

TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH

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NOVEMBER 2014



MILITARY VETERANS' BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 9, 2014

Sponsored by TBOBT and TBEMC
Men's Clubs

Program is open to all and will be held at
TBEMC in Cranford.

**The guest speaker will be Colonel
Andrew Fishman, retired U.S. Army.**

Contact Mike W. Miller (908-233-9624) to be listed.

Minyan starts at 9:00 am,
Breakfast - 9:45 am, Program -10:10 am.

Please **RSVP** for breakfast to the temple office by
November 4th!

Pancake Breakfast and Sukkot Program
presented by Men's Club

MAN & YOUTH OF THE YEAR RECEPTION 2014

Harvin Freedman and Steven Langer will be honored the evening of November 5, 2014, at the Northern NJ Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' reception. The reception will be held at 6:00 pm at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, Finnegan's Lane, N. Brunswick, NJ. Cost is \$54.00 per person.

RSVP to Paul Hymanson 908-233-8145 or Michael Goldstein 908-241-0509 (bsgnjtax@aol.com) by November 1st. Mail payment to MC at TBO/BT office.

FROM THE CANTOR



The other day, on the corner of Bedford Avenue and North 7th Street in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, I passed what seemed a strange sight. A middle-aged man was sitting on the street corner at a makeshift desk, upon which sat an ancient device called a manual

typewriter, and he was plucking away, one finger at a time, with admirable focus and concentration. Understandably, a small crowd gathered around, and I too approached. It turned out this gentleman was a poet of sorts, and entrepreneurially inclined, as he had pasted to his desk a sign that read: "Pick your price and I'll write for you a poem."

A woman approached and said, "I'll give you one dollar and a four dollar tip for a poem on the subject of books and birds." And so he took the five-dollar bill, thought for barely a moment, and then started plucking away. I admit I looked over his shoulder and could actually make out the words. It was a personal poem, meant for that woman alone, so I will not divulge its content. It may not have been on the level of Whitman or Yeats, but for a mere five dollars I think the woman went on her way reasonably content.

Poetry is everywhere. I was reminded recently that the biennial Dodge Poetry Festival has been held in recent years in nearby Newark. But one need not venture to hip outposts in gentrified Brooklyn, nor to the halls of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center to experience poetry. What are our siddur or machzor prayer books, if not magnificent collections of poetic verse? They are meant to inspire us toward a relationship with the Eternal, to elevate us from the everyday mundane to an encounter with transcendence.

Abraham Joshua Heschel, whose writings of philosophy are all beautifully poetic, also wrote some poetry imparting his philosophy:

*God follows me everywhere—
Spins a net of glances around me,
Warms my sightless back like the sun.*

*God follows me like a forest everywhere.
My lips, filled with wonder, are fully numb, dumb
Like a child who blunders upon an ancient holy place.*

God follows me like a shiver everywhere.

*The desire in me is for rest; the demand within me is:
Rise up,*

See how prophetic visions lie neglected in the streets!

*I wander with my reveries as with a secret
In a long corridor through the world—
And sometimes I see, high above me, the faceless face
of God.*

*God follows me in tramways, in cafés.
And it is only with the backs of one's eyes that one
can see*

How secrets ripen, how visions come to be.

The holiday-less month of Mar Cheshvan is here. It too is holy, as is every moment of every day, if only we were to open ourselves to see the poetry that is all of life.

B'vracha,

Cantor Steven Stern

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With Cantor Steven Stern

An exploration of the themes of Faith, Envy, Gratitude, Love and Fear through the work of award winning animator Hanan Harchol.

Tuesdays, November 18, 25, and December 2 at 8 pm



Combined Morning Minyan

In November morning Minyan is held in Clark Monday & Thursday – 6:50 am; Tuesday, Wed., & Friday – 7:00 am; Sundays & Holidays - 9:00 am. Evening Services are held every day at 7:30 pm in Cranford.

What's Up for Shabbat in November?

Dress Down Shabbat—Come casual for our Shabbat services on Friday & Saturday, **November 14 & 15.**

Simcha Shabbat—We will celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries in the month of November on Saturday, **November 29.** Come for a blessing and share your simcha with your TBO/BT family!

This week I attended the JCC film presentation of *Magic Men*. Going to the theater, knowing the room would be filled with other Jews,

Wendy Mandelbaum

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SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is upon us. Leaves have changed color and fallen. We see beautiful mums everywhere. Speaking of flowers, I want to thank everyone for attending October's meeting, when we each made a lovely flower arrangement that we

took home in a vase. Regina of Whole Foods gave us terrific ideas. It was a fun night for all of us.

Also, Sisterhood has given all of the Hebrew School students goody bags to start off the new school year. We plan on providing other surprises for them!

Next, we have Paid-Up Membership Dinner Meeting on Monday, Nov. 20 at 6pm. Make sure you contact Sebley Hausler with your reservation. You should have received your invitation a few weeks ago. Remember, the dinner and entertainment are free, as long as you have paid your dues. Do attend as it will be a great social evening out and you can renew some longtime friendships!

Finally, I want to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

Joleen Fridson

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.

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.

PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17,
6:00 pm
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 new year! The gift shop has received a bunch of new items: a glass honey dish with lid (Lily Art, Israel); small glass plates in various shapes (Lily Art); a ceramic honey pot with lid (Jewish Museum); multi-colored Shabbat candles (Safed); short blue and clear glass candlesticks with tray (Baskin Art Glass); woman's stainless steel hamsa necklace; man's sterling silver mezuzah necklace; women's decorated wire head coverings in various colors; and a ceramic challah platter with wooden insert (Jewish Museum). Remember - if you don't see what you want in the display case, ask me! Nancy Kelner - nkelner@aol.com or 908-272-9072.

GOLDEN BOOKS

MAZEL TOV

To: Carla Rockliff & Arthur Purdy on the Simchat Torah honor

From: Jayne & John Heidelberger, Betty & Mark Needleman, Iris & Lenny Weiner, Helene & Al Davis, Diane & Michael Goldstein, Debbie & Arthur Freedman, Joleen & Bob Fridson

To: Stewart Sherman - Happy Special Birthday

From: Fern & Joe Cammy, Iris & Lenny Weiner, Jayne & John Heidelberger, Judy & Steve Hurok, Joleen & Bob Fridson

SPEEDY RECOVERY

To: Arnold Young

From: Fern & Joe Cammy, Iris & Lenny Weiner, Betty & Mark Needleman, Jayne & John Heidelberger, Helen & Al Davis, Diane & Michael Goldstein, Sebley & Bill Hausler, Judy & Steve Hurok, Debbie & Arthur Freedman, Joleen & Bob Fridson, Julia & Yakov Vinokurov



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ON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2014

**WITH A SPECIAL SHABBAT DINNER
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**HAGALIL'S USY MEMBERS WILL BE
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**DINNER AT 6:00 PM
SERVICE TO FOLLOW AT 8:00 PM**

ADULTS - \$13.00, CHILDREN UNDER 12 - \$10.00

RSVP TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE BY DEC. 11

(732) 381-8403 or tbethor@gmail.com

TBOBT USY

If You Understand this Jumble - We Want You in the Mix!

G O M I N G S O O N !

November Interchapter Event:

November 26th —Ice Skating @ Mennen Arena,
Hanover 8:00 PM

December Region Event:

December 13th—Membership Program. Mark your
calendar. Details to follow.

A C T I O N R E Q U I R E D !

Fall Kinnus— November 21—23 in Paramus. Check out
www.hagalilusy.com for more information and
applications. Don't miss the deadline.

December 21–25 International Convention 2014 in
Atlanta. Pre-con 12/19-20 @ TBOBT. Check out the
HaGalil website www.hagalilusy.com.

A special Hannukah dinner and Shabbat service will
take place on Friday night, 12/19 for TBOBT
congregants and the Hagalil USYers. Details are in this
bulletin. Volunteers are needed to help chaperone in
shul on 12/19 and 12/20. Please contact B. James if
you can help.

School Days

The opening of the Religious School went very
smoothly. It is a pleasure to see the little children
who came to us a few years ago grow and mature
over the years. They enjoyed their study of the
High Holidays and Sukkot and it was evident to see
their growth and maturity in their approach to the
subject.

Because of the holidays our schedule was a bit
skimpy in the month of September. We now go into
a more consistent calendar with many more class
meetings.

The students enjoyed decorating the Sukkah and
some of the parents helped in construction!!

The second K'Ton class was held on October 19
and went very well. The next one will be held on
November 16.

L O O K I N G A H E A D !

November 5th—Our very own prez— Steven Langer will
be honored at the Regional Men's Club event as
TBOBT's "Youth of the Year". Please join us at 6:00 PM
at B'nai Tikvah in North Brunswick. Contact
Michael Goldstein for cost and to reserve your spot.

November 21st –23rd—Fall Kinnus in Paramus.

Y O U R F E A R L E S S L E A D E R S !

Steven L.—Pres. and Barbara James—Advisor. No calls
on Shabbat or other Jewish Holidays.

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.

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT

Every year it amazes me how fast the High Holidays, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah are completed. It is my sincere hope that we are all sealed in the Book of Life for a good, sweet, healthy and prosperous year, a g'mar tov.

High Holy Day ushering again was executed flawlessly. Yasher koach and thank you to all who volunteered. Without your stepping forward, our ushering would not have been such a success!

On October 12, after morning minyan, we held our annual pancake breakfast. Unfortunately it was too chilly to eat in the Sukkah as we had hoped. Dr. Mike arranged for a speaker to tell us about the move to more "natural" (organic) farming methods. This was a very informative program. Dr. Mike scores again.

In November, we will have our 4th annual Veterans' Day program. Cranford will be the host this year. Please RSVP so we know how many to prepare for.

On Wednesday, November 5, 2014, we will be recognizing our Man of The Year, Harvin E. Freedman, and our Youth of the Year, Steven Langer, at the annual Man of the Year and Youth of the Year Dinner of the Northern NJ Region, FJMC. I hope to see many of you there. In addition, several temple members purchased an ad in the annual booklet and ad journal. Our Men's Club receives a portion of these ads for promoting this aspect of the evening. Thank you to all who purchased ads and for helping our Club.

B'vracha,

Michael F. Goldstein

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS

(See details in the Adult Education Brochure inserted)

- **WHY BE JEWISH IN THE 21ST CENTURY? BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION**
Sunday, November 16 - At the JCC of Central NJ
- 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains
Guest speaker Doron Kornbluth, author of *Why Be Jewish?* and *Raising Kids to LOVE Being Jewish*
- **JEWISH VALUES THROUGH THE LENS OF ANIMATION**
With Cantor Steven Stern
Tuesdays, November 18, 25, and December 2 at 8 pm
- **SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!**
Join us as we usher out the Sabbath with a Havdalah candle lighting at 7 pm followed by refreshments and a feature film.
"The Yankles" - December 6
"Hava Nagila" - January 10
- **THE CHOREOGRAPHY OF THE SHABBAT SERVICE**
Wednesdays, January 14 & 28 at 8 pm
led by Cantor Steven Stern.
- **SHABBAT & ASANA – Friday, December 12**
Yoga session – 6:30 pm
Light falafel dinner – 7:30 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat service - 8 pm
- **TORAH CAFÉ AT THE BAYIT**
Join Cantor Stern at the Bayit, 117 John Street, for an in-depth look at Torah texts and topics.
Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 pm
Monday, March 2 at 7:30 pm
- **EDITH & MARK LIEF LECTURE &**
Sunday, January 25
- **SOL SERN MEMORIAL LECTURE**
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015, 3:00 PM
*Beyond Laughter Through Tears:
A Short History of Jewish Humor*
With author Moshe Waldoks
This program is made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Thank you - תודה רבה

Thank you, my Shul family, for honoring me with your words, Golden Books, and Simcha Leaf for my honor on Simchat Torah.

Art Purdy

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 \$300.

- 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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Tuesday Nights

Beginners from 7 pm to 8 pm
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TBO/BT still has cemetery plots at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge available.

Please call the temple office if you are interested.

HANUKKAH MENORAH LIGHTING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 6 PM

Join us as we share the light of the festival and enjoy the customary holiday treats of potato latkes and sufganiyot (jelly donuts).



Tenth Annual Jewish Film Festival

Co-sponsored by Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah & the JCC

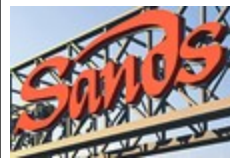
Monday, November 3 - *The Wonders*

Thursday, November 13 - *Cupcakes*

Wednesday, November 19 - *The Jewish Cardinal*

All films will be shown at
Rialto Theater in Westfield at 7:30 pm.

**Join us for a day of fun at the
Sands Casino,
Bethlehem, PA
Wednesday,
December 24.**



A bus will leave from the Shul parking lot at 10:00 am and return between 5 and 6 pm.

Cost is only \$30.00 and includes roundtrip bus transportation, \$20.00 in slot play and a \$5 food voucher.

We will fill up quickly, so make your reservation today.

Any questions, please call Howard Silverman at 732-499-0439 or the temple office.

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.








October

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2014 NOVEMBER

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