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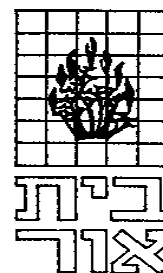


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Edith & Mark Lief Memorial Lecture January 22, 10:00 am

The Composers of Terezin



Dr. Mathew Halper's presentation will be an introduction to a few of the prominent composers of Terezin and the music they created at the prison - a very modest act of remembrance and bearing witness to their creativity in the face of adversity, and sadly, their tragic ends in Auschwitz.

Dr. Halper is professor of music at Kean University and is Artistic Director of Ars Vitalis, The New Jersey New Music Forum. He has received several awards from ASCAP and is a 2000 & 2006 recipient of a New Jersey State Council on the Arts Individual Artist Fellowship.



The program is free & open to the public.
A light breakfast will be served at 9:45 am.
Please RSVP to the temple office.

"Coffee & Intimate Conversations"

at the Bayit, 117 John St.

Saturday, January 14,

at 7:00 pm,



Join us for an evening with Israeli Emissary Natalie Elgrabi. Natalie is a captain in the Israel Defence Forces Reserves and will speak about her life in Israel and her impressions of America.

Light refreshments will be served.

Space is limited. RSVP to the temple office.

FROM THE CANTOR



My cell phone contract happens to be coming due soon, and I will need to consider whether to upgrade my current Blackberry phone. So it was with considerable interest that I read in a recent NY Times article of the many choices I have. “The current line is a jumble of models,” it

said, noting that “there are Blackberries that flip, Blackberries that slide, Blackberries with touch screens... those with touch screens and keypads, those with full keypads, those with compact keypads, high end Blackberries and low priced Blackberries....” The choices seem endless, and that’s assuming I want to stay with the Blackberry. I could also switch to the ever-popular iPhone, or perhaps try one of the many Android models. Now, this is really more decision-making than I prefer.

But then, isn’t all of life like that? Did you ever count how many different types of salad dressings there are to choose from in the supermarket? Or even paper towels. They have me deciding whether I want one ply or two ply, single or double roll, extra absorbency, extra soft or not, recycled and earth friendly paper pulp or regular, 62 or 120 sheets per roll....Really, all I want is something with which to wipe down the kitchen counter!

I suppose it’s better to have choices than not to have any. But more, when excessive, can be less. Folks who research these matters have concluded that we are more satisfied with what we buy when we have less to choose from. Having an overabundance of choices causes us to question whether we made the right decision and results in less satisfaction.

This time of the year is chock-full of decision-making. For many, particularly important are the decisions about which New Year resolutions to make. Should we start a new diet, join an exercise program, take a new class, or finally begin to clear out and organize the storage room? I know that some of us may not be fans of January resolutions, and others may say that the proper time to set the course for the year should rather be on Rosh Hashanah.

So let me tell you where I stand on this subject. I’m all in favor of making resolutions in January, because we all have unfulfilled goals, and if the beginning of the

secular calendar year can be a spur to striving to fulfill them, that is great, and our culture is certainly supportive of this. Personally, I would leave for Rosh Hashanah the resolutions that deal with more weighty matters, or those of a spiritual nature. (But listen, if you haven’t yet resolved to come and experience the joy and spirit of our Shabbat services, then committing to do so starting January 1st will be just fine!)

I have more to say on this subject, but I do need to head over to the market to pick up some items and to decide on a brand of salad dressing. Better yet, I really should just grab some olive oil and vinegar and make my own....

With blessings for a year of good health in body and spirit,
Cantor Steven Stern

What’s New for Shabbat in January?

Dress Down Shabbat

Come casual for our Shabbat services on Friday and Saturday, January 13 & 14.

Simcha Shabbat

We will celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries in the month of January on Friday, Jan 20. Come for a blessing and share your simcha with the TBOBT family!

Mitzvah Shabbat

Join us on Saturday, January 28. After services and before Kiddush, we will prepare food packages for our neighbors.

SHABBAT SERVICES

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

January 6 & 7
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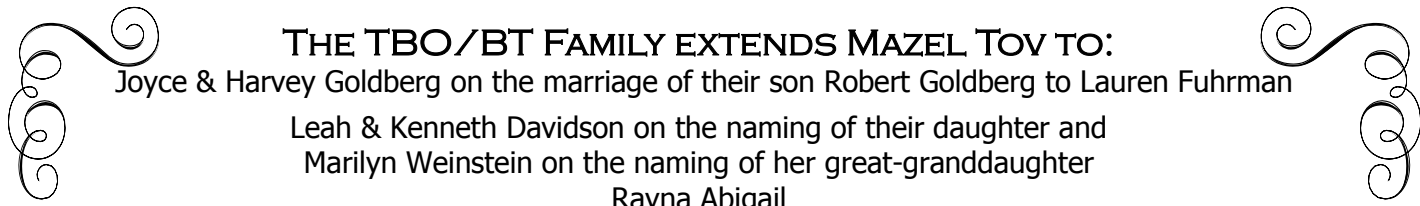
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January 13 &14
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January 27 & 28
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January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00a Morning Minyan	8:00p Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:00p Israeli Dancing		8:00p Ways & Means Meeting	8:00p Services	9:30a Services
6 Tevet	7 Tevet	8 Tevet	9 Tevet	10 Tevet	11 Tevet	12 Tevet
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00a Morning Minyan	8:00p TBO/BT Board Meeting	7:00p Israeli Dancing	8:00p Ritual Meeting Sisterhood Game Night	8:00p Men's Club Meeting	4:33p	9:30a Services
13 Tevet	14 Tevet	15 Tevet	16 Tevet	17 Tevet	18 Tevet	19 Tevet
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:00a Morning Minyan	Martin Luther King	7:00p Israeli Dancing		8:00p Services	4:40p	9:30a Services
20 Tevet	21 Tevet	22 Tevet	23 Tevet	24 Tevet	25 Tevet	26 Tevet
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:00a Morning Minyan	8:00p Executive Board Meeting	7:00p Israeli Dancing		7:00p Men's Club Poker Night	4:49p	9:30a Services
27 Tevet	28 Tevet	29 Tevet	1 Shevat	2 Shevat	3 Shevat	4 Shevat
29	30	31				
9:00a Morning Minyan		7:00p Israeli Dancing				
5 Shevat	6 Shevat	7 Shevat				



THE TBO/BT FAMILY EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:

Joyce & Harvey Goldberg on the marriage of their son Robert Goldberg to Lauren Fuhrman
Leah & Kenneth Davidson on the naming of their daughter and
Marilyn Weinstein on the naming of her great-granddaughter
Rayna Abigail

Naomi Silbert on the birth of her 5th great grandchild

Adele Marcus on the birth of her great grandson Milo J. Marcus

THE TBO/BT FAMILY EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

The Feibush Family on the passing of Arthur Feibush

REFUACH SHLEIMAH TO:

Sebley Hausler

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FOLLOWING DONATIONS MADE TO
TBO/BT DURING THE MONTH OF
NOVEMBER:**

(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.)

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Harriet Rothschild in memory of Justin Rothschild
Adele Marcus in honor of the birth of great grandson Milo J. Marcus
Arthur & Felella Millman in honor of Diane Goldstein
5772 honoree

GENERAL FUND:

Stacey Sern & Jonathan Greenberg in memory of Ted Young
David Makow in memory of Martin Makow
Gitta Harel in memory of Ted Young
Jill & Brune Koblentz in memory of Ted Young

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Debbie Freedman, for father's yahrzeit

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Yahrzeit Fund

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Dr. Eugene Tandler	Esther Rubinstein

January	
Happy Anniversary!	
Mr. & Mrs. William Hausler Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Freedman	
Happy Birthday!	
Elyssa Alters	Meryl Mandelbaum
Scott Alters	Michael Miller
Benjamin Axelrad	Brandon Muhlgeier
Seth Axelrad	Leon Oberman
Linda Blank	Carla Rockkliff
Harrison Bobbins	Rosalyn Shifrin
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Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah has for so many years been an important part of our lives, helping us to celebrate simchas, and providing us with an extended family for support and comfort in difficult times. Would you please consider providing a generous bequest in your will so that our "House of Light & Torah" can serve the needs of generations to come.

We thank you.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS



Dear Friends,

As the calendar has turned to the secular year 2012, we, as Jews, are in the midst of 5772. It is always the right time

to rethink our relationships with family, friends, and congregants.

At Kabbalat Shabbat services on December 9, when Clark USY conducted services, Daniel Brotman, President, gave the Dvar Torah. His message, which refers to the parsha of the week, was a powerful one.

Daniel posited that our devils can also be our angels. Broadly speaking, it is always a good time to rethink our relationships with others and ourselves.

We offer a hearty yasher koach to the young men & women of our USY and to Barbara James for her loving guidance and leadership which she gives to our "kids."

Check out the events in January noted throughout this Reporter. We're off to a busy and rewarding secular year!

Lillian Makow & Thema Purdy

* **OUR SHABBAT HANUKKAH DINNER** *
* Our Shabbat Hanukkah Dinner held in our Party Room on December 23 was filled to capacity! We *
* were joined by our special guests, the families of *
* our Yaldeinu and Hebrew Academy. Cantor Stern *
* explained the customs and rituals of Shabbat and led *
* the children in a special Shabbat melody. The *
* magnificent dinner, catered by Deli-King of Clark, *
* was a big hit with everyone. After singing *
* Hanukkah favorites and chanting the Birchot, all *
* gathered in our sanctuary for a lively service led by *
* Cantor and Di Millman. Delicious desserts awaited *
* everyone at the Oneg. One out-of-town visitor *
* exclaimed: "This was the most beautiful Shabbat *
* service I had ever attended...." Thanks to everyone *
* who helped put together this wonderful evening! *
* *****

Murder Mystery Dinner - a huge success!

It was SRO at Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah's Murder Mystery Dinner on December 3rd. More than two hundred people enjoyed a suspense filled show, a scrumptious Chinese dinner, and a delicious dessert table. The many members who worked so hard to produce the event basked in the light of rave reviews. Once again, Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah has proven that we know how to throw a party.

Many thanks to the too numerous to mention members who worked so hard to bring the successful evening to our guests. And hearty Yasher Koachs to our Sponsors and Donors for their generosity.

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SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We want to thank Paula Hymanson for coordinating the Hanukkah handicraft program on December 19.

There will be no official meetings in January; however game night will be Wednesday, January 11 at Esther Schlesinger's home. The cost is \$15.00 for dinner. Please RSVP to Esther at 732-548-

7132. Please plan to attend. We always have a wonderful, fun-filled evening. The snow date is January 18.

We want to hear from all the talented people out there who are willing to entertain us at Sisterhood's Talent Show in April. Check out the box on this page for more information.

I have always felt lucky to have both Rosh Hashanah and the secular New Year. This way I get two chances to make resolutions and hopefully be able to fulfill at least some of them. I hope many of the women in the Congregation resolve to become more active in Sisterhood, whether it is attending more meetings or accepting an office or chairmanship. The nominating committee will soon be looking for new officers for next year. Please give serious thought to stepping up and becoming an officer. Everyone has

strengths and ideas to share. Those of us who have been serving over the years would truly appreciate a new perspective and look forward to having you share your thoughts with us.

I will continue to act as President over the next three months.

Louise Cangelosi

GOLDEN BOOKS

GET WELL

To: Sebley Hausler

From: Julia & Yakov Vinokurov, Myrna & Arnold Young, Audrey & Howard Silverman, Fern & Joe Cammy, Claudia & Andrew Dorsch, Elaine & Bob Kolker, Helene & Michael Miller, Debbie & Arthur Freedman

CONDOLENCES

To: Arnold Young of the loss of his brother Ted Young

From: Norma & Jack Weinshanker, Janice & Herb Hymanson



SISTERHOOD TALENT SHOW WE WANT TO SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT!

Join Sisterhood on **Sunday April 29, 2012 at 7:00 pm** for a Talent Show. Wine, cheese and desserts will be served. Cost is \$18.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. RSVP to Louise Cangelosi (732-634-3019 or lge@comcast.net) or to the office.

Contact Louise if you would like to participate. She will need to know the nature of your talent and approximately how long you will perform in the interest of managing the length of the program. There are no tryouts. We will accept approximately 2 hours worth of entertainment, so don't wait to register. We want to applaud your talent!

Vouchers:

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

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)

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Special Fund

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for further details.

Time commitment is less than an hour.

**Yes, We Care Soup Kitchen continues to collect
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the temple's lobby.**

Got a Simcha?

**Birthday? Anniversary? Graduation?
New grandchild?**

Commemorate a Yahrzeit?

**Host a Kiddush at TBO/BT. You can
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**Kiddush or be a co-sponsor with a
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Contact Julia at 732-381-8403 x11 or
tbethor@gmail.com.**

♥ Israeli Folk Dance- Good for Your Heart ♥

Connection

♥ Social

Dancers gather in groups. Nearly every dancer will tell you that their classmates become their friends. We chat over snacks or pre-or post-session restaurant visits. There's always a couple in every group who love to tell everyone that they met their partner-for-life at a dance class. And if you dance in another city, chances are you will be welcomed like a long-lost cousin.

♥ It's usually not competitive

Most of us spend a lot of time competing, whether at work or as part of a hobby. IFD certainly can be competitive if you are driven to be the best dancer, or to know the most dances; but typically it is a communal activity. The only goal is to enjoy doing this dance to this piece of music.

♥ To Judaism and/or Israel

While you certainly don't have to be Jewish to dance IFD-thousands of participants aren't- if you are looking for another way to connect, it's there. Dances are choreographed to prayers, traditional folk tunes, popular Israeli music and more. Moving your body to prayerful music can be highly spiritual. Listening to the same music currently playing on Israeli radio is a way to stay in touch with the Jewish homeland.

Happy Dancing!

Elyse Litt

dances.from.the.heart@gmail.com
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Temple Beth O'R-Beth Torah Men's Club Presents

All Aboard for a Steam Train Trip through the San Juan Mountains of SW Colorado

January 8, 2012

The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad travels a 45 mile route through spectacular canyons and river valleys. The railroad was built in 1870-80 to connect the silver mines around Silverton to Denver.

Mike Miller will show a professional DVD of the trip and the HO model of the railroad. He will also discuss his rail adventure.

**Minyan at 9:00 am, breakfast starts 9:45 am, program
at 10:10 am. RSVP by Jan. 3rd to the TBO/BT Office is needed for the ordering of food.**



Coming Soon!

January Regional Event: January 14th—SATO Dance in Rumson. More details to follow soon! Snow date—January 21st.

Action Required:

Mid-Winter Kinnus—February 10th-12th. Keep the dates open and watch for the application in your email or on the HaGalil website www.hagalilusy.com

Looking Ahead!

It's not too early to be making plans to spend your summer with USY. Check out www.usy.org for info on all summer programs.

Hagalil Jr./Sr. Prom will be held at TBOBT on March 3rd. Mark your calendar now for a fabulous evening!

Todah Rabah:

A special thank you to Alex C. and Dan B. for coordinating an inspiring and uplifting Shabbat Service on December 9th. Thanks to our participants Dan B., Alex C., Ilana D., Stephanie W., Josh and Jenny M. and our special guests from Scotch Plains (Mike and Carly) and Morris Plains (John and Jessie).

Your Fearless Leaders:

Dan B.—Pres., Alex C. – Rel/Ed & Exec./IA V.P., Ilana D.—SATO V.P., Steven L. —Freshman Rep and Barbara James—Advisor.

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.

Thank you - תודה רבה

Arny and the entire Young Family would like to thank everyone at TBO/BT for their support during the loss of his brother, Ted. Your donations, visitations, calls and cards were a great comfort to us in our time of need.

We thank everybody for their best wishes on our 60th wedding anniversary. TBO/BT has always been very supportive of both of us and we are very grateful for everybody's kindness,

With many thanks, Adeline & Arthur Gesten

We would like to thank

- Florence Bernstein for donating Hanukkah decorations to the temple.
- Toby Prince & Evelyn Shulman for chairing our Mystery Dinner fundraiser & all our volunteers who helped to make this event a great success.
- Dick & Lisa Lavroff for donating cake for our Mystery Dinner.

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Come and see our wonderful
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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 lge@comcast.net.

Interesting News from Israel! Reported by Israeli Affairs Chair, Dr. David Goldstein.

- Yaakov Amitai landed in Egypt to begin his term as the new Israeli ambassador to Egypt. The previous ambassador and his staff left Egypt in September after their safety was threatened by protesters who ransacked the Israeli embassy.
- Israel and Bulgaria signed a joint declaration on co-operation involving environmental issues. Israeli Protection Minister Gilad Erdan commented that "Bulgaria is among Israel's closest friends and in the coming years we will gladly share our experiences in the environmental field."
- The Israeli windsurfer, Lee Korzits, won the Sailing World Championships in Australia. Korzits, who had previously won the championship in 2003, received a congratulatory call from President Shimon Peres.
- Two Jerusalem hotels, the Inbal Jerusalem and the David Citadel were ranked by the travel magazine *Conde Nast Travelers* and its Readers Choice Awards as among the top 10 hotels in the Middle East.

Are you missing out?

If you are not currently on the TBO/BT email list, please notify the office and you'll begin to receive timely information each week about our exciting programs that will keep you in the loop.

Don't miss out!



SISTERHOOD GAME NIGHT

Wednesday, January 11

at the home of Esther Schlesinger

Cost is \$15 for the dinner.

Please RSVP to Esther 732-548-7132

by Friday, January 6.

MEMBERSHIP PHONE DIRECTORY

We are planning to publish a new membership phone directory. We will be including your favorite kosher recipes whether they are for the holidays, Shabbat or everyday meals.



Please send your favorite kosher recipes to the temple office by email

(tbethor@gmail.com), mail, or drop them off. You will be receiving additional information shortly.

We appreciate your help.

Audrey Silverman

Morning Minyan Update!

Our morning Minyan serves our temple community by providing us with a place to pray and say Kaddish for those in mourning and those commemorating a yahrzeit. It's there for us when we need it. Will you do your part to insure that it continues to thrive? Join us for one morning a week, or at least whenever you can. Breakfast is included, so we feed both the body and soul. Thank you!

In the month of January Morning Minyan will be held in Cranford

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.

Happenings at TBO/BT



Murder Mystery Dinner

**Outdoor Hanukkah Candle lighting
led by Cantor Stern, Councilman
Alvin Barr & our school children**

**Four generations come together before Leah &
Kenneth Davidson daughter's naming at Shabbat
services**



Sisterhood General Meeting

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