

Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah

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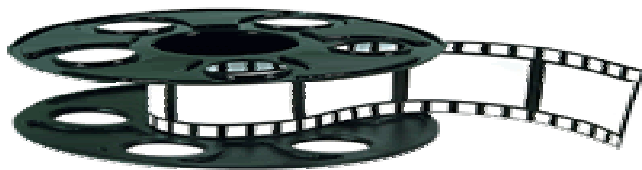
Happy Hanukkah!

HANUKKAH HAPPENINGS!

Tuesday, December 27 at 6:00 PM: TBOBT brings holiday light and joy to patients and staff at RWJUH at Rahway. Join us!

Wednesday, December 28 at 6:00 PM: Outdoor Menorah Lighting with songs, latkes and sufganiyot!

Thursday, December 29 at 5:00 PM: Hanukkah party for Adults with Special Needs



DINNER & A MOVIE

**On Sunday, December 11th
5:00—7:30 PM**

The Sisterhood and Men's Club are co-sponsoring Dinner & Movie Night. A Chinese food buffet will be served and the movie "The Sturgeon Queens" will be shown. Dessert will follow the movie.

The cost is \$12 per person.

Reservations must be made by Dec. 8th with Bonni in the office.

Also, the Gift Shop will be open so you can shop for Chanukah. Lots of new items are available and special orders are welcomed!



From the Cantor



I was saddened to learn of the passing of Leonard Cohen. It felt like losing an old friend. We at TBOBT had a connection to the acclaimed songwriter, as each year at the High Holidays we have

incorporated adaptations of his songs into the service. “Who By Fire” is in our choral repertoire for the *Unetane Tokef* segment of the service. *Who by fire, who by water, who in the sunshine, who in the night time*, -- we have sung this each year in four part harmony to express the fragility and uncertainty of our lives.

And of course, as we drew inspiration from Cohen’s music on Days of Awe, we also sang the melody of his most awe-inspiring hymn, “Halleluya,” matching the music with the last of King David’s Psalms. *Halleu b’tziltzelei shama, b’tziltzelei teruah...* Praise G-d with clanging cymbals, with resonant trumpets sing praises....

Cohen’s passing came during a week when, tired and exhausted by the tumultuous culmination of the election cycle, many sought some distraction from all the angst. It was an opportune moment to look once again at his prodigious body of work, to read again his poetry, his lyrics, to find verses not looked at before. His song “Democracy,” struck a chord:

It's coming through a hole in the air, / From those nights in Tiananmen Square / It's coming from the feel / That this ain't exactly real / Or it's real, but it ain't exactly there... / Democracy is coming to the U.S.A.

And in its concluding verses:

‘I'm sentimental, if you know what I mean / I love the country / but I can't stand the scene / And I'm neither left or right / I'm just staying home tonight / Getting lost in that hopeless little screen... / Democracy is coming to the U.S.A.’

However one reads and understands the verses of “Democracy,” it was occasioned, Cohen once said, by his love of America.

“It's a song of deep intimacy and affirmation of the experiment of democracy in this country. That this is really where the experiment is unfolding. This is really where [all] confront one another. This is the real laboratory of democracy.”

Politics has always been a messy affair. As the great wit of the twentieth century, Julius Henry Marx, once put it, “politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and then applying the wrong remedies.” Our politics and our democratic experiments are indeed works in progress. And our nation zigs and zags, and then zigs and zags once again. It is for us to always be vigilant, and it is for us to also always be hopeful.

As we move forward, we pray that God will bless this great nation and its people, and may the memory of Leonard Cohen be for a blessing, Amen.

Cantor Steven Stern

Save the Date!

New Member Shabbat

We will welcome our newest TBOBT members on
Saturday, January 14.

Daniel, Jaclyn, Elizabeth and Jonathan Eckert
Sondra Eisenberg

Gavin, Gianine, and Benjamin Handwerker
Jeffrey and Meryl Itzkowitz

Richard Parness

Aron and Joan Richman

Michael and Michelle Shulman

David, Stacey, Hunter and Hailey Simon

Doris and Leo Terr

Ari , Tanya, Benjamin and Gabriella Weintraub

Please consider co-sponsoring the special Kiddush in their honor. Contact the Temple office for details.

From The Co-Presidents

Shalom Chaverim,

Thanks to you, our members, Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah was host to the USY Regional Hagalil 2016 Fall Kinnus during the third weekend of November. From Friday through Sunday, 250 beautiful Jewish teenagers celebrated Shabbat with ruach (spirit) and joy. It was a sight to behold. As you can see from the pictures the youngsters conducted every service with great enthusiasm. We are happy that our Hebrew School students were able to join in. Once again our beautiful Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah was a force for good, not only to our community but to the greater Jewish community.

We have our Youth Chair, Barbara James, to thank for orchestrating this event from its inception to its conclusion. A hearty Yasher Koach to Barbara and her merry band of helpers: Mitch James, Fern Cammy, Esther Schlesinger, Toby Prince, Aron Richman, Rayna Warner, Eliana and Martin Goldman. (If I have omitted your name, please forgive me.) Thank you to Cantor Stern for your presence and your assistance to the students as they led the services. Thank you to Mariela Hassan who worked tirelessly all weekend.

Amazingly, it's December already. The year 2016 is almost over. Our minds turn to Hanukkah, a few short weeks away. We hope to see you at our annual Menorah lighting and the latke and donut feast that follows. A lot of us also begin to think about our end of year tax deductible charitable gift giving. Please remember TBOBT when making those much needed donations. Your support is necessary if we are to continue to be a force for good in the world.

Thank you and Happy Hanukkah,
Lillian

We just celebrated Thanksgiving and I hope as we all sat down we thanked G-d for the good that we received during the past year. We at Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah have much to look forward to and with luck, may it first be good health. We are a very active Shul and there are always many activities in the offing. Please be sure to participate.

Herb and I spent last week at the Miami Book Fair and heard many world renowned authors, both political and otherwise. The message we received was HOPE. We as Americans should not sit back. Regardless of beliefs, we should take an active role in our society.

Janice Hymanson

Education Report

Although our November classes were again shortened this month with the Thanksgiving holiday, much learning has been accomplished. Our two younger classes, the K'ton and Yaldeinu have been increasing their knowledge of the Hebrew language. Their Bible study concentrated on the story of Abraham and Sarah, our first Jewish mother and father. Learning continues through song, storytelling and other classroom materials. The K'ton class also made time to make tzedaka boxes and learned that giving is kind and a mitzvah.

Our Olim class continues to work on improving their Hebrew, discussing topics geared to greater maturity, as well as preparing for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs.

Elaine, Thelma, Genie, and Cantor



Hebrew School Family Trip

2016 Model Train Light & Sound Show in Union, Sunday, December 11 after classes.

Sponsored by Men's Club. Call temple office to reserve a place.

Morning Minyan Services

**Sundays at 9:00 AM:
Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah**

**Thursdays at 7:00 AM:
Congregation Beth Israel
in Scotch Plains**

If you have any questions, please call Howard Silverman, Fern Cammy or Cantor Stern.

Sisterhood President's Message

I was glad to see so many of you at the Paid Up Membership Dinner Meeting on Nov. 17th! The food from Deli King was delicious. The models were fabulous and so were the clothes. I hope all of you have used your discount coupons at Dress Barn in Clark. Remember, you can use them until Dec 31st.



On Sunday, December 11th Sisterhood along with Men's Club will co-sponsor a Dinner and Movie Night from 5:00-7:30 PM. Chinese food will be served and the movie "The Sturgeon Queens" will be shown. The cost is \$12 per person. Reservations must be made by Dec. 8th with Bonni in the office. Also, the Gift Shop will be open so you can shop for Chanukah. Lots of new items are available and special orders are welcomed!

Finally, on Dec. 4th our sisterhood will be recognized for making our Torah Fund quota this year at the Garden State Region of Women's League's Dinner Meeting in West Caldwell. Thank you ladies for all of your support. You are the reason we reached our goal!

I want to wish you all a Happy & Healthy 2017!

Joleen

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.

Goldenbooks

To Helene Davis on the passing of her father,
Simon Shoten

From: Gloria Sern,
Gitta Harel
Iris & Lenny Weiner

To Fern & Joe Cammy: Mazel Tov on the birth
of their granddaughter Harper Vale

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To Fern & Joe Cammy: Mazel Tov on the
engagement of Shawn & Sage

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To Janice Hymanson: Mazel Tov on her special
birthday

From: Gitta Harel

To Debbie Freedman: In honor of being an
honoree of the Torah on Simchat Torah

From: Gloria Sern

To Gene & Dennis Berry: In honor of being
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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:
Gene Berry (732-388-3453).



Remember to buy ShopRite Gift Cards

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732-381-8403, ext. 11

TEMPLE BETH O'R BETH TORAH

BOARD OF OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

MEETING SCHEDULE 2016-2017

Mondays, at 8:00 pm

December 12	Congregation Board
January 9	Congregation Board
February 13	Congregation Board
March TBA	Congregation Board
April TBA	Congregation Board
May 8	Congregation Board
June 12	Congregation Board

From The TBOBT Men's Club

Men's Club Activities

The annual joint Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah, Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim and Congregation Beth Israel Veteran's Day Breakfast was held at TBEMC on November 2 and was well attended.

Michael W Miller spoke about the history and importance of the program and read a piece by Rabbi Simon of FJMC about the importance of military chaplains. Marc Herzog of TBEMC gave the keynote address. Michael Goldstein read our Temple honor roll

The Men's Club with congregational assistance hosted the Adults with Special Needs on November 5. We will welcome them next on December 3.

Our FJMC Man of the Year Dinner took place at Marlboro Jewish Center on November 9 as we honored our own Theodore Moreines. Theo and family were accompanied by Cantor Stern, Michael Goldstein, Harvin Freedman, David and Monica Young, and Michael Miller. The food was excellent.

The Men's Club and Cantor Stern have invited Hebrew School families to The Model Railroad "Sound and Light Show" on December 11 in Union NJ with pizza lunch at the Temple for all attendees. RSVP necessary.

The Adults with Special Needs Hanukkah party will be Thursday Dec. 29th 5:00 -7:00pm

By Michael Miller

This Hanukkah, Take Action for the Environment! *Environment Menorah Lighting Ceremony*

Reduce Your Own Carbon Footprint.

Take action as you light the menorah. Please consider using this candle lighting ceremony as you light your personal menorah or as you light the Shul menorah. After you recite the prayers please read aloud one way (one for each night) that you will make a difference for the environment and conservation.

First Night: *Change a light*—Replacing one regular light bulb with a compact fluorescent or LED light bulb will save 150 pounds of carbon dioxide a year. *I can and will do this for the environment!*

Second Night: *Drive less*—Walk, bike, carpool or take mass transit more often. Save one pound of carbon dioxide for every mile I don't drive! *I can and will do this for the environment!*

Third Night: *Recycle more*—I can save 2,400 pounds of carbon dioxide per year by recycling just half of my household waste. *I can and will do this for the environment!*

Fourth Night: *Check your tires*—Keeping my car's tires inflated properly can improve gas mileage by more than 3%. Every gallon of gasoline saved keeps 20 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere! *I can and will do this for the environment!*

Fifth Night: *Use less hot water*—It takes a lot of energy to heat water. Use less hot water by installing a low flow showerhead (350 pounds of carbon dioxide saved per year) and washing clothes in cold or warm water (500 pounds saved per year). *I can and will do this for the environment!*

Sixth Night: *Adjust your thermostat* - Moving the thermostat down just 2 degrees in winter and up 2 degrees in summer saves about 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide a year. *I can and will do this for the environment!*

Seventh Night: *Turn off electronic devices* - Simply turning off the television, DVD player, stereo and computer when not using them will save thousands of pounds of carbon dioxide a year. *I can and will do this for the environment!*

Eighth Night: *Contact your elected officials*— Whether it's on the local, state or national level, let the people who represent me in government know what I think – and what I expect – concerning issues that are important to me. Write, phone and e-mail the mayor, governor and state and national legislative representatives to let them know I am watching – and that I vote. *I can and will do this for the environment and public health!*

Source: The information above was found at www.climatecrisis.net and www.nrdc.org.

Happenings



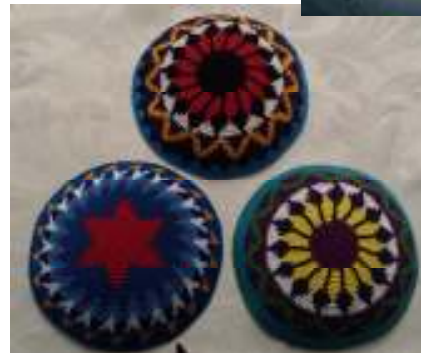
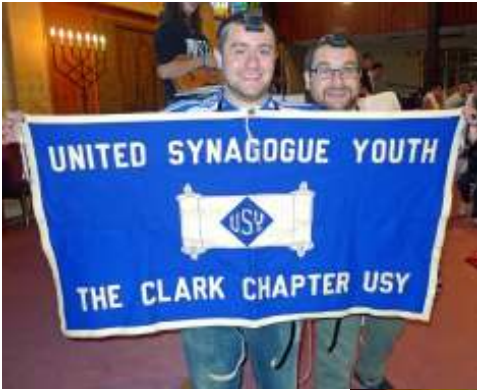
TBOBT hosted a most successful Regional USY Kinnus. Our own students all participated in the spirited Sunday morning davening!



Thank you, Barbara!!!



at TBOBT



Our gift shop has beautiful handmade crocheted Yarmulkes for sale.

Check them out!



Theo Moreines was honored as our Men's Club Man of the Year.
Mazel Tov!!



Join us for a day of
fun at the
Sands Casino
Bethlehem, PA

Monday,
December 26, 2016

A bus will leave from the Shul parking lot
at 10:00 am and return 5:30 - 6 pm.

Cost is only \$35.00 and includes
roundtrip bus transportation,
\$20.00 in slot play and a \$5 food voucher.

We fill up quickly, so make your
reservation today.

Any questions, please call
Howard Silverman at
732-499-0439.



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From the Mail Box

Dear Cantor Stern & the TBOBT Congregation,

Thank you for your comfort, support, leading
our minyan, and providing us with food. We
truly appreciate it and it eased our pain.

Warm regards,
The Pollack Family

Dear Cantor Stern,

I enjoyed our visit in NY -Thank you for
coming. Norman has started his Bar Mitzvah
studies...and you're invited.

I would like to again contribute to Temple Beth O'r
Beth Torah in honor of my mother [Rose Handler] and
in appreciation for your kindness to her.

With best wishes for the holidays and new year.

Janice Handler

Messages from our Members

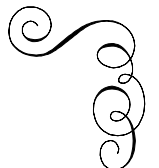
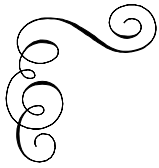
Thank you everyone for all your good wishes,
cards and donations on our honors for Simchat
Torah.

Our TBOBT family is very special to us.

Genie and Dennis Berry

Helene & Al Davis wish to thank this
community for all the sympathy tributes
and support. We are truly blessed.

Michael and Laurie Saks would like to
thank our Temple family for their kind
wishes and generous donations celebrating
the birth of our first grandchild, Shane
Matthew Zipkin.



The TBOBT Family expresses Condolences to:

Sebley Hausler on the passing of her husband Bill

Esther Pollack on the passing of her mother Mary Cohen

The TBOBT Family extends Mazel Tov to:

Florence Bernstein on the birth of her great granddaughter Samantha Iris Bernstein, who is also the great granddaughter of our former member Sylvia Lipson.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations made to TBOBT during the month of November:

Yahrzeit Fund

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Judy Hurok
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General Fund

Dick and Lisa Lavroff: In memory of George Schisler
Dick and Lisa Lavroff: In memory of Simon Shoten, father of Helene Davis
Myrna and Arnold Young: In honor of their daughter Mindy who was awarded the "2016 APNA Award for Excellence in Practice" by the American Psychiatric Nurses Association
Janice Handler: In appreciation to Cantor Stern
The Pollack Family: In appreciation

Harold & Doris Presser Memorial Fund

Steve and Judy Hurok: In honor of the birth of Fern and Joe Cammy's granddaughter Harper Vale
Steve and Judy Hurok: In honor of the engagement of Sean and Sage

Religious School Fund


Genie Berry: In memory of Blanche Maltzer
Genie and Dennis Berry: Thank you for the good wishes, cards and donations on our honors for Simchat Torah.

Minyan Breakfast Fund


Steve and Judy Hurok: In memory of George Schisler
Gitta Harel: In memory of Bill Hausler

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Arthur/Debbie Freedman: In appreciation



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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. Call Temple Office for more info.

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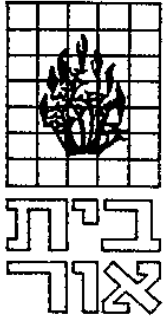
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2016 DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11 5:00p Chinese Dinner and Movie 11 Kislev	12 12 Kislev	13 13 Kislev	14 7:00p Israeli Dancing 14 Kislev	15 8 Kislev	16 4:13p 9 Kislev	17 5:32p 10 Kislev
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25 Hanukkah 25 Kislev	26 10:00a Temple Bus Trip to Sands Casino Hanukkah 26 Kislev	27 6:00p Festival of Lights at RWJH at Rahway Hanukkah 27 Kislev	28 6:00p Annual Outdoor Menorah Lighting 7:00p Israeli Dancing Hanukkah 28 Kislev	29 7:30p Men's Club Game Night (Billiards) 22 Kislev	30 4:21p 23 Kislev	31 5:40p 24 Kislev



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