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FROM THE CANTOR



At the recent *Night of Learning* at the Bayit on Shavuot, I offered a top ten list of my favorite teachings from our tradition, drawing heavily from both the biblical Book of Leviticus and from the compendium of rabbinic teachings called Pirkei Avot, or “The Chapters of the Fathers.”

The idea for choosing this format for my session was occasioned in part by all the hoopla surrounding David Letterman’s final show. Letterman, of course, is the late-night talk show host well known for his nightly top ten lists. I also realize that a top ten list is a convenient way to deliver ideas or information in easily digestible portions, and is a useful technique to catch the eye and grab one’s attention.

But the ubiquitous presence of these kinds of lists is clearly getting out of hand. Everywhere you go you encounter lists. At the supermarket checkout counter the other day I was looking at the magazine rack and it seemed as though everyone was touting a list guaranteed to make life absolutely blissful. There were *Five Surefire Ways to Lose Weight*; *Ten Ways to Greater Intimacy*; *Seven Secrets to Financial Success*. And it’s not just the print media. The internet is even worse! As one astute observer put it, “If journalism and publishing in general finally dies, it will be because of *Buzzfeed* and their never ending stream on meaningless listicles. Written specifically to waste your time, lists work because they are easy to read and very shareable on social media. Lists were once useful, but now they represent everything that is wrong with the internet.”

Perhaps there is a bit of excess emotion and hyperbole in those words, but I’m sure we can all agree that we are indeed bombarded by lists. And the real risk is that we might soon lose the ability to concentrate on serious literary or journalistic output. Reading an entire book, even in digital form, may one day become a rare occurrence because we have gotten so accustomed to bite-sized doses of information fed to us in list form.

And so as the summer approaches, I would like to suggest that we try to get back to some serious reading. Instead of clicking on the bait with the

catchy promise of *Five Ways to Gain Greater Wisdom*, I might just decide to reread Ecclesiastes or the Book of Proverbs. Instead of browsing through *Ten Things I Didn’t Know About Famous Movie Stars*, I might just read a recently published portrait of the life of King David. Rather than speeding through *Seven Ways to Better Relationships*, I might just sit down and study Pirkei Avot, which as we learned at the Shavuot Tikkun, has so much to teach us about how we ought to relate to one another. Now, summer reading certainly need not be limited to Jewish texts, but since there is such an abundance of wisdom in our tradition, starting there is not a bad idea. In any case, the important thing is that we never lose our ability to maintain our concentration and focus beyond the 140 characters of a Twitter Tweet.

The summer is upon us and so I wish to take this opportunity to thank all who have worked so hard during the year in support of our synagogue. Our leadership, our Board, our committee chairs, and all of our volunteers have labored tirelessly on behalf of our shul. I know that there are many ways in which each and every one of us can get more involved in synagogue life. I encourage you to do so. Wherever you choose to contribute your time and effort, you will find that the rewards are great and lasting!

B’vracha,

Cantor Steven Stern

What’s Up for Shabbat in June?

Dress Down Shabbat— Come casual for our Shabbat services on Friday & Saturday, **June 5 & 6**.

Shabbat Corner - Saturday, **June 6** from 10 to 11 am.

Simcha Shabbat—We will celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries in the month of June on Saturday, **June 27**. Come for a blessing and share your simcha with your TBO/BT family!

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS



Three questions were submitted by TBOBT reporter Thelma Purdy in an exclusive interview with our Co-Presidents and their responses follow:

What impressed you the most this year at TBOBT?

Howard:

What I have really been impressed with is that in the past, coming to Sunday morning minyan was generally quiet except for the davening. Now we have our Hebrew School and the sounds of these little voices are very inspiring. The children are singing and learning so much. Our Education Committee, Cantor Stern and the teachers should be highly commended on the great job they are doing.

Wendy:

Believe it or not, it was Howard's birthday celebration. Seeing a sanctuary filled with family, friends, business associates and members of other organizations coming together to honor Howard was just beautiful. The voices davening together made the Sabbath service even more special. His simcha became our fundraiser. Over \$1,600 was donated to TBOBT in Howard's honor. This is just one indication that Howard is honorable, truly a mensch. I am proud to be his friend.

What do you see/hope for the congregation this summer?

Howard:

Most of all we should all be well. Also, be mindful of the future of our Shul. Things are happening beyond our control and we must all realize this and what can be done.

Wendy:

Usually the summer is a time for sitting back and relaxing. Soon we begin to focus on the High Holidays, preparing for a renewal of sorts, a cleansing of our sins. I know we will have to face our challenges and make some difficult decisions in the coming months. My hope is that as we address these challenges that we focus on Judaism, our congregation and the community.

What was most meaningful to you at TBOBT this year?

Howard:

The most meaningful thing is our warm congregational family. Remember the Shul is only a building, our congregation is what makes it special. Our Congregants are some of the nicest people I have ever met. If you haven't been at Shul in a while, people are calling to make sure you are alright.

Wendy:

This year I had the privilege of helping at the Hanukkah party and Seder for the special adults. The compassion of our congregants, the simple joy on the faces of our special friends. I will not forget that for a long time to come.

June

Happy Anniversary!

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Happy Birthday!

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Alison Burkhard	Michael Needleman
Ann Curtis	Jocelyn Pandolfo
Leah Davidson	Debra Seidman
Helene Davis	Anna Vaidman
Diane Goldstein	Inessa Vinokurov
Howard Kronick	Gene White

Combined Morning Minyan

In June minyan will be held in Cranford

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.



SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sisterhood managed to fit in a lot of great programs this year, despite the long, cold winter.

Probably, one of the highlights was on Sunday, April 19th. We had Cantor Aviva Marer of

Temple Emanuel in Edison give a talk on the Jews of India. Her presentation was so fascinating, especially since her family had long ties to India. This is one area of Judaism few of us know about. She gave us an in-depth explanation of the Malida ceremony, along with yummy food samples. On behalf of our Sisterhood Board thank you for attending this and the many programs throughout the year.

Now we are planning events for the next year. If you have seen or heard of any terrific programs recently, please give me a call or email me at joleenfridson@yahoo.com. Your suggestions are greatly appreciated!

Have a relaxing & safe summer!!

Joleen Fridson

Vouchers:

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Special Fund

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JUDAICA SHOP NEWS

As we approach the wedding season, why not do your gift shopping at the gift shop? Be creative - Put together a basket of kitchen supplies for a new bride! We have everything to get her started - aprons, cookbooks, microwave plate covers, mugs, oven mitts, platters, pot tags, pot holders, spatulas, spoon rests, spreaders, candlesticks, candles, wine cups and trivets. Many of our kitchen items are marked dairy/meat/pareve to keep things organized. Or give the happy couple its first Seder plate or an ornate mezuzah. Remember, we have so many items, they don't all fit in the case. If you don't see what you want, ask me! Nancy Kelner - nkelner@aol.com or 908-272-9072.

GOLDEN BOOKS

CONDOLENCES

To: Andrew Dorsch on the passing of his mother Rowena Dorsch

From: Julia & Yakov Vinokurov

To: Helene Davis on the passing of her mother Bertha Shoten

From: Julia & Yakov Vinokurov, Joleen & Bob Fridson, Betty & Marc Needleman, Claudia & Andrew Dorsch, Malvina & Tom Kohn, Iris & Lenny Weiner, Gitta Harel, Naomi Silbert, Susan & Alan Coen, Marilyn Weinstein, Toby Prince, Sebley & Bill Hausler

2015 - 2016 TBO/BT Sisterhood Slate of Officers

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Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Goldstein, Nominating Chair and

Committee: Barbara James, Nancy Kelner and Evie Shulman.

School Days

We have had a very successful school year and look forward to the 2015-2016 school year. Our Hebrew School students are growing in age, maturity and knowledge. We will have students at Bar and Bat Mitzvah ages during 2016 and 2017.

Our Yaldeinu students are also growing in age and maturity and are learning our curriculum of Hebrew language, Bible stories, prayer, holidays, Jewish ethics, etc. at a level appropriate for their age.

Of course we were and continue to be very excited about beginning our K'Ton class for the youngest students. It was very well received by the children, parents and our committee.

Our school year ended with all classes meeting on May 17th for a small commemoration of a year well-done!! All our students received gifts and/or certificates.

The committee has begun meeting and will continue to meet all during the summer to discuss our plans for the coming year to enhance our delivery of our curriculum in the best way possible.

Cantor, Genie, Elaine and Thelma

Our students celebrate Lag B'Omer



D'var Torah delivered by Arthur Purdy at Shabbat Services on May 16

We have just completed this year's reading of the third book of the Five Books of Moses—Leviticus.

Leviticus describes and instructs the functions of the Levi priests, and these same instructions became the duties of the entire Hebrew nation. Being Jewish instructions, they did not shy away from our mundane living, such as: how to keep kosher, sexual behavior in the family, ethical behavior in the street, and so forth.

Walter has just read to us the last two parshahs of Leviticus. B'Har, the next to last, seems at first like a real estate lesson from yesterday, but it comes smack into today with the economy so unevenly allotted over the population. It teaches that in the business of living we should not let our gains be from another's loss. We should not take our gain without leaving or giving, not charity or welfare, but opportunity to allow others to gain their needs in our society as we have.

An exciting word in this parshah is "Jubilee". A jubilee year is a sabbatical year where the land is allowed to rest unfarmed so it will be replenished by itself—an interesting concept for people also. The word jubilee comes from the Hebrew "yovel", ram's horn, which is sounded on Yom Kippur, when we actually have a Jubilee and Sabbath day, just as the land, without food, without mundane concerns, a day to replenish some of

our self.

The final parshah of Leviticus is B'Hukotai. It is translated as "If you follow" G-d's laws and commandments. There is that free will word again, "If". It is up to us. It is our choice to be what we are.

Then we are told how we will benefit by living according to G-d's laws and commandments: There will be rich rain; earth will yield abundantly; we will eat ... our need; there will be peace in the land; we will be fertile and multiply as a people; and G-d will dwell in our midst.

Then, if we do not follow these laws and commandments and keep the covenant with G-d, G-d says "I will" bring to you and your land many separate anguishes and sufferings that will create such fear in us that "the sound of a driven leaf" will put us in flight. Yet after describing our desolation G-d says, "I will not annul" my covenant with them.

The final verses of Leviticus speak of how we, the Jewish people, must support the religion we have. We must contribute in various amounts according to our age as men and women. In the Torah thousands of years ago, It sounds like Beth O'r Beth Torah today.

Through the ages we are here—we're here!

LET'S CELEBRATE WE'RE HERE

List of TBO/BT Funds for Donations

Cantor's Discretionary Fund – 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.

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

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

Minyan Breakfast Fund – provides breakfast for the Morning Minyan.

Ritual Fund – is used to purchase religious supplies.

Yahrzeit Fund – 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.

Sol Sern Memorial Lecture Fund – is used to provide speakers and refreshments for our annual lecture in memory of Sol Sern.

General Fund – supports all aspects of Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah.

Prayer Books – Please contact the temple office to obtain up-to-date information.

Bikur Cholim and Chesed Fund – is used on behalf of those who are ill or in need of mitzvot of loving kindness.

Harold & Doris Presser Memorial Fund – has been established to assist in the maintenance of the temple facilities and the repair of ritual items.

Yahrzeit Plaques – 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.

Sanctuary Seat & Pew Dedication – 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.

Leaves: \$180 Rocks: \$1000 Trunk Letters: \$1800

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

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

June is the beginning of summer. This is the time when we increase our consumption of energy, water and disposable goods.

Conserving energy saves money and reduces air pollution. Use a programmable thermostat. Empty house temperature should be set to 78 degrees. Close shades and curtains. Drop temperature an hour before returning. While on vacation unplug computers and TV; drop temperature on hot water heater. In the sun, use reflective screens in a parked car and open windows a half inch. Driving on the open road at 55-65 mph versus 70-80mph cuts fuel use 10-15% and reduces air pollution.

Conserving water saves money and reduces the possibility of use restrictions, even in New Jersey. Shut off water when soaping up, shaving, washing dishes or brushing teeth. If you let it run to warm up/cool down, collect it for other uses. Scrape, don't rinse, dishes before using the dishwasher. Plug up the sink/basin if washing dishes by hand. Do only full loads of laundry, or lower the water setting to match the size of the load. Kick the bottled water habit and begin serving tap water. To remove chlorine taste, use a large pitcher with a renewable filter. When you carry bottled water use a refillable bottle. **When watering shrubs and gardens, use a water timer and "weeper hoses" for drip irrigation.**

Disposable Goods -- consider replacements, reuse, and recycle.

Men's Club is a co-sponsor with the Walking & Fitness Group of the Walk in the Park on June 7. Snacks and bulk water will be provided. We recycle and conserve!



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TBO-BT Men's Club Sidney Goldstein-Aaron Margolin Minyanaire of the Year Breakfast

Sunday, June 14, 2015

The Men's Club will be honoring Iris Weiner as the 2015, Sidney Goldstein-Aaron Margolin Minyanaire at the Men's Club Breakfast.

Iris Weiner is a regular longtime attendee at Sunday morning Minyan and during the week on her work holidays.

Minyan at 9:00AM, breakfast at 9:45AM,
Program at 10:00AM

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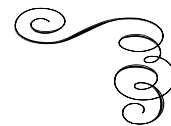
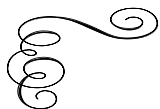


Sunday, June 7th

**TBO/BT Walking &
Fitness Group outing
in Rahway River Park**

June 7 at 9:45 am.

**We will meet in the parking lot opposite
the swimming pool. Join us for a
pleasant workout and camaraderie!**



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Andrew Dorsch on the passing of his mother Rowena Dorsch
Helene Davis on the passing of her mother Bertha Shoten

THE TBO/BT FAMILY EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:

Gloria Sern on the graduation of her grandson Scott Greenberg from Yale University
Carol & Gene Tendler on the graduation of their grandson Ben Fuerst from University of Denver and
their granddaughter Victoria Fuerst from high school

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Thank you - תודה רבה

Thank you to the Cantor, Julia, and the Congregation
for your support during a very difficult month of May
with the passing of my Mom.

Andrew Dorsch & family.

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In honor of Arthur Purdy on his 92nd birthday:

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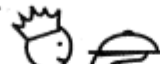
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