

TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH

BETH REPORTER

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MAY 2011

BIG BAND DANCE

***"REEDS, RHYTHM
AND ALL THAT BRASS"***

Sunday, May 15, 2011 @ 7:00 pm



**Stroll down memory lane.
DANCE to an 18 piece Big
Band with guest vocalist.**

**Songs from the "Great
American Song Book"**

\$25 general admission

Sponsor - \$125 (includes: 2 admission tickets, preferred seating, 50/50 ticket, mention and/or ad in Program.)

Proceeds to benefit Temple's education programs.

**Tickets sold in advance or at the door. Visa and MasterCard.
Dairy refreshments.**

DOOR PRIZES	50/50
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FROM THE CANTOR

“**Without memory**, our existence would be barren and opaque....” So spoke Elie Wiesel when he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. “If anything can, it is memory that will save humanity.”

Indeed, there is no denying how important memory is, both the collective kind of which Wiesel spoke, as well as individual memory. Our future depends upon our remembering our history, our past -- as a people, and as individuals, especially as the years pass, we so rightly cherish our mind’s ability to recall -- names, places, and events.

As individuals, there are things the experts say we can do to protect our precious ability to recall. In general, their recommendations are that what is good for our overall physical health is also good for the mind. And so at the top of the list are a good and healthy diet, daily exercise, adequate rest, limiting stress and a cultivating a positive outlook on life with the love and support of others. No surprises there. And some exercises for the mind in the form of puzzles and learning new things probably help as well.

I’m looking at our upcoming May temple calendar and I see a number of planned events that seem to just perfectly conform to what the doctors have ordered. On May 22, Lag B’Omer, our Men’s Club and our Walking & Fitness Group will co-sponsor a walk and healthy brunch in Rahway River Park. You can’t beat that combination for enhancing a healthy mind! And on May 15, you can boost memory by walking down memory lane, dancing to the music of a magnificent 18-piece band. Dancing, specifically, has been shown to benefit neuronal pathways in the brain. So practice your waltz, make friends, and help raise funds for the temple, all at the same time!

Returning to collective memory, please take note that the annual Yom HaShoah Holocaust Memorial Program will take place at Kean University on May 2. We dare not forget, and as the

number of Holocaust survivors diminishes, it is ever so important to attend this program and bring the younger generation with us. And finally, on May 30, the Township of Clark will again host a Memorial Day parade to honor all who have fallen in our nation’s wars, and specifically to honor “Clark’s Fallen Heroes.” Let us participate and march as a temple in this community event.

“Remembering is a noble and necessary act,” declared Wiesel. May we be blessed with good memory, individual and collective, so that we can all work for the betterment of our families, our communities, and all of humanity.

B’Shalom,
Cantor Steven Stern

I wish to thank everyone for the many delicious Mishloach Manot that were sent on Purim. I appreciated so much the thoughtfulness, and apologize that I could not thank everyone individually. Please know how very grateful I am.

Todah,
Cantor Steve Stern

Annual Yom HaShoah Community Holocaust Memorial

Monday, May 2, 6:45 pm
Wilkins Theater, Kean University,
1000 Morris Avenue, Union

**NEW BEGINNINGS:
Displaced Persons Camps**



From the JCC of
Middlesex County

Dear Cantor Stern,
....the good feeling and camaraderie you engendered made our Seder a truly outstanding event!
Many thanks...!



FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Friends,

We hope your Seders were liberating! Aside from the old joke that women are still slaves when it comes

to preparing for Passover, the yearly retelling of the Hebrews being taken out of slavery in Egypt by the hand of G-d is stunning. The account resonates in today's daily news. Recently, you all received *our* version of the four questions for Passover Seder. To refresh your memory they are:

1. *Have I recently experienced the beauty of a TBO/BT Shabbat service?*
2. *Have I attended a thought-provoking Adult Education class?*
3. *Have I joined with my TBO/BT friends in fundraising for our temple programming?*
4. *Have I any ideas I'd like to share with our temple leadership?*

We hope this was a creative way to remind you that the freedom we gained at Passover also has its responsibilities. The questions we posed define what it

is to be a Jew and part of a Kehilah - a Jewish community.

- Attending services seeds our spiritual appetite
- Attending classes deepens our intellectual understanding of our Judaism
- Supporting our congregation fundraisers has its roots in the Torah
- Contributing your ideas and your efforts to better our shul strengthens our Jewish family here at TBO/BT

Let's celebrate our liberation from slavery by freely answering the call of *our* four questions.

Lillian & Thelma

Thank you - תודה רבה

"Thanks to our TBO/BT family and friends for all your good wishes on Marc's being sworn into the New York and New Jersey Bars."

Esther & Jay Schlesinger

"Thank you to our Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah family for the very generous donations of food to the Yes, We Care Soup Kitchen." - Sonny and Arlene Fineman

TBO/BT says Thank You to:

- Michael E Miller for working in the office.
- Jay Schlesinger for acting as sommelier for our Wine Tasting.
- Florence Bernstein for collecting 75 lbs of matzah for the needy.
- Ari and Amanda White for giving a demonstration on Chi Gung at the Men's Club Breakfast.
- Sisterhood for paying for the coffee urn for the temple.
- Esther Schlesinger & Helene Davis for shopping for Passover Kiddushes.
- Karen Langer for printing the Big Band Dance flyer.
- David Langer for our beautiful, new web site.
- Fern Cammy and the Ritual Committee for the work on behalf of our Community Seder.

Are you missing out?

The BETH RepORter is a great way to keep up with all that's going on at TBO/BT. But there is an additional way to learn about what's happening at Shabbat services and to receive updates on the exciting events and programs held each week. If you are not currently on the TBO/BT email list, please notify the office and you'll begin to receive timely information that will keep you in the loop. Don't miss out!

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

SHABBAT SERVICES

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

May 6 & 7

EMOR

May 13 & 14

BEHAR

May 20 & 21

BECHUKOTAI

May 27 & 28

BAMIDBAR

SISTERHOOD SCENE

PROPOSED SLATE FOR SISTERHOOD 2011 – 2012

President: Vacant

Executive Vice President: Vacant

Membership VP: Joleen Fridson

Program VP: Paula Hymanson

Ways and Means VP: Louise Cangelosi

Secretary: Iris Weiner

Financial Secretary: Sebley Hausler

Treasurer: Judy Hurok

Assistant Treasurer: Betty Needleman

You will notice there is no President or Executive VP. The nominating committee tried and was unsuccessful in filling the positions.

Thanks to the committee: Joleen Fridson, Sebley Hausler, Thelma Purdy and Louise Cangelosi.

Vouchers:

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

TBO/BT Sisterhood INVITES YOU TO

SHOP SMART. *Do good!*

**FUNDRAISING SHOPPING
EVENT**

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011

9:00 AM TO 10:00 PM, in Westfield

Shop all day while supporting your community! Lord & Taylor is giving our Sisterhood an opportunity to raise money.

Help Sisterhood raise funds for temple projects by purchasing a ticket to this event.
Tickets are \$5

You can purchase tickets from the office, Judy Hurok or online at www.lordandtaylor.com/dogoodwestfield. Use the drop-down to find our name, Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah Sisterhood. All online ticket purchases are TAX FREE.

*Please join us for a festive evening
including dinner buffet and
entertainment*

*as we salute some of the
"Great Women in History"
at our*

53rd DONOR DINNER EVENT

Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 6:00PM

Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah
Clark, NJ

Please RSVP by May 9, 2011
Sebley Hausler (732-388-8060)
"Dressey Casual" attire

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

JUDAICA SHOP NEWS



Come and see our wonderful
Judaica items

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 lge@comcast.net.

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT



Men's Club moves on through the year. At our April meeting, we nominated Dr. Mike Miller to chair the nominating committee. All who would be interested in serving for

next year, please contact him. Mike Goldstein, our ritual VP is planning our Men's Club Shabbos. Our Minyon Person of the Year is being decided and will be presented. The Regional Raffle Tickets will be available; that is a win-win project, raising money for both the FJMC North Jersey Region and the TBO/BT Men's Club. Please participate, if you can. A thank you to Ari White and his wife Amanda for an excellent Sunday morning program demonstrating Tai Chi.

Men's Club Coming Events:

We are again planning a Poker Night, date to be announced???

The Men's Club has it's Men's Club Shabbos planned for May.

In June we will attend, as a group, the North New Jersey Regional President's Dinner.

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

Join us for



CHINESE DINNER

Friday, May 20, 6:30 pm

Cost: \$10 for adults

\$5 for children 10 & under

RSVP to the temple office by
Wednesday, May 18.

MORNING MINYAN 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.

In the month of May, Morning Minyan will be held in Cranford.

MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE CARDS



"A mother understands what a child does not say." (Jewish Proverb)
It is time to think about honoring the mothers in your life.



Send a TBO/BT tribute card for
Mother's Day at \$18.00 each.

We do all the work. Fill out the enclosed order form
and we will print and mail the cards for you.

**Ari and Amanda White demonstrate Chi Gung at
Men's Club Breakfast**



Havdalah before wine tasting



s at TBO/BT

Morah Michal reads the "Passover Zoo Seder" to our Yaldeinu class.



The children learn about Moses floating on the river in a basket.



TBO/BT author Daniel Guttman at his book signing event

Vine Tasting



MAY HAPPENINGS:

Kadima Spring Convention—May 13th to May 15th.

Check out the HaGalil website for all things KADIMA! www.hagalil.com click on Kadima.

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

Coming Soon!

Closing Chapter Event: TBA. Details to follow. Watch your email for more info.

May Regional Event: Closing Dance—May 21st—Springfield.

Action required:

Clear your calendar and plan now to attend Encampment this August. Details to follow. It is an unbelievable week.

Looking ahead:

IC 2011 will be Philly, 12/25-12/29. So close to home. There's no reason not to go!

Tikun Olam:

Due to the generosity of so many during our Mega Coin Challenge and our annual Purim Collection, CLUSY raised over \$400. Combined with our other fund raising efforts we were able to contribute \$500 to Tikun Olam. Thank you everyone for your support!

Mazel Tov:

Our graduating seniors: Jake, Mike, Steven, Rachel S. and Rachel O.

Happy Birthday:

Ilana D.—2nd

Alex C.—12th

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!



SHALOM JERUSALEM CALLING TBOBT

I can't believe how quickly time moves here. I've already been in Israel for 7 ½ months and living on Kibbutz Ein Tsurim for over 2 months, and I've truly loved every minute of it. Pesach is starting tomorrow, so we've been quite busy preparing and cleaning for the holiday. My roommate and I just finished pulling apart our entire room and cleaning EVERYTHING! I'm looking forward to exploring Israel over the next week, and spending time up north, which I haven't done much of so far this year. I even have plans to visit with the Weinshankers and their daughter and her family in Zichron Yaakov. We've done a lot in the past few weeks since I wrote my last article for the bulletin. Although most of my days are spent at work, spending time with my friends, and various creative projects (I've learned to crochet kippot!), Nativ always has us up and going. We spent Shabbat together and learned about topics such as the future of American Judaism and responsibility in Judaism. We spent Purim together in Jerusalem. Everyone dressed up for Nativ megillah reading motzei Shabbat in Ma'ale Hachamisha, which was followed by a Purim party, complete with karaoke! On Sunday we ventured to Holon, near Tel Aviv, for a Purim parade and lunch. We rounded out our weekend together in Jerusalem on Monday for Shushan Purim. The streets were lively and filled with music, and many people were still in costume. I find it so hard to believe that my time in Israel is almost up. I have about 7 days left of work in the refet, and a lot more to look forward to next month. It's just flown by. By the time you read this, I'll be winding down my time in Israel and getting ready to head home (I arrive at JFK on the morning of May 30th). This has truly been the experience of a lifetime!

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MEN'S CLUB & TBO/BT WALKING & FITNESS GROUP

PRESENT

LAG B'OMER WALK IN RAHWAY RIVER PARK



Sunday May 22, 10:15 AM

Meet at 10:00 AM at the temple parking lot
or by the park pool.

A light, healthy brunch will be served.

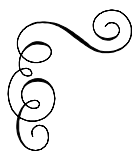
**Reservations to the temple office by Wednesday, May 18
are a must.**



**CLARK
MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE**

MONDAY, MAY 30

**DETAILS TO
FOLLOW**



THE TBO/BT FAMILY EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:
Army & Myrna Young on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jordan Panitch

THE CONGREGATION ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:

Cantor Mark Kushner in honor of Halpern Bris and in appreciation

Karen & Bill Bess, in appreciation

Gloria Sern, in appreciation

GENERAL FUND

Malvina & Tom Kohn, Mazel Tov to Karen & Bill Bess on the birth of their grandson

Arthur Weiner in lieu of Shalach Mones, wishing Happy Purim to Adeline & Arthur Gesten, Lisa & Dick Lavroff, Jack & Norma Weinshanker and Army & Myrna Young David & Sheila Goldberg in honor of Toby Prince's birthday

Lillian Makow in honor of Marc Genser's Bar Mitzvah
Thelma & Arthur Purdy in honor of Marc Genser's Bar Mitzvah

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Bernard & Bernice Gola in memory of Arthur Purdy's

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MAY

Happy Anniversary!

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Michael & Laurie Saks

Jay & Esther Schlesinger

Joel & Barbara Seltzer

Allan & Rayna Warner

Happy Birthday!

Bonnie Altman

Jerome Baron

Alex Cammy

Ilana Dorsch

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Bernice Gola

Cynthia Glasser

Stanley Glasser

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Lorraine Itzkowitz

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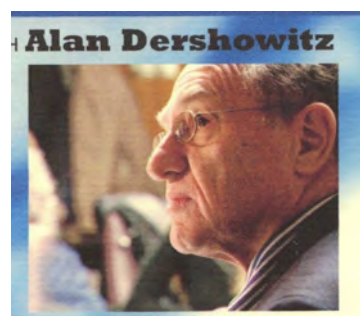
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THE CASE FOR ISRAEL

A feature length documentary film with



Sunday, May 1, 7:00 pm

Temple Emanu-El

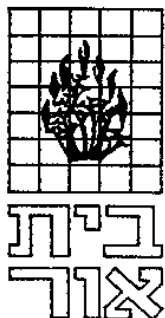
756 East Broad Street, Westfield

Admission: \$5 suggested donation

Dr. Gilbert Kahn, Kean University
Professor of Political Science, will lead
discussion following screening.

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ★ 9:00a Morning Minyan YOM HASHOA 27 Nisan	2 6:45p Yom Hashoah at Kean Univ. 8:00p Sisterhood Meeting 28 Nisan	3 7:00p Israeli Dancing 29 Nisan	4 30 Nisan	5 1 Ivar	6 7:39p 8:00p Services 2 Ivar	7 9:30a Services 3 Ivar
8 9:00a Morning Minyan MOTHER'S DAY 4 Ivar	9 ★ 8:00p TBO/BT Board Meeting YOM HAZIKARON 5 Ivar	10 ★ 7:00p Israeli Dancing YOM HA'ATZMAUT 6 Ivar	11 30 Nisan	12 8:00p Men's Club Meeting 8 Ivar	13 7:46p 8:00p Services 9 Ivar	14 9:30a Services 10 Ivar
15 9:00a Morning Minyan 7:00p Big Band Dance Women's League 11 Ivar	16 8:00p Executive Board Meeting 19 Ivar	17 7:00p Israeli Dancing 13 Ivar	18 8:00p Ritual Meeting 14 Ivar	19 8:00p Sisterhood Donor Dinner 22 Ivar	20 7:53p 8:00p Services 16 Ivar	21 9:30a Services 17 Ivar
22 ★ LAG B'OMER 9:00a Morning Minyan 10:00a Walk in the Park 18 Ivar	23 8:00p Executive Board Meeting 19 Ivar	24 7:00p Israeli Dancing 20 Ivar	25 8:00p Ways & Means Meeting 21 Ivar	26 6:00p Sisterhood Donor Dinner 22 Ivar	27 7:59p 8:00p Services 23 Ivar	28 9:30a Services 24 Ivar
29 9:00a Morning Minyan 25 Ivar	30 PJ MEMORIAL DAY Clark Memorial Day Parade 26 Ivar	31 7:00p Israeli Dancing 27 Ivar				



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Bar/Bat Mitzvah?**

**Host a Kiddush at TBO/BT.
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Contact Julia at 732-381-8403 x11 or
tbethor@gmail.com.**

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A Non-Profit Organization

Please come and help us make sandwiches

Monday evenings at 5:15pm at

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559 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ

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

Time commitment is less than an hour.

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