
Saturday, Feb. 16	10:30 am	Services
Friday, Feb. 22	8:00 pm	Services
Saturday, Feb. 23	10:30 am	Services (2 B'nai Mitzvah)
	6:00 pm	Reading of the Megillah (Purim)
	7:30 pm	Purim Spiel and celebration
Friday, March 1	7:30 pm	Family Service



It's coming!!!
It's time for.....



TBT-PTA FAMILY BINGO

February 10th 12:00

Please join us for fun and prizes at TBT-PTA Family Bingo.

Admission is \$4.

Each additional board is \$1.

There is no charge for non-playing adults.

PTA members that pre-register by Feb.3 will receive an extra board.

Refreshments, beverages, and snacks will be available for purchase.

If you have any questions or to register, please contact Michele 516-804-0849 or michsam@aol.com or send in the form below



PRE-REGISTER and SAVE TIME!!!

Name _____	PTA Member? Y N
Number of people registering? _____	# _____
No. of People ____ x \$4.00 admission	Money Included \$ _____
Additional Cards _____	# _____
No. Additional Cards ____ x \$1.00 per card.	Money Included \$ _____
Phone Number to Contact (_____) _____	Total Included \$ _____

Send to: Family Bingo- Temple B'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Ave., Wantagh, NY, 11793



Shalom, Chaverim – Hello, friends,

I am nearly bouncing off my seat with excitement. In just a few weeks, I will accompany our Confirmation Class students on the very first Confirmation Class trip of Temple B'nai Torah's history.

Creating this trip has long been a dream of mine, and I am thrilled to finally bring the concept to our students. These lucky tenth-graders will be spending the weekend of February 15-17 in New York City, experiencing a first-hand look at Jewish life in Manhattan.

We are not always sure how to encourage our students to remain involved in Religious School beyond the celebration of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah service. However, including meaningful, fun, and memorable experiences like this group trip will provide a true incentive to "stick around." We must always look for ways to enhance, renew, and innovate our educational programming, and this trip promises to do so in a number of ways. I owe a great deal of gratitude to the Kliegman Education Fund, as well, for making this first trip affordable for our families.

You are probably wondering what is on our itinerary. We will be worshipping at two different Manhattan synagogues for Shabbat. On Friday night, we will go to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, on the Upper West Side, a very popular, energetic worship experience that includes a band, dancing, and much spirit. Before the service, we will enjoy a delicious Shabbat dinner at Artie's Delicatessen. After we get some rest at our hotel, we'll get up for Shabbat morning services at Temple Shaaray Tefila, a reform congregation on the Upper East Side (where I served for five years).

On Saturday afternoon, the Jewish Museum is open for free for Shabbat, giving us a chance to explore its exhibits before we set aside time for *Havdalah* in the early evening. Saturday night, we will enjoy one of the pleasures of New York City by seeing a Broadway show together.

On Sunday morning, our students will participate in leading a service for one another, as we begin our final day. Then we will head downtown for a walking tour of the Lower East Side, including a visit to the Museum at the Eldridge Street Synagogue. At that point, our journey will reach its conclusion, and we will head back to Wantagh.

It is my hope that our students will come away with an enhanced view of Jewish life, living, worship, and history. A trip like this highlights the wide variety of Jewish experiences open to us, and the freedom that being Jewish in America affords. In future years, I would love to take our students to Washington, D.C., the Jewish South, or, even Israel.

I look forward to updating you following our return!

L'shalom – In peace,

Rabbi Marci N. Bellows

Wanted:

A Few More Good Men and Women

Rabbi Kramer once told me that one of the most rewarding services to our temple community was the *Shiva Minyan*. When asked, the *Minyan* Committee members go to the mourner's home for one, two or three nights and conduct a short service (part in English and part in Hebrew), using a modern prayer book.

The Torah instructs us that we should comfort the bereaved, **and now we need your help**. If you want to be part of this important committee, we will add you to our list, and provide instruction on how to conduct the service. Only limited Hebrew knowledge is necessary. Please send me your name and join our group. The positive feelings you will get after completing the short service is truly heartwarming. G-d willing, you will be rarely called. Make our temple community stronger by providing this service to your fellow congregants in their time of need. To join, please contact me by e-mail or phone: Tessa Kean (tessakean@gmail.com or 516-504-0012).

FYI ... A Memorial Plaque has been dedicated in honor of Rabbi Robert Raab, by his dear wife, Dr. Marjorie Raab.

The plaque may be found on Board Five in the sanctuary.



Cantor Lisa Levine



Gerard Edery

3RD ANNUAL COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

With Cantor Lisa Levine

Friday Evening, March 22, 2013

6:00PM – Shabbat Dinner

8:00PM - Join us for a special Shabbat worship with Cantor Lisa Levine

Adult, Teen and Youth Choirs with TBT Band

Saturday, March 23, 2013 - Spend The Day At TBT

2:00 PM YOGA SHALOM – Cantor Lisa Levine leads an extraordinary Yoga experience, bringing together body, mind, and spirit.

7:00 PM HAVDALAH

7:30 PM CONCERT

With Cantor Lisa Levine, Cantor Steven Sher, and featuring Sephardic singer Gerard Edery.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some temple business, and a few upcoming events.

We received some very positive news on January 10th from our attorney, Bill Rifkin. Our petition to sell the East Building has been endorsed with the Attorney General's "no objection". Bill has submitted the full petition and all the backup documentation to the NYS Supreme Court. He estimates 30-60 days for the order to be signed by a judge. Once signed, we can close. As Pastor Brian Macmillan, of Centerpointe Church (the purchaser) said to me, we are "one big step closer!!!" This has been a very long and trying path, and we have not reached our destination yet, but I am sure you will agree with me that we can all breathe a little easier now. With this news, we will move ahead with our plans to remove the stained glass windows and Tree of Life from the building. I will keep you apprised of any further news as I receive it.

As you might be aware there are some changes going on in the lives of some of our professional staff and lay leadership. Charles Kirby, TBT's Vice President of Spirituality was married to Kristen Ferrante on December 30. It was a beautiful day, and we all wish the couple much love and happiness. If you see Charles, be sure to congratulate him.

Rabbi Marci Bellows became engaged to Seth Lindenman this past summer and will be getting married in April in her hometown of Chicago. Planning is underway for a Jack 'n Jill Shower (women and men are invited) in March. All congregants are invited for "Dancing, Sweets & Cheer" to celebrate with the new couple. Watch for flyers, e-mails and social network posts for more details. There will also be a chance to celebrate the upcoming nuptials on Friday, April 19th. The couple will be sponsoring the *pre-neg* (an *oneg* before the service) and the service will include their *aufruf* (blessing of the bride and groom). I hope you can join in one or both of the congregation's celebrations for this wonderfully happy couple.

Rabbi Deanna Pasternak is retiring at the end of this school year, after 19 years as the Director of Education of The Susanna E. Heiman Religious School. Plans are underway for a Celebration Service in June. I hope you can join us to thank Rabbi Pasternak for her superb management of our religious school and wish her well in her retirement. A search committee has been formed and is hard at work finding applicants who can fill the position and continue to keep our school to the very high standards that our community has come to expect. I will keep you informed of their progress.

The Budget committee for the years 2013-2014 has begun to meet. Negotiations are taking place for Cantor Steven Sher's new contract. Both the budget and the terms of the Cantor's contract will be presented to the congregation for approval at this year's Congregation meeting, currently scheduled for Wednesday May 22 at 7:30. The new slate of Officers and Trustees will also be voted on at the Congregation Meeting.

There are many, Many, MANY more events, programs and services in the coming months, but if I mention one, I would have to mention them all. I have even heard complaints that we overbook our temple calendar! Please check the calendar on the temple website and check it often, because programs are changed and added on a regular basis.

With so much going on, I am sure I will see you around!

L'Shalom
Judy Kule
President

We Need You!!

- ❖ Are you a non-driver?
- ❖ Do you need a ride to evening Shabbat services at Temple B'nai Torah?
- ❖ Are you willing to give time to drive a "non-driver" to Shabbat services?



Please volunteer!

Call Pearl Sutz to get on either list: 516-781-7610

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BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS



Another busy month concluded for Brotherhood. At the recent Temple Board meeting, we were all asked “what makes TBT different?” My answer was the number and diversity of the programs offered to our members. If you just look at Brotherhood, in any given month we offer service to the Temple and the community, fundraising events, social events and leadership to the Temple. See below for recent events and all that is planned for the next few months.

Recent events for Brotherhood include:

- a) On Tuesday, January 15th, Mark Chester and his crew prepared a delicious meatloaf dinner, the perfect meal for a cold winter night.
- b) On Friday, January 25th, the Brotherhood supported the 2nd annual Tu B’shevat Seder held during the Friday night service.
- c) On Saturday, January 26th, the annual Square Dance was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to Sue and Jeff Beller for all your efforts in arranging this event.
- d) On Monday, January 28th, the Brotherhood sponsored a trip to the Barclays Center in Brooklyn to see the Nets play the Orlando Magic. Everyone who attended was amazed at how magnificent the Barclays Center was.

Upcoming future events include:

- a) Friday, February 1st at 7:30 pm – Scout Shabbat. Please attend this service to support our troop.
- b) Tuesday, February 5th at 7:30 pm – Monthly Board Meeting
- c) Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm – Dinner with head chef, Brian Katzman.
- d) Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 pm – Men’s Seder. We have all heard about the Women’s Seder. Tonight, led by Cantor Sher, the men will conduct a special Seder which includes discussing special topics just for men. Please mark your calendar for this special event.
- e) Friday, March 29th at 8:00 pm – Brotherhood Shabbat. The annual Passover service will be led by various Brotherhood members.

Please join us for breakfast at 9:15 am every Sunday morning that school is in session. If you are interested in cooking or just schmoozing with the kitchen crew, please come down.

Alan Loewenstein, Brotherhood President

OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



February is a month of love and friendship. Sisterhood is mourning the loss of our sister, Judy Lichtenstein. We will miss her smile, her hard work and, with all her experience, the wisdom she imparted to our sisterhood.

This month we have many events to share with our friends. Come out of the cold and join us on Friday evening, February 8th, for our annual Sisterhood Shabbat service. Sunday, February 10th, will find the women honoring *Rosh Chodesh* at our series, led by Rabbi Bellows. Do you remember the Nite of Beauty that had to be rescheduled because of Superstorm Sandy? February 26th is the new date. Join us for this fun event. Please support our Purim fundraiser: send a *Sh’lach Manot* bag filled with treats to your temple friends.

Our nominating committee will soon begin to work on the 2013 – 2014 sisterhood board. If you are interested in joining a group of women motivated by the feelings of friendship, spirit and *tikkun olam*, please let us know.

Watch for our upcoming events:

Sisterhood Auction and our annual Women’s Seder.

Stay warm! Come join the fun!

Joni Christie,
Sisterhood President

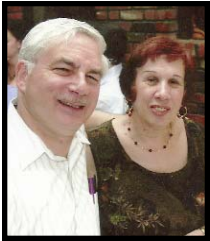
Torah Cards

You’ve heard of them. Sisterhood has been offering them for sale. But, do you know what they are?

Torah cards are cards you can send for birthdays, anniversaries, a get-well wish, or just to say hello. They can be purchased through the temple Judaica Shop at a cost of 3 for \$5.00. All money raised from the sale of Torah cards is used for the repair or purchase of items on our sanctuary’s bimah – Torah covers, candlesticks, etc.

Come to the Judaica shop and pick up some Torah cards. When you send a loved one or a friend a greeting, know you are helping to maintain our beautiful bimah. Any questions? For further information, please call Hilda Singer at 826 – 9538.

CHAI NOTES



Even though the outside temperatures are cooling off, our Chai Club schedule of great programs is heating up! Our February 4th Chai Club General Meeting will feature a re-creation of the popular TV series "Hollywood Squares." Please join us at 7:30 in the Kiddush Lounge as we bring back the antics of Paul Lynde and all the comical interaction with his crew. Do you remember the quick-witted dialogue? "In Hawaiian, does it take more than three words to say 'I love you'?" Vincent Price: "No, you can say it with a pineapple and a twenty..."



Special thanks to Holocaust survivor Janine Berg, who recounted her remembrances of this terrible period of Jewish history at our January program. Thanks also to Barbara Held, who coordinated this program. Congratulations to the winners of the January birthday prizes, Esther Phillips and George Bernstein, and the 50-50 winner was Marlene Proct.

Plans are also underway for the Chai Club-sponsored Second Seder, 6:00 pm, March 26th. Join Cantor Sher as he leads us in a fun-filled evening filled with the four questions, four cups of wine, favorite songs, familiar rituals, and family memories, as we retell the story of our liberation from slavery, and sing the songs of freedom. Everyone will take home their own souvenir modern Haggadah. In order to make the seder accessible to everyone, we will recite familiar passages and songs in both English and Hebrew. Families with children, singles, elderly, and unaffiliated members of our community are all welcome. Our dinner will be Kosher-style and include gefilte fish, matzah ball soup, chicken, and many other traditional Passover favorites. Vegetarians will be accommodated. Reservations are required before March 19th, with the cost for temple members age 13 and up \$42/person, and \$20 for children ages 7-12. Non-member cost is \$50/ages 13 and up and \$25 for children ages 7-12. RSVP with flier found in this issue of TBT Times and send to the temple office. Please call Brian Levy, 516-781-4966 or email bellobl@aol.com with any questions.

Joan and Brian Levy, Co-Presidents

A PREVIEW OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2012-2013 CHAI CLUB

Our activities during the year include monthly meetings, during which we have an entertainer or lecturer. We also celebrate birthdays, participate in 50/50 drawings and sponsor delicious collations. Chai Club programs are open to all members of Temple B'nai Torah and their guests. Unless indicated, all programs are in the Kiddush Lounge.

DATE	ACTIVITY
February 4, 2013	Barbara Held will host Hollywood Squares with "Paul Lynde".
March 4, 2013	LI Jewish Genealogy Society presentation.
March 26, 2013	Traditional Passover Second Day Seder led by Cantor Sher. Program will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Watch for additional details.
April 7, 2013	Trip to Broadhollow Theater (Elmont) to see "Funny Girl". Watch for the flyer in late January.
April 8, 2013	Shirley Wershba will present a fascinating program about Edward R. Murrow.
April 8, 15, 22 & 29	Cantor Sher's <i>Adventures in Music</i> 12:00 p.m. in the Kiddush Lounge. Sponsored by the Ed Kliegman Fund. Lunch is provided by the Chai Club; a donation of \$4.00 is requested to help defray the expenses. Watch for the flyer.
May 6, 2013	Exciting program with the Banjo Rascals.
May 10, 2013	End of the year general meeting. The Chai Club Shabbat Dinner and Service. Watch for additional details and an invitation. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Services 8:00 p.m.

Watch for other cultural and theater trips during the year.

*To all my wonderful friends –
I wish to express my profound appreciation. I received so many wishes for my recovery that I realized what a great group of lovely people we have here at Temple B'nai Torah.
My sincere thanks, Irving Carroll*

COUPLES' CLUB

by Fred Dinstell



It's A Bird, It's a Plane It's BowlerMan

On January 13th, a contest unmatched since the Olympians defeated the Titans occurred in Wantagh, N.Y. At this epic tournament, BowlerMan Bernie was challenged by Rolling Ray, The New Kid On The Block. As the balls rocketed down the lanes aglow in a strange aura, and leaving a trail of strangely audible crackling, the contest remained very close. Pin after pin went flying, accompanied by what some thought was the strike of Thor's hammer, filling the arena with its clarion blast. Rolling Ray, having bowled his second 300 game, and using his famous hop, skip, and jump approach, held a slight lead on style. However, BowlingMan was not troubled. With great fanfare, he bowled the final game, wearing a blindfold. Even though both competitors ended with 900 scores for the three games, the tournament trophy was awarded to BowlerMan, based on level of difficulty. In celebration of this glorious feat, the Couples' Club members feasted on a 30-course, luscious buffet.

Several squares at the annual Temple Square Dance on January 26th were filled by Couples' Club members, dressed in their country best. Frilly skirts, cowboy hats and string ties were the fashion of the day. Performing intricate dance routines with the precision of a Marine marching band, the Couples' Club step dancers rivaled any seen at Gilley's in Houston, Texas. Experienced and new square dancers alike had a great time of dancing and eating. Once again the words of Mr. "T" ring true. "I pity the fools who keep missing these great temple functions."

The planned events for the rest of this year include: our outstanding Games Night, Military Bridge, Theatre Evening, Greenwood Cemetery and other electrifying events. Several additional adventures are in the planning stage.

We are glad to hear that Arthur Solop, Michael Frank, Brian Levy and Vicki Goldberger are on the mend.

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:

Having someone to love is Family.

Having somewhere to go is Home.

Having both is a Blessing.

MAZEL TOV TO

■ **Dorothy Duckstein** on her granddaughter Eliana Fischel's acceptance into Rabbinical School

■ **Michael "Mickey" Horwitz** on the birth of his grandson, Aiden Rahm Horwitz

■ **Charles Kirby & Kristen Ferrante** on their recent marriage

■ **Jeffrey Beller** on his retirement

■ **David Forman** on his retirement

Congregant Corner

Andrea Ferrara and her family joined TBT 4 years ago. Andrea and her husband Jerry have two children, Rachel and Daniel.

A Disney fan and a 1st grade teacher, Andrea participates in both her children's family classes. "I wanted my children to become a part of a Jewish community and to develop a Jewish identity. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of both of their "family classes". We schmooze, nosh, do fun craft activities, and go on field trips. I would have loved it if this were available when I attended religious school."



Andrea suggests that for new members to feel welcomed... "clubs should call to invite them to functions and to help them get to know current members. If we see an unfamiliar face, we should say hello and invite them to sit with us. Someone did that for me and *it made all of the difference.*"

Hurricane Sandy was a difficult time for the Ferrara family, having lost power for 13 days. "As temple members began getting their power back, several reached out to me to offer a hot shower, a meal...even to entertain my children. It meant so much to me!"

When discussing the clergy, Andrea states, "The Rabbi and Cantor bring such positive energy to our temple. I love their humor and their wonderful way with the children."

Andrea's mom recently joined the adult bnai-mitzvah class, and Andrea couldn't be prouder. "I think that it's wonderful that this is offered at our temple. 2014 will be a special year because both my mother and my daughter will become a bat-mitzvah." (Andrea became a Bat Mitzvah with Rabbi Raab.)

We look forward to the special days for both Andrea's mother and daughter here at TBT. The Ferrara family contributes to what makes TBT the wonderful place that it is.

Nursery News

submitted by Ann Lazare



These photos were taken at the Nursery School's Chanukah celebration. The students sang songs, made latkes, and enjoyed sharing the festivities with Cantor Sher, Miss Ann, Miss Olivia, Miss Wendy, Miss Elaine, family and friends. (Photos courtesy of Ellice Toscano)

OUR COMMUNITY

Community Second Night of Passover Seder

Sponsored by

Chai Club of Temple B'nai Torah

2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793 (516) 221-2370

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a complete Passover Seder meal without the preparation.

Led by Cantor Steven Sher

Tuesday, March 26th, 2013

6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Cantor Sher will conduct the Seder and lead us in prayer and song. The Seder will be a full-course, traditional, Kosher-style dinner, featuring many of your favorite dishes. Adults will receive a modern Haggadah to take home.

A Reform Congregation

In order to make the Seder accessible to everyone, we will recite familiar passages and songs in both English and Hebrew. Families with children, singles, elderly, and unaffiliated members of our community are all welcome. **All reservations, which are required, must be made no later than March 19th, 2013.** We can't accommodate any walk-ins. Please call Brian Levy, (516) 781-4966 or e-mail bellobi@aol.com with any questions.

Mail the form and check, payable to CHAI CLUB TBT, to: Temple B'nai Torah c/o Chai Club, 2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. Reservations must be received by March 19th, 2013.

Name _____		E-mail _____	
Telephone () _____		I/We wish to be seated with: _____	

First and last name of each person attending. For additional names please use the back of this form.		Adult meals w/gc 13+ \$42.00 Members \$50.00 Non-members Children Vegetarian		Child's meal ages 7-12 Age appropriate meal. Members \$20.00 Non-Members \$25.00		Children under 7 years old no charge.	
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TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH Goes to the ballgame



LONG ISLAND DUCKS
vs
The Sugar Land Skeeters
BALLPARK
CENTRAL ISLIP, NY

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2013 AT 1:35 PM

THE ADULT, TEEN AND YOUTH CHOIRS

Under the direction of Cantor Steven Sher

WILL SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

SUPPORT OUR CHOIRS & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

TICKETS ARE \$15.00 EACH

A portion of the proceeds will go to the religious school for future programming!

Please fill out the form below and return it with your check, payable to Temple B'nai Torah (put "Ducks" in memo field). Place your order in the wall envelope in the temple office marked **DUCKS!** **Deadline to order is March 15, 2013.** You may order as many tickets as you like. Only members of the choirs will sing on the field. Everyone must purchase a ticket. No refunds, no cancellations. Limited seating. In the event of bad weather, L.I. Ducks' policies are in effect. For all L.I. Ducks and stadium rules, as well as directions to the ballpark, please refer to www.liducks.com. Tickets will be available for pick-up at the temple in advance of the ball game.

Questions? Please contact Howard and Lauren Lev 516-542-1323.

_____ x \$15.00 each = \$ _____
of tickets TOTAL DUE

Name (please print) _____

E-mail _____ Home phone _____

In the House...by Tessa Kean

Have you seen our "house" looking spruced up? Thank-yous go to Sue-Ellen Pennington and Prestige Maintenance for making sure our house is well kept.

Yes, we know. The parking lot needs help. This major project is first on our list for action once the East Building is no longer ours, and when Mother Nature cooperates. Meanwhile, sink-holes near drains have been dealt with on a temporary basis.

Dynaire has come and cleaned the vents on our new units; we can all breathe easier. Eighteen locks have been installed on doors in our school wing. A circuit-breaker in the electric panel in our school wing has been replaced. Our donated piano has been tuned, thanks to the contribution of another anonymous donor. We need more anonymous donors. Work on our East Building, replacing incandescent bulbs with energy-efficient bulbs, has been done. Our TBT bathrooms have been repaired. The drain spout outside the rear entrance has been reconfigured.

This is only a partial list of what has been done. Please join us on February 11 at 7:00 p.m., at our House Committee meeting, to hear more of what is being done. Thank you to our congregants who have acted as extra eyes and ears and have made us aware of items that needed attention. We are really all responsible for making sure our buildings are cared for properly. Please continue to alert us to things you see.

IT'S A WRAP

A fabulous group of TBT volunteers spent three days in the latter part of December wrapping gifts at Westfield Sunrise Mall. We supplied the paper, ribbon, boxes, bows, etc., as well as friendly service, and grateful shoppers rewarded us with donations to our synagogue.

This was a true demonstration of the intergenerational community at TBT – we had volunteers representing eight distinct decades. There were members of every arm of the temple – all working together, having fun, reinforcing old relationships and forging new friendships. Thanks are due to our entire crew, including Janis Beldner, Rabbi Marci Bellows, Scott Bitterman, Marilyn Block, Diane Derby, Harvey and Rita Drucker, Debbie and Matthew Flaster, Jeffrey Goodman, Barbara Gouveia, Paula Kanter, Mark and Tessa Kean, Janis and Lauren Lambert, Ronni McLaughlin, Leslie Mittleman, Judy and Michael Novet, Dale Pomeranz, Dorothy Saperstein, Wendy Ser, and Robin Wexler. (Sincere apologies if any names have been inadvertently omitted.) Thanks are also owed to all who donated wrapping paper, boxes, and other supplies.

Please consider joining us next year. There is always an incredible sense of cooperation and camaraderie, and we always have a terrific time. In addition to helping TBT, this fundraiser is an excellent way to meet and socialize with fellow TBT congregants.

Submitted by Judy Novet



YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE - SPECIAL GIFTS

Special Funds and Donations

Temple B'nai Torah follows a long and rich heritage of *Tzedakah*, consistent with our Jewish tradition. Such giving often recognizes a birth, birthday, *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*, wedding, anniversary, or death.

Your generosity, large and small, continues to provide for **Temple B'nai Torah** by sustaining programs for its members. A beautifully inscribed card is sent acknowledging and commemorating your gift. Please mail this form to the Temple, together with your check payable to: **Temple B'nai Torah**. This will ensure that your donation is acknowledged in a timely fashion.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY 2013					1 •3:00pm B/M Reh. (Sanc.) -7:30pm Family Shabbat Service-TBT Scouts	2 •9:30am Torah Study (K/L) •10:30 am Shabbat Svc (1) B/M Elsn
3 •8:00am-6:00pm Blood Drive S/H & K/L •9:00am Rel. Sch./5 FamClass •9:15am Brotherhood Brkfst S/H -10:00am Adult B/M Cls (Rm206) -10:30am Couples Club Bd Mtg (A) -1:00pm Cub Scouts (101/103)	4 •1:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) •4:30PM Rel. Sch. •Nursery Parent Teacher (Conf) •6:30pm Teen Choir (101/103) •7:30 pm Chai Gen. Mtg K/L -7:30pm Adult Choir (101/103) - 8:30pm BNTY Sr. (Y/L)	5 •10:00am AIAnon •3:30pm Tutor (Lib.)Rel Sch. •4:30pm Rel. Sch. •6:45pm Sisterhood Ex. Bd Mtg (101/103) -7:30pm Brotherhood Bd Mtg (S/H) •7:45pm Sisterhood Gen Mtg K/L -8:00-10:00pm Budget Mtg (104)	6 •10:30am Bingo -4:30pm Religious School •6:30pm - 7:30pm BNTY Jr. Y/L	7 •6:00pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) •7:30 pm Bingo •7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)	8 •5:30pm Tot Shabbat -8:00pm Erev Shabbat Sisterhood Service	9 •9:30 - 11:00 am Torah Study (K/L) 10:30am Shabbat Svc (2) B/M Henri Simmons •7:00pm-10:00pm Sisterhood Fundraiser S/H
10 •9:00am Rel. Sch./4 Fam Class •9:15am Brotherhood Brkfst S/H •10:00am-Membership Mtg S/H -10:00am Adult B/M Cls (Rm206) -11:30am PTA Family Bingo S/H -1:00pmCub Scouts (101/103) •1:00pm-3:00pm Rosh Chodesh K/L •6:00pm Purim Spiel Reh. (Sanc)	11 •1:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) •4:30pm Rel. Sch -6:30pm Teen Ch. Reh. (101/103) •7:00pm Housing Mtg (K/L) •7:30pm Adult Choir Reh101/103 •8:30pm - 9:30 pm BNTY Sr. Y/L	12 •10:00am AIAnon -3:30pm Tutor Library •4:30pm Rel. Sch. •7:00pm Jewish War Veterans Meeting (Y/L) •7:00pm Exec. Bd. Mtg (101/103) •7:30pm Ritual Com Mtg K/L •8:00pm Religious Ed. Mtg. (Library)	13 •10:30am Bingo •4:30pm Rel Sch. •6:30pm - 7:30pm BNTY Jr. Y/L	14 •3:00pm B/M photos Leviton -6:00pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts (Y/ L) •7:30 pm Bingo •7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts (Y/ L)	15 •11:00am Nursery Purim party K/L •3:00pm B/M Rehearsal (Sanc.) - Confirmation Class Trip NYC - 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	16 •9:30 am - 11:00 Torah Study (K/L) •10:30am Shabbat Svc -7:00pm Couples Club Games Night (K/L) - Confirmation Cl Trip - NYC
17 •NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL-Mid-Winter Recess •Confirmation Class Trip - NYC •6:45 pm Triple Bingo	18 President's Day •NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL-Mid-Winter Recess •Nursery School Closed •Building Closed	19 •NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL-Mid-Winter Recess •10:00am AIAnon •Nursery School Closed •3:30pm-8:00pm Tutor (Library) •7:00pm Brotherhood Dinner K/L	20 • NO REL. SCHOOL-Mid-Winter Rec. • Nursery School Closed • 10:30 am Bingo	21 • Nursery School Closed •6:00 - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) •7:30 pm Bingo S/H •7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)	22 • Nursery School Closed • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Svc	23 Purim - 9:30am Torah Study (K/L) •10:30am Shabbat Service (2) B/M Holtzman & Levit • 6:00pm Lay-Le Megillah Reading • 7:30pm Purim celebration & Spi
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