

Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah

BETH REPORTER

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SEPTEMBER 2016

Happy New Year 5777



Our Annual Parking Lot Sale
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Sunday, September 18, 2016
9:00 AM–2:00 PM

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From the Cantor



This is the September issue of the BETH RepORter, so it's likely that you have turned to this page expecting to read something I've written on the subject of the upcoming High

Holidays. Except that this year I'd like to turn the tables, and invite you to do the writing. Not to worry, I'll give you some guidelines. I will pose four questions, each connected with a holiday theme, and you can pick one and then allow your creativity to flow in response.

And here is the exciting part. I will read your responses at some point during the holiday services. And better yet, the authors of the most inspirational submissions will receive special holiday gifts!

Now, the reason for all this is surely, in part, to encourage your participation in the service. So rather than just listening to clergy speak from the bima, you'll be hearing the voices of your fellow congregants. But even more important is that by participating you will be giving some serious thought to the essence of this holiday season. The days leading up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are in a way just as important as the holidays themselves, because without some preparatory reflection, the holidays are likely to be void of the deep meaning they are meant to impart. Without some serious introspection during the month of Elul, we pass up an opportunity for growth and transformation during the months that follow.

So here are the questions:

1. **Forgiveness:** What does it really mean to forgive others and to forgive oneself?
2. **Growth:** How have I grown during this past year and how might I encourage greater growth in myself and in others in the year ahead?
3. **Legacy:** What do I want my life's legacy to be, and what can I do in the coming year to move closer to its fulfillment?
4. **Decisions:** When I walk into the polling booth to vote this year, what are the Jewish values that will guide me? (Please, no endorsements of any candidates or parties!)

Please send me your responses by email, or send a hard copy to the temple office to my attention. All responses will be read anonymously (and may be sent anonymously as well).

I am looking forward to hearing from you. And I am looking forward to personally greeting everyone at our holiday services, with best wishes for a New Year of health, happiness and peace.

Shana tova,

Cantor



TBOBT Choir

If you are interested in experiencing the joy of singing for the holidays on the bima, contact Cantor Stern for more information.

From The Co-Presidents

Shalom Chaverim,

Thank you very much for the confidence you have shown in selecting Janice Hymanson and me to serve as Co-Presidents of our Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah Family. She and I share your love for our Sanctuary and we are determined to work hard on your behalf.

I want to thank the entire membership of Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah. Each of you has chosen to heed the words of Hillel the Elder to, "Separate not thyself from the community..." Instead, you have chosen to join the community and, in doing so, you provide the support needed to keep our Temple thriving. That support manifests itself in countless ways...too many ways to enumerate. My hope is that you will continue your efforts. The Pirkei Avot, Sayings of our Fathers, tells us, "According to the labor is the reward." Therefore, I ask you to make an extra effort, to work harder: Come to a service, join a committee, sponsor a Kiddush, send a Golden Book, buy ShopRite Gift Cards, join Sisterhood, Men's Club, take a class, and sponsor a fundraiser. I assure you the reward will be great. And to quote Hillel again, "If not now, when?"

Education Report

The Education Committee has been and continues to work over the summer preparing for a smooth running 2016-2017 school year.

Our teachers are in place for our K'Ton, Yaldeinu and Olim classes. Our calendar is complete. School will begin on Sunday, September 11th for all three classes. We will also host an Open House for any interested families to spend some time with us and our students. The school year will end in the later part of May.

We look forward to a successful, interesting, learning experience for all of our students.

Elaine, Genie , Thelma and Cantor

Our dues supply only about 50% of the funds needed to maintain the services we provide to our community. The rest is raised through fundraisers such as our "2016 Membership and Business Directory." It is dedicated to: the 105th Anniversary of Temple Beth Torah, the 58th Anniversary of Temple Beth O'r, and the upcoming 25th Anniversary of the uniting of our 2 families and to the extraordinary men and women who made these milestones possible. Please place a tribute in the directory to celebrate these remarkable events. On September 11th, we are holding our 3rd Annual Driveway Sale. To be successful, we need donors, workers and buyers. We are counting on each of you to contribute to the success of these fund raisers in anyway you can.

Thank you, again, for choosing to be members and supporters of our Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah Family.

May we always go from strength to strength.

B'Shalom,

Lillian Makow



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

September 12	Congregation Board
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

Sisterhood President's Message

Sisterhood wants to welcome you with a special opening meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 8:00 pm. We will be educated & entertained by Jamie Novak, a renowned author and organizing expert. She will speak on "How to Declutter & Organize Your Life." What a fitting way to start the new year! Attend the meeting to get some good ideas and also have a good laugh!



This fall you will notice some much needed repairs to the temple. This is the result of your generous support of Sisterhood projects. We are able to do this because you purchased Calendar ads, Shop-Rite vouchers, Golden Book cards, Shalach Mones baskets and made contributions to Special Funds. Right now we are having the front steps fixed and front railing reinforced and painted. Electrical work is being done on outside lights, and rewiring of lights in the social hall and library. Work will be completed before the High Holidays, which will ensure your safety!

Thank you for all your past and continued support. It is greatly appreciated!!

Joleen Fridson

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)

Goldenbooks

To Michael Goldstein in memory of his mother Faye Goldstein from Gloria Sern.

To Betty Needleman in memory of her mother Rose Unger from Gloria Sern.

To Freida Posnock: Wishing you a speedy recovery from Janice & Herb Hymanson.

To Alan Rubin on his special birthday from Gloria Sern.

To Thelma Purdy on her special birthday from Gloria Sern.

To Mollie Serell in memory of her husband Seymour Serell from Lorraine & Milton Loshin.

To Michael Goldstein in memory of his mother Faye Goldstein from Norma & Jack Weinshanker.

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 August and September to get your \$5.00 Donor Credit.

Lost and Found

DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING?

Contact the Temple Office at 732-381-8403, ext 11 to see if it was turned into our **Lost and Found!**

From The TBOBT Men's Club

Summer Activities:

The Men's Club Programs and Activities calendar was blocked out and posted on the TBO-BT Web site after the July Board meeting. We are open to additions. Contact Mike W Miller.

The Men's Club made phone calls and attended several Shiva minyans. We purchased and distributed Bat Mitzvah books and ordered "Jewish Practices for Mourning" to distribute to Temple families that will be sitting Shiva.

On July 19, the Men's Club sponsored Friday night Oneg and participated in the service. Cantor Stern led the service. Kenneth Friedlander, Alan Coen, Ed Miretskiy and Mark Needleman led English readings. Mike Miller gave the D'var Torah, "Elul a Month of Self -Evaluation: Ecological Warning Signs."

The month of Elul is not a mourning period but a period of personal evaluation of our activities of the past year to prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur by increasing our commitment to the Mitzvot of the Torah.

Today we are facing an environmental crisis that presents us with numerous warning signs. These warning signs are a call for us to wake up and change our ways before we cause irreparable harm to our planet.

We are in danger of over-using the precious resources (such as clean air, clean water, trees, fish, and healthy foods) that God has granted us, which would make life much more difficult for us and especially for people who already live in poverty. This exercise is an opportunity to identify warning signs and develop a response to the warnings, as it relates to protecting the environment.

September

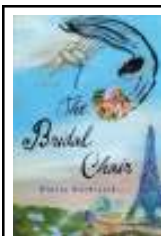
Saturday 17th is the start of the Adults with Special Needs Shabbat Program for 2016-17; 10:00am. This is the 30th year.

There will be a Men's Club Breakfast Meeting after morning Minyan on Sunday 18th at 10:00 am. We need to complete plans for recruiting High Holiday Ushers, and erecting the Sukkah frame during the Men's Club & School Pancake Breakfast on September 25th.

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 of new activities.

Mike W. Miller and Mike Goldstein



The Temple Book Club will meet on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 10 am.

The book will be "The Bridal Chair" by Gloria Goldreich.

Any questions?

Please call Thelma Purdy at 732-381-5225.

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

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.

Happenings



Shabbat Under the Stars drew a large crowd that enjoyed an outdoor service to welcome the Sabbath, followed by a delicious dinner, all amidst the beauty and serenity of nature!



On June 26th, the TBOBT Men's Club honored Edward Miretskiy as the 2016 Sidney Goldstein - Aaron Margolin Minyanaire of the Year.



Jay Schleslinger helps with the lighting at the Temple entrance.



at TBOBT



Our Open House and opening session of Hebrew School on September 11 brought together students, parents and teachers, all excited about the coming school year.



Evie Shulman and her dedicated crew prepare for our annual Parking Lot



2016 HIGH HOLIDAYS 5777

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, Sept. 24	SELICHOT at TBOBT	TBA
Sunday, Oct. 2	ROSH HASHANAH EVE	6:15 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 3	FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH	9:00 a.m.
	Meet at Temple	5:00 p.m.
	Tashlich (Rahway River Park)	5:15 p.m.
	Mincha/ Evening Service at Temple	6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 4	SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH	9:00 a.m.
	Mincha	
	Evening Service	6:15 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 7	Kabbalah Shabbat	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8	SHABBAT SHUVAH	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 11	Mincha/ KOL NIDRE	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday., Oct. 12	YOM KIPPUR	9:30 a.m.
	Yizkor Memorial Service (approx.)	11:30 a.m.
	Mincha	5:00 p.m.
	Neilah	6:00 p.m.
		(followed by Maariv & Havdallah)
	Sounding of Shofar	7:15 p.m.

TORAH FOR TOTS (ages 3-6) & JUNIOR CONGREGATION (ages 7-13)

If you would like your children or grandchildren to participate in either program, **you must contact and register** with the temple office **by September 16th.**

Both programs are contingent upon your response.

TICKET PICK UP TIMES

Your tickets must be picked up at the temple during times listed below:

Wednesday, September 21: 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Sunday, September 25: 9:00 am—noon

Wednesday, September 28: 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

The temple office **will not** have tickets.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

First Night Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, October 2 6:19 p.m.

Second Night Rosh Hashanah
Monday, October 3 7:16 p.m.

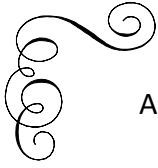
Shabbat Shuvah
Friday, October 7 6:11 p.m.

Yom Kippur
Tuesday, October 11 6:04 p.m.

Thank you to all my friends and family for sharing my special Birthday.

Your generous gifts and donations were greatly appreciated.

Alan Rubin



The TBOBT Family extends Mazel Tov to:

Michael & Diane Goldstein on the birth of their grandson

Michael & Laurie Saks on the birth of their grandson

Alan & Wendy Mandelbaum on the engagement of their daughter Leslie to Mitchell Lake

Evelyn Shul on the marriage of her son Michael to Michelle Solomon

The TBOBT Family expresses Condolences to:

Mollie Serell on the passing of her husband Seymour

Jerry Miller on the passing of his sister Marilyn Freeman

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

(To make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, call or email the temple office.)

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General Fund

Dennis & Judy Turner: In Honor of Alan Rubin's 90th Birthday.
Dick & Lisa Lavroff: In Honor of Alan Rubin's 90th Birthday.
Alan, Jane Gold Gutman & Judith Gold: In honor of Alan Rubin's 90th Birthday.
Steve & Judy Hurok: In honor of Alan Rubin's 90th Birthday.
Janet Rooney: Thank you to Toby Prince.
Jay & Gertrude Heyman: In honor of Alan Rubin's 90th Birthday.
Ruth Dengrove: In honor of Alan Rubin's 90th Birthday
Gitta Harel: for Arthur Purdy's book of poems.

Religious School Fund

Jordan Vogel & Family: In Honor of Alan Rubin's 90th Birthday.
Genie & Dennis Berry: In honor of Alan Rubin's 90th Birthday.

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

George & Evelyn Schisler: In memory of Faye Goldstein.
Judy Gottlieb: In honor of Alan Rubin's 90th Birthday.
Mindy & Ed Leibowitz: In appreciation .
Alan Rubin: In appreciation.

Sisterhood

Gitta Harel: In honor of Alan Rubin's 90th Birthday.

A Tree was planted in Israel by:

Janice & Herb Hymanson: In Honor of Alan Rubin's 90th Birthday.

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Laurie, Ed, Mindy, Steven, Scott, Lucy, Lauren and Jasper: In Honor of Alan Rubin's Special Birthday.
Thelma and Arthur Purdy: In honor of Thelma's Special Birthday.
Evie Shulman: in honor of the Aufruf of Michael and Michelle.

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The Men's Club

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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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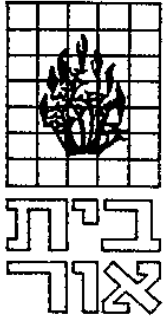
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