

TEMPLE BETH O'R / BETH TORAH

# BETH REPORTER

TEVET / SHEVAT 5774 JANUARY 2014

Temple Beth O'r / Beth Torah  
Edith & Mark Lief Memorial Program

*Presents*

## **Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company** **The Legacy Project** Lecture/Performance

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*"Carolyn Dorfman's dances are never so powerfully moving as when she draws on the stories told by her family." - The Star Ledger*



**Sunday, January 26,**  
**3:00 pm**

**Free and open to the public**

### *Commemorating International Holocaust Remembrance Day*

An intimate conversation with choreographer Carolyn Dorfman who reveals her inspiration for The Legacy Project, a celebrated body of work that honors Dorfman's Eastern European roots and Jewish heritage.

A child of Holocaust survivors, Dorfman celebrates the strength and resilience of Jewish people and culture, telling stories of faith, survival and renewal. With depth, humor and reverence, she draws on the rich Jewish legacy - its history, philosophy, traditions, gesture, music and liturgy to create work that is honestly personal yet powerfully universal.

## FROM THE CANTOR



If I tend to spend time looking back at the previous year and planning for the one ahead -- and I do -- it is appropriately in the period leading up to and during the High Holidays. Reflection and the setting of goals is an integral part of the *Yamim Nora'im* experience. But that's no reason to preclude an

accounting and assessment as the secular year winds down and the new one begins. In fact, I view December/January as the perfect time for a booster shot of sorts, that is, an opportunity for an additional dose of rededication to one's vision and goals.

The only difficulty is that the end of the secular year seems to necessitate so much wrapping up of loose ends, leaving hardly enough time and space for reflection. Perhaps it's just that I've been spending too much time trying to get a proper handle on the details of the Affordable Care Act. When I recently asked two presumed experts a single question, I was offered three different answers, (and they weren't even my co-religionists)!

So I've been identifying strongly as of late with the Sage Rabbi Tarfon, who is quoted as having stated: "Time is short and the work is much." Therefore, allow me in the remainder of this space to simply convey three wishes that reflect in a general sense my main hopes for the coming year 2014.

1. May we, our families, and all in our community be blessed with good health. Yes, health is wealth -- there is hardly a statement that rings more true. (*Apropos* of that, I will insert here a reminder of our upcoming Lunch & Learn on Saturday, January 25 with nutrition and diet expert Lauren Purdy who will speak on: How to Eat Healthy in 2014. Please don't miss it! )
2. May we all have a year in which our lives are as meaningful as can be. Whether spending more time with family and friends, or volunteering more on behalf of the community, or exploring new subjects or learning new skills -- anything that deepens us is ennobling to the spirit.

3. I wish for peace in our homes and in the world, with special prayers for our brothers and sisters in Israel. You will not want to miss the talk on January 12 by noted Bar Ilan University Professor Mordechai Kedar who will enlighten us on the complex issues of the Middle East.

We probably all agree the year goes by much too quickly. There's no remedy for that, except to fill our days with as much life, joy and meaning as we can.

With best wishes and blessings to everyone,  
Cantor Steven Stern

### *From the Mailbox*

Dear Cantor Stern,

I hope your Thanksgiving and Chanukah were wonderful!

I wanted to make this contribution to the Temple in memory of my mother, Rose, and in gratitude to the congregation for its kindness to her....

If your congregation were near us, we would be in it.

Best wishes for the holidays,

Janice Handler

**FAMILY CHOCOLATE SHABBAT**

**Friday, January 24 at 7pm. .**

Delightful Chocolate Oneg follows the service.



## Learn to Chant the Torah and Haftarah

Beginner and Advanced Tutorials

Contact Cantor Steven Stern



# FROM THE PRESIDENT



Shalom,

As our secular New Year begins we are always met by challenges, resolutions and what we can do to make this year better than the past. Fortunately, I am thrilled to say we have a very active Shul with many diverse programs. Our Yaldeinu and Hebrew School continue to thrive.

My challenge to you for the New Year is to attend one more services and one new program. Our Shul needs your support. Call a friend or invite a relative to join us. Finally, by doing this, you will ensure a bright future for Temple Beth Or/Beth Torah. We can be your spiritual home away from home, a place to share your joys and sorrows with people who listen and truly care.

To you and your loved ones, may we all have a healthy, happy and safe secular New Year.

Shalom,  
Howard M Silverman  
President

## What's Up for Shabbat in January?

**Simcha Shabbat**—We will celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries in the month of January on Saturday, **January 18**. Come for a blessing and share your simcha with your TBO/BT family!

**Friday, January 24 - Early Family Chocolate Shabbat at 7pm.** Delightful **Chocolate Oneg** to follow.

**Dress Down Shabbat**— Come casual for our Shabbat services on Friday and Saturday, **January 24 & 25**.

**Lunch & Learn– How to Eat Healthy in 2014** with nutrition and diet expert Lauren Purdy, Saturday, **January 25** after services.

## January

### Happy Birthday!

Elyssa Alters	Milton Loshin
Scott Alters	Michael Miller
Benjamin Axelrad	Brandon Muhlgeier
Seth Axelrad	Leon Oberman
Linda Blank	Carla Rockliff
Harrison Bobbins	Arthur Shmukler
Richard Curtis	Naomi Silbert
Sandy Glassman	Elaine Sofman
David Goldstein	Susan Sofman
Joanne Goldstein	Linda Sprung
Michael Goldstein	Alexandra Traub
Naomi Goldstein	Allan Warner
Elaine Kolker	Jack Weinshanker
Steven Langer	Amanda White

### Happy Anniversary!

*Mr. & Mrs. William Hausler  
Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Freedman*



**Saturday, January 25**  
after services

***HOW TO EAT HEALTHY  
IN 2014***

With nutrition and diet expert

**Lauren Purdy**

RSVP appreciated.

### Combined Morning Minyan

In the month of January will be held in  
**Cranford.**

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.

## SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome everyone to 2014!

To get off to the best year ever and also to celebrate winter, you need to attend one if not all of the many Sisterhood events planned especially for you this month. They will surely put you into a good mood!

First, on January 8th at 6:30pm is the very popular Game Night at the home of Esther Schlesinger. She has graciously hosted this fun night for a number of years. The cost is \$15, which includes a lovely deli buffet and good company!

Then, on Friday, Jan. 17 is Women's League Shabbat, which leads all of the Conservative movement's sisterhoods. Our sisterhood members will lead Friday night services and honor Women's League starting at 8pm. You will be getting a phone call shortly from Fern Cammy to take part in the service. Please volunteer! The service will be followed by our Annual Tu B'Shevat Seder sponsored by Sisterhood.

Finally, on Sunday, Jan. 19th, we will be having a brunch meeting. This is an opportunity to learn or brush up on crocheting and at the same time help newborns. We will crochet small hats for babies.

Hope to see you at these great events!  
Joleen

## Sisterhood Game Night

January 22nd 2014, at 6:30 pm

at Esther Schlesinger's house.

The cost is \$15 which includes a deli buffet. Reservations are required by Jan.17 by calling Esther at 732-548-7132.

## GOLDEN BOOKS

### MAZEL TOV:

To: Fern & Joe Cammy on the marriage of their son Joshua to Becky Weinstein

From: Milton & Lorraine Loshin, Gloria Sern

### CONDOLENCES

To: Alan Rubin in memory of his wife Judy Rubin

From: Janice & Herb Hymanson, Julia Vinokurov, Lorraine & Milton Loshin, Gloria Sern

To: Mindy Leibowitz in memory of her mother Judy Rubin

From: Julia Vinokurov

### Vouchers:

Shoprite and A&P 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).

## JUDAICA SHOP NEWS



We are expecting an order of left-handed oven mitts any day now.

Watch the display case. There are some very nice talleisim in stock, various colors and fabrics, some with matching bag and kippah. We also have beautiful glass wine bottle stoppers (great gifts!) and an electric Shabbat candelabra. If you want something you don't see, chances are we have it! Nancy Kelner – 908-272-9072 or [nkelner@aol.com](mailto: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.

## FROM THE MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT

Our membership drive continues. Watch the mail if your dues have not been paid for 2013-2014.

December continued seeing Men's Club assisting with the mitzvah of shiva minyanim. We wish all who grieve no more sorrows and only joyous occasions.

Joe Weiner will assist Men's Club in evaluating the old records in our library and will assist with converting the salvageable albums onto DVDs.

As in past years, we provided Chanukah gifts to our special adults.

On January 12, 2014, we are having a speaker on the Jewish approach to environmental issues. We have invited our Hebrew School & Yaldeinu students to

participate and join in the presentation. Join us after morning minyan for this enlightening talk.

Our paid-up membership is being planned for Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 6 pm. Also, Men's Club Shabbat is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 2014. Please watch for further details.

As a reminder, our Special Adults Program is being run one Shabbat each month. If you are able to, please volunteer to drive at least once during the year. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michael F. Goldstein  
President, Men's Club

**Tu B'Shvat 5774**

**January 16, 2014**

### **Men's Club Tu B'Shevat Breakfast - January 12th**

Tu B'Shevat is the Jewish New Year of the trees. Trees are a metaphor for nature and the environment. The celebration and blessings give thanks for the sustenance and material provided to humans. The Kabbalistic texts focus on the seasons in Israel. Also, the Jewish texts relate human activities to nature (environment). 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*)

On Sunday morning after Minyan on January 12th, TBO-BT Men's Club will sponsor a Tu B'Shevat program and breakfast. The Hebrew School will participate. The guest speaker (to be announced) will talk about "The Jewish perspective on the responsibility to care for the earth." Small group break-out discussions will follow.

Please RSVP to temple office by January 8, 2014.



**Friday, January 17**

**8:00 pm - Sisterhood Service**

**Followed by Tu B'Shevat Seder**

**Enjoy the fruits of the Land of Israel!**

### **Hebrew Reading**

*Do you want to learn to read Hebrew or just improve your reading skills? Nancy Kelner has volunteered to work with you on a one-to-one basis.*

*Contact her at 908-272-9072 or [nkelner@aol.com](mailto:nkelner@aol.com) to set up a time.*



### **BOOK DISCUSSION**

**Date to be announced**

**Start reading!**

***The View From Penthouse*  
By Eleanor Lipman**

# Happenings at TBO/BT



Cantor Stern and Morah Sara Hoizer led the Hebrew School in our outdoor Hanukkah celebration in which the children chanted the blessings and sang holiday songs. Afterward everyone joined together for delicious potato latkes and sufganiyot.



Our very own Jon-Henry Barr with Associate Supreme Court Justice Elana Kagan at the United States Supreme Court building in December. Jon-Henry was there with the American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists as Justice Kagan received the "Pursuit of Justice" Award from the AAJLJ.

We welcome JH, Lauren and their children as new members of our TBO/BT family!

## *"Touch of Sinatra" Program*



# Happenings at TBO/BT

Our *“Touch of Sinatra”* program was a huge success, with Donnie Ferraro singing many of Sinatra’s great classics. He was joined by singer and raconteur Joe Gilligan in a most captivating and entertaining evening. A delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner catered by Deli King was enjoyed by all!



## Coming Soon!

**January Regional Event:** January 11th—SATO Dance in Morris Plains. More details to follow soon!

**Inter-Chapter Event:** Aberdeen Chapter invites all USYers to go ice-skating at the Old Bridge Ice Skating Rink on January 5th. 1:30-3:30 PM. Cost: \$14.

## Action Required!

Mid-Winter Kinnus—February 7th-9th in West Orange. Keep the dates open. The application will be posted on the HaGalil website [www.hagalilusy.com](http://www.hagalilusy.com)

## Looking Ahead!

It's not too early to be making plans to spend your summer with USY. Check out [www.usy.org](http://www.usy.org) for info on all summer programs.

**Hagalil Jr./Sr. Prom** will be held in Scotch Plains on March 1st. Mark your calendar now for a fabulous evening!

**Inter-Chapter Event:** Morris Plains USY Bar/Bat Mitzvah Dance Party on March 22nd. 8:30-11:00 PM.

## IG (INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION):

USY's International Convention was held in New Orleans from December 22nd through the 25th. TBOBT's USY President, Ilana Dorsch and VP Steven Langer attended. Please ask them about this exciting gathering of over 1,000 USYers from all over the US and Canada.

## Happy Birthday to:

Steven Langer—January 23rd

## Kadima Happenings:

Kadima Day is coming! January 12th at Powerhouse Studios in Hanover, NJ. 2:00-5:00 PM. Cost: \$20 in advance/\$22 at the door.

**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.

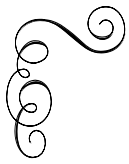
## *School Days*

In addition to advancing our curriculum of Prayer, Hebrew, Torah, Bible stories, and Israel, our Yaldeinu and Hebrew School students have had many extra opportunities this past month. Two Hanukkah events enhanced their knowledge and enjoyment of the holiday. On the Sunday before Hanukkah the students and teachers were joined by their parents to participate in the joy and work of making latkes. The peeling, the mixing and the cooking preceeded the best part of the morning--the eating, the singing, the spinning of the dreidels, and the story telling!!! A great time was had by all!!!! The second occasion was our Temple Hanukkah Candle Lighting on December 2nd. All the students were joined by, not only their parents, but by many of their grandparents as well as many, many of our congregants and our "presidential dog". The Cantor lead our whole group in singing, accompanied by our Thursday Hebrew School teacher, Sara, on the accordion. We were all impressed by the knowledge of our students in retelling the Hanukkah story. A great time for all in attendance.

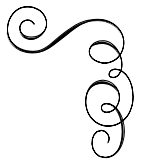
On Friday, November 24th we had our Early Family Service in which the students participated by using the knowledge they have learned in class.

Elaine & Thelma





**THE TBO/BT FAMILY EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:**  
 Florence Bernstein on the engagement of her grandson  
 Todd Evan Bernstein to Melissa Cohen  
 Debbie & Arthur Freedman on their 50th Wedding Anniversary



**THE TBO/BT FAMILY EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES TO:**  
 Iris Weiner on the passing of her mother Miriam Serchuk  
 Alan Rubin and Mindy Leibowitz on the passing of wife and mother Judy Rubin

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

(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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Rubin & Leibowitz families, in appreciation for the Cantor's kindness and compassion during their times of need.

Weiner family, in appreciation

**GENERAL FUND**

Alan Rubin  
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# *Jerusalem*

## *What's the Struggle All About?*

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM

Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah, 111 Valley Road, Clark



Jerusalem is the world's most treasured and fought-over city. It is considered holy to three great religions representing more than half of the world's people. What is the source of the conflict, how long has it been going on, what are the various claims surrounding it and what are the chances of a peaceful resolution? These are the issues to be addressed by Dr. Mordechai Kedar, Assistant Professor of Arabic and Middle East Studies at Bar-Ilan University and a member of the Herzliya Inter-Disciplinary Center study team on "Facing Radical Islam". Dr. Kedar is a Lt. Colonel (Res) in the IDF. He is fluent in Hebrew, English and Arabic and a recognized expert on Islam and Arabic culture. He is frequently asked for his insights by the Israeli Knesset and the U.S. Congress.

**Dr. Mordechai Kedar**

**Presented by**

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**Light refreshments will be served**

**\$5 Suggested Contribution**

**\$50 Sponsors to join Dr. Kedar for dinner plus reserved seating**


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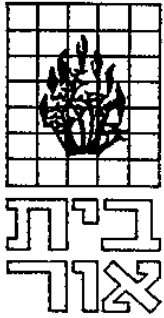
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# 2014 JANUARY

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	8:00p Executive Board Meeting 26 Shevat	7:00p Israeli Dancing 27 Shevat	28 Shevat	29 Shevat	8:00p Services Rosh Chodesh 30 Shevat	



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# Enjoy Tu B'Shevat!



**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  
 Part of the proceeds go to TBO/BT.  
 Led by Elyse Litt 732-396-8299

**Got a Simcha?**

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

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