

Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah

# BETH REPORTER

ELUL 5776–TISHRI 5777

OCTOBER 2016



## **The Men's Club**

**Pancake Breakfast in the Sukkah  
for the entire Congregation!**

**Sunday, October 23, 2016**



**Admission is FREE. Everyone is welcome!!  
A donation is greatly appreciated.**

Hebrew School & K'ton students and families -- 9:15 to 10:15 am  
Congregation -- after Minyan at 9:45 am

Please RSVP to Michael Goldstein @ 908-241-0509,  
Mike Miller @ 908-233-9624 or the temple office.

## From the Cantor



*The following is a brief excerpt from Cantor Stern's Yom Kippur sermon.*

Not long ago I was sitting in my office with a family that was checking out our shul.

We talked about

programming, holidays, education for children. I felt I had pretty good answers for all their specific questions, but as I spoke with them I suddenly realized what I had always known but never so viscerally felt -- namely, that it was not merely the substance of the answers that mattered, but rather whether the parents would find in our school, in our teachers, in our clergy, the role models they sought for their children and perhaps for themselves as well. We were being judged not only by what we said and what we taught but by who we were. Were we perceived as kind and caring, tolerant yet strong, confident and having conviction?

We know that especially children need positive role models. Of course the primary ones are parents. Kids watch everything we do, everything we say, and it all impacts who they become.

But there are other role models as well – teachers, coaches, entertainers, sports figures and politicians. Did I say politicians? Yes I did, and please know that I will not for one moment get into any discussion of politics or which candidate I may or may not support. The only thing I will say is I wish the candidates talked less, **all of them.**

My hero in this regard is Calvin Coolidge. He was our 30th president. He had what one would call a laconic style, that is to say, he was very sparing with his words. One time at a dinner at the White House he was seated next to a woman who said to him, “Mr. President, I’ve made a bet that I can get you to say three words.” He looked at her and said, “You lose!”

Another time he came home from Sunday church and his wife who was waiting for him at home asked, “So what did the minister speak about?” “Sin,” he said. “Oh, what did he say about it?” “He said he was against it!”

Now that may be taking terseness to an extreme, but more measured language on the part **everyone** is a good thing!

It's not just children who need good role models. We adults do as well. We need people we can look up to, who inspire us to grow, to be the best that we can be. We need role models for us as individuals and we need role models who can represent us as a people, men and women who we feel can speak for us. This year was a particularly difficult one in that the Jewish world lost a number of very special men and women who served as role models....

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We can only be ourselves, but we must be the best version of ourselves. We must be role models. I sat this past week with a family in our community that had experienced a loss. And as I spoke with the good man's daughters they said to me that their dad was a really great father and that he was a great role model. And I said, there is not anything that you can say that is more meaningful. He was a role model who taught you how to love your Jewish tradition, he taught you to respect your fellow man. That is the highest tribute you can pay to anyone. Those are the things they hopefully will one day say of us. Whether we are parents, or grandparents, whether we are ushers in a congregation or just regular congregants, we can all be role models. Our tradition needs us to be that, and indeed the entire world needs for us to be that. It cries out for each and every one of us to be examples for others.

In this New Year, may we be blessed with good health, with peace and with equanimity, and may we use those blessings to become the best role models we can be for those with whom we share this ultimate blessing called life.

Shana Tova and Gmar Hatima Tova

## From The Co-Presidents

We are now entering into a New Year. As you take time during the High Holidays to reflect on your Jewish values, we invite you to think about the future and how you can be part of something meaningful. This is an opportunity to build a stronger Jewish community.

As we look to make changes to better our personal lives, we should look beyond ourselves and our community to the wider world. By being aware and self educating, we can make a difference by helping others.

Together we will help change the world.

From our families to each of yours, we wish you a year filled with health, happiness and peace at home, in Israel, and worldwide.

Janice and Lillian

### Education Report

We had a very successful opening of school on September 11th. We welcomed a new family with two K'Ton age children. This brings our total enrollment for all classes to nineteen students.

We have worked diligently over the summer to adjust the curriculum of our Olim class. Since two of our students had Bat Mitzvahs last June and the rest will have Bar Mitzvahs during 2017, we included more mature subjects into the curriculum which would be more age appropriate for these student's interest and maturity. We will be monitoring and adjusting whenever and wherever appropriate.

We also worked on including new materials for the Yaldeinu class. Using a blended interactive computer program and an interactive digital workbook program called "Hebrew in Harmony", we will bring new interest into the classroom. The Cantor was introduced to these programs during his attendance at the Learning Conference in Chicago.

Thelma, Gene, Elaine and Cantor

### Membership News

Thank you to our members who took the time to make our New Year greeting phone calls to our congregants!

Jill Burkhard  
Susan Goodman  
Karen Hivry  
Doris Kalish  
Thelma Purdy  
Sheryl Traum  
Rayna Warner

Debbie Freedman  
Gitta Harel  
Lorraine Itzkowitz  
Lillian Makow  
Howard Silverman  
Claire Warech  
Norma Weinshanker

I'd also like to welcome our newest members:

**Aron Richman and family      Sondra Eisenberg**  
**Leo and Doris Terr              Richard Parness**  
**Jeffrey and Meryl Itzkowitz**  
**Daniel, Jaclyn, Elizabeth & Jonathan Eckert**  
**David, Stacey, Hailey & Hunter Simon**

Shana Tova,  
Audrey

**Mazel Tov to our 5777-Honorees of the Torah  
Deborah Freedman and Gene & Dennis Berry**

### PARKING LOT SALE

Our parking lot sale was held on September 11th and 18th, and it turned out to be a success.

Many thanks to all of our members who cleaned their closets and garages and donated their goods for the temple to sell. Of course all of the above would not be possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers along with Mariela. Many thanks to you all. Most of all I want to thank Rayna for her countless time spent on the sale and arranging the pick-up of the merchandise that was not sold.

It's not too early to start making your piles for our next year's sale so we can have another success.

Thanks, Evie

## Sisterhood President's Message

Now that we had our meeting in September with Jamie Novak, the "Queen of Organizing", I know all of you who attended it have been furiously cleaning out drawers and closets! By now you have found some hidden treasures that you thought you would never see again!! You should be receiving Jamie's weekly emails with tips if you have given her your address.



Although we don't have a meeting this month due to the holidays, we are gearing up for our annual Paid-Up Dinner Meeting on Thursday, November 17th at 6:00 PM. Invitations will be out after Yom Kippur. To reserve a place, all you need to do is call Evie Shulman at 908-276-6894 by November 14th. When you attend on November 17, you simply pay your dues of \$36. If they're already paid, your dinner and program are free! This year's program is a fashion show by Dress Barn of Clark. If you want to model, please contact Diane Goldstein at 908-241-0509. She is in charge of the fashion show.

Finally, on behalf of the Sisterhood Board, I would like to wish you all a healthy and happy New Year.

L'Shana Tova,  
Joleen

## Goldenbooks

Mazel Tov to Wendy & Alan Mandelbaum on the engagements of their daughters Leslie & Meryl:

From: Fern & Joe Cammy  
Joleen & Bob Fridson  
Betty & Mark Needleman  
Debbie & Arthur Freedman

Mazel Tov to Laurie & Michael Saks on the birth of their grandson:

From: Fern & Joe Cammy  
Joleen & Bob Fridson  
Helene & Al Davis & family  
Betty & Mark Needleman  
Debbie & Arthur Freedman

Mazel Tov to Diane & Michael Goldstein on the birth of their grandson:

From: Fern & Joe Cammy  
Joleen & Bob Fridson  
Betty & Mark Needleman  
Debbie & Arthur Freedman  
Janice & Herb Hymanson

Mazel Tov to Florence Bernstein on the birth of her great grandson:

From: Fern & Joe Cammy  
Judy & Steve Hurok

Mazel Tov to Evie Shulman on the marriage of her son Michael to Michelle Solomon

From: Norma & Jack Weinshanker  
Janice & Herb Hymanson



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### 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:  
Gene Berry (732-388-3453).



### Reminder to Sisterhood members:

Please pay your dues in October to get your Donor Credit.

## From The TBOBT Men's Club

At the September Temple Board Meeting, the Men's Club requested that the official Temple programs and activities calendar be posted on the TBOBT website to reduce conflicts.

On Sunday 11, at the Men's Club breakfast meeting after morning Minyan, plans were made for recruiting High Holiday ushers.

The Men's Club will support the Temple Energy Sustainability Committee chaired by Michael Goldstein. We will enlist the help of the GreenFaith Energy certification staff to navigate the New Jersey and federal programs that provide up to 70% of the qualified cost improvements.

Saturday, October 17 at 10 am was the start of the Adults with Special Needs Shabbat Program for 2016-17. This is our 30<sup>th</sup> year.

On Sunday October 18, Men's Club members Martin Goldman and Dennis Berry patched the driveway behind the building.

After Minyan on September 25<sup>th</sup>, we erected the Sukkah frame and walls. Thank you to Michael Roth, Harvin Freedman, Martin Goldman, Dennis Berry, Juan Paez, Alan Mandelbaum, Aron and Alan Richman and Mike Miller.

On Sunday, October 16, Hebrew School students and parents assisted in installing decorations in Sukkah under the direction of Barbara James.

### **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.

### **Upcoming**

Sunday, October 23: Men's Club Pancake Breakfast  
Thursday, October 27: MC Game Night -- billiards & ice cream in Scotch Plains

Wednesday, November 9: **FJMC Man of the Year Dinner** at Marlboro Jewish Center, Marlboro, NJ. We will honor Theodore Moreines as TBOBT Men's Club Man of the Year. Reception begins at 6 pm. Cost is \$54 per person. RSVP to Mike Miller by Oct. 31.

Sunday, November 6: Men's Club Veterans Day Breakfast. **PLEASE CHECK TBOBT HONOR ROLL POSTED IN THE LOBBY FOR ACCURACY. All TBOBT military veterans should be listed.** Contact Mike Miller at mwmillerchem\_102@aol.

The Men's Club is looking forward to a busy year and invites all the men of TBOBT to join and actively participate. We are open to suggestions for new activities.

L' Shana Tova,  
Mike W. Miller & Mike Goldstein

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

October 10	Congregation Board
November 14	Congregation Board
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

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

# Happenings



# at TBOBT



## SCHEDULE OF SUKKOT SERVICES

Monday, October 17	First Day Sukkot	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 18	Second Day Sukkot	9:30 a.m.
Friday, October 21	Shabbat Evening Service	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 22	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 23	Hoshanah Rabbah	9:00 a.m.
Monday, October 24	Shemini Atzeret & <b>Yizkor</b> Dedication of Yahrzeit Plaques Eve of Simchat Torah	9:30 a.m. 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25	Simchat Torah Honorees of the Torah: Gene & Dennis Berry and Deborah Freedman	9:30 a.m.

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

First Evening Sukkot, Sunday, October 16	5:57 p.m.
Second Evening Sukkot, Monday, October 17	6:54 p.m.
Shabbat, Friday, October 21	5:49 p.m.
Shemini Atzeret, Sunday, October 23	5:47 p.m.

***Sisterhood invites you to purchase a ticket for the  
Shop Smart Do Good Fundraising Event  
at the Westfield Lord & Taylor  
Shop Saturday, October 29, 2016***



**Cost: \$5.00 per ticket**

Don't miss out on great savings!! Pre-sell prior to the event!

Tickets available at the Temple office or from Judy Hurok (908-654-4448)

**Thank you to Sisterhood for arranging for the  
repair of the front railings and the temple lighting.**

*The family of George Schisler wishes to thank its TBO/BT family for the outpouring of support and condolences during our time of mourning. Your kind words and thoughtfulness have been a source of comfort during this difficult time.*

Dear Temple members

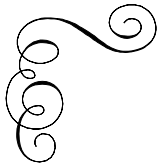
On behalf of Michael, Michelle, the Solomon family and myself, I would like to thank our members for all their good wishes and tribute cards honoring the children's wedding.

Cantor Stern officiated over the children's marriage and it was perfect.

Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

Sincerely, Evie





**The TBOBT Family extends Mazel Tov to:**

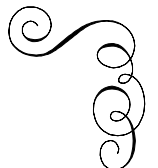
Alan and Wendy Mandelbaum on the engagement of their daughter Meryl to Brian Miller  
Joe & Fern Cammy on the birth of their 1st granddaughter, Harper Vale Cammy .  
She is the daughter of Joshua & Becky Cammy.

Joe & Fern Cammy on the engagement of their son Shawn to Sage Heyman.

**The TBOBT Family expresses Condolences to:**

Evelyn Schisler on the passing of her husband George

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



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**General Fund**

Gitta Harel: In honor of the marriage of Evelyn Shulman's son Michael to Michelle Solomon.  
Gitta Harel: In honor of the engagement of Alan and Wendy Mandelbaum's daughter Leslie to Mitchell Lake  
Mollie Serell: In memory of Sy Serell  
Sima Dorf Murphy  
Jerome Entin: In honor of the Purdys

**Religious School Fund**

Gene Berry: In memory of Harry Maltzer

**Cantor's Discretionary Fund**

Harriet Rothschild: In loving memory of Gertrude Rothenberg, Benjamin Vineberg, Edward Rothenberg, Fannie Rothschild, and David Zimmerman  
Evelyn Shulman: In Appreciation

**Harold & Doris Presser Memorial Fund**

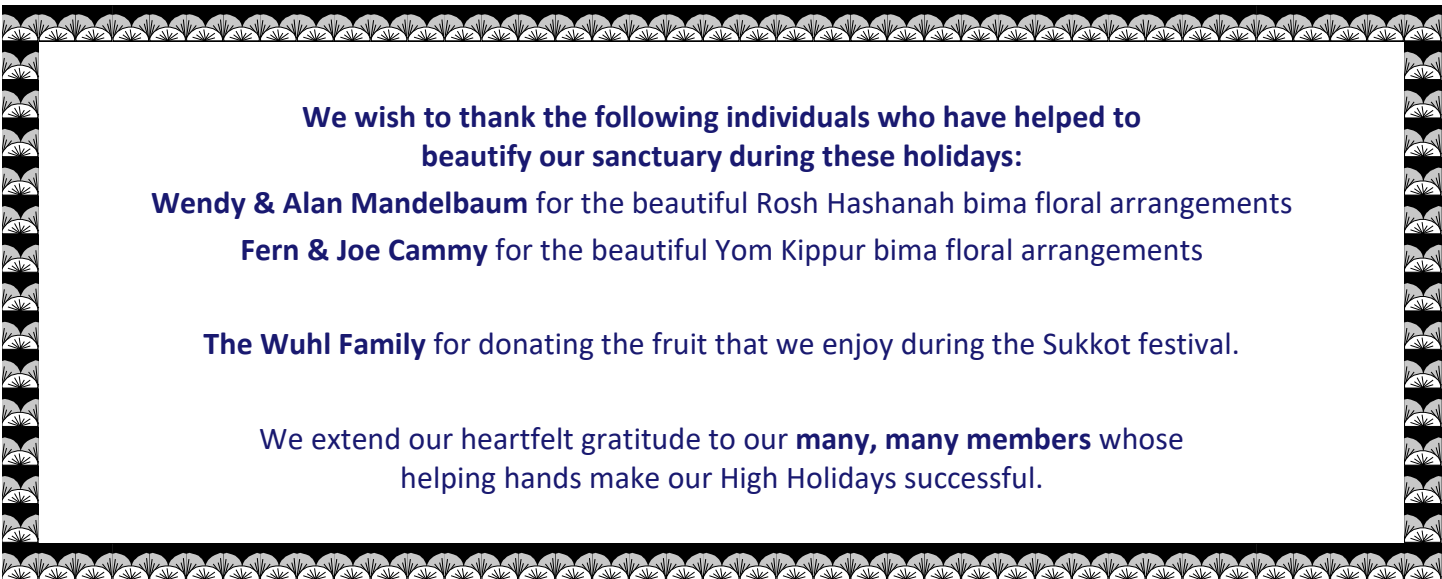
Fern & Joseph Cammy: In honor of the marriage of Evelyn Shulman's son Michael Shulman to Michelle Solomon.

**We wish to thank the following individuals who have helped to  
beautify our sanctuary during these holidays:**

**Wendy & Alan Mandelbaum** for the beautiful Rosh Hashanah bima floral arrangements  
**Fern & Joe Cammy** for the beautiful Yom Kippur bima floral arrangements

**The Wuhl Family** for donating the fruit that we enjoy during the Sukkot festival.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our **many, many members** whose helping hands make our High Holidays successful.



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**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.

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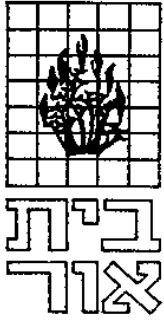


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