

Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah

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TBOBT Pesach Community Seder Friday, March 30 at 6:30 pm.



Enjoy a full course catered, traditional dinner with appetizer, soup, entree, side dishes, dessert and all of the special trimmings.

Temple members: \$45 per adults, \$22 per child 2 to 12.
Non-members: \$55 adults, \$25 per child 2 to 12.

Reservations are now closed.

Join us for Paint and Pour on Sunday, April 22nd, 2018 Cost: \$40.00



No painting experience is needed.
All supplies are provided. All are welcome.
A light deli lunch with wine will be served.
Details to Follow.

From the Cantor



As I write this, we are just about two weeks from the beginning of the Pesach holiday. We all share a sense of joyous anticipation – of family and friends gathering for the festive Seders, with the beautiful

rituals and the delicious, traditional holiday fare. But the holiday is of course more than matzah and charoset and maror from the strictly gastronomical standpoint. It is about the symbolic meaning of those items, all related to our experience as a people as we emerged from the darkness of slavery to the triumph of freedom.

Surely the challenge for us in our day is how to fully and authentically experience that journey, for after all it was not we who labored under the taskmaster's whip, it was not our firstborn who were thrown into the water. That is indeed the purpose of the Haggadah, that by telling the story, by the performance of ritual, and by the many symbols of the night, we will hopefully fulfill the words of the Haggadah that declare, "In every generation every person must hold the awareness of having personally exited from Egypt, as it is said, 'And you will relate to your child on that day that this is on account of what the Eternal did **for me when I** went out of Egypt.' So it was not our ancestors alone whom the Most Holy Blessed One redeemed, but we also were redeemed with them...."



Hanukkah at RWJUH with Bishop Hargain and CEO Kirk Tice.

Ultimately, that might be the measure of our Seder experience. We should enjoy the matzah ball soup, the gefilte fish and the tzimmes, the time spent with loved ones and friends. But let us elevate the Seder night to one in which we fully savor the freedom we enjoy, and strive to pass on to our children the deeper meaning of the holiday. Read from the Haggadah, but do not be limited by it. Tell your own story as well, what it means for you to be free.

I wish the entire TBOBT family a sweet and joyous Pesach,

Cantor Steven Stern

I wish to thank everyone who so graciously sent Shalach Manot on Purim.

I appreciated so very much your thoughtfulness and good wishes!



At Union County Community College Commencement with President Dr. Margaret McMenemy

From The Co-Presidents

Shalom,

I am pleased to inform you that Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah applied for and has been awarded a grant of \$2,500.00 from the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest. The purpose of the grant is to provide an upgrade to the building's security. We chose to apply for the application of 3M Safety & Security Window Film on all the windows except the stained glass windows in the Sanctuary. This product, developed by 3M, is a micro-layered, tear-resistant film for enhanced protection of people. It mitigates hazards from shattered glass due to natural disasters as well as man made explosions and flying missiles. The film protects people from flying glass shards, the most common cause of blast related injuries and fatalities. It also increases security and helps provide added protection against smash and grab burglaries by making forced entry more difficult. Law enforcement agencies as well as insurance companies are recommending that this product be used on public buildings. There is a comprehensive warranty from 3M. The Board of Directors has approved the expenditure of the additional funds beyond the \$2500 grant to complete this project. Work will begin soon.

Speaking of the Board, we are in the process of electing new officers and trustees for the 2018/2019 fiscal year. If you have any interest in becoming part of the leadership of our Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah community as a trustee, please let us know at 732-382-2935. We have openings in several areas and would love to talk to you about your interests, concerns and ideas.

Our annual TBOBT Passover Seder will be held on the first night of Pesach, Friday, March 30, 2018, If you have any interest in attending, please reserve as early as possible. We fill all the places very quickly. Contact Bonni at 732-382-8403 for complete details and to make reservations.

Best wishes for a Zeisen Pesach,
Lillian

Education Report

Our students are progressing very successfully in their studies. They continue to learn more and more of the Hebrew language and feel more comfortable in their knowledge. They also learn about the weekly Torah portion including Joseph and his famous dream, Rachel and Leah, etc.

They have been learning and practicing both.

Thelma, Genie, Elaine and Cantor



Sisterhood Message



First, I want to thank all of you who purchased Shalach Mones baskets this year. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and also fulfills a mitzvah for you. Your generosity is much appreciated!

On Monday, March 16th, at 8:00pm, back by popular demand, is Rabbi Stephanie Dickstein, who will speak on Jewish women. This should be a most stimulating and informative meeting. Of course refreshments will be served.

Then in April, we are going to do something different. On Sunday, April 15th at 10am, we will have a Brunch for the Close the Books Meeting. It's mainly social and a thank you to all of our members for being so supportive throughout the year.

A lovely brunch will be served! Please call Bonni in the office by Friday, April 13th to reserve a spot.

I want to wish all of you & your families a Happy Pesach!

Joleen

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.

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).



Thank you to Ed Miretskiy for donating mezuzot for our social hall.

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.

Morning Minyan Services

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

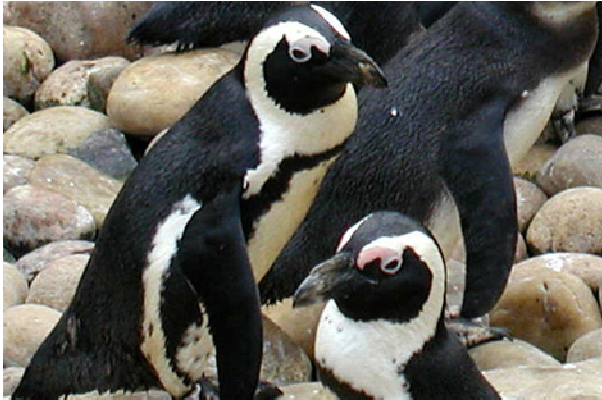
If you have any questions, please call Howard Silverman,
Fern Cammy or Cantor Stern.

From The TBOBT Men's Club

January & February Activities:

Jan 7th -- Open board meeting after Sunday Minyan and Craig and Harrison Haney were added to the membership roll.

February 4 -- the World Wide Wrap was led by Aron Richman and Michael Goldstein. Cantor Stern taught Jaden Antonucci how to put on Tefillin.



February 4 -- Mike Miller gave a presentation on the environment to the Hebrew School for Tu B'Shevat. **January 20th was Penguin Awareness Day, and what better time to celebrate these amazing birds?** Penguins delight and charm nature lovers of all ages. But, many penguin species face serious, human-caused threats. The Hebrew School students met 9 penguin species and learned what they're facing.

Feb. 18 --, Maor Sirota (new member) presented "How to Ensure Retirement Funding," the ins and outs of having your retirement funds outlive you and your spouse. The meeting was well attended and many questions were answered. The event was organized by Michael Goldstein.



February 28 -- after the Purim Shpiel, Mike Miller and Jay Schlesinger handed out Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles with the Sisterhood Purim baskets. Dennis Berry prepared the candles for distribution. The congregation members who did not receive 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 3rd. This year Mike Miller prepared Tea Light Yellow Candles for people who cannot use a flame. They are distributed by request. Call the office!

The Men's Club thanks the Sisterhood for their cooperation in the candle distribution and for the baskets for the Adults with Special Needs.

Michael W. Miller
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Hanukkah Program for Adults with Special Needs

Happenings



at TBOBT



Golden Books

To Fern & Joe Cammy: In honor of Shawn's marriage to Sage Heyman:

From: Adeline Gesten

Thelma Purdy
Debbie & Arthur Freedman
Janice & Herb Hymanson
Janie & Jonathan Phillips
Lisa & Dick Lavroff

In memory of Leah Miretskiy, mother of Ed Miretskiy:

From: Lisa & Dick Lavroff

Fern & Joe Cammy
Thelma Purdy
Debbie & Arthur Freedman
Janie & Jonathan Phillips
Allan & Rayna Warner

To Mindy Cohen: In appreciation
From: Norma & Jack Weinshanker

Speedy recovery to Fern Cammy
From: The Barr Family

Allan & Rayna Warner
Thelma Purdy
Debbie & Arthur Freedman
Joleen & Bob Fridson

Happy Birthday to Jack Weinshanker
From: Arleen & Mel Duchin

In memory of Leonard Roth
From: Diane & Michael Goldstein

Betty & Mark Needleman
Helene & Alan Davis
Joleen & Bob Fridson
Janice & Herb Hymanson
The Barr Family
Allan & Rayna Warner
Fern & Joe Cammy
Karen & Ian Langer
Thelma Purdy
Debbie & Arthur Freedman
Janie & Jonathan Phillips
Elaine & Susan Sofman

Mazel Tov on the marriage of Ryan Richstein to Alison Samuel

From: Thelma Purdy
Debbie & Arthur Freedman
Joleen & Bob Fridson

To Florence Bernstein: In appreciation
From: Norma & Jack Weinshanker

Thanks to Howard Silverman
From: Lisa & Dick Lavroff

Messages from our Members

Thank you to all our friends at TBOBT for all the good wishes on our granddaughter's engagement.

A healthy and happy New Year to all!

Myrna and Arny Young

I'd like to express my appreciation for all the good wishes and donations on my grandson Louis' marriage to Gaby.

Paula Hymanson

I want to thank those of you who sent me the gift of Shalach Mones.

I miss you all!

Fondly,
Gloria Schrager

The TBOBT Family extends Mazel Tov to:

Paula Hymanson on her grandson Louis' marriage to Gaby
Myrna & Arny Young on their granddaughter Rebecca's engagement to Michael Schifman
Malvina & Thomas Kohn on the birth of their grandson Solomon Aaron Kohn
Adeline Gesten on her grandson Adam Ruda's marriage to Emily Spielholz
Janice & Herb Hymanson on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jacob Charles Sullivan
Thelma Purdy on the birth of her great granddaughter Libby Resilyo
Myrna and Arny Young on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jordan Panitch

The TBOBT Family expresses condolences to:

Ed Miretskiy on the passing of his mother Leah Miretskiy

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations made to TBOBT during the month of December/January/February

Yahrzeit Fund

Thelma Purdy	Esther Kahn	Ed Miretskiy	Nassel Miretskiy
Sondra Eisenberg	Louis Levitt	Michael E. Miller	Moe Miller
Miriam Levine	Marty Levine	Judy Turner	Mathilda Solomon
William Bess	Hyman Bess	Louise Cangelosi	Nathan Gottlieb
Karen Bess	Reuben Rosenbloom	Louise Cangelosi	Max Glass
Matilda Fink	Elsa Fink	Louise Cangelosi	Sylvia Gottlieb
Arleen Duchin	Mildred Meislin	Herbert Hymanson	Selma Hymanson
Arleen Duchin	Jack Meislin	Judith Gottlieb	Abby Gottlieb Nudle
Margaret Bank	Chaim Kirzhnerman	Lorraine Loshin	Leonard Sattler
Sylvia Goldstein	Anna Sachs	Milton Loshin	Nathan Loshin
Cecelia Lobato	Etta Leff	Evelyn Schisler	Howard Schisler
Sylvia Wolkin	Minnie Strobing	Sondra Eisenberg	Lena Levitt
Dr. Gloria Schrager	Edith Ogur	Lenard Weiner	Rachel Weiner
Jane Halper	Sheldon Halper	Norman Britman	Alice Brithman
Judith Cohen	Sylvia Lipson	Norman Britman	Solomon Britman
Linda Axelrad	Hilde Moses	Marilyn Weinstein	Ida Plotkin
Howard Horn	Gertrude Horn	Marvin Edelman	Abraham Edelman
Wayne Traub	Eli Traub	Dr. Gloria Schrager	Ellis Ogur
Edward Leibowitz	Sam Leibowitz	Frances Friedman	Howard Friedman
Alvin Barr	Herman Barr	Carol Tendler	Harriet Oelbaum
Marlene Plymack	George Berlin		

Religious School Fund

Dr. Mike Miller: In memory of Paul Miller
Dr. Mike Miller: In memory of Marion Robin

Kiddush and Oneg Fund

Mark Traum: In memory of Dorothy Traum

Sol Sern Memorial Fund

Joan & Leon Oberman
Gloria Sern
Stacey Sern & Jonathan Greenberg

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



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.

Did you lose something?



Please call the office at 732-
381-8403 to find out if it was



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.



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



Support the Temple While You shop!



Sign in on AmazonSmile. com and
select "Clark Jewish Center" and
Amazon will give 0.5% of your
purchases to TBOBT.



Support Groups at RWJ
Fitness & Wellness Center
in Scotch Plains led by
Mindy Cohen.

The following groups
meet: caregivers support,
cancer support, breast cancer
support, and fibromyalgia support. Registration
not required and there is no fee.

Call 732-499-6193 for more information.

PASSOVER SCHEDULE 2018/5778

Thursday, March 29After dark
Friday, March 30.....8:30 am
.....Late Morning
.....6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 319:30 a.m.
.....Evening
Sunday, April 1.....9:30 a.m.
Friday, April 69:30 a.m.
Saturday, April 79:30 a.m.

Bedikat Chametz (Search for Chametz)

Siyyum B'chorim & B'Chorot (breakfast to
break the Fast of the Firstborn)

Burn Chametz

Community Passover Seder at the temple

Service for 1st Day Pesach

Second Seder

Service for 2nd Day Pesach

Service for Pesach 7th day

Service for Pesach 8th day & **Yizkor**

The following blessings over the candles will be recited during the Pesach season:

1. Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheynu melech haolam, asher kiddshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu, lehadlik ner shel Yom Tov.
2. Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheynu melech haolam, asher kiddshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu, lehadlik ner shel Shabbat.
3. Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheynu melech haolam, shehechyanu, vekiyanu, vehigyanu lazman hazeh.

The Pesach candle lighting schedule is as follows:

Friday, March 30	7:02 p.m.	Blessings 1, 2 & 3
Saturday, March 31	no earlier than 8:03 p.m.	Blessings 1 & 3
Thursday, April 5	7:08 p.m.	Blessing 1
Friday, April 6	7:09 p.m.	Blessing 1 & 2

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If you are interested, please call the temple office at 732-381-8403 ext. 11.

Advertise Your Business!

Call us for monthly and yearly advertising rates.

Various ad sizes are available.

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.

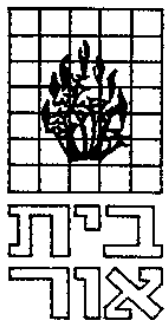
Yahrzeit Plaques – Honor your departed loved ones with a permanent Yahrzeit memorial plaque in our sanctuary. A light will be lit next to the plaque every year during the week of the Yahrzeit. Cost is \$350.

· 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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Jonathan Phillips, Executive Vice-President

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