

Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah

BETH REPORTER

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MAY 2017



Trip to Reeves-Reed Arboretum Sunday, May 7, 2017

Spend a few hours at the beautiful Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit! We will carpool from the temple parking lot at 1 pm. Feel free to invite your friends!

The arboretum has a combination of paved paths and grassy areas. **To best enjoy the flowers and plants, you must be able to walk safely on grass.** The main building (ramp access) includes an art gallery with

rotating exhibits. There are also some short walking trails through a wooded area.

Feel free to bring a snack or drink; be prepared to carry away any trash. No food/beverage service and no trash cans on site.

Admission to the arboretum is free; a \$5 donation per person is suggested. **If it rains on May 7th, this trip is cancelled.**



Mark & Edith Lief Memorial Program Sunday, May 21 at 3 pm

We will screen the acclaimed documentary Orchestra of Exiles: The Story of Bronislaw Huberman, the Israel Philharmonic, and the One Thousand Jews He Saved from Nazi Horrors.

The director, writer and producer of the film, Josh Aronson, will be our guest speaker.

Free and open to the public.



Tikun Leil Shavuot

Join us for

An Evening of Learning and Dairy Desserts

Tuesday, May 30 at 8 pm

at

Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah

Shavuot Services - May 31 & June 1 at 9:30 am

Yizkor on June 1 at 11 am

From the Cantor



Did you ever oversleep and miss an important meeting, appointment or event? I am sure it happens to most of us at some point. But one shouldn't feel too badly since, after all, our ancestors overslept the

morning they were to receive the Torah at Sinai! Without working alarm clocks, it was Moses who had to wake the people!

So as a rectification of sorts, there is now a tradition to stay up all night on Erev Shavuot to be sure we are awake in the morning. And what better way to spend the night than in study, and by partaking of some tasty cheesecake.

Why cheesecake? Well, dairy is what we eat on this holiday, and there are a number of reasons why. Perhaps the most accepted is that with the

receiving of the Torah, the Israelites were now obligated to eat kosher food, but their meat and pots were not yet kosher, so they made do with dairy products.

In any case, we have this delightful tradition of Tikun Leil Shavuot. So on the evening of May 30, beginning at 8 pm, we will engage in some study and yes, enjoy some dairy desserts. But I doubt we will stay up the entire night. I did read the other day a blog posting in which the author states that her Rabbi would not attend the Tikun Leil in his own shul because it was not an all-nighter! Imagine that!

Hopefully, while we will gather here at our own TBOBT Tikun Leil for just a few hours, it will be a time of sheer delight in study, friendship and good food. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Cantor Steven Stern



Aaron Bloom will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on May 20, 2017, Parashat Behar-Behukotai.

Aaron is a seventh grade student at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School in Clark. He is an accomplished amateur magician.

Mazel tov to parents Glenn and Edie, sister Julia, and to the entire family!



**March with TBOBT at the
Clark Memorial Day Parade on
Monday, May 29th at 9:30AM!**

Meet at the corner of
Nassau and Westfield.



**Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah Men's Club
proudly marks the
Thirtieth Anniversary of association with the
ARC of Union County and Partnerships for People.**



The Adults with Special Needs Program offers those who would not otherwise have the opportunity, to attend services at TBOBT. In addition, during the course of the year, we celebrate Passover with a seder and host a Hanukkah party.

Please join us on Saturday, June 3rd as we celebrate this milestone.
Details to follow.

From The Co-Presidents

Shalom Chaverim,

A wonderful way to enjoy the beautiful May weather is to join our trip to the Reeves-Reed Arboretum on Sunday, May 7, 2017 sponsored by the Adult Education Committee chaired by Nancy Kelner. The Reeves-Reed Arboretum features 5-1/2 acres of formal gardens. The Azalea Garden should be in full bloom on May 7th. Beyond the formal gardens are wetlands and woodlands which showcase trees, plants and animals indigenous to the area. Take a mini vacation strolling through this oasis of beauty and serenity.

Our annual "Mark & Edith Lief Memorial Program" will take place on Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 pm. This year we have a fascinating program featuring the screening of the documentary *Orchestra of Exiles: The Story of Bronislaw Huberman, the Israel Philharmonic and the One Thousand Jews He Saved from Nazi Horrors*. The director, writer and producer of the film, Josh Aronson, will be our guest speaker.

It is fitting that we explore this little known tale of an acclaimed Jewish violinist who had the foresight to see where the rise of the fascists in Germany in the early 1930s was leading. He had two goals: save the lives of as many Jewish European classical

musicians and their families as possible and bring a classical orchestra to the Mid East. Huberman accomplished both goals by creating what would become the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra staffed by the most talented of the European Jewish musical artists. Mark and Edith Lief to whom this program is dedicated were pillars of our Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah community for many years. They were Holocaust survivors whose lives exemplified the Jewish values of *Respect, Charity, Honesty, Compassion* and *Justice* which also motivated Bronislaw Huberman.

Shavuot, the third of the Pilgrimage Festivals mandated by the Bible will be celebrated at the end of May. Beginning at sunset on Tuesday, May 30th and ending at nightfall on Thursday, June 1st, Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, commemorates the giving of the Law to Moses and the Jewish people at Mt. Sinai. It is customary during Shavuot to read from the *Book of Ruth* and say Yizkor. Please join us at services during this uplifting and spiritual holiday.

Details of these events, times, etc., are available elsewhere in this edition of the "Beth RepORter."

See you in Shul,

Lillian

Education Report

Our classes met on April 2nd for a Chocolate Seder and what a wonderful experience they had! Not only did they have a Seder together, but each time an item was eaten, it was replaced by a different type of chocolate: chocolate covered matzo, chocolate milk (4 cups), bittersweet chocolate (maror), crumbled oreos (charoset), etc. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday together with their friends.

After Passover, classes continued with Hebrew language studies, prayers, etc., enhanced by the study of the upcoming special commemorative days of Yom HaShoah, Yom Yerushalayim, Yom Ha'atzmaut and Lag B'Omer. There were discussions of Israel; K'ton class made Israeli flags, sang songs and enjoyed new stories.

Thelma, Genie, Elaine, and Cantor



OPEN HOUSE

TBOBT HEBREW SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 21 from 9:30 to 11 am

Invite your friends to visit and meet our students, parents, teachers and staff.

Our academic year closing ceremonies will take place at 10:15 am.

Congratulations to our Olim, Yaldeinu and K'ton classes!

Sisterhood Message

On behalf of Sisterhood, I would like to invite you to the Annual Women of Achievement Champagne and Brunch sponsored by the Garden State Region of Women's League on Sunday, May 21st from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm at Marlboro Jewish Center.

We will be recognizing our president, Joleen Fridson, as our honoree. Come learn not only what Joleen has accomplished but also what region has done for you and others. We will have carpooling available. This is a catered affair by Exquisite Caterers with a cost of \$36. We would love to have you come and participate in this most enjoyable day. It is also an opportunity to meet other Sisterhood members from area synagogues.

The deadline is May 6th. You can reserve a spot by calling Bonni in the office. Then you pay at the door.

Also, I would like to remind you that Donor Dinner will take place Thursday, June 22nd at 6:00 pm with entertainment by Amy Toporek. Remember, you only need to earn \$36 of donor credit to attend. Call Bonni with your reservation.

Thanks so much. I hope to see you at the Champagne Brunch and at Donor Dinner!

Judy Hurok
Sisterhood Treasurer

Goldenbooks

In memory of Sarah Symchowicz, mother of Esther Schlesinger
From Iris & Lenny Weiner

Get well to Gloria Sern
From Janice & Herb Hymanson

Mazel Tov on the Engagement of Stephanie, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Coen
From Janice & Herb Hymanson

Speedy recovery to Norma Weinshanker
From Gloria Sern

In memory of Sidney Cammy, father of Joe Cammy
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From Iris & Lenny Weiner

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.**

**An anonymous synagogue member
has generously donated
gift cards to the Sisterhood.**

Currently available are Deli King gift cards.
The gift cards are in denominations of \$25.

The cards are available for purchase
in the Temple office.

**Earn Donor Credit
while shopping at Deli King!!**

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.

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:
Genie Berry (732-388-3453).

From The TBOBT Men's Club

The Yom Ha'Shoah Yellow Candles distribution was completed by April 13th. Dennis Berry mailed candles on March 30th. Mike Miller put candles with the Purim baskets March 11th. The rest of the candles were home distributed by Michael Roth and Ben Weintraub.

Adults with Special Needs Shabbat took place on April 1. The group choir led by June M. and Carol G. led Ein Keiloheinu and Adon Olam.

At the April 13th meeting the following were nominated for Club Officers and Trustees:

- Co-Presidents: Michael Goldstein & Michael W. Miller
- Executive Vice President: Harvin Freedman
- Programming Vice Presidents: Dr. Mark Needleman & Martin Goldman
- Ritual VP: Aron Richman
- Membership VP: Dennis Berry
- Treasurer: Theodore Moreines
- Secretary: open
- Trustees: Howard Silverman & Richard Lavroff

Please be advised that there will be a Congregation Meeting on Monday, May 8th at 7:30 pm for the presentation of the Slate of Officers and Trustees for the upcoming year.

TEMPLE BETH O'R BETH TORAH
BOARD OF OFFICERS & TRUSTEES
MEETING SCHEDULE 2016-2017
Mondays, at 8:00 pm

May 8 Congregation Board
June 12 Congregation Board

Thursday, April 20th was Game night at Temple. Five members had a good social time.

Future activities:

May 6th - Adults with Special Needs Shabbat.

Sunday May 7th - Men's Club breakfast **and elections.**

May 25th - Game Night

On Saturday morning June 3, TBOBT proudly marks the 30th anniversary of our association with the Arc of Union County and the Partnership for People. The Adults with Special Needs Program offers those Jews who would not have the opportunity to attend synagogue, to be hosted and participate in Shabbat services at TBOBT. In addition, during the course of the year, we celebrate Purim with Sisterhood gift baskets, Passover with a model Seder, and a Hanukkah party with gifts. Details on the event will follow.

Mark your calendar -- FJMC NATIONAL CONVENTION July 19 -23, in Washington DC . Families welcome. Visit:
www.FJMC.org/convention2017

Mike & Mike

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

TBOBT SISTERHOOD WALL CALENDAR 2017-2018

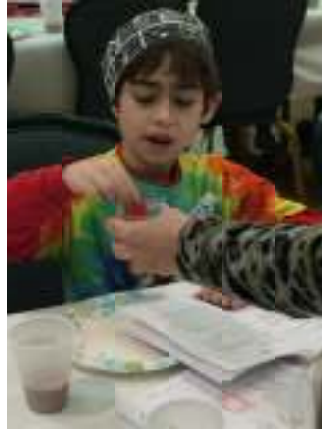
Birthdays - Anniversaries - Yahrzeit Listings - Business Listings

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

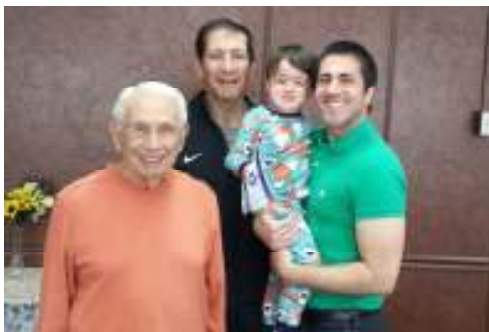
Extra Calendars----\$2.00 each. Business Ads---\$49. 00

Please call **DEBBIE FREEDMAN** at **732-388-3827**
or email bopart2u@aol.com to place your order by May 29th.

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 can-
cer support, and fibromyalgia support. Registra-
tion not required and there is no fee.

Call 732-499-6193 for more information.



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.

Join us on Sunday, June 4th, 2017
Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Start your summer off with great
entertainment,
gourmet dinner, wine and camaraderie.

We will be entertained by

Elefante
and
Green



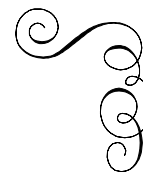
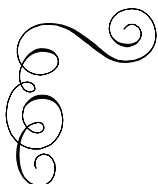
***** \$45.00 per person ****

Please RSVP to the temple office
by Wednesday, May 24th

To my TBO/BT friends and family:

*Thank you so much for your kind thoughts, support, calls, cards
and donations made in memory of my mom, Sarah (Sonia)
Symchowicz. This has been a great comfort during this
difficult and sad time and is greatly appreciated.*

Todah Rabah
Esther Schlesinger



The TBOBT Family expresses condolences to:
 Adeline Gesten on the passing of her brother, Stanley Lehner
 oe Cammy on the passing of his father, Sidney Cammy
 Sidney, Elyse, Jake and the Litt family on the passing of Dorothy Litt

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

(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

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Religious School Fund

Elaine Kolker: In memory of her brother

Minyan Breakfast Fund

Harriet Rothschild: In memory of Amalchin Zimmerman

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Esther Schlesinger and Family: In appreciation



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



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

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.

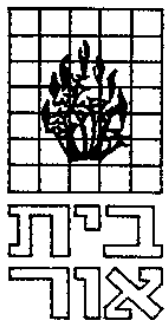
Yahrzeit Plaques – Honor your departed loved ones with a permanent Yahrzeit memorial plaque in our sanctuary. A light will be lit next to the plaque every year during the week of the Yahrzeit. Cost is \$350.

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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Got a Simcha?

**Birthday? Anniversary?
Graduation? New grandchild?
Host a Kiddush at TBOBT**

**Sponsor a simple Kiddush for \$136
or make a donation of \$18 or more
to the Kiddush Fund.**

**Contact Bonni at the Temple office
732-381-8403 ext. 11
or
tbethor@gmail.com.**



ISRAELI DANCE

Wednesday Nights

\$10.00 per class/ \$45 prepaid for 5
A portion of the proceeds go to TBOBT
Led by Elyse Litt 732-396-8299

Any new dancers should contact:

Elyse via email prior to first class at [dancesfrom-
theheart@gmail.com](mailto:dancesfromtheheart@gmail.com)