

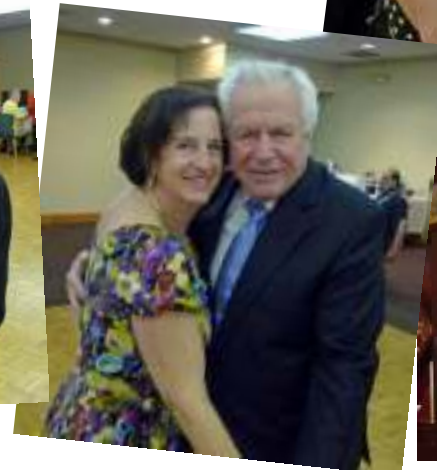
Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah

BETH REPORTER

SIVAN-TAMUZ 5777

JUNE 2017

The Joyous Faces of TBOBT



From the Cantor



I had the privilege to deliver again this year both the invocation and benediction at the commencement ceremonies for Union County College, held on May 24 at Kean

University's Harwood Arena. Below is the benediction that I gave at the conclusion of the evening. My inspiration came from the prophet Micah, the sage Ben Zoma, the blessings of the kohanim, and the wisdom of Jewish parents.

The great physicist and Nobel Laureate, Isadore Isaac Rabi, once explained his success. His childhood friends, upon returning home from school each day would be asked by their parents: "Did you learn anything today?" Rabi's parents would say, "Did you ask a good question today?"

And so, dear G-d, we pray today for the blessing of an inquisitive mind, one that is curious about the wonders of Your world. But ultimately it is answers and solutions that we are charged to seek. So help us to be guided by the values found throughout Your holy scriptures.

Truth: let us search for it wherever it resides.

Humility: May we walk humbly before G-d and before our fellow man.

Respect for others and for their point of view: "Who is wise?" ask the sages of old. "One who learns from every person...."

And let us always have courage, lest fear and uncertainty derail us from our destination.

Dear graduates, on this momentous occasion, a celebration of your achievement and an invitation to embrace the future, may you be guided by these worthy values, and may the blessings of heaven shine upon you, illuminate your way, and grant you peace, Amen.

As we approach the summer season, I wish to thank everyone who has worked so hard this past year on behalf of 'TBOBT' -- especially our board, officers and the many volunteers who day in and day out devote themselves to the needs of our community. May they, and may each and every one of us, be blessed with good health, strength and renewal of spirit.

B'vracha,

Cantor Steven Stern



**Shabbat Under the Stars
coming soon!!**

From The Co-Presidents

We are now approaching the end of what we call the school year and are looking forward to a wonderful and enjoyable summer. It's fifty-three years this month that Herb and I came to Clark and to Temple Beth O'r. When we arrived here, we were greeted with much joy by the Jewish community, and I am happy to say that it has remained so ever since. I am proud that the warmth and love of tradition has continued and the multitude of activities that we share as a congregation goes on and on. Due to the cohesive merger with Temple Beth Torah, the synagogue has reached greater heights. We are one big family, always there for each other. Aren't we lucky!!

Have a great summer. See you in Shul.

Janice Hymanson

Education Report

We ended our 2016-2017 school year with an extraordinary weekend on May 20-21.

On Saturday morning May 20th Aaron Bloom, son of Edie and Glenn Bloom, became a Bar Mitzvah. And what a wonderful job he did!! It has been so fulfilling for our committee to watch Aaron grow from a cute, bright little boy into the intelligent, caring, delightful young man he is today. Not only friends and family, but the entire Temple family present were thrilled with all he has learned to become an adult in our congregation!

On Sunday, May 21st we gathered our students, teachers, parents, friends, Board of Ed members, and other congregants in the sanctuary for our end-of-year program. We presented our teachers with a gift of appreciation. We heard from each student their favorite things they did in Hebrew School and presented them with certificates of completion and gift cards for a little summer treat. We sang together our TBOBT school song and sang our national anthem and Hatikvah.

We thank the Cantor for all he does for our School and all he does for our committee. We thank the Temple Board for all of their support.

Thelma, Genie, Elaine and Cantor

Dear Temple Family,

We know how much everyone enjoys reading our BETH RepORter bulletin. In response to many requests, we have decided to resume sending a hard copy of the bulletin in the mail, in addition to the electronic version you receive by email. At the same time, we will be publishing the bulletin on a bi-monthly rather than a monthly basis.

This new schedule of bi-monthly hard copies will begin with the September issue. (The summer issue covering July and August will be sent only electronically via email.)

We trust you will continue to enjoy our BETH RepORter with its articles, pictures and descriptions of the many exciting events that take place at TBOBT!

Yours truly,
Editorial Staff

Sisterhood Message



Sisterhood is participating in Women's League's very special project called 'Matilde's Mentionables.' We will be collecting new or very gently used sport bras, nursing & mastectomy bras & underpants . They are to be distributed to women in homeless & battered women's shelters in the Washington DC area in July during National Convention .

I will bring the collected 'mentionables' to convention. You can drop off the items in a marked box located in the temple lobby from June 1st to July 15th. Your donations to this very worthwhile project will be greatly appreciated by the recipients!

Also, I want to remind all of you ladies to reserve a spot at our annual Sisterhood Donor Dinner on Thursday, June 22nd at 6:00 pm. The cost is only \$36 of donor credit! Food is catered by Clark Deli King & entertainment by Amy Toporek. Reservations are to be made with Bonni in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Sebley Hausler at 609-860-6715.

Finally, Sisterhood has purchased four Shiva chairs available free of charge to any temple member when needed. They would be delivered along with the prayer books.

Have a happy June. Summer is almost here!

Joleen

Golden Books

In Memory of Sarah Symchowicz

From: Gloria Sern

Janie & Jonathan Phillips

In Memory of Sidney Cammy

From: Janie & Jonathan Phillips

Mazel Tov on Benjamin Weintraub's Bar Mitzvah

From: Joleen & Bob Fridson

Michael & Diane Goldstein

Janice & Herb Hymanson

To Alan Rubin: Mazel Tov on the birth of a great-grandson:

From: Joleen & Bob Fridson

Debbie & Arthur Freedman

Janice & Herb Hymanson

Diane & Michael Goldstein

Janie & Jonathan Phillips

Susan and Alan Coen

Mazel Tov on the engagement of Stephanie Coen

From: Diane & Michael Goldstein

Janie & Jonathan Phillips

Janice & Herb Hymanson

Joleen & Bob Fridson

Debbie & Arthur Freedman

Mazel Tov on the marriage of Sebley Hausler's grandson

From Debbie & Arthur Freedman

Suzanne & Michael Miller

Joleen & Bob Fridson

Diane & Michael Goldstein

Mazel Tov to Joleen Fridson for being a Woman of Achievement honoree:

From: Debbie & Arthur Freedman

Janice & Herb Hymanson

Suzanne & Michael Miller

Janie & Jonathan Phillips

Diane & Michael Goldstein

Gitta Harel

Mazel Tov to Mindy & Ed Leibowitz on the birth of a grandson

From Susan & Alan Coen

In Memory of Dorothy Litt

From: Gloria Sern

Diane & Michael Goldstein

Betty & Mark Needleman

Evie Shulman

Helene & Al Davis

Joleen & Bob Fridson

Janie & Jonathan Phillips

From The TBOBT Men's

A gift to Sisterhood has been made by Susan & Alan Coen in appreciation of the many expressions of good wishes they have received from our Temple family on the engagement of their daughter Stephanie to David Crommett.

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.

Learn to Lead Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Fern Cammy will hold another workshop on Sunday, June 25 at 10:15 am.

Please join us!

RSVP to Nancy Kelner at 908-272-9072 if this is your first session.

Remember to buy ShopRite Gift Cards.

5% of the amount of Shop Rite gift cards purchased is tax deductible.



Contact the Temple Office at 732-381-8403, ext 11.

On Saturday morning June 3, we celebrated our 30th anniversary of the Adults with Special Needs Program. Services began at 9:30 am, with a festive Kiddush at noon.

Present were representatives of the national board of Jewish Federation of Men's Clubs, Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, the Partnerships for People, and our own Councilman Al Barr representing Clark township.

Our special adult guests received aliyot and led the congregation on the bima with the singing of Ein Kelokein and Adon Olam.

It was a moving and inspirational day, and we thank everyone who has been involved in this program over the years.

Mark your calendars - FJMC NATIONAL Convention July 19 -23, in Washington DC . Families welcome.

www.FJMC.org/convention2017

Michael W. Miller & Michael Goldstein

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.

TBOBT SISTERHOOD WALL CALENDAR 2017-2018

Birthdays - Anniversaries - Yahrzeit Listings - Business Listings

Cost : \$11.00 for 6 listings. Additional listings: 50¢ each.

Extra Calendars----\$2.00 each. Business Ads---\$49. 00

Please call DEBBIE FREEDMAN at 732-388-3827
or email bopart2u@aol.com to place your order ASAP.

Happenings



at TBOBT





Come and Join the TBOBT Mah Jongg League!

We will play at the temple on the first and last Wednesday of each month from 1:00 PM—3:00 PM.

If you haven't played for years or would like to learn how to play, why not join us?

For more information, please call Audrey Silverman at 732-499-0439.



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.

Visit the TBOBT Gift Shop



Beautiful hand-made crocheted and Mayan-inspired yarmulkes, and many other new items are on sale for your holiday shopping needs, all at great prices!

Contact the temple office for Gift Shop hours.

Dear Temple friends,
Thank you for all of your well wishes, Golden Books and visits!

I appreciate it very much!

Norma Weinshanker

Thank you to all for the good wishes!
A donation was made to the Temple in lieu of Thank you cards.

Alan Rubin and Mindy & Edward Leibowitz



The Temple Office Hours are:
Monday through Friday
9:00 AM—2:00 PM



Jews, Judaism & Jerusalem What is the future?



Dr. Mordechai Kedar, an Israeli Arabic scholar and senior lecturer at Bar Ilan University, served twenty five years in IDF Military Intelligence. His advice and perspective are sought by government agencies and think tanks in Israel and the

U.S. He has been interviewed and quoted in media outlets throughout the Middle East, Europe and America.

Dr. Kedar will share his thoughts on how trends in the Diaspora, Israel and the Middle East are interacting and shaping the future.

Monday, July 17th at 7:00 PM
at the JCC of Central New Jersey
1391 Martine Avenue
Scotch Plains, NJ

Open to the public. Light refreshments.
\$8 in advance ~ \$10 at the door
Please send checks to:
Israel Support
18 Shalom Way
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

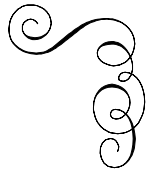
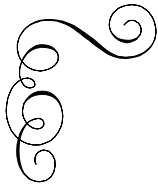
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of Central New Jersey



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

Our grandson Noah Hanover graduated from the Jewish Educational Center High School (JEC in Elizabeth, NJ) on Sunday, June 11, 2017.

Debbie & Arthur Freedman



The TBOBT Family extends Mazel Tov to:

Harvin Freedman on being chosen "Minyanaire" by the Men's Club.
Dennis Berry on being honored as "Volunteer of the Year" by Jewish Family Service.
Wendy and Alan Mandelbaum on the marriage of the daughter, Leslie, to Mitchell Lake.
Jake Altholz on his graduation from Brandeis University.
Scott and Debra Seidman on the marriage of their daughter Lauren to Scott Solomon.

The TBOBT Family expresses condolences to:

Marty Richstein on the passing of his father Jack Richstein.

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

Yahrzeit Fund

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Walter & Joy Newman: In memory of Sidney Cammy
Steve and Judy Hurok: In memory of Sidney Cammy

Sol Sern Memorial Fund

Debbie Freedman: In memory of Sara Kelner

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Tracy Makow: In honor of her mother, Lillian Makow
Marty & Carol Richstein: In appreciation
Alan Rubin

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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, 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.

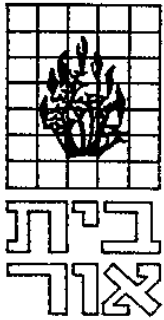
Yahrzeit Plaques – Honor your departed loved ones with a permanent Yahrzeit memorial plaque in our sanctuary. A light will be lit next to the plaque every year during the week of the Yahrzeit. Cost is \$350.

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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Jonathan Phillips, Executive Vice-President

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**Contact Bonni at the Temple office
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or
tbethor@gmail.com.**



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\$10.00 per class/ \$45 prepaid for 5
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Led by Elyse Litt 732-396-8299

Any new dancers should contact:

Elyse via email prior to first class at [dancesfrom-
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