



TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH

BETH REPORTER

SHEVAT / ADAR I 5771 FEBRUARY 2011

Sol Sern Memorial Lecture

Sunday, March 13, 7:30 pm

Presents

"I 'm Right, You're Right, He's Right Too":

Multiple Perspectives in Jewish Humor and Folklore

A Lecture by Dr. Steve Zeitlin



Drawing on Biblical, Hasidic, and contemporary New York examples, this lecture discusses how Jewish people, as outsiders in the Diaspora, have used stories, jokes, and parables to juggle multiple realities. The historical situation of Jews in the Diaspora created a people with multiple perspectives on their own situation.

Dr. Zeitlin manages to pack more than 50 stories, jokes and parables into a single lecture.

You are invited to an evening of learning and laughter.

Dr. Steve Zeitlin is a folklorist, writer, and cultural activist. He is the founding director of **City Lore**, an organization that preserves New York City's living cultural heritage.

Refreshments will be served. **Free and open to the public.**



From the Cantor

It was a long time ago, but I remember the evening very well. It was cold outside, and it was Hanukkah, and I

accompanied a friend as we walked briskly toward our destination in Battery Park City, not far from the Hudson River in downtown Manhattan. We entered a large meeting room in one of the hotels, where a midweek prayer service was about to begin. The leaders took their positions. On one side stood a well-known teacher of Talmud from the local seminary, and on the other, a woman with a guitar began to strum and sing, with a voice that was warm and focused. This was a healing service, the first time I'd ever been to one, and the sweet singer was none other than Debbie Friedman.

There is not one among us who at some point in life does not need comfort and solace when the pain of loss takes hold. Debbie Friedman made it one of her life missions to help provide that comfort, and she did it through her music and through her presence, and she did it like no one else could. Her music found its way right into the heart, no doubt because it was written from the depths of the pain in her own heart, and her presence brought solace because she was always truly present, with compassion and understanding for others. She conveyed this unmistakably to her audiences, to the worshippers who came to pray with her. When people heard her *Mi Shebeirach*, their tears flowed because she was able to reach into that place of sorrow and massage away some of the pain, with music that was so moving, and words so penetrating.

Debbie Friedman's passing was a shock to us, for while it was known that she had suffered

from illness for many years, she was thought of as the caregiver and the comforter, the one to tend to the needs of others, and not one who would herself succumb. Now that she is gone, there is a void in the world of Jewish music and prayer. Comfort will continue to be found, surely, in the songs she left behind.

Mi Shebeirach avoteinu

M'kor habracha l'imoteinu

May the source of strength who blessed the ones before us,

Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing

And let us say: Amen.

Mi shebeirach imoteinu

M'kor habrach l'avoteinu

Bless those in need of healing with refuah shleimah

The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit
And let us say, Amen.

Blessing is a common theme in her songs. She was in her life a blessing to all. May her memory too be a blessing, everywhere and always, and let us say, Amen.

Cantor Steven Stern

From the Mailbox

Dear Cantor Stern,

Robert and I want to thank you and your wonderfully warm congregation, especially Lillian and Thelma, for welcoming us to your Saturday, January 1st service. We enjoyed the morning service and it helped with the mourning of my son, Andrew Newfeld.

Please accept our donation in Andrew's memory.

Thank you for your kindness.

Regards,
Natalie Tublitz



From The Presidents

"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer."

-- Albert Camus

We are in the depth of winter. Deep snow has covered the ground for more than a month. It seems daunting to leave our warm homes when it is dark and freezing outside. However, as you can see elsewhere in this RepORter, Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah is a beacon of warmth and light and activity attracting our members to Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services, morning minyans, Hebrew High School, Yaldeinu, USY, Sisterhood and Men's Club events, book discussions, our Tuesday evening College of Jewish Knowledge classes, lectures, concerts, Israeli dancing and, of course, those ubiquitous committee meetings. I can also assure you without contradiction that most of our activities include refreshments to fortify you for the cold ride home. If you haven't been here in a while, come on down. Your welcome will be warm no matter how cold it is outside. If you find something of particular interest, join the committee. Soon we will be nominating new trustees to our Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah Board. If you are interested, please let us know.

Lillian & Thelma

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday Evening Services @ 8:00 pm
Saturday Morning Services @ 9:30 am.

February 4 & 5
ROSH CHODESH ADAR I
TERUMAH

February 11 & 12
TETZAVE

February 18 & 19
KI TISA

February 25 & 26
VAYAKHEL

MORNING MINYAN NEEDS YOU!

Please give us one morning a week. **The morning minyan is thriving but needs YOU.** Please give us only one morning a week- Mondays & Thursdays at 6:50 am and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:00 am, Sundays at 9:00 am in Clark. Breakfast is included. Come feed both the body and soul! Contact Howard Silverman at 732-499-0439 or email at audhms@verizon.net.

In the month of February Morning Minyan will be held in Clark



*TBO/BT to host health screenings
that could save your life*

We are pleased to offer preventive health screening in
collaboration with *Life Line Screening*

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

to test for stroke risk, vascular disease, and bone density. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain, and offers other, similar tests that check for related vascular disease.

Call 1-888-653-6441 or 1-800-636-0418, or visit www.lifelinescreening.com for more information and to pre-register. (Priority Code: ISC-5603)

If you would like to get a priority appointment and an opportunity to receive a discount of \$10 off the package price, sign up on the form in the lobby or call the temple office as soon as possible.

Stroke, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm Package;

All 4 tests for only \$139

Add an osteoporosis screening for \$10 more;

All 5 tests for \$149 (\$66 savings)

**Scholarship Applications for
Summer Programs are available in
the temple office.
The deadline is April 15.**



SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shalom Chaverim,

February is a quiet Sisterhood month.

The nominating committee is meeting; if they call you, please say yes. I know everyone has seen this little story before, but I tell it again as a reminder:

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

We are busy preparing the Shalach Mones baskets. We appreciate all the participation, so please look for your letter, it is included in this RepORter.

B'vracha,

Diane Goldstein, President

Helene Davis, President's Assistant and Bulletin Chair

Upcoming Sisterhood Events:

February 7 – 8PM – Sisterhood Board Meeting – Budget will be presented

Sisterhood says Thank You to...

All the women who participated in the Sisterhood Service, and who attended the Game Night (we had a great time and did it in "25 Words or Less").

The budget committee that has the difficult job of preparing the budget, and also the tentative programming for next year.

Vouchers:

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

SEND A TRIBUTE CARD FROM SISTERHOOD
Would you like to honor someone or mark a special occasion or make a donation in someone's memory? Sisterhood has perfect solutions & gives you the choice of two alternatives!

GOLDEN BOOKS

The cost for a Golden Book card is \$3.00. The cost to purchase a bundle of 10 cards, which you send on your own, will be \$20.00. Sisterhood members get \$1.50 donor credit per card. To have a card sent, call one of the following captains: Rayna Warner - 732-382-5757 / Evelyn Shulman - 908-276-6894 / Betty Needleman - 908 - 389-0911 Please send payments to Roz Shifrin, 189 Middlesex Ave., Iselin, NJ 08830.

SPECIAL FUND

Send an especially lovely tribute card and earn dollar-for-dollar donor credit. The money in this fund pays for Bar/Bat Mitzvah gifts, flowers for the bima and other special items. Minimum donation \$5. Contact Fern Cammy 732-549-2652.

GOLDEN BOOKS

CONDOLENCES

To: George Schisler and family on the loss of his brother Julius

From: Diane & Michael Goldstein, Harold Presser, Elaine & Bob Kolker

To: The Wachter Family in memory of Shirley Wachter

From: Julia & Yakov Vinokurov

MAZEL TOV

To: Myrna & Arnold Young on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Serena Young

From: Diane & Michael Goldstein, Fern & Joe Cammy, Harold Presser, Claudia & Andrew Dorsch, Sebley & Bill Hausler, Joanne & David Goldstein, Helene & Michael Miller, Janie and Jonathan Phillips, Mindy & Ed Leibowitz



Judaica Shop News

Come and see our wonderful
Judaica items

The Judaica Shop has some lovely new items: new mug and coaster sets, a tzedakah box shaped like the Eldridge Street Shul and a beautiful photo album. There are several new mezuzahs. We also have a new supply of "meat" and "dairy" oven mitts. Remember to make the TBO/BT Judaica Shop your first stop for any gift needs. If you don't see what you want, please call Diane Goldstein (908-241-0509) or email her at cowsndlg@aol.com, or contact Louise Cangelosi (732-634-3019) or email her at lgc@comcast.net.

Yasher Koach

Yasher Koach and mazel tov to our USY young men and women and to their advisor, Barbara James, for a beautiful Youth Shabbat on Friday evening, January 7, 2011. They conducted the entire service including the D'var Torah with skill and poise. Thank you to Jake A., Daniel B., Alex C., Rachel O., and Stephanie W. After the service, the congregation enjoyed a lovely Oneg Shabbat with pastries baked by Barbara James.

Our TBO/BT Sisterhood's Shabbat Shirah service on Friday evening, January 14 was led by Fern Cammy and Esther Schlesinger with skill and aplomb. Helene Davis delivered an interesting and provocative D'var Torah looking at the weekly portion, B'Shalach, from a feminine point of view. Many other members of Sisterhood took part in the service. Afterwards the congregation enjoyed a delicious Oneg Shabbat. Thank you to all our Sisterhood members for your dedication to Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah. We wish you a heartfelt Yasher Koach.

We had a very special treat on Saturday morning, January 15 at our Shabbat Shirah service. Jake Altholtz and a group of his friends from USY Regional did us the honor of conducting services. These young people are our future leaders. Watching them daven, leyn Torah and discuss the weekly portion with enthusiasm and spirit convinced all who were present that our future is in very capable hands. Yasher Koach to each of them.

TBO/BT Adult Education Class

Instructor: Rabbi Charles R. Lightner

4 Tuesdays at 7:30 pm.

February 22, March 1, 8 & 15

**Topics from "The Thirteen Petalled Rose:
A Discourse on the Essence of Jewish Existence and Belief"**

By Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz

Recently the world celebrated in a Global Day of Learning Rabbi Steinsaltz's completion of his translation into modern Hebrew of the text and commentary of the entire Babylonian Talmud.

In his own words Steinsaltz says "I wrote this book (The Thirteen Petalled Rose) many years ago to provide answers to ten important questions that are the theoretical and spiritual basis for Jewish life."

In this class, we'll encounter some of its most powerful teachings together.

The book is readily available. It can be purchased in electronic format but it would be advisable buying a hard copy, which can be bought at Amazon.com at \$9.66. If you would like the temple office to order a copy for you, please call us prior to February 8.

It would be helpful if participants in the class have read at least the Introduction and Chapter 9, "The Search for Oneself" prior to the first class.

**People in our community are hungry!
...and the food pantry shelves are bare.**

**3rd Annual
Supermarket Sweep
Foodraiser**

To Benefit the Jewish Family Service Kosher Food Pantry

Join this community-wide Mitzvah project and make a difference!

**SUNDAY
MARCH 27
2011**

Elyse Deutsch, Lisa Israel & Janice Weinberg
Social Action Co-Chairs



 **Jewish Federation
OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY**



Jewish Federation of Central NJ - 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

MITZVAH CORNER

Israel Support Committee is collecting supplies, books, etc., for underfunded elementary schools in poor districts of Israel. A box will be provided in the temple's lobby for this project.

Happenings at TBO/BT



Following morning minyan, breakfast is served in the main dining room courtesy of Audrey and Howard Silverman and Dick Lavroff.



Membership Committee at work



Yaldeinu Open House on January



Happenings at TBO/BT



Our Sunday Morning Minyan



CLUSY's Israel Event at TBOBT on 1/22/11. Abir Maliyanker made Shabbat wine with the USYers. In the group photo are (left to right): Dan Brotman, Jake Altholz, Abir Maliyanker (JFCNJ's Shaliach), Ilana Dorsch, Carrie Bilenker (Cranford), Jake Bullock (Metuchen), & Matt Solomon (Marlboro).



Yaldeinu Tu B'Shevat celebration

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB President



Snow, snow snow, but inside the Temple it's warm and our events are proceeding. Men's Club has two February events coming up, plus our regular monthly meeting.

Sunday February 6, 2011 –
World Wide Wrap – Sunday

Morning Tefillin and Breakfast at 9am

Thursday, February 10, 2011 – Men's Club Monthly Meeting

Sunday, February 13, 2011 – Men's Club Paid-Up Dinner
Event

Stay tuned for our February Poker Night.

Remember, don't just be an observer, be a PARTICIPANT in our movement of Conservative Jewish Men at TBO/BT Men's Club.

The purpose of Men's Club is to serve as an arm of the Temple by putting on programs on topics of interest to our members, the men of the temple, and any other interested parties. We have programs on Men's Health, the environment, religious programs and general interest programs. If you are not a member, please join. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact me.

Harvin Freedman, Men's Club President
hefcpa@aol.com

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2011
WORLD WIDE WRAP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2011
MEN'S CLUB PAID-UP EVENT

ISRAELI DANCE for beginners

Tuesday Nights

True beginners at 7:00 pm,
advanced beginners/
intermediate 7:45 pm



\$8.00 per class/ \$35 prepaid for 5

Proceeds go to TBO/BT

Led by Elyse Litt 732-396-8299

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Please come and help us make sandwiches

Monday evenings at 5:15pm at

Zion Lutheran Church

559 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ

Call Arlene Fineman, 908-403-6554,
for further details.

Time commitment is less than an hour.

We continue to collect canned goods. Please leave
them in the box in the temple's lobby.

TWO WAYS TO HELP THE TEMPLE AND TO SPEND NOTHING



We joined with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and TD Bank in a program that brought this year 1069.52 and cost us nothing!

Here's how it works:

TD Bank donates a percentage of the annual balance in accounts that are enrolled in the program through our temple. Checking, savings, money market, CDs and retirement accounts are included. They can be individual or most business accounts, and they can be new or existing accounts.

There is no cost to our temple or our members, and there is no limit on the amount of our potential donation—the more accounts we have, the more money we get!

Call the temple office to sign up with existing account or a new one.



GOODSERCH AND GOODSHOP

Your favorite online stores have teamed up with GoodShop.com to offer money saving coupons and a % of every purchase is donated to our temple.

READ THIS BEFORE YOU DO ANY SHOPPING!
Please make every gift count this season. You can find coupons at more than 1,600 top stores AND a percentage of virtually every sale will be donated to Temple Beth O'r-Beth Torah.

Just go to GoodShop at <http://www.goodshop.com>, select Temple Beth Or - Beth Torah (Clark, NJ)" and then click over to your favorite store and shop away!
Or, add their toolbar to your browser at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar> - and your purchases will earn a donation for us even if you forget to go to GoodShop first!

KADIMA

KORNER

FEBRUARY HAPPENING:

February 27th: Regional Kadima Event—Kadima Day. Details to follow soon.
Check out the HaGalil website for all things KADIMA! www.hagalil.com click on Kadima.

And Remember: If you have Jewish friends who aren't already members, now is the time to tell them all about Clark Kadima and get them to join our chapter.

TBO/bT USY
If You Understand this Jumble - We Want You in the Mix!

Coming Soon!

February Inter-Chapter Event—February 12th—Friendship Dance hosted by the Rumson chapter.
February Regional Event: February 4-6th. Mid-Winter Kinnus in Caldwell.

Action required:

USY Junior/Senior Prom—March 5th. Keep the date open and watch for further information. This is a first time program for HaGalil.

Looking ahead:

It's not too early to be making plans to spend your summer with USY. Dan B. has already signed up for USY Wheels and is looking forward to a fabulous time travelling across the USA for 6 weeks. Check out the USY website for more summer programs. www.usy.org

Happy Birthday:

28—Genna K.

CHECK IT OUT: If you have a Jewish friend who isn't a USY member, but wants to check us out—let 'em come to any chapter program! We can't wait to meet them.



SHALOM - JERUSALEM CALLING TBO/BT!

My first semester of Nativ has been incredible. I had a fantastic time living in Jerusalem and studying at Hebrew University. Things have been pretty busy, wrapping up the semester, taking finals, packing everything up for vacation and spending time with the New Jersey visitors who were in Israel in December – TBOBT's very own Dorsch family and Michal Sagal and her dad, Rabbi Sagal, from Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. After spending the past four months in Israel, it was time for a quick visit back to the States. I spent my two week vacation back at home (in the snow), visiting with my family and friends and catching up on everything that's happened in the past few months. I just returned to Israel a few days ago and spent Shabbat reunited with my Nativ friends. Over the next few weeks, we have a lot of exciting activities planned. I'll be spending a week in Gadna, Israeli army training, followed by Israel Today Seminar, with activities and outings covering topics such as Israeli youth and Israel and the environment. Then we'll finish out the month with a hiking trip in the south before we finally arrive at our homes for the second semester. I can't wait to start this semester on Kibbutz Ein Tzurim!

Timely Torah Topics
Cantor Steven Stern is offering a three part series on
“The Blessings of Life: Living with Gratitude & Happiness”
Tuesdays at 8:00 pm on
February 15 and March 22, 2011.

Havdalah & Movie Night!

Join us as we usher out the Sabbath with a candlelight Havdalah ceremony followed by the viewing of the film

“Circumcise Me.”

This is the hilarious journey of comedian Chris Campbell as he goes through three conversions to Judaism.

Saturday, February 26, at 6:45 pm
at Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Friday, March 4th

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: \$15 per adult \$10 children ages 13 and under.

Please call the temple office at (732) 381-8403 by Tuesday, March 4th to RSVP.

BOOK SIGNING

Sunday, February 27 at 9:45 am

Dr. Gloria Schrager will speak about her recently published book
Rebecca and Her Brothers and will be signing copies.



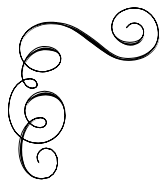
The book is a fictionalized account of her and her family's experiences in the Adirondacks during Dr. Schrager's teenage years. The book is enhanced with family recipes drawn from the restaurant her mother ran at that time.

In her first book "Medicine, Matzo Balls and Motherhood," Dr. Schrager wrote the story of her life, from Brooklyn to the Adirondacks to becoming a physician at a time when few women entered the medical field.

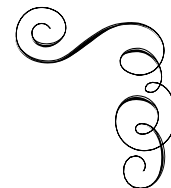
"Rebecca and her Brothers" is a winner on all accounts," the Westfield Leader says.



Breakfast will be served



The TBO/BT Family extends Mazel Tov to:
Gertrude Schloff on the birth of her great granddaughter Emma Irene



The TBO/BT Family extends Condolences to:

Kenneth Friedlander on the passing of his mother
The family of Barbara Gordon
Amanda White on the passing of her mother

The Congregation acknowledges the following donations :

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:

Natalie & Robert Tublitz in memory of Andrea Newfeld
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Steve & Judy Hurok in appreciation

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MONTH OF JANUARY BY:

Congregation, Sisterhood
Nancy & Russ Kelner & Michael & Susanne Miller
Lisa & Dick Lavroff in honor of Dick's birthday

Thank you forever vsu,

Myrna & Arny Young would like to thank all their friends at TBO/BT for all the golden books, cards and good wishes in honor of their granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah.

"Thank you so much for the use of your prayer books during the Shiva for my mother, Sylvia Elsner. My cousin Richard Lavroff was very close to my mom and it means a lot to have such a wonderful support system.

Fondly, Sharon Fink

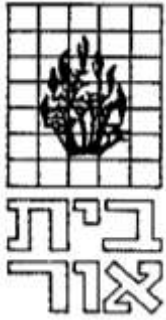
January

Happy Anniversary!

*Arthur & Pauline Feibush
Harvin & Sheri Freedman
Martin & Irene Goldstein*

Happy Birthday!

Susan Barr	Alan Rubin
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Alex Falk	Evelyn Schisler
Joel Glassman	Jay Schlesinger
Russel Kelner	Scott Seidman
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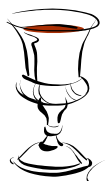
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