

# B'nai Torah **TIMES**

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Purim returns  
to  
**Temple B'nai Torah**

**Saturday, March 19 at 7:30 PM**

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## B'NAI MITZVAHS



### March 5 Amanda Gustafson

**Alan & Jennifer**

My name is Amanda Gustafson. I am so excited for my upcoming Bat Mitzvah on March 5, 2011. I attend Wantagh Middle School. I am on the dance team and have been involved with the Peer Mediation Club as well. My passion is dancing, and I am on a competition team at Jam Dance and Fitness Center. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I am researching organizations that have to do with children, since I enjoy working with them and helping them.



### March 12 Rachel Ann Obergh

**Beth**

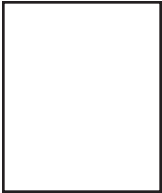
Hi! My name is Rachel Obergh, and I go to the Progressive School of Long Island. I can't wait for my Bat Mitzvah, which is on March 12th, 2011. I enjoy volunteering, reading, animals and going outside. I raised over \$600 for the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter for my Mitzvah Project. I would like to thank all of the people who are helping me learn everything for my Bat Mitzvah. I hope it doesn't snow!



### March 19 Leena Klein

**David & Amy**

My name is Leena Klein; I am a 7th-grade honor student at Grand Ave. Middle School. I enjoy softball, playing the piano, ice skating, and hanging out with my friends. I also enjoy vacations with my parents and my sisters, Jackie and Samantha. I am looking forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah and raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness. I would like to thank Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher, Cantor Hiesiger, and my family for all their support and help to make this special occasion a success.



### March 19 Sara Wittenstein

**Jeffrey & Hillary**



### March 26 Rachel Evans

**David & Lisa**

My name is Rachel Evans and I am a 7th grade honor student at Berner Middle School. I am involved in Chorus, Odyssey of the Mind club, and the ASL club. I enjoy playing the piano and reading the "Hunger Games" trilogy and the "Maximum Ride" series. For my Bat-Mitzvah project, I would like to get involved with helping homeless veterans by donating supplies to the VA hospital in Northport. I would like to thank Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher, and Cantor Hiesiger for helping me to become a Bat-Mitzvah.



### March 26 Alexa Silver

**Russell & Rahni**

My name is Alexa Silver, and I am a 7th grade student at Grand Avenue Middle School. I enjoy art and have been studying fashion design, sketching and painting for several years. I have chosen to participate in several fundraisers to raise money for cancer research as my Bat Mitzvah project. I want to thank Cantor Hiesiger and Cantor Sher for helping me prepare, and Rabbi Bellows for her encouragement. I also want to thank my parents, as well as my sister Jamie and brother Ethan, for always being there for me.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, March 4	7:30 pm	Family Services
Saturday, March 5	10:30 am	Services (1 Bat Mitzvah)
Friday, March 11	5:30 pm	Tot Shabbat Services
Friday, March 11	8:00 pm	Regular Services
Saturday, March 12	10:30 am	Services (1 Bat Mitzvah)
Friday, March 18	8:00 pm	Couples' Club Service
Saturday, March 19	10:30 am	Services (2 Bat Mitzvahs)
Saturday, March 19	7:30 pm	Purim Shpiel and Service
Friday, March 25	8:00 pm	Regular Services
Saturday, March 26	10:30 am	Services (2 Bat Mitzvahs)



Shalom, Chaverim – Hello, friends,

Chag Purim Sameach! Happy Purim! To many Jews, Purim just seems like a silly, farcical, fantastical holiday in which we dress up, eat a little, drink a little, read the gantze megillah, and have a crazy ol' time. In many ways, that's true. But, with a closer look, Purim can teach us much about tolerance, equality, and the importance of celebration.

Purim is celebrated by the reading of the "Scroll of Esther," known in Hebrew as the Megillat Esther, which relates the basic story of Purim. Under the rule of King Achashverosh, Haman, the King's prime minister, plots to exterminate all of the Jews of Persia. His plan is foiled by Queen Esther, with help from her uncle Mordechai, who ultimately saves the Jews of the land from destruction. The reading of the megillah is typically a rowdy affair, highlighted by booing and noise-making when Haman's name is read aloud.

As URJ.org points out, Purim is an unusual holiday in many respects. First, Esther is the only book of the Bible in which G-d is not mentioned. Second, Purim, like Chanukah, is viewed traditionally as a minor festival, but elevated to a major holiday as a result of the Jewish historical experience. Over the centuries, Haman became the embodiment of every anti-Semite in every land where Jews were oppressed. The significance of Purim lies not so much in how it began, but in what it has become - a thankful and joyous affirmation of Jewish survival against all odds.

Esther is so much more than a queen who wins a fashion show – she is a strong heroine who, through wit, bravery, and beauty, saves her entire people from certain death. Mordechai is not just another character – he courageously refuses to bow down to Haman when passing him on the street. This act of civil disobedience reminds us to stick to our values and stand up to injustice around us. When we encourage our children to dress up like Esther and Mordechai, let us help them learn some of the deeper messages inherent in the story.

Haman's blinding hatred of the Jews is a painful reminder of other times in our history when we have been cursed merely for being different. When we "boo" Haman, we can also remember that we do not have to remain silent in the face of intolerance, bigotry, prejudice, and discrimination. We can raise our voices together and speak out against injustice.

Finally, it is important to celebrate our victories and accomplishments. At times, both as a community and as individuals, it is easy

to get caught up in our own suffering or injuries. We can become so focused on something challenging, or on someone that has hurt us, that we forget the goodness around us. Even in the midst of these events, we must find reason to pause, and acknowledge our blessings. There is much we have overcome, and we are lucky to live in the place and time we find ourselves.

When we gather for Erev Purim, on Saturday night, March 19, at 7:30 pm, may we not only be crazy, silly, and wild, but may we also smile in appreciation of all that G-d has granted us in this precious gift of life.

L'shalom – In peace,

Rabbi Marci N. Bellows

## Wantagh Interfaith Israel Trip Informational Meeting

For all those interested in learning more about our upcoming interfaith family trip to Israel.

Join Rabbi Bellows, Father Christopher Hofer (from the Church of St. Jude, Episcopal) and Pastor Pamela Szurek (from the First Presbyterian Church of Levittown) for a trip to the Holy Land. You are all warmly invited to attend an informational meeting about this exciting, innovative trip to the Land of Israel. A representative from ARZA World, our travel agency, will be in attendance to answer your questions.

Date: March 24, 2011 - Time: 7:00 pm

Location: The home of Rabbi Bellows

To RSVP, and to get directions to the Rabbi's home, please contact Laura Simone in the main office:

[Laura@temple-bnai-torah.org](mailto:Laura@temple-bnai-torah.org)

An experience not to be missed!!

Trip Dates: August 20-30, 2011

Questions? Contact Rabbi Bellows at [rabbibellows@temple-bnai-torah.org](mailto:rabbibellows@temple-bnai-torah.org)

## INSPIRATION



I am very excited about the second annual “Adventures in Jewish Music” lecture series, beginning in March. Last year’s series was met with great enthusiasm and an audience almost too large for the Kiddush Lounge, where it was and will be held. Each year, I attempt to bring to our congregation noted and accomplished performers, whose presentations enrich our knowledge and appreciation of the many and varied connections we Jews have to music. The exotic and unexpected are particularly exciting and this year’s series will be no exception. All programs are held on Mondays, from noon until approximately 2PM, including a presentation and a delicious repast provided by the Chai Club.

A rather unusual program begins the series on March 14th. Our own Rita Hofer will enlighten us with the history of our sanctuary organ, followed by a recital with our temple organist, Ken Corneille (pronounced Kor-NAY). Rita comes from a background rich in performance and music. Her parents met in the Catskills, she a pianist and he a trumpet player! Her husband, Alan, of blessed memory, was a devotee of organ music and always wanted a fine instrument in the sanctuary. His passing inspired the raising of \$25,000 by friends and family, resulting in the fine instrument we have today.

Ken Corneille will present a wonderful recital of Jewish, classical and secular pieces, bringing out the rich sounds of the instrument and celebrating the dedication of both Rita and Alan to the enhancement of our worship. Ken is a distinguished concert organist, having accompanied many singers from the New York City and Metropolitan Operas. He is also an accomplished and prolific composer, having written many works for voice and orchestra. His Jewish choral and solo works are published by Transcontinental Music, the publishing house of the reform movement.

On March 21st, Mick Maloney presents “The Irish Jewish Connection.” Mick combines the careers of professional musician (banjo, guitar, mandolin, and voice), folklorist, musicologist, teacher, arts presenter and advocate. He holds a Ph.D. in folklore and folklife from the University of Pennsylvania and teaches ethnomusicology and Irish studies at New York University. He is an accomplished singer and instrumentalist, and possesses a vast storehouse of songs from the Irish, Irish-American and Irish-Jewish traditions. He and his amazing group of musicians have appeared many times on PBS, and I was privileged to meet

him after a performance at the Irish Arts Center in Manhattan. His album, “If It Wasn’t for the Irish and the Jews,” has won a Grammy for best world music album.

We are in for a rather unusual treat on March 28th. Chazzan (cantor) David Hiesiger, now retired from an illustrious career of 40 years with Temple Beth El of Bellmore, remains as one of our tutors in the bar/bat mitzvah program. Beloved by his students and greatly admired by this cantor, little did I know, until recently, that Cantor Hiesiger has had two other distinguished careers: singing opera and performing in the Catskills as a “tumbler,” a singer, comedian and entertainer! He will regale us with his stories and songs, and we will see the other sides of Chazzan Hiesiger, mostly unknown to us!

On April 4th, Gabrielle (Gabby) Fink, violinist for the wonderful women’s group, the “Sheba Ensemble,” will present a program of gems for the violin. Along with her pianist, she will touch on a most eclectic repertoire, including pieces from the Jewish tradition. Having been treated to a marvelous program as part of our worship services this past year, Gabby’s virtuosity was no small contribution to the playing of “Sheba.” Her energy and enthusiasm will touch us all on the 4th!

To conclude our season, Eitan Cohen will present a program of extraordinary, but little-known, vocal selections from the Iraqi Jewish tradition, along with popular Israeli and American songs and theatre pieces. Eitan’s rich tenor voice is blessed with the rarely heard flexibility demanded of these traditional pieces and their melismatic vocal demands. Eitan is in great demand as a singer and performer throughout the eastern seaboard. Eitan holds dual citizenship from both Israel and the United States. He served in the entertainment division of the Israeli Army, and is actively performing in both countries. I met Eitan while on a vacation trip to Curacao, at Congregation Mikve Israel, the oldest and still active congregation in the Western Hemisphere, affiliated with the Reform Movement. I was a guest cantor on Shabbat evening and he, meanwhile, had been offered the position of cantor and spiritual leader of this exotic Jewish community and locale! Eitan will be accompanied by Izzy Kieffer, who started his musical career at the age of five, while drumming on the table during a Shabbat meal! Izzy completed his B.A. with a double major in Music and Judaic Studies at the City College of New York.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Is it spring yet? Very soon...March 20th to be exact, will be the first day of spring. We will also get to turn our clocks ahead an hour on March 13th, which will give us the welcome sight of more daylight. We'll begin our trek out of hibernation into warmer days with more daylight to enjoy. At TBT, hibernation isn't really part of our vocabulary; sometimes it was tough to get around and a few events had to be cancelled, but as usual, things kept rolling at TBT. I don't know about you, but right now just having the experience of the warm sun feels just great!

March brings us Purim, with all of its costumes, rowdiness and noise-making. We'll have our very own TBT Erev Purim Celebration and Shpiel, Shallach Manos, and plenty of hamantashen to go around. Below please find topics from the URJ website, which offers the cutest ideas for all ages to join in on Purim festivities. Visit [www.URJ.com](http://www.URJ.com) to see ideas on:

Holiday Happenings - ideas for Jewish early childhood education and holiday programs

The Jewish Parenting Page – ideas for educating children about Jewish holidays

Masquerades & March Madness with Nothing But Nets – make a \$10 donation to stamp out evil

Turning Injustice Onto Its Head – social action guide for individuals, families and groups for Purim

“Hamenstaschen for Haiti” Bake Sale – getting kids of all ages to participate in Tikkun Olam

Cooking Hamantashen: The First Thousand Ears – tracing the history of hamantashen

Hamantashen Test Kitchen: Not for Traditionalists! – “Ima on the Bima” Real Life Jewish Parenting

April brings us Pesach (Passover) a major Jewish spring festival, commemorating the Exodus from Egypt over 3,000 years ago. This year, the TBT Chai Club will be holding a Passover Food Demonstration and Workshop on Monday, April 11th at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to join in preparing, demonstrating, and sampling of different Kosher for Passover foods. You will also be able to share and view special Haggadahs, Seder plates and crafts. Be sure to get a flyer to view the guidelines for this event so you can be part of the fun. You can also visit [www.URJ.com](http://www.URJ.com) to see additional ideas on:

A Zionist View of the Afikomen – an essay by ARZA

Mah Nishtanah Tunes for Passover – derivation and audio clips of melodies for the four questions

The Long Road to the Promised Land Webinar – social justice perspectives on home seders

RJ Magazine: The Wine Lover's Passover Meal – great recipes and wine pairings

Modern Matzah Recipes & General Passover Recipes

Cooking with Tina Wasserman – demonstration on how to make a Passover Linzer Torte

URJ Books & Music – from “The Matzah Ball Fairy” to “Entree to Judaism: A Culinary Exploration of the Jewish Diaspora”, there is much to choose from

Now that spring is just about here, please enjoy the warmer weather and the holidays that go with it. From my family to yours...Happy Spring!

Barbara Cohen,  
Temple President

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



I would like to share with you some words from Roseanne Selfon, Past President of Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ). I feel her comments resonate the many meanings of Sisterhood:

“Sisterhood benefits both the women involved and the greater world that those women affect. As an organized collective, we have a mission: sustaining liberal Judaism worldwide while engaging our members to live Jewishly and sustain meaningful relationships with like-minded women. In Sisterhood, our work and play both make a difference, because we literally change lives... This organization, which is nearly 100 years old, is poised to initiate our second hundred years because it recognizes its value and the value of its members.

Sisterhood is a strong political force. Sisterhood is a strong spiritual force. Sisterhood works and plays enthusiastically. It is all this and more because of the women of Sisterhood, all volunteers, working towards a greater good in the temple, the community and even globally. Challenge yourselves every day and engage every woman in discovering what you know is true... Sisterhood promises an awesome adventure.”

Stephanie Jacobson

## Save the Date!

The Annual  
Israeli Bond Breakfast  
Sunday, May 1, 10:00 am

This year’s honorees:  
*Rita Hofer and Barbara Gouveia,*  
*representing our*  
*Bingo volunteers.*

## ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Bellows is participating in a wonderful spring event. We have the opportunity to hear different local rabbis make Mondays memorable. Programs take place at the Mid-Island Y-JCC in nearby Plainview. Flyers are available in our lobby.

The Mid-Island Y JCC  
& Connect-to-Care present

### SPRING SOPHISTICATION LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Each week, a Rabbi from the community will teach a class on interesting & current topics.

March 7	Rabbi Fogel	<i>HANC, Plainview</i>
March 14	Rabbi Lavin	<i>Farmingdale Wantagh Jewish Center</i>
March 21	Rabbi Senter	<i>Manetto Hill Jewish Center</i>
March 28	Rabbi Conn	<i>Plainview Jewish Center</i>
April 4	Rabbi Rank	<i>Midway Jewish Center</i>
April 11	Rabbi Bellows	<i>Temple B'nai Torah</i>
May 2	Rabbi Weinstein	<i>Simchat Ha'Lev</i>
May 9	Rabbi Hecht	<i>Temple Chaverim</i>

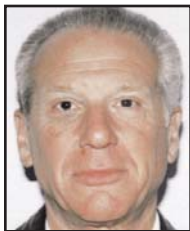
**12:30-1:30 PM**

**Hot beverages will be provided.**

**Bring your own lunch.**

**Questions?**

**Call Mark @ 783-9607**



## BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS

By Les Richards

Shalom everyone,

January was a cold and snowy month, but Brotherhood attended to business and kept on doing good things. We donated \$300 to BNTY (B'nai Torah Youth) members attending the NFTY National Convention in Dallas this month. Two young ladies - Ariel Chasen and Ashley Gitlitz – applied for assistance from Brotherhood and will share the funds donated, and Brotherhood continues to fulfill its mission of encouraging our youth in their Jewish endeavors.

On January 18th, we were treated to an excellent dinner and had an interesting program featuring Avi Hoffman's *Too Jewish* musical comedy. A BIG thanks to **Ben Cernese** and his group of helpers (**Jeff & Sue Beller, Bernie Davidson, Marty & Lynne Happes, David & Patti Schuster and Sharon Cernese**) for this dinner and program. An extra thanks to our custodian Anthony for his assistance with the heavy lifting in the kitchen.

Brotherhood gladly voted to donate \$220 to assist Jason Gringhaus, a 12th-grader in our Hebrew High School, to change the lighting fixtures and bulbs in our classrooms for his Eagle Scout Leadership Project. We wish him the best of luck with his undertaking.

Brotherhood serves a wonderful breakfast on Sundays at 9:15 am, when Religious School is in session. Make sure to come down and join us for great food and interesting discussions. The Social Action program, "Supplies for the Troops", spearheaded by **Sol Goldstein**, is still accepting donations.

Please make a note for yourself: the Brotherhood's March dinner, a traditional salute to St. Patrick's Day, replete with corned beef, cabbage and Guinness, has been rescheduled to **March 22**. Please be sure to get your reservation, with your check, in by March 17.

A heads-up to all: Brotherhood Shabbat is scheduled for April 22. Mark your calendars so that we will see you all then! Please check the Temple website and calendar for the latest info.

## LEARNING IN ROCKVILLE CENTRE

by Tessa Kean

It was a cold, cold night (January 22) when several members of South Shore congregations joined together in a kallah (learning experience) held at the Central Synagogue of Nassau County in Rockville Centre. Several Temple B'nai Torah members attended. Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher, and Office Administrator Judy Diamond were leaders of discussion groups on our worship service, Lilith, Jewish values and Jewish genealogy.

The evening's program commenced with a Havdalah service. The people who attended then selected the discussion groups of their choice. The discussions were led by leaders of various South Shore congregations. The discussions were lively, engaging, thought-provoking and enlightening.

We thank our leaders who prepared engaging dialogues, and we look forward to next year's kallah.

Join Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher,  
Ann Lazare and our early childhood families to



Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 11 at 5:30 PM

We'll share 30 minutes of  
singing, dancing, storytelling, and FUN!  
Parents, grandparents, and siblings are invited  
to this special Early Childhood Shabbat experience.

### SCOUTING NEWS

February is the time for Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 189 to give back to the community. We participated in Scouting for Food, where we collected food for the hungry here on Long Island. On Saturday and Sunday, February 12 & 13, we set up a table outside the Stop & Shop on Jerusalem Avenue and asked for non-perishable food items to be donated to the INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network). We collected over 30 boxes, which were combined with the donations of other Boy Scout units, and we replenished their pantry.



The Cub Scout pack also held their annual Pinewood Derby. The scouts made their own cars out of a block of wood, decorated it, put the wheels on and sent it down a track. Thanks to temple members Eric and Jennifer Schwartz for running the event. After the race, the boys and their families were treated to cake and coffee. Pinewood Derby is a traditional event and the boys enjoyed it, as they always do.



Amongst other things, a scout is reverent. Scout Sabbath was held on February 4th. We came together and participated in a wonderful service led by Rabbi Bellows and Cantor Sher.

The Troop went camping in Livingston Manor at Onteroa Boy Scout Camp. It was the annual "Bluenose" trip. Yes, the boys camped out in tents, which is why they call it "bluenose". But they had a great time.



Check out all our pictures and events at [www.troop189ny.com](http://www.troop189ny.com).

I just wanted to send a message to thank the Temple for putting together the Aleph and Macabee awards classes for Cub Scouts. It would have been almost impossible to get this done on my own - and the way it was done lent structure and "authority", which helped my son to focus. The classes are wonderful and it is a great support to the Jewish Cub Scouts. For many years, the only "organized" religious awards have been with the churches in our area. Our cub scouts are lucky that TBT has stepped up to fill the void.

I also wanted to thank you for the Scout Shabbat last week. I haven't been to a Scout Shabbat since my older son was in scouts (about 7 years ago). It was a wonderful service and I was very happy to see how well attended it was. The Rabbi and Cantor did a wonderful job of making the service fun, and really incorporated scouting into the service, which I do not remember from years past. I have never made it to Rockville Centre - and I am so thankful that we at TBT have stepped up to the plate and offered Scout Services again for Nassau County!

Thank you again,  
Michele Samuels and Joseph El-Amrani

### CHAI NOTES



Please join us in Temple, Monday, March 7th for our Exercise Program for Seniors. We will welcome back Sue Salko, who 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 stairway. All movements will be done in and around your own chair.) *Bring soup cans for weights and we will donate them to a food bank after the program.* We will also congratulate those members who have March birthdays. The evening will conclude with a light collation.

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 Jan Friedman who organized our February/March RALLI.

Congratulations to Joan Levy, who won the 50-50 raffle, and to Tessa Kean and Barbara Gouveia, who won baskets of cheer at our February General Meeting, featuring *The Long Island Express Barbershop Quartet*. Everyone had a wonderful time, singing along with their time-honored songs.

We are pleased 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 14th, March 21st, March 28th, April 4th, and April 11. All will start at 12:00 noon.

On Monday, April 11th, with the support of congregation members, we will host a special Passover Food Preparation Demonstration and Workshop. This program, organized by Mark Kean, will also display interesting Haggadahs and special Seder plates. We will be distributing a booklet with the Passover recipes included, as well as suggestions for children's Passover crafts and a Passover story or two. This program will be held in the Social Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Chai Board members Barbara Gouveia and Rita Hofer, who will be honored at the annual Israeli Bond Breakfast, Sunday, May 1st. Barbara and Rita are most deserving of this honor.

Additional Spring Schedule:

Monday, May 2nd, The Paul Joseph Jazz Trio will entertain us with a varied and lively program at 7:30 p.m. in the Kiddush Lounge.

Monday, May 9th, Shelley Lomove and Janis Beldner are leading us on a Day Trip to Old Westbury Gardens. Look for information in the e-blast in early March.

Friday night, May 20th, we will be in temple for Shabbat Dinner and the Annual Chai Club Service.

Sunday, May 29th, join us at The Broadhollow Theatre for the *Pajama Game*. For more information, contact Pearl Sutz, who is organizing this great event.

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.



Sunday, June 12th, join us with your friends for the annual Atlantic City bus trip. Flyers will be available at Bingo and in the lobby flyer rack.

Brian Levy, Chai Club President

**The Ritual Committee is in need of large print Shabbat prayer books. They would like to order at least eight (8) books to add to our limited current supply. They are asking for donations of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per book, which may be dedicated as you request. Please contact Marilyn at the temple office to donate.**  
*Thank you.*



### COUPLES' CLUB

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

Still digging out from what is now at least three feet of snow that has fallen since Christmas. Thinking seriously about mild, dry climates! It's gotten so that we're afraid to turn on a weather report. Hope you survived this with shovels and sand and salt and snow blowers and good, warm boots. Can't wait for the Spring!

And speaking of the Spring, we are excited about the Couples' Club Shabbat Service on Friday, March 18 (well, that's almost Spring). We are delighted that so many CC members - Ann Dinstell, Steve Block, Barbara Morgenlender, and Emily Altman, to name just a few - stepped up and eagerly joined us, Rabbi Bellows, and Cantor Sher in the planning of the service. This is truly a group event, and will be a memorable evening. We don't want to give too much away (and as we write this, things are still in the planning stage), but we can promise the air will be filled with lots of music and song. We look forward to a huge congregation that night.

We are pleased that Couples' Club was a part of the "Raise the Roof" campaign and that the work is progressing so nicely. We are proud to see our temple getting its much-needed facelift.

Many thanks to Marilyn & Ed Pincus, our hosts for a Board meeting on February 13. The last Board meeting of our tenure will be on May 1. Again, we are amazed at how quickly the year has passed. To already be anticipating our final Board meeting of the year is astonishing.

Although we weren't able to be there, we were glad to learn from Ann Dinstell that the CC theatre party and dinner on January 16 were a big success. Kudos again to Brian & Joan Levy for their efforts. We hope everyone enjoyed the TBT Square Dance on February 5. We have packed away our dancing shoes and are already resting up to get ready for next year's big night. And

thanks to all our members and Temple friends who were part of Game Night on February 12. We are especially grateful to Yolanda Friedman and Brian Levy, who together designed, executed, and displayed the Game Night flyer and poster. (You can see Yolanda's beautiful work in the CC showcase in the TBT lobby.) Game Night is one of several annual events that are open to the public, and we welcome you all. Be sure to join us for Military Bridge on Saturday, April 9. We look forward to another theatre outing and at least one big dinner out for us all as the warmer weather takes over. Here's to many happy days of Spring and Summer!

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.

See you next month!

Temple B'nai Torah has a wonderful group of funds which have been established in honor of a number of our members who held a strong and active concern for the youth of our temples. These funds are used to assist our youth so they can attend workshops, conclaves, conventions, March of the Living, camp and other youth-oriented activities. Our youth is the future of our temple and of Judaism. Many former members of our youth groups have become Rabbis, Cantors or other leaders in the Reform movement. Our children deserve all the support that we can give them. Please consider donating to one of these funds when you wish to honor or remember someone or some special occasion:

**Joanne Scherzer Youth Fund,  
Bernard Weinstein Youth Fund,  
Dr. Pat Kussoy Youth Scholarship Fund,  
YAC,  
Dale Paulding Rosen,  
and the Harvey Beller Fund.**

Thank you for your generosity to our youth.

**CHAI CLUB 2011  
PASSOVER FOOD DEMONSTRATION**

*by Mark Kean*

On Monday, April 11th, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., the Chai Club will present a Passover food demonstration. We are asking members of the congregation to join in preparing and demonstrating different kosher foods that can be used at Passover and items associated with Passover.

Typical Seder table  
Matzoh  
Gefilte fish w/Matzoh brei  
horseradish

We have set up several guidelines that will make this a joyful, meaningful and tasteful evening for all.

We are not strictly kosher at the temple, but all the ingredients must be kosher for Passover. Please make the food at home and just demonstrate the preparation at the program. Try to bring in a quantity that several people can share. We want to make a booklet of the different recipes to hand out at the meeting. Please submit a copy of your recipe by March 28th so that can be accomplished. You can e-mail the recipe to [hampton8@optonline.net](mailto:hampton8@optonline.net) or leave the recipe in the Chai Club mailbox at the Temple. Label the envelope "Attn: Mark/Passover recipe".

I am making horseradish that night. Another person has also volunteered to make a Sephardic style *charoset*. Examples of some types of items we looking for:

Different types of *charoset*.  
Different types of desserts.  
Special appetizers that you serve at the Seder.  
Unique Passover snacks.  
Passover breakfast foods.  
Special vegetables that you serve at Passover.  
Homemade or special matzoh covers.  
Unique Seder plates.  
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We hope to have at least ten (10) to fifteen (15) food demonstrations during the evening. Please let me know in advance of your examples of matzoh covers, Seder plates, Haggadahs and crafts for display, so that you can be given credit in our booklet.

Thanks for your support and cooperation. If there are questions, please contact Mark Kean via e-mail: [hampton8@optonline.net](mailto:hampton8@optonline.net).

*Cantor Continued*

Please also watch the TBT Scroll for reminders of these artists and the times and dates of their appearances.

Aside from my lecture series, more exciting programs await us in the spring. In early April, Mark Bloom, well-known Jewish performer and composer, will present a special program in our Sunday religious school for children "of all ages" (that means parents, too!). On Friday, May 13, Rick Recht, song leader, composer and singer, along with his rock band, will be the featured artist for our first annual "Composer-in-Residence Shabbat." Rick is one of the most dynamic and charismatic performers in our movement. He concertizes throughout the United States, Canada and Israel, performing over 200 concerts and services a year! His infectious enthusiasm and engaging music will move you to want to dance in the aisles, an event not unheard of during a service with Rick Recht.

Watch for more details on these and other programs planned for the 2011 season. It's March! Spring awaits.

Cantor Steven Sher

**Mark your calendar!  
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composer, performer,  
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Rick, his band and  
our adult, youth  
and teen choirs  
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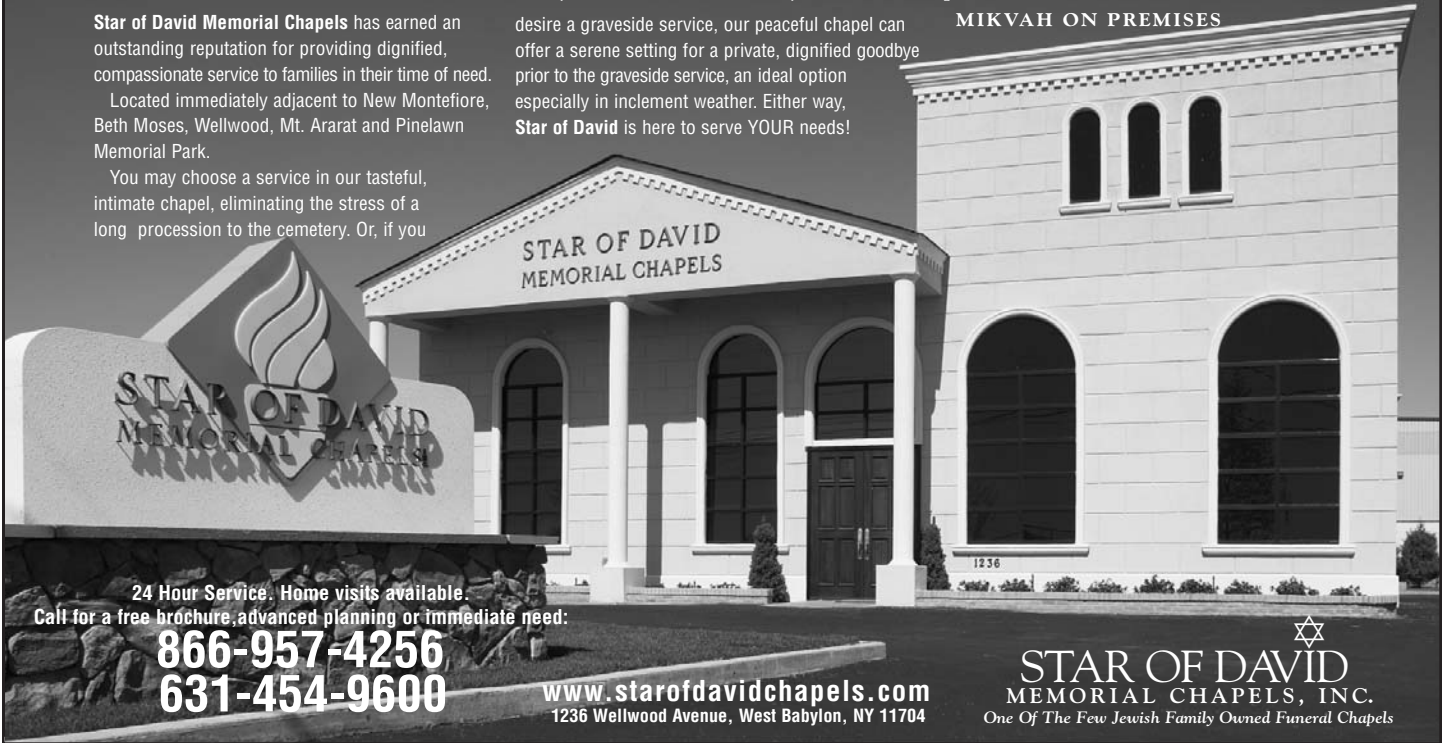
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*Article by Mark Kean*

The Chai Club is inviting all members of Temple B'nai Torah and their friends to a performance of the hit Broadway show “The Pajama Game”.

Based on Richard Bissell’s novel 7 ½ Cents, “The Pajama Game” is bright and funny. The story pits the feisty union representative against the pajama shop superintendent. The high-energy score brims with popular hits and musical theater standards such as “Hey There,” and “Steam Heat” that will keep you humming.”

Tickets are available for the performance on Sunday, May 29th, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the BroadHollow Theatre at Elmont. It is located at 700 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, NY 11003 (516-775-4420).

You can drive there by taking the Southern State (West) to the Cross Island Parkway (North). Then take the Cross Island to Exit 26B east – Hempstead Ave. East (becomes Hempstead Turnpike, at the Nassau County border). The BroadHollow Theatre is in the Elmont Memorial Public Library, east of the Home Depot shopping center on Hempstead Tpke).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2 style="margin: 0;">Temple B'nai Torah March 2011</h2>		<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00am AIAnon</li> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch.</li> <li>• 6:45pm Sist Exec. Board Meeting</li> <li>• 7:00pm House Comm. Meeting</li> <li>• 7:45pm Sist. Bd. Meeting</li> </ul>	<b>2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30am Bingo</li> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch.</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:00pm-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L)</li> <li>• 7:30pm Bingo</li> <li>• 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)</li> </ul>	<b>4</b> Shabbat Across America <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</li> <li>• 6:00pm Shabbat Dinner</li> <li>• 7:30pm Family Service Shabbat</li> </ul>	<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00am Torah Study Group (Admin. Conf. Room)</li> <li>• 10:30am SVCS. 1 B/M</li> <li>• 12:00pm B/M Luncheon (K/L)</li> <li>• 7:00pm Art Auction (S/H)</li> </ul>
<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Rel. Sch.</li> <li>• 9:15am Broth. Breakfast</li> <li>• 10:00am-12:00pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Bellows (Library)</li> <li>• 10:00am-12:00pm Past Pres. Council Mtg.(Admin Conf. Room)</li> <li>• 1:30pm Adult Education Class with Rabbi Bellows</li> <li>• 3:00pm Cub Scout Jewish Awards Class (1st Fl. Double Classroom)</li> <li>• 4:00pm-6:00pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal (Y/L)</li> <li>• 6:00pm-11:00pm Cabaret Rehearsal (S/H)</li> </ul>	<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch.</li> <li>• 4:30pm REL. SCH.</li> <li>• 6:00pm Youth Choir</li> <li>• 7:00pm Hebrew H.S.</li> <li>• 7:00pm Ralli (K/L)</li> <li>• 7:30pm Chai General (K/L)</li> <li>• 7:30pm Adult Choir</li> <li>• 8:30pm BNTY SR.</li> </ul>	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00am AIAnon</li> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch</li> <li>• 6:30pm-9:00pm S.A.T. (Rm. 206-207-208-209-211)</li> <li>• 7:30pm Brotherhood Bd. Meeting (Rm. 101-103)</li> <li>• 7:30pm Rosh Chodesh Study</li> <li>• 8:00pm Rel. Ed. (Library)</li> <li>• 8:00pm Social Action Comm. Meeting(Conf. room in the office)</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30am Bingo</li> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch.</li> <li>• 6:30pm-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L)</li> </ul>	<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:00pm-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L)</li> <li>• 7:30pm Bingo</li> <li>• 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)</li> </ul>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</li> <li>• 5:30pm Tot Shabbat Service</li> <li>• 8:00pm Services</li> </ul>	<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00am Torah Study Group (Admin. Conf. Room)</li> <li>• 10:30am SVCS. 1 B/M</li> <li>• 12:00pm B/M Party (S/H)</li> <li>• 6:30pm Couples Club Military Bridge K/L</li> </ul>
<b>13</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00am-2:00pm Purim Carnival</li> <li>• 9:15am Broth. Breakfast</li> <li>• 10:00am-12:00pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Bellows (Rm. 101-103)</li> <li>• 10:00am-12:00pm Book Club</li> <li>• 3:00pm Cub Scout Jewish Awards Class (1st Fl. Double Classroom)</li> <li>• 4:00pm-6:00pm Purim Spiel Reh. (Y/L)</li> <li>• 6:00pm-11:00pm Cabaret Rehearsal (S/H)</li> <li>• 6:00pm-8:00pm Cast Party-Joseph (Y/L)</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:00pm-2:00pm Adventures in Music (K/L)</li> <li>• Sisterhood Night of Learning (Sanctuary)</li> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch.</li> <li>• 6:00pm Youth Choir</li> <li>• 7:00pm Hebrew H.S.</li> <li>• 7:30pm Adult Choir</li> <li>• 7:30pm Night of Learning Sisterhood (Sanctuary)</li> <li>• 8:30pm BNTY SR.</li> </ul>	<b>15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00am AIAnon</li> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch</li> <li>• 6:30pm-9:00pm S.A.T. (Rm. 206-207-208-209-211)</li> <li>• 7:30pm Ritual Committee Meeting</li> <li>• 8:00pm Cabaret Rehearsal (S/H)</li> </ul>	<b>16</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30am Bingo</li> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch.</li> </ul>	<b>17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:00pm-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L)</li> <li>• 7:30pm Bingo</li> <li>• 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)</li> </ul>	<b>18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</li> <li>• 8:00pm Services-Couples Club &amp; Babynaming</li> </ul>	<b>19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00am Torah Study Group (Admin. Conf. Room)</li> <li>• 10:30am SVCS. 2 B/M</li> <li>• 7:30pm Erev Purim Celebration &amp; Spiel</li> </ul>
<b>20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00am Rel. Sch. - 4 Family Class Workshop (Y/L)</li> <li>• 9:15am Broth. Breakfast</li> <li>• 10:00am-12:00pm Memb./Comm. Meeting (Library)</li> <li>• 10:00am-TBT-PTA Meeting</li> <li>• 12:00pm-1:30pm Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Bellows</li> <li>• 3:00pm Bingo/Set up</li> <li>• 6:45pm TRIPLE BINGO</li> </ul>	<b>21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:00pm-2:00pm Adventures in Music Concert Series (K/L)</li> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch</li> <li>• 6:00pm Youth Choir</li> <li>• 7:00pm Hebrew H.S.</li> <li>• 7:30pm Adult Choir</li> <li>• 7:45pm YAC Meeting</li> <li>• 8:30pm BNTY SR.</li> </ul>	<b>22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00am AIAnon</li> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch.</li> <li>• 6:30pm-9:00pm S.A.T. (Rm. 206-207-208-209-211)</li> <li>• 7:00pm Brotherhood General Meeting/Dinner K/L</li> </ul>	<b>23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30am Bingo</li> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch.</li> <li>• 6:30pm-7:30pm BNTY Jr. (Y/L)</li> </ul>	<b>24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:00pm-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L)</li> <li>• 7:30pm Bingo</li> <li>• 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)</li> </ul>	<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</li> <li>• 8:00pm Services</li> </ul>	<b>26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00am Torah Study Group (Admin. Conf. Room)</li> <li>• 10:30am SVCS. 2 B/M</li> <li>• 12:00pm- B/M Lucheon Silver Family</li> <li>• 6:00pm Spay Neuter Fund Raiser (S/H)</li> </ul>
<b>27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00am Rel. Sch. - 6 Family Class Workshop</li> <li>• 9:15am Brotherhood Breakfast</li> <li>• 10:00am Comm./Memb. (Lib)</li> <li>• CCAR CONVENTION 3/27-3/31</li> <li>• 12:00pm-3:00pm Spring Activity Shofar Project (Y/L)</li> <li>• 1:00pm-5:00pm Cub Scout Blue &amp; Gold Luncheon (S/H)</li> </ul>	<b>28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:00pm Adven. in Music Concert Series (K/L)</li> <li>• 1:00pm-3:00pm Meadow Women's In.-Bk. Study (K/L)</li> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch</li> <li>• 6:00pm Youth Choir</li> <li>• 7:00pm Hebrew H.S.</li> <li>• 7:30pm Chai Board (K/L)</li> <li>• 7:30pm Adult Choir</li> <li>• 8:30pm BNTY SR.</li> </ul>	<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00am AIAnon</li> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch.</li> <li>• 6:30pm-9:00pm S.A.T. (Rm. 206-207-208-209-211)</li> <li>• 6:45pm Exec. Bd. Meeting Rm 101-103</li> <li>• 7:45pm Board of Trustees</li> </ul>	<b>30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30am Bingo</li> <li>• 4:30pm Rel. Sch.</li> <li>• 7:00pm Sisterhood Shop n Dine (away)</li> </ul>	<b>31</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:00pm-7:30pm Cub Scouts (Y/L)</li> <li>• 7:30pm Bingo</li> <li>• 7:30pm-9:00pm Boy Scouts (Y/L)</li> </ul>		

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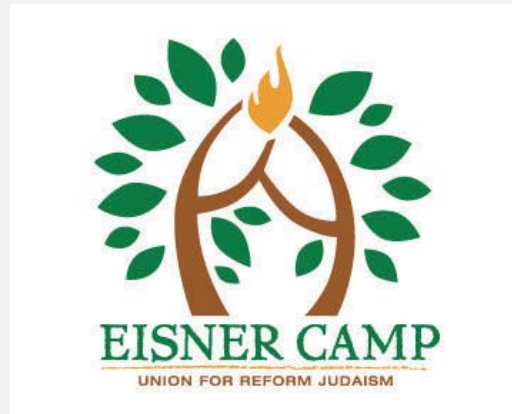
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