

TEMPLE BETH O'R BETH TORAH

BETH REPORTER

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The 2017 TBOBT Membership Directory is now available!

Pick up your copy in the temple office between the
hours of 9:00 AM-2:00 PM



School Supplies for Families in Need

Louis Pandolfo, who will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at TBOBT on September 9, is collecting items such as pencils, pens, notebooks, binders, backpacks, crayons, markers etc. as part of his **Mitzvah Project**. He is working with VFW Post 335's School Supply Drive. You can contribute items to the bin in our temple lobby through August 11.



Temple Choir

will begin rehearsing soon.

Contact Cantor Stern if you wish to join us for the coming year.



**Our Annual Parking Lot Sale
is scheduled for:
Sunday, October 22, 2017**

It's time to clean out your closets and bring your treasures to the Temple.

Please call the Temple office for details!

Cantors Message

We are, most of us, creatures of habit. And so I was thinking to sit down right now on this balmy, summer afternoon in August to write an article, which while hopefully different in content from my previous Beth RepORter posts, would nevertheless be similar in that it contains a specific message I wish to convey to you. And you are probably expecting that as well.

But habits are sometimes good to change. So today I have a non-message for you. Stop reading this message, close your eyes, relax and just think of nothing. That's it! Can you do that? There is no message!

Well, since you are continuing to read, I will make the following observation: To stop reading is easy, to close the eyes, likewise. Relaxing is a little more difficult, and thinking of nothing is nigh impossible. Our minds are just programmed to always be thinking. Thinking is generally a good thing, but resting the mind also has its benefits. With all the obligations of everyday life connected with work and family, and with the angst that comes from just opening up the daily newspaper to confront the state of the world, a little downtime is what we all need.

So really, you've been reading this message for far, far too long! It's still summer, so close your eyes, relax, and think of nothing....

B'shalom, in peace,
Cantor Steven Stern

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class

Contact Cantor Stern if you are interested in joining a class to celebrate this Jewish rite of passage.

President's Message

Shalom Chaverim,

The aria "Summertime, and the Livin's is Easy" sets the tone for the inhabitants of Catfish Row in George Gershwin's legendary opera Porgy and Bess and it sets the tone for us at Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah. During the summer our Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services are held in our small sanctuary. The atmosphere is more casual as is the dress code. The conversations at the Oneg Shabbat and the Kiddush luncheon often center on vacations and trips down the shore as well as the usual variety of lively topics.

If you ever thought you would like to lead a part of the service, this is the perfect time to step up and do it. Your part can be in Hebrew and/or English. Please contact the Cantor or Fern Cammy (732-549-2652), our Ritual Chairperson, if you are interested.

Another summertime favorite of our members, our annual "Shabbat under the Stars", will happen on Friday, August 4th in Rahway River Park. Beginning at 6:15, the long summer day allows us to enjoy a beautiful musical service. Following the service, Fern and her energetic crew will serve a delicious picnic supper. Please let Bonni in the office (732-381-8403) know if you are coming. The cost is \$7.00 per person. There is no charge for children 12 and under. Bring your friends and family. Everyone is welcome. You can find us in the picnic area right across the road from the swimming pool.

Have you been thinking about joining our Mah Jongg League? You'll enjoy a fun summer afternoon in our air conditioned Youth Lounge. Check with Audrey Silverman (732-499-0439) for dates and times. If you have always wanted to learn how to play, come and try it. Summer is the perfect time to learn new things and expand your horizons.

However you choose to pass the beautiful sunny days, soft rainfalls, and long summer twilights, I hope you enjoy this bountiful season in good health, happiness, and peace.

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

John Lubbock, *The Use of Life*

See you in Shul,

Lillian

Sisterhood Message

Since we are in the middle of summer, I hope you are all relaxing and enjoying the mild weather. Meanwhile, Sisterhood is gearing up for the 2017-18 year.

First, I want to remind you that Friday, Aug. 18 is Sisterhood Shabbat. Our members are leading the service. If you are interested in an English or Hebrew part, please call Fern Cammy @732-549-2652. Sisterhood will sponsor the Friday Oneg and Saturday luncheon that weekend.

Then, I want to inform you that the opening meeting has been changed due to scheduling conflicts from Sunday, Sept. 10 to Sept. 17 @10am. You will notice that this year that we have planned several Sunday brunch meetings to accommodate our members.

Finally, Sisterhood Board thanks all of you who donated items to *Matilda's Mentionables*, which were brought to National Convention of Women's League in July. So many stepped up and gave so generously! The women in homeless & domestic abuse shelters in the Washington DC area really appreciated it.

Todah rabah!
Joleen



Remember to buy ShopRite Gift Cards.

**Please contact the Temple Office
at 732-381-8403, ext 11.**

Education Report

The Education Committee has been meeting and continues to meet all during the summer in preparation for our opening the 2017-2018 school year on September 10th.

We are planning a brunch with our parents to bring them up to date with our changes and additions for the new school year. We look forward to a successful and smooth opening and year for all of our students!!

Thelma, Genie, Elaine and Cantor

Men's Club Message

The Federation of Jewish Men's Club biannual convention was held June 19 -23, 2017 in Crystal City, Alexandria, VA. Mike Miller and Jake Altholz attended. Jake is a new club member and the youngest FJMC member attending convention.

This FJMC convention was jointly held with the national convention of Men of the Reform Movement Brotherhoods. There were sessions on the operation of clubs, regions and the national office, as well as on general programming. Business and religious programs and services were held separately.

Michael Uram, a Hillel director, gave a keynote with several concurrent breakout sessions: "Next Generation Judaism: Reinventing Your Club" and "Seeding Change From Within: How Disruptive Innovation can be applied to your Club." This applies to congregations. The Conservative and Reform movements are not attracting Millennials. They are interested in some social and Jewish programs/causes but turned off by formal organizations. Our leadership must meet the individuals on an informal one on one basis. What can we do for YOU?

Rabbi David Saperstein, CEO of the Men's Brotherhoods of Reform Judaism, gave a keynote session: "The Fierce Urgency of Now: A Jewish Social Justice Agenda for 2017." Social Justice means to work to facilitate affordable healthcare, a safe environment, safe public housing, legal representation, etc., for people with moderate or low income regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. He used Torah and Talmudic references to illustrate the Jewish responsibility. This material will be posted on the FJMC website soon.

Mike Miller organized two Shomrei Ha'Aretz, environmental breakout sessions.

TBO-BT Men's Club received the Gold Shomrei Ha'Aretz Torch Award for the TBOBT school program "Energy Conservation: How Hot is my Light Bulb?" The program was developed by Mike Miller and Martin Goldman. A poster is in the Temple lobby and a video shot by Martin will be posted on the TBOBT website.

TBO-BT Men's Club received a Quality Club Award for 2016-17. The club has received the award every year that it has been offered (15yrs).

Future Programs

Sunday, August 13 - Men's Club meeting

Set Calendar for 8/2017- 6/2018

Recruit High Holiday ushers

Friday, August 25 - Men's Club Shabbat. Men's Club members are needed to take parts in English and Hebrew. Contact Aron Richman aron.richman@gmail.com) or Mike Miller (mwmillerchem_102@aol.com).

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Religious School Fund

Robert Kolker: In memory of Louis Kolker

**FOLLOWING DONATIONS MADE TO TBOBT
DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY**

ONEG & KIDDUSH FUND

Gitta Harel

GENERAL FUND

Genie & Dennis Berry: In honor of Alan Rubin's birthday
Lisa & Dick Lavroff: In honor of Alan Rubin's birthday
Lisa & Dick Lavroff: In memory of Arthur Purdy
Lisa & Dick Lavroff: In memory of Arthur Gesten
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RITUAL FUND

Felella & Arthur Millman: In memory of Arthur Purdy

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Linda & Marty Axelrad: In appreciation
Felella & Arthur Millman: In memory of Arthur Purdy
Aron & Joan Richman
Thelma Purdy and family: In appreciation
Judith Gottlieb: Happy 25th anniversary to the Goldbergs
Alan Rubin: In appreciation
Meryl & Alan Rubin
Seidman family: In appreciation

Dear Family,

We are so grateful for our TBOBT family during Artie's illness and his death.

For starters, Cantor Stern was a continuing help in difficult times.

All of you were there for us by visiting and calling when Artie was home bound and when we were mourning his death.

A "thank you" can't express the depth of our gratitude to all of you.

Thelma, Amy, Matthew, Dale, Joseph, Donna and grandchildren—all eight of them.

GOLDEN BOOKS

- To: Howard Silverman: wishing you a speedy recovery.**
From: Evie Shulman
Lorraine Itzkowitz
Betty and Mark Needleman and family
The Barr Family
Janie & Jonathan Phillips
Debbie & Arthur Freedman
Michael & Diane Goldstein
Evie Shulman
Joleen & Bob Fridson
Alan & Rayna Warner
Paula Hymanson
Suzanne & Mike Miller
- To: Adeline Gesten on the loss of her husband, Arthur**
From: Lorraine Itzkowitz
- To: Marty Richstein on the loss of his father, Jack**
From: Helene and Al Davis and family
Evie Shulman
- To: Alan Mandelbaum for a speedy recovery**
From: Betty and Mark Needleman and family
Diane and Michael Goldstein
Evie Shulman
Janice & Herb Hymanson
- To: Mindy and Ed Leibowitz on the birth of their grandson**
From: Betty and Mark Needleman and family
Diane and Michael Goldstein
Helene and Al Davis
- To: Alan Rubin on the birth of his great grandson**
From: Helene and Al Davis
- To: Aaron Bloom in honor of his Bar Mitzvah**
From: The Barr Family,
The Phillips Family
The Cammy Family
Michael & Diane Goldstein
The Fridson Family
Janice & Herb Hymanson
- To: Mindy Cohen in appreciation**
From: Norma & Jack Weinshanker
- To: Susan & Alan Coen on the engagement of their daughter Stephanie**
From: Verna Lemberg
- To: Bess Berg in memory of her sister Ida Breitbart**
From: Norma & Jack Weinshanker

GOLDEN BOOKS

To: Harvin Freedman—Mazel Tov to on being chosen Minyanaire of the Year by Men's Club

From: The Cammy Family
Michael & Diane Goldstein
Joleen & Bob Fridson
Mike & Suzanne Miller
Janice & Herb Hymanson

To: Dennis Berry—Mazel Tov on being honored as "Volunteer of the Year" by Jewish Family Services:

From: Fern & Joe Cammy
Michael & Diane Goldstein
Evie Shulman
The Bloom Family
Joleen & Bob Fridson
Paula Hymanson
Suzanne & Mike Miller
Janice & Herb Hymanson

To: Wendy & Alan Mandelbaum—Mazel Tov on the marriage of their daughter Leslie to Mitchell Lake

From: Janie & Jonathan Phillips
Fern & Joe Cammy
Diane & Michael Goldstein
Evie Shulman
Helene and Al Davis
Betty and Mark Needleman and family
Joleen & Bob Fridson
Janice & Herb Hymanson

To: Jake Altholz—Mazel Tov on his graduation from Brandeis University

From: Michael & Diane Goldstein
Evie Shulman
Joleen & Bob Fridson
Suzanne & Mike Miller

To: Florence Bernstein in appreciation

From: Norma & Jack Weinshanker

To: Myrna & Arnold Young—Mazel tov on the engagement of their granddaughter Eliana Panitch to Simcha Tamkin

From: Norma & Jack Weinshanker

In memory of Arthur Purdy

From: Marilyn Weinstein
Iris & Lenny Weiner
Sondra Eisenberg
Verna Lemberg
Elaine & Susan Sofman

LIST OF TBOBT 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.

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 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.

Got a Simcha?

**Birthday? Anniversary? Graduation? New grandchild?
Bar/Bat Mitzvah?**

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 Bonni at 732-381-8403 x11 or tbethor@gmail.com.



Support Groups at RWJ Fitness & Wellness Center in Scotch Plains led by Mindy Cohen.

The following groups meet: caregivers support, cancer support, breast cancer support, and fibromyalgia support.

Registration not required and there is no fee.
Call 732-499-6193 for more information.

The TBOBT “Beth RepORter” can be seen online at bethorbethtorah.org. LIKE us ON FACE-BOOK!

TBOBT still has cemetery plots at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge available. If you are interested, please call the temple office at 732-381-8403 ext. 11.



If you need a ride to get to Friday or Saturday services or if you can offer a ride, please let the office know.



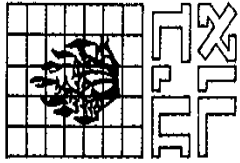
ISRAELI DANCE

Wednesday Nights

\$10.00 per class / \$45 prepaid for 5

Proceeds go to TBOBT. Classes led by Elyse Litt

Any new dancers should contact: Elyse via email prior to first class at: dancesfromtheheart@gmail.com



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