

TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH

BETH REPORTER

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HAPPY HANUKKAH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hanukkah/Shabbat Dinner to welcome our newest TBOBT members on Friday, December 11. Dinner at 6:30 pm, Service at 8 pm. Cost for dinner is \$20 for TBOBT members, \$25 for non-members, \$6 children 9 to 13; 8 and under no charge. RSVP by December 8.

Hanukkah Outdoor Candle Lighting - Wednesday, December 9 at 6 p.m.

Hanukkah Celebration for Special Adults - Thursday, December 10 from 5 to 7 pm.



FROM THE CANTOR



There is a Hebrew word that encompasses so much of what the Jewish tradition is and ought to be. It has only three letters, and yet in them rests the centrality of Jewish ethics and theology. In English it is chesed, and it is usually translated as “loving-kindness.” The act of bestowing chesed is referred to as gemilut chasadim.

It is this latter term with which many of us are familiar, as it appears in one of the more well-known teachings in Pirkei Avot. “Rabbi Simon the Tzadik taught: The world rests on three things – on Torah, on service of G-d, and on gemilut chasadim.”

What are the classic acts of chesed? Examples may be: being charitable to those in need, visiting the sick, comforting the mourner, attending the deceased. In certain traditional communities, multiple chesed organizations exist to deal with the many different kinds

of needs. So for example, there may be a bikur cholim group to visit the ill, a hatzolah organization to deal with medical emergencies and transport, a chevra kadisha to offer proper care for the deceased, and various other groups that may offer loans, or even come to help if your car breaks down – a sort of AAA of the righteous!

A number of years ago, TBOBT established its own Chesed Group. We had a few meetings and did some important things. But it is time to revitalize this group, so that we can be sure we have a committed core of volunteers prepared to help meet the needs of the TBOBT community.

If you are interested in taking part in TBOBT chesed activities, or just want to learn more about the importance of chesed in Jewish life, please contact me.

Shalom uvracha,
Cantor Steven Stern



The Chesed Committee

Morning Minyan is Back -- Join Us!

Whether you've come in the past, or never attended, your presence will make a difference!

Come for a 25 minute service and enjoy a bagel and coffee afterward. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7 a.m. and Monday and Thursday at 6:50 a.m.

Great prayer and camaraderie!

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Shalom

As the leaves change colors and fall from the trees, the weather turns colder, and the days get shorter, we know that winter is around the corner. "Why did I complain about those scorching summer days?" we wonder, as we pull the warm jackets from the back of the closet. Maybe warmer climates you can stay out most of the year. But, the change of seasons is very enjoyable. Where else can you see the beautiful display of colors from the leaves Hashem gives us.



Thanksgiving and Hanukkah invite us to express gratitude for all that we have. Yes, I am thankful for all we have at Temple Beth Or/Beth Torah. A wonderful warm congregational family, a hard working congregational board, people willing to give up their free time to pitch in and donate funds when we have a desperate situation. When you are sitting with family and friends for Thanksgiving and Hanukkah, remember others who are not as fortunate and give Tzedukah when you can.

On behalf of the Mandelbaum and Silverman families have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Happy Hannukah!

GOLDEN BOOKS

Mazel tov to Evelyn Shulman for being an Honoree of the Torah on Simchat Torah from:
Gloria Sern
Lorraine Itzkowitz
Debbie & Arthur Freedman
Allan & Rayna Warner
Janie & Jonathan Phillips
Claudia & Andrew Dorsch

Mazel tov to Florence Bernstein for being an Honoree of the Torah on Simchat Torah from:
Gloria Sern
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Janie & Jonathan Phillips
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Mazel tov to Barbara James on her special birthday from:
Debbie & Arthur Freedman
Lorraine & Milt Loshin
Allan & Rayna Warner
Fern & Joe Cammy
Joleen & Bob Fridson
Claudia & Andrew Dorsch
Norma & Jack Weinshanker

To Arnold Young in memory of his sister Carona Frankel from:
Russel & Nancy Kelner
Jayne & John Heidelberger & Family
Betty & Mark Needleman & Family
Joleen & Bob Fridson & Family

Mazel tov to Sebley & Bill Hausler on their new home from:
Judy & Steve Hurok
Helene & Al Davis
Jayne & John Heidelberger & Family
Betty & Mark Needleman & Family
Joleen & Bob Fridson & Family
Diane & Michael Goldstein



Join us for a day of
fun at the

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Thursday,

December 24, 2015

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

Cost is only \$30.00 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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SCHOOL NEWS



Our Hebrew School students are not only learning but having a lot of fun while doing it! Our pictures show our Yaldeinu class with their handmade beautiful mezuzah. They are learning about tefillim and the Shema. All the classes including our youngest K'Ton class are continuing learning Hebrew, prayers, songs, and Bible stories.

Lots of learning and lots of fun!!!





SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a great opening meeting in October with Regina of Clark Whole Foods demonstrating fall flower arranging. Everyone who attended made a beautiful floral basket, which they brought home. In addition, there were 4 door prizes created & donated by Regina. Look for pictures of the meeting in this bulletin. You'll see all the lovely creations made by our talented ladies.

This month is our very popular & highly anticipated Paid-Up Membership Dinner Meeting on Monday, November 16 @6pm. It is a free event for everyone who has paid their dues. This is Sisterhood's annual thank you to its members for supporting it. Our fundraising efforts have enabled us to assist the temple with costs for the roof, oneg Shabbats, luncheons and kitchen items. So a big thank you goes out to everyone for continuing to pay dues.

Finally, on behalf of the Sisterhood Board and myself, we want to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Hanukkah!
Joleen Fridson

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.

JUDAICA SHOP NEWS



Happy to report that Jayne Heidelberger will be taking over as gift shop chairman in early 2016. Jayne is creative and enthusiastic and I know she'll do a fine job. Chanukah starts the evening of Dec. 6th. Think of the temple gift shop first for your Chanukah gift-giving needs. If you don't see what you want in the case, ask me! Note that the gift shop is open by appointment and at most sisterhood general meetings. Nancy Kelne nkelner@aol.com or [908-272-9072](tel:908-272-9072).

ISRAELI DANCE

Tuesday Nights

\$10.00 per class/ \$45 prepaid for 5
Proceeds go to TBO/BT.

Led by Elyse Litt 732-396-8299

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

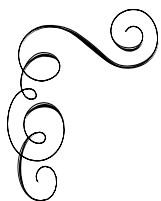


TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH BOARD OF OFFICERS & TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE 2015-2016 MONDAYS, AT 8:00 PM

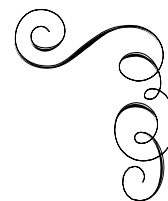
December 14	Congregation Board
January 11	Congregation Board
February 8	Congregation Board
March 14	Congregation Board
April 11	Congregation Board
May 9	Congregation Board
June 20	Congregation Board

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).



**WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS
MADE TO
TBO/BT DURING THE MONTHS OF AUGUST & SEPTEMBER:**
(To make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, call
or email the temple office)



If your donation does not appear on the list it will be included in the next RepOrter.

YAHREZEIT FUND

Donated By	In Memory of
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Naomi Silbert	William Katz
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Lillian Makow	Rose Tannenbaum
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Doris Kalish	Jerome Kalish
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Arthur Gesten	Abraham Gesten
Marlene Plymack	Gussie Berlin
Susan Barr	Gary Barr
Bernice Gola	Glenn Stapelman
Marlene Plymack	Anna Plymack

We would like to thank everyone for their condolences. The outpouring of support was overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

Paula Hymanson and Family

Donations

Ruth Brewster in honor of Arthur Millman

Judi Cohen in honor of Florence Bernstein

Religious School Fund: Lillian Makow in memory of Corona Frankel

Got a Simcha?

**Birthday? Anniversary?
Graduation? New grandchild?
Host a Kiddush at TBO/BT
Sponsor a simple Kiddush for \$136 or
make a donation
of \$18 or more to the Kiddush Fund.
Call the office at 732-381-8403 x11 or
tbethor@gmail.com.**

Temple Beth O'r / Beth Torah

NEW MEMBER HANUKKAH - SHABBAT DINNER

*Let's celebrate together and Honor our New Members on
Friday Evening, December 11, 2015!*

Lauren & Jon-Henry Barr and Ainsley, Leah, & Elizabeth

Karen Hivry

Esther & Alan Pollack and Sophia & Harrison

Barbara Cohen - Price

Elena & Gary Riveles and Jaden & Adam

Sheryl & Mark Traum

Inessa & Nikolai Cherenkov and Alexander & Emily



Enjoy a traditional Hanukkah-Shabbat dinner at 6:30 pm.
Attend a beautiful Shabbat service at 8:00 pm.
Mingle at a delicious Oneg Shabbat after services.

Hanukkah - Shabbat Dinner Reservation Form

Member cost for dinner: \$20.00 per adult

Children age 8 and under no charge.

Non Member cost: \$25.00 per adult

\$6.00 per child age 9 -13.

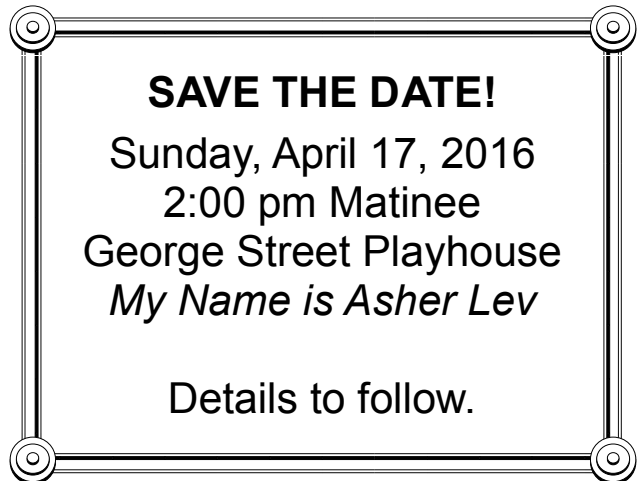
Enclosed is my check for _____ adults and _____ children totalling \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please make check payable to: TBO/BT, 111 Valley Road, Clark, NJ 07066

Or call 732-381-8403 x 11 to make reservations. RSVP by Tuesday, December 8, 2015.



CONGREGATION MEETINGS

Monday, March 14, 7:30 pm

Monday, May 9, 7:30 pm



**Would you like to learn to
speak Hebrew?**

If so, please contact Nancy Kelner at
nkelner@aol.com or 908-272-9072.

If we have enough people, we'll look
into hiring a teacher.

FROM THE TBOBT MEN'S CLUB

**Operation Paperclip – The American Importation of Nazis after WWII:
Did this Change America?**

December 6, 2015, Minyan 9 a.m., Light Breakfast 9:45 a.m.,
Presentation 10:10 a.m.

Our speaker, Alan Coen is a graduate of Bucknell University and Rutgers Law School, a retired attorney and a member of Temple Beth O'R –Beth Torah Men's Club. He is an avid historian and researcher in the in political history of 19th and 20th century America.

Elements of the American Government brought many former Nazis to this country after the war. Many were scientists, engineers, doctors and technicians. Also, many were in German intelligence. The scientists were involved with the space program; the intelligence agents helped form the CIA.

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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 \$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.

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in Woodbridge
available.

Please call the temple office
if you are interested.



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