

TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH

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FEBRUARY 2013

SOL SERN MEMORIAL PROGRAM

MAGEVET, YALE UNIVERSITY'S JEWISH A CAPPELLA GROUP

will be in concert on

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013 AT 3:00 PM



Magevet performs internationally with a varied repertoire of Jewish songs, as well as music from other cultural traditions. They perform in English, Ladino, German, Hebrew and Yiddish. Their singing styles range from choral and liturgical, to pop and jazz.

The program is co-sponsored by a HEART Grant from the Union County Freeholders and by the TBO/BT Sol Sern Memorial Fund.

The program is free & open to the public.

Refreshments will be offered.

FROM THE CANTOR



"And the Inductees Are..."

So began the front page of the New York Times Sports Section in a recent January issue. You probably know that the remainder of the page was

left mostly blank, reflecting the fact that for 2013 there would be no entering class into the Baseball Hall of Fame. The Times' editors used the blank space to make a powerful statement about the unfortunate circumstances of recent years involving the star players of Major League Baseball.

Some have said that The Times was unnecessarily wasting valuable space, while others applauded their creativity and daring. Personally, had I had the job of editing The Times, I'm not sure I would have done the same, although, generally speaking, I am a very big fan of blank space. What would Beethoven's Fifth sound like if there were no spaces between the quarter, eighth and sixteenth notes? What would Lewandowski's Hallelujah be without the notations of rest in all the appropriate places? And moving from the aesthetic to the sacred, what would our Torah be like without the spaces between the holy letters? The Midrash states that the Torah was written with black fire on white fire, the latter referring to the spaces between the letters. A Torah scroll is valid only if the black and the white are exactly as they should be, passed down through the Masoret, our Tradition.

Creating and maintaining blank spaces is a concept whose value applies across the broad landscape of our lives. Our minds are always working overtime, thinking about what just took place, what will take place, trying to figure out why, how, what if, and on and on. Creating some peaceful white space between all the many thoughts can be critical to maintaining sanity in a driven and harried world.

And so it is that Shabbat may be seen as the necessary white space that gives pause amidst the days of doing, creating, accomplishing and succeeding. "Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest." What a gift this is, transmitted from G-d through the Torah to all of mankind! It is for us to make sure we fully appreciate, value and benefit from it.

The black fire and the white fire; the letters and the blank spaces; the doing and the resting there cannot be one without the other. Embrace them both, and may our lives be productive, joyous and peaceful!

Bivracha, Cantor Steven Stern

SPECIAL PURIM EXTRAVAGANZA & CONCERT! Saturday, February 23, 6:30 pm (See centerfold)

Brush up on your Hebrew reading skills or learn to read Hebrew

Nancy Kelner has volunteered to work with you on a one-to-one basis. Contact her at 908-272-9072 to set up a time.



Our morning minyan is an integral part of our religious community. You can lend your support by attending one morning each week, or even just one morning each month. A wonderful idea is to attend on the day of the month that corresponds to your birthday. Breakfast is served, so there's nourishment for both the body and soul.

Thank you for your support.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shalom,



Old Man Winter has arrived, and with it the cold weather, Oy! It brings the flu season, so please remember to wash your hands frequently and bundle up.

However, to ease the winter blues please join us for exciting events in February. On Sunday, February 3rd we have World Wide Wrap and on

Sunday February 10th, the Sol Sern Memorial Program with Magevet, Yale University's Jewish A Cappella Group. On Saturday night, February 23rd we will be reading the Megillah, and Sunday, February 24th is Purim (my birthday). Hopefully, let us wear our best costumes and enjoy our Purim celebration.

Support Sammy's Bar Mitzvah Project

Sammy Burkhard will become a Bar Mitzvah on March 16, 2013. His Bar Mitvah project is to help those affected by Sandy by collecting new and gently used sporting goods equipment to be given to sports clubs in NJ that were hit hard by Sandy. You can support Sammy by dropping off these items at the temple or call 732-499-6735 and they will be picked up.

Please be aware - the morning Minyan on Monday thru Friday will end in February in Clark, unless we see better attendance

While you're sitting home on these cold, bitter days, try and come to TBO/BT and warm your heart with prayer, laughter, and song.

Yours truly, Howard M. Silverman



Save the Date! PESACH COMMUNITY SEDER

Join the TBO/BT family for the First Seder Monday, March 25, 2013 More details to follow.

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

and

New Members Dinner Friday, March 1st Festivities begin 6:30 pm

*Come and join your fellow congregants for a wonderful Shabbat dinner and service.

*Dinner to start at 6:30 pm followed by a FRIDAY NIGHT ALIVE! Service at 8:00 pm.

*Price: \$18 per adult, \$10 children ages 13 and under.

Please RSVP to the temple office at (732) 381-8403 by Friday, Feb. 22.



SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Eleven Sisterhood members had a deli supper and enjoyed an evening playing 25 Words or Less at the home of Esther Schlesinger on January 16. A big todah rabah to Esther for hosting Game Night.

The Board meeting on February 4 will be a dinner meeting at TBO/BT at 6:30 PM.

Hopefully you have received information about ordering Shalach Mones baskets. Please respond in a timely manner so we may plan accordingly. The general meeting to put the baskets together is Wednesday, February 20 at 8:00 PM. The Megillah reading will be Saturday February 23. This year Sisterhood is honoring Israel's 65th birthday. Support Sisterhood while fulfilling the mitzvah of sending *Mishloach Manot* (literally, "the sending of portions") to family and friends.

My co-presidents and I look forward to seeing you at the Megillah reading and remember to take your basket before going home.

Louise Cangelosi

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 mount 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).

GOLDEN BOOKS

MAZEL TOV

To: Fern & Joe Cammy on Joshua's engagement to Becky Weinstein

From: Joleen & Bob Fridson, Iris & Lenny Weiner, Julia & Yakov Vinokurov, Sebley & Bill Hausler, Audrey & Howard Silverman

To: Bill and Sebley Hausler on the engagement of their granddaughter Brooke Camhi to Jeffrey Newhouse From: Helene & Al Davis, Joleen & Bob Fridson, Diane & Michael Goldstein, Louise and Joe Cangelosi, Julia & Yakov Vinokurov, Fern & Joe Cammy, Audrey & Howard Silverman

To: Laurie and Michael Saks on the marriage of their daughter Mallory to Mitchell Zipkin

From: Diane & Michael Goldstein, Julia & Yakov Vinokurov

To: Dennis & Gene Berry on the engagement of their son Dennis to Amy Lambert

From: Julia & Yakov Vinokurov, Sebley & Bill Hausler, Diane & Michael Goldstein, Audrey & Howard Silverman

To: Lorraine & Milton Loshin on the birth of their great granddaughter Alyssa Bree Kaiserman

From: Sebley & Bill Hausler, Audrey & Howard Silverman

COMPLETE RECOVERY

To: Joseph Green From Audrey & Howard Silverman

CONDOLENCES

To: Laurie Saks on the loss of her father, Samuel Sansolo From: Helene & Al Davis, Joleen & Bob Fridson, Diane & Michael Goldstein

Vouchers:

Shoprite and A&P vouchers are available at Sisterhood functions and in the temple office.

Please note that 5% of the purchase price is tax deductable

JUDAICA SHOP NEWS

Purim is early this year – late February – and we have some Purim books and toys for

children. Watch the display case as we get closer to the holiday. As always, we have kippot, talleisim, mezuzahs and hostess gifts. If you want something you don't see, please let me know. Nancy Kelner – 908-272-9072 – nkelner@aol.com

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT

Sunday February 3, is the World Wide Wrap. We expect a select but enthusiastic group for this great program, even if they do not wear tefillin. And of course, when we have a Sunday (or any) program, the breakfast is always scrumptious.

I am still calling on all eligible men, if you have not sent in your dues for this fiscal year, please do so soon. Do not miss out on our Mens' Club paid-up membership men's night out. Remember, dues form the foundation for our award-winning programming.

Our project to redo the parking lot lines is on hold until the weather turns warmer and we will announce the dates we will be doing this. If you would like to join with us and help, please call either of our co-executive VP's, William (Bill) Hausler or Theo Moreines.

Watch your mail for the paid-up membership program that will be here shortly and for our calendar for the remainder of the year.

B'vrachah,

Respectfully submitted by, Michael F. Goldstein, President, Men's Club

Combined Morning Minyan

In February morning Minyan is held in Clark. Monday & Thursday – 6:50 am, Tuesday, Wed., & Friday – 7:00 am,

Sundays & Holidays - 9:00 am in Clark.

Evening Services are held every day at 7:30 pm in Cranford.

What's Up for Shabbat in February? Simcha Shabbat

We will celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries in the month of February on Saturday, February 9. Come for a blessing and share your simcha with your TBO/BT family!

Dress Down Shabbat

Come casual for our Shabbat services on Friday and Saturday, February 15 & 16.

TBO/BT MEN'S CLUB XIII WORLD WIDE WRAP SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2013

Super Bowl Sunday is more than just a day to kick back with your friends, load up on potato chips, and watch the Big Game (and about a thousand commercials). It's also the day on which TBO/BT MEN'S CLUB will join over 240 Men's Clubs around the world to teach the mitzvah of Tefillin by participating in the World Wide Wrap.

The Hebrew School children are building Tefillin and will join the Minyan.

Whether you don tefillin every day or whether your old set [the ones you got at your Bar Mitzvah and haven't worn in years] is sitting in the back of your sock drawer, the Wrap has something to offer you. USY, Kadima and the women are invited. Theo Moreines will teach the technique. Make reservations with the temple office by January 31st for instruction. Instruction is at 8:45 am if reservations received. Minyan is at 9:00 am. Reconnect with those Bar Mitzvah tefillin. Have a nice breakfast. Learn more about a ritual practice that has been a part of Jewish life for thousands of years. Come wrap with us on Sunday, February 3, 2013!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for 2013 Scholarships are available in the temple office or can be emailed upon request.



TBO/BT still has cemetery plots at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge available.

Please call the temple office if you are interested.

Happenings at TBO/BT



USY's International Convention was held in Boston from December 23rd through the 27th. Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah's USY President, Ilana Dorsch, attended. Former CLUSY members Morgan Dorsch and Halli James (pictured in center) helped staff the convention. It was an exciting gathering of over 1,000 USYers from all over the United States and Canada.

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REFUAH SLEMA TO:

Joseph Green

MAZEL TOV TO:

Laurie and Michael Saks on the marriage of their daughter Mallory to Mitchell Zipkin

Sandy Haney on the marriage of her granddaughter

Shaina Beth Akrish to Brian David Shuford

Dorothy & Sidney Litt on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Rebecca Nagel Sebley & Bill Hausler on the engagement of their granddaughter Brooke Camhi to Jeffrey Newhouse

CONDOLENCES TO:

Dorothy Litt on the passing of her brother Marty Jacobs

Doris Kalish on the passing of her sister Ilse Wieder

Elaine Ravich on the passing of her husband David Ravich

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS MADE TO TBO/BT DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

(To make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, call the temple office at 732-381-8403x11 or email tbethor@gmail.com.)

CANTOR'S FUND:

Louis Vogel, in appreciation

GENERAL FUND:

Marcy & Jeffrey Mandell & family in memory of Doris Kalish's sister Ilse Wieder Steve & Bonnie Taiman in memory of Sy Vogel Renee & Geddy Krul in honor of Milton Loshin's birthday

YAHRZEIT FUND

Margaret Bank Allan Warner Naomi Silbert Judy Ohl Ruth Dengrove Matilda Fink Naomi Silbert Gitta Harel Gladys Blum Shirley Coppleson Joan & Leon Oberman Alan Davis Martin Axelrad Natalie Isaacson Marlene Plymack Michael Goldstein William & Karen Bess Thelma Purdy Herbert Hymanson Steve Hurok Joyce Goldberg Gloria Schrager Joyce Goldberg Bess Berg Michael & Suzanne Miller Sylvia Wolkin

Congregation, Sisterhood Myrna & Arnold Young in memory of Myrna's mother Edith Berger

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PRAYER BOOKS:

Alan Gordon in memory of Phyllis Weissman

HAROLD & DORIS PRESSER FUND:

Eliana & Martin Goldman in honor of the engagement of Joshua Cammy to Becky Weinstein

תודה רבה - Thank you

Michael & Laurie Saks thank their temple family for all the good wishes.

Thank you to all of our friends for their donations and well wishes on behalf of our son Dennis' engagement to Amy.

Dennis & Gene Berry

Book Discussion Group Sunday, March 3, 2013 at 10 am

Three short stories by Edith Pearlman



Available at the temple office



5th Annual Supermarket Sweep FOODRAISER Sunday March 3, 2013

to benefit the Kosher Food Pantries of Greater Metrowest JFS Kosher Pantry in Elizabeth & Bobrow Kosher Pantry of Oheb Shalom in South Orange

The JFS Kosher Food Pantry in Elizabeth and Bobrow Kosher Food Pantry of Oheb Shalom in South Orange together served an unprecedented number of people this year. On average they are serving 400-500 individuals a month. The pantries have received over 1,000 requests and were served emergency food this past year. With emergency food requests increasing and government funding decreasing, our Kosher Food Pantries need your donations to keep stocked.

The beneficiaries of the Kosher Food Pantry Programs include poor single parents and multi-challenged families, the unemployed, underemployed, the homeless, the isolated and the frail elderly. All recipients have demonstrated financial need.

LOGISTICS:

- Using a list of Pantry requested food items and accepted kosher symbols, participants shop at the ShopRite in Clark between 2:00-4:00pm for as much kosher non-perishable food as they would like to donate.
- Wherever possible, participants will bring *the food that they have purchased to be donated* to their local Kosher Food Pantry in Elizabeth or South Orange.
- At 4:30pm we will convene at our local Kosher Food Pantry and celebrate our successful
 day with pizza and refreshments. In addition, contest winner prizes and door prizes will be
 given.
- Registration fee is \$5/team. A team is self-defined it can be an individual or a group of any size.



THE CONTEST – what makes this fun to do!

- Families, individuals or groups pre-register their "team." A team consists of any self-identified entity of one or more persons. For example: a family can be a team, a class accompanied by a teacher or a class parent can be a team, an individual who would like to participate on his/her own or with a friend can be a team.
- Teams with the GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF SAVINGS on their purchase can win 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize gift cards to Target. [Savings increase and maximize with the use of coupons and circulars].
- The ORGANIZATION with the greatest representation in teams will win a donation to their library. Organizations are identified during the registration process.

LIST OF REQUESTED FOOD ITEMS:

No more than 2 Passover items per team. See list of Kosher Food Pantry approved heckshers (kosher symbols) beneath shopping list. The Bobrow Kosher Food Pantry of Oheb Shalom does not accept cleaning items.

SUGGESTED ITEMS

- 1. Tuna Fish (5oz)
- 2. Canned Soup
- 3. Canned Vegetables All varieties
- 4. Canned Fruit (not in syrup please) or Applesauce
- 5. Canned Beans
- 6. Boxed Pasta
- 7. Marinara/Tomato Sauce
- 8. Instant Rice/Potatoes
- 9. Cereal (no high sugar cereals please)
- 10. Peanut butter
- 11. Jam/Jelly
- 12. Crackers (Saltines/Graham/Wheat Thins)
- 13. Dry/Evaporated Milk
- 14. Tea Bags or Instant Coffee
- 15. Ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise
- 16. Cooking oil
- 17. Cleaning products

SUGGESTED PASSOVER ITEMS

- 1. Grape Juice
- 2. Apple Sauce
- 3. Gefilte Fish (Jars only)
- 4. Tuna Fish (5oz)
- 5. Canned Soup
- 6. Canned Fruit
- 7. Canned Vegetables
- 8. Matzo
- 9. Passover Pasta
- 10. Passover Spaghetti Sauce
- 11. Passover Ketchup
- 12. Passover Jelly
- 13. Macaroons











List of TBO/BT Funds for Donations

<u>Prayer Books</u> – Current donation amounts: \$36 to dedicate a Siddur, \$54 to dedicate a Chumash. Please contact the temple office to obtain up-to-date information.

<u>Cantor's Discretionary Fund</u> – 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.

<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.

Ritual Fund – 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>Bikur Cholim and Chesed Fund</u> - 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 \$300.

• 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.

<u>Simcha Tree</u> – 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.

Leaves: \$180 Rocks: \$1000 Trunk Letters: \$1800

<u>Jerusalem Stone</u> - has been established in celebrating our new Bima Window Wall - \$180



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Got a Simcha?

Birthday? Anniversary? Graduation? New grandchild?

Host a Kiddush at TBO/BT

You can sponsor the entire Kiddush or be a cosponsor with a donation of \$18 or more. Contact Julia at 732-381-8403 x11 or tbethor@gmail.com.

February Happy Anniversary!

Sheri & Harvin Freedman

Happy Birthday!

Susan Barr Lorraine Loshin Agron Bloom Alan Mandelbaum Jill Burkhard Sue Margulies Joseph Burkhard Noah Needleman Scott Curtis Alan Rubin Claudia Dorsch Meryl Rubin Morgan Dorsch Joyce Scher Beverly Elsner Evelyn Schisler Joel Glassman Jay Schlesinger Doris Kalish Scott Seidman Russel Kelner Howard Silverman Leonard Kosberg Michelle Sion Mindy Leibowitz Muriel Tannenbaum

February 2013

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| | | | | | 8:00p Services 21 Shevat | 9:30a Services 22 Shevat |
| 3 | 4 10:30a Membership Meeting 6:30p Sisterhood Board Dinner | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 5:05p | 9 |
| 9:00a Morning Minyan World Wide Wrap 23 Shevat | 8:00p Sisterhood Board Meeting 24 Shevat | 7:00p Israeli Dancing 25 Shevat | 26 Shevat | 27 Shevat | 8:00p Services 28 Shevat | 9:30a Services Simcha Shabbat 29 Shevat |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 13p | 16 |
| 9:00a Morning Minyan 3:00p Magevet Concert 30 Shevat | 8:00p TBO/BT Board Meeting 1 Adar | 7:00p Israeli Dancing 2 A dar | 8:00p Ritual Meeting 3 A dar | 8:00p Men's Club Meeting 4 Adar | 8:00p Services Dress Down Shabbat 5 Adar | 9:30a Services Dress Down Shabbat 6 Adar |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 5:21p | 23 |
| 9:00a Morning Minyan 7 Adar | President's Day 8 Adar | 7:00p Israeli Dancing 9 Adar | 8:00p Sisterhood Building Purim Baskets 10 Adar | Fast Day 11 Adar | 8:00p Services 12 Adar | 9:30a Services 6:30p Purim Extravaganza 13 Adar |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | |
| PURIM 9:00a Morning Minyan Megillah reading 14 A dar | 8:00p Exec. Board Meeting 15 Adar | 7:00p Israeli Dancing 16 Adar | 17 Adar | 7:00p Men's Club Game Night 18 Adar | | |



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