

Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah

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Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah
Sol Sern Memorial Trogram
presents
The Comedy of Bob Alper!
Sunday, February 24 at 3:00 PM



Bob Alper has appeared all over the country with his hilarious comedy routine. He is an ordained rabbi with a doctorate from Princeton Theological Seminary and his comedy bits play regularly on Sirius/XM Radio. He's been seen on The Today Show, Good Morning America, Showtime and CNN.

The Program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the temple office at 732-381-8404, ext. 11

The program is made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and by the TBOBT Sol Sern Memorial Fund.

We cordially invite you to attend our Membership Appreciation Shabbat Dinner

Friday, March 1, 2019 - Dinner: 6:30 PM / Services: 8:00 PM



Join Us in Welcoming and Honoring Our New Members:

David, Jillian, Justin & Aubrey Kessel Eric, Dana, Shiloh & Delilah Levine Jeremy, Amy, Samuel & Logan Dietz Don and Ellen Dubow Miriam Karlin

Cost for Dinner Adults: \$25.00

Children 10-14 years of age: \$12.00 / Children 9 and under: free

Please RSVP to the Temple at tbethor@gmail.com or (732) 381-8403 no later than February 21

From the Cantor



There is the well-known rabbinic dictum: Mi shenichnas Adar marbim b'simcha— when the month of Adar arrives, we are to increase the joy in our lives. Now, since this is a leap year in the

Jewish calendar, we actually have an Adar 1 and an Adar 2. So it is only appropriate that we have a special event in each of these months to bring an extra measure of joy.

On the 19th of Adar 1, which corresponds to February 24, we'll be treated to the hilarious humor of Bob Alper. Bob is a very funny guy and has been described as a cross between Steve Martin and Alan Alda. As a former pulpit rabbi, he says that he has had lots of experience performing before difficult crowds! I think he will find TBOBT to be very welcoming. Please mark your calendars and don't miss this, our annual Sol Sern Memorial Program!

And on the 14th of Adar 2, March 20, in the evening, we will celebrate with our annual Purim Extravaganza. Hear the Megillah reading, participate in our Costume Parade, win a prize, and enjoy our famous Ice Cream Social! This is always one of our most fun-filled events of the year!

Living joyfully, with simcha, is a central Jewish theme, indeed an imperative. "Ivdu et HaShem b'simcha," declares the Book of Psalms. "Serve G-d with joy!" This is true throughout the year, but it is especially true in Adar. Who would deny that there is enough sadness and melancholy to go around in this world -- one need not have to go searching for it. But we are morally obligated to make a conscious effort to bring simcha into our lives.

According to researchers on the subject, much of our tendency toward happiness is genetic. But the good news is that a full 40% is connected to the choices we make. Connecting with others and doing playful things are on the list of things we can do, says one noted expert from the long-running Harvard Study on Adult Development.

So join us for the comedy concert and for the Purim festivities. You will connect with others in a playful atmosphere. And, I am certain, you will be happy!

Joyfully, Cantor Steven Stern



Join us for our Purim Extravaganza on Wednesday, March 20

Pasta Dinner - 6 pm;
Megillah Reading & Costume Parade - 6:30 pm,
followed by our famous Ice Cream Social!

There is no cost for Temple members but RSVP to the office for Dinner by Friday, March 15th!

From The Co-Presidents

Presidents' Message

It's nearly the official end of winter. Thank you winter, you haven't been so brutal this year, but we hope you don't mind we are ready to say goodbye. It's that time again that we simply long for springtime. If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant.

Purim this year begins at sundown on Wednesday, March 20th and ends at sundown on March 21st, just as we welcome the first day of spring. Purim teaches us to never give up hope. Instead let us embrace the words of Queen Esther in times of trouble She told us what we must do, she asked that we bond in unity, stop hurting one another and join together in prayer. This is the time to strengthen our Jewish pride and reach out to someone with kindness.

On Friday, March 1st we are welcoming our five new member families. Please respond on time so a beautiful Member Appreciation Shabbat Dinner will have a great turnout.

This year a personal letter was sent to each congregant in order to encourage attendance at Shabbat morning services. We are very pleased with the responses. We also need volunteers for our security task team which is an essential part of our safety.

Our synagogue must serve as the heart and soul of our spiritual community. Heading forward we must keep the bar high and provide opportunities for all our congregants to be engaged in services, committees and events.

Shalom from your Presidents, Toby Prince and Audrey Silverman

Education Report

Our Hebrew School students are making great progress in their studies. The Lomdim Class continues to learn the Kabbalat Shabbat prayers and will be leading an upcoming Family Service. They participated in a Tu B'Shevat Seder in January to celebrate the Land of Israel.

All of our Olim Class students are currently engaged in pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah studies and we look forward to celebrating with them and their families in the months ahead.

Purim is around the corner. We will have our annual celebration with Megillah reading, Costume Parade and Ice Cream Social on March 20. Get your costumes ready!

Keep an eye on our calendar for an upcoming Hebrew School Open House. Invite your friends and neighbors with school-age children to attend!

B'Shalom,

Thelma, Elaine, Judy and Cantor

Ways & Means

Aaron Bloom performed his magic on Sunday, January 6th for a crowd of nearly 80 people! A luscious brunch was included and a good time was had by all.

Aaron has agreed to "reappear" again next year as we look forward to more magic.

Evie Shulman

Ways & Means

Sisterhood Message



Hello everyone!

Sisterhood has some upcoming events that are sure to warm you up this winter!

On Sunday, February 17th at 9:45 AM, Susan Kobren will speak on Jewish Geneology. Learn how to research your family tree! A sumptuous breakfast will be served. You can shop for items in the Gift Shop, buy ShopRite gift cards and socialize with friends. Call the office by Friday, February 15 to reserve a spot.

Soon you will be getting by mail an order form for Purim Shalach Mones baskets & certificates. Prices remain the same. Send the forms back with checks to Helene Davis as soon as possible. Remember, it's a mitzvah to send and great to receive.

Once again, we are asking for volunteers to help assemble the Purim baskets and fill out the certificates on Monday, March 18 at 7:30 PM at the temple. It's easy and so much fun and only takes an hour or so of your time. You even earn donor credit! Thanks for your anticipated participation.

Joleen

Golden Books

To Judy Hurok: Congratulations on her retirement

From: Marilyn Weinstein

To Ruth and Bernie Burkhoff: Mazel Tov on the

birth of a great grandchild From: Marilyn Weinstein

Happy Birthday to Jack Weinshanker

From: Arleen & Mel Duchin

To Florence Bernstein: Mazel Toy on the birth of a

great grandson

From: Adeline Gesten

Speedy recovery to Bonni Clark

From: Fern & Joe Cammy

Evie Shulman

Debbie & Arthur Freedman

Joleen & Bob Fridson

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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).

Don't forget to buy ShopRite Gift Cards for the holidays!

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

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

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.

From The TBOBT Men's Club

January Activities:

Saturday, January 7 - the Adults with Special Needs attended Services. Some members are learning parts of Aleinu. At the Luncheon they expressed their appreciation for the Hanukah Party held on December (see picture in this issue).

February Activities:

Saturday, February 2 - the Adults with Special needs will attend services.

Sunday, February 3 - the World Wide Tefillin Wrap will be led by Theo Moreines and Michael Goldstein. Extra Tefillin available at the lesson. The club can arrange to purchase new Tefillin from the FJMC office at a good price.

Please RSVP to Michael Goldstein (908-241-0509) by Jan. 29th. Breakfast at 9:4 5am sponsored by Men's Club. February week of the 26th - Dennis Berry and crew will prepare Yom HaShoah candles for distribution.

March Activities:

March 2nd - Adults With Special Needs attend services.

Yellow Candle Holocaust Program

This year Mike Miller will again prepare Tea Light Yellow Candles for those who cannot use a flame including students in dorms. They are distributed by request. Call office before **March 4th**!

Wednesday night, March 20 after the Purim Spiel, Mike Miller and Jay Schlesinger will hand out Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles with the Sisterhood Purim baskets. The congregation members who do not pick up candles at Purim will receive them by mail or MC delivery before Passover. Call the office if you do not receive your candle by April 15th.

New programming - Dan Eckert has agreed to help contact and discuss with other young parents what programming they might be interested in that can be sponsored by Men's Club. We are reaching out for someone to run a Yom Hashoah Program this spring.

Men's Club Shabbat will be Saturday, May 4. Call Howard Silverman to participate. Before the close of the fiscal year, we are looking for a leader to run a Hearing Mens' Voices program. There are many topics to choose from.

Security team volunteers are needed to help cover security procedures for Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning services and whenever there are programs at the synagogue. All arms of the Temple are encouraged to provide staffing.

For 2017-2018, Men's Club received a Quality Club Award.

Next meeting is Sunday, February 24, 2019 after morning minyan and breakfast.

Respectfully submitted by Michael F. Goldstein & Dr. Michael W. Miller, Co-Presidents Men's Club

Morning Minyan Services

Sundays at 9:00 AM: Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah

If you have any questions, please call Howard Silverman, Fern Cammy or Cantor Stern.



The TBOBT Family extends Mazel Tov to:

Florence Bernstein on the birth of her great grandson Ian Oliver Murphy
We gratefully acknowledge the following donations made to
TBOBT during December and January



(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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Jay and Esther Schlesinger: In memory of Esther's father, Samson Symchowicz

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Pre-sale pick-up Friday March 8, after Shabbat on March 9 or following week.

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<u>Jewish National Fund Trees</u> – certificates can be purchased for all occasions in denominations of \$18. Please contact the temple office, 732-381-8403.

<u>Oneg Shabbat/Kiddush Fund</u> – used for a nosh after Shabbat services. To sponsor an entire Oneg, Kiddush, or Seuda, please contact the temple office, 732-381-8403.

<u>Minyan Breakfast Fund</u> – provides breakfast for the Morning Minyan.

<u>Ritual Fund</u> – is used to purchase religious supplies.

<u>Yahrzeit Fund</u> - 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.

<u>Sol Sern Memorial Lecture Fund</u> - is used to provide speakers and refreshments for our annual lecture in memory of Sol Sern.

<u>General Fund</u> – supports all aspects of Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah.

<u>Prayer Books</u> – 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.

<u>Harold & Doris Presser Memorial Fund</u> - has been established to assist in the maintenance of the temple facilities and the repair of ritual items.

<u>Yahrzeit Plaques</u> – 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.

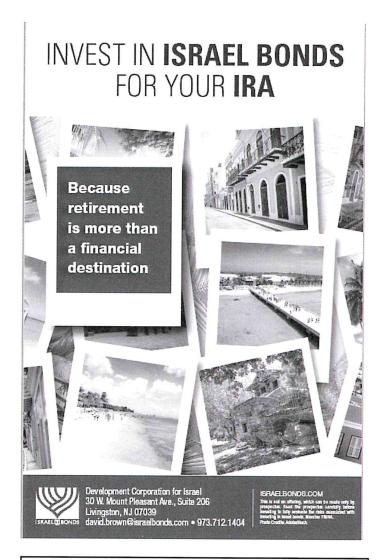
<u>Sanctuary Seat & Pew Dedication</u> – This project honors or memorializes a dear one with a special plaque mounted on the back of a sanctuary seat. Each plaque costs \$180. Dedication of an entire pew (row) includes a larger plaque inscribed with the family name mounted at the end of the row and two individual seat plaques in that row. The cost of an entire pew dedication is \$1800.

 $\frac{\textbf{Religious School Fund}}{K'ton program} - \text{supports our Hebrew School \& } K'ton program.$

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.







A Temple member is giving up his home workshop. Items include hand tools, power tools, saws, drafting table, etc. Reasonable prices and many items free. Contact Russ Kelner at nkelner@aol.com.



Sunday, June 2, 2019

We are in need of volunteers for our committees. If you are interested in helping with this special event and would like to serve on a committee, please contact Evie Shulman at 908-276-6894.

Special Messages

To Dr. Mike,

Get Well Soon!

From The Moreines Family

To all my friends at TBOBT,

Thank you all so much for the Golden Books, cards, phone calls, texts and emails that I received while I was home recuperating from carpal tunnel surgery!!

I am so overwhelmed by the kindness that you have all shown, and I am very happy to be back in the office!!

Warmest regards, Bonni Clark



Kosher Food Drive On behalf of Jewish Family Service January 1 - February 28.

Please place food items in the bin in the Temple lobby. Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee.

For more information, contact Nancy Kelner.



Kiddush Lunch & Learn –Saturday, February 16

Join us after services for Kiddush and a talk by an expert on

"Careful Planning Can Prevent a Crisis."

Topics will touch on many aspects of healthcare planning.

More details to follow.



Special Screening of "93 Queen" Sunday, March 10 at 3 pm.

Come join us for a film that tells the fascinating story of the all-female Hasidic volunteer emergency ambulance corp.

Hebrew Conversation Class -- Our continuing class with Tamara Ruben has lots of learning and lots of fun! Contact Nancy Kelner or Cantor Stern for more information.



If you are celebrating a special simcha, please let the office know the details so we can include it in the Beth RepORter.



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



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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.





Come and Join the TBOBT Mah Jongg League!

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

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

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

Learn how to lead a Friday or Saturday Shabbat service

If you've ever wanted to lead Kabbalat Shabbat, give a Dvar Torah, chant Torah or Haftarah, have an Aliyah, or participate in any way, contact Cantor Stern and we will arrange lessons or a class.

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Call 732-499-6193 for more information.

When making payments to TBOBT, please indicate on the memo line how you want the funds allocated, i.e., dues, Yahrzeit, a special event, donation to a specific fund, etc.

Thank you.

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Elyse via email prior to first class at dancesfromtheheart@gmail.com