

TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH

# BETH REPORTER

ELUL/TISHRI 5774/75

SEPTEMBER 2014

## Happy New Year 5775!



Please join us for  
**SELICHOT  
SERVICES**

**Saturday, September 20, 8:30 pm  
at Temple Beth El –Mekor Hayim**

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



**Come Celebrate  
Simchat Torah**

**Thursday, Oct. 16,  
6:30 pm**

**Friday, October 17, 9:30 am  
with**

***Singing, Dancing, &  
A Special Treat.***

## FROM THE CANTOR



There was a memorable moment from my recent trip to LA when I was waiting in line at the airport to get my boarding pass for the return trip home. A tall gentleman behind me, with an interesting accent, suddenly asked me if I was a professor. No, I responded, and asked why he thought so. He pointed to the good number of books

I was carrying in my shoulder bag (that I was bringing back from the Jewish educators conference). I told him that while I wasn't a professor, I did have occasion to do some teaching. "Oh, what do you teach?" he asked. I thought for a moment and then responded simply, "Judaica." Looking at me intently, and then almost with what seemed like a sudden sigh of great relief, he declared, "Baruch HaShem!"

Now, that was the last thing I expected to hear. It turned out he was from Argentina and was accompanying his daughter on her way to her first year of study as an undergraduate at an Ivy League university. And then, suddenly addressing me as rabbi, he asked if I would kindly give his daughter some sage advice as she was about to embark upon her college career. He was apparently pleased with what I had to say, because he very graciously thanked me and declared with great satisfaction that it was truly *bashert* that we had met at that particular moment in time.

LA has a large and active Jewish community, and while I had occasion to spend much of my time in the company of Jewish educators, scholars, rabbis and cantors, I surely did not expect

this brief encounter at the airport. Yet, from the outset of the conversation, I had the feeling of being in the company of *mishpocho*; it was as if this gentleman and his daughter were members of my extended family.

The Jewish people are one family. I have been thinking more and more about this, especially as we -- our brothers and sisters in Israel, to be sure, but Jews everywhere, as well -- have had to navigate a difficult and unpleasant summer. I keep thinking about how we are all connected, how much we need each other. There are more and more places in this world that are proving to be less and less hospitable and safe. Our unity and our solidarity becomes ever more and more critical.

As with all families, we do bicker and disagree on so many issues, from politics, to religion, to basic matters of security. But a people small in number can never afford to forget the rabbinic injunction that *kol yisrael arevim zeh lazeh* -- we are all responsible one for another. We are responsible for our brothers and sisters in Israel, just as they are responsible for us, and we are responsible for Jews everywhere, as they are all responsible for us.

As the New Year 5775 approaches, let us we pray for peace and security, and let us pray that we will always stand together as one people, one family, and that with the help of G-d, we will successfully face the challenges that lie ahead.

Wishing all a Shana Tova u'Metukah,  
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.

### SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Saturday, Sept. 20	SELICHOT (in Cranford)	8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 24	ROSH HASHANAH EVE	6:15 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25	FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH <b>TASCHLICH</b> Mincha/ Evening Service	9:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26	SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Evening Service	9:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27	SHABBAT SHUVAH	9:30 a.m.
Friday, October 3	Mincha/ KOL NIDRE	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 4	YOM KIPPUR Yizkor Memorial Service (approx.) Mincha Neilah (followed by Maariv & Havdallah) Sounding of Shofar	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:16 p.m.

### TICKET PICKUP TIMES

**Sunday, Sept. 14**    **10:00 a.m. – noon.**  
**Monday, Sept. 15**    **7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, Sept. 22**    **7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

# FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Shalom!

Welcome to the 2014-2015 TBOBT year!

Howard and I are so happy to be serving all of you for another term. The coming year will bring triumphs and challenges, we will be here every step of the way. TBOBT is fortunate to have a dedicated Cantor, board and office staff.

In a few short weeks the new year will be upon us. Don't wait to step forward and say hineni, here I am! Our busy schedule will start with board meetings, fundraisers, committee meetings, educational programs, sisterhood, men's club and much more.

Our Hebrew school is off to a strong start with a new pre-school class. Our future is at our fingertips!

Our morning minyan is here for us everyday, Shabbat services are spiritual, comforting, have lively discussions and Kiddush lunch.

It is not a secret... we need you and the community needs us. Step forward and be a part of TBOBT.

The Mandelbaum and Silverman families wish all of you a Shana Tova, a year of blessing, good health and joy.

Wendy Mandelbaum



## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FALL FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, FROM 10 AM TILL 2 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

## What's Up for Shabbat in September?

**Dress Down Shabbat**— Come casual for our Shabbat services on Friday & Saturday, **September 12 & 13.**

**Simcha Shabbat**—We will celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries in the month of September on Saturday, **September 27.** 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 3.**

**Both programs are contingent upon your response.**

## Thank you - תודה רבה

We would like to thank Jane Halper, Claire Warech, Debbie Freedman, Lorraine Loshin, and Joan Oberman who helped Julia in the office in the summer with preparations for the High Holidays and when she was on vacation.

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

## CONGREGATION MEETINGS

**Monday, October 13, 7:30 pm**

**Monday, March 23, 7:30 pm**

**Monday, May 11, 7:30 pm**

## TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH BOARD OF OFFICERS & TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE 2014-2015 MONDAYS, AT 8:00 PM

September 8	Congregation Board
September 22	Executive Board
October 13	Congregation Board
October 27	Executive Board
November 10	Congregation Board
November 24	Executive Board
December 8	Congregation Board
December 22	Executive Board
January 12	Congregation Board
January 26	Executive Board
February 9	Congregation Board
February 23	Executive Board
March 9	Congregation Board
March 23	Executive Board
April 6	Congregation Board
April 27	Executive Board
May 11	Congregation Board





### SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Although September officially kicks off a new year for Sisterhood, we have been very busy over the summer. About 20 people attended a new musical comedy "David Michael Finkelstein's Bar Mitzvah"

on July 20th in Metuchen at the Forum Theater. We all had a good laugh and a fun time. Then I was privileged to attend the International Women's League Convention held this year in our beloved Garden State. I was very energized and amazed by the 450 women who travelled from Israel, Canada & from all of the USA to meet, worship and discuss our Sisterhoods. We had great speakers and I never saw so many women rabbis assembled in one room! Then on August 22, we had a well attended Sisterhood Shabbat Service. Also, we went to the Gift Show in NY. So look for some new items in the Gift Shop window. Finally, our board met twice during the summer to plan some great programs and activities for the coming year. So try to make it out to all of them!

To start the 2014-15 year, Sisterhood is having a very dynamic and most important program. On Monday, September 15th at 8pm, we are honored to have Sgt. Vitale of the Cranford Police Dept speak on Identity Theft. This is such a timely and vital topic that we are opening the program to the entire congregation. Almost everyday we hear of a new security breach. This can bring instant fear to most of us. So come out on the 15th to learn the latest on identity theft and how we can prevent and combat it. Lastly, at the end of the month is Rosh Hashanah. I want to wish you and your loved ones a most happy and healthy new year in 5775!!

L'Shanah Tovah  
Joleen Fridson

#### 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.

### SAVE THE DATE !!!

### PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

### Reminder to all Sisterhood members!

Please send in your dues for \$36  
for the 2014-2015 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

Happy end of summer! Watch the display case for Rosh Hashanah items. We have lots of beautiful wine bottle stoppers to choose from; they make great hostess gifts and can be used over and over. We also have a small selection of children's books about all the Jewish holidays. And keep an eye open for Chanukah gifts – it's never too early to shop for your children and grandchildren! If you don't see what you want, ask me! Nancy Kelner – 908-272-9072 or [nkelner@aol.com](mailto:nkelner@aol.com)

### GOLDEN BOOKS

#### SPEADY RECOVERY

To: Rae Bruder  
From: Gloria Sern

#### IN MEMORY

To: David Lando  
From: Gloria Sern

#### MAZEL TOV

To: Mr. & Mrs. Max Wisotsky on 60th anniversary  
From: Gloria Sern

#### 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:

#### Vouchers:

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

## SISTERHOOD OPENING MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 8:00 pm

Sgt. Vitale of the Cranford Police Dept. will speak on Preventing Identity Theft.

All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Sgt. Vitale's talk will begin at approximately 8:15 pm.

## School Days

Our Education committee, Genie Berry, Elaine Kolker, Thelma Purdy and Cantor Stern, have been busy this summer preparing for the 2014-2015 Religious School year. We welcome back Michelle Pincus, who will be teaching the Yaldeinu class every Sunday throughout the year, and Renee Novick, who will be teaching the older Hebrew School students every Sunday throughout the year. We welcome our new teacher, Ronit Wehle, who will be teaching our older Hebrew School students every Thursday throughout the year. Our calendar has been prepared and adheres to our religious calendar as well as the Clark Public School calendar. Calendars and letters have been sent out to the families.

We have also been looking for appropriate supplies for our classes and some have been generously donated to our school. Anyone else interested in donating, please contact anyone on the committee. Remember, we have a small school and need minimal amounts of materials. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Our other exciting news is that we are preparing for a Pre-School class meeting one Sunday a month. Lillian Makow and Lauren Barr have been very involved in this project and we appreciate their time and effort.



### Book Discussion

Sunday, September 21,  
9:45 am

"Overweight Sensation"  
by Mark Cohen

A book about Allan Sherman

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 Wednesday, October 29.

Cost: \$5 per ticket

Tickets available

- during High Holiday ticket pick-up
- in the temple office
- at the Sisterhood Opening Meeting on 9/15
- from Judy Hurok, 908-654-4448

Call the office to order your Lulav & Esrog for Sukkot by Monday, September 29.

## September

### Happy Anniversary!

Mazel Tov to our Anniversaries:

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!

John Henry Barr

Joleen Fridson

Betty Schwartz

Alan Coen

Lois Goodman

Lauren Seidman

Kenneth Davidson

Mitchell James

Gloria Sern

Andrew Dorsch

Alison Kosberg

Evelyn Shulman

Benjamin Dunford

Laurie Marcus

Kenneth Siegel

Estelle Edelman

Suzanne Miller

Blanche Singer

William Falk

Bruce Muhlgeier

Arnold Young



# Simply Streisand Concert & Auction Fundraiser







**Walk and Learn in Tamaques Park.  
(Of course, we recycle...)**



**Shabbat Under the Stars**



**Part of the TBOBT contingent at the Federation  
rally in support of Israel in Whippany**





**TBO-BT Men's Club SHOMREI HA'ARETZ/ STEWARDS OF THE LAND**  
**Shmittah: Humans in Balance with Earth**

The next Shmittah year will begin on Rosh Hashanah 5775, (September 24, 2014).

“And six years you will sow your land, and gather in the land’s produce; but the seventh year you will release it from work and abandon it, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave, the beast of the field shall eat. In like manner you will deal with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard.” (*Exodus 23:10-11*)

Shmittah, literally translated as the ‘year of release,’ and more widely known as the Sabbatical Year, is a biblical Jewish tradition which, once every seven years,

simultaneously re-adjusted agriculture and commerce to ensure an equitable, just and healthy society. The year of Shmittah was a time when agricultural lands were collectively left fallow. The Earth is not merely some resource to be used and abused. If we want to live on the land, it is our responsibility to let it rest.

What should *shmittah* look like today? What would it mean to let the land rest every seventh year? What would it mean to family, synagogue and local Jewish community if we were to recognize the power of *shmittah* through a plethora of creative, dynamic and locally-based methods?

Dr. Michael Miller

**TBOBT has received a grant from the Jewish Federation Able Program to expand the Special Adult Program** one Saturday and one Friday Sabbath a month. We will also have a special Hanukkah program and Passover Seder.

The Men's Club hopes the congregation will participate by visiting with the special adults during the Kiddish luncheon and Oneg.



**Special thanks to our Men's Club crew: Harvin Freedman, Michael Goldstein, Michael Miller, Theo & Josh Moreines, & Jay Schlesinger for painting the lobby wall.**

**MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**IN THE SUKKAH**



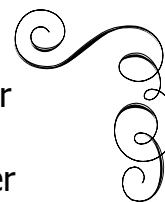
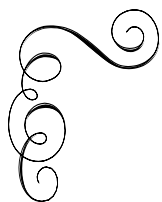
**Sunday, October 12, 9:45 am**



*Guest Speaker's topic: Benefits of organic food  
(pesticide & chemical free) and sustainable lawn & landscape care practices*  
**Everyone is welcome!**

RSVP to Michael Goldstein @ (908) 241-0509, Michael W. Miller @ (908) 233-9624 or temple office by October 8th.





**THE TBO/BT FAMILY EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:**  
 Helene & Michael Miller on the birth of their grandson Judah Martin Miller  
 Ellen Gietter on the birth of her granddaughter Libby Hayden  
 Judy & Dennis Turner on the birth of their granddaughter Madison Seltzer

**THE TBO/BT FAMILY EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:**  
 The family of Sandy Haney  
 The family of Marion Wexler

**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)

**Yahrzeit Fund**

<b>Donated By</b>	<b>In Memory of</b>
Janice Hymanson	Milton Rothstein
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**CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:**

Lorraine Itzkowitz in memory of Julius Panzer & Bessie Itzkowitz

Michael & Suzanne Miller in memory of Sarah Nathan

**GENERAL FUND**

Joyce Kahn in honor of Norma Weinshanker, who visited her in the Rahway hospital

Alan Rubin

Mark & Susan Winter in honor of the marriage of Noah and Lisa Needleman

Betty Schwarz for Blanche Singer's speedy recovery

**KIDDUSH FUND:**

Meryl Rubin

**MINYAN BREAKFAST FUND:**

Suzanne & Michael Miller in memory of Paul Bauer  
 Bernard Weiner

**Yahrzeit Fund**

<b>Donated By</b>	<b>In Memory of</b>
Laurie Marcus	Jack Druckman
Dr. Arthur Millman	Charles Millman
Barbara Plotkin	Arthur Plotkin, Beatrice Berman, Diana Karp
Fay Fink	Sarah & Max Kaplan
Roberta Makow	Martin Makow
Claire Warech	Sarah Warech

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 to good health

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beginners from 7 pm to 8 pm  
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in Woodbridge  
available.

Please call the temple office  
if you are interested.



August

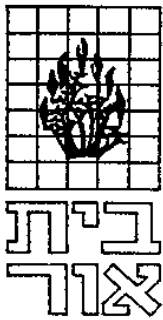
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# 2014 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day 6 Elul	2	3	4	5 7:04p 5:30p Pizza/Salad Dinner 6:30p Musical Shabbat 10 Elul	6 9:30a Services Special Adults 11 Elul
7 9:00a Morning Minyan Grandparents' Day 12 Elul	8 8:00p Congregation Board Meeting 13 Elul	9 1:00p Membership Committee Meeting 14 Elul	10 8:00p Ritual Meeting 15 Elul	11 8:00p Men's Club Meeting 16 Elul	12 6:52p 8:00p Services Dress Down Shabbat 17 Elul	13 9:30a Services Dress Down Shabbat 18 Elul
14 9:00a Morning Minyan 10:00a Parking Lot Sale 19 Elul	15 8:00p Sisterhood Opening Meeting & Program 20 Elul	16	17	18 7:30p Men's Club Game Night 23 Elul	19 6:40p 8:00p Services Special Adults 24 Elul	20 9:30a Services 8:30p Seicho'ot (in Cranford) 25 Elul
21 9:00a Morning Minyan 9:45a Book Discussion 26 Elul	22 8:00p Executive Board Meeting 27 Elul	23	24	25 9:00a Services 1st Day 5:15p Tashlich 6:30p Mincha/Evening Service Rosh Hashanah 1 Tishrei	26 6:28p 9:00a Services 2nd Day 6:15p Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Evening Service Rosh Hashanah 2 Tishrei	27 9:30a Services Simcha Shabbat Shabbat Shuvah 3 Tishrei
28 9:00a Morning Minyan 4 Tishrei	29 5 Tishrei	30 6 Tishrei				



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Steven Stern, Spiritual Leader  
Wendy Mandelbaum & Howard Silverman, Co-Presidents  
Jonathan Phillips, Executive Vice-President

# Shabbat Musical Celebration!

Friday, September 5, 2014 @ 6:30 pm



*With special guests*

## THE HILLSBOROUGH BETH EL TEFILLAH BAND

Music Service begins at 6:30 pm

Pizza & Salad Dinner at 5:30 pm

Cost for dinner is \$5 per person, \$10 per family  
No charge for TBOBT Hebrew School families



RSVP for dinner by September 2