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B'nai Torah TIMES

A BREATH, BREEZE, AND SPIRIT OF THE TIMES

MAY IT BE BREATH OF FRESH JEWISH SPIRIT ARRIVING AT YOUR HOME



PUT IT IN THE BOOKS!
Last Day at TBT Religious School 2013!

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**June 1 Alexander Ament****Rich & Tracey**

My name is Alex Ament, I grew up in Seaford where I am an honors student in the 7th grade at Seaford Middle School. I enjoy hanging out with my friends and playing the clarinet and the flute. I also enjoy Swimming, going on vacation and surfing on my computer. For my Mitzvah project, my brother Jordan and I have collected and recycled bottles and cans to aid the environment and we saved the deposits to donate to the ASPCA to help prevent animal abuse. I would like to thank Mrs. Altman, Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher and my family for all their support and help in preparing for this special day.

**June 1 Jordan Ament****Rich & Tracey**

My name is Jordan Ament. I am a seventh grade honors student at Seaford Middle School. My tutor is Mrs. Altman and I have enjoyed learning with her; she has helped me so much with the preparation for my Bar Mitzvah. For my Mitzvah project I decided to raise money for the ASPCA. My brother Alex and I have been collecting bottles for the five-cent deposits and all of the money will be donated to the ASPCA to help prevent animal abuse. The recycling will also help the environment. I would like to thank Mrs. Altman, Cantor Sher, Rabbi Bellows and my family for all their support. I can't wait to share my Bar Mitzvah with Alex, we have worked very hard together to accomplish this.

**June 8 Rachel Schwartz****Jay & Bernadette**

My name is Rachel Schwartz, and I attend Plainedge Middle School. I love dancing, playing sports, and playing my violin. I feel that becoming a Bat Mitzvah is a great honor. For my mitzvah project, I helped the homeless and less fortunate by making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches at a soup kitchen; I also helped out senior citizens during bingo at the Parkview Nursing Home. It made me feel great to do a mitzvah for the elderly and people in need.

**June 8 Emily Williamson****Donald & Karin**

My name is Emily Williamson and I go to Wantagh Middle School. My favorite thing to do is dance, and I am part of a championship dance team as well as my school team. I also enjoy playing sports like volleyball. For my Mitzvah project, I participated with my school 'Hoops For Hearts' team and helped raise money for the American Heart Association. This cause was important to me after my father's sudden heart attack last year. I wanted to help spread the word about how to stay heart-healthy. I also want to thank Ms. Altman and Cantor Sher for everything they have done to help me prepare for my big day.

**June 15 Haley Bernstein****Steven & Marcia**

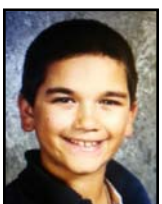
My name is Haley Bernstein, and I attend Grand Avenue Middle School. I really enjoy karate, playing the piano, and holiday time (especially the music). My Bat Mitzvah made me realize that it is good to help out and do a mitzvah. For my mitzvah project, I played a collection of holiday songs at an assisted-living facility. When I left there, I felt really good because I had helped so many people in something simple like enjoying the holidays.

**June 15 David Ferris****Don & Lisa**

My name is David Ferris and I am a 7th grade honors student at Grand Avenue Middle School in Bellmore. I enjoy playing baseball in my free time and I am on the NBNM Giants Little League team. For my Mitzvah Project, I am collecting slightly used sports equipment for Children's Sport Connection. They give troubled kids access to sports equipment when their families are going through tough times. I think that is important because sometimes if you have a sport to keep you occupied, it can just clear your mind and make all your troubles go away.

**June 22 Connor Auty****Joseph & Wendy**

My name is Connor Auty and I go to Grand Avenue Middle School. I like riding my bicycle to Jones Beach with my dad in the summer. I also like playing basketball in the front of my house and I like playing video games. My Bar Mitzvah project is collecting used blankets and towels for a cat organization that saves cats from being euthanized in the town shelter. I really like knowing that I am helping to save, in some way, the lives of animals.

**June 22 Michael Bender****Brian & Cheryl**

My name is Michael Bender and I go to Wantagh Middle School. I love baseball and sports. I play second base for the seventh grade baseball team. I also play travel baseball with the Long Island Indians. In the winter I wrestle on my school team. I would like to thank my tutor, Cantor Hiesiger, as well as Cantor Sher and Rabbi Bellows for all their assistance in preparing me for my Bar Mitzvah. I'd like to give extra thanks to my parents, my sister Kelly and my entire family for all their support, love and encouragement.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 1	10:30 am	Shabbat Services (2 Bar Mitzvahs)
Friday, June 7	7:30 pm	Family Services
Saturday, June 8	10:30 am	Shabbat Services (2 Bat Mitzvahs)
Friday, June 14	8:00 pm	Joyce Berger Memorial Interfaith Shabbat Service
Saturday, June 15	10:30 am	Shabbat Services (2 B'nai Mitzvah)
Friday, June 21	6:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, June 22	10:30 am	Shabbat Services (2 Bar Mitzvahs)
Friday, June 28	8:00 pm	Shabbat Services (Board Installation)

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, MONEY...

What can you do without money? Not much, I would think, and the Temple is the same way. Here are three easy ways that you can help the Temple raise much-needed money, without it costing you anything out of your own pocket:

- (1) Do you buy stuff at Amazon.com? If you get there through the link on the Temple website's home page, Amazon will pay us a commission on the purchase, but we only get it if you access Amazon's site through the Temple's site. It will literally add 5 seconds to your online experience, but the Temple will benefit.
- (2) Gift cards – these are sold in the Temple lobby on Sunday mornings during the school year, and in the Temple office at most other times. The Temple buys these gift cards at a discount, but you get the full-dollar value of your purchase (so if you pay us \$100, you get \$100 worth of gift cards). Gone are the days of the cheesy paper certificates; every one of the gift cards we sell has a magnetic strip on the back. We have all of the major local supermarkets, many restaurants in the area, and dozens of other retailers. Please consider this as you are looking for graduation gifts, holiday gifts, or dinner out for yourself.
- (3) Material donations – do you have an old computer or piece of electronic equipment that is just gathering dust? Don't throw it out – donate it to the Temple. We will wipe the memory of computers and sell them (and almost anything else) on eBay. We made several hundred dollars in the past year via this method, and it is easy: You can drop your item off at the Temple, or we can come pick it up. And we will provide you with a receipt for your taxes.

If you have any questions about these and other low-cost fundraising ideas, feel free to contact me (Rob Saunders) by e-mail: RS12564@aol.com. I'll be happy to help you in any way I can.



Shalom, Chaverim – Hello, friends,

At the end of this month, we bid adieu to a longtime member of the Temple B'nai Torah family, Rabbi Deanna Pasternak. Rabbi Pasternak has served as legacy congregation Suburban Temple's and then TBT's Educational Director. On Saturday, June 22, we will gather together at a special event to honor Rabbi Pasternak and all of the ways in which she has enriched more than a generation's worth of our community. I wanted to share with you a few of the thoughts that I will build upon with the community that evening.

It has been a true privilege to get to know Rabbi Pasternak as a teacher, educator, and Jewish woman. I am reminded of a favorite character performed by Lily Tomlin, "Edith Ann." As this character, Tomlin once said, "I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework." As a teacher and as a principal, Rabbi Pasternak has strived to infuse everything she does with the most beloved of Jewish values and ethics. She sends our children home each day with much to ponder, consider, and incorporate into their individual lives. I have treasured each opportunity to watch how she personalizes her lessons and works to make our school a meaningful, long-lasting part of our students' religious identity.

Rabbi Pasternak is a supportive principal, and has made innumerable efforts to care for her teachers and *madrachim* (student aides). She is careful to remind our teaching staff that they are role models for the religious school students, and that their explicit and implicit feelings for Judaism get translated to the children. As a Director of Education and as a Rabbi, she has approached all matters through the lens of lifelong learner and teacher.

We will certainly miss Rabbi Pasternak in the daily life of Temple B'nai Torah, though I have a feeling that we will have special opportunities to continue learning with her in the years to come. Nevertheless, her impact will long remain in the lives of our students of past and present, and for this we are eternally grateful for her years of wisdom, guidance, and distinction.

With much admiration,
Rabbi Marci N. Bellows

*Celebrating 35 Years
as a
Religious School
Educator & Administrator*



Temple B'nai Torah
cordially invites all families
to a
Havdalah Service, Concert & Dessert Buffet
honoring
Rabbi Deanna Pasternak
Saturday, June 22, 2013 at 6:30 PM

Please RSVP to Pearl Sutz 516-781-7610
Please share your favorite dessert with us this evening.
Let us know your dessert when you RSVP.

Temple B'nai Torah
2900 Jerusalem Avenue (& Oakfield Avenue)
Wantagh, NY 516-221-2370



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






I rarely, if ever, write about a specific individual with whom I have direct knowledge. I have often written about outstanding figures in the history of Jewish music, the cantorate and other areas of endeavor. However, I have written about them with complete objectivity in an effort to enlighten and educate. Without precedent, my column, this month, departs from those parameters and I will concentrate on someone I know, whose acquaintance has, to say the least, enhanced, enriched and edified my own presence, here, at Temple B'nai Torah.

I am speaking of Rabbi Deanna Pasternak. While I also pay tribute to her husband Andrew, I have spent much more time working with Rabbi Pasternak and would like to attend primarily to that relationship. In my 38 years of experience working in the cantorate, I have worked with many professional Jewish educators. Yes, Rabbi Pasternak is, first and foremost, a Jewish educator. She has devoted her career to bringing her passion for Jewish learning and education to her adult and child congregants, often times, I shall conjecture, at personal and professional risk. Hopefully, this has been counter-balanced by the expression of appreciation, deeply felt, and joyfully expressed.

Of all the educators with whom I have worked, not one has embodied all of what, I feel, are the important and exemplary qualities that Rabbi Pasternak possesses: that she is incredibly well organized; that she is thoughtful in anticipating the needs of her colleagues and staff members, even when they don't realize them; that she is self-effacing and reflects a genuine humility that only builds roads between her and everyone with whom she interacts; that her values, ethics and goals are expressed in the highest form of our tradition; that she is genuinely proud of the achievements of those around her; that she informs everyone with a warm and embracing sense of humor; and that she appreciates the talents and contributions of her colleagues without jealousy or envy. These are the marks of a truly remarkable individual, for Rabbi Pasternak is that and more.

It says in *Pirke Avot*, the Ethics of the Fathers, the 56th and final tractate of the Talmud, that, although we are not necessarily obligated to finish a task in our lifetime, nevertheless, we are not free of the obligation to contribute to that objective. I firmly believe that Rabbi Deanna Pasternak has exemplified the true spirit of that mitzvah, so important to the growth, survival and flourishing of our community, our culture and our existence. As Rabbi Deanna and Andrew Pasternak enter this new transition in their lives, may they always go and grow, from strength to strength.

Cantor Steve Sher

SAVE THE DATE!!

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2013

10 AM – 5 PM

RAIN OR SHINE

THE ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD FLEA MARKET

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My presidency is coming to a close. These two years have gone by very quickly and in many ways, I am sorry that it is ending... BUT by the time you receive this issue of the TBT Times, we should no longer be the owners of 98 Jerusalem Avenue, Massapequa, which will fondly be remembered as the "East Building" for a long time. The New York State Supreme Court Judge has finally signed our petition to the courts. The closing date is expected to be sometime in early June. As I explained in last month's article, this removes the financial burden of carrying a building that we do not need, and also puts a sum of money in our bank accounts that we can use for some very necessary improvements to 2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh. What a relief that this task is complete.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work with my Vice Presidents: Sherrill Spatz, Shelly Lomove, Charles Kirby and Howard Popeck for the past two years. They accepted and completed any task I gave them. Their knowledge and advice through the years was invaluable to me and to the well-being of the congregation. If a situation arose in their area of responsibility, they took initiative and handled it well.

I would like to acknowledge what a pleasure it has been to work with Beth Cohen, our treasurer, Alan Lazarus, our financial secretary, and Helaine Schnall, our secretary. Their areas of accountability ran smoothly and efficiently. I would also like to recognize the guidance I received from Barbara Cohen, our immediate past president, both before and during my presidency. The Trustees and Associates who round out the rest of the Temple Board certainly kept me on my toes. I hope that you enjoyed the debates and visioning as much as I did. I feel that we accomplished so much in the past two years.

It was a joy to collaborate and brainstorm with each and every one of our professional staff: Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher, and Rabbi Pasternak. Emily Besthoff, our youth group advisor, is proving to be a wonderful leader and role model for our teens. Their fresh ideas and innovations will serve us well into the future. I learned so much from each of them. I would like to take this opportunity to extend to Rabbi Pasternak my best wishes on her retirement from Temple B'nai Torah. She is leaving having made a positive mark on our congregation and our children.

I could not have managed at all without Sue-Ellen Pennington as our temple administrator. She handled all day-to-day responsibilities with expertise and ease. With her smile, Sue-Ellen made difficult situations tolerable. And the office support staff and custodial staff were so helpful to me. Together, they saw to the building maintenance, the finances, the correspondence and all the other details of temple life. Knowing that the details were in capable hands, I was able to focus on planning and visioning for our future. I must thank all of the congregants who, over the past two years, have volunteered their time and efforts, many times unsolicited. Thank you to Bill Rifkin for providing the temple with your legal expertise. Thank you to Larry Bloom for all of your help in contract negotiations. Thank you to Rob Saunders for doing such a wonderful job as editor of the TBT Times. Thank you to Howard Lev for maintaining our congregation's presence in the community news. Thank you to Rita and the multitude of BINGO workers who keep TBT financially solvent.

I would certainly be remiss if I did not thank my husband, Les, for all of his help and guidance. He has been my chief advisor and my chief of staff. I could not have accomplished as much as I did without his total support and his mutual love for our congregation. His visions for the temple's future and his Herculean efforts at fundraising are more than commendable. I hope that the congregation appreciates Les' efforts as much as I do.

So if you ask me if I am happy that my term as President of Temple B'nai Torah is over, I would have to say "yes"...and "no". My family and I will certainly be glad to get back some time for ourselves. On the other hand, I will miss the constant interactions with Board members and staff. I liked having my "finger in the pot" and it will be an adjustment to watch from the sidelines. But I know that I am handing off the reins to very capable hands. Please support Sherrill in her presidency the way you all encouraged and assisted me in mine.

To paraphrase President Martin Van Buren, the two happiest days of my presidency were my first day in office and my last day in office. I hope and believe I have helped make Temple B'nai Torah a beacon and destination for Reform Jews in our community.

B'Shalom,
Judy Kule

BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS



As I write my last article as President of Brotherhood, I would like to thank all the members that made my job a pleasure. We accomplished a lot over the last two years, highlighted by conducting TBT's first Men's Seder, introducing an end of year joint dinner with Sisterhood, growing the two flea markets into major fundraising successes, and being there for the Temple when needed.

Recent events for Brotherhood included:

- At the General meeting in May, the new slate of Board Members was approved for the 2013-2014 year; and
- The proposed budget for 2013 - 2014 was approved.
- The 2012 -2013 Men of the Year were **Ben Cernese** and **Rob Saunders**. Congratulations to both of them on this achievement. Thank you, **Les Richards**, for leading the committee.

Upcoming future events include:

- Wednesday, June 5th – a night at Sammy's in New York City. Contact Arnie Minsky for details.
- Tuesday, June 18th – End of year Brotherhood/Sisterhood Dinner at Antonette's
- Saturday, July 27th – Travelling Awareness Bears evening
- Sunday, July 28th – Summer Flea Market

I want to congratulate our incoming co-presidents, **Bruce Jaffe** and **Harvey Wiener**, and wish them the best of luck during the next two years.

Alan Loewenstein
Brotherhood President

OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



It is hard to believe I've served two years as Sisterhood President. It was a wonderful experience, and I wish the next President, Diane Schoenberg, all the best. I will cherish all the friends, experiences and sisters I have met. Thank you to my whole board for all your support and hard work. Thank you to Su, Heather, Felicia and Helen for being great Vice Presidents. Thanks to Marilyn, Marlyn, Sharon and Diane for all their hard work. To Sue-Ellen and the office staff, thank you for always supporting me. We can look back and be proud of all we accomplished this year. Have a sun filled summer and I will always be there for my sisters and my temple.

Love and peace, Joni Christie

Thank you to the Services Department members: Linda Cannatta, Barbara Carpenter, Barbara Morgenlender, Patti Nacht, Carol Raider, Debbie Schlesinger and Esther Singer for their patience and willingness to make Sisterhood proud. To Ellice Toscano, who always helped us, thank you. Thanks to Stanley and Jan Friedman for the scrumptious brownies they bake every month for Family Shabbat.
Helen Spindel

Thank you a million times over to the amazing women on the Membership and Programming committee: Rita Bogatch, Amy Herman, Connie Martin and Julie Nietsch. From the new member breakfast to the seder, and all of the programs in between, none of this would have worked without your creativity, enthusiasm and hard work. You're the best. I love you all. Su Bruno

To the FABULOUS women of the Department of Religion, Education and Advancement of Judaism: Words alone cannot express my appreciation for all you have done. Lynn, the shop hopped with frogs and sparkled with Shabbat and Chanukah light. Andrea, each FESTIVAL had noshes and BEAUTIFUL decor. Ellice, Neysa and Lynn... thank you for the ENDLESS writing of Uniongrams to express countless good wishes. Gail, Rosh Chodesh had the ladies thinking, praying, and dancing to new heights. To all who helped after the passing of our beloved Judy Lichtenstein, you honored her memory.

With much LOVE, Felicia Denaro

Much time, planning and action went into creating our fundraisers. Thanks to all our sisterhood members and friends for supporting them. To my wonderful committeewomen - Ellie Dayton, Barbara Gouveia, Lynne Happs, Myma Leiber, Beverly Miller, Andrea Rifkin, Diane Schoenberg, Pearl Sutz and Marilyn Woronoff – who all did fabulous jobs, thanks for making this a great year for Sisterhood. Thank you to Janis Beldner, Ellice Toscano, Sherrill Spatz, Sharon Forman, Susan Beller, Steven Christie, and our President Joni Christie, for all their hard work and support, making this year of fundraising so successful.

We keep the memory of Phyllis Maus in our hearts. She is missed.

I want to thank the entire Sisterhood Board for encouraging me in my Vice Presidency. I am stepping down and taking a break from the board, but will be nearby to assist where I can. Congratulations to the New Board.

Sincerely, Heather Gottfried, Department of Ways and Means



CONGREGANT CORNER



J.J. Scotch, his wife, Kim, and children, Jacob (10) and Sarah (5), have been members of TBT longer than Rabbi Bellows has been our rabbi (albeit by one month). J.J. is an EMS Captain for the FDNY/Commanding Officer of Station 58 in Canarsie, Brooklyn.

When J.J. is not saving lives, he enjoys Scouting, duplicate bridge, and reading sci-fi /fantasy books.

J.J. enjoys being a part of TBT. "I love it. Every few months, it feels like something new that the whole family will enjoy is added. Keeping up that theme is fantastic. I also have a great time with the Brotherhood, even if my schedule and commitment to Scouting makes it difficult to stay involved. I love how so many members sit down and talk to me and my family - I am a poor conversation starter, but that is never an issue at TBT."

Adding to J.J.'s many activities is the position of Cubmaster. "This year, I have agreed to step into some very large shoes and take on the responsibility of Cubmaster for Pack 189, replacing Len Aberman, who has so capably handled this position for so long. I look forward to working with the boys, and giving them grounding for future success. I believe that my time in Scouting played a critical role in who I am today, and I want to see the boys in the Pack and the young men in the Troop have the same opportunity. I think the service opportunities provided by Scouting match well with Jewish values and teach valuable lessons. Additionally, I want to expand the Pack's outdoor program, adding more diversity to an exciting program. It is going to be a great year!"

When he was asked about our esteemed clergy, "I have to say, they perform their responsibilities so beautifully and with such skill, I have a hard time thinking of them as anything other than clergy...at least, until I started playing Coasterville on Facebook with Rabbi Bellows!"

TBT is fortunate to have the Scotch family as members. Say hello when you see them around.

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HONORING TEACHERS

On Friday May 3, 2013 Temple B'nai Torah
honored the teachers of

Susanna E. Heiman Religious School

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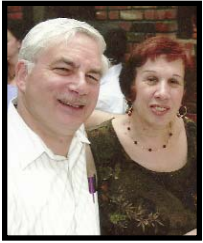
The Temple B'nai Torah Nursery School

with a special dinner and Shabbat service.

Rabbi Deanna Pasternak, Director of Religious Education,
and Ann Lazare, Director of the Nursery School,
spoke about the teachers, their dedication, knowledge and
enthusiasm, which they pass along to their students.



CHAI NOTES



Chai Club Shabbat Dinner and Service – Thank You

We want to express our thanks to all who helped, planned, worked and attended The Chai Club Shabbat Dinner and Service, held Friday, May 10th. A warm thank you to Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher for their guidance and leadership planning the Service. Our unending gratitude to Rita Hofer and her dinner committee for preparing a delicious Shabbat meal. Special thanks to the Chai Club service team who worked with the clergy and helped plan our service: Shelley Lomove, and Sarita Keyser. Also, we would like to congratulate our volunteer choir, led by Cantor Sher and organist Barry Kloda. A million thanks to Barbara Morgenlender, who coordinated the beautiful vocal and instrumental portions.

Chai Club End of Year General meeting- Long Island Banjo Rascals

Everyone had a fantastic evening listening and singing along to the music of the Banjo Rascals, Monday, May 6th. During our End-of-Year Meeting, we elected the Chai Club Slate of Officers and Trustees for 2013-2014, approved the Budget and also amended our Constitution. Congratulations to 50-50 winner Alva Fromm, and also to May and June Birthday winners - Harvey Drucker and Arnie Minsky



Congratulations to our three Vice Presidents: Rita Hofer, Mark Kean and Esther Phillips for being re-elected and for their support over the past years. Thanks also to Allan Itzkowitz- Recording Secretary, Gerda Carroll- Corresponding Secretary, Harvey Drucker-Financial-Membership Secretary and Ed Pincus-Treasurer. Special thanks to Shelley Lomove, our Past President (Advisor) for her heart-felt guidance.

Unfortunately, we will be losing two very important people from our Board of Trustees: Ruth Hochberg, who has served the Chai Club for many years as Treasurer and many other committees, and Bernice Alpert, who has unselfishly scheduled our End-of-Year Board Dinner. We wish them both all the best in their future endeavors.

A warm welcome to our two new board members: Vicki Deutsch and Arthur Schlesinger. They have hit the ground running and are already an asset to the Chai Club. Congratulations also to our returning Trustees: Janis Beldner, Harriet Bernstein, Irving Carroll, Ben Cernese, Dorothy Duckstein, Barbara Gouveia, Barbara Held, Sarita Keyser, Ed Kliegman, Barry Lomove and Pearl Sutz. Without all our team members listed above, the Chai Club could not run our fantastic programs throughout the year.

Joan and Brian Levy
Co-Presidents

OUR COMMUNITY



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The following is a list of the Class of 2013, Graduates and Confirmands. Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations, and print your name as you wish it to appear on the Uniongrams. Please return the list promptly, with a check for \$1.25 for each Uniongram, made payable to Temple B'nai Torah Sisterhood, and send to Neysa Levenstein, 15 Downhill Lane, Wantagh, NY 11793, 516-221-7046.

GRADUATION CLASS 2013

GRADUATES

Adam Cohen
Jonathan Derby
Harley Dietz
Ben Kule
Perri Levine
*Sara Rudolph
Jonathan Strauss

PARENTS

Jeffrey & Beth Cohen
Richard & Diane Derby
Ira & Hillary Reiter
Les & Judy Kule
Richard & Judith Levine
Robert & Rena Barsh-Rudolph
Jeff & Dorene Strauss

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2013

CONFIRMANDS

Zoe Abrams
Brandon Bologna
Sabrina Chasen
Jaymee Dietz
Shayna Held
Emily McLaughlin

PARENTS

Scott & Eileen Abrams
Heidi Bologna
Mark & Ilene Chasen
Ira & Hillary Reiter
Glen & Sharon Held
James & Ronni McLaughlin

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PLEASE NOTE: All Uniongrams requested must be submitted TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE,
either by mail or left in the Uniongram box in the Temple office.
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CASH IN THE MAILBOX. We cannot be responsible for lost money.

*Due to an editing error, Sara Rudolph was inadvertently listed as her brother, Jason, in last month's edition.
We sincerely apologize for this mistake.



In the House...by Tessa Kean

It is almost summer. That just means the House Committee works harder to implement various projects.

Our first major project is our parking lot. We are redoing the parking lot with consideration of handicapped accessibility, drainage, materials, etc. Thank you all for your patience in getting this major job completed.

The Presidents' Board in our lobby will be updated, thanks to Harvey Drucker's continuous planning and a gift from Judy Lichtenstein, of blessed memory. Our building will be spruced up during the summer by Prestige Maintenance, headed by Anthony. Our new *tallit* holders, located outside our restrooms, can now be used. Our front gardens are lovingly being cared for by Les Richards, David Forman and Barry Lomove.

A big thank-you goes out to all the House Committee members who have offered their expertise in various areas and made sure all our projects, big and small, are worked on properly. A thank-you goes to all those congregants who have offered their suggestions as to improvements which could be made to our physical plant. A special thank you to Sue-Ellen, who listens to our concerns and helps us solve any issues dealing with building maintenance, etc.. Lastly, a big thank-you goes to Shelley Lomove, vice-president in charge of Housing, for dealing with all the issues related to a building (East and West) and for making sure Temple B'nai Torah stays a special home to us all. To all, enjoy the summer and continue to let us know what you see that needs to be improved in our building. We listen, note, and act on requests as time and money permits.

One of our congregants asked when we were going to get a particular project done. I told the congregant we would work on the project as soon as money permitted. The congregant wisely said that even if the project was not done, we have a vibrant, busy, thriving congregation and that is the most important thing. How true! May we all enjoy our distinctive congregation with all the activity and camaraderie that exists.

From the Editor's Pen.... by Mark Chester

Summer is here! There may be no phrase as full of anticipation. We paid in advance with a windy winter and a long damp spring. It is time to take advantage of long sunny days and warm starlit nights. I would suggest you add Temple B'nai Torah to your summer plans. Summer services are somewhat less formal, and somewhat shorter, but are every bit as interesting. Two services are scheduled near the beach and, on the same evenings, intimate non-mosquito services in the sanctuary. The dates are July 12th and August 16th. Also August 30st is a picnic get-together before Friday services. That very next evening is Selichot, ushering in a very early High Holidays season.

D'var Torah commentaries over the summer are drawn from Deuteronomy, the fifth and somewhat overlooked last book of the Torah. It includes The Sh'ma, the V'ahavtah, and Moses' long farewell speech to the Israelites. Feel free to join the Monday @ Noon study sessions as we wend our way through Deuteronomy all summer long.

The entire schedule of services and activities can be accessed at our Temple website
<http://www.temple-bnai-torah.org>.

With this edition I begin my own adventure as Editor of The TBT Times. I want to thank-in-advance the contributors, proofreaders, and past editor Robert Saunders for their support. I now have a window into all the effort and care Rob has lavished on the TBT Times throughout the past two years.



COUPLES' CLUB

by Fred Dinstell

To travel ... where the brave dare not go



This past month has been one of adventure for various Couples' Club members. My wife Ann and I travelled to the Ecuadorian Amazon, with Howard (Action)

Jackson and his wife Ellen (Charoset Jedi Master). Upon reaching a remote village on the black river, at the shores of the Piranha Lake, Action Jackson accepted a challenge from the village headmaster to compete in a piranha-catching contest. This consisted of the two participants wading, waist-deep into the lake, anchoring a dugout canoe, and attracting the red-bellied piranha with fruit seeds. The goal was to grab a fish by the tail, and flip it into the canoe. The one who caught the most within a 30-minute period was declared the winner. Action Jackson's total of 9 was respectable, but he lost to the headmaster who caught 14. Later that day we feasted on piranha stew.

During this contest, my wife Ann attended a demonstration on shrinking heads. The indigenous people practice this art on respected members of the community after their demise. She took careful notes, and many photographs. It is planned for Ann to demonstrate how to shrink a head into a fist-sized ball at some future Chai Club meeting, as soon as a volunteer is identified.

On North Seymour Island, in the Galapagos, Ellen spent several hours perfecting the intricate steps of the Blue-Footed Bobbie's mating dance. She will be providing instruction to those who wish to learn this exotic dance, at the temple's Decades Dance, this October.

Marilynn and Steve Block arrived in Holland for a Tulip Cruise, just as the country was facing a national disaster. The little boy, who saved the country from flooding by sticking his finger in the dike, is now a sickly Octogenarian. The best hydraulic

engineers in the country could not establish an acceptable solution to the pending disaster. Steve approached the authorities with a proposal. He would donate the bubble gum he has been chewing since the third grade, as a plug for the hole in the dike. As many remember, gum, as stuck under desks in school, exhibits extreme adhesive properties. With a carefully synchronized movement the thumb was extracted, and the bubble gum inserted, thereby providing a permanent solution to the problem. A grateful nation bestowed on the couple the title of Lord and Lady Bubble. They have become the second Couples' Club members to achieve peerage in the past year.

As our year is winding down we still have several exciting events planned. Greenwood Cemetery on June 9th, and a Summer Boat Ride.

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2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am-5:00pm Sisterhood Food 10:30am Couples Club Bd. Mtg. (Away) Expo S/H & K/L 7:30pm Cabaret Reh. (S/H) 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) 7:30 pm Chai Bd. Mtg K/L 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am AIAnon K/L 3:30pm Tutor (Lib) 6:00 pm Cabaret Dress Rehearsal S/H 7:00pm Exec. Bd. Mtg (K/L) 7:30pm Brotherhood Bd. Mtg. (S/H) 7:30pm Cabaret (Y/L) 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 am Bingo 6:00 pm Cabaret Dress Rehearsal S/H 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) 7:30 pm Bingo S/H 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts (Youth Lounge) 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Family Shabbat Service 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Torah Study (K/L) 10:30am Shabbat Svc (2) B/M Schwartz & Williamson 2:00 pm Cabaret Set Up S/H 8:00 pm Cabaret Show (S/H)
9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Couples Club event - Greenwood (Away) 10:00am-12:00noon Parent/Student B/M Workshop (K/L) 1:00pm-3:00pm Rosh Chodesh K/L 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) 7:00pm Housing Mtg (K/L) 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am AI Anon K/L 3:30pm Tutor (Lib.) 7:00pm Jewish War Veterans Meeting (S/H) 7:30pm Ritual Com Mtg K/L 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery School Last Day 10:30 am Bingo 7:00pm Sisterhood End of Year Dinner (Away) 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00-7:30 pm Cub Scouts Y/L 7:30 pm Bingo S/H 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts Y/L 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30am Nursery Graduation Day (Sanc. & K/L) 8:00pm Joyce Berger Memorial Interfaith Shabbat Service 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15am Bernstein B/M photos (Sanc.) 9:30 am - 11:00 am Torah Study (K/L) 10:30am Shabbat Service (2) B/M Bernstein & Ferris 12:00pm-5:00pm Ferris Family B/M Party (S/H) 6:00pm Congregant Party-Cernese (S/H)
16 Father's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am-12:00noon Jewish Scouting Awards Breakfast (S/H) 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) 7:30pm-9:30pm Membership Open House K/L 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am AIAnon K/L 3:30pm-8:00pm Tutor (Library) 7:00pm Joint Sisterhood/Brotherhood Dinner (Away) 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 am Bingo 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00-7:30 pm Cub Scouts Y/L 7:30 pm Bingo S/H 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts Y/L 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Kabbalat Service Anniversary Blessing - Steve & Joni Christie 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30-9:30am B/M photos Auty 9:30 am - 11:00 am Torah Study (K/L) 10:30am Shabbat Service (2) B/M Auty & Bender 6:00pm-11:00pm Rabbi Pasternak Celebration (S/H)
23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00pm-2:30pm Adult Ed Class K/L 1:35pm Ducks event - Choirs Singing National Anthem (Away) 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (S/H) 1:00-3:00 pm Meadowbrook Womens In. K/L 6:00pm Chai Board Dinner (Away) 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am AIAnon K/L 3:30pm-8:00pm Tutor (Library) 7:30pm Board Mtg (K/L) 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 am Bingo 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00-7:30 pm Cub Scouts Y/L 7:30 pm Bingo S/H 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts Y/L 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Svc-Board Installation 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am - 11:00 am Torah Study (K/L)
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It has been a pleasure to run the Cub Scout Pack and to get to know so many of the wonderful families. Jeff and I met through our involvement as Pack 189 leaders and a very special friendship has been forged between us and our families.

We have been extremely blessed to have incredible leaders who along with Jeff and myself have put in innumerable hours making sure the program was the best it could be. To try to list everyone to thank is to run the risk of offending someone by leaving them out. We wish to thank everyone who has ever been involved with Pack 189 and helped in any way. We greatly appreciate it.

Although Jeff and I are stepping down as leaders, the Cub Scout pack will continue and will be led next year by JJ Scotch and Sonia Feiner. If you have not given Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts a try, come to a meeting and see what it is all about.

Jeff and I are grateful for the special times and memories we have gained from and given to Scouting.

Leonard Aberman, Cubmaster