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Huge Parking Lot Sale

Sunday - 06/09/13 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Please support our Spring Fundraiser.

All proceeds will go to fund our many Temple projects. Clean out your closets! Regift knick knacks, bric a brac, tchotchkes, home décor and kitchen items, table and bed linens, vases and bowls, small furniture such as bookcases and end tables, children's toys and clothing and the beautiful clothes that you cherish but will never wear again.

Please be selective when donating. All items must be in good condition. More details will follow.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS EVENT
A HUGE FUNDRAISING SUCCESS.**

Please call Evie (908-275-6894) or Lillian (732-382-2935).

Rain or shine in the temple parking lot. Come and buy some of the goodies on sale.

FROM THE CANTOR



In a number of ways, recent days have felt like those that followed 9/11. The news coverage has focused almost exclusively on a horrific act of terror, and the scenes of explosions and chaos, this time along the Boston Marathon route, played over and over. There was once

again the carnage, the grievously wounded, and the shell-shocked victims. The magnitude of the devastation may not have been quite on the scale of New York a dozen years ago, but it was enough to extinguish a few precious lives and forever change the lives of many, many more. We have been hit once again. For some time, we had been able to foil similar attempts at terror on our soil. But no matter how good our intelligence, how conscientious our efforts to intercept terrorist plots, it is inevitable that we will at some point fail, and the result is not pleasant.

Focused as we all were in the immediate aftermath of the Boston attacks on the questions of who were the perpetrators of this horrible crime and what could possibly be their motivation, what mainly engrossed me was how the good citizens of Boston reacted — how in the words of one observer, “men and women chose to abandon safety, charged head on into the chaos, looking to assist. In the face of death, the human spirit remained unwavering among the fire, blood and disorder...”

We saw brave first responders and ordinary citizens alike tearing down barricades to get to the injured, tending to their wounds, and carrying them in their arms to safety. There is comfort in knowing that for every person willing to do harm, there are many more ready to bravely step forward to help their

fellow man.

There will be healing, both physical and psychic, but it will take time. One thing is for sure. There will be a Boston Marathon next year, and the numbers that participate and line the route will be even greater. We as a society will emerge from this stronger and more determined to protect the values we hold dear — to defend freedom, justice and respect for the sanctity of life. And a beacon of hope we shall remain for all throughout the world.

Cantor Steven Stern

P.S.: I wish to thank everyone for the delicious Purim Shalach Mones baskets. I could not thank everyone individually, but please know that I appreciate so very much your thoughtfulness.



**HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!
TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOTH
A NIGHT OF LEARNING
TUESDAY, MAY 14, @ 8:00 P.M.**

***Join us at the Bayit
(117 John Street)
for an enchanted evening of prayers,
Torah study, and dairy desserts.***

RSVP 732 381 8403 Tbethor@gmail.com

Combined Morning Minyan

In May morning Minyan is 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.

! 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

Shavuot is the holiday that commemorates a very important event, the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mt. Sinai. It is also an opportunity to talk to our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren on how to treat others through acts of kindness, charity and loyalty.

Especially now, when we ask ourselves the question, how do we cope when we

see and hear horrific events happening in our country. My advice is reach out to people and be especially kind and helpful and listen. Values like these are the building blocks for creating a compassionate and kinder world.

Sunday, May 12th is Mother's Day. I found two Jewish proverbs about mothers: "A Mother understands what a child does not say" and "G-d could not be everywhere and therefore he made Mothers". I would like to honor the ladies of TBO/BT. Please come Sunday, May 12th at 10am and have breakfast and receive other nice surprises. I need you to RSVP and call the Temple office at 732-381-8403 by Monday, May 6th.

Sincerely,
Howard M Silverman,
President

CONGREGATION MEETING MONDAY, MAY 20 AT 7:30 PM

Slate of Officers & Trustees for the year 2013/2014
will be presented.
Congregation Board Meeting will follow.

What's Up for Shabbat in May?

Friday & Saturday, May 10 & 11

Come casual for our **Dress Down Shabbat** services.

Saturday, May 25

We will celebrate all birthdays and anniversaries in the month of April at our **Simcha Shabbat**. Come for a blessing and share your simcha with your TBO/BT family!

Sponsor the Kiddush in honor of your Simcha!

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 12 at 10:00 am

RSVP to the temple office

(732)381-8403x11

By Monday, May 6

Sponsored by Mr. President



With the nice weather coming we are inviting you to join us at

LITE & FIT CLASS AT THE TEMPLE

MAY 7 through JUNE 11 for 6 sessions on Tuesdays at 11:45 am



Exercise in a chair or standing, stretch and do light cardio. Bring kosher snack for lunch together.

We need 10 people to start the class at the cost of \$36 for 6 classes or \$7 - pay as you go.

Please call the temple office (732) 381-8403 x 11 to register.

Non members : \$42 for 6 classes or \$8 - pay as you go.



SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The end of the year is almost upon us. Sisterhood will have its final board meeting on Monday May 6. Our gala Donor Event will be held Thursday May 30 at 6:00 PM. Sebley Hausler has been hard at work to bring us an exciting evening. Hopefully everyone attended the Close-the-Books and ice cream social on April 17 and paid any outstanding balances. If

you still have questions about your donor credit, please contact Esther Schlesinger (732-548-7132). Remember to RSVP to your Donor Event invitation and we hope to see many of you there.

On Sunday March 25 Sebley Hausler was honored by the Garden State Region of Women's League for her efforts for Torah Fund. In addition to serving as a regional Torah Fund chairperson, Sebley has been our own Sisterhood's Torah Fund chairperson for many years, and we have consistently exceeded our goals. Yasher Koach, Sebley. May 15 and 16 the holiday of Shavuot will be celebrated, and Jews all over the world will renew our acceptance of the Torah. The word *Shavuot* means "weeks." It marks the completion of the seven-week counting period between Passover and Shavuot. *Shavuot* also means "oaths," for on this day G-d swore eternal devotion to us, and we in turn pledged everlasting loyalty to Him. It is customary to stay up all night learning Torah on the first night of Shavuot. All men, women and children should go to the synagogue on the first day of Shavuot to hear the reading of the Ten Commandments. It is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot. Among other reasons, this commemorates the fact that upon receiving the Torah, including the kosher laws, the Jewish people could not cook meat in their pots, which had yet to be rendered kosher. On the second day of Shavuot, the Yizkor memorial service is recited. The other

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 amount owed.

members of the Presidium join me in wishing everyone
Chag Sameach.
Louise Cangelosi

55th DONOR DINNER EVENT

Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 pm

Please RSVP to Sebley Hausler at
732-388-8060.

GOLDEN BOOKS

MAZEL TOV

To: Jane & Sheldon Halper on celebration of their special anniversary

From: Debbie & Arthur Freedman, Myrna & Arnold Young

To: Jill & Joseph Burkhard on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Sammy

From: Fern & Joe Cammy

To: Gene & Dennis Berry on the birth on their twin grandsons Leo Parker and Charlie Max Cohen

From: Evelyn Shulman, Audrey & Howard Silverman, Fern & Joe Cammy

CONDOLENCES

To: Gloria Sern in memory of her sister Charlotte Shevick

From: Evelyn Shulman, Toby Prince, Fern & Joe Cammy, Julia & Yakov Vinokurov

To: Judith Gottlieb on the passing of her sister Abby Nudle

From: Toby Prince

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).



JUDAICA SHOP NEWS

A shipment of new items has arrived! Among the items are hand-painted pure silk scarves.

The scarves come with matching silk necklaces with colored beads in front. There is also a sterling silver and garnet bracelet with matching earrings. And, a beautiful oval Shabbat platter from Israel, made of blue and white glass. Come take a look! I can be reached at 908-272 - 9072 or nkelner@aol.com. Nancy Kelner

INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Sisterhood makes a 5% profit on all ShopRite and A&P vouchers sold. Therefore you are entitled to claim that 5% as a charitable deduction on your income tax. If you are not sure how much donor credit (also 5%) you have received for vouchers, please contact Esther Schlesinger (732-548-7132).

Vouchers:

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

Support Needy Children in Israel

Spring cleaning?

Please bring new and gently used children's clothing to the Children's Clothing Drop-Off Bin in the TBO/BT lobby.

The Israel Support Committee will box, label and pay for shipping the clothing to charities for needy children in Israel.

Donations can include shirts, pants, sweaters, blouses, skirts, socks, dresses and coats.

TBO/BT Men's Club Protect Your Eyesight Advances in Eye Care

The congregation is invited to Sunday breakfast after Minyan on May 19, 2013. Dr. Mark Needleman, an active member of TBO/BT, presents a discussion on

- Vision problems; nearsighted (myopia), farsighted (hyperopia), astigmatism, aging vision
- Eye Diseases; cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration, infections, pink eye, and dry eye.



Dr. Needleman has a Doctorate of Optometry from Salus University, PA and has diagnosed and treated vision problems and ocular diseases for over twenty years.

Minyan at 9:00 am, Breakfast starts 9:45 am, Program at 10:10AM

R.S.V.P to the office **by May 14th** for food planning.

FROM THE MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that we are in the 11th month of the 2012-2013 fiscal year. On May 9, 2013, we will hold our annual meeting to elect our slate of officers and trustees to serve the Club for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

We have a number of closing programs for May and June. May 3 & 4 is Men's Club Shabbat. Dr. Michael W. Miller will be calling to fill parts for services (English and Hebrew). Please give Dr. Mike your full attention and volunteer.

Our Yom Hashoah program on Sunday, April 7 was very well attended. Yasher koach to Dr. Mike for all his work. This was one of our best programs of the past 10 months.

Also coming up in May is our program on eye care. Our speaker that morning will be our own Dr. Marc Needleman.

Want to learn how to cook? On June 5th, after morning minyan, our own Andrew Dorsch will present a "Cooking Class for Men" demonstrating the culinary skills that brought him national recognition.

Sunday, June 9, we will hold our annual Minyanaire of the Year recognition ceremony. This year our honoree is Steve Hurok. Steve is not only a regular Shabbat attendee but also a Sunday morning minyan participant. Mazel Tov to Steve and his wife Judy for their dedication.

In May we celebrate the Festival of Shavuot, commemorating the giving of the Torah. Chag Sameach.

We wish everyone a great month.

B'vracha,

Michael F. Goldstein
President, Men's Club

Happenings at TBO/BT

Documentary screening of "Leben, Um Zu Sagen"



Dr. Michael Miller



Dan Bauer & Suzanne Miller



Cantor Steven Stern



Q & A with audience



Hebrew School students proudly display their creative Lag B'Omer projects.



From the Mailbox



Halli James at the relay with Hobby, a Seeing Eye Puppy in training who is being raised by Halli's apartment mate, Ali.

Dear TBOBT Family,

We did it!

Thank you so much to all of my supporters, I could not have done this without you. I can't even tell you what your care and support has done for me. I'm so inspired by the outpouring of love I've received from all of you. When I first set up my Relay for Life page I set my personal goal at \$1,000. In one month's time **WE RAISED OVER \$6,333 FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND FAMILY SUPPORT!** Yasher Koach and Todah Rabah.

Love,
Halli

A message from Ben's parents, Dr. & Mrs. Paul Zukoff:

So proud of you Halli and **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated in Ben's memory. If we can beat this terrible cancer then his memory will indeed be a blessing!!

TBOBT
If You Understand this Jumble - We Want You in the Mix!

Coming soon!

May Regional Event: Closing Dance in Millburn on May 18th.

Action required:

Clear your calendar and plan now to attend Encampment August 18th to August 25th. Details to follow. It is an unbelievable week!

Looking Ahead!

IC 2013 will be in New Orleans December 19th -26th. Start planning now to attend.

Happy Birthday to:

Ilana D.—May 2 nd

Your fearless

Leaders:

Ilana D.—President and Barbara James—Advisor.

May

Happy Anniversary!

Alan & Wendy Mandelbaum

Alan & Judy Rubin

Michael & Laurie Saks

Jay & Esther Schlesinger

Joel & Barbara Seltzer

Allan & Rayna Warner

Happy Birthday!

Bonnie Altman

Jerome Baron

Alex Cammy

Ilana Dorsch

Ellen Gietter

Bernice Gola

Barry Greenstein

William Hausler

Lorraine Itzkowitz

Malvina Kohn

Karen Langer

Benjamin Margulies

Jacques Melki

Helene Miller

Ian Muhlgeier

Arthur Purdy

Shirley Ratner

Benjamin Saks

Joseph Weiner

Norma Weinshanker

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TBO/BT DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL:

(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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Janet Rooney in honor of Toby Prince

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Thank you - תודה רבה

The thoughtfulness, warm wishes and donations in honor of our twin grandsons Charlie and Leo are very much appreciated. We are so grateful to have such a warm, loving temple family. Thank you everyone for your kindness.

Dennis and Genie

Got a Simcha?

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

Host a Kiddush at TBO/BT

You can sponsor the entire Kiddush or be a co-sponsor with a donation of \$18 or more.

Contact Julia at 732-381-8403 x11 or
tbethor@gmail.com.

ISRAELI DANCE

Tuesday Nights



beginners from 7 pm to 8 pm
intermediate from 8 pm to 11 pm

\$10.00 per class/ \$45 prepaid for 5
Proceeds go to TBO/BT

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

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

Please call the temple office if you are
interested.

Spring Jewish Film Festival

At the Rialto Theatre, 250 E. Broad St., Westfield

Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 pm -

Fill The Void

Wednesday, May 22, 7:30 pm - New Jersey Premiere

Paris - Manhattan

Tuesday, May 7, 7:30 pm - New film for teens

The Other Son

Purchase tickets in advance online at www.jccnj.org, by
mail or at the JCC Member Services Desk. Questions?

Call the Film Festival hotline at

908-889-8800x208.

In advance: \$12 JCC members/ seniors 65+ / students; \$14 General Adm.

At the door: \$15

Series: \$33 Members/ seniors/ students; \$39 General Public

FROM THE “MARCH OF THE LIVING”

The following report is from Jorden Halper, granddaughter of our members Jane & Sheldon Halper.

April 8

Today was definitely the most important day of the march thus far and despite what I wrote yesterday, easily my favorite. The morning was a simple walking tour of the Jewish quarter of Krakow and the ghetto. We walked in and out of temple and saw some beautiful scenery and although I appreciated the history behind it, it was a very casual morning. It was cool that the square near the mikvah in Krakow was what the film *Schindler's List* was depicting.

However it was the afternoon that was really special. It was THE MARCH OF THE LIVING. We were given pins to trade with other countries' delegations and a paddle to write on and then plant our message in the train tracks at Birkenau. I wrote on mine: "They can kill our ancestors but never can they kill the Jewish spirit. We will never forget." We started at Auschwitz where we promptly made friends with some Polish soldiers (whom I later took a selfie with) and began to trade our pins. We were so consumed with meeting the people from other countries that as I walked I didn't even realize the march had begun. I was expecting the march to be this silent, somber, reflective journey. However it was just the opposite. Although I was obviously reflective, the march for me was a time of celebration.

As we marched from Auschwitz to Birkenau we were celebrating the fact that we as a people have survived. We marched freely through camps that we used to be forced into. We marched thousands strong through a place that was physically designed to destroy us. And we marched to marvel in the fact that we will never be defeated and will always stand united.

I spent the majority of the march interacting with the foreign delegations and was genuinely shocked at the diversity of the Jewish population. Although we only represent .02% of the population, that day it seemed as if the entire world was there. I held a full conversation in Spanish with an Argentinean, marched alongside a Pole and discussed culture with South Africans. I ended up with pins from



Poland, Argentina, South Africa, Greece the UK and so many other places where I never even knew Jews existed. From Panama and Venezuela to South Africa and Morocco, the entire population of the earth seemed to be marching. Still, I managed to find the other Livingston delegation. As I placed my paddle at a crossroads of railroads I felt this was a symbolic choice. We as a generation are at a crossroads as we experience the Holocaust with our own eyes. We are crossing from students to eyewitnesses. We have seen with our own eyes the horrors that have occurred and the results thereof and we have a duty to tell this story. We are changing the path of history simply by existing. It is because of the resilience of our ancestors that the Jewish story continues and shall continue for eternity.

Further along the rail I placed down five tea candles, one for each member of my family. And now we are all a part of Auschwitz. We are all survivors. It is because of the strength of those who passed through the camp that we even exist today. And so I lit for my mother, father, sister and brother and of course for myself to symbolize our vow to retell this story and to never ever forget. We then marched to the edge of Birkenau where the entire march met up for a closing ceremony. Although I was too far away and it was far too loud to appreciate the majority of the ceremony, what hit me the most was when we all joined together and said a Mourner's Kaddish. Every person from around the world united together praying for the memory of those who had perished in the place we stand freely and smiling today. We ended with the singing of Hatikva. We sang for Israel, for we are Israel. We still stand tall.

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Thank you.



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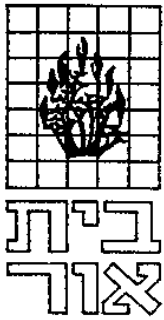
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May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10 ↑ 7:43p ↑↑	11 8:00p Services 23 Iyar
9:00a Morning Minyan 25 Iyar	26 Iyar	27 Iyar	28 Iyar	8:00p Men's Club Meeting 29 Iyar	8:00p Services Rosh Chodesh Dress Down Shabbat 1 Sivan	9:30a Services Dress Down Shabbat 2 Sivan
12  9:00a Morning Minyan 9:45a Mother's Day Breakfast Mothers' Day 3 Sivan	13	14	15 	16 	17 ↑ 7:50p ↑↑	18 8:00p Services 8 Sivan
19	20	21	22	23	24 ↑ 7:57p ↑↑	25 9:30a Services Simcha Shabbat 16 Sivan
9:00a Morning Minyan 9:45a Men's Club Health Series 10 Sivan	7:30p Congregation Meeting 8:00p Congregation Board Meeting 11 Sivan	12 Sivan	13 Sivan	7:30p Men's Club Game Night 14 Sivan	8:00p Services 15 Sivan	9:30a Services Simcha Shabbat 16 Sivan
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9:00a Morning Minyan 17 Sivan	Memorial Day 18 Sivan	19 Sivan	20 Sivan	6:00p Sisterhood Donor Dinner 21 Sivan	8:00p Services 22 Sivan	



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