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**Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 pm and
Wednesday, May 15 at 10:30 am**

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May 4 Sam Pernick

Ira & Amy

My name is Sam Pernick, and I go to Grand Avenue Middle School in Bellmore. I enjoyed studying with my tutor, Cantor Hiesiger, and learning how to lead the service. For my Mitzvah Project, I've been working with the MaxCure Foundation, helping to raise money for pediatric cancer research. I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to learn as I prepared for my Bar Mitzvah, and I want to help make sure other children have the same opportunity when they are well.



May 4 Jack Zaretsky

Mitchell & Sherry

My name is Jack Zaretsky, and I am a 7th grader at Grand Avenue Middle School. I have many interests, such as basketball, volleyball and video games, but my favorite is soccer. I play for my school team, as well as a travel team (the Cyclones). I love professional sports too, particularly the NY Rangers, NY Giants, and the Yankees. I also enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I am especially grateful to Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher, and Cantor Hiesiger for all their help in preparing me for my Bar Mitzvah. I am also thankful to my parents, and my sister Jenna, for all their love and encouragement. Congratulations to Sam and his family; it will be fun sharing our big day together.



May 11 Shayna Frances

Owen & Randy



May 18 Dane Hoffman

Seth & Tracey

My name is Dane Hoffman and I attend Howitt Middle School in Farmingdale. I play trombone in my school's wind ensemble, and I've received "Outstanding" at NYSSMA for my solos the past two years. I enjoy studying Krav Maga (Israeli self-defense) and take classes twice a week. While studying for my Bar Mitzvah, I've really appreciated learning more about my faith. Practicing with Cantor Hiesiger every week was fun and I wouldn't know most of the prayers if it weren't for him. I also want to thank my parents for supporting me and helping me to manage my time.



May 25 Anna Kamelhar

Todd & Ellen

My name is Anna Kamelhar and I am in seventh grade at Grand Avenue Middle School. I enjoy sleep-away camp, tennis, Broadway shows, and playing with my dog. I would like to thank Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher, and Mrs. Altman for preparing me for my Bat Mitzvah. I would also like to thank my family for their support.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, May 3	7:30 pm	Family Service / Teacher Recognition Shabbat
Saturday, May 4	10:30 am	Shabbat Services (2 Bar Mitzvahs)
Friday, May 10	5:30 pm	Tot Shabbat
	8:00 pm	Shabbat Services (led by Chai Club)
Saturday, May 11	10:30 am	Shabbat Services (1 Bat Mitzvah)
Tuesday, May 14	7:30 pm	Shavuot Services (with Yizkor)
Wednesday, May 15	10:30 am	Shavuot Services (with Yizkor)
Friday, May 17	7:30 pm	Shabbat Services (Confirmation)
Saturday, May 18	10:30 am	Shabbat Services (1 Bar Mitzvah)
Friday, May 24	8:00 pm	Shabbat Services
Saturday, May 25	10:30 am	Shabbat Services (1 Bat Mitzvah)
Friday, May 31	7:30p m	Shabbat Services (Graduation)
Saturday, June 1	10:30 am	Shabbat Services (2 Bar Mitzvahs)



Confirmation: What's it all About?

Shalom, Chaverim - Hello, friends,

I hope you are having a lovely spring. This time of year brings a special ceremony to our congregation, but many of you may not know what it means or what it entails. On Friday night, May 17, six students in our tenth-grade class will be "Confirmed." They will be leading the Shabbat service, surrounded by family and friends. They will read from the Torah and the Haftarah, and we will shower them with accolades and Mazel Tovs. Yet, many of our students do not continue until this important ceremony, and many of them drop out of religious school following their Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations. Consequently, they miss out on intensive, personalized years of learning.

Confirmation began in the mid-1800s in Germany in early Reform Jewish communities. These leaders believed that a 16-year-old was better equipped to confirm his/her Jewish identity than a 13-year-old. Additionally, Bat Mitzvah did not yet exist as a ritual for Jewish girls, so Confirmation allowed for an egalitarian celebration of Jewish youth. The first confirmation ceremony in the United States took place in 1846. Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise officiated over this confirmation service in a Reform temple in Albany, New York. By the end of the 19th century, the ceremony had become widespread in Reform communities.

Eventually, Bat Mitzvah (now celebrating its 90th anniversary) was created, and Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations were reintroduced into Reform congregations. Confirmation remained as the next milestone along the Jewish learning timeline. Here at Temple B'nai Torah, Confirmation is celebrated at the end of 10th grade, and then we have another celebration for our 12th graders who are graduating from Hebrew High School.

An important component of the curriculum involves encouraging the students to develop their own opinions about current events, hot topics, and controversial subjects – all while viewing them through a Jewish lens. We examine issues such as gun control, abortion rights, discrimination, sexuality and relationships, body image, wellness, and more. I am honored to teach both the 9th and 10th graders in our religious school, and to guide them through these important discussions.

Whereas Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies focus on an individual child becoming a Jewish adult, Confirmation ceremonies focus on a community of young adults confirming their commitment to Judaism and Jewish living. Reform leaders drew a parallel between the Jewish people's acceptance of the Torah at Mount Sinai, and Jewish confirmation students accepting the role of Judaism in their lives. Thus, it has become customary to hold confirmation services close to the celebration of Shavuot, which celebrates the anniversary of receiving the Torah. The graduating class stands in front of the ark, just as the Israelites once stood at Mount Sinai.

I hope you will consider joining us on Friday, May 17, for this moving and special service. I also hope you will remind your children or grandchildren that Jewish learning does not end at Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Rather, there is so much more exciting learning to come!

L'shalom,
Rabbi Marci N. Bellows

INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



Since a number of you receive your TBT Times ahead of time, I want to remind you of the wonderful program coming up on Sunday, April 28th: The Sheba Ensemble will present a concert in honor and memory of Mort Held, underwritten by Barbara Held. We are most appreciative of her generosity in selecting this way to honor Mort's memory. This concert is free and open to the public and starts at 2 pm, in our sanctuary. Sheba was on our *bima* two years ago, to great acclaim by those congregants who were fortunate enough to attend a special Shabbat service at which they participated, and after which, at a special concert they presented geared to the spirit of Shabbat. I look forward to seeing you there!



On May 5th, my series, "The Wandering Jew," concludes with my sojourn to the Jewish community of _____? You'd better attend, because it will be quite a surprise! I conclude my series at 1 pm, in the Kiddush Lounge. Next year, I will continue with Jewish journeys around the world, including Belize, Malta, Greece and Tunisia. Look for announcements in future TBT Times editions.

We are fortunate to present a very special Sunday afternoon program with the highly acclaimed dancer and author, Judith Brin Ingber. A world-recognized authority on, and performer of, Jewish dance, Judith will present a special, multi-media program, highlighting her latest book, "Seeing Israeli and Jewish Dance." Discover the lively and unusual story of dance in Judaism with Judith's illustrated talk. On Sunday, May 12th, starting at 2 pm, you can even dance some yourself (or watch and tap your feet), and have an opportunity to purchase the only book on this highly specialized subject, a new, richly illustrated "coffee table" creation.

"Using dance as a lens to look at Judaism is something fresh. That's what I love doing when I get audiences to listen to lively stories about dance in Judaism over the ages and to join me in dance. That approach to seeing the life of Judaism through dance is what I do in my new book, Seeing Israeli and Jewish Dance," says dancer/writer Judith Ingber. Judith's book, containing 182 Jewish dance photos, will also be for sale for \$36.00.

After her initial presentation, *"All ages will enjoy the easy dancing based on our rich wedding traditions. Every Jewish community is commanded to dance at a wedding, and it doesn't matter whether or not you're a kid or a grandparent! Everyone's obligated---that's why dances are called mitzvah dances; you must! Imagine what an unusual commandment that is---to make sure that the bride is happy at her wedding, we all must dance!"* Judith will turn this "obligation" into great fun for her audiences, who will learn some of the big differences in the dances of several Jewish communities world-wide.

Judith has learned the elements of Jewish traditional dances from Europe and from the Middle East and around the Mediterranean, since she first lived in Israel, where she did field work for the Israel Ethnic Dance Project, assisted the director of Israel's premiere company, the Inbal Dance Theatre, and taught for the Bat Dor Batsheva Dance Society.



First trained in ballet, Judith returns often to Israel and New York for work, and taught for many years as Professor of Dance, in the Department of Theater Arts and Dance at the University of Minnesota. She co-founded *Voices of Sepharad*, a chamber group of musicians/dancers who have toured around the United States, Canada, and Europe for the past 25 years, appearing on television, in theaters, Jewish Community Centers, churches and synagogues.

Judith was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the daughter of Israeli archeologist Howard Brin and the writer and pioneering Jewish poet and liturgist, Ruth Brin. She is married to newly-retired attorney Jerome Ingber, who practiced immigration law in both Israel and Minneapolis. They have two sons, Shai and Noah, and three grandchildren.

Please join us for this outstanding and unusual opportunity to learn about and join in the wonderful world of Jewish dance!

Cantor Steve Sher

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



So, where is the warm weather?

It feels like we are going to go from winter directly into summer, with no springtime to adjust; just a drastic change in temperature. And speaking about change ...

I am sure that many of you have expected to hear about the finalization of the sale of the East building. Every month, I put off the writing of this article (ok, I'll admit that is not my only reason) in the hopes that I can report the good news. Luckily I haven't had, and still don't have, any bad news to report. And some would say that no news is good news. As you might or might not already know, the Attorney General gave us a stamp of "No objection" on our petition to sell the building a few months ago. The petition was then given to a judge in the New York State Supreme Court system. The judge has given us back the petition three times now, with requests for changes, modifications, additions and deletions. This last iteration should be back in the judge's hands, once again, before you read this article. Please let's all pray for the strength and patience to get through this last hurdle. Some finger-crossing might help, too.

Once we do close on the building sale, you will notice some changes to our building. The first will be the overhaul of our parking lot. This repair is necessary and long overdue. With the necessary cash in the bank, we will finally be able to fill the holes and smooth the bumps in our much-used parking area.

Another noticeable change will be stained glass windows in the social hall. The stained glass currently in the East building will be moved and fitted to the existing frames of three of the windows in our social hall. This will provide some improvement to the look and atmosphere of our social hall. There is still much that needs to be done to improve that space, though.


The social hall is not the only part of our building that needs some TLC. The lobby and entrance floors have become an eyesore and a safety hazard. The windows in the entire school wing are old, ugly and inefficient. Our memorial boards, President's Plaques, Tree of Life, and other dedication items still do not recognize and honor those who have died, served and celebrated *simchas* since we became Temple B'nai Torah. And these are just the necessary improvements that are visible to all. There are many more planned repairs and enhancements to our building that are

not directly noticeable. I am sorry to say that the proceeds of the sale of the East Building will not cover them all. To achieve our goal of completing all identified improvements within the next 2 to 3 years, a Capital Campaign is necessary. A capital campaign raises funds through large donations, not through small fundraising events. Your current, former and future leadership are all aware of the steps necessary to achieve these goals which will ensure and solidify our place in the Jewish community.

At this year's Annual Congregation meeting, you will vote to retain the Cantor and accept the terms of his contract, approve the proposed budget for the years 2013 – 2014, accept the amendments to the TBT constitutions presented by the Temple Board, and to support the new slate of Officers and Trustees as proposed by the Nominating Committee. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 pm. Please try to attend and be an informed and participating part of our community. Hopefully by then the weather will be warmer and I might actually have that good news we are all eagerly awaiting.

Judy Kule
Congregation President


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Let us know your dessert when you RSVP.*

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BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS



On Friday, March 29th, Brotherhood held its annual Passover Shabbat Service. I would like to thank **Mark Chester** for organizing this service and choosing the meaningful English readings. Thank you, **Bart Cohen** and **Rob Saunders**, for leading the service. Your music was delightful. Most of all, I would like to thank **Rabbi Howard Nacht** for his excellent reading of the Torah portion. It was wonderful to have so many people participate in this service.

Recent events for Brotherhood include:

- a) The April monthly dinner, featuring a new head chef, **Eric Altman**, was enjoyed by all who attended. The program included a discussion, led by Steve Curti and Debbie Sullivan regarding Tay Sachs disease. Thank you, **Stew Altman**, for setting up this program.
- b) Thank you to everyone who participated in the Israeli Bond Breakfast held on Sunday, April 28th. Another tremendous feast was prepared and served to the attendees honoring the Pasternak family.

Upcoming future events include:

- a) Tuesday, May 7th at 7:30 pm – Monthly Board
- b) Meeting Monday, May 13th at 7:00 pm – Monthly Dinner. We will vote on the 2013-2014 Officer slate and proposed budget
- c) Wednesday, June 5th – dinner at Sammy's Roumanian Steak House in New York City. Speak to Arnie Minsky for details.

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



Happy May!! This month, the Sisterhood is selling its Mother's Day card. I hope you put your order in; anyone would love to receive this beautiful card honoring Mom.

Our end-of-the-year dinner is rapidly approaching. It will be held on May 20th, to commemorate a great year in Sisterhood. Please join us as we celebrate with our sisters.

Please consider joining Sisterhood next year. We offer so many exciting programs and services to make your holidays and your life full.

What is a sister?

Sisters are somebody to cry with.
A sister is someone special to me.
Some sisters are close and some are apart.
My sisters are more than that.
They will always be my best friends
My sisters will always be special to me.

Sunshine and Peace to all,
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.

CONGREGANT CORNER



*Rita, with Granddaughter Rachel
and daughter Beth*

Rita Hofer has been a member of TBT, and our legacy Temple, for over 40 years. She has two daughters, Annie and Beth, both of whom went through Hebrew School from kindergarten, through Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation and high school graduation. She has five grandchildren, two of whom have had their B'nai Mitzvah at TBT, and can be seen often around TBT (Andrew and Rachel).

Rita graduated from Brooklyn College, a long time ago, as an early childhood education major and enjoyed teaching, playing the piano with children, tutoring math, and most of all, watching her grandchildren.

She enjoyed line dancing and working with her husband, Alan (now deceased) in their business.

She has spent a lot of time at Temple; she loved serving as President of Sisterhood, participating on the Religious Services (now Ritual) committee with her husband, and many other committees. She has worked Bingo for 38 years, starting while Alan was a Bingo caller for 20 years, and she is now the chair of our Bingo fundraiser. She loves that it raises funds for our Temple, but more so, she has made so many friends (more than 65, to be exact) while doing so. She is a Vice President of Chai Club, and fills in wherever needed.

This is a special year for her family. Her daughters went back to school as parents. This May, Beth will be getting her doctorate in physical therapy from Stony Brook, while Annie will be receiving a PhD from Columbia University. Her oldest granddaughter, Alexa, will be graduating from high school next month, and will attend Stanford on a scholarship. Alexa will be one of three Sabre fencers representing the United States at the Maccabi games in Israel this summer. Rita is very excited to be going to Israel to be with Alexa at the games.

COMPOSER IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND

WOW!!! Music filled the Temple the weekend of March 22-23, and what a wonderful Composer-in-Residence experience it was! Cantor Lisa Levine (assisted by her husband, Andy) was this year's Composer-in-Residence.

Friday evening began with a Shabbat dinner in a packed Social Hall, followed by a memorable Ma'ariv service (see photos below). Then there was a Saturday morning Yoga service (not what any of us thought it would be!) On Saturday evening, following a Havdalah service, a gala concert was presented by Cantor Levine, featuring a special guest: renowned Sephardic singer Gerard Edery. It was truly a gala weekend!

Many thanks to Cantor Sher for creating this program, and extra-special thanks to Janine and Michael Berg, for sponsoring this glorious experience.



*Cantor Lisa Levine leading the congregation
during the Composer-in-Residence
Shabbat service, March 22nd
(photo montage courtesy of Harvey Drucker).*

CHAI NOTES



Chai Club End-of-year General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Monday, May 6th:

We are closing the 2012-2013 entertainment programming year with the talented Long Island Banjo Rascals. This accomplished banjo sing-along group has been performing in the Tri-State area for over 20 years. They perform a great mix of Dixieland, Jazz and '30s swing.

The program will follow a short business meeting which will include the election of the new 2013-2014 Chai Club officers and trustees, the approval of the 2013-2014 budget, and the introduction of new by-laws suggested by the Constitution Committee. Please join us, May 6th at 7:30 pm, as we will also have our 50-50 drawing and a special celebration for our May and June birthday people.

Chai Club Shabbat Dinner and Service, Friday, May 10th:

We will be celebrating Shabbat with a dinner and special service. The Shabbat dinner (\$18pp) will be at 6:00 pm, while the service starts at 8:00. Please RSVP to Rita Hofer, 785-5827, as soon as possible. Chai Club board members will be sharing in the service with special songs and readings.

Special thanks to Programming VP Esther Phillips for bringing the wonderful Edward R. Murrow talk to the temple on April 8th. More than 60 people attended this inspiring program. Congratulations to the winner of our birthday bottles of cheer, **Rita Drucker and Barbara Gouveia**, and the winner of our 50-50, **Barry Lomove**.

We are most grateful to Barbara Held, who sponsored the Sheba Ensemble concert on Sunday, April 28th. Sheba, a group of 5 women, all classically-trained instrumentalists, presented a gala concert consisting of a variety of selections, both Jewish and secular. Barbara sponsored the concert in memory of her beloved husband and Chai Club's past President, Morty Held.

We thank Ruth Hochberg and Bernice Albert for their many years of devoted service to the Chai Club and the Board. We wish them well in their new journeys as we welcome our two new board members, Vickie Deutsch and Arthur Schlesinger.

Joan and Brian Levy
Co-Presidents

Chai Club Shabbat Dinner and Service

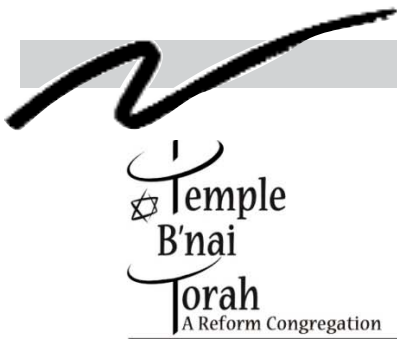
Friday, May 10th

Shabbat Dinner 6:00 pm
Chai Club Service 8:00 pm

Please watch your mail for details.



*Members of the congregation participating in this year's
Second Seder, led by Cantor Sher.
(Photo courtesy of Harvey Drucker).*



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
Jason 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

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either by mail or left in the Uniongram box in the Temple office.
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK by ROB SAUNDERS

Spring has not really sprung, at least not as of this writing. Watching baseball played by parka-clad Little Leaguers, and having your golf ball bounce off of the ice in the fairways of your local course are not exactly signs that it has warmed up. We know that it will eventually get warm (even hot), but for right now, I would settle for being able to put my winter coat through the washer and back into the closet until December.

Spring is also a time for big changes around the Temple. During the month of May, the congregation will be brought together for important votes on the renewal of the Cantor's contract, the budget for the next fiscal year, and the new slate of officers and trustees to lead the Temple for the next two years. I would like to congratulate our new, incoming President, **Sherrill Spatz**, as well as the rest of the incoming officers, and wish them the best of luck in managing the affairs of the Temple over the next term. Of course, I will be doing more than wishing them good luck; I have been nominated as Executive Vice President of the same Board, a position that normally leads to the presidency in the ensuing cycle. There will be many challenges over the next 4 years, but I am confident that we, and the Temple, will meet those challenges head-on.

As a result of my being nominated to an officer's position on the Board, I have decided to hang up my editor's hat after 4 years at the helm of this newsletter. It has been a good experience for me, with its frustrations and triumphs, but I don't think that I can continue as editor and accept the responsibilities of my new Board position at the same time. I want to thank all of the various contributors for their timely submissions; I want to thank **Brian Levy, Lynne Happes, Mark and Tessa Kean, and Laurie and Mark Chester** for their proof-reading support. I especially want to thank **Les Richards** for his hard work in following up on those submissions that didn't find their way to me on time; I probably would not have made it the last two years without him. And of course, I want to thank my wife, **Debra**, for allowing me to have the freedom to spend so much time at the Temple and on Temple-related things.

Mark Chester will take over as editor, starting with next month's issue. I wish him the best of luck as he embarks on this new chapter in his Temple involvement, and I will be there to help him if he needs it, but if you have ever read Mark's Brotherhood minutes, you should know that the bulletin is in good hands.

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To celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day),
Temple B'nai Torah held our first annual Salute to Israel Independence celebration
with 5 workshops ranging from cooking to music to learning about the diverse people who live in Israel.



The evening started with a light dinner, and concluded with dessert and Israeli dancing.
BNTY designed a Western Wall that allowed congregants to place messages that will be sent to Israel.
(Photos courtesy of Harvey Drucker)

COUPLES' CLUB

by Fred Dinstell

Here a Seder, There a Seder, Everywhere A Seder



Ed "The Coach" Pincus, the Couples' Club *consigliere*, has completed a successful round of e-mail negotiations with a Mumbai heiress, a Nigerian prince and the Irish Lottery. The Couples' Club board has

voted to use a small portion of these negotiated proceeds to upgrade our fleet of loaner cars. Richard "The Mechanic" Ser has coordinated the purchase of three super-cars featured at the Geneva Motor Show: a McLaren P1 (\$1.2M), LaFerrari (\$1M), and our crown jewel, the Lamborghini Veneno (\$4M). These autos will be available for loan to all Couples' Club members (just another reason to join the Couples' Club). The congregation is requested to use cotton gloves when admiring these vehicles in the temple parking lot, as these cars are polished using the Mitchell and King \$96,869 bottle of car wax. Jerry "The Marksman" Morgenlender will be our driver in this year's Gold Rush Rally.

As you read this, Ann and I will be on the Amazon River, with fellow Couples' Club members Howard "Action" Jackson and his glamorous wife, Ellen, the "Jedi Charoшет Master". In discussing what activities we should plan, Action Jackson has advised that piranha do not attack large animals, unless there is a lot of blood in the water. Also, the white Caiman crocodiles are only active in the evening. If the "Swim with the Piranhas" does not go as planned, next month's article will appear in invisible ink.

Lord Richard Tepper coordinated our impromptu visits to the Planting Fields Arboretum (to see the camellia exhibit), and to the Hicks Nursery 2013 Flower and Garden Show. His horticulture expertise was evident in his instructive commentary.

The Couples' Club descended on the Brotherhood Seder, the Sisterhood Seder, and the Temple's Second Night Seder in substantial numbers, thus continuing our tradition of being an extended family. However "Bowler Man" Bernie mistakenly ate the *afikomen*, thereby presenting a rabbinical quandary on how to complete the service. Fortunately, the difficulties were resolved and the Seder was completed on time. Manischewitz has been put on

notice to start their production early to meet the Couples' Club insatiable appetites.

Congregants who attended the Couples' Club service on the night of Friday, April 12th, coordinated by Steve Block, experienced, as promised in last month's bulletin, the marvel of the combination of a moving, spiritual musical program and soul-stirring readings. The participants are too numerous to name individually.

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



Couples' Club monthly word of wisdom:

If Barbie is so popular,
why do you have to buy her friends?

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TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH
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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, LI Ducks' policies are in effect. For all LI 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 _____

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2013 -- 6:30 PM
At Temple B'nai Torah
2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY

Join us to celebrate
Rabbi Deanna Pasternak's 35 years
as a religious school educator
and her immeasurable contribution to Temple B'nai Torah!

The evening will include a Havdalah service, musical concert event
and dessert buffet.

Together with our congregants, TBT choirs, band, musical soloists,
BNTY, temple arms, religious school teachers,
invited guests and clergy we will honor Rabbi Pasternak
with presentations, stories and song.

Get ready for a memorable evening with more information to come –
please circle the date now!

Howard and Lauren Lev (committee co-chairs) 516-542-1330



YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE - SPECIAL GIFTS

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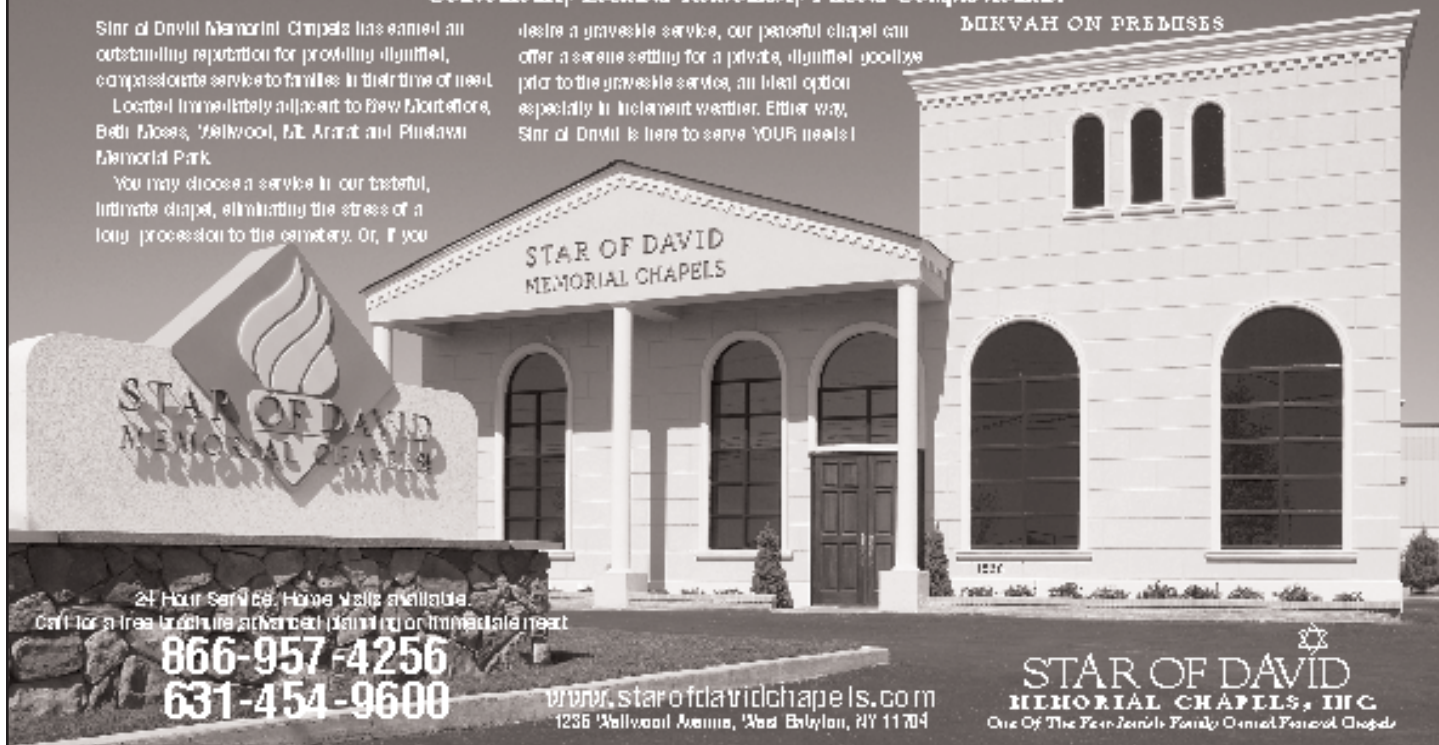
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>MAY 2013</i></p>			<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 am Bingo • 4:30pm Rel. Sch. • 6:30pm - 7:30pm BNTY Jr. Y/L 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00- 7:30 pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 6:30-9:00pm SAT (classrooms) • 7:15pm B/M photos Zaretsky (Sanc) • 7:30 pm Bingo • 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm Teacher Recognition Shabbat Dinner (S/H) • 7:30pm Fam. Shabbat/Nursery-Religious School Teacher Recognition Svc 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 - 11:00 am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am SVCS (2) B/M Pernick & Zaretsky • 12:00pm-3:30pm- Pernick B/M Luncheon (S/H) • 5:00pm-10:00pm Prayer, Pizza & Pajamas PTA event
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Rel. Sch./4 Family Class • 9:15am Brotherhood Breakfast S/H • 10:00am-11:30am Adult B/M Class (Rm 206) • 10:00am-12:00noon Membership Open House K/L • 11:30am-1:00pm Outreach Shavuot Program (S/H) • 1:00pm Adult Ed "Wandering Jew" Series (K/L) • 7:30pm Cabaret Reh. (S/H) 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery Make It/ Take It Pre-K • 1:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) • 4:30pm & 7:00pm Rel. School • 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir Reh. (101/103) • 7:00-8:30pm Confirmation Reh. (Sanc.) • 7:00-7:35pm Graduation Reh. (Rm. 111) • 7:00pm Jewish War Vets Mtg S/H • 7:30-9:30pm Adult Choir Practice (101/103) • 7:30 pm Chai Club End of Year Mtg K/L • 7:55-8:30pm Grad Reh. (Elect) • 8:30pm - 9:30 pm BNTY Sr. Y/L 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am AIAnon K/L • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Library) • 4:30pm Rel. Sch./Last Tues. Class • 6:45pm Sisterhood Exec Bd Mtg (K/L) • 7:30pm Brotherhood Bd. Mtg. (S/H) • 7:30pm Cabaret Reh. (Y/L) • 7:30pm Exec. Bd. Mtg (101/103) • 7:45pm Sisterhood Gen Mtg K/L • 8:00pm Religious Ed. Mtg. (Library) 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 am Bingo • 4:30pm Rel. Sch./Last Wed. Class • 6:30pm - 7:30pm BNTY Jr. Y/L • 7:30pm Ritual Com. Mtg. (Away) 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am LITE meeting (K/L) • 6:00pm Boy Scouts Ner Tamid Class (Rm 207/8) • 6:00pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts (Youth Lounge) • 7:30 pm Bingo S/H • 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat • 6:00pm Chai Club Shabbat Dinner K/L • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Chai Club Service 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 - 11:00 am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am SVCS (1) B/M Frances
<p>12 Mother's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Rel. School • 9:00am PTA Meeting (S/H) • 9:00am-11:30am Adult B/M Class (Rm 206) • 7:30pm Cabaret Reh. (S/H) 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) • 4:30pm & 7:00pm Rel. Sch.-Last Mon. Class • 6:30-7:00pm Teen Choir Reh. (101/103) • 7:00-8:30pm Grad. Reh. (Rm. 111) • 7:00-8:30pm Final Confirmation Reh. (Sanc.) • 7:30pm-9:30pm Adult Choir Practice (101/103) • 7:30pm Brotherhood Dinner (S/H) • 7:35pm - 8:30pm YAC Mtg Y/L • 8:30pm - 9:30 pm BNTY Sr. Y/L 	<p>14 Shavuot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am AIAnon K/L • 7:30pm Tikkun Layl Shavuot • Study/Svc/Yizkor (S/H) 	<p>15 Shavuot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Shavuot Svc/Yizkor • Office Closed • Nursery School Closed 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts (Youth Lounge) • 7:30 pm Bingo S/H • 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts (Youth Lounge) 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm Confirmation Dinner S/H • 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Svc - Confirmation 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 am - 11:00 am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am Service (1) B/M Hoffman
<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Rel. Sch. Last Day Entire Bldg • 11:00am Couples Club Membership Brunch (Away) • 1:00-2:30pm Adult Ed Class K/L • 6:45pm Triple Bingo • 7:30pm Cabaret Reh. (101/103) 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO REL. SCH. • 1:00pm-Torah Study with Rabbi Bellows (K/L) • 7:00pm Sisterhood End of Year Dinner S/H & K/L • 7:30pm-9:30pm Adult Choir Practice (101/103) • BNTY Banquet (Away) 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO REL. SCH. • 10:00am AIAnon K/L • 3:30pm-8:00pm Tutor (Library) • 7:00pm Calendar Meeting (K/L) • 7:30pm Cabaret Reh. (Y/L) 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO REL. SCH. • 10:30 am Bingo • 6:30pm B/M Orientation Mtg (K/L) • 7:30pm Congregation Meeting S/H 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts (Youth Lounge) • 7:30 pm Bingo S/H • 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts (Youth Lounge) 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery School Closed • 8:00pm Erev Shabbat Svc 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am-9:30am B/M photos Kamelhar (Sanc.) • 9:30 -11:00 am Torah Study (K/L) • 10:30am SVCS (1) B/M Kamelhar • 12:00pm-2:00pm Kamelhar Family B/M Lunch (S/H) • 6:00-11:00pm Patel Party (S/H)
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm Cabaret Reh. (S/H) 	<p>27 Memorial Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery School Closed • Building Closed 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am AIAnon K/L • 3:30-8:00pm Tutor (Library) • 7:00-8:30pm Final Graduation Reh. (Sanc.) • 7:30pm Board Mtg (K/L) • 7:30pm Cabaret Reh. (Y/L) 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO REL. SCH. • 10:30 am Bingo 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts (Youth Lounge) • 7:30 pm Bingo S/H • 7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scouts (Youth Lounge) 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Svc Graduation/Student Teacher Aide Recog. 	

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Rabbi Sanford Jarashow

Mission Statement

Temple B'nai Torah's mission is to embody, enhance and perpetuate Jewish tradition by providing a welcoming spiritual home where the community gathers to worship God, study Torah, engage in acts of Tikun Olam (repairing the world), participate in Jewish rituals and life cycle events and experience the joy of being part of a caring community.



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SCOUTING

The Cub Scouts of Pack 189 had a couple of fantastic weeks last month. First, we took a trip to Frost Valley, in Claryville, NY. Getting to camp on Friday, we settled into our rooms and then gathered around the fireplace for an evening of games and snacks. Saturday, the scouts had a choice of many activities ranging from archery, floor hockey, knot-tying, and nature hikes, to rocket building, rock climbing, cross-country skiing and sledding. After dinner, the stars were out, so we took a walk up to the observatory and looked up at the stars through a telescope. Amongst the many things we saw was a close-up look at Jupiter. Later that night, we gathered around the fireplace for s'mores and stories from **Cub Master Leonard Aberman**. Sunday was more of the same until after lunch, when it was time to head home to Long Island. It was a weekend with no TV, internet, cell phones or video games. And everyone had a great time.



When the scouts came home, we prepared for our annual Blue and Gold lunch. This is where the boys are recognized for all the awards they've earned. We also see the second-year Webelos "bridge" to a Boy Scout Troop. We will miss them, but adventure and responsibility await them in a Boy Scout Troop.



We are still accepting members, both boys and adults, to join Pack 189. We meet on Thursdays in the Youth Lounge at 6:15 pm. Join now, and be eligible for the Summer Program which includes Day Camp and Cub Parent Weekend.

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