

B'nai Torah **TIMES**

A BREATH, BREEZE, AND SPIRIT OF THE TIMES

MAY IT BE A BREATH OF FRESH JEWISH SPIRIT ARRIVING AT YOUR HOME



Photo by Harvey Drucker

Chanukah: Miracle of Lights

by Charlotte Price

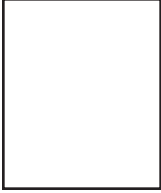
So... where was the "Miracle of the Lights"?

The Rabbis of the Talmud did not like the idea of a holiday to celebrate a military victory. Two unsuccessful revolts against Rome, in their time, had killed hundreds of thousands of Jews, and brought the people close to total destruction. Therefore, the Rabbis decided to give this holiday of Chanukah, which the people were already observing, a more "religious connotation". They called it Chanukah, "Festival of Lights"...a name that the people added to the name Chanukah. We find the rabbinic account in the Talmud, in the portion called "Megillat Ta'anit".

"When the Syrians went into the Temple, they destroyed all the pure oil that was used to ignite the eternal light. After the Maccabees' victory, they came to the Temple to clean and rededicate it. They looked for oil so they could light the eternal light, but they could find only a small jar oil, enough to burn for one day. A GREAT MIRACLE HAPPENED, and there was light for EIGHT days! The next year, they extended the holiday to eight days."

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B'NAI MITZVAHS



Dec. 11

Lori Zomback

Russell & Lisa



Dec. 18

Eve Agler

Joel & Yelena

My name is Eve Agler and I am a student at Grand Ave. Middle School. I am 12 years old and the youngest of 3 kids. I am a competitive figure skater and I practice 6 days a week. Last year, I qualified to compete at Junior Nationals, and even made the finals. The journey to my Bat Mitzvah started when I was in a 2nd grade with a great teacher, one of many who inspired me over the past 5 years, including Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher. I would like to thank my parents, my siblings, and my Uncles Rich and David for spending time with me to help prepare for my special day. I am blessed to be in good health, and have a wonderful family. Out of an enjoyment of helping the community, and as a mitzvah project, I am a student aide / mentor here at the Religious School. So far, I have assisted a great teacher, Mrs. Altman, and we have terrific, responsive kids in our class.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, December 3	7:30pm	Family Service 3rd night Chanukah
Friday, December 10	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat
Friday, December 10	8:00pm	Regular Services
Saturday, December 11	10:30am	Services (1 Bat Mitzvah)
Friday, December 17	8:00pm	Services led by BNTY
Saturday, December 18	10:30am	Services (1 Bat Mitzvah)
Friday, December 24	TBA	Regular Services
Friday, December 31	TBA	Regular Services

A huge thank you to all Sisterhood and Brotherhood members who worked so diligently to make our Annual Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner such a terrific event. Good food, good friends, good fun. What a beautiful evening!
Tessa Kean, Myrna Lieber, Marilyn Woronoff



HELP WANTED: GIFT WRAPPERS

Come join us wrapping and rapping at our annual gift wrapping fundraiser. Temple B'nai Torah will have a table set up in Westfield Sunrise Mall. We will be accepting donations from shoppers for the gifts we wrap. You do not have to be artistic or a skilled wrapper to help.

Location: Westfield Sunrise Mall, Massapequa

Dates and Times:	Sunday, December 19	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
	Thursday, December 23	10:00 am – 9:00 pm
	Friday, December 24	10:00 am – 6:00 pm

All who have participated in the past have had a great time. Please drop a note in the envelope in the Temple office, indicating your availability, or contact Judy Novet at 799-2496 or by e-mail: jnovet@optonline.net if you want to help!

Also needed: **GIFT WRAPPING SUPPLIES**

To support our gift wrapping fundraiser at Sunrise Mall, we are looking for donations of holiday wrapping paper and accessories. If you have any wrapping paper, ribbon, bows, tissue paper, gift boxes, gift bags, labels or tape you would like to donate, please leave them in the box outside the Temple office. Call Judy Novet at 799-2496 or e-mail her at jnovet@optonline.net if you have any questions.

What I've Learned at Temple B'nai Torah This Month



While I've been here for less than a month, I've learned so much and met so many people that my head is spinning. I've met you at the Sisterhood Dinner, the Chai Dinner, the Brotherhood / Sisterhood Dinner, Family Services, Tot Shabbat, Religious School Tefillah, the UJA Breakfast, various meetings, and Bingo, just to name a few. Please don't be insulted if I can't remember your name yet!

The first lesson learned is that TBT is a 1000+ piece puzzle. The overall picture is most colorful, memorable, engaging, warm, and beautiful. At the same time, the pieces are each of our members, and the involvement of each individual is integral to the beauty and meaning of the whole. If one piece/person is missing (on vacation, out sick, etc.), the puzzle just isn't complete. Each member adds an essential flavor and is a component of the whole.

At the same time, I've learned that the more face-to-face contact I have, the more I feel welcome, and at home, and a part of the puzzle.

I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know each and every one of you so that I can know all the pieces of the TBT puzzle!

Judy Diamond

INSPIRATION



"My heart is in the east, and I am at the ends of the West." - Yehuda HaLevi

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither, let my tongue cleave to my palate if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy." - Psalm 137:5-7

Shalom, Chaverim – Hello, friends,

I am writing to you all, still enjoying the very first Temple B'nai Torah Trip to Israel. A group of thirty congregants, friends, and family members flew to Israel on October 17. We were a very diverse bunch.

Most in the group had never been to our homeland before, whereas others had been at least once, if not a number of times. Our ages ranged from the 30's all the way up to those in their 80's. Some were very active in their lives "back home," and others came with some physical limitations. However, quickly, we became one group, one "mishpuchah" – family. All thirty of us took good care of each other in very real ways, and we quickly became good friends.

Our trip began with two nights in Tel Aviv, continued with two nights at a stunning kibbutz in the Galilee, and concluded with five nights in Jerusalem. We explored the history of our people, visiting sites such as the Jezreel Valley, Masada, the Beit-Alfa Synagogue, the Temple Mount, and Old Jaffa City. We visited sites that contain the history of the modern State, such as Independence Hall, where Israel was officially declared a state in May of 1948; Mt. Herzl Cemetery, where inspirational and notable political leaders and soldiers are buried with honor (including Golda Meir and Yitzchak Rabin, among many others), and Rabin Square, the site of Yitzchak Rabin's tragic assassination 15 years ago.

We also enjoyed the delights of 21st century living in Israel – a spa along the Dead Sea, an incredible dairy restaurant in Tel Aviv called Yotveta Ba'ir (Yotveta is the name of a kibbutz that produces many of the country's dairy products). We met with a number of impor-

tant teachers and thinkers from the country's universities. We visited our sister congregation, Congregation Birkat Shalom in Kibbutz Gezer, and its rabbi, Miri Gold, and we were welcomed into their community for a warm and festive Shabbat. We learned about what the Reform Movement is doing to further the ideas of pluralism, equality, and justice for all, with a visit to the Israel Religious Action Center.

Perhaps, most importantly, we strengthened the bond between us as members of the TBT family. We prayed together, sang together, dined together, and laughed. We built special friendships that can only happen when you spend 12 days together, day in and day out. These bonds will remain even as we return to our daily lives in America.

I wish for all of you that you have an opportunity to travel to the birthplace of our people, as well as the center of holiness for so many religions. We must not forget how important Israel is to our heritage, past, present, and future.

I also warmly invite you to join us on our next trip, taking place August 20-30, 2011. This trip will be a very different, and unique, opportunity to view the Land of Israel through multi-faith eyes. We are organizing an interfaith Wantagh trip, together with Father Christopher Hofer and the Church of St. Jude, Episcopal, and Pastor Pamela Szurek and the First Presbyterian Church of Levittown. We will join together to celebrate that which unites us, and that which makes each religion distinctive. We will travel to sites holy to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. If you are interested in more information, please contact me directly.

Wishing you a month of learning, growth, and blessing,

Rabbi Marci N. Bellows



“And now, write for yourselves this song and teach it to the Israelites-put it in their mouths-in order that this song remains a witness for the Israelites.” (Deut. 31:19)

I have often been asked why our sacred texts, especially the Torah and Haftarah portions, are rendered as chanted texts, not merely articulated without a musical motif. Good question! That question most recently came from one of my bar/bat mitzvah students, although it was, understandably, phrased in the typical vernacular of the current adolescent generation: “Hey, do I gotta chant?!!”

The answer, in my opinion, depends on who is asking the question. In most congregations, the chanting of Torah and Haftarah is a time-honored custom. Our congregation is no exception! At B’nai Torah, all students of Torah, especially those engaged in training for bar/bat mitzvah, are strongly encouraged to “ELECT” to chant their portions. The emphasis on election stems from a consideration of those who may not be able to, or whose learning of text is not enhanced or aided by use of the chant. I believe that, in most cases, the use of chant as a traditional enhancement of text more effectively enables the learning of text. However, such “minhagim,” or customs, have a way of taking on a life of their own. I offer some thoughts on this particular “minhag.”

Why do we encourage chanting of the Torah or Haftarah? One reason is abstract: according to Talmud, it is disrespectful to read Torah without the embellishment of chant (of course, we have to remember that in Talmudic times, the musical motifs incorporated into the chant, still preserved today, were part of the audible landscape of the times, and not the exotic sounds to the ear that they are today).

There is another concept, *hiddur mitzvah* (“adding to

the honor of a mitzvah”). Setting the Shabbat and festival tables with extra care is an example of “*hiddur mitzvah*.” So, too, is the chanting of Biblical texts. Chanting adds to the honor of the Torah.

There are also practical reasons that have to do with the nature of learning. Music has been a primary educational instrument since the beginning of time. As children, we learn our numbers, colors, and letters through song. And on Pesach, Jewish children chant the four questions, even though some might be too young to read.

Ask a teen to give you the history of the United States after World War II, and chances are you’ll get a staring look of disbelief. However, ask them to sing Billy Joel’s “We Didn’t Light the Fire,” and you’ll get a fairly comprehensive post-WWII United States history lesson! Ask them to read the lyrics to any one of a myriad number of song titles, and they won’t be able to do it without establishing the already learned rhythmic pattern of the music upon the lyrics. What would emerge is a metered, rap-like version of the spoken word as a form of chanting.

Biblical chanting encourages familiarity of texts and makes learning faster in most cases.

More next month!

A very happy Hanukah to all!
Cantor Steven Sher

COMMUNITY CANDLE-LIGHTING

On December 2, at 6:00 pm, at the Wantagh LIRR station, Cantor Sher and members of the Youth and Teen Choirs will perform the Chanukah blessings as well as some seasonally-appropriate songs. All are welcome to join in the festivities, and we look forward to seeing you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to wish a Happy Chanukah to all, and wish you a safe and peaceful holiday experience. I encourage each of you to visit the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) website at www.urj.com and click on the HOLIDAYS tab...and then click on the CHANUKAH tab to visit the URJ Chanukah section. The site is filled with timely information about Chanukah and includes:

Chanukah E-Cards

There's a choice of six cards for you to choose from to send to friends and family. You can personalize your card with a holiday message and you can include a Chanukah blessing, recipe, song or a video on how to make latkes. You can be alerted when your e-card has been viewed and it's free. Of course...you can make a donation to URJ to help you get into the holiday spirit.

Nine Ways To Heal The World

Participate in the "Nothing But Nets" program
Give a gift of "Sweat-Free Clothing"
Give a gift of a "Community Supported Agriculture Share"
Donate Blood
Vacation at a Labor-Friendly Hotel
Support "Fair Trade Coffee"
Adopt a US Serviceperson
Support "Carbon Offsets"
Give the gift of "Tikkun Olam"

Blessings For Each Night of Chanukah

Print them out or sing along with the pre-recorded blessings.

The Jewish Parent Page and Holiday Happenings

Creative ways to observe the holiday for families with young children.

Give The Gift of Life

Donate a \$10 bed net to "Nothing But Nets". Find ideas for a more meaningful holiday and help stop the spread of malaria.

For Teens: The Gift of a NFTY Regional Event

Give your high school teen the gift of Jewish belonging, involvement, music, friendship and memories that will last a lifetime.

Ner Shel Tzedakah: A Chanukah Project

Devote the 6th night of Chanukah to learning about pover-

ty and donate the value of the night's gifts to organizations that assist the poor.

Light a virtual menorah

Light each candle on a virtual menorah while the blessing (which you can print) is sung to you. You've got to try this one!

This is just a sampling of the Chanukah items available to you. So please, take a moment as an adult...or along with your kids, to visit the site and enjoy the holiday. Happy Chanukah!

Barbara Cohen
Temple President

The Social Action Committee Presents Temple B'nai Torah's Annual Christmas Dinner at the Mary Brennan INN Soup Kitchen

(ADVANCE SIGN UP REQUIRED)

Help us continue a long-standing tradition in our Temple, serving Christmas dinner at the Mary Brennan INN, located at 100 Madison Avenue, Hempstead. The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) is a working model of how to unite the community to overcome the challenge of hunger and homelessness here on Long Island. By volunteering just this one day, we not only fulfill the mitzvah of feeding the hungry, we also enable the regular corps of volunteers to take a needed day of rest with family and friends. Those volunteering to participate in this event must be at least 16 years old and must commit to participating for the full shift, 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. In addition, NEW VOLUNTEERS (those who have not participated in this event in the past with either Temple B'nai Torah or the Suburban Temple) are REQUIRED to attend an orientation session on Thursday evening, December 16th at 6 pm at the INN and to volunteer for one shift prior to December 25th. To sign up or to obtain more information, please contact Ray Russolillo at 516-797-4349 or shalomrr@optonline.net.



A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to attend the Regional WRJ Convention in Albany with three other "sisters". It was a great weekend. There were many workshops to attend, and we brought back some terrific ideas.

What is the purpose of Temple B'nai Torah Sisterhood? The answer is multi-faceted. One may say that the purpose of Sisterhood is to exist to help support the temple through fundraising projects and events. While this is true, and a very necessary purpose of Sisterhood, there are other reasons that extend beyond all the monies that Sisterhood raises for our temple.

Our TBT Sisterhood also has a purpose that makes it so special. It is FRIENDSHIP. In today's hectic, busy and often trying times, we are women supporting women. We are there for each other in good times and bad. We listen. We give each other hugs and we are a family, a community. We hope you will accept our friendship. In turn, we invite you to have fun, to work, and to learn alongside us as we keep our Sisterhood community vibrant and strong. We embrace our longtime Sisterhood members who have a wealth of experience and wisdom to share with us, as well as our new Sisterhood members who have energy, enthusiasm and new ideas.

TBT Sisterhood offers programs for those who want crafts and light fun evenings, as well as programs for those who want to learn and be challenged. We have fundraisers that allow us to make significant amounts of money. This money is used for needed repairs in our Synagogue, fresh flowers on Friday nights and Onegs, just to name a few.

Women are the heart, blood and soul of our families. If we have Sisterhood to turn to for solace, advice, a willing ear and knowledge, we will be even better moms, professionals, wives, sisters, aunts and grandmothers. As we approach the end of the year, with holiday parties and presents, give yourself a gift- the gift of Sisterhood. Without you, we are one woman short!

From my family to yours, I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy 2011!

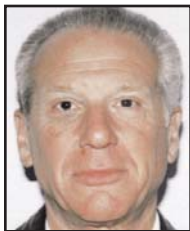
Stephanie Jacobson
Sisterhood President



Recently, I had the opportunity to experience the Sisterhood National Convention in Albany, New York, just as the fall season was underway. Not only was I inspired by the beauty of the fall foliage, but also by the essence of "sisters" of all ages bonding together for the love of their temple family. When I was invited to attend the Convention, I was unsure of what to expect, but on the ride home, I realized just how uplifting the weekend turned out to be. I learned that "Sisterhood" is not just a club, but the heart and soul of a temple. The Sisterhood of a temple is like the mother of a household. We take pride in our temple as a family and strive to make us whole. We offer insight to our members to allow new ideas and we provide love and encouragement so our children will grow. We cherish good times and show support when needed. Together as sisters, we create a harmonious balance among members of Temple B'nai Torah. I also realized that being a part of our Sisterhood enables me to have some "me" time, where I'm not a mother, wife, daughter, sister or teacher. I'm me, with women of different ages who bring a variety of experiences to share. Experiencing the warmth and spirit of the weekend gave me a feeling of peace and solitude. I felt rejuvenated, and so glad to be a part of this dynamic organization.

Bev Friedman

It's time for all Mah Jongg players to order their 2011 cards. Our Sisterhood gets a donation from the National Mah Jongg league for each card that is ordered. Regular cards are \$7.00 each and large print cards are \$8.00 each. To order cards, make out a check to Sisterhood Temple B'nai Torah and send it to Ellen Solomon, 14 Ashley Circle, Commack, NY 11725, along with a note indicating the number of regular and/or large print cards wanted and your name, address and phone number. The deadline for orders is January 15, 2011. If you have any questions, call Ellen at (631) 864-9037



BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS

By Les Richards

Shalom everyone,

October was a month for Brotherhood service and donation. On Sunday, October 3rd, Brotherhood members came down, ate breakfast, which the Brotherhood members prepare every Sunday when Religious School is in session, and disassembled the outside Sukkah. Through two separate 50-50 raffles, \$126 was raised as a donation to our sister Congregation in Israel to help new immigrants. Kudos to Craig Field and Marvin Zuckerman for donating their winnings back to this worthy cause.

Unfortunately our October dinner was cancelled, due to the building being closed for a safety inspection that night. With all the activity scheduled in the Temple, we could not find an alternate date.

Many Brotherhood members volunteered to serve food and clean up at the annual Sisterhood Paid-Up Dinner on November 1st. For their efforts, they were generously treated to dinner and drinks by Sisterhood. Our "Supplies For The Troops" social action program, led by Sol Goldstein, is continuing and is accepting items for our troops overseas. There is a box by the rear entrance listing items that are being collected.

Brotherhood membership has been growing, but we are still offering Temple members the opportunity to join this fun-filled, sociable group. Your dues enable us to conduct our programs and prepare our meals, as well as support our Temple. Please join us as we work towards the success of our many worthy causes.



CHAI NOTES

December Chai General Meeting: Les Kule will provide a seminar on *Computer Training for Seniors* 7:30 pm on Monday, December 6th. Les will cover basic computer skills needed to navigate the Internet and Personal Computer. Please join us in Temple as we also celebrate our December birthdays. A RALLI (Retired and Living on Long Island) meeting will be held at 7:00 pm preceding the seminar. RALLI schedules monthly excursions to the movies and local restaurants. Please join the fun.

Special thanks to Rita Hofer and her committee for organizing a terrific event for our Paid-Up dinner, November 8th. We had a sumptuous feast that was enjoyed by all. Thanks also to Harvey Drucker for taking the photos (next page). Congratulations to Shelley and Barry Lomove on their selection as this year's UJA honorees; Shelley, our immediate past President, and husband Barry were most deserving of this honor.

Our January (2011) program will feature Sol Goldstein, who will give a short talk on "Building for the Needy". Additionally, Al Weinberg, a Holocaust Survivor who escaped to Dominican Republic, will discuss his interesting and desperate flight from Nazi oppression.

In February, we will bring back a fun Barbershop Quartet group that was well received a few years ago.

We are so pleased to announce that Chai Club will once again join Cantor Sher's *Adventures In Music* series for the Spring of 2011. Watch your temple communications for further details. Dates are all Mondays: March 21st, March 28th, April 4th, and April 11th; all programs are scheduled for 12:00 noon.

As this article is being written, we wish Past President Morty Held the best of health and send our love and prayers to him and his family.

Happy Chanukah,
 Brian Levy
 Chai Club President

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 Much More. Pick Up at Food Certificate desk on
 Sundays or Temple Office, Weekdays
 We can order Out-Of-Town books
 Contact Brian Levy for more information, 516-781-4966

ANOTHER CHAI CLUB SPECTACULAR!

On Monday evening November 8, The Chai Club held its “Annual Paid Up Membership Dinner” with laughter and cheers. About 140 members attended, and were greeted with an abundance of snacks, followed by a lavish sit-down dinner.

Before dinner, President Brian Levy introduced the November birthday people, and they received best wishes with cheers and song. Some even won gifts. Of course, there was a happy 50/50 winner; Rabbi Bellows led us in the Motzi, and we were introduced to our new Temple Administrator, Judy Diamond. Many thanks were given to Rita Hofer and all those who made the evening possible.

We all missed Morty Held. Barbara Held briefed us on his progress at rehab. We are looking forward to his recovery and return. Morty usually perks up the party with his wit, but in his absence, the Long Island Cabaret gave us a taste of their latest production, by performing numbers from it. They were great!

The Chai Club will have another great 2010-2011 season. There is a meaningful program planned for each of our General Meetings. The Spring Music Series, planned by Cantor Sher, is on our schedule again. We have a record membership this year, but there is still room for the many congregants who would like to share in “The Chai Club Experience”. COME JOIN US!!!



COUPLES' CLUB

by Vicki and Marty Goldberger,
Couples' Club Co-Presidents



It seems like yesterday that we were celebrating the High Holidays, and already it's December, Chanukah is upon us, and a new year awaits full of amazing possibilities. We always look forward to a new year and all that it represents: We both dread and welcome the unknown as we face the year ahead. What will happen? What can we do to make things better? As the song says, "Something's coming – something great!" The entire Couples' Club membership joins us in wishing you all a most wonderful year to come. May you know only good health and happiness.

Remember to keep your eyes open for upcoming Couples' Club events in the months to come (such as our Games Night and Military Bridge), and for the Couples' Club Shabbat service in March. We would love to see as many of

you join us as possible. As with the other Temple arms, most of our events are open to the general membership. All our love and best wishes to Mike Frank for a much better new year as he continues his recovery. Mike is one of the many reasons that Couples' Club is so special. We can't wait to see him among us again! Continuing good wishes as well to Emily Altman as she recovers from hand surgery. We expect to see you at miniature golf next year!

Heartiest congratulations to Barry & Shelley Lomove, who were honored at the UJA Breakfast on November 7. Thanks again to Ira & Yolanda Friedman, who did such a great job handling our Annual Membership Dinner on October 30. What a terrific time we had! As you read this, we are eagerly anticipating our Chanukah Party on December 4. Ann Dinstell and Marilynn Block will make sure this is a lot of fun – lots of music, good food, and good cheer.

And finally, many thanks to Bernie & Vicki Deutsch, who are hosting our Board meeting on December 5.

Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year! See you in 2011!



OUR COMMUNITY

Our annual UJA-Federation breakfast was held on Sunday, November 7, 2010. The honorees, Barry and Shelley Lomove, were warmly greeted by over 140 members of Temple B'nai Torah, including family members as well as other friends. They were selected because of their continued service to the temple and its members. Shelley has worked tirelessly in the office, helping to keep things going smoothly since our merger. Barry has helped in the background, working with Les Richards in planting and maintaining the flower borders surrounding our parking lot. He also constructed Torah holders for our Ark. Shown in the pictures are Rita Hofer and Tessa Kean who made the presentation from the UJA to the Lomoves. Also seen are Shelley and Barry, as well as our speaker from UJA, Audrey Dinstell. Thanks again to our Couples' Club for helping to set up for the breakfast, and to the Chai Club for the clean-up. As in the past, Brotherhood provided a dedicated group of men who prepared, cooked and served our breakfast. Thank you, too, to our custodial staff for their tireless efforts on that busy weekend. It is not too late to make a contribution to the UJA. For information contact Marc Herbert at 785-3136



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Temple B'nai Torah follows a long and rich heritage of *Tzedakah*, consistent with our Jewish tradition. Such giving often recognizes a birth, birthday, *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*, wedding, anniversary, or death.

Your generosity, large and small, continues to provide for *Temple B'nai Torah* by sustaining programs for its members. A beautifully inscribed card is sent acknowledging and commemorating your gift. Please mail this form to the Temple, together with your check payable to: **Temple B'nai Torah**. This will ensure that your donation is acknowledged in a timely fashion.

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Rae Getzel from Ruth Hochberg
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In memory of:
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In memory of:
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speedy recovery Mort Held from Gerry & Harvey
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In honor of:
Tamara Fishman's law school graduation from
Ellen & Charles Fishman

**RABBI RAAB
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In memory of:
Rabbi Raab from Morton & Barbara Held
Rabbi Raab from Les & Gail Degen
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Rabbi Raab from Marian Lifton
Rabbi Raab from Sandra Dabrusin
Rabbi Raab from Ruth Hochberg
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Rabbi Raab from Elaine & Al Weinstein
Rabbi Raab from Linda Cannata
Rabbi Raab from Arlene & Les Friedman
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*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melech ha'olam
asher kidishanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu
l'chad'lik neir shel Chanukah. (Amein)*

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to light the lights of Chanukah. (Amen)

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melech ha'olam
she'asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh. (Amein)*

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days at this time. (Amen)

Shehecheyanu (first night only)

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melech ha'olam
shehecheyanu v'kiymanu v'higi'anu laz'man hazeh. (Amein)*

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season. (Amen)

My Experience at Crane Lake Camp

by Shayna Held

During a Friday night service last year, Rabbi Bellows told of a great place where kids could spend a summer amongst other reform Jewish children. She spoke about making new friends and the great experiences we would have if we went there. That place was Crane Lake Camp, and after hearing her speech, I decided to ask my parents to send me there. To my surprise, they said yes!

So one day in early July, my parents and I packed up my suitcases, said goodbye to my brother and sister and drove to West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, where Crane Lake is located. Even though I didn't know anyone, I immediately felt like I had been there my whole life.

My unit, Chaverim, was made up of Jewish kids (over one hundred of them) my age. In my bunk, there were eleven girls and three counselors. Some of the girls had been there before, and others were new like me. We all slept in bunk beds. The activities were great! There were rope courses, swimming in Crane Lake as well as the pool, archery, intensive sports, a musical (Bye Bye Birdie), a trip to Boston, arts and crafts, and my favorite activity, gymnastics. 'Animals', which was like a petting zoo, was also high up on my list. I got to walk a llama! We also had a period for electives (Chugim), where we could choose what course we would like to take for the week.

My favorite part of Crane Lake was Friday night services. The rabbis for these services were from various temples. Our own Rabbi Bellows was there in August. These services were a lot of fun and I learned many new prayers and songs. After services, all units gathered in the Social Hall for a dance party. Traditional music was played in the beginning and later on, for the older groups, we had modern music.

Crane Lake Camp has changed my life. I made many new friendships that I hope will last a lifetime. I have already sent in my application to go there again next summer. I recommend Crane Lake Camp for anyone looking to have a great time and get in touch with their Jewishness.

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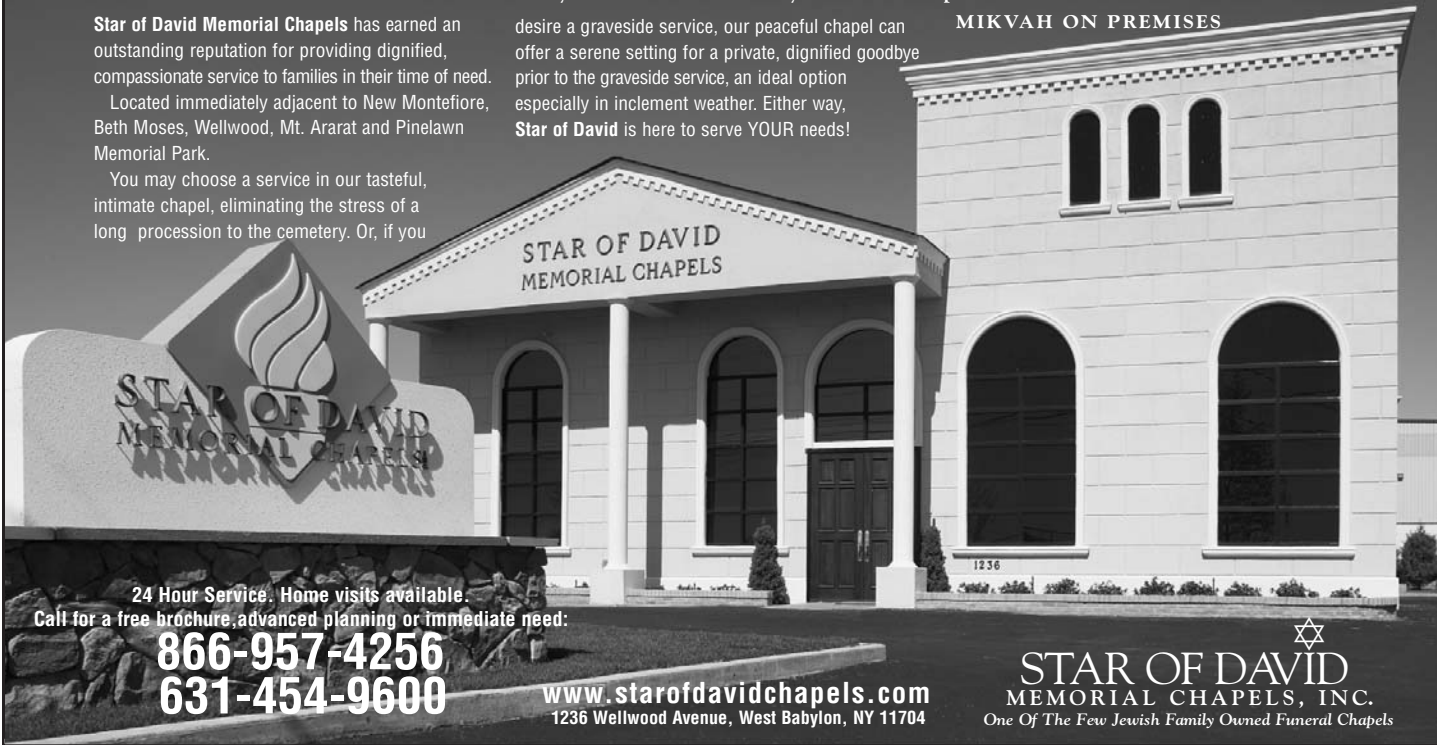
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

by Rob Saunders

It's the end of the year, a time in our secular calendar when we salute the year to come with all manner of celebration. With those celebrations comes an obligation to take extra care: of ourselves, our families, and our friends. Save a life this New Year's: If you are driving during this holiday season, please don't drink; and if you are drinking, please don't drive. And don't let anyone else drink and drive either.

A happy, healthy, and safe New Year to one and all!

To The Editor:

I feel compelled to correct something printed in the November B'nai Torah Times article, "Remembering Rabbi Raab". Rabbi Raab did not "eschew" head covering and prayer shawl. I can tell you that he wore a head covering when requested to do so at events such as weddings, etc., but did not wear one at Sabbath and holiday services in his pulpit. However, he always wore a talith with his robe and was comfortable doing so. He was buried in his talith.

Marjorie Raab

Ed. note: The editorial staff of the TBT Times regrets any inaccuracy in the original story.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">December 2010 Temple B'nai Torah For most up to date calendar Go to www.temple-bnai-torah.org</p>			<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo • 4:30pm Rel. Sch. 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00pm-9:00pm Children's Show (Rm.101-103) • 7:30pm Bingo 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm Shabbat Dinner • 7:30pm FAMILY SERVICE & SHABBAT CHANUKAH 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Torah Study Group (East Bldg.) • 1:30pm Marla Peckman-Babynaming Luncheon (S/H) • 6:30pm Couples Club-Chanukah Party (away)
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Rel. Sch.-5 Family Class Workshop • 9:15am Broth. Breakfast • 12:00pm-1:30pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Bellows • 12:30pm-9:00pm Children's Brdwy Show-Reh.(S/H) • 12:30pm-3:00pm Girl Scout Judaic Badge Courses (Rm. 101-103) • 7:00pm-9:00pm New Mem./Ambass. Chan. Wine & Cheese (K/L) 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30pm REL. SCH. • 6:00pm-7:00pm Youth Choir • 6:30pm-11:00pm Children B'wy Reh. (S/H) • 7:00pm Hebrew H.S. • 7:00pm Ralli (K/L) • 7:30pm Chai General (K/L) • 7:30pm Choir Reh.(Rm. 101-103) • 8:30pm BNTY (Y/L) 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am AIAnon • 4:30pm Rel. Sch. • 6:30pm-11:00pm Children B'wy Reh. (S/H) • 6:45pm Sist Exec. Board Mtg. (Rm 101-103) • 7:00pm House Comm. Meeting • 7:30pm B'nai Mitzvah Training (Sanct.) • 7:45pm Sist. Bd. Mtg. (K/L) 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo • 4:30pm Rel. Sch. • 6:30pm-11:00pm Children's Bdway Show Reh. (S/H) • 6:30pm-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm-11:00pm Children B'wy Reh. (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30pm Tot Shabbat Service • 8:00pm Services 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Torah Study Group (Class Room) • 10:30am SVCS (B/M 1) • 7:30pm Children's Brdwy Show
<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Rel. Sch.-4 Family Class Workshop • 9:15am Broth. Breakfast • 10:00am-12:00pm Memb./Comm. Mtg. (Library) • 12:00pm-1:00pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Bellows • 1:00pm Meeting-Rosh Chodesh Study (K/L) • 2:00pm Children's Brdwy Show 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30pm REL. SCH. • 6:00pm-7:00pm Youth Choir • 6:30pm Children B'wy Reh. (S/H) • 7:00pm Hebrew H.S. Reh.(Rm. 101-103) • 7:30pm Choir • 7:45pm YAC • 8:30pm BNTY (Y/L) 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am AIAnon • 4:30pm Rel. Sch. • 6:30pm-9:00pm Show Brush Up (S/H) • 7:00pm Sisterhood-Night of Learning (away) • 7:30pm Brotherhood Bd. Meeting K/L • 7:30pm B'nai Mitzvah Training (Sanct.) • 8:00pm Rel. Ed. (Library) 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo • 4:30pm Rel. Sch. • 6:30pm-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo • 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00pm BNTY Services 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Torah Study Group (Class Room) • 10:30 am SVCS (B/M 1) S/H • 12:00pm B/M Luncheon (S/H) • 7:30pm Children's Brdwy Show
<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00am Rel. Sch. -3 Family Class Workshop • 9:15am Broth. Breakfast • 10:00am-6:00pm Holiday Fundraiser Wrapping at the Mall • 12:00pm-1:30pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Bellows • 2:00pm Children's Brdwy Show 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SCHOOL • 7:30pm Chai Board (K/L) 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am AIAnon • NO SCHOOL- WINTER RECESS • 7:00pm Brotherhood General Meeting/Dinner (S/H) • 7:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting (K/L) 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo • NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am-8:00pm Holiday Fundraiser Wrapping at the Mall • 6:00pm-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30pm Bingo • 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L) 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am-6:00pm Holiday Fundraiser Wrapping at the Mall • 8:00pm Services 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLDG. CLOSED
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SCHOOL- WINTER RECESS 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SCHOOL • 1:00pm-3:00pm Meadow Women's In.Bk Study(K/L) 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am AIAnon • NO SCHOOL • 6:45pm Exec. Bd. Mtg. (Rm 101-103) • 7:45pm Board of Trustees (K/L) 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am Bingo • NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm Bingo 	<p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Year's Eve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services-Time to be announced 	

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Boy Scout Troop 189, sponsored by the TBT Brotherhood, participated in the Theodore Roosevelt Council's Centennial Jamboree at Eisenhower Park. One hundred years of Scouting on Long Island is quite an accomplishment. Troop 189 set up a challenging orienteering course. One of the requirements to earn the merit badge is to know how to use a compass and completing the orienteering course satisfies that requirement. Part of the Jamboree program included music, speeches and religious services. More than 1,000 boys from around Long Island camped out for two nights. Although no campfires were allowed, the boys still performed their world-famous skits, led by Cheer-master of the Troop, Josh Aberman.



Cub Scout Pack 189 month was very active as well. November saw the Pack take to the road, down the turnpike to Philadelphia. Our journey included visiting Independence Hall, Betsy Ross House and the Liberty Bell. After dinner, we went to the Philadelphia Zoo for a program and sleepover. The program included a night hike through the zoo, meeting an animal-keeper, a snack, sleeping in a "tree house" and breakfast the next morning. Some of the pack stayed and enjoyed the next day at the zoo. All received a patch for participating, and a wonderful time was had by all.

November also saw the Pack hold its annual Thanksgiving dinner. To participate, we bring a donation of non-perishable food to donate to the less fortunate. It is one of the ways we give back to the community.

Our annual "Coats for Kids" campaign is in full swing this month. Please donate a used coat to help those less fortunate be a little warmer this winter season.

If your son is in grades 1 through 5, and is interested in joining Cub Scout Pack 189, please come down to a meeting: Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in the TBT Youth Lounge.

Check out all our pictures and events at www.troop189ny.com .