

TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH

BETH REPORTER

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SEPTEMBER 2015

Happy New Year 5776!



Please join us for
**SELICHOT
SERVICES**

**Saturday, September 5, 8:30 pm
at TBOBT**

*A Community Program to Usher in the
High Holiday Season*



**Come Celebrate
Simchat Torah**

**Monday, October 5, 6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 6, 9:30 am**

*with singing, dancing
& special treats.*

FROM THE CANTOR



As I sit down to write this message for the BETH RepORter, I happen to have before me the September 2008 issue in which my New Year message contained the following:

...but shouldn't we be worrying about more important things? A national election is fast

approaching that will help shape the future course for our great nation and for the world as well. In the Middle East, there are no simple answers to the difficulties faced by Israel, in particular the threat posed by Iran. The economic woes at home continue and we feel less secure and confident than in previous years. And the very health of our planet is at stake as we grapple with complex environmental and energy issues. We all have a great deal on our collective plates....

As the expression goes, plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose – the more things change, the more they stay the same! Sadly, 2008's problems and challenges are largely still with us in 2015, and in some cases they are worse. In particular, the Iran situation weighs heavily on us all. It has sharply divided the Jewish community, and there is great uncertainty and apprehension as to how it will all unfold.

But as I argued in that prior message, while we are faced with serious issues of global import, the focus of the High Holidays is more local. When we come to synagogue to pray, surely we plead for peace and security for Israel and for the world. But our liturgy directs our focus more to our inner souls, asking us to examine how we can as individuals refine both our character and our deeds. We may rightly be preoccupied with global issues, but the work we have to do during these holidays must begin with the local. To the extent that we can succeed in that effort, we will be in a better position to deal with the many challenges we face in life, as individuals, as a community, and as a people.

As we gather together in the coming days as part of the TBOBT community and family, we pray that it be G-d's will that this coming year bring the blessings of peace, security, good health, prosperity and goodness for all.

L'Shana tova tikatevu v'techatemu,
Cantor Steven Stern

Combined Morning

Minyan

In September morning Minyan is held in Clark

Monday & Thursday – 6:50 am;

Tuesday, Wed., & Friday – 7:00 am;

Sundays & Holidays - 9:00 am in Clark.

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

Gift shop will be open from 7 to 8 pm on Wednesday, September 2 during ticket pickup.

TICKET PICKUP TIMES

Wed., Sept. 2 7:00 p.m. . – 9:00 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 9 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 11 10:00 a.m. - noon

SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Saturday, Sept. 5	SELICHOT (in Clark)	8:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 13	ROSH HASHANAH EVE	6:30p.m.
Monday, Sept. 14	FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH TASCHLICH	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
	Mincha/ Evening Service	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 15	SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Evening Service	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 19	SHABBAT SHUVAH	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 22	Mincha/ KOL NIDRE	6:15 p.m.
Wed., September 23	YOM KIPPUR Yizkor Memorial Service (approx.) Mincha Neilah (followed by Maariv & Havdallah) Sounding of Shofar	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

We are told in the Torah to make a sanctuary in which we can revere G-d. TBOBT is such a sanctuary—but the roof leaked.

So in the lazy days of summer, some of our members were able to make our sanctuary whole again. Each of us has a responsibility to maintain our community sanctuary.

At the High Holy Days we reconnect with each other, with our religious commitments and to the many activities which make up the fabric of our TBOBT community.

We need your participation, presence and financial support in all facets of our synagogue life.

May the year 5776 be a year of good health and good times for you and your family.

Shana tova u'metukah,

Wendy and Alan Mandelbaum and Audrey and Howard Silverman



Thank you - תודה רבה

Helene & Al Davis are truly blessed to be connected to this community and wish to thank all who expressed their sympathy on the passing of Helene's mom, Bertha Shoten.

Thank you to Michael Roth for continued work to beautify our temple grounds.

Thank you to Liya & Michelle Tager for helping Julia in preparation for the High Holidays.

The family of Bernard Weiner would like to thank the temple family for their kindness and sympathy and for the Shabbat dinner.



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FALL FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, FROM 10 AM TILL 2:30 PM

Clean out your closets! Please be selective when donating.

All items must be in good condition.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!**
Please call Evie Shulman (908-276-6894) or
Rayna Warner (908)486-6102.

CONGREGATION MEETINGS

Monday, October 12, 7:30 pm

Monday, March 14, 7:30 pm

Monday, May 9, 7:30 pm

What's Up for Shabbat in September?

Dress Down Shabbat—Come casual for our Shabbat services on Friday & Saturday, **September 11 & 12.**

Simcha Shabbat—We will celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries in the month of September on Saturday, **September 26.** Come for a blessing and share your simcha with your TBO/BT family!

HIGH HOLIDAYS TORAH FOR TOTS (ages 3-6) & JUNIOR CONGREGATION (ages 7-12)

If you would like your children or grandchildren to participate in either program, **you must contact and register** with the temple office **by September 1.**

Both programs are contingent upon your response.

TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH BOARD OF OFFICERS & TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE 2015-2016 MONDAYS, AT 8:00 PM

September 21	Congregation Board
October 12	Congregation Board
November 9	Congregation Board
December 14	Congregation Board
January 11	Congregation Board
February 8	Congregation Board
March 14	Congregation Board
April 11	Congregation Board
May 9	Congregation Board
June 20	Congregation Board



SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope this was a relaxing and enjoyable summer. As fall approaches, Sisterhood should take on a bigger role in your life! This year since the High Holidays come early and are midweek, our opening meeting will take place in October.

To start the year, back by popular demand, we are having once again Regina, now from the new Clark Whole Foods Floral Department, to teach us a new floral arrangement on Monday, October 19th at 8pm. You will learn some new techniques and ideas which you can use for the fall and winter holidays and also learn more about the new Whole Foods!

Again, Sisterhood will subsidize each paid member's 'creation' so the cost will only be \$5. Non members can attend and pay \$10. So get your dues in for the 2015-16 year. Not only will it help you for October's meeting but it pays for November's Paid-up Membership Dinner and December's Chanukah's craft brunch!

May you and your family be blessed with a fruitful and healthy life in the coming year. Chag Sameach!!

Joleen Fridson

SISTERHOOD OPENING MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 8:00 pm

Regina from the new Clark Whole Foods Floral Department teach us a new floral arrangement.

All members of the congregation
are welcome to attend.

Cost for Sisterhood members \$5,
for non members \$10.

Reminder to all Sisterhood members!

Please send in your dues for \$36
for the 2015-2016 year.

Please make check out to:
Sisterhood Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah
and mail to Sebley Hausler:
860 Apgar Terr., Rahway, NJ 07065



JUDAICA SHOP NEWS

If it's September, it must be time to think about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot! We have two beautiful ceramic honey dishes (with cover, spoon and dipper) from the Jewish Museum. We also have small plug-in Yahrzeit lights and two electric Yahrzeit lamps to choose from. And for the kids, we have several holiday-themed books. Remember, there are so many items, they don't all fit in the case. If you don't see what you want, ask me! Nancy Kelner - 908-272-9072 or nkelner@aol.com.

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.

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).

Vouchers:

Shoprite and A&P vouchers are available at Sisterhood functions, and in the temple office.

SAVE THE DATE !!!

**PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

Watch for your invitation in the mail!
Delicious food and a fantastic program.

GOLDEN BOOKS

MAZEL TOV

To: Debbie & Arthur Freedman- Congratulations on the
Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Brian
From: Gloria Sern

IN MEMORY

To Susan Goodman on the passing of her husband Alexander
Goodman

From: Janice & Herb Hymanson, Evie Shulman, Toby Prince,
Lorraine & Milton Loshin, Joleen & Bob Fridson, Gloria
Sern, Jack & Norma Weinshanker

To: Lenny Weiner on the passing of his father, Bernie Weiner

From: Evie Shulman, Claudia & Andrew Dorsch, Audrey &
Howie Silverman, Joleen & Bob Fridson, Debbie & Arthur
Freedman

To: The family of Ruth Gold in memory of Ruth Gold:

From: Rayna & Allan Warner, Janice & Herb Hymanson,
Michael & Leonard Roth

**Would you like to learn to
speak Hebrew?**

If so, please contact Nancy Kelner at
nkelner@aol.com or 908-272-9072.

If we have enough people, we'll look into
hiring a teacher.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, April 17, 2016

2:00 pm Matinee

George Street Playhouse

My Name is Asher Lev

Details to follow.

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 on Thursday,
October 29.*

Cost: \$5 per ticket

Tickets will be available

- in the temple office
- at the Sisterhood Opening Meeting on 10/19
- from Judy Hurok, 908-654-4448

**Call the office to order your Lulav
& Esrog for Sukkot
by Wednesday, September 16.**

September

Happy Anniversary!

*Joe & Louise Cangelosi
Joseph & Fern Cammy
Koresh & Michelle Sion
Scott & Amy Alters
Reed Altholz & Elyse Litt
William & Karen Bess
Leon & Joan Oberman
Leonard & Freida Posnock
Eugene & Carol Tendler
John & Jayne Heidelberger
Martin & Carol Richstein*

Happy Birthday!

Jon-Henry Barr	Mitchell James	Gloria Sern
Alan Coen	Alison Kosberg	Evelyn Shulman
Andrew Dorsch	Laurie Marcus	Kenneth Siegel
Estelle Edelman	Suzanne Miller	Blanche Singer
William Falk	Bruce Muhlgeier	Arnold Young
Joleen Fridson	Betty Schwartz	
Lois Goodman	Lauren Seidman	

SCHEDULE OF SUKKOT SERVICES

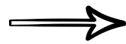
Monday, September 28	First day Sukkot	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 29	Second Day Sukkot	9:30 a.m.
Wed., Thursday, Friday Sept. 30, Oct. 1,2	Chol Hamoed (Intermediate Days) Minyan	6:45 a.m.
Friday, October 2	Shabbat Evening Service	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 3	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 4	Hoshanah Rabbah	6:30 a.m.
Monday, October 5	Shmini Atzeret & Yizkor Dedication of Yahrzeit Plaques Eve of Simchat Torah	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 6	Simchat Torah	6:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m.

School Days

We have been busy making plans for the coming year and are pleased to report that--- the teachers are in place, the students are in place, the calendar is in place!!!!

We plan to begin the year on Sunday, September 20th for the Olim, Yaldeinu, and K'Ton classes. We look forward to a successful 2015-2016 school year!!!

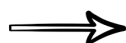
Cantor & friends at a charity 5K run on Long Island



TBOBT Walking & Fitness Group after a workout in Rahway River Park



Ritual Committee at work preparing for the High Holidays



Shabbat Under the Stars at Rahway River Park



FROM THE TBOBT MEN'S CLUB

MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

Michael W. Miller represented the Men's Club at the FJMC Biennial National Convention in Miami Beach, Florida in July. TBOBT was one of only 255 out of over 500 clubs to be awarded a Quality Club Award. We have received the award every year since the award was established in 2002-03. Key FJMC Programs are: Hearing Men's Voices, Yellow Candles, World Wide Warp, Keruv, Shomrei Ha'Aretz, Men's Club Shabbat, Club Management, and Total Programing.

At the convention Torch Awards are given for innovative activities and programming that support the key FJMC programs. TBOBT Men's Club received a Shomrei Ha'Aretz Gold Torch Award for the Tu B'Shvat Hebrew School composting demonstration and a Silver Torch Award for the Shmitah Year programming and Hebrew School Tu B'Shevat paper making project. The Club thanks Dennis Berry, Mike Miller, Lauren Barr and Julia Vinokurov who worked on the applications/ posters and everyone who worked on the programs.

FJMC introduced two new Shabbat programs to encourage families to participate in Friday night Shabbat dinner. This is one time during the week when a family can make an effort to be together. "The Shabbat Seder," is an outline and order of the key elements. The program covers planning the meal, preparing the table, involving all members of the family, lighting the candles and Birkat. An important part is how to grow your observance and keep all participants involved.

Another program is "Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas." Congregants are encouraged to invite others to their homes for Shabbas dinner and in subsequent months, those guests would host others, paying it forward. The purpose is to strengthen the synagogue community and help families create meaningful memories for themselves and their children and grandchildren. Cantor Stern has the

materials.

Men's Club is now recruiting TBOBT members, their teenage children or grandchildren as High Holiday ushers. Men's Club needs help constructing the Sukkah on Sunday, September 20th, and the roof and decorations on the 27th. CONTACT MIKE W. MILLER AT mwmillerchem_102@AOL.com. Men's Club and Sisterhood are planning a Pancake Breakfast in the Sukkah on October 4th.

Next Men's Club open Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3 at 8:00 pm.

TBO-BT Men's Club SHOMREI HA'ARETZ/ STEWARDS OF THE LAND Protect vs Use: Jewish Footprints on the Land

G-d told Adam in the garden to guard the world he was being given. "If you destroy this world," he was told, "there is no one to come and set it right after you." (*Kohelet Rabbah* 7:28) This mitzvah should be the call that TBOBT should not ignore.

This Rosh Hashanah marks the end of the shmita/ sabbatical year and the Torah tradition that in the 7th year the land shall rest and re-establish the covenant with G-d. This makes the coming High Holy Days a good time to go green.

L'Shanah Tova,
Mike W. Miller & Mike Goldstein

MEN'S CLUB, SISTERHOOD & HEBREW SCHOOL



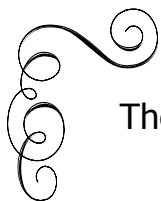
PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN THE SUKKAH

Sunday, October 4, 9:45 am

Everyone is welcome!



RSVP to Michael Goldstein @ (908) 241-0509, Michael W. Miller @ (908) 233-9624 or temple office by September 30.



THE TBO/BT FAMILY EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:
 Linda Cohen on the marriage of her son Todd to Marisa Weissman
 Thelma & Arthur Purdy on the engagement of their grandson Sam to Emma Rubin
 Thelma & Arthur Purdy on the upcoming marriage of their granddaughter
 Avital Levavi to Itzik Rosilyo

THE TBO/BT FAMILY EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:
 Lenny Weiner on the passing of his father Bernard Weiner

**WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS MADE TO
 TBO/BT DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY & AUGUST:**

(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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CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:

Gitta Harel, thank you to Cantor Stern for great Night of Learning

Alan, Jane & Judith Gold in appreciation to Cantor Stern for the support during difficult time

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Elaine & Bob Kolker

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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.

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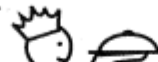
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Beth Israel Cemetery
in Woodbridge
available.

Please call the temple office
if you are interested.