

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



**TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH CELEBRATES THE
RECEIVING OF THE TORAH**

**Tuesday, June 7 at 7:30 pm and
Wednesday, June 8 at 10:30 am**

B'NAI MITZVAHS



June 4

Joseph Gilberg

Tom & Amy

My name is Joseph Gilberg, and I go to Grand Avenue Middle School. I love skateboarding and do it as often as possible. I've enjoyed studying with Cantor Hiesiger in preparation for my Bar Mitzvah. For my Mitzvah project, I have been fighting against texting while driving. I have learned that if a person tries, they can make a difference while doing this project.



June 4

Cory Levy

Kenneth & Kelly

Hello, my name is Cory Levy, and I'm from Seaford. As a mitzvah project, I volunteered to help the Long Island Blues Hockey Team, which is a special-needs ice hockey team. I did this because I love to play ice hockey and one of the players on the team is in my Boy Scout Troop. It was really a lot of fun and I enjoyed helping out their team.



June 4

Kayla Shapiro

Mark & Aileen



June 18

Alexander Greenwald

Steve & Lisa

My name is Alexander Greenwald, and I am a seventh-grade student at Grand Avenue Middle School. I love singing and acting, and have performed in many productions all over Long Island. My most memorable show was "A Moment in Time", when I had the opportunity to perform with Broadway actors and actresses. I want to thank my sister Jenna for her help with my Mitzvah Project. We performed songs for the residents of Parkview Nursing Home. It was a lot of fun and I felt good about doing something for others. I would like to thank my parents for all of their support, as well as Mrs. Altman and Cantor Sher for preparing me for my Bar Mitzvah.



June 18

Marissa Pomeranz

Alan & Pamela

My name is Marissa Pomeranz, and I am a 7th grader at Grand Avenue Middle School. I like to draw, dance, and read. What I have enjoyed most about becoming a Bat Mitzvah is getting a unique Torah portion to read. I want to thank my parents for getting me to Hebrew school, and Mrs. Altman for always making sure that I practiced my Torah portion and blessings. I would also like to thank Rabbi Pasternak, Rabbi Bellows, and Cantor Sher for always making it interesting and fun.



June 25

Jake Kaufman

Ronald & Mary

Hi! My name is Jake Kaufman and I am a High Honor Roll student at Salk M.S. I am a musician and I love to play the drums! I am in Band, Orchestra, and Jazz Band at Salk. I just competed in the Trills and Thrills Competition at Great Adventure and came in First Place. I also play on my school's soccer team and I like to play tennis as well. I enjoyed learning Hebrew and learning about my culture and heritage. I consider reading from the Torah a huge honor. For my mitzvah project, I will be raising money to donate to the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, which donates equipment to school music programs that lack resources. I would like to thank Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher, Mrs. Barsh-Rudolph, Mrs. Finkel, Mrs. Elis, and Rabbi and Mr. Pasternak. I would also like to thank Mrs. Altman for her guidance and support during my Bar Mitzvah lessons. Lastly, I would like to thank my family and friends for their encouragement throughout my endeavors. Can't wait for the Big Day!!!!



June 25

Jacob Levyns

Jeff & Rachel

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, June 3	7:30 pm	Graduation and Student Aide recognition
Saturday, June 4	10:30 am	Services (3 B'nai Mitzvah)
Tuesday, June 7	7:30 pm	Erev Shavuot services, with Yiskor
Wednesday, June 8	10:30 am	Shavuot services, with Yiskor
Friday, June 10	7:30 pm	Confirmation
Saturday, June 11	10:30 am	Services
Friday, June 17	8:00 pm	Services
Saturday, June 18	10:30 am	Services (2 B'nai Mitzvah)
Friday, June 24	8:00 pm	Board Installation
Saturday, June 25	10:30 am	Services (2 B'nai Mitzvah)

For summer service schedule, please check the Temple calendar on the website: www.temple-bnai-torah.org



CELEBRATE EREV SHAVUOT!

Join with your Temple B'nai Torah community and celebrate the moment we received the Torah at Mount Sinai.

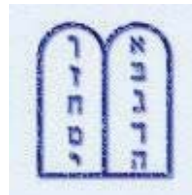
Tuesday, June 7th – 7:30 pm

The evening will include:

7:30 pm - Adult Learning Session & Discussion

8:30 pm – Erev Shavuot Worship

9:15 pm – Refreshments



Please join us on Wednesday morning, June 8th @ 10:30 am for our Shavuot Morning Service (including Yizkor)



Summertime Blues ...and Whites!!!

Shalom, Chaverim – Hello, friends,

Once again, we have finally arrived at the summer, and I, like you, am very excited. Long Island is quite lovely during the summertime, and there are so many wonderful opportunities to appreciate the joys of nature, rejuvenation, and relaxation.

Additionally, summer can be a terrific time to bring some new “Jewish-ness” into your life. You have a little more time, feel a little more relaxed, and thus might just enjoy doing something new. Thus, I present to you my suggestions for 3 easy Jewish things to do this summer:

Plan a trip to the brand-new **National Museum of American Jewish History**, which opened this year in Philadelphia, PA. Steps from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, the National Museum of American Jewish History is the only museum that celebrates and honors the American Jewish experience. After a brief 2.5 hour drive, you can visit this important addition to the Smithsonian collection of museums.

Attend one of our wonderful outdoor Shabbat experiences this summer! We are offering three different events:

Friday night, July 8 – 6:00 pm **Beach Service**. We will meet at TOBAY beach, pray and sing together as the sun sets. Come early with a picnic and a Frisbee! (There will also be a Shabbat service at TBT, for those who prefer their Shabbat without sand).

Friday night, July 22 – 7:30 pm **Outdoor Service and Picnic at TBT**. Watch your TBT Scroll for more information about this wonderful outdoor service, a new event for the Temple B’nai Torah family!

Friday night, August 19 – 6:00 pm **Beach Service**. We will return to TOBAY once more to mark Shabbat together.

Follow a wonderful Jewish blogger (Blog = “Web Log,” a website written by one person in a less formal tone)! There are a number of terrific websites, written by learned, entertaining reform rabbis, and each offers its own unique insight into the 21st century Jewish experience. I recommend visiting:

“Or Am I?” A blog by Rabbi Paul Kipnes, exploring the intersection of the soul, Jewish spirituality, and daily living, at www.rabbipaul.blogspot.com.

“Ima On (and Off) the Bima: Real Life Jewish Parenting and Living” A blog by Rabbi Phyllis Sommer that covers both her wonderful family (she is married to another rabbi and has four young kids) and her rabbinate in suburban Chicago, at www.imabima.blogspot.com.

“Frume Sarah’s World” A blog by Rabbi Rebecca Einstein Schorr, who writes, “I’m a forty-year-old, fun, hip, Rabbi who loves to bring people closer to God. I am married to my high school sweetheart (whom I met at **shul** when I was nine) and together we are being brought up by our three crazy kids. My claim to fame is that I am the only rabbi to serve a congregation alongside her father. Paging Dr. Freud...” At www.frumesarah.com.

“Jazz Rabbi” A blog by Rabbi Eric Siroka, in which he discusses his love of Judaism, social justice, and music of all kinds. Always thought-provoking and entertaining. At www.jazzrabbi.blogspot.com.

I wish you a wonderful, sweet, RELAXING summer, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

L’shalom – In peace,
Rabbi Marci N. Bellows

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I don't know how I begin to thank everyone that needs to be acknowledged for their actions in the last two years, simply because there are so many to thank and the actions have been so great. When I look around me at the incredible work being done, I am amazed.

When I first became a member of the temple 20 years ago, it was due to the fact that I had a child to register in Sunday school. I wanted her to have a strong religious connection to draw upon through life's ups and downs. I wanted her to understand that there is more to life than just living for ourselves, and that we each have a personal responsibility to make this world a better place. As time went on, and I learned and experienced Judaism right along with my daughter, I found myself comforted by my Judaic experiences. When my mom passed away...and then my dad, I realized that Judaism provided me with the strength that I would need to enable me to move on and grow, without two of the greatest mentors in my life.

The reason I go on here about myself, and my experiences with Judaism, is because I realized that when I became TBT president that my life at temple was no longer just about me. It was a time when I made a conscious decision to put "me" aside to tend to a much bigger and more important topic. In my own way, it was my contribution to an organization that means so much to me. As this story goes on..."you" come in. The "you" I refer to are the many congregants, donors, volunteers, board members, committee members, clergy and staff of Temple B'nai Torah. Without "you", these last two years would not have been possible. Nothing has touched my heart more than the outpouring of volunteers that have stood up to tackle the much needed work of Temple B'nai Torah. "You" have been there morning, noon and night. "You" have been there in good weather and bad. No matter what was going on in your personal life, "you" found a way to be there. It is with my utmost respect and appreciation that I say Thank You to you all.

These last two years (like many before them) have been filled with challenges for all of us. However, in spite of it all, I feel that we've come out ahead. Our merged congregation has developed its own common bond: fighting for the survival of our reform temple on the south shore of Long Island. I come to the end of my presidency looking forward to a future with much anticipated growth and development. We have so much going for us at Temple B'nai Torah; I can hardly wait to see how we evolve as a

community. I wish our new board success at every turn and I wish our incoming president, Judy Kule, all the best in every endeavor she undertakes.

I would like to thank my friends... I literally could not have done this without you. You stepped up when I needed you, stood back when it was called for, donated until it hurt, and volunteered your little hearts out. You not only helped me keep my sanity, but you improved our beloved temple in more ways than I ever imagined. Thank you for being there for both of us.

I would like to thank my family... First, to my daughter, who had to schedule her bridal appointments around all of the temple's meetings and every other task I attended to. I thank you for encouraging me to take on the presidency of Temple B'nai Torah and always understanding "where I had to be". Through it all we had some very special moments and it was extremely gratifying when you said it was all OK...because you knew it was for the temple and you were so proud of our accomplishments. I especially enjoyed the moment when I invited you to my installation as temple president, and you asked me if you had to get a gown for the occasion. As dad always says, "she's your daughter".

Then, to my husband, who wholeheartedly encouraged me to take on the presidency of Temple B'nai Torah...I will for the umpteenth time tell you that you were right all along. I did love the job, because as you put it... I "live for this kind of stuff". Howie, I thank you for encouraging me to go where I would have never dared without your support, which is the story of my life.

Finally, I thank *Adonai*, for creating a world that is good, and giving us the skills to deal with that which is not so good. May we continue to learn the art of compromise, to enable us to truly create a temple that can meet the needs of all of its congregants. May we all be blessed by *Adonai*.

Have a great summer...and PLEASE, be sure to make a contribution to this year's appeal, "Our Path To The Future". I'll say it one last time...your temple needs your help!

Barbara Cohen
President
Temple B'nai Torah



While I began my career with a primary interest in musical and historical artistic expression, slowly, over time, this interest evolved and changed, becoming a strong desire for, and emphasis on, mentoring. In a sense, over the years, the desire to teach, influence and guide has superseded the desire to “perform”. Perhaps this journey has been a result of a steady maturation of aesthetic tastes and expressions. It has been a journey resulting in joyous and stimulating interpersonal exchanges that have inspired my steadily increasing desire to be a guide and exemplar, especially with the young people of the communities I have served.

Those who show great promise and potential in otherwise less-emphasized forms of expression never fail to be a fulfilling reminder of the many multifaceted and multitalented people within the midst of the temple community. There has been no greater excitement and enthusiasm on the part of your cantor to find, nurture and cultivate budding and, as yet, undeveloped talent. A budding virtuoso, whether he or she is a singer, instrumentalist, intellectual or athlete, needs to be nurtured and nourished, so that he or she may realize his or her talent potential. Hopefully, over time and cultivation, these talents will come to fruition, adding to one’s self esteem, fulfillment and a unique and blossoming contribution to “tikun olam,” the repair of the world.

I have been influenced in this direction by many experiences, in both, my professional and personal lives. Fifteen years ago, I journeyed to Eastern Europe on a trip with several colleagues. We visited Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, delving into our living past, concentrating, especially, on historic places relevant to the Shoah (Holocaust). A side trip, not part of the itinerary, was quite spontaneously arranged for any of us who wanted to visit the famous orphanage of Janusz Korczak, with whom, at that time, I was not familiar. Only a few of us decided to go. Although I was motivated by intellectual curiosity, I came away from this brief sojourn very much moved to tears. It was, not to exaggerate, an epiphanous and life-changing experience. In learning of his life, I saw my own, in many ways. Reflecting on his own life-changing decisions, I wondered if I could have done the same. I have remained perplexed by that brief moment in my travels to this day.

Janus Korczak, born Henryk Goldzmit, was a Polish Jewish writer and educator whose beliefs about the importance of justice for children were—and still are—radically enlight-

ened. He perished in the Shoah, but, much like Anne Frank, left behind a diary through which can be glimpsed the last months of his life. He had the opportunity to escape the final evacuations of the residents of his orphanage by the Nazis, but refused, and perished with the children at Treblinka. His books gave parents and teachers new insights in child psychology. He was beloved by those who knew him personally, and is beloved by those who grew to know him through his writings. He was a tireless defender of children, and his writings have formed the basis for the United Nations Declaration of Children’s Rights.

Although no Jewish orphans are housed there today, his orphanage still serves as a portal in the storm of youth without the love and support of parents or family. As I walked through the old building, the silent echo of a voice I never knew came alive for me that day and has stayed with me ever since. Janus Korczak was, and is, my hero. I only wish he could have known.

Some years back, on one of my many pilgrimages to Minnesota, where I was born and raised, I had the opportunity of being a guest lecturer for a senior seminar in comparative religion at the College of St. Benedict, a Catholic undergraduate university in central Minnesota, about one and one half hours’ drive from Minneapolis. Kristen Westlund, the daughter of close friends, and with whom I have a close relationship, and her professor, Dr. John Merkel, a Catholic theologian and distinguished scholar, invited me to speak on the basic tenets of Jewish life and belief, and the nature of my role as a cantor.

As I made my presentation, I became increasingly aware of how subtly important was this brief moment in the busy lives of those gathered for this session. It is human nature to form a generalization, as a result of a response to the particular. Because of this, every Jew, no matter what intention, facility or background, becomes, unwittingly or by design, an ambassador and representative of all Jews. This is especially true when we are surrounded by those whose exposure to, and knowledge of, Jews and/or Judaism, is limited.

Such was the case during my brief interlude with the twenty-five students present that day. I discovered that many of those students, mostly from small, rural communities, had never met a Jew before I had walked into the room! I did not take my task lightly.

I believe that when put into the position of influencing

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young minds, one has a grave responsibility, especially when a presentation is accompanied by an expectation of stimulation and learning. To be a lecturer is to be a teacher, a mentor, no matter how brief or limited the interchange. I hoped that I had fulfilled that responsibility, tempered with informative humor, in the highest form of our tradition.

My most responsive student was a young Vietnamese immigrant. She enthusiastically expressed her gratitude for my presentation, having come from an environment of limited human rights and, subsequently, empathizing with being in a noticeable minority. If she and the others walked away with a feeling that all Jews were like me, then, proudly and unabashedly, I was delighted. They could have done worse...

In my living room is a striking block print I purchased at the

Jewish Museum of Athens. It depicts Moses hovering over Joshua. Etched around the two figures is the quote from Proverbs: "He that delicately brings up a servant from a child shall have a master at the last."

This model of the relationship of Moses and Joshua stands as a most salient example of the importance of personal guidance and leadership as a metaphor for "tikun olam." It is the essential guidepost for the fine art and fulfilling spirit of being a mentor.

From the journal of Janus Korczak: "Under identical clothes beat a hundred different hearts, and each one is another difficulty, another task, another worry and care."

Have a great summer!
Cantor Steve Sher

RICK RECHT, AND A SWINGING CONGREGATION, AT TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH

Story by Rita Drucker; photos by Harvey Drucker

A crowd of more than three hundred people (congregants and guests) packed the TBT sanctuary on Friday night, May 13, for a Sabbath treat: the first "composer-in-residence" service, featuring renowned Jewish music artist Rick Recht. The adult, teen and youth choirs, along with the entire congregation, were jumping to the music; people were even (literally) dancing in the aisles. Some of our young members left their seats and joined the performers on the Bimah.

It began with a Thursday night rehearsal. Rick and the members of each choir met for the first time. It all went well, thanks to Cantor Sher, who had arranged for this unique program, and the results during the service on Friday night bore out the hard work and collaboration. Many people commented that this was one of the most inspiring and lively services that they could remember, and indeed, would remember for a long, long time. It also serves as a reminder that Temple B'nai Torah is on the move!!!

Temple B'nai Torah would like to acknowledge and thank Ed Kliegman, and the Kliegman Fund, for sponsorship of this incredible event.



OUR COMMUNITY



I have been President of Sisterhood for almost two years, and what a ride it has been! It was new, uncharted territory for me and somewhat out of my comfort zone. Fast forward to today, and I am proud of all I have accomplished, personally and publicly.

I was fortunate to lead Sisterhood during Temple B'nai Torah's infancy. Sisterhood has been an important, crucial part of the forging of our new temple. This experience has enriched me in so many ways. It has taught me a great deal about myself. It has strengthened my leadership skills and shown me that nothing is beyond my grasp. Having a seat on the temple board, I have a newfound respect and understanding into the running of the temple. I feel more connected to Temple B'nai Torah. I also feel I have become a more informed Reform Jew. I have attended more functions and spoken with more people than I would have if I were not Sisterhood President.

Serving as Sisterhood President has reinforced something that I really already knew. Sisterhood is a wonderful, caring community, and I am overwhelmed that you put your faith in me. It has been a very rewarding experience. I have many fond memories that will now be part of me forever.

Sisterhood is not successful because of any one person; it takes a village. I must thank some of the women who make up our village. We work hard, yet leave room for fun.

I would like to start with my executive board. As Recording Secretary, Marilyn Woronoff kept everyone informed with her exceptional minutes. It has been a joy to work with you! As keeper of the checkbook, Treasurer Sharon Forman, has made sure all our accounts are balanced. As Corresponding Secretary, Joann Weinraub e-mailed beautiful, creative reminders each month, as well as other correspondence. Marlyn Appelt, Membership/ Financial Secretary, maintained our membership list. I appreciate and thank each of you for all your efforts on behalf of Sisterhood.

To adequately do justice to the women who have been my Vice Presidents this year, I really need a lot more space. Joni Christie, Felicia Denaro, Shari Macy and Diane Schoenberg, you have made my job easier. I was always confident that I could depend on each of you, and it was extremely reassuring.

To Barbara Cohen, my immediate Past President and Lynne Happes, Beverly Miller, Tessa Kean, and Myrna Lieber, all Past Presidents: Your wisdom and guidance has been most helpful.

I am honored to add my name to an impressive list of Past Sisterhood Presidents. And finally, to my Sisterhood Board, thank you all for your hours of dedication. It has been a privilege to work with you. We are truly stronger together.

In conclusion, I must thank my husband, Jay, and children, Jared and Pam, for their support and encouragement these past two years. As I pass the gavel to incoming President, Joni Christie, I wish you all the best. You have a great group of women on the 2011-12 Board. At times it can be a bit of a roller coaster, so enjoy the ride. I know I have!

Stephanie Jacobson

I would like to thank my Department of Religion, Education and Advancement of Judaism for all their help and dedication this past year:

Nancy Bauman, Debbie Berger and Karen Freedman on Festivals; Su Bruno and Judy Lichtenstein at the Judaica Shop; Ellice Toscano, Susan Beller and Vicky Goldberger on Uniongrams. And let's not forget Gail Goldstein for taking care of Rosh Chodesh.

A special good luck to Su Bruno in her new position as Vice President.

It was an honor to work with all of you special ladies this past year.

Shari Macy, VP, D.R.E.A of Judaism

As our year comes to a close, I would like to thank the women in the Dept. of Services. To **Hilda**, for always writing our Torah Cards; **Ilene** for arranging dinners of all varieties, and to **Cathy** for Trees as well as flowers on our Bema each week. Thanks to **Phyllis** for careful organization of our Sunshine Fund, and **Pearl** and **Lynn** for keeping us in the know from Chai Club and Social Action. To **Eileen**, **Beverly**, **Linda** and **Barbara** for the wonderful family and weekly Oneg Shabbat extravaganzas. Lastly to **Dorene** for making sure our TBT articles are wonderful. Much grateful appreciation to you ALL!

Sincerely,
Felicia Denaro, V.P., Department of Services

Sisterhood Ways and Means

Another year of Sisterhood activities is coming to an end. The ways and means department has worked very hard to raise much-needed funds for the temple, and we all know “it takes a village” to achieve as much as we do.

Our committee has *official* and *unofficial* members who step up constantly and have made my job much easier since last July. We’ve raised money through Sisterhood Squares at the October paid-up membership dinner, floral arrangements for the High Holidays and Passover (handled by Helen Spindel), the Night of Beauty at Bangz (chaired by Marilyn Woronoff), the comedy night at the Brokerage (also chaired by Marilyn), Shalach Manos bags for Purim (chaired by Sherrill Spatz), the Shop and Dine at Crest Hollow (chaired by the “tag team” of Andrea Rifkin and Ellice Toscano), and Mother’s Day cards (chaired by Sharon Forman and Susan Beller). In addition, our ongoing fundraisers are the sale of Invitations /Yarmulkes/Computer Calligraphy (handled by Myrna Lieber), as well as our twice-weekly and once-a-month Sunday night Bingo game food sales (led by Barbara Gouveia).

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to the remarkable women named above. In addition, many others have been an integral part of these various activities. I truly appreciate all their help and wish to acknowledge the following people: Jay Baker, Janis Beldner, Su Bruno, Ellie Dayton, Barbara Carpenter, Jan Friedman, Gail Goldstein, Heather Gottfried, Lynne Happes, Beverly Miller, Barbara Morgenlender, Debbie Schlesinger, Pearl Sutz, and Joann Weinraub.

It’s been a pleasure and a privilege to serve.

Diane Schoenberg, Vice-President, Ways and Means

What a year the Sisterhood Membership Committee had! From our “Welcome to New Members” breakfast to our “End of the Year” dinner.

Thank you to the best team in town: Andrea F., Debbie S., Marlyn and Pearl. Thank you all, with all my heart, and tell me when you are ready to open our catering business.

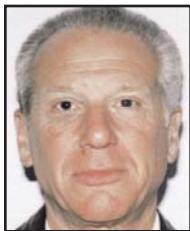
Joni Christie , VP, Membership

OUR TEACHERS RATE ⚡-1

Story and photo submitted by Howard Lev

On Friday evening, May 6, 2011, Temple B’nai Torah honored more than twenty teachers from The Susanna E. Heiman Religious School with a special dinner and Shabbat service. During the service, the teachers received a special blessing from Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher. Rabbi Deanna Pasternak, the Director of Religious Education, spoke about the teachers, many of whom were once students in the school, and most of whom have been teachers in our school for many years. She touched on their dedication and wealth of knowledge, as well as their enthusiasm, which they continue to pass along to their students. We are fortunate to have such a group of committed individuals to help pass on our culture and heritage to the next generation.





BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS

by Les Richards

Shalom everyone,

As we look forward to a warm and beautiful summer, Brotherhood has continued its efforts of helping the Temple by contributing a brick to the recent fundraiser.

“Thank You” to Mike Bruno and his crew of Mark Chester, Bernie Davidson, Jay Jacobson, Marty Happes and Mike Wolff, for preparing and serving a delicious and plentiful dinner in April. Ed Blecher capably filled in for Dave Schuster, running the cocktail hour in his absence. Jeff Goodman hosted a “Family Feud” game in which everyone participated.

The April 22nd Brotherhood Shabbat Service was beautifully coordinated by Mark Chester. Many Brotherhood members participated in this memorable service. Thank you to Larry Bloom, who guided the service, and to Bart Cohen for leading the singing. We also appreciated everything Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher did for this service. Also, a special *Yasher Koach* to Sisterhood for providing a beautiful, *Pesadika Oneg*.

Once again, Brotherhood contributed the State of Israel Bonds breakfast, honoring Rita Hofer and Barbara Gouveia. Brotherhood members prepared and served an elaborate meal, fitting of the occasion and honorees.

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, July 24th, from 10 AM to 5 PM: Brotherhood is hosting its Annual Summer Flea Market at the Temple. Volunteers are always needed - so if you could devote a couple of hours, it would be much appreciated. Kudos to Ben Cernese for all the work and time he has put into this Flea Market. Profits from this event help Brotherhood sponsor various Temple projects throughout the year.

A HEALTHY & HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL OUR BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Text of the speech given at the Brotherhood Shabbat, April 22, 2011, by Ben Cernese, President of Brotherhood.

Shabbat Shalom and Happy Passover:

Passover is a holiday of celebrating freedom. In 10 Minutes of Torah, URJ's daily spiritual e-mail, Rabbi Naamah Kelman, in her D'var Torah on tonight's Torah & Haftarah portions, highlights the theme of spiritual resurrection. Passover is a time for renewal, rebirth (think egg on the seder plate), and revival (that is, the dry bones from tonight's Haftarah). It is a time to consider our personal connections to Judaism and our own Jewish practice.

We at Temple B'nai Torah are also coming to a time of renewal as our Board and its arms near the end of the year; a time when new participants will take over the reigns of leadership.

Brotherhood has accomplished much in the three years of its TBT existence, and even more during the fifty-plus years at the legacy Temples – winning many coveted URJ awards and helping the Temples to survive.

But now, we, at Brotherhood, are reaching a point in our history where we must reassess our goals and priorities. Unfortunately, we are losing membership and thereby losing the vital energy that those members brought to our arm. With the loss of members, we find ourselves in a position where we don't have new and exciting ideas that bring members into Brotherhood and keep them coming back for more.

I wonder if this should be a time to challenge ourselves to find a rebirth of Brotherhood. We must renew, rebirth, and revive. It is a time to consider our connections to Judaism, our Temple and the world around us. Families are changing. Jobs and attitudes are changing. Our children's lives, activities and priorities are changing. Life around us is changing. It is NOT the old Brotherhood. We have to re-grow into a Brotherhood for today's world.

To that end, we need your help. It is not going to be easy, but then anything worthwhile is usually not easy. Brotherhood IS worthwhile! There are no quick fixes to our problems, but we all have to put on our thinking caps to figure out how to make Brotherhood for today's fast and dynamic world, and to keep Judaism in the forefront. We have to revive our old bones and make it exciting for new bones to join us. Between old and new “bones”, we can make one spectacular TBT Brotherhood.

In Brotherhood, my term as President is coming to an end, and that role will soon be assumed by my able Executive Vice President, Alan Loewenstein. We owe him our support and good wishes, but what he really needs is the effort and abilities that we as Temple members of Brotherhood have. It's now time to show the world that Temple B'nai Torah and its arms – all of them - are the best in the country.

Thanks to Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher for allowing Brotherhood to share the Bema. Special thanks to Mark Chester for composing and coordinating this service, to Bart Cohen for leading the singing and to Larry Bloom for acting as Master of Ceremonies. *Yasher Koach* to all our BH participants for a job well done! Shabbat Shalom.

CONGREGANT CORNER

Submitted by Jeff Cohen

This Month – **Howard Popeck**



Howard Popeck and his family have been members of Temple B'nai Torah since day one. Howard is married to his wife of 14 years, Deanna, and they have three children: Jacob (who will become a Bar Mitzvah next year); Alissa (who is a member of the youth choir); and Sarah (who is looking forward to joining the youth choir). Oreo, their dog, completes their family.

Howard says the temple has become a great place for his family to meet new people, make friends and learn about Jewish values. The services are enjoyable with the duo of Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher. Family classes are fun, and a way of becoming part of their children's education; the kids love going to school as a family. In fact, Howard is the first TBT religious school PTA president. He also enjoys the Brotherhood breakfasts. During his free time, Howard spends time with the family, does landscaping and rides his bike. As a community-minded citizen, Howard has served as a volunteer fireman with the Massapequa Fire Department for 20 years, and in many capacities: in addition to a stint as captain, he has also been treasurer, financial secretary and fund-drive chairman.

"The direction the temple is moving is exciting" says Howard, who will become a Vice President on the Board of Trustees on July 1. "The buzz is all about us; we need to work together to meet current members' needs, while growing new membership, to ensure a successful temple. Improvements have been made, but we still need to update and modernize to attract new members."

It is clear that Howard and his family will be part of Temple B'nai Torah for a long time. And the temple is better for having the Popeck family as members.

ISRAEL BOND BREAKFAST

Approximately 120 people turned out on the morning of May 1 to honor our Bingo volunteers, represented by Rita Hofer and Barbara Gouveia, as well as support the State of Israel through the purchase of Israeli bonds. This time-honored tradition has continued from the legacy days, and is a truly wonderful way for average people of average means to make a meaningful contribution to the long-term survival of the State of Israel.

Thank-yous go out to the Chai Club for setting up the room, to Couples' Club members for staying to clean up, and to our Brotherhood, whose members prepared and served a magnificent breakfast buffet. Last, but certainly not least, thank-you to our Bingo volunteers (see photo), whose dedication makes it possible for this Temple to continue its good work while keeping our dues relatively low.



CHAI NOTES



Special thanks to Esther Phillips who organized the May 2nd program, Paul Joseph Jazz Trio. We were entertained with a varied and lively program, featuring the music of composers Duke Ellington, Cole

Porter, Richard Rodgers and Jerome Kern. Congratulations to Janis Beldner, who won the 50-50, and to May Birthday "Cheer" winners Rita Bloom and Elaine Goldstein.

Our Shabbat Dinner and the Annual Chai Club Installation Service were terrific. Thanks to all who attended, and a warm thank you to all who helped order, set up and serve the Shabbat meal. Thanks also to Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher for their words of inspiration. A special thank you to Ruth Hochberg, who is stepping down as Chai Club Treasurer. Ruth will not be that far away as she will continue to serve on the Board. We welcome Ed Pincus, who will become our new Treasurer on July 1. The Chai Club was also quite pleased that the temple was able to recognize the tremendous work of the office volunteers during the 2008-2010 merger transition. Their efforts not only purified the records and organization of the temple office but also provided light and guidance throughout all areas of Temple B'nai Torah.

What a busy May it was! Shelley Lomove and Janis Beldner led us on a day trip to Old Westbury Gardens on May 9th and Pearl Sutz organized a wonderful theatre trip to see *Pajama Game* on May 29th. Thanks to all who attended.

On Monday, June 6th, Nassau County District Attorney

Kathleen Rice will be our guest speaker. This very special program will be held in the Social Hall at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Rice's innovative, tough and smart-on-crime initiatives have garnered the two-term District Attorney critical acclaim and national attention. Kathleen shocked the political establishment in 2005 when she became the first woman elected DA in Long Island's history. Her presentations, aimed at educating communities and youth about the dangers of drunk-driving, heroin proliferation, identity theft and Internet crime, have been given in more than 200 settings since she took office.

There is still time to sign up for the Sunday, June 12th, bus trip to Atlantic City. We will all have breakfast in the Kiddush Lounge before boarding the bus, and snacks, Bingo and movies will be provided during the trip. Tickets are \$38 for temple members and \$40 for friends. The Showboat Casino will return \$30 in slot play. Call Brian for last minute information, 781-4966.

Soon the temple year will draw to a close and we want to pause and reflect on just how we arrived at this point. The Chai Club thanks our outgoing Temple President, Barbara Cohen for her untiring leadership. We wish her well in her future endeavors and welcome our incoming Temple President, Judy Kule. Special thanks also to the entire Chai Club Board for all their hard work and to all areas of the temple that supported our varied programming during this past year.

Brian Levy
Chai Club President

**Don't Miss District Attorney,
Kathleen Rice,
7:30 PM, Monday,
June 6th in the Social Hall!**



OUR COMMUNITY



COUPLES' CLUB

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

If June is bustin' out all over (sounds familiar, doesn't it?), then that means that another Temple B'nai Torah year is coming to a close. We have survived our first year as Couples' Club Co-Presidents without killing each other, and with the help and support of the amazing members of Couples' Club. When we say we couldn't have done it without you, we mean it!

Thanks to everyone who lent a hand at the Israel Bond Breakfast on Sunday, May 1. It was a lovely morning honoring two of the best, Rita Hofer and Barbara Gouveia.

What a great time we had at "Broadway Bound" on Saturday, May 7! This cabaret review, at Five Towns College (thanks again to Francine & Richard Tepper for their efforts), with dinner beforehand (thank you, Fred Dinstell), left us singing, humming and toe-tapping away. And, like last year, we had a large group gather for a CC end-of-year dinner at Hunan Dynasty in Levittown on Saturday, May 21. It's times like these when we appreciate, all over again, how lucky we are to have found this wonderful group of people who have made us so welcome. We would like to share this feeling with as many others as possible.

We have been asked to stay on for another year as Couples' Club Co-Presidents. Despite the title, it truly is a group effort, and as our way of saying thank you for all the blessings we have received, Couples' Club is planning a Meet & Greet BBQ at our home on Saturday, June 25 at 2 p.m. We are doing this so that everyone at TBT can learn, as we did, how much fun our group can be. Rabbi Bellows will work with us on planning special Havdalah prayers for the afternoon, and we know it will be a great day.

We are looking forward to Couples' Club stepping out in the Israel Day Parade on Sunday, June 5. Thank you, Marilyn Block, for once again coordinating the arrangements. And we hope to see you on a beautiful Sunday – July 24 – at the Brotherhood Street Fair.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Wendy & Bill Schier and their entire family on the loss of Wendy's father in April. Thank you, Brian & Joan Levy, for hosting the final CC Board meeting of 2010-2011.

The temple's *Our Path to the Future* campaign continues. Remember that we are performing much-needed repairs to the heating and cooling system, and please give as generously as you can.

We will be taking the summer off, as *TBT Times* vacations during July and August, but don't forget to check the TBT calendar online for Couples' Club events during the summer, like our fantastic Super Sunday at the end of August – miniature golf, a scrumptious dinner out, and stargazing at Hofstra University!

As always, we encourage all those reading this who are not Couples' Club members to take this opportunity to get to know us and discover for yourselves the great spirit of Couples' Club. If you've got any questions during summer break, please call us at (516) 935-1613 or e-mail us at vgoldberger@gmail.com. Here's to the year gone by and to a wonderful year to come!



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The Nursery School has been filled with activities, learning, spirituality and fun. Director Ann Lazare, along with Miss Cindy, Olivia, Robin, Wendy and Elaine, devote themselves to their students on a daily basis.

This year, some new, innovative programs have been introduced, including monthly Tot Shabbat services. These experiences have not only benefited the TBT Nursery students, but their extended families. Multi-generational participation has become the norm, not the exception. Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher, Emily Altman and Gail Goldstein have contributed their talents and inspiration at many events including the Tot Shabbats, Chanukah, Purim and Passover programs. Just witnessing the glee in the eyes of the children brings joy to all.

May the TBT Nursery School, and all who devote themselves to its success, continue to grow and prosper.
Submitted by Ellice Toscano



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REFLECTIONS

I have lived most of my adult life in the rhythm of Jewish time because of my profession. Events on my personal secular calendar are planned around the Jewish calendar. This has given an added dimension to my days because Jewish events and holidays are filled with meaning beyond the personal, as most are based on shared communal observances or celebrations. This is especially true at the start of the school year in September, and at the end of the school year in May and June. In May, we have our annual "Last Day of School" program, where parents are invited to the religious school to participate in workshops and celebrations with their children around different themes each year. This year we will be doing a Mitzvah Day program which follows a year during which we learned about Jewish Ethics and Values in every grade. We truly have learned in order to do.

June, this year, is especially rich with celebratory events in our temple's religious school life. Graduation celebrates the completion of learning in our school for our Graduates, Jason Gringhaus, Michelle Strauss, and Spencer Weintraub. They have been vital members of our religious school and I will truly miss them. We also honor the Student Teacher Aides and Service Attendance award recipients during the Graduation Service on Friday, June 3rd at 7:30p.m.

The Friday after Graduation, we celebrate the ceremony of Confirmation. Our Confirmands re-affirm their commitment to Judaism and to our temple. This year, we take pride in our ten Confirmands: Rachel Ann Aberman, Logan Abrams, Melanie Besthoff, Adam Cohen, Jonathan Derby, Harley Dietz, Ben Kule, Perri Levine, Sara Rudolph, and Jonathan Strauss. I urge everyone to come to the beautiful Confirmation ceremony that takes place on Friday, June 10th at 7:30p.m.

May the circle of Jewish life that all our students have been involved in this year enrich their lives for years to come.

In Peace and Blessing, Rabbi Deanna Pasternak, Director of Education

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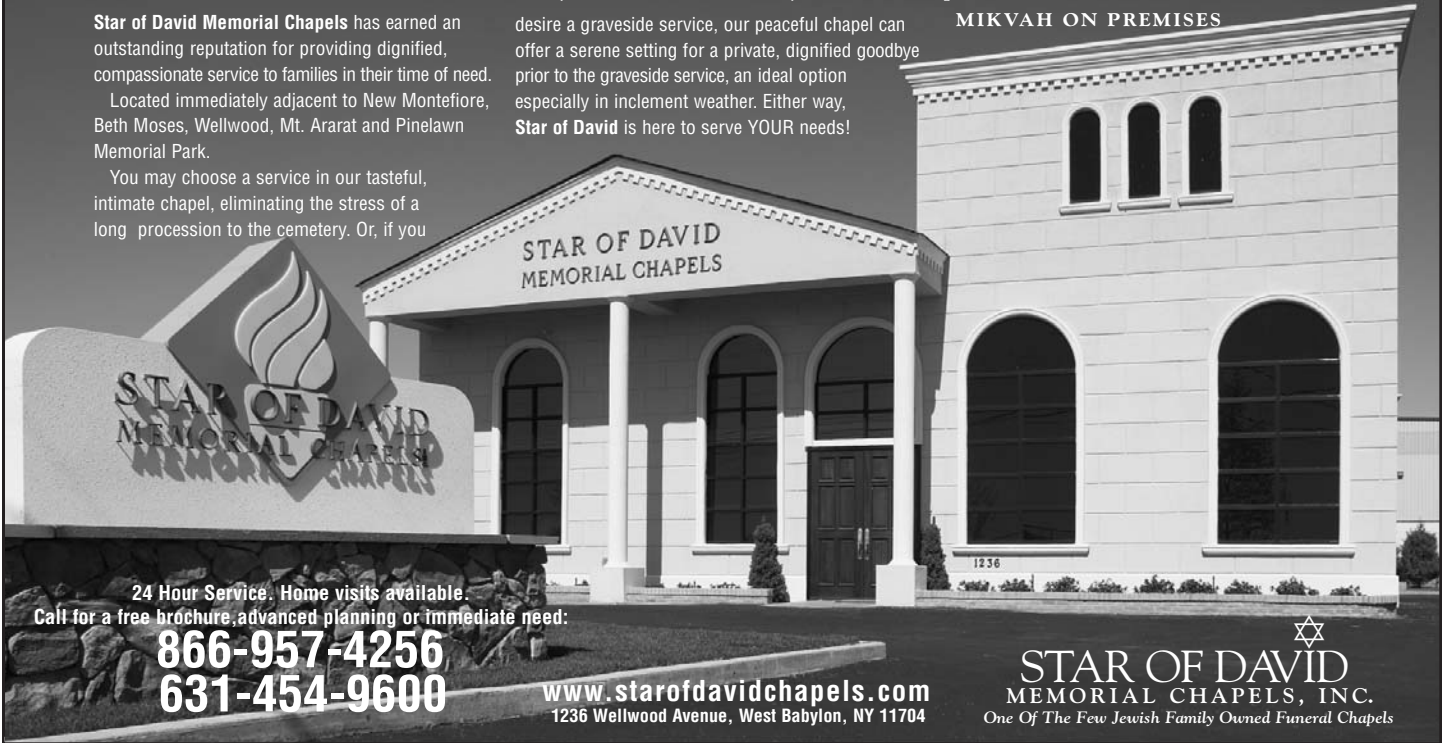
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Meanwhile, Pack 189 saw some of its members age out and move onto Troop 189. However, the quality of the program goes on. We will soon have our annual picnic and the boys will receive their new neckerchiefs and slides as they advance toward their next rank. Cubmaster Leonard Aberman and Assistant Cubmaster Robert Herman, along with Den Leaders Beth Obergh, Steven Ditzel and Eric Schwartz, will soon begin planning the next scout season with trips and activities.

Cub Scouting means doing. If you would like to have your son participate in Cub Scout Pack 189 here at Temple B'nai Torah, please log onto www.troop189ny.com, click on the Cub Scouting link and fill out the form. Your son will meet new friends, play games, make crafts, participate in community service and learn new skills.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2011			1 • 10:30am Bingo • 5:00pm Cabaret Dress Reh. -S/H	2 • 6:00pm-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30 pm Bingo • 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)	3 • 7:30pm GRADUATION & STUDENT AIDE RECO.	4 • 9:00am Torah Study Group (Class Room) • 10:30am SVCS. 3 B/M • 12:00pm-5:00pm Baby Shower-Private (K/L) • 8:00pm Cabaret Show-S/H
5 • 11:00am-4:00pm-Israel Day Parade (away) • 6:00pm Cabaret Shows-Dress Reh. (S/H)	6 • 7:00pm-8:30pm Confirmation Reh. (Sanctuary) • 7:30pm Chai Club General Mtg. (S/H) • 7:30pm Adult Choir Reh. (Rm. 101/103)	7 EREV SHAVUOT • 10:00am AIAnon • 7:30pm Tikkun Layl Shavuot & SVC (Includes Yizkor)	8 SHAVUOT • 10:30am Shavuot Morning SVC & Yizkor • NO BINGO • BLDG. CLOSED • 12:30pm Luncheon	9 • 6:00pm-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30 pm Bingo • 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)	10 • LAST DAY NURSERY SCHOOL • 10:00am Nursery Sch.-Year End Show/Graduation (Sanctuary/K/L) • 3:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Rehearsal (Sanctuary) • 6:00pm Dinner (S/H) • 7:30pm CONFIRMATION	11 • 9:00am Torah Study Group (Class Room) • 10:30am Shabbat Morning SVC • 12:00pm-4:00pm Luncheon for Grant Babynaming (K/L) • NO B/M • 8:00pm Ballroom Dance (S/H)
12 • 7:00am Chai Club Bkf. (K/L) & Atlantic City Bus Trip • 10:00am-1:00pm Temple Show Producers Meeting (Library) • 1:00pm-6:00pm Troop 189 Eagle Ceremony(S/H)	13 • 4:30pm REL. SCH. • 7:30pm Chai Club Bd. Mtg. (K/L) • 7:30pm Adult Choir Reh. (Rm. 101/103)	14 • 10:00am AIAnon • 7:00pm Sist. Bd. Dinner (away)	15 • 10:30am Bingo	16 • 6:00pm-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30 pm Bingo • 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)	17 • 3:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Rehearsal (Sanctuary) • 8:00pm Services	18 • 9:00am Torah Study Group (Class Room) • 10:30am SVCS. 2 B/M • 5:30pm Couples Club (away)
19 Father's Day • 9:00am-12:00pm Jewish Comm./Scouting Bkfs.(S/H)	20 • 7:00pm-9:00pm Memb./Comm. (K/L) • 7:30pm Adult Choir Reh. (Rm. 101/103)	21 • 10:00am AIAnon • 7:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting (K/L) • 8:00pm Social Action Comm. Meeting (Library)	22 • 10:30am Bingo	23 • 6:00pm-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L) • 7:30 pm Bingo • 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)	24 • Board Installation • 3:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Rehearsal (sanctuary) • 6:00pm Dinner (S/H) • 8:00pm Services	25 • 9:00am Torah Study Group (Class Room) • 10:30am SVCS. 2 B/M • 12:00pm B/M Luncheon-Levyns Family (S/H) • 7:00pm-1:00am Birthday/Graduation Celebration (Zavala Family)
26	27 • 1:00pm-3:00pm Meadow Women's In. Bk.Study (K/L) • 6:30pm Chai Bd. Dinner (away) • 7:00pm Pros Memb Opn Hse (K/L) • 7:30pm Adult Choir Reh. (Rm. 101/103)	28 • 10:00am AIAnon • 6:45pm Exec. Bd. Meeting Rm. 101-103 • 7:45pm Board of Trustees	29 • Brotherhood Bd. Meeting (away) • 10:30am Bingo	30 • 7:00pm Comedy Night (S/H) • 7:30 pm Bingo		

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES - SUMMER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2011					1 • 7:30pm Summer Shabbat Svc.	2 • 9:00am-10:30am Torah Study (Away)
3	4 Independence Day	5 • 10:00am AIAnon • 7:00pm Housing Committee	6 • 10:30am Bingo	7 • 7:30pm Bingo	8 • 6:00pm Beach SVC. • 7:30pm Summer SVC. TBT	9 • 9:00am-10:30am Torah Study (Away)
10	11	12 • 10:00am AIAnon • 7:30pm Ritual Comm. Meeting(K/L)	13 • 10:30am Bingo	14 • 7:30pm Bingo	15 • 7:30pm Summer Shabbat Svc.	16 • 9:00am-10:30am Torah Study (Away) • 8:00pm Ballroom Dance (S/H)
17 • 10:30am Couples Club Bd. Meeting (Away) • 6:45pm Triple Bingo	18	19 • 10:00am AIAnon	20 • 10:30am Bingo	21 • 7:30pm Bingo	22 • 6:00pm Outdoor Picnic & SVC.	23 • 9:00am-10:30am Torah Study (Away) • 8:00pm Ballroom Dance (S/H)?
24 • 10:00am Pros Memb Open Hse (K/L) • 8:00am-6:00pm Bro. Flea Market	25 • 1:00pm-3:00pm Meadowbrook Womens Initiative (K/L)	26 • 10:00am AIAnon • 7:45pm Bd. of Trustees (K/L)	27 • 10:30am Bingo	28 • 7:30pm Bingo	29 • 7:30pm Summer Shabbat Svc.	30 • 9:00am-10:30am Torah Study (Away)
31						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 • 6:00pm Youth Choir Reh. (San.) • 6:30pm Teen Choir Reh. (San.) • 7:30pm Chai Bd. Meeting (K/L)	2 • 10:00am AIAnon • 6:45pm Sist Exec Board Meeting (K/L) • 7:00pm Housing Committee • 7:45pm Sis Bd. Meeting (K/L)	3 • 10:30am Bingo	4 • 7:30pm Bingo	5 • 7:30pm Summer Shabbat Svc.	6 • 9:00am-10:30am Torah Study (Away) • 7:00pm L.I. Ducks Baseball Game-Suffolk Ball Field
7 • 10:30am Couples Club Bd. Brunch (Away) • 12:00pm Youth Choir Reh. (San.)	8 • 6:00pm Youth Choir Reh. (San.) • 6:30pm Teen Choir Reh. (San.)	9 TISHA B'AV • 10:00am AIAnon	10 • 10:30am Bingo	11 • 7:30pm Bingo	12 • 7:30pm Summer Shabbat Svc.	13 • 9:00am-10:30am Torah Study (Away) • 8:00pm Ballroom Dance (S/H)
14 • 12:00pm Youth Choir Reh. (San.)	15 • 6:00pm Youth Choir Reh. (San.) • 6:30pm Teen Choir Reh. (San.)	16 • 10:00am AIAnon • 7:30pm Ritual Comm. Meeting(K/L)	17 • 10:30am Bingo	18 • 7:30pm Bingo	19 • 6:00pm Beach SVC. • 7:30pm Summer SVC. at TBT	20 • 9:00am-10:30am Torah Study (Away)
21 • 12:00pm Youth Choir Reh. (San.) • 6:45pm Triple Bingo	22 • 1:00pm-3:00pm Meadowbrook Womens Initiative (K/L) • 6:00pm Youth Choir Reh. (San.) • 6:30pm Teen Choir Reh. (San.)	23 • 10:00am AIAnon • 6:30pm Pros Memb Opn Hse (K/L)	24 • 10:30am Bingo	25 • 7:30pm Bingo	26 • 7:30pm Summer Shabbat Svc.	27 • 9:00am-10:30am Torah Study (Away)
28 • 12:00pm Youth Choir Reh. (San.) • 3:00pm Couples Club "Super Sunday"(Away)	29 • 6:00pm Youth Choir Reh. (San.) • 6:30pm Teen Choir Reh. (San.)	30 • 10:00am AIAnon • 7:45pm Bd. of Trustees (K/L)	31 • 10:30am Bingo • 6:00pm Rel. Sch.- Student Teacher Aide Workshop/Orientation (Y/L)	August 2011		

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

by Rob Saunders

This is the time of the year when we experience our “changing of the guard”. Our Board of Trustees is turning over; Barbara Cohen will cede the reins of presidential power to Judy Kule, and long-serving individuals will step aside to allow new blood to step up. There will be new leadership in Sisterhood (Joni Christie) and Brotherhood (Alan Loewenstein) as well. As Barbara might say, May Adonai give them all strength in the weeks and months ahead to judge well and keep our Temple safe. (OK – I’m paraphrasing here, but you get the picture.)

This is also the time of year that we typically thank those people who have helped us out in our various volunteer jobs at Temple B’nai Torah, and it is important for us to recognize those people who have made a difference to the appearance, quality, and delivery of this newsletter:

First, I want to thank all of the contributors. I know that it can be difficult, even painful, to have to create a monthly missive, but without your content, we would be sending out 20 mostly empty pages (or would we?) Please keep those articles, photos and comments coming.

Next, I want to thank the proof-readers: Laurie Chester, Lynne Happes, Brian Levy, and Tessa Kean. Every month, I send each of them a copy of the newsletter, with instructions to find any errors that they can, and they usually find something that needs correcting. Thank you all for your diligence; it makes my job that much easier.

Thanks go out to our office staff as well, for helping with the calendar and donation information that appears each month, as well as labeling and affixing postage. We have it down to a science now.

I also want to thank our printer, A to Z Printing, and our contact there, Art Kaplan. The construction of the bulletin is a time-consuming and often frustrating enterprise, and frequently involves major reorganization of the pages, but Art is the consummate professional when it comes to these things, and I doubt that I could get this nice a communiqué in the mail on time every month without his assistance.

I want to thank the Temple Board for having the confidence in me and my editorial ability to leave me in place as editor for yet another year.

And last, but certainly not least, I want to thank my wife, Debra, and my children, Randi and Lauren, for giving me their support, and the flexibility of schedule, so that I can be a volunteer for Temple B’nai Torah and hopefully, make a difference in the lives of others.

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