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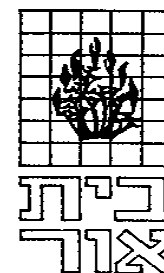
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## TBO/BT Inaugural Testimonial Dinner

Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 6:00 pm

*The First Annual L'Chaim Awards will be presented to*

*Dr. Margaret McMenamin,*  
*President of Union County College,*

*And to*



*Dr. Sanford & Mrs. Arlene Fineman*

*Founders of the "Yes, We Care Soup Kitchen"*

*for their personal and professional commitment to  
improving the quality of life in our community and to  
Tikun Olam.*



**Cocktail Reception: 6:00 pm Program/Dinner: 7:00 pm**

**Dress: Business Attire**

**Cost for the Dinner ( for temple members only): \$75/person**

**Commemorative Journal Tributes:**

**\$1000 Full Page Ad**

**\$500 Half Page Ad**

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**\$180 Eighth Page Ad**

**Congregants are encouraged to support this fundraising event.**

Please **place your tribute** to Dr. McMenamin and/or Dr. Sonny and Mrs. Arlene Fineman in the  
L'Chaim Awards Dinner Commemorative Journal **no later than May 29.**

Please **place a reservation** for the Dinner **no later than June 4th.**

FROM THE CANTOR



“Let us not look back in anger, nor forward in fear, but around in awareness.”

This quote by the author and humorist James Thurber resonates well with the way I see things. But this is the month of June and the time of the year that

I like to look back, not with the emotion suggested by Thurber, but with a sense of satisfaction, reviewing what we as a community have accomplished over these past twelve months. It is not, I hope, merely an exercise in the indulgence of self-congratulation, but rather an opportunity for appreciation of our collective and dedicated efforts that have served our TBOBT community this past year, and for encouragement as we prepare for the year ahead.

So let us look back with pride at our many programs and activities:

- A well attended and lively TBOBT Community Pesach Seder celebrating together the spirit of the holiday with the temple mishpocho
- A packed Sol Sern Memorial Program that brought joy and laughter to the entire community
- Our innagural L’Chaim Award Dinner honoring prominent members of our community in support of our synagogue’s mission
- Our Dinner Theatre with a sold-out crowd filling our social hall
- A successful year of educating and inspiring our youngest members, from Yaldeinu to Hebrew High to USY
- Final preparations completed for the installation of our new bimah wall that will bring delight and inspiration
- The Edith & Mark Lief Memorial Lecture that enabled us to bear witness to creativity in the face of the greatest adversity
- The inauguration of our monthly Dress Down Shabbat and Simcha Shabbat services
- A Café Ivrit that brought the sights, sounds, and tastes of the Land of Israel into the halls of our synagogue

I could go on and on with countless other activities, from special holiday services, to daily morning minyan, to

important and engaging Sisterhood and Men’s Club programming, to our various chesed efforts on behalf of tikun olam. We are a vibrant community with a very full calendar. And if, as our Sages teach, the world does indeed stand on the three pillars of Torah, prayer and acts of kindness, then our programs and activities this year encompassed and supported all three, and we offered them with a vibrancy that should make us all proud. I thank our tireless leadership, our hardworking board, our many selfless volunteers, and our most dedicated office staff for all their efforts.

But there is more to be done, and we need each and every one of us to make it happen. So looking ahead to the coming months, I wish all a pleasant summer that will recharge our energies for another successful and fulfilling year at TBOBT.

Bivracha,  
Cantor Steven Stern

What’s Up for Shabbat in June?

Dress Down Shabbat

Come casual for our Shabbat services on Friday and Saturday, June 8 & 9.

Simcha Shabbat

We will celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries in the month of June on Friday, June 22. Come for a blessing and share your simcha with the TBO/BT family!

Special service and Kiddush in honor of Dr. Gloria Schrager - Saturday, June 2

Installation Shabbat & Dinner - Friday, June 15

Graduation Shabbat - Saturday, June 16. Kiddush will be sponsored by our graduating families.

Book Discussion: June 3, 10 am

We will be discussing “A Pigeon and a Boy” by Meir Shalev.

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!

June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:03p	2
3 9:00a Morning Minyan 10:00a Book Discussion 13 Sivan	4 14 Sivan	5 7:00p Israeli Dancing 15 Sivan	6 16 Sivan	7 6:00p L'Chaim Awards Dinner 17 Sivan	8 8:00p Services 11 Sivan	9 9:30a Services Special Adults 12 Sivan
10 9:00a Morning Minyan Minyanaire of the Year Breakfast 20 Sivan	11 8:00p TBO/BT Board Meeting 21 Sivan	12 7:00p Israeli Dancing 22 Sivan	13 8:00p Ritual Meeting 23 Sivan	14 8:00p Men's Club Meeting 24 Sivan	15 6:30p Dinner 8:00p Services Installation Shabbat 25 Sivan	16 9:30a Services Dress Down Shabbat 19 Sivan
17 9:00a Morning Minyan FATHER'S DAY 27 Sivan	18 6:00a Sisterhood Transitional Meeting 28 Sivan	19 7:00p Israeli Dancing 29 Sivan	20 30 Sivan	21 1 Tammuz	22 8:00p Services Simcha Shabbat 2 Tammuz	23 9:30a Services Graduation Shabbat 26 Sivan
24 9:00a Morning Minyan 4 Tammuz	25 8:00p Executive Board Meeting 5 Tammuz	26 7:00p Israeli Dancing 6 Tammuz	27 7 Tammuz	28 7:00p Men's Club Game Night 8 Tammuz	29 8:00p Services 9 Tammuz	30 9:30a Services 10 Tammuz



**THE TBO/BT FAMILY EXTENDS MAZEL TOV TO:**

Sebley & Bill Hausler on the graduation of their grandson Jeffrey Camhi from Georgetown Law Center

Roberta Makow on the graduation of her twin granddaughters Natalie & Stephanie from Rutgers University

Freida Posnock on receiving the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award from National Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federations of North America

Alan Mandelbaum on being honored as Minaynaire of the Year

Jonathan Philips for another successful Tour de Elizabeth with more than 500 cyclists taking part

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

Ellen Cohen and Aryeh White on the passing of their mother and grandmother Leona Cohen

Dr. David Wexler on the passing of his father Dr. Seymour Wexler

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

( 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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Happy Birthday!	
David Altman	Howard Kronick
Josh Axelrad	Seymour Lemberg
Florence Bernstein	Lillian Makow
Dennis Berry	Theodore Moreines
David Brotman	Mark Needleman
Leah Davidson	Michael Needleman
Helene Davis	Cheryl Orson
Sol Elsner	Lisa Orson
Diane Goldstein	Julia Roth
Joseph Green	Debra Seidman
Rose Handler	Anna Vaidman
Selma Kastner	Gene White

## FROM THE PRESIDENTS



Dear Friends,

Over the past two years we were privileged to express our thoughts in this space.

As we look back, the years have been a kaleidoscope of activities. Included are meetings, decisions, programs, classes, services, fundraisers, Shabbat meals, Yaldeinu, D'var Torahs, kiddushes, onegs, Israeli dancing, joys and sorrows, talk and more talk, and everything in between.

We've been impressed by the devotion of you, our members of TBO/BT family. We are keenly aware that we, as your Co-Presidents, are a small cog in the TBO/BT wheel. We've been impressed by those of you who have taken on projects, large and small, work diligently with Sisterhood, Men's Club, and Youth, support our fundraisers, quietly pitching in when needed, and who continue to reinforce our mantra of being a warm and welcoming community.

The list of those whom we need to thank could fill many pages. I hope our continuing friendship with all of you will be accepted as our "thank you."

A few people do need special mention.

Jonathan Phillips has been a Vice President extraordinaire. We look forward to working with the great new team of leadership of President Howard Silverman and Vice President Jonathan Phillips. Please join us in continuing to be there for Howard and Jonathan in our journey for a bright future for our synagogue.

Our heartfelt thanks to Cantor Steve Stern for wearing so many hats - er - yarmalkas in our congregation. We are most grateful for his imagination, insight and efforts to strengthen all aspects of our shul life. He has also been a very wise counselor to us during our tenure.

We are most grateful to Julia for her devotion to our congregation at large, as well as to each of us personally.

A big thank you to Mariela, who quietly keeps our house and stomachs in order.

Last, but not least, we thank all of you for your friendship.

Lillian and Thelma

# Installation Shabbat

Friday, June 15

Shabbat Dinner - 6:30 pm, Service 8 pm

Join us as we install leaders of our Temple Board, Sisterhood, Men's Club and USY and honor those who have served our temple.

Cost for the Dinner: \$18 for adults, \$12 for children 12 and under.

Please RSVP by Tuesday June 12.

A festive Oneg Shabbat will follow the services.






## SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We want to thank Judy Hurok for coordinating the Lord & Taylor benefits day, and also everyone who supported this project. Yasher koach to Sebley Hausler for an amazing donor event. We truly appreciate all her hard work for Sisterhood.

As the year winds down, we want to thank all the Sisterhood

members who helped us have a successful year. We also thank everyone who has served as an officer this year and accepted an office for next year. We hope you all have a good summer and will be ready to embrace the new opportunities Sisterhood has to offer in the fall.

Louise Cangelosi



## 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.

### Vouchers:

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

The Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah



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## GOLDEN BOOKS

### MAZEL TOV

To: Diane & Michael Goldstein on the engagement of their daughter Amanda to Eliezer Bushman

From: Michael & Helene Miller, Audrey & Howard Silverman, Jonathan & Janie Phillips, Claudia & Andrew Dorsch

### CONDOLENCES

To: Ellen Cohen on the passing of her mother Leona Cohen

From: Michael & Diane Goldstein

To: Arye White on the passing of his grandmother Leona Cohen

From: Michael & Diane Goldstein

To: Dr. David Wexler on the passing of his father Dr. Seymour Wexler

From: Michael & Helene Miller, Joe & Fern Cammy, Jonathan & Janie Phillips, Bob & Joleen Fridson

### SPEEDY RECOVERY

To: Judy Rubin

From: Diane & Michael Goldstein, Fern & Joe Cammy, Audrey & Howard Silverman

## ISRAELI DANCE for beginners

Tuesday Nights

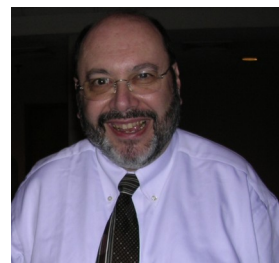
Beginners at 7:00 pm,

advanced beginners/intermediate 7:45 pm

\$9.00 per class/ \$40 prepaid for 5

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## FROM THE MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT



Well, my term as Men's Club President soon ends and I would be remiss in not thanking a few good men who have helped carry on the work of the group for the past two years.

In order of my memory, not in their importance to the group: Dr. Mike

Miller, without whose constant reminders and suggestions I would not have been able to run the club for the past two years; Bill Hausler, a friend for over 37 years - his handling of board meetings is without a doubt the secret ingredient of our monthly meetings running so well; Theo Moreines, who lent a steadiness to every event - a guy you can count on; Mike Goldstein, a friend who has in the past and will in the future continue the mission of service to the temple and our Men's Club; Paul Hymanson who is quiet but is our Rock of Gibraltar in the club; Jay Schlesinger, another friend, whose different ideas breathe new concepts into the club; Dennis Berry, low-key and quiet, but a person who accomplishes what we need done to go forward. We thank Cantor Stern for trying to inspire our meetings, even if we kibbitzed him constantly; our trustees, Arthur Purdy, Dick Lavroff, and all the other guys who showed up to help, to do, to contribute to all our events in a positive way. If I missed anybody, I apologize. I thank each and every one of you for your help and commitment. Finally, thank you to my spouse, Sheri, for her assistance and patience over the last two years.

This past month, the TBO/BT Men's Club has continued our monthly game night program, once a month. Between 10 and 12 Men's Club members meet for card games and socializing. An eclectic group of our members attend. We continued our Special Adult Program and brought seven participants to our services. Men's Club Shabbos was on April 28<sup>th</sup> with a special parsha reading by Cantor Stern from a special Parsha Scroll circulated throughout the country by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. We held a breakfast program on the environment and reclamation centers given by our own Dr. Mike Miller on May 6th. At that meeting our general membership elected the following candidates for office for the 2012-2013 year:

President - Michael Goldstein

Co-Executive Vice Presidents – William Hausler & Theo Moreines

Vice President Finance – Paul Hymanson

Vice President Membership – Dennis Berry

Vice President Programming/Ritual –

Dr. Michael Miller

Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary – Jay Schlesinger

Recording Secretary – Harvin Freedman

Trustees – Arthur Purdy, Richard Lavroff, Howard Silverman, Alan Mandelbaum

**Men's Club future activities:** The members of the Men's Club will be attending the Regional FJMC President's

installation dinner on June 19<sup>th</sup>, at Neve Shalom. Some of our members will be attending a Regional Retreat on June 1-3 at Bloch and Hexter in Pennsylvania.

And finally, breaking news: On Sunday, June 10 the TBO-BT Men's Club will honor Alan Mandelbaum as the 2012 Sidney Goldstein-Aaron Margolin Minyanaire of the Year. For many years the daily and Sunday Minyans have depended on Alan as a Kohen for his participation and support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harvin Freedman

**Sunday, June 10**

**The Sidney Goldstein -**

**Aaron Margolin**

**Minyanaire of the Year Breakfast**

Minyan - 9:00AM, Breakfast - 9:45AM

**Alan Mandelbaum**

will be honored.



## Thank you - תודה רבה

**Dr. David Wexler & family** would like to thank the temple family for Golden Books and for the delicious Shabbat dinner in memory of his father Dr. Seymour Wexler.

**Judy Rubin** would like to thank TBO/BT friends for get well wishes during her recovery after an accident. Special thank you goes to Cantor Stern.

**Gloria Sern** thanks everyone for their good wishes and cards during her recuperation after her accident

## Congratulations to our Graduates!



**We invite you to join us as we honor our graduates on Saturday, June 16.**

**Festive Oneg will follow the services.**

Please let the office know who among our young members are graduating from high school, college, graduate or professional schools.



## Coming soon!

June 16 - Shabbat Service to honor TBOBT Graduates of 2012! Plan to attend this special Shabbat to celebrate our graduating USY seniors—Dan & Alex along with other TBOBT graduates.

June 15th—TBOBT Installation of Officers Shabbat Dinner & Service.

## Action required!

Completed applications and full payment for Encampment are due to the Regional office. Don't miss out on this fantastic week—August 19th—26th.

## Looking WAY ahead!!!

I.C. (International Convention) will take place in Boston in December 2012. Start planning now to attend this awesome experience.

## Mazel Tov to our grads!

Dan B.—Case Western  
Alex C.—Ithaca

## Travelling this summer!

Ilana D.—NJ Y Camp  
Steven L.—Israel

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

## CELEBRATING THE CITY OF GOLD

On Sunday, May 20th, Yom Yerushalayim, was joyously celebrated at TBO/BT with Israeli food and dancing, and a slide presentation of the city itself.

Kudos to Barbara James who organized the tribute with a grant she received under the joint sponsorship of United Synagogue and Nefesh B'Nefesh. Natalie Elgrabli, our community Shalicha from Jerusalem, presented her slides of the joys and conflicts which define present day Jerusalem. Our heartfelt thanks to Barbara for putting the program together and making the falafel.



Thanks also go to Elyse Litt for leading a spirited Israeli dancing.

## NOTES FROM HEBREW HIGH

It was an evening filled with mixed emotions when on Monday, May 14, our Hebrew High students gathered for their final class. There was sadness that their weekly gatherings over pizza and snacks with teacher Sam Weiner would end. They would miss the discussions that for several years had offered them an opportunity to view our complex world through the lens of our wise and beautiful Jewish tradition. But there was also the satisfaction of time well spent, of friendship and connection, and of knowing that those going off next year to college or moving up in high school would have just a few more important tools to take along to help deal with the complexities of life. It had been a year of discussions on ethics, life cycle events, social issues, and more. Shalicha Natalie Elgrabli had joined for discussions of life in Israel. So on this last session, with plentiful Chinese food and abundant good feelings, all said goodbye to Hebrew High. We wish our students, Dan Brotman, Alex Cammy, Ilana Dorsch and Stephanie Weiner mazel tov and best wishes for the coming year. And we say thank you to Sam for teaching and inspiring. We look forward to hearing good things from all in the months and years ahead!



## Yes, We Care Soup Kitchen

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**Monday evenings at 5:00 pm at**

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

Time commitment is less than an hour. Yes, We Care Soup Kitchen continues to collect canned goods. Please leave them in the box in the temple's lobby.

*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.*

## 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 June Morning Minyan will be 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.



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# Happenings at TBO/BT

CAFÉ IVRIT brings spirit of Israel to TBO/BT



Natalie Elgrabli presents a tour of Jerusalem to attentive gathering



Andrew Dorsch prepares his *Torte Vegetali* with help from Claudia & Fern for a Kiddush sponsored by the Dorsch family



Barbara & Halli James prepare the falafel



Our Temple Board after a productive meeting in May



Elyse Litt leads Israeli Dancing

