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A BREATH, BREEZE, AND SPIRIT OF THE TIMES

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



***NO MATTER WHAT HE SAYS,
THERE'S STILL 6 MORE WEEKS OF
WINTER TO COME!***

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B'NAI MITZVAHS



Feb. 5

Austin Brill

Arthur & Randi

My name is Austin Brill and I am in 7th grade at Grand Ave. Middle School. I play hockey, football and baseball. I have enjoyed studying with Emily Altman for my upcoming Bar Mitzvah. I would like to thank Mrs. Altman, Cantor Sher and Rabbi Bellows for all the assistance they have given me to ensure that I am prepared for my special day. I also want to thank my parents, my brother Ian, and my sister Elyse for all of their encouragement.



Feb. 12

Brandon Hornedo

Diego & Sheree

My name is Brandon Hornedo, and I attend Howitt Middle School in Farmingdale. I like to play soccer, baseball and basketball. I have enjoyed learning to read the Torah. For my mitzvah project, I am having a food drive to benefit Island Harvest, which is an organization that gives food to needy families. I didn't know helping people could be so rewarding.



Feb. 26

Evan Spector

Harold & Cheryl

My name is Evan Spector and I am a 7th-grader at Grand Avenue Middle School. I play soccer for the school team, as well as for the East Meadow Xtreme and Long Island Rough Riders travel soccer teams. I enjoy spending time with my family and my friends, and playing with my dog, Pandora. I want to thank Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher and especially Emily Altman for preparing me for this special day. I also want to thank my parents, my brother Matthew and my sister Samantha for always supporting me.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, February 4	7:30 pm	Family Service
Saturday, February 5	10:30 am	Services (1 Bar Mitzvah)
Friday, February 11	5:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Services
Friday, February 11	8:00 pm	Regular Services
Saturday, February 12	10:30 am	Services (1 Bar Mitzvah)
Friday, February 18	8:00 pm	Regular Services
Friday, February 25	8:00 pm	Regular Services
Saturday, February 26	10:30 am	Services (1 Bar Mitzvah)

Nominations Are Open

Do you know someone who should help direct the future of TBT? Could that person be YOU?

All officer positions are open for nominations, plus many for the Temple Board. TBT needs its leadership, and yours! Elections will be in the Spring.

Get in touch with us by e-mail:
Mickey Horwitz (mhorcpa@aol.com),
or Mark Chester (STGolfclub@aol.com).
Or call Mark at 516-783-9607.

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful temple friends who have offered their sympathy and prayers after the passing of my mother. It is a great comfort to me; my heart is full.

Vicki Goldberger



Shalom, Chaverim – Hello, friends,

I hope that you are already having a good 2011. Thinking about the secular New Year reminds me of the peculiar nature of the Jewish calendar. It is often unpredictable, and we frequently hear the phrases, “Wow, Rosh Hashanah is really early this year!” or “Chanukah is so late!” If I were to be petulant in my response to that remark, I might answer back, “Actually, Rosh Hashanah falls at the same time every year – the first day of the month of Tishrei!” But, as you probably know, that answer is far from adequate in explaining the nature of the Jewish calendar.

Our understanding of how the calendar works differs whether we are considering the civil or the Jewish calendar. A Jewish day begins at sunset, based on the first chapter of Genesis: “There was evening, and there was morning, a first day.” The entire calendar is built around three astronomical phenomena: the rotation of the Earth about its axis (a day); the revolution of the moon about the Earth (a month); and the revolution of the Earth about the sun (a year). These three phenomena are independent of each other; there is no direct relationship between them. On average, the moon revolves around the Earth in about 29½ days. The Earth revolves around the sun in about 365¼ days (which is why our civil calendar adds one day every four years – a “leap year”), that is, about 12.4 lunar months.

The Jewish calendar, however, attempts to coordinate all three of these astronomical phenomena. Months are either 29 or 30 days, corresponding to the 29½-day lunar cycle. Years are either 12 or 13 months, corresponding to the 12.4 month solar cycle. As the website www.jewfaq.org explains, “The problem with strictly lunar calendars is that there are approximately 12.4 lunar months in every solar year, so a 12-month lunar calendar is about 11 days shorter than a solar year and a 13-month lunar is about 19 longer than a solar year. The months drift around the seasons on such a calendar: on a 12-month lunar calendar, the month of Nissan, which is supposed to occur in the Spring, would occur 11 days earlier in the season each year, eventually occurring in the Winter, the Fall, the Summer, and then the Spring again. On a 13-month lunar calendar, the same thing would happen in the other direction, and faster.”

Thus, our wise ancestors decided that an entire month would have to be added to the calendar every few years to make sure that the holidays fell at the appropriate times and seasons. A year with an extra month is called Shanah M’uberet, or, literally, a “pregnant year.” In English, we would call it a “leap year.” A regular year has only one month of Adar, but a leap year adds an extra month of

Adar before the “actual” month of Adar, leaving us with Adar I and Adar II.

This year, my friends, is a leap year. We find ourselves, this month, in the Hebrew month of Adar I. The holiday of Purim, which falls during the month of Adar, will wait until Adar II to be celebrated by the Jewish community. Even though the High Holy Days fell so “early” this past fall, the holidays will move back towards their correct positions when Purim falls in March and Pesach is celebrated in April.

If you are interested in learning more about the intricacies of the Jewish calendar, I warmly encourage you to attend our Adult Education class, “Introduction to the Jewish Calendar,” on Sunday, March 6, at 1:30 pm. I will explain more about the holidays, the months, and how the Torah portions are affected by the changes in the year.

Wishing you a wonderful Adar II!
Rabbi Marci N. Bellows

**Musical Magnificence! Fabulous Costumes!
Dramatic Pauses!
(And a feather boa, or two!!)
Come be a part of the **TBT Purim Shpiel 2011!!!****

We're looking for congregants who want to have fun, dress up, sing and dance. Anyone over the age of 10 can join us (parent supervision required for ages 10-14). No auditions necessary, no previous experience required.

Rehearsal dates
(*Participants must commit to a minimum of 2*):
Sunday, February 20, 11am - 1pm
Sunday, March 6, 4-6pm
Sunday, March 13, 4-6pm

Purim will be celebrated on
Saturday night, March 19, at 7:30 pm.

Questions and RSVPs: Contact Rabbi Bellows
at rabbibellows@temple-bnai-torah.org



“Behold how good it is for brothers to dwell together in peace.”

On a recent Sunday morning, after answering the seemingly-desperate call of Les Richards for more men to cover the preparation of the weekly Brotherhood breakfast, I willingly leaped into the breach! Arriving a bit after 7AM, I was met with a quite sizeable band of merry men, already in preparation for the morning meal. Now I know how Friar Tuck must have felt to encounter Robin’s merry men (bald and portly seems to fit...).

I was soon up to my nostrils in the pungent aromas of onions, cream cheese, eggs, tomatoes, scallions and a vast array of every kind of bagel (and some bialys known to mankind (ok, ok, but “humankind” just didn’t seem to fit for this article). I was also subjected to every form of humor, “standup” or “sit-down,” that you might encounter at an event of this magnitude. More ammunition for my own guns! It was a veritable “roast” in progress.

Immediately put to work, I put my well-honed skills of tomato slicing and cream cheese sculpture to work! All those years of training in cantorial school really paid off (we took the course, “Culinary Arts and the Jewish Problem” in year 4 of the program). As well, although rusty, having not done so in many decades, yet still, my “bagel badge” as a Cub Scout came in handy as I helped our own Scout Master, Dave Schuster, arrange and re-arrange our many different kinds in baskets.

As the sweat began to form beneath my brow, I wondered how many of our regular breakfast-goers appreciate or even realize the work and dedication wrought by our tireless and enthusiastic Brothers every Sunday morning! It is a sight to behold and a marvelous example of a true “community” within our greater community.

In all of my previous years serving congregations, no affiliate group of the temple served with more dedication, passion and devotion than the Brotherhood. The brothers of Temple B’nai Torah exceed that achievement. Sunday morning was a typical example of the exemplary. Our kitchen was transformed into a proving ground for not only service through team work, but also, in a very unique way, the creation of a sacred space, made so by the heartfelt willingness of these Jewish men to enhance the active life of our congregation.

To join our Brotherhood in this task for that Sunday brought me a bit closer to them and their purpose, an honor bestowed upon me in my own pursuit of service to our congregation. It was truly a moment to reflect upon another of our most important traditional statements:

“Blessed are you, God, for sustaining life and enabling us to reach this joyous occasion.”

Cantor Steven Sher



Congregant Corner

Profiling members of Temple B'nai Torah

This Month - Amy Herman

Amy and Robert Herman joined Temple B'nai Torah in 2009. They have two children: Brett, who is 10, and Hannah, who is 6.

Amy is a reading specialist for the Malverne School District. Her hobbies include color guard, skiing, reading and boating.

Amy has rapidly become very involved with the happenings at the temple. She is a member of the PTA, and assists the TBT Junior Players at their annual show. Her son is a Webelo in the temple's cub scout pack; he is also part of the Youth Choir. Once Hannah gets to third grade, another Herman voice will be part of the youth choir. Hubby Robert is a member of the housing committee and was instrumental in the school's window shade replacement project.

A member of the Herman family is at Temple B'nai Torah practically every day, whether for Hebrew School, choir, committee meetings, play rehearsal, scouts or services. Asked what she likes about being a temple member, Amy says, "I love the people I have met. They are quickly becoming my closest friends. The Rabbi and Cantor also hooked my children into loving temple. It is a wonderful place to be."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It seems that every week I have another thought as to what is most important to address as president of this congregation. With that in mind...I've come to the realization that everything is important! I often sort through the numerous issues and day-to-day events and wonder how to keep the feeling that brought us here in the first place alive. Depending on whom you ask, the answer to "what brought you here" will be quite different. However, eventually we'd get to the topic of Judaism, or...our memories of our past Jewish experiences. Our Jewish memories are often the catalyst for our current Jewish connections.

Last summer, our TBT Board attended a presentation geared towards Congregation Membership. We discussed the impact of an individual's personal Jewish memories and how their current expectations are based on those memories. Our facilitator pointed out that there is no venue, such as work, school or any other social setting, where the level of intensity "to get it right" is as intense as it is when it is exhibited in congregations. The feelings, she explained, can be so intense because the issues are so personal to each of us. The point of this exercise was to help us understand where those intense feelings come from. They come from love, they come from caring and they come from a strong belief in *Adonai* and *Torah*. That being said, it should be noted that although feelings can be intense, they should always be communicated with civility, respect and tolerance.

Our facilitator then created the vision that we, as a congregation, need to make our own memories. We need to find a way to incorporate each of our old memories into the future of TBT, while at the same time, add our newly created memories along the way. As we can imagine, this is not an easy task. It takes understanding, patience, time and faith. But in the end, we will be better and stronger for it. The memories we create today will be ours to cherish forever. For me, the poem below by Michael Druck, which appears on the website of *The Jewish Magazine*, shows that the simplest of actions can create the most powerful of memories. It is my thought that *Adonai* wants us to never give up creating our own precious Jewish memories.

To Love G-d

by Michael Druck © 2010

We shall remind ourselves
when Shabbat lights go on,
when a distant sound is heard,
that we've been called upon
to love G-d.

We shall be reminded
when the day of rest has come,
that all work has ceased its cause,
for a greater mitzvah is to be done;
for the love of G-d.

It doesn't take a Shabbat
for us to honor Him,
or remember who we are
or what we were meant to be.

But it does take a Shabbat
to stop and concentrate,
on that greater mitzvah
that ever consecrates,
His words of love in Torah.

I remember Shabbat days
walking down a hill
with my hand in my father's hand,
and words he did instill.

Tradition is a memory
and the memory means a lot.
What better way to celebrate a day
then to honor a Shabbat,
And love G-d.

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***Deadline for submissions to the B'nai Torah TIMES
is the first day of EVERY MONTH.***



We are all familiar with the saying, “If you want something done, ask a busy person.” This statement holds particularly true for Sisterhood volunteers and the work that they do. People are busier now than they have ever been, and attaining a comfortable balance between Sisterhood work and the rest of our lives has become increasingly difficult.

Women become active in Sisterhood for a variety of reasons. They want to make a difference. They want to meet other women. They want to give back to their temple and community. But, they want and need to do this while striking a balance between volunteer work and their daily life.

Regardless of your involvement – on the executive board, the general board, or as a member at large who volunteers to help on a committee, program or event, it is so important to find this balance. Always keep in mind the impact that our work has on our Sisterhood, our temple, our local community and even beyond. We accomplish incredible good. Ask for help when you need it; dividing a large task amongst a few people makes it manageable. Keep it fun! And remember to say “thank you”. It takes a village: a village of smart, dedicated, hard-working women who together can do wonderful things. My personal thank-you to my executive board, my board of trustees, and all of the Sisterhood members who make up our village.

Stephanie Jacobson



Cathy Besthoff and Sisterhood President Stephanie Jacobson present a Certificate of Appreciation to Claudio Pedretti, owner of Colonial Florist, for his 40-plus years of supplying our Temple with beautiful floral arrangements for the bema and all occasions.

TBT TRANSITIONS

In January, 2011, Temple B’nai Torah upgraded to a new Billing and Membership system.

Beginning in February, your statement will be processed through this new system and will look different: larger font, better spacing, etc. The actual information contained in the statement will remain the same. We hope the new format will be easier to read and will better serve your needs. As always, if you should have any questions, please call me or our bookkeeper, Paula.

Please remember that the Capital Fund assessment is \$100 per family membership and \$50 per single membership. The capital fund item will be decreased monthly, as you purchase food certificates and/or gift cards.

In future months we’ll reach out to you to confirm/update your family information so that we can better serve you.

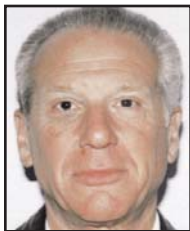
We wish David Nelson all the best as he moves on to a new position and a new career track.

Judy Diamond
Temple Administrator

SAVE THE DATE!

Sisterhood Shop and Dine
Wednesday, March 30, 2011
Crest Hollow Country Club

An Evening of Food, Fun and
Friends....some shopping, too!



BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS

By Les Richards

Shalom everyone,

At the Brotherhood Board meeting on December 14th, a motion was passed to donate \$300 to assist members of BNTY going to the NFTY Convention in Dallas in February. The next Brotherhood Board meeting is on February 8; all are invited to attend.

On December 21st, we were treated to a delicious and plentiful dinner produced by Dave Forman and his crew: Scott Abrams, Mike Bruno, Bernie Davidson, Jay Jacobson, Brian Katzman, Arnie Minsky, Steve Rozansky and Mike Wolff. As always, we appreciate Dave Schuster, who sets up the bar and serves cocktails and chips at our monthly dinners. We were happy to welcome new Temple members Dan Almont, Joshua Rest, and Richard Slavin to this dinner, and hope they enjoyed the food and camaraderie.

The Brotherhood dinners are run for the enjoyment of its members and friends. In order to run these great dinners in a cost-effective manner, we need to know how many people will be attending so that we can buy the proper amount of food and beverages. We don't want anyone who paid in advance to go hungry because someone showed up unexpectedly. We are requesting that all people who plan to attend a dinner send a reservation, complete with check, in advance. The extra \$5 we charge to those who show up without advance reservations does not really offset the inconvenience the kitchen crew experiences. And by "in advance", we don't mean the day before the dinner, either; we have to shop a couple of days before the dinner. Help us to maintain the reasonable price we charge for these dinners through your cooperation and consideration. Our February dinner is on the 15th; get those reservations in now (at least by February 10th)!

A BIG thank you to Ben and Sharon Cernese, who do most of the food shopping all year for the Brotherhood dinners and Sunday breakfasts (served at 9:15 AM when Religious School is in session).

Our Social Action program, "Supplies for the Troops", headed by Sol Goldstein, is still accepting donations. It is a small way to show these valiant people that we care!

Make a note on your calendar for Friday night, April 22nd, and join us for our annual Brotherhood Shabbat. And don't forget your sweetie on Valentine's Day!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

by Rob Saunders

Look forward...

The Jets gave it a pretty good effort, but fell short of achieving their place in this year's Super Bowl, and this dreadful winter became that much more difficult for an additional 2 weeks. I'm sure that, like me, most of you have seen enough snow to last for an eternity, thank you very much. And yet, the La Nina weather pattern will continue to bring us brutal cold, and probably a lot more snow, over the next 6 weeks. Add to this the fact that Passover is quite late this year (the first seder falls out on Monday, April 18), and, even though our daylight hours are noticeably longer than last month, it may feel like winter is going to endure forever.

In the interim, however, a lot of things are going to happen, like our Square Dance (2/5), Blood Drive (2/6), PTA-Family Bingo (2/13), President's Day (2/21), and Purim (3/20). There will be the return of Daylight Savings Time (3/13); the Cantor's Adventures in Music series will resume on March 14 (a/k/a Pi Day); the annual NCAA basketball tournament will kick off on March 17, even as the pro basketball and hockey seasons wind down; and of course, there will be baseball's grapefruit league action in anticipation of the Yankees' (March 31) and Mets' (April 1) season openers. By the time Pesach rolls around, the Masters and tax season will be over, and we will be teeing it up on our local golf courses, looking forward to summer.

Looking forward... it's what we do...it's what we have to do. The Temple is looking forward too: preparing a budget for next year, planning to do important capital projects, and trying to get maximum efficiency out of our building and organization. I hope that they can also look forward to having some new people get involved with the planning and execution of those projects.

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SCOUTING NEWS

Every month, we let you know about all the great activities that the Cub Scout and Boy Scouts do. The cub scouts play team-building games, make crafts, go on fantastic trips and do some community service. The boy scouts go on camping trips, even in the winter. They also have programs to earn merit badges and advance in rank.

However, this month is dedicated to all the people who make the program go. They do not do it for the recognition or accolades; they do it for the boys. Some are temple members, some are not; some are what we call uniformed leaders; some just volunteer to help out. If not for these people, the scouts could not operate.

Michael Vitucci – Scoutmaster of Troop 189; he is there every Thursday night to run the troop meetings.

Andrea Sternlieb – the activities director of Troop 189. She sets up all the camping trips and makes sure everyone has food to eat on them.

Steve Innerfield, Tobi Innerfield, Ed Markiewicz, Kathy Boyle, Michael Ferguson, Larry Brunell– Assistant Scoutmasters. They are instrumental in all of the Troop outings, and serve as merit badge counselors as well.

Leonard Aberman – Cubmaster. Len makes sure all the cub scouts are having fun and gaining confidence in everything they do.

Robert Herman – Assistant Cubmaster. Have hammer, will travel. Robert can do magic with tools for any project.

Teri Fields – a great addition to the leadership of the Pack. She is an art teacher who comes up with great ideas for the boys.

Steve Ditzel – Temple member and a heck of a nice guy. Always there when an extra hand is needed.

Eric Schwartz – Webelos Leader. Eric runs the program for the older members of the pack. He always has challenging projects for the scouts.

Beth Obergh – Craft lady – When a craft is needed, who do we call? Beth, that's who.

Jeff Cohen - the man behind the scenes. He and Leonard do anything that needs to be done to make sure the boys have a great scouting experience.

Dave Schuster – Dave is our Chartered Organization Representative. He is the liaison between the Brotherhood (Scouting sponsors) and our Council.

Fradell Serpe, Stacey Simmons, Sheri Ditzel, Amy Herman, Cara Froese, Ken Goldstein, Patricia Jarrett, Jennifer Schwartz, Beth Cohen and den chiefs Josh Aberman, Adam Cohen and Matt Reed – When we are having a party or some other event, they always step up to help out. No questions asked.

If you have a son between the ages of 6 and 10, he is welcomed to join the cub scouts. If he is older, maybe the boy scouts is the place for him.

Check out our pictures at www.troop189ny.com

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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The Nominating Committee is still seeking people interested in volunteering for the Board of Trustees next year; it may not seem like it, but it is a noble endeavor. However, you must be willing to put something into it, understanding that the tangibility of the rewards may not come for a while. In a few short months, a time-honored tradition will occur: the changing of the guard as our outgoing President, Barbara Cohen, will hand over the reins to someone else, and that could also be your opportunity to have an impact on the way the Temple operates for years to come. Get involved in something that will make you feel like you have a hand in the way the Temple operates: it will make you feel good; it will set a great example for your children. And it will set your focus on the future, where we are all looking anyway.

Looking forward, for the Giants, Jets, Islanders, Nets (and probably the Knicks and Mets, too), there's always next year. And so it will be for Temple B'nai Torah as well; with your help, we can make it happen. Selah!

CHAI NOTES



February Chai General Meeting: Our program on, Monday, February 7th, at 7:30 pm, will feature The Long Island Express Barbershop Quartet. They have sung as a foursome for more than a decade and each year they get busier and busier with a rewarding calendar of fulfilled requests. Their performance will be interspersed with singing and joke-telling, as well as sing-a-longs that encourage listener participation.

Please join us in Temple as we also celebrate our February birthdays. A RALLI (Retired and Living on Long Island) meeting will be held at 7:00 pm preceding the regular meeting. RALLI schedules monthly excursions to the movies and local restaurants. Special thanks to Dorothy Duckstein, who organized our January RALLI meeting.

Kudos to Sol Goldstein and Al Weinberg, who provided our January program. Sol gave us an update of “Rebuilding Together”, a great group whose mission is to help the needy; and Al Weinberg, a Holocaust Survivor, provided a dramatic description of his desperate flight from Nazi oppression to Dominican Republic. Congratulations to Dorothy Duckstein, who won the 50-50 raffle, and to Judy Lichtenstein and Esther Phillips, for winning the birthday baskets of cheer.



Al Weinberg



Sol Goldstein

Photos by Harvey Drucker

We will try something different in March: an exercise program for seniors, led by Sue Salko. Sue will teach us how exercise is a vital link to strength, balance and harmony in our active lives. (Please note that the exercise is not strenuous: you will not be running up and down the stairs. All movements will be done in and around your own chair.)

We are so pleased to announce that the 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: Mondays, March 21st, March 28th, April 4th, and April 11; all will start at 12:00 noon.

Brian Levy
Chai Club President

Hold The Date: Monday Night - June 6th, 2011

Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen M. Rice Will be speaking to the Chai Club/ All are Invited!

WRAPPING THINGS UP

A fabulous group of TBT volunteers made our annual gift-wrapping fundraiser a resounding success. For three days in the latter half of December, we wrapped gifts at Westfield Sunrise Mall. We supplied the paper, ribbon, bows, etc., as well as friendly service, and grateful shoppers rewarded us with donations to our synagogue.

The volunteers at this event were a true cross-section of our TBT community – we ranged from school-aged to seniors and encompassed members of every arm of the temple. Thanks are due to our entire crew, including Janis Amer, Marilyn Block, Jenny and Shari Breyer, Daniella, Diane and Jonathan Derby, Harvey and Rita Drucker, Jason, Laurie, and Rich Epler, Debbie and Matthew Flaster, Elaine and Sol Goldstein, Ivy Green, Meryl Hronec, Mark and Tessa Kean, Janis and Lauren Lambert, Ronni McLaughlin, Leslie Mittleman, Judy and Michael Novet, Marlene Proct, Bonnie and Ray Russolillo, Helaine Schnall, Wendy Ser, Lynn Vosper, Emily Wax, and Robin Wexler. (Sincere apologies if any names have been inadvertently omitted.) Thanks are also owed to all who donated wrapping paper and supplies.

Please consider joining us next year. There is always an incredible sense of cooperation and camaraderie and we always have a terrific time. In addition to helping TBT, this fundraiser is an excellent way to meet and socialize with fellow TBT congregants.

Submitted by Judy Novet



COUPLES' CLUB

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

Br-r-r-r!! As we write this, we are still digging out from more than a foot of snow that fell after Christmas.

Personally, we think that white Christmases are vastly over-rated! Winter is truly upon us, and we're concentrating on snuggling up and staying warm – in addition to the dozens of other things that keep us hopping.

Many thanks to Bernie & Vicki Deutsch, who hosted our Board meeting on December 5 with a grand spread. At our upcoming Board meetings (February 13 and May 1), we will be focusing on choosing dates for the 2011-2012 Temple Calendar in anticipation of the Calendar Planning Meeting on May 24. We can't believe that it's already time to do this. We are always amazed at how quickly the year passes.

In the meantime, though, we enjoyed a theatre outing on January 16, being planned by Brian & Joan Levy, and we are looking forward to the TBT Square Dance on Saturday, February 5. And let's not forget our Military Bridge on March 12, and Games Night on April 9, as well as the Couples' Club Shabbat service on March 18. This special night means a lot to us, and we are very grateful to the many CC members who have already reached out and asked to be part of the service. This will be a Couples' Club service in the most important sense. In the spring, we'd really like to schedule another theatre outing, and at least one big dinner out for us all. So we've got lots to discuss at Ed & Marilyn Pincus' house on February 13.

As always, we encourage all those reading this who are not Couples' Club members to take this opportunity to join us and discover for yourselves the great spirit of Couples' Club.

On a personal note, we want to thank those who reached out to Vicki with expressions of sympathy after the passing of her mother on December 21. It was a very difficult way to end the year, and those thoughts and prayers were a great comfort.

See you next month!

Marty & Vicki Goldberger
Couples' Club Co-Presidents

In The House

by Tessa Kean

There we were on Jan. 3, 2011. The House Committee came together again to plan fixing up and updating our temple home. After much discussion, the House Committee enthusiastically recommended upgrading our infrastructure, as the Budget and Long Range Planning Committee have previously discussed. Thanks to HE2 and Jeff Wengroff, there is a plan to go forward with repairing and improving our temple home. HE2's project was to analyze what we needed to do in our building, determine the cost of the project and prioritize our improvements. Our temple home needs an updated heating system, an updated air conditioning system, and scheduled maintenance on the school roof. (As of this month, many of the House Committee members have left their rain gear at home. Have you noticed there are no trash cans in our halls and offices collecting water when it rains? This is due to the success of our Raise the Roof project.) Housing is working in conjunction with the Budget Committee on the planning of these improvements. HE2 will be working on securing grants for some of the improvements.

Fixing up our building is a commitment to the future. The House Committee members also discussed needed renovation to the Social Hall, which is being researched.

Our Eagle Scout members are soaring. The lighting project by one scout is awaiting approval by officials in the Boy Scouts. Our second Eagle candidate is thrilled with the news that he, too, will be working on a Temple improvement project.

We are in the process of etching a piece of Lucite in our lobby, repositioning certain plaques in the lobby near the Kiddush Lounge, making sure our memorial plaques are put up or lit on the appropriate days in our sanctuary, making sure our phone system is functioning, etc. The work of the House Committee is never done. Our list of improvements is long. Come join us on the first Tuesday of every month. Give us your input for how we can improve our temple home.

OUR COMMUNITY



*Nursery School students
enjoy latkes and learning
about Chanukah*



*Cast of
"Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat"
before their debut
on December 11.*



REACHING OUT TO EACH OTHER

Do you have adult children living in the area (married or single)?
Do you have a child(ren) in college?

If your answer is “yes” to one or both of these questions, we’d love to hear from you!

Please help us create a community of Jewish young adults - singles and couples in their 20’s and 30’s. Programs and activities could include a wide range of events, from happy hours to community service projects, to study sessions and holiday celebrations.

At the same time, our college committee would like to re-establish a connection with your student(s) and send him/her holiday treats. We’d love to host reunions or engage them in other meaningful programs and projects when they’re in town.

We’ll get started as soon as you provide the information below and send it to me at:

Administrator@Temple-Bnai-Torah.org

Or

Judy Diamond
Temple B’nai Torah
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FOR YOUR COLLEGE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS	FOR YOUR ADULT CHILDREN
Name	Name
Address	Address
City/State/Zip	City/State/Zip
Email Address	Phone
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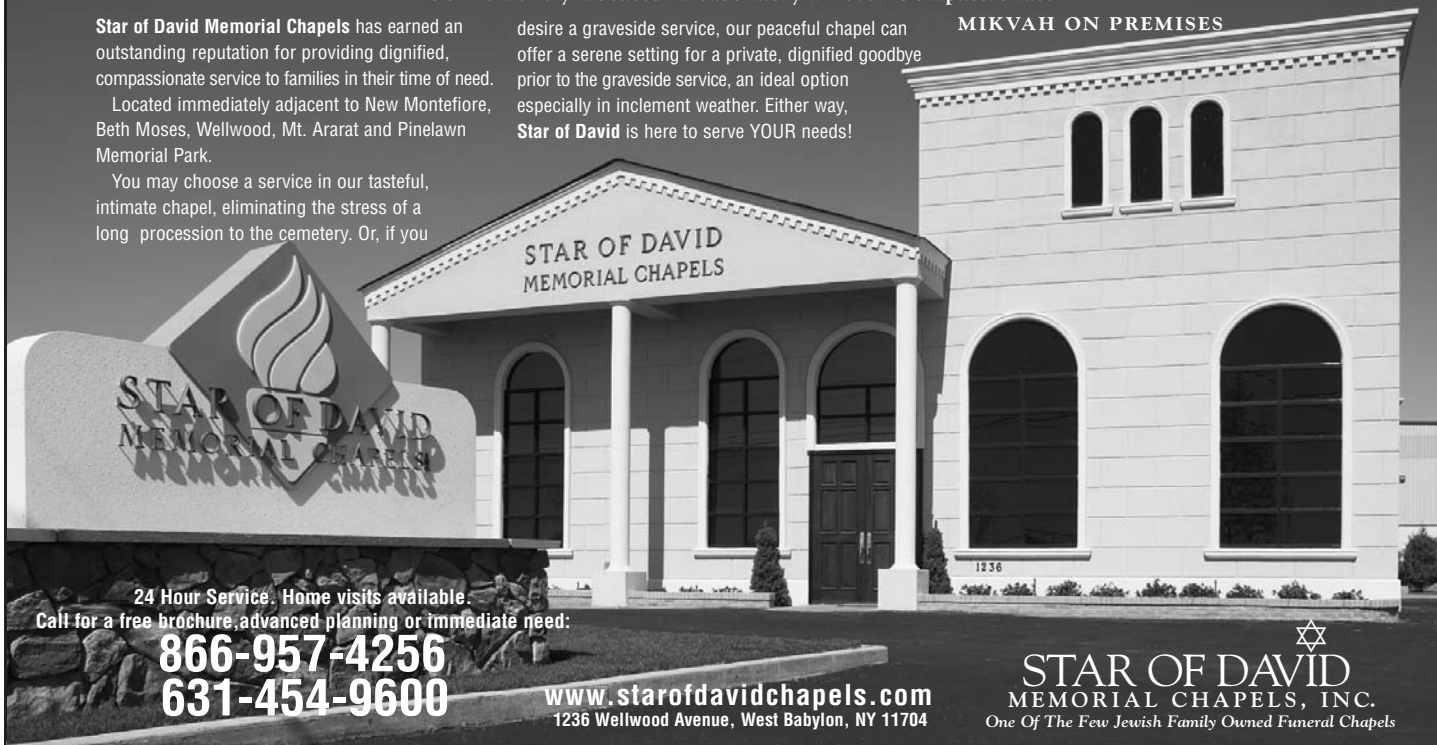
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am AIAnon 4:30pm Rel. Sch. 6:45pm Sist Exec. Board Meeting 7:00pm House Comm. Meeting 7:45pm Sist. Bd. Meeting (K/L) 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Bingo 4:30pm Rel. Sch. 	3 <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) 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Services & Scout Recong. Shabbat 3:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30pm Family Service 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am Torah Study Group (Admin. Conf. Room) 10:30am SVCS. 2 B/M 12:00pm B/M Luncheon-Brill (K/L) 1:00pm Set up 7:00pm 5 Arm Square Dance S/H
6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00am-3:30pm Blood Drive (S/H) 9:00am Rel. Sch.4 Family Class Workshop (Y/L) 9:15am Broth. Breakfast 10:00am-12:00pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Bellows (Library) 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm REL. SCH. 6:00pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Hebrew H.S 7:00pm Ralli (K/L) 7:30pm Chai General (K/L) 7:30pm Adult Choir 8:30pm BNTY SR. 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am AIAnon 4:30pm Rel. Sch. 7:30pm Brotherhood Bd. Meeting K/L 8:00pm Rel. Ed. (Library) 8:00pm Social Action Comm. Meeting (Conf. room in the office) 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Bingo 4:30pm Rel. Sch. 6:30pm-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) 	10 <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) 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Tot Shabbat Service 8:00pm Services 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am Torah Study Group (Admin. Conf. Room) 10:30am SVCS. 2 B/M 6:30pm Couples Club Game Night K/L 8:00pm Ballroom Dance (S/H)
13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am Rel. Sch. - 5 Family Class Workshop 9:15am Broth. Breakfast 10:00am-12:00pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Bellows (Library) 10:00am-12:00pm Past Pres. Council Mtg. (Admin Conf. Room) Mem/Com Meeting- (TBD) 12:00pm Family Bingo (S/H) 1:00pm-4:00pm Cub Scout Pinewood Derby (Y/L) 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm REL. SCH. 6:00pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Hebrew H.S. 7:30pm Adult Choir 8:30pm BNTY SR. 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am AIAnon 4:30pm Rel. Sch. 7:00pm Brotherhood General Mtg /Dinner S/H 7:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting (K/L) 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Bingo 4:30pm Rel. Sch. 6:30pm-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L) 	17 <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) 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 8:00pm Services 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am Torah Study Group (Admin. Conf. Room) NO B/M
20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00am-1:00pm Purim Spiel Reh. (Y/L) NO SCHOOL - MID - WINTER RECESS 3:00pm Bingo/Set up 6:45pm TRIPLE BINGO 	21 <p style="text-align: center;">President's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO SCHOOL - MID - WINTER RECESS BLDG. CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY NO NURSERY SCHOOL 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO SCHOOL - MID - WINTER RECESS 10:00am AIAnon NO NURSERY SCHOOL 6:45pm Exec. Board Meeting (Rm 101-103) 7:45pm Board of Trustees 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO SCHOOL - MID WINTER RECESS 10:30am Bingo NO NURSERY SCHOOL 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Bingo 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 8:00pm Services 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am Torah Study Group (Admin. Conf. Room) 10:30am SVCS. 2 B/M 12:00pm-B/M Lunch-Spector Family (S/H)
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO SCHOOL - MID - WINTER RECESS 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00pm Chai Board (S/H) 1:00pm-3:00pm Meadow Women's In.-Bk. Study (K/L) 4:30pm REL. SCH. 6:00pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Hebrew H.S. 7:30pm Adult Choir 7:45pm-8:30pm YAC Meeting (Y/L) 8:30pm BNTY SR. 	<p>February 2011</p> <p>Temple B'nai Torah</p> <p>For most up to date calendar</p> <p>Go to</p> <p>Temple-bnai-torah.org</p>				

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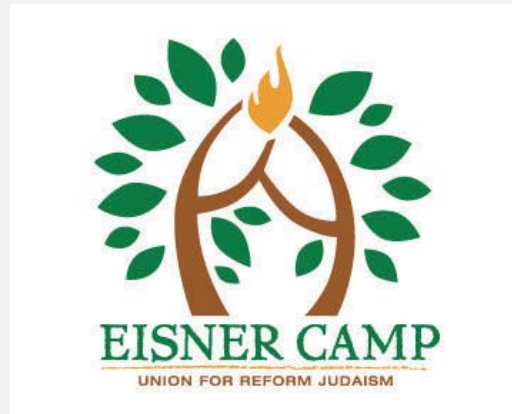
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