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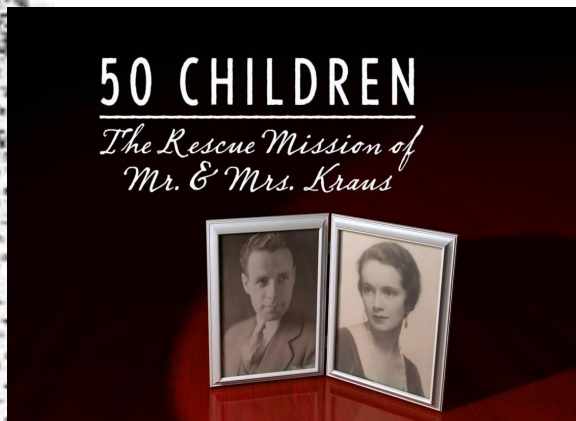
# BETH REPORTER

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MARCH 2015

## Edith & Mark Lief Memorial Program

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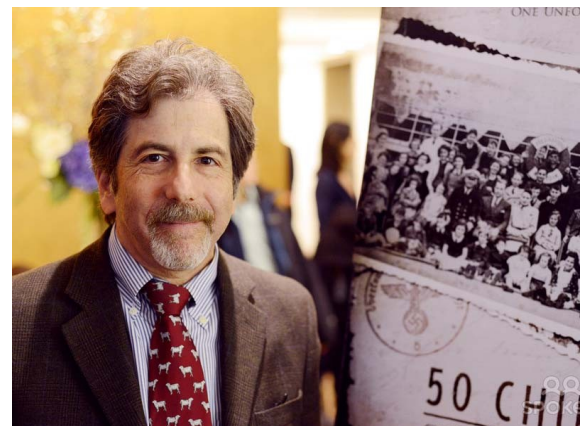


### “50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. & Mrs. Kraus”

**Sunday, March 29 at 3 pm**

**The documentary film** tells the saga of the Philadelphia couple who brought 50 Jewish children from Vienna to Philadelphia in 1939 before the start of World War II. This was the largest kindertransport to the United States.

**Steven Pressmen**, the filmmaker and author of the book of the same name, will speak at the screening. Paul Beller, at the time one of the young children on the transport, will also tell his story.



**The program is free and open to the public.**

The program is made possible by the Lief Family Charitable Fund.

## FROM THE CANTOR



Yes, Purim is here once again, and that must mean that Passover is not far behind! Now it's not my intention with this reminder to arouse the usual anxieties connected to the pre-Pesach-prep. It's too early to start worrying -- we can put that

off for at least a week or so! For now, it's proper to simply bask in the glow of the rabbinic dictum, *mishenichnas Adar marbim b'simcha* --when the month of Adar arrives, we increase the joy in our lives. And of course the Purim celebration, with Megillat Esther, costumes, good food and moderate drink, should be at the center of that joy.

But the truth is I can't think about Purim without contemplating Pesach as well, and the reason is that there is always this feeling of annoyance, that I never, ever get to fully enjoy the goodies of *shalach manot*, especially the hamantaschen, before the time arrives that the *chametz* has got to go. If I had been consulted on the arrangement of the Jewish calendar, you can be sure that the holiday schedule would have looked quite a bit different!

On another level, there is a connection between the two holidays that relates to their popularity. Passover, specifically the Seder, is the most observed of Jewish rituals. We love getting together with family and friends over a great meal, with traditional culinary delicacies, and with the reciting in the Haggadah the story of our people. But when I speak to our schoolchildren, it seems they get most excited about Purim, because which child does not love to get dressed up in costumes? Interestingly, the tradition would prefer that the adults experience more of the joy of Purim, and that the children would relish and learn more the lessons of Pesach!

On yet a deeper level, there is another connection, or rather a distinction, between the two holidays. They both tell of miracles, but whereas the

wonders of the Exodus were fully manifest for all to see -- the ten plagues, the splitting of the sea -- those of Purim were, as our Sages point out, *nistar*, or hidden. It is not apparent from the Megillah that the hand of G-d was involved. In fact, there is not even any mention of G-d.

Yet we celebrate Purim as a manifestation of Divine intervention in the lives of our ancestors in Persia, but through the agency of human beings, specifically, Mordechai and Esther. And so the holiday is a reminder that the great challenge for us all is to be able to see the wonders that are in the ordinary, to appreciate the miracles of everyday life. The simple act of eating and enjoying hamantaschen is in so many ways a miraculous wonder, and we should strive to be mindful of that, even if we may at times grumble about there not being enough time to enjoy them in the few weeks before the Festival of Freedom.

Wishing everyone a Chag Purim Sameach!

Cantor Steven Stern

### TORAH CAFE AT THE BAYIT



**Tuesdays, March 10 & 24  
at 7:30 pm**

Join Cantor Stern at the Bayit,  
117 John Street, at 7:30 pm for  
an in-depth look at Torah texts

### Combined Morning Minyan

**In the first week of March will be held in Cranford;  
starting March 9 -- in Clark**

Monday & Thursday -- 6:50 am; Tuesday,  
Wed., & Friday -- 7:00 am;

Sundays & Holidays in Clark - 9:00 am.

Evening services are held every day at 7:30 pm in  
Cranford.

## FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS



Here at TBOBT we pride ourselves on being a family - a warm and welcoming congregation.

Sounds good, right?

Well, if you were in shul on Shabbat, February 21st,

when our Co-President Howard Silverman celebrated his 70th birthday, you know how true that is, we **are** warm and welcoming!

Relatives, personal friends (which in Audrey's and Howard's case includes everyone within a 50 mile radius), plus many from our congregation filled the sanctuary.

We all "kvelled" when Howard chanted his haftarah and read his speech. Co-President Wendy Mandelbaum was teary-eyed when she presented a plaque with Cantor Stern to Audrey and Howard. We all tried to land a candy on the "Bar Mitzvah boy."

Services ended as Cantor Steve and Howard both donned black fedoras and sunglasses leading everyone in a jazzy Adon Olam. Everyone in the sanctuary gave the morning services a rousing cheer.

Oh - and then we ate of course, it was a great Kiddush. Everyone kissed Audrey and Howard. There were wonderful speeches lauding Howard, one from his granddaughter Nina and several from his Masons buddies. We all learned Howard's biggest secret, his sweet tooth!

Howard is dedicated to the temple and the community; we are proud of his accomplishments and passion. Thank you all for your generous donations in his honor.

We are indeed a family here at TBOBT.

My thanks to Wendy & Howard for allowing me to prepare this month's message.

Thelma Purdy

### CONGREGATION MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 23 AT 7:30 PM

THE BUDGET FOR 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR  
WILL BE PRESENTED.

## March

### *Happy Anniversary!*

*Richard & Ann Curtis  
Sheldon & Jane Halper  
Herbert & Janice Hymanson  
Arthur & Felella Millman  
Jonathan & Janie Phillips*

### Happy Birthday!

Gene Berry	Edward Miretskiy
Karen Bess	Barry Orange
Sammy Burkhard	Toby Prince
Shawn Cammy	Michelle Rochman
Alexander Cherenkov	Mallory Saks
Sheri Freedman	Eric Seidman
Marc Genser	Harold Rochman
Adeline Gesten	Liya Tager
Arthur Gesten	Eugene Tendler
Paula Hymanson	Myrna Young
Edward Leibowitz	
Scott Leibowitz	

### **Got a Simcha?**

**Birthday? Anniversary?  
Graduation? New grandchild?  
Host a Kiddush at TBO/BT**

**Sponsor a simple Kiddush for \$136 or  
make a donation  
of \$18 or more to the Kiddush Fund.  
Contact Julia at 732-381-8403 x11 or  
tbethor@gmail.com.**

### What's Up for Shabbat in March?

**Dress Down Shabbat**— Come casual for our Shabbat services on Friday & Saturday, **March 13 & 14.**

**Simcha Shabbat**—We will celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries in the month of March on Saturday, **March 28.** Come for a blessing and share your simcha with your TBO/BT family!





## SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you are looking for some fun this winter, I want to invite you to our annual Build a Basket night, Monday, March 2 at 7pm at the temple. We will be putting together the Purim shalach mones baskets.

We can always use the extra help and you will be doing a good deed. Of course, there will be some noshes.

Then, to ward off cabin fever, there will be a meeting on March 16 at 8pm. I promise it will be a good night out to socialize!

Finally, to make it more convenient and easier for you to send donor cards at any time, 24/7, you can now email your request for cards to the following people: Diane Goldstein - [cowsndlg@gmail.com](mailto:cowsndlg@gmail.com) and Joan Oberman - [lober4@comcast.net](mailto:lober4@comcast.net) So catch up on all those cards you've been meaning to send and get donor credit at the same time!

Joleen Fridson

### Special Fund

Donations to Special Fund can be made for any occasion for a minimum donation of \$5.00. You will receive 100% donor credit. To send a beautiful Special Fund card call: Gene Berry (732-388-3453).

### Golden Books

To send a Golden Book for any occasion, call: Joan Oberman (732-381-4322)  
Evie Shulman (908-276-6894)  
Betty Needleman (908-389-0911)

Cards are sent for \$3.00 and you will receive \$1.50 donor credit, or pick up a pack of 10 cards for \$20.00 with \$15.00 donor credit and send them yourself. They can be picked up from the office. Please send checks to Esther Schlesinger (9 Pine Ridge Dr., Edison, NJ 08820) or call (732) 548-7132 for the amount owed.

## GOLDEN BOOKS

### MAZEL TOV

To: Florence Bernstein on the marriage of her grandson

From: Norma & Jack Weinshanker

To: Amy & Steve Schonfeld on the birth of granddaughter

From: Ruth & Bernie Burkhoff



## JUDAICA SHOP NEWS

See Passover items that the gift shop is offering on the next page.

Gift shop will be open on Sunday, March 8 from 10 to 11 am.

Remember - if you don't see what you want on the list or in the display case, ask me! Nancy Kelner, [nkelner@aol.com](mailto:nkelner@aol.com) or 908-272-9072.

### INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Sisterhood makes a 5% profit on all ShopRite and A&P vouchers sold. Therefore you are entitled to claim that 5% as a charitable deduction on your income tax. If you are not sure how much donor credit (also 5%) you have received for vouchers, please contact Esther Schlesinger (732-548-7132).

### Vouchers:

ShopRite and A&P (accept at Pathmark) vouchers are available at Sisterhood functions and in the temple office.

SHOP SMART. *do good!*  
A FUNDRAISING SHOPPING EVENT

*Sisterhood invites you to purchase a ticket for the Do Good Fundraising Event at the Westfield Lord & Taylor Shop Sunday, March 22, 2015 – Pick-up Friday, March 27 or after March 28<sup>th</sup>*

Cost: \$5 per ticket

Tickets available at the temple office, from Judy Hurok, 908-654-4448, and at Megillah reading on March 4.

You will receive:

- Two 25% off coupons on one regular or sale-priced item.
- 15% off savings pass on regular and sale items storewide **including cosmetics and fragrances.**
- Save an extra 10% on top of other savings when you use your Lord & Taylor card.

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## Paint & Pour at TBOBT Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm

No painting experience needed! All ages welcome! All art supplies provided. Artist Rosalia Tignini Verdun will lead you step by step through the painting.

Leave with your own 11X14 canvas.

It's fun and it's relaxing.

Light Deli lunch with wine will be served.

Cost is \$38 per person. RSVP by 3/15 to the temple or Evie Shulman 908-276-6894.



### BOOK DISCUSSION

Sunday, March 15, 9:45 am

*The Betrayers*

By David Bezmozgis

## School Days

On February 8th, the three classes, K'Ton, Yaldeinu, and Hebrew School, met together to conclude their studies of Tu B'Shevat with a seder and a special environmental project with the help of our own Dr. Mike Miller. The class enjoyed the many different tastes on the seder plates and reviewed the meaning of each of the many different fruits.

Dr. Mike's project involved making paper, the product of the trees that are so important to the holiday. Parents of the students attended to give a helping hand.

It was so nice to see the involvement of all the "intergenerational" students and teachers.

### Passover items available for sale at our Gift Shop

Quan.	Item	Description	Price
1	Afikomen bag	White cloth with zipper, Afikomen in Hebrew	\$8.00
1	Apron (adult)	Pesach, white with blue and purple, "Dairy"	\$4.00
1	Book (children)	A Child's First Haggadah	\$2.00
1	Book (children)	The Feast of Freedom Coloring Book	\$1.00
1	Book (children)	Passover Coloring Book	\$1.00
1	Book (children)	Passover Fun for Little Hands, activity book	\$2.00
1	Charoset Bowl	Glass, with tray and silver spoon; footed bowl is clear glass with blue bead and silver leaves; Lily Art	\$36.00
1	Elijah cup	Ceramic, David Heger	\$12.00
1	Game	"Game of Four" card game	\$2.00
1	Game	Exodus, the Game of	\$5.00
4	Matzo crumb sweeper	Plastic	\$5.00
1	Matzo Tash	Three football players, very colorful	\$5.00
1	Matzo tash	Very large, off-white background with flowers, Matzo in Hebrew & English	\$12.00
1	Matzo tash	White background, Star of David, Matzo in center, seder plate items, lace border	\$8.00
1	Matzo tray	Silver plated, heavy, made in England	\$25.00
1	Seder plate	Glass, pale blue with Pesach in center, handmade; food items in English and Hebrew. Hanna Bahral.	\$20.00
1	Seder plate	Very large, white w blue leaves/ grapes, dark blue scalloped rim, includes 6 small matching dishes	\$36.00
1	Seder plate	White with silver rim, multicolored background	\$15.00
1	Teapot trivet	Ceramic on top, cork on bottom, "Kosher for Passover"	\$5.00



# Happenings at TBO/BT

Moshe Waldoks spoke on Jewish humor to a full house at the Sol Sern Memorial Program.



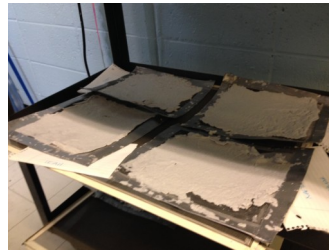


# Happenings at TBO/BT

Our schoolchildren learn how to make recycled paper for Tu B'Shevat under the instruction of Dr. Michael Miller.



Hebrew School Tu B'Shevat Seder



Cantor's Class on Jewish Liturgy



Dr. Kedar with Cantor Stern and Israel Support Committee Chair Conrad Nadel after a talk on the future of the Middle East.



Longtime TBOBT member Sarah Sofman who recently celebrated her 97th birthday sends warm regards to the temple family.



# TBO/BT USY

If You Understand this Jumble - We Want You in the Mix!

## Coming soon!

### March Chapter Event:

March 4th—Be part of the TBOBT Purim festivities! Dinner, Megillah Reading, Ice Cream Sundaes and more. Costumes recommended.

### March Regional Events:

Hagalil Jr./Sr. Prom - March 7th in Caldwell. It's going to be a fabulous evening!

USY Event—March 22nd. Details to follow

## Action required:

Clear your calendars now for Spring Convention—April 24th—26th.

## Looking ahead!

August 23rd – 30th Encampment for USY & Kadima.

## Kadima Happenings:

Kadima Day—March 1st—Powerhouse Studio, East Hanover

8th Grade Shabbaton—March 13th-15th, Millburn

Roll-A-Rama—April 19th

## Community Happening:

Supermarket Sweep—Sunday, March 8th. ShopRite of Clark, Shop from 2-4PM. Help unload, sort, & stock from 4:30-6:00 PM @ JFS of CNJ Kosher Food Pantry in Elizabeth. Visit [www.jfedgmw.org/sweep](http://www.jfedgmw.org/sweep) to register.

CHECK IT OUT: If you have a Jewish friend who isn't a USY member, but wants to check us out—let 'em come to any chapter program! We can't wait to meet them.



## ISRAELI DANCE

Tuesday Nights

Beginners from 7 pm to 8 pm

Intermediate from 8 pm to 11 pm

\$10.00 per class/ \$45 prepaid for 5 classes

Part of the proceeds go to TBO/BT.

Led by Elyse Litt 732-396-8299

## TBO-BT Men's Club

SHOMREI HA'ARETZ

## STEWARDS OF THE LAND

### PROTECT VS USE

As part of the children's Tu B'Shvat seder and Men's Club project, Mike Miller lead a discussion on the importance of recycling paper (saving millions of trees), how new paper is made, and the importance of buying products made with a large amount of recycled paper content. The children volunteered a few examples; paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, plates, office paper. They then took shredded paper, soaked the paper in warm water, made pulp in a blender, spread the pulp on a screen, put the screen between towels, squeezed out the water with rolling pin, let the paper dry. At a following class they will use the drawing paper. Pictures are in this bulletin.

Thank you to Paul Hymanson, Bob Kolker, Russ Kelner and Cantor Stern who helped prepare the materials. A special thank you to Cantor Stern for directing the paper making production line. Thank you to the teachers and parents for organizing the students and setting up the seder.

Purim is March 4. Use containers made from recycled paper.

## SPECIAL ADULTS SEDER

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Call Dr. Michael Miller or Cantor Stern for more information.

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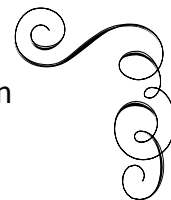
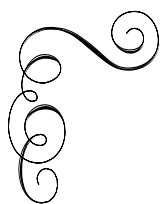
The Goldstein, Kelner & Miller Families

PLEASE!!  
NOTE

TBO/BT still has cemetery plots at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge available.

Please call the temple office if you are interested.





## THE TBO/BT WISHES MAZEL TOV TO:

Esther & Jay Schlesinger on the birth of their granddaughter Sammie Jordan

## CONDOLENCES TO:

Marilyn Weinstein on the passing of her brother Robert Plotkin

## WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS MADE TO TBO/BT DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

(To make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, call or email the temple office)

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In honor of Howard Silverman on his 70th birthday:

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### Kiddush Fund

Gitta Harel  
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### Leaf on the Tree of Life

Alan Rubin, Lauren Rubin and Ed & Mindy Leibowitz;  
Evie Shulman; Gitta Harel; Myrna & Arny Young; Julia  
& Yakov Vinokurov; Lorraine & Milton Loshin in honor  
of Howard Silverman's birthday

### School Fund:

Lillian Makow in honor of Howard Silverman  
Cantor Steven Stern in honor of Howard Silverman

### Sol Sern Fund:

Gitta Harel, Susan Barr, Michelle Kampf, Lisa &  
Dick Lavroff, Anonymous  
Michelle & Joel Basoff in memory of Sol Sern



# PESACH COMMUNITY SEDER

Join the TBO/BT family for the  
**First Seder**  
**Monday, April 3, 6:45 pm**

*Led by*

**Cantor Steven Stern**

Enjoy a full course catered traditional dinner with appetizer, soup, entrée, side dishes, dessert and all the special trimmings.

Cost: Members: \$37 adults, \$20 children 5-13,  
 4 & under - free  
 Non-members: \$46 adults, \$26 children 5-13,  
 4 & under - free  
 Sponsorship of \$118 includes 2 seats +  
 a bottle of Bartenura Moscato wine.

**We are selling out quickly, so reserve now to ensure a space!**

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# 2015 MARCH

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9:00a Morning Minyan 10 Adar	8:00p Sisterhood Assemble Purim Baskets 11 Adar	7:00p Israeli Dancing 12 Adar	6:15p Purim Dinner & Celebration Fast of Esther 13 Adar	Purim 14 Adar	8:00p Services 15 Adar	9:30a Services Special Adults 16 Adar
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Begin daylight time 9:00a Morning Minyan 17 Adar	8:00p Congregation Board Meeting 18 Adar	7:00p Israeli Dancing 7:30p Torah Cafe at Bayit 19 Adar	8:00p Ritual Meeting 20 Adar	8:00p Men's Club Meeting 21 Adar	8:00p Services Dress Down Shabbat 22 Adar	9:30a Services Dress Down Shabbat 23 Adar
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## Community Supermarket Sweep

Sunday March 8, 2015

Shoprites of Clark & Greater Morristown

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☐donate

☐help

Be part of this community-wide mitzvah project to restock our local kosher food pantries.

**Donate** as little or as much food as you choose.

- 2-4 p.m. – **Shop** at the ShopRites of Clark & Greater Morristown.
- 4:30-6 pm - **Help** unload, sort, and stock at the JFS Kosher Food Pantry (Elizabeth).

*Help those in need in our community.* VISIT [www.jfedgmw.org/sweep](http://www.jfedgmw.org/sweep) to register.

## Purim Celebration

Wednesday evening, March 4



*Join us for*

- A delightful light dairy Pasta Dinner at 6:15 pm
- Megillah Reading and Costume Parade at 6:45 pm
- Ice Cream Social

RSVP for the Dinner to the temple office by Monday, March 2.