

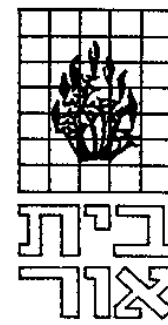
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PLEASE!! NOTE

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

Got a Simcha?

Birthday? Anniversary? Graduation? New grandchild?

Host a Kiddush at TBO/BT

You can sponsor the entire Kiddush or be a co-sponsor with a donation of \$18 or more.
 Contact Julia at 732-381-8403 x11 or tbethor@gmail.com.

PASSOVER PESACH COMMUNITY SEDER



Join the TBO/BT family for the **First Seder**
Monday, April 14, 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: \$36 adults, \$20 children 5-13, 4 & under - free
 non members: \$45 adults, \$25 children 5-13, 4 & under - free

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

Please RSVP to the temple office (732) 381-8403 x11 by Monday, April 7.

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FROM THE CANTOR



The message is so unmistakably clear. From the very beginning, the focus of the Passover Seder is on the children. It is they who start off the evening with the asking of the four questions of *Ma Nishtana*. It is to the four different sorts of children that the Haggadah instructs us to direct the teachings of the

Exodus experience, of which freedom surely takes center stage.

Jonathan Sacks, former Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Commonwealth, has eloquently written that “freedom begins with what we teach our children...that Jews became a people whose passion is education, whose heroes are teachers and whose citadels are schools. In every generation we need to cultivate afresh the habits of the heart that Tocqueville called the apprenticeship of liberty. To defend a country you need an army, but to defend a civilization you need education.”

We live in an era when we find ourselves constantly needing to explain and justify the importance of Jewish education. It is understandable. Parents are stretched thin; the demands on their time and resources are great. There are so many competing interests for both parent and child alike. But have we remained a people throughout the millennia because we questioned the

value of educating our youth? Have we, despite our small numbers, contributed so much to mankind in every possible field of endeavor because we neglected our obligation to transmit our essential values to succeeding generations?

The Passover Seder is a reminder of the central imperative of the Jewish people: “Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children....” On this coming Passover, as you gather with family and friends at the Seder table, make sure the children get to ask all of their questions. And be prepared to offer them answers, in a way that authentically transmits the beauty, the value and the love of our sacred tradition.

A zissen Pesach to everyone,
 Cantor Steven Stern

I wish to thank everyone who so thoughtfully and graciously sent Shalach Manot baskets and greetings on Purim. I regret not being able to thank you individually. But please know that I am most appreciative and grateful for your thoughtfulness and good wishes. May we all celebrate Purim again next year, and in the years to come, in good health and with much joy.

Cantor

Combined Morning Minyan In the month of April minyan 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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for 2014 Scholarships are available in the temple office or can be emailed upon request.
 Deadline is April 15.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00p Israeli Dancing Rosh Chodesh 1 Nisan	2 2 Nisan	3 3 Nisan	4 7:06p 8:00p Services 4 Nisan	5 9:30a Services 5 Nisan
6 9:00a Morning Minyan 6 Nisan	7 8:00p Sisterhood Board Meeting 7 Nisan	8 7:00p Israeli Dancing 8 Nisan	9 9 Nisan	10 8:00p Men's Club Meeting 10 Nisan	11 7:13p 8:00p Services Dress Down Shabbat 11 Nisan	12 9:30a Services Dress Down Shabbat 12 Nisan
13 9:00a Morning Minyan 13 Nisan	14 6:45p Community Passover Seder 14 Nisan	15 9:30a Service Passover 15 Nisan	16 9:30a Service Passover 16 Nisan	17 8:00a Congregation Board Meeting Passover 17 Nisan	18 7:20p 8:00p Services Passover 18 Nisan	19 9:30a Services Passover 19 Nisan
20 9:00a Morning Minyan Passover 20 Nisan	21 9:30a Service Passover 21 Nisan	22 9:30a Service & Yizkor Passover 22 Nisan	23 23 Nisan	24 7:00p Men's Club Game Night 8:00p Sisterhood Close Books Mtg. 24 Nisan	25 7:28p 8:00p Services Men's Club Shabbat 25 Nisan	26 9:30a Services Simcha Shabbat 26 Nisan
27 9:00a Morning Minyan 9:45a Men's Club Yom Hashoa program 27 Nisan	28 8:00p Congregation Board Meeting 28 Nisan	29 7:00p Israeli Dancing 29 Nisan	30 6:00p Men's Club Paid Up Dinner Rosh Chodesh 30 Nisan			

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Shalom,
SPRING is finally here! Spring not only brings warmer weather and longer days. It also comes with a renewal of nature and of our inner human spirit. With the warmer weather, now we can come out to Temple Beth Or/Beth Torah more frequently to enjoy our services and the new exciting programs planned - our annual Passover Seder, Game

Show Night and Simply Streisand, just to mention a few.

I always enjoy seeing a nice crowd for our services and programs. So, please take advantage of them and come when you can.

Shalom,
Howard M Silverman,
President

April Happy Birthday!

Amy Alters
Joel Berman
Louise Cangelosi
Ellen Cohen
Stephanie Curtis
Alan Davis
Matthew Dunford
Benjamin Fries
Selma Kestenbaum
Robert Kolker
Danielle Kosberg
Judi Kronick

Michael Miller
Felella Millman
Rebecca Phillips
Samantha Phillips
Carol Richstein
Martin Richstein
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Daniel Rubinstein
George Schisler
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Happy Anniversary!

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Calling All Graduates!

The Temple Beth Or/Beth Torah Graduation Shabbat will be held on Saturday, June 7th.

All those that are graduating from middle school, high school, college, trade school, graduate school and medical school are invited to participate.

Both Hebrew & English parts available.

Festive Kiddush to follow services.

If you have a family member that is graduating this year, please contact Claudia Dorsch at 908.756.0779 or CEKD@AOL.COM by April 1st.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated.



Received your tax refund? Support our fundraisers with a tax deductible donation!

Gala Game Show, Simply Streisand, various funds are also available.

School Days

In addition to our curriculum of Prayer, Hebrew, Torah, Bible Study, and Jewish Living and Life Cycle, this month there was an emphasis on the holiday of Purim. The discussions included the history of the holiday, the reading of the Megillah, songs, stories and arts and crafts. Happily there were no snow storms disrupting our school schedule this past month!!

Elaine and Thelma

Thanks to Barbara James for leading a Hebrew School workshop on how to build tzedaka boxes.



SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Passover will soon be upon us. For most of us, the week and days ahead leading up to the holiday require a lot of cleaning, shopping and cooking. However, all this hard work pays off when our family and friends are gathered around the Seder table.

Also, Passover means Sisterhood's year is beginning to wind down. On Thursday, April 24th @ 8pm is the annual Close the Books Meeting, or our final regular meeting of the year. So come out for a relaxing evening to socialize and have dessert with your friends!

Chag Sameach to you and your family!!

Joleen Fridson

Sisterhood Board 2014-2015

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Respectfully submitted,
Diane Goldstein

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.



Sisterhood invites you to purchase a ticket for the Do Good Fundraising Event at the Westfield Lord & Taylor on Tuesday, April 29, 9 am -11 pm

Cost: \$5 per ticket

Tickets available at the temple office, from Judy Hurok, 908-654-4448, at Sisterhood Build a Basket meeting and at Purim Megillah reading.

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.

GOLDEN BOOKS

MAZEL TOV:

To: Myrna Young on her birthday
From: Norma & Jack Weinshanker

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).

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 vouchers are available at Sisterhood functions, and in the temple office.

THE TBO/BT FAMILY EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:

Verna & Seymour Lemberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Zachary Lemberg
Janice & Herbert Hymanson on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Beth Sullivan

THE TBO/BT FAMILY EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES TO:

Suzanne Miller on the passing of her mother Greta Bauer

THE TBO/BT FAMILY WISHES SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Jake Altholz

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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CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Ruth & Bernie Burkhoff, in appreciation to Myrna & Arnold Young, Thelma & Arthur Purdy, Fay & Stanley & Fink and Joy Mayer & Walter Newman for Shalach Mones & Purim greetings

GENERAL FUND

Susan Barr in honor of Myrna Young's birthday

SOL SERN MEMORIAL FUND

Stacey Sern in memory of her father Sol Sern

THE TEMPLE FAMILY SAYS THANK YOU TO

- Aryeh White for fixing temple's vacuum cleaner
- Nick Cherenkov for donating bags of salt throughout the winter months
- Arthur and Debbie Freedman for arranging and paying for our piano to be tuned for the Sol Sern Concert
- Arny & Myrna Young for sponsoring the Purim Ice Cream Social and donating hamantaschen for our Purim Celebration.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Thank you - תודה רבה

Gloria Schragar would like to thank all her friends at TBO/BT for sending her Purim greetings and shalach mones.

Suzanne Miller wishes to thank the members of the congregation for their cards, the Shabbat dinner and the expressions of sympathy on the passing of her mother Greta Bauer.

THE PAUL SCHOTLAND TRUST
We are very pleased to announce that a generous donation has been made by THE PAUL SCHOTLAND TRUST in support of our Simply Streisand fundraising event. Mr. Schotland was a holocaust survivor devoting his life and legacy to the support of the Jewish people.

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- Congregation, Sisterhood
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- Edward & Irina Miretskiy

Protect vs Use: Jewish Footprints on the Land

From Dr. Michael Miller

Passover is April 15-22 this year. Earth Day, the national day to call attention to protecting the environment, is April 22. The following is adapted from Rabbi Yonatan Neri's perspective on material consumption as rooted in lessons from the Exodus.

Egypt was the biblical world example of excessive material consumption.

Moses and the people of Israel used the wealth they took from Egypt (helping others, building the Tabernacle, and doing mitzvot) in a way that should serve as an example to us concerning its proper use. Seder night is prime time for this narrative.

G-d weaned Israel from Egyptian materialism by teaching them to be satiated with manna for 40 years in the desert. On Pesach, the physical chametz is surely out of sight, but the spiritual chametz of consumer society remains present.

Rebbe Nachman teaches that donating to people in need is an effective way to break a mindset of just wanting to increase one's own material comfort level--to have a nicer house, a fancier car, a more luxurious vacation.

How much land is necessary to support the lifestyle of one American? The estimate is over one hundred and eight acres. How many acres is the earth believed to be able to produce for each of the 6.5 billion people in the world? Fifteen acres. Over consumption is taking an environmental toll on the planet with air and water pollution and extinction of species. Global environmental problems will not be solved in any meaningful way unless billions of people decide to confront and elevate their desire for wealth.

Pesach then is a special opportunity to contemplate our consumption and change our mindset from the material to the spiritual. And were the Jewish people to really embrace this spiritual work, we would undoubtedly be a light unto the nations and offer a model for satisfaction in Divine service over gratification in material excess. The rabbis of the Mishna teach that "in every generation we must view ourselves as if we had come out of Egypt."

MEN'S CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Paid-Up Membership Dinner is being planned for Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at 6 p.m.
- Yom Hashoa Program - Sunday, April 27 at 9:45am
- Men's Club Shabbat is scheduled for Saturday, May 3.

Please check your mail and telephone answering machine for further details.

PASSOVER CLEANUP COMPOST YOUR CHOMETZ!

Passover items for sale in our Sisterhood Gift Shop

1	Afikomen bag	White cloth with zipper; Afikomen in Hebrew	\$7.50
1	Book (children)	Family Passover, A	\$4.00
1	Book (children)	Feast of Freedom Coloring Book, The	\$1.00
1	Book (children)	Passover Coloring Book	\$1.00
1	Book (children)	Passover Fun for Little Hands; activity book	\$2.00
1	Dish	Set of two; ceramic holder with feet and lid; egg-shaped; saltwater and horseradish	\$7 for one; \$12 for set
1	Dish	Set of two; ceramic; horseradish and salt water; no lid; jagged rim with gold trim	\$7 for one; \$12 for set
2	Dish	Set of two; plastic; salt water and horseradish; lids with knob on top; approx. 5 in. high	\$5.00 each dish
4	Matzo crumb sweeper	Plastic; in bubble pack	\$5.00
1	Matzo tash	Off-white; square; flowers around sides; Matzo in Hebrew in center	\$15.00
1	Matzo Tash	Pesach; 3 football players; very colorful	\$5.00
1	Matzo tash	Very large; off-white background with flowers, Matzo in Hebrew & English in center	\$12.00
1	Matzo tash	White background; Star of David; Matzo in center; seder plate items; lace border	\$8.00
1	Matzo tash	White; L'Koved Hag Hamatzot; picture of wine bottle and matzos; lace trim; made in Israel	\$10.00
1	Matzo tray	Silver plated; heavy; Queen Anne; made in England	\$25.00
1	Passover game	"Game of Four" card game	\$2.00
1	Passover Game	Exodus, the Game of Passover	\$5.00
1	Passover Puppet	Hand puppet; green; 5 frog faces on fingertips; Happy Passover	\$6.00
1	Passover teapot stand	Hotplate; ceramic in front; cork in back; "Kosher for Passover, Pesach"; grapes and wine glass	\$5.00
1	Seder plate	Glass; Pale blue with Pesach in center; handmade; food items in English and Hebrew; made in Israel	\$20.00
1	Seder plate	Very large; white w blue leaves/ grapes; dark blue scalloped rim; comes with 6 small dishes; Judaica Imports	\$40.00/set
1	Seder plate	White with silver rim; multicolored background; Fine China Warranted 22K	\$15.00
8	Seder plate liner dishes	Set of 6; clear plastic	\$2.00/set

SISTERHOOD MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE!!! NEW DONOR DINNER DATE! THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014 AT 6 PM

Donor Dinner Committee



Crocheting caps for newborn infants at the home of Audrey Silverman

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Coming soon!

April Regional Events:

Hagalil Spring Dance - April 26th in Aberdeen. This will be the last dance before Spring Convention in May! Be there!

Hagalil Battle of the Classes—April 27th. Prepare for a fun afternoon of competition against your fellow USYers.

A Parent-Teen Dialogue on Social Media with Coach Randy Nathan—Wednesday, April 30th. Information to follow.

Action required!

Clear your calendars now for Spring Convention—May 16th—18th. Get your application in ASAP.

Looking Ahead!

Encampment—Tuesday, August 19th to Tuesday, August 26th.

Kadima Happenings!

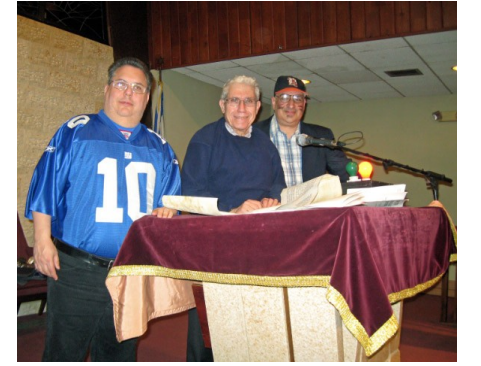
Roll-A-Rama—April 27th

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.

Happenings at TBO/BT



Our Purim celebration had great costumes, delicious food & lots of fun!



Our Ways & Means Committee at work on our upcoming Game Show and Simply Streisand fundraisers



Our School children bake hamantaschen in preparation for Purim



Russ & Nancy Kelner play bluegrass in Garwood

