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FROM THE CANTOR



In preparing for a brief out-oftown trip recently, I was looking over the online reviews of one hotel that was very close to my destination. It was interesting. About half the reviewers said it was a super deal -- great location, great price, with lots of quaint character. On the other hand

there was the other half that gave it very low grades, writing that the place was awful, with horrible service, a depressing environment, and lacking in the basic amenities. One reviewer wrote, "I would never set foot there again!"

I find it fascinating how folks can be so diametrically opposed. One would hardly believe it was the exact same hotel they were reviewing during the same period of time!

Part of the reason for such divergence of views has to do with expectations. If you are expecting five star luxury and amenities in your lodging and receive merely three star treatment, you might be terribly disappointed. Alternatively, if your expectations are low, you might be inclined to offer a rave review of the establishment.

But surely, it is not just a matter of expectations. As important, if not more so, are perceptions. The simple truth is that we all see things differently, in every aspect of life. We all know the saying, "Two Jews, three opinions." I believe this is a universal phenomenon that cuts across all religious and ethnic groups. (OK, we might be just a little more combatively opinionated!)

Of course, such divergence of opinion is not limited to hotel selection. I, like many, enjoy reading opinion pieces on a wide range of subjects, and I am always keenly interested in how other readers respond. And on virtually every issue there is sharp disagreement. What especially stands out in my mind is how the discourse all too often devolves into nasty personal attacks. The prevailing view sadly seems to be: Why limit yourself to attacking the other's argument when you can go after the person as well? Now debate, even when passionate, on the substance of issues is a good thing. Arguing in defense of one's point of view can be constructive, as long as it is, as our Sages have

taught, *lishma*, that is, respectful, for the sake of truth and for the sake of arriving at the correct policy. Gratuitous name-calling or disparagement is ugly and not consistent with our values.

To be sure, there are times when it is not enough to engage in polite debate. When someone wants to slit your throat because you happen to have a different set of religious beliefs, then the answer is not deferential discussion to understand the other's point of view!

With respect to the hotel in question, I decided at the time to look for other lodging. The location may have indeed been ideal and the price very reasonable, but the very popular downstairs eatery acclaimed for its wide selection of "over 500 different beers from around the world" was said to be open and noisy until the wee hours of the morning -- not a recipe for a quiet and restful night's sleep and so not a good deal at any price....

B'shalom,

Cantor Steven Stern



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOTH
A NIGHT OF LEARNING
SATURDAY, MAY 23, @ 8 PM

Join us at the Bayit (117 John Street) for an enchanted evening of prayers, Torah study, and dairy desserts.

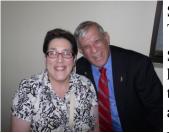
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What's Up for Shabbat in May?

Dress Down Shabbat— Come casual for our Shabbat services on Friday & Saturday, **May 15 & 16.**

Simcha Shabbat—We will celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries in the month of May on Saturday, **May 30**. Come for a blessing and share your simcha with your TBO/BT family!

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS



Spring has sprung and TBOBT is going green!

Starting next month, if you have email you will receive the bulletin via your email address.

No waiting at the mailbox

and we will support the environment at the same time.

Please call the temple office and provide us with your email address.

If you live nearby, you can pickup the bulletin at your earliest convenience. In addition to helping the environment, the temple will save time and postage.

On another topic...this month I happened to review the bulletin before writing my article.

Jayne's article is very moving and the Cantor always has something meaningful to share.

Please take note of the proposed slate of officers and the budget for next year. The Board is working very hard to raise funds and cut expenses. Unfortunately, you will see that we are operating at a loss.

It is extremely important that each and every temple member supports the concert on June 4th, not just by purchasing tickets, but by purchasing **sponsorships**.

I encourage you to make this the best fundraising event of the year!

We need your support at TBOBT at services, fundraisers, committees and on the Board.

I say it every month, I mean it every day.

Wendy Mandelbaum

CONGREGATION MEETING MONDAY, MAY 11 AT 7:30 PM

THE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR WILL BE VOTED ON.

TBOBT would like to thank Investors Bank Foundation for their grant to assist us in the repair of our parking lot.

May Happy Anniversary!

Daniel & Minerva Guttman Alan & Wendy Mandelhaum Michael & Laurie Saks Jay & Esther Schlesinger Joel & Barbara Seltzer Allan & Rayna Warner

Happy Birthday!

Bonnie Altman Malvina Kohn Jerome Baron Karen Langer Alex Cammy Benjamin Margulies Nikolai Cherenkov Ian Muhlgeier Ilana Dorsch Arthur Purdy Ellen Gietter Shirley Ratner Bernice Gola Benjamin Saks William Hausler Joseph Weiner Lorraine Itzkowitz Norma Weinshanker

MORNING MINYAN UPDATE

Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah has made a change to its morning minyan schedule in order to provide daily services for morning prayers, yahrzeits and mourners.

TBOBT will continue to alternate weekday minyans each month with our neighbor, Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim in Cranford.

TBOBT has minyan the odd months of the year and TBEMC the even months of the year.

Both shuls will now join Congregation Beth Israel, Scotch Plains on <u>Thursdays</u> for services and Torah reading at 7:00 a.m. until further notice.

Please support your fellow congregants and community by attending services whenever you can. We need and appreciate your participation.

Please contact the temple office if you have any questions.

Combined Morning Minyan

In May minyan will be held in Clark

Monday – 6:50 am; Tuesday, Wed., & Friday – 7:00 am; Thursday at Beth Israel in Scotch Plains at 7: 00 am; Sundays & Holidays in Clark - 9:00 am. Evening services are held every day at 7:30 pm in

Cranford.



SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S **MESSAGE**

After a long winter, spring has finally made its presence felt! In a few days on Sunday, May 3 is Women's League Spring Conference. This year it is being held in Highland Park. A number

of our members will be attending. It is always a great learning experience and a lot of fun.

Then the event all of us ladies look forward to happens this year on Thursday, May 28th. It is the annual Donor Dinner. Make sure if you have not done so yet, to get your reservation in to Sebley Hausler very soon. It is always a great evening of entertainment, food and socializing. Don't miss this special treat created by Sebley!

See you at Donor!!

Joleen Fridson

SISTERHOOD DONOR DINNER THURSDAY, MAY 28, AT 6 PM

Vouchers:

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

Special Fund

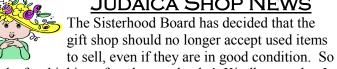
Donations to Special Fund can be made for any occasion for a minimum donation of \$5.00. You will receive 100% donor credit. To send a beautiful Special Fund card call: Gene Berry (732-388-3453).

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.

JUDAICA SHOP NEWS



thanks for thinking of us, but no thanks! Kindly note that I plan to serve as gift shop chairman for one more year. I'm seeking a co-chairman for next year to work with me and take over in the summer of 2016. Please give it some thought and call or email me to say "Yes!" This job is a lot of fun and you can make your own hours. It's like having your own little shop! Nancy Kelner – 908-272-9072 or nkelner@aol.com

GOLDEN BOOKS

MAZEL TOV

To: Myrna & Arny Young on their anniversary

From: Norma & Jack Weinshanker

To: Evelyn Shulman on the engagement of her son Michael

to Michelle Solomon

From: Janice & Herb Hymanson, Julia & Yakov Vinokurov,

Gloria Sern

Spring Jewish Film Festival

Co-sponsored by TBOBT & the JCC of Central NJ Thursday, May 7 - The Art Dealer Wednesday, May 13 - Get: The Trial of Viviane **Amsalem**

Monday, May 18 - Kidon Wednesday, May 27—The Green Prince

All films will be shown at Rialto Theater in Westfield at 7:30 pm.



Save the Date! Sunday, June 7th

TBO/BT Walking & Fitness Group outing in the park originally scheduled for May 3rd has been rescheduled.

Details to follow.

TO MEMBERS OF TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH:

Preparations for the 2015-16 Sisterhood Wall Calendar have begun.

The **only** calendar available from Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah includes:

*Birthdays & Anniversaries of participating congregants *Jewish Holidays

*Candle Lighting times *Yahrzeit dates *Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates

*Sisterhood Functions *Business Advertisements

FOR CORRECT YAHRZEIT DATES OR TO UPDATE LAST YEAR'S LISTINGS, PLEASE CALL DEBBIE FREEDMAN AT 732-388-3827.

Please return completed form below with your check (made payable to TBO/BT) to: Debbie Freedman, 42 Wareham Ct., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

DEADLINE IS MAY 22, 2015.

RUSINESS ADS	S ARE \$49 EACH	SEE FORMS (ON REVERSE SIDE

Sisterhood BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

SAME PRICE AS LAST YEAR

COST: \$10.00 - maximum of six(6) listings; additional listings @ 50 cents each; extra calendars are \$2.00 each;

\$1.50 optional mailing delivery charge.

Note: Calendars which are not mailed must be picked up by the recipient at the Temple office.

DDRESS		
Date	Name	Birthday (B) Anniversary (A) Yahrzeit (Y)

FAMILY NAME PHONE

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	Return this form w/check by 5/22/15 to	Debbio	e Freedman	

TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH SISTERHOOD (732-381-8403)

May 2015

Dear Merchant/Business Professional:

The annual <u>WALL CALENDAR</u> sponsored by our organization provides a wonderful opportunity for your business to advertise to our synagogue community which includes members from Clark, Westfield, Edison, Cranford, Rahway, Scotch Plains and many other towns. Last year, 24 local merchants and professionals filled the available spaces with their business advertisements!

PRICE PER AD IS \$49. Complete the form below and return with your check (made out to Temple Beth O'r) to: Temple Beth O'r, 111 Valley Road, Clark, NJ 07066 – Attn: Debbie Freedman

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BELOW, NEATLY PRINT THE TEXT FOR YOUR AD, OR ENCLOSE A BUSINESS CARD (Don'staple!). Note: Your ad will read exactly as you provide it to us!

REPEAT ADVERTISER: If you would like the same ad run again – with NO changes – write the word "REPEAT" in the space above!

To ensure that your ad is included in our 2014-15 Calendar, this form with ad copy and check must be received no later than May 22! Payment of \$49 MUST be received with this form.

Thank you in advance for your support, Debbie Freedman (732) 388-3827

Happenings at TBO/BT

Filmmaker Steven Pressman and Holocaust survivor Paul Beller joined us at the screening of *50 Children* at our annual Lief Memorial Program

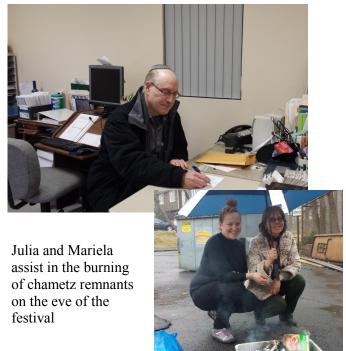




Our TBOBT crew helped to serve our special adults at the pre-Pesach Model Seder

Cantor Stern prepares the contract for the sale of chametz prior to Pesach





TBOBT welcomed George Koulakis from Australia and enjoyed his Billy Joel rendition before Shabbat dinner





FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

TBO-BT Men's Club TBO-BT Men's Club SHOMREI HA'ARETZ/ STEWARDS OF THE LAND

Protect vs Use: Jewish Footprints on the Land

In the Torah portion Shemini, the Jewish people are given the laws concerning fish consumption. Leviticus 11:9-12 explains that all creatures in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers with both fins and scales are acceptable (kosher). The first time that G-d speaks to any of the living creatures, the speech is directed at the fish. Genesis 1:22 relates, "And G-d blessed them saying: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas'..." The Torah uses fish to connote fertility and abundance.

In today's world, however, fish could not be used as a symbol of fertility and abundance.

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service report estimated that more than three-quarters of the world's marine fish stocks are currently being fished at their maximum or have already been overfished beyond their maximum and are now in decline. This includes cod from the Gulf of Maine, Alaska pollock, Atlantic herring, Chilean Sea Bass, and blue fin tuna, to name a few. Are we acting in an unholy manner when we eat fish that are harvested from unsustainable fisheries?

The Monterey Bay Aquarium provides information on good eco-choices for eating seafood. An example is wild-caught Alaskan salmon, eco-certified by the Marine Stewardship Council. Other kosher fish species receiving either a "best" or "good" rating include: tilapia farmed in either the U.S. or Central America, farmed U.S. Atlantic salmon, yellow fin tuna caught in the U.S. by either troll or pole, and wild-caught lingcod from either the U.S. or Canada.

The opportunity before us is to buy fish sustainably, fulfilling the divine mandate for human stewardship of G-d's planet – to use it and to protect it.

Suggested Actions:

Research the fish that you buy to see if it is sustainable. Make a commitment to buy sustainable fish.

Encourage your Congressional representatives to support Marine conservation measures.

4. You can learn more by visiting three great websites: mbayaq.org, seafoodwatch.org and oceansalive.org.

Source; Canfei Nesharim: Parsha Shemini by Candace Nachma

TBO-BT Men's Club Shabbat was Saturday April 18th.

The Club wishes to thank all who participated: Michael Goldstein, Jack Weinshanker, Cantor Stern, Arthur Freedman, Steve Hurok, Joe Cammy, Howard Kronick, and Michael W Miller.

The special adults also attended services and we thank all those who helped serve them during the Kiddush.

MEMBER MEMOIRS

"Coming Home" By Jane Heidelberger

My mother always told me that Jews come together in celebration and sorrow. I never quite understood that until she passed away and I returned to Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah in mourning. The first Friday night after getting up from sitting Shiva, I entered the Sanctuary still "shell-shocked" from losing my mom so suddenly. I was immediately surrounded by some of my TBO "family" so I would not be alone. With their support, I slowly started to feel like myself. I never sat alone during Friday night and Saturday morning services, and soon found myself totally immersed in the service. I think I learned more in the 11 months that I came every Shabbat than I did when I was younger and attending Hebrew School (it was a different shul).

Now that my mourning period is over, I still find myself attending services; surrounded by my "family", enjoying many lively and informative discussions as well as a delicious lunch after services.

From the first day I became a member of Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah , I have never felt alone even though I attend services by myself. I have always been welcomed with open arms. That sense of welcome is one of the many aspects of the Temple that I love.

I have shared tears and laughter with my TBO family, and every service, every program that I attend, I feel like I am coming home; and I am content.



Ida Breitbart

THE TBO/BT WISHES MAZEL TOV TO:



Evelyn Shulman on the engagement of her son Michael to Michelle Solomon

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

(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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Michael E. Miller Martin Miller

Congregation, Sisterhood Lorraine & Milton Loshin Harriet Rothschild Men's Club

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:

Suzanne & Michael Miller for yahrzeit commemorations

GENERAL FUND:

Harriet Rothschild in honor of Howard Silverman on his 70th birthday

Paul Wexler in honor of Bert Wexler's birthday Gitta Harel in honor of the birth of Esther Schlesinger's granddaughter

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.

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

List of TBO/BT Funds for Donations

<u>Cantor's Discretionary Fund</u> – is a vehicle by which the Cantor assists individuals and organizations that come to his personal attention in need of additional funds for emergencies, on-going activities or special projects in the US, Israel or anywhere in the world.

<u>Jewish National Fund Trees</u> – certificates can be purchased for all occasions in denominations of \$18. Please contact the temple office, 732-381-8403.

<u>Oneg Shabbat/Kiddush Fund</u> – used for a nosh after Shabbat services. To sponsor an entire Oneg, Kiddush, or Seuda, please contact the temple office, 732-381-8403.

<u>Minyan Breakfast Fund</u> – provides breakfast for the Morning Minyan.

<u>Ritual Fund</u> – is used to purchase religious supplies.

<u>Yahrzeit Fund</u> - It is a tradition to make a donation in memory of deceased loved ones. This fund is used to support all aspects of the synagogue.

<u>Sol Sern Memorial Lecture Fund</u> - is used to provide speakers and refreshments for our annual lecture in memory of Sol Sern

<u>General Fund</u> — supports all aspects of Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah.

<u>Prayer Books</u> – Please contact the temple office to obtain up-to-date information.

<u>Bikur Cholim and Chesed Fund</u> - is used on behalf of those who are ill or in need of mitzvot of loving kindness.

<u>Harold & Doris Presser Memorial Fund</u> - has been established to assist in the maintenance of the temple facilities and the repair of ritual items.

<u>Yahrzeit Plaques</u> – Honor your departed loved ones with a permanent yahrzeit memorial plaque in our sanctuary. A light will be lit next to the plaque every year during the week of the Yahrzeit. Cost is \$350.

• Information needed: English & Hebrew names, including the father's and/or mother's Hebrew name, and secular & Hebrew dates of passing.

<u>Sanctuary Seat & Pew Dedication</u> – This project honors or memorializes a dear one with a special plaque mounted on the back of a sanctuary seat. Each plaque costs \$180. Dedication of an entire pew (row) includes a larger plaque inscribed with the family name mounted at the end of the row and two individual seat plaques in that row. The cost of an entire pew dedication is \$1800.

Religious School Fund – supports our Hebrew School & K'Ton program.

Simcha Tree – Honor your family by dedicating a Leaf (\$180), Rock, or Trunk Letter, on our "Simcha" Tree of Life, for any and all occasions – Births, Weddings, Special Anniversaries or Birthdays, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, or other special honors or events.

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