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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

By Rabbi Alan B. Lucas

Israel - You can make a difference

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has dissolved his coalition government and called for new elections. Elections will be held for a new Israeli

government some time in March of 2015. The importance of these elections cannot be over-emphasized. For those of us who believe that Israel must remain strong, and that Israel must remain a Jewish State AND a democracy - there is a lot at stake.

Although we American Jews do not have a vote in these elections that does not mean we are without influence in raising our voices and making sure that our unique concerns and perspective are part of the conversation.

The combination of chaos in the Arab world, extremism in the Palestinian leadership and the general mess that is Israeli politics is not a promising mix out of which to try and imagine a better tomorrow for Israel. But while we have little influence over the Arab world, we are not without influence over the Israeli political process and we can and should raise our voices.

I think that it is important for us to realize that regardless of our political leanings this election will be about much more than politics. Those who seek to lead the nation at this critical juncture are being called upon to give voice to a vision of Israel and to what extent democracy and Judaism will play in that future vision. Since the very founding of the State in 1948, I don't remember a moment where the very nature of the unique balance that makes up this modern Jewish state has been called into question in a way that is now being debated.

Without trying to be an alarmist, it is possible that the results of this election could have dramatic implications not only for Israel but for Jews the world over. Jews like you and me, who are already marginalized in the current political reality, could as a result of this election either be enfranchised or made to feel completely disconnected from the Jewish State.

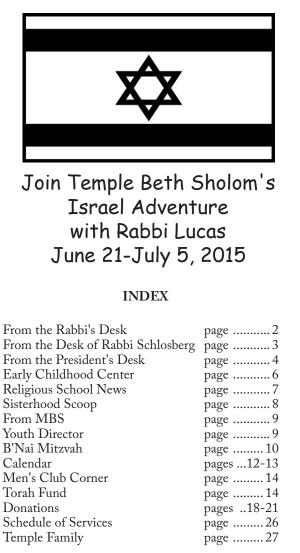
What can we do?

Well first and foremost we need to be educated. That is why I hope you will join me at the AIPAC Conference that is being held in Washington DC March 1-3 you can register here: http://www.aipac.org/act/attend-events/ policy-conference. AIPAC is an invaluable resource for those who care about the future of Israel.

You can also plan on voting in the upcoming World Zionist Elections. This is one of the most direct ways that we can participate in the process. We will be sending you information in the near future, and I hope you will vote for the Mercaz Slate which gives standing to Conservative Judaism and provides us with an important seat at the table. It also results in almost 2 million dollars of money invested in Conservative Institutions in Israel!

And finally, you can come with us to Israel on the TBS trip this summer. We are departing June 21 and returning July 2. Call the Synagogue office for details. Come and see first hand what is going on in Israel, meet with important leaders and hear first hand what is happening.

These next few months will be a dramatic time for those of us who care about the future of Israel, Jews and Judaism. It behooves all of us to keep on top of developments and to get involved. We may not have a vote, but we have a voice and we must raise our voices and make sure our opinions are heard.



FROM THE DESK OF RABBI SCHLOSBERG

Saving the Earth, One Plastic Bottle at a Time



The other day I was at Target. I was waiting in line at the customer service desk to return some items and I saw a man in line in front of me finish his bottle of water. He walked over to the trash cans to the

left of the customer service desk and paused. I could tell that he was looking for a recycling bin. He looked right and then left at all of the various trash can options before shrugging his shoulders in the air with disappointment, as if to say to the rest of us in line "how terrible, no recycling bin!" He tossed the clear bottle into the regular trash and went back to his spot in line.

Yes, I was disappointed with this man, but I was probably more disappointed with myself. I could have said to him, "here, I'll take it." I should have said to him: "Here's a Target bag. Reuse it to carry your bottle home and recycle it there." But I didn't. I joined him in his disappointment and forgot about that moment, moving up in line to return my purchases.

But I guess I didn't totally forget about what happened because I'm telling it to you today. I think that moment stuck with me because it captures what so many of us wrestle with – how we are happy to recycle, but disappointed when an establishment does not give us the option – whether it's our place of employment, a pizza shop, or even our shul.

When I lived in the city, I sometimes tossed my plastic water bottles in the regular trash. This was because, sadly, I had full faith that someone living on the streets would probably come by and rescue it from the trashcan to redeem it for cash. He/ she, I would pray, would use it as an opportunity to gain a nickel and in that regard, I felt as if my trash was a tiny form of tzedakah. It hurts me to say that, but it's the truth.

Now that I'm living on Long Island, my reality is a bit different. If any of you peek in my office, you will probably notice at any given time a stack of paper on my desk and three or four empty water bottles. (Why I use plastic water bottles and don't always use a reusable water bottle is another challenge. I'm working on it; I promise). But this pile of "stuff" sits there until I ensure that it comes home with me, where I can properly dispose of it, in its recycling container. If you come to our mincha/maariv service at shul on a Saturday night, you might notice that I take the empty glass Kedem bottle home with me – the one that we use for Shabbat Kiddush or havdalah. Even though I know so much more recyclable material is thrown into the garbage at other programs throughout the building, this is my tiny form of environmental rescue.

I guess this sort of behavior is a "thing" in my family. Someone else (who shall remain nameless) carries his takeout containers and glass/plastic bottles all the way home from his office in the city. His office does not offer any opportunity to recycle. He rinses them out at work, puts them in a bag, and takes them home with him on the LIRR. Sometimes he forgets to remove them from his bag at night, and carries them round-trip for another day...or two. God bless him.

I don't share these stories with you to boast, but I do share them with you to demonstrate that it's possible. It's so easy for us to be frustrated at Target, or our school, or our employers. And, we should be frustrated. I wish that our shul offered more opportunities to recycle. Maybe, someday soon, we can begin a taskforce to ensure that we are fulfilling the mitzvah of bal tashchit, of not wasting, because I know that we are capable of doing so much more. I know it's hard. I am aware that sometimes recycling is not free. But do you agree that saving the earth must be a communal priority?

On February 4th, we will celebrate the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, the "New Year of the Trees." This is a day when we are challenged to think about how we can make more environmentally conscious decisions. What you might not know, however, is that this year is also the shemitah year, the biblical year in which we are obligated to let our land rest (Leviticus 25:2). During the sabbatical year (the final year in a seven-year cycle), Jewish farmers in Israel are obligated to let their fields lay fallow. While rabbis have instituted loopholes to ensure that these land owners can earn a living during the shemitah year, suffice it to say that every seven years, 5775 being one of them, Israeli farmers often are confronted with some major decisions about how to observe this environmental mitzvah.

For the rest of us non-Israeli, non-farmers, I suppose you could say we're "off the hook." Because we don't live in Israel, you could say that this mitzvah does not apply to us. You could say this mitzvah is "irrelevant." But...I hope you do not.

I hope that you observe the mitzvah of the shemitah year even though you don't own land in Israel. While Tu'B'Shevat is our reminder to question our environmental choices from year-to-year, the shemitah year is an opportunity to reflect on the past seven years and see what major environmental changes we have made in our life, what big improvements we have made to support the physical world around us. Perhaps this is our time to even look at any small environmental changes we have made in our life.

What have you done in the last seven years to improve our physical world? Or, more importantly, which environmental goals can you set for yourself and your family for the next seven years?

As for myself, I will continue to join the man in Target who is disappointed with the lack of recycling options. But this doesn't mean that I can't take this mitzvah of recycling into my own hands.

I hope you will join me in my effort of saving the earth, one plastic bottle at a time.

Rabbi Schlosberg



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Richard Levine



As the year comes to an end and we look back and reflect on 2014, it's wonderful to report that TBS had a great year. Our membership has grown

as did the schools and camp, and we have made progress in all financial aspects. Of course, the financial bottom line is always of great importance, this is why we have just embarked on a new initiative, The Joshua Society, a program of global giving. Every member has received a letter announcing the new program and you will be hearing more about in early 2015. If you want to jump in and help the future of TBS through The Joshua Society, please contact Donna, our Executive Director for guidance.

Member spotlight: Steven Goldenberg

Steve and Phyllis Goldenberg have been members of TBS for over 20 years. They have educated both of their children, Rachel and Josh through all of our programs and have been on many of Rabbi Lucas' trips to Israel. Besides being a regular Shabbat goer, Steve has been involved in many TBS committees. Most recently, Steve has taken over as chair of the Kiddush Committee and is making many positive changes. He is currently President of the Men's Club and leads in a very organized manner. The most recent event, Comedy Night was a big success attended by over 200 people. Thank you Steve for what you do and continue to do.

Travel Spotlight: The Stockholm Synagogue



Several years ago, I was on a Scandinavian cruise, which started in Stockholm. We went to The Stockholm Synagogue, which was built around 1870 with a grand design like many of the other European Grand Synagogues. What touched me most was the holocaust memorial built in 1998 on the synagogue's grounds. It's a wall engraved with names of many of the lives lost separated by metal posts of stars of David. Many people visit the memorial and leave a stone as they would at a cemetery. The Stockholm Synagogue has combined both Grand Synagogue built over 125 years ago and a modern memorial to the Holocaust in tasteful way.

Our sixth annual Club TBS Disco will take place January 10, 2015. This is my favorite event of the year. The event includes dancing, a casino and a wonderful array of food by Joseph Craig Caterers. Last year over 200 attendees danced the night away and also had fun making purchases from our vendors. You have already received a raffle book in the mail for the event, Please send them in. You do not need to be present to win. This is one of our Synagogues most successful fundraising events of the year. I hope you will attend.

I wish all of you a Happy and Healthy 2015.

Sisterhood hosts COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

On November 5th Mahnaz Pourrabbani and Judith Seltz held the senior luncheon with guest speakers Dr. Sarah and Mr. Alan Most. Our audience loved the program and they gave us a lot of great feedback. Our next program will be January 14th.





Our Hyams Judaica Museum is looking for all art enthusiasts to lend a helping hand with our collections and exhibits.

Contact Bat-Sheva at bslavin@syjcc.org

THE JOSHUA SOCIETY

"Whoever Tends the Tree Will Eat Its Fruit"

Proverbs 27:18 Joshua

As we approach 2015, we are blessed to begin Temple Beth Sholom's first annual fundraising campaign, *The Joshua Society*, to sustain our synagogue's financial stability and growth. This landmark undertaking signals our shared goal and commitment to securing the funds needed to keep Temple Beth Sholom an important anchor in our community, a spiritually enriching home for each of us, and an inspiration and magnet for Jewish families in our community.

TBS has always been an active and involved congregationtaking on funding efforts to support special projects like the construction of the ECC and the Mitzvah 613. Yet, as we looked more deeply at the challenges we face--economic uncertainty, rising operational costs, increased local competition for some of our revenue producing services, we recognized that we needed an annual funding campaign to secure the revenue required to keep our congregation strong and vibrant.

This past year, even as we worked hard to maintain our strong programs led by our outstanding professional team, we had to reduce some staff positions to remain within our budget. As the saying goes, "You cannot cut your way into a better future." We believe that we have a better way to assure that our synagogue remains strong. That way is *The Joshua Society* campaign-- a campaign that belongs to each of us, whether your means are large or modest, you are a vital part of our effort.

With the entire congregation's support, we can build a stronger TBS future. Your support will send an important message to all that we <u>are</u> a congregation, a community of caring Jewish adults determined to sustain our synagogue for ourselves, for our children and for our community. Let's do this together and assure that TBS remains for

generations to come the synagogue of choice. Not only will your generosity keep the operations going, the bima shining and the classrooms filled, it will give you the profound satisfaction of knowing you were part of something very important for our Jewish future.

According to Rabbi Lucas..."*The Joshua Society*, like Joshua himself, is planned to get the job done. We encourage each and every one of you to be inspired by our purpose-- to secure annual funds to keep our synagogue strong and relevant to our congregants today and to those in our community still seeking a spiritual home for themselves and their families. I am proud to be part of this new endeavor"

Also proud of their participation are Joshua Society's cochairs Pearl Halegua and Louis Naviasky...

"Walk into TBS any day of the week and you will see why our investment in TBS matters. Our children, our seniors, our young adults are all here because they have each found enriching programs and events that feed their minds, hearts and souls. And they have found community--a special place of gathering that welcomes and nourishes all. That is why I want to see everyone contribute to *The Joshua Society* because like Joshua, we all have to participate to get the job done."

Campaign volunteers will be reaching out to the congregation. Please make your generous contribution to *The Joshua Society* and be part of our future.

Vear Halequa

Pearl Halegua

Louis Naviasky



BARNET & ANNETTE OSTROW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Helayne Cohen, Early Childhood Center Director

Although the winter months tend to be bleak and dreary, one of the highlights in January and February for me is meeting prospective parents looking for a preschool for their child for the coming year. their lists of great

> NETTE OSTROW Childhood &

child attends the TBS day camp," "I had my Bat/ Bar Mitzvah here," "I was married here," "my parents are members here," and then the "AHA" moment: "I love the values that are taught here, the dedicated professional staff who care

IFELONG LEARNING CENTER

Parents come in with their lists of great questions: "what is a typical day

like?" "what if my child doesn't have any friends here?" "what do you serve at snack time?" "how are the Jewish holidays celebrated?" and one asked with hesitation, "do you change diapers?" All very good and relevant questions when shopping around for the right school.

After answering the questions posed to me, along with a tour of our

wonderful school, it's my turn to ask a question: "What brings you here to TBS?" Some responses are: "my friends come here," "my older



Science Time With Morah Sary

so much about the children they teach and their families, how well prepared the children are for kindergarten, how we consider each child's learning style, and our appreciation of what is developmentally appropriate for each age group and each child." I also hear from parents that they want to become more familiar and comfortable with their knowledge of Judaica and that we provide an environment where it's okay to ask questions and to begin to bring Jewish values into their homes by celebrating Shabbat, by taking home challah dough each week and baking it with their children, by coming to Mini Minyan and by feeling "at home." This is what we're about and we're very proud of who we are!

We are getting very busy preparing for our biggest fund



Our Busy 3 Year Olds

raiser of the year: "Art in the Afternoon." We have an incredibly dedicated group of parents working very hard to plan the event on Sunday, March 15. This is a time to showcase the many talents of our children, for families to get together and to spend a lovely afternoon celebrating the children of the Early Childhood Center. All of us here at the Early Childhood Center are looking forward to this special day!

Registration for the 2015 - 2016 school year has begun. If you or anyone you know are interested in finding out more about our school or to arrange for a tour, please call us at 621-1171.



Craft Time With The 2's



Play Time is Fun Time

January & February Highlights:

•ThursFri., January 1-2	Winter Recess (No Classes)
•Monday, January 5	Classes Resume
•Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King Day
	(No Classes)
•Friday, January 23	"Shabbat Twogether"
	12:00 – 12:30 PM
	(For Toddlers Only)
•Thursday, February 12	PJ Shema Party
	5:30 – 7:00 PM
•MonFri., February 16-20	Presidents' Birthday Recess
	(No Classes)
•Monday, February 23	Classes Resume

For inquiries about our school, call us at (516) 621-1171.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL By Sharon Solomon, Religious School Director

Tikun Olam (repairing the world) and Chesed (charity) projects are integrated into our religious school programs. We have been so fortunate to be a part of the JSAM grant which provides us with much needed funds to participate in wonderful chesed activities. Cooking for the elderly

and bereaved families has become a monthly project for our older students in Kitah Vav (6th) and Zayin (7th). During



Kitah Aleph (1st) and Vav (6th) coordinated a temple-wide collection of gently used and new shoes for those less fortunate through the Soles for Soles charity. The students learned an important lesson about basic needs that some people take for granted.

the month of January we will be cooking meals for the INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) and the Men's Shelter of Glen Cove. We will have additional cooking opportunities for the needy and the homebound in our community. We work in partnership with the Ellen Walk, Vice President of Membership and Pam Cott and Tammy Fisher, Social Action Chairpersons to engage our school in

everyday acts of loving kindness. These experiences give the children a sense of gratitude for all that they have. By giving of themselves through these hands-on experiences, the students work together for the greater good of the community. We are grateful to Morah Mina, Morah Gerri, Morah Judit, and Morah Fran, who always give a helping hand to our classes as we prepare the meals. Yasher Koach to all the students for all of their efforts.

In the month of February, Jews all over the world will celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the new year of the trees. In Israel, during February, the trees are blossoming and here in Roslyn we are in the middle of winter. We bring Tu B'Shevat to our students with interesting programming from Eden



Zayin seventh grade students participate in acts of loving kindness by preparing delicious soup for the elderly and home bound in our own Temple Beth Sholom kehilla (sacred community.) This is an on-going tzedakah project in collaboration with the Chesed Committee.

Village Camp. Students will learn the mitzvot associated with Tu B'Shevat and learn about preservation and ecology. Some planting, as well as activities related to recycling, will take place. Tu B'Shevat reminds us that there are important mitzvot and Jewish values which are intimately connected to Tu B'Shevat such as Bal Tashchit, a mitzvah which means "do not destroy." We are charged on this holiday to think of ways to plant and beautify the environment

in which we live. Bal Tashchit is an important mitzvah to remember where we are not allowed to destroy trees or cut them down and we are obligated to protect and care for trees. Tu B'Shevat pushes us to help care for the earth. There are many beautiful Tu B'Shevat ceremonies such as a Tu B'Shevat seder modeled after the Passover Seder. At the Tu B'Shevat seder, we eat from fruits and nuts that are associated with the land of Israel. Our students will get to experience a Tu B'Shevat seder and taste the fruits and grains of the land of Israel.

Wishing everyone a meaningful January and February, *Sharon Solomon*

Religious School Director



Huge thanks to the fifth grade Hay class who collected over \$300 worth of canned kosher food and delivered to FEGS Kosher Food Pantry in Syosset, just in time for Thanksgiving!

January & February Highlights:

Religious School closed

Sunday, January 4
Monday, January 5
Friday, January 9
Tuesday, January 13
Thursday, January 15
Sunday, January 18
Monday, January 19
Tuesday, January 20
Thursday, January 20
Saturday, January 24
Sunday, February 1
Tuesday, February 3
Thursday, February 5
Saturday, February 7

•Thursday, February 12

Sunday, February 15

•Monday, February 23

•Saturday, February 28

Religious School resumes Shabbat Family Study and dinner Machar grades 3/4/5 Youth Group Kadima grades 6/7 Youth Group No Religious School MLK Weekend No Religious School No Machon MBS Eden Village Camp Experience Tu B'Shevat, Eden Village Mishpacha Family Service World-Wide Wrap Vav/Zayin workshop Machar grades 3/4/5 Youth Group Kadima grades 6/7 Youth Group Shabbat Family Study Torah readers Vav Family B'nai Mitzvah Yad Making Workshop 5-7 pm Sunday, February 22 No Religious School closed for Presidents' Week Religious School resumes Mishpacha Family Service

SISTERHOOD SCOOP

By Miriam Silverman, President

Join Us for Sisterhood Games Day on Wednesday, February 11, at 10 A.M.

Sisterhood offers plenty of events over the winter months to keep you informed, entertained and busy!

Following on the heels of a wonderful Fall Fashion Gala, our second annual Games Day & Luncheon, co-sponsored by Roslyn Hadassah, will take place on Wednesday, February 11, beginning at 10 A.M. Bring your game and bring your cards, bridge or mah jongg group for a most enjoyable day. Please watch for your invitation in early January.



Our elegant models!

Our January 13 meeting at 7:45 P.M. and program at 8:15 P.M. will feature a live preview of the Sid Jacobson JCC's upcoming show, "The Sound of Music, enticing you to buy tickets to Sisterhood's Theater Party on Sunday afternoon, February 1, 2015. It'll be fun to see it as a group in good seats!

Get in the spirit for Purim with a special pre-Purim celebration at our synagogue when we host the BQLI Region of Women's League on the evening of Thursday, February 26. Details will be forthcoming.

Save Monday evening, March 9, at 7:30 P.M. for our Passover Recipe Swap. We will learn to make some new recipes in the temple kitchen. If you have a kosher-for-Passover recipe you'd like to share with us, please contact Laurie Prowler at 365-1024 or at lrspotr@aol.com.



L to R: Miriam Silverman, BQLI Region President Vivian Leber, and Beth Eichenholtz

The Essentials of Judaism Class with Cantor Barnoy will meet on Tuesday, January 13 at 8 P.M. Please try to attend as we will not meet in February.

Our Torah Trope class with Rabbi Schlosberg is going

strong on Thursday mornings and we hope that some of the women will read Torah at Sisterhood Shabbat on May 9. Our Lunch & Learn Program will meet on Tuesday, January 20, and Tuesday, February 24, at 11:30 A.M.

Our Current Events Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, January 14, and Wednesday, February 11, at 10:30 A.M.



L to R: Cantor Barnoy, Rachel Goldstein & Marsha Barnoy

Winter Is a Great Time to Read a Book

Our daytime book group will meet on Wednesday, January 21, at 10:30 A.M. The book selection is *Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly and the Making of the Modern Middle East* by Scott Anderson. This is a thrilling and revelatory narrative of one of the most epic and consequential periods in 20th century history – the Arab Revolt and the secret "great game" to control the Middle East. National Book Critics Circle Finalist -- American Library Association Notable Book.

Our evening book group will meet on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:45 P.M. The book is *Chapters of the Heart: Jewish Women Sharing the Torah of Our Lives*. It features essays by 20 leading contemporary Jewish women who write about their experiences as daughters, mothers, sisters, partners, lovers and friends. These revelations include provocative insights that will inspire discussion. The book, edited by Sue Levi Elwell and Nancy Fuchs Kreimer, is available through our Sisterhood. Please contact facilitator Molly Chernofsy at 626-9025 or msmolly@optonline.net for a copy.

Our thanks to Deborah Brosowsky and Wende Jager-Hyman for a truly beautiful Fall Dinner & Fashion Show and to Cindy Katz and Amy Magid, for fundraising, to Rebecca Altman and Esther Meth, for encouraging attendance. Thanks again to our fabulous models and to Eleanor Roberts for her artistic place cards. I'm delighted to share some photos of the evening taken by professional photographer Lisa Anselmo.

Visit the Judaica Shoppe by appointment.

Please contact: Cindy Katz at ckat625@aol.com or 516-697-3717 or Amy Magid at ampm61@gmail.com or 516-625-4558



FROM MBS

By Rabbi Sean Jensen, MBS Director

This past month MBS took a Gimme 10 field trip to Parker Jewish Center at LIJ hospital. Thanks to Rabbi Jensen's strong relationship with Parker we were able to go on a Monday night and have a very meaningful experience.

The students spent meaningful time getting to know the senior citizens on the 6th floor. The senior citizens fell in love with our students and the students walked away feeling great about the mitzvah they performed. We look forward to another trip to Parker in the future. The next Gimme 10 program is scheduled for January 5th, 2015.



On December 8th we had the pleasure of meeting Eli Nechama, the principal from the Bialik-Rogozin School in south Tel Aviv, Israel. He had dinner with the MBS students, teachers, and the Board of Education and then spoke to the students about his career and the Oscar winning documentary, *Strangers No More*, that was made about his school. The students then watched the film followed by a Q & A session. A wonderful experience was had by all.

Chag Urim Sameach & Happy New Year

FROM THE PTA

By Lisa Berger and Debbie Dubowsky, Co-PTA Presidents

On December 7th the PTA had a very successful book fair. It was well organized and well attended. The PTA cosponsored a Chanukah Olive Press Workshop on December 9th for the Bet/Gimel students in which the children learned how to make Chanukah oil for the Menorah by extracting the oil from the olives using a press. All of the students had a great time. On December 16th, the first night of Chanukah the PTA had a Chanukah assembly which included a pizza dinner as well as singing, dancing, latkes and jelly donuts. The PTA put together a Chanukah gift for all the students and teachers. The package contained a box of candles kindly donated by the Yagoda family as well as a dreidel and chocolate gelt purchased by the PTA. Please support our gift card fundraiser. We offer many great stores, restaurants and supermarkets.



YOUTH DIRECTOR By Dan Risner

This month's youth program was exciting, fun and full of creativity. The younger children focused on two holidays, Thanksgiving and Chanukah. Our Thanksgiving project was making paper turkeys

and expressing what we are thankful for. For Chanukah we baked doughnuts and decorated them.

USY had two food-themed activities this month: one was *Edible Olympics* where they competed in several different challenges involving candy, and the other was Iron Chef. They had to make their best dishes with specific ingredients given to them.

Join us for our upcoming events: January 13th for Machar at 6:00 PM, January 15th for Kadima at 6:00 PM and USY at 7:30 PM.

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year!

Dan Risner p: 516-621-9257 f: 516-621-2438 drisner@tbsroslyn.org



Do you have a child or grandchild in College? Do you want to keep then connected to Temple Beth Sholom? For only \$45.00 per student on your list, Sisterhood will send a package of holiday goodies 3 times a year, Chanukah, Purim and Pesach. Just let us know names and addresses.

Any questions, please contact Sheila Barth at seybarth@verizon.net Phyllis Goldenberg at pdfried@aol.com



with children 0-5 years old for this interactive and fun Shabbat morning service.

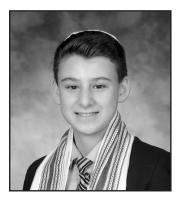
Mini Minyan is held in the youth lounge from 10:45-11:45 on the following dates: 1/10, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/28



B'NAI MITZVAH



ROBBY WEINGARTEN Son of Beth & Jeff January 10



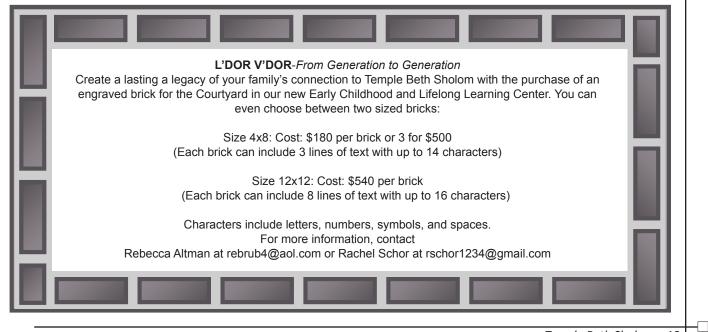
ARI KANTOROWITZ Son of Lori & Steven January 24



JACOB FRIED Son of Beth & Norman January 31



ANDREW WAGNER Son of Jill & Evan February 7



Incredible Israel

By Molly Chernofsky

Israel's new Glasses Off app will make your eyes 8.6 years younger. All you need to do is put on your reading glasses and play a simple game on your app several times a week. Research at Tel Aviv University shows that aging of eyes is caused by prolonged brain processing time, not by visual clouding as previously thought. Our brains can be taught to bypass presbyopia (aging eyes) because the brain is actively involved in our vision. This is called the art of neuroplasticity. There is even the possibility that with enough training, reading glasses can be made obsolete.

On another health note, two Israeli professors won a \$10,000 award for their amazing inventions, including an injectable form of chemotherapy that targets the cancer without destroying the surrounding healthy cells. Professor Dan Peer of Tel Aviv University's Department of Cell Research and Immunology developed this ground breaking cancer bullet. Professor Schlomo Magdass of Hebrew University of Jerusalem, won the prize for inventing a bendable plastic touch display for smartphones. The display can be made with a commercial inkjet printer which reduces the number of manufacturing steps by 80%. Engineer Idan Tobis invented a metal ligament prosthesis that dramatically reduces the recovery time of arthroscopic procedures.

On another note, your Mercaz membership is vital to building up our kehillot (Jewish community centers and synagogues) in Israel. The more members we have in Mercaz, the more funding the government will give to the Masorti (Conservative Movement) kehillot in Israel. In January, the World Zionist Congress will hold its 37th election. You will be able to vote online for American representatives. More information will follow. Please log on to mercazusa. org and become a member today. The mission of Mercaz is to support religious pluralism in Israel and to advocate for Israel. You are the vital link.

Think ahead for camp!

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From CDR Clark C. Childers PRT Paktika Commanding Officer

Dear TBS Members and Community Friends,

Last year, during Cantor Barnoy's Cinco de Mayo concert, Tammy Fisher and Stacey Schwartz helped collect countless items from so many of you to ship out to soldiers in Afghanistan. The request had come from a 1996 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. TBS member, Michele Weisman and I went to the Williston Park Post Office's back room and spent a few hours sorting and placing all the items into gigantic boxes. I'm sharing below the thank you letter from CDR Clark C. Childers, PRT Paktika Commanding Officer. Thank you so very much. -- Edna Eiber

Dear Friends,

Thank you! We have been inundated with packages since our address was put out to the USNA mailing list. When we received the first 10 packages just after New Year, I pulled the addresses from the boxes thinking it would be no issue to send a quick thank you note to each sender (that and we don't want to have your address end up in the wrong hands over here). Over the next week, we received more than 50 packages and to date I have truly lost count. Thank you



so very much for your compassion, support and generosity!

Your gift boxes have been amazingly diverse and the troops love opening them. They have had a visible positive impact

on the morale of our team as the FOB begins to close around us. We received so many last month that we began sending them to our other locations in Paktika (we live on 4 different Forward Operating Bases) and sharing them with the Army Infantry soldiers that live with us on those FOBs that are more isolated than we are.

On Saturday, we took 20 or so to a small Combat Outpost as a surprise when we dropped off one of our teams for a mission. I apologize that we cannot possibly get an individual thank you note to each family or organization that has sent us stuff, but please know that we are distributing them to soldiers that need them and they are much appreciated.

Here is a photo taken of our Security Forces (comprised of Army Infantry soldiers) with cards from a package we received earlier in our deployment (yes, the XO made them pose with the goods...).

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and amazing spirit. Nothing is better than handing out a package from a USNA family to a bunch of Army Infantry!

Go Navy, Beat Army! CDR Clark C. Childers PRT Paktika Commanding Officer USNA '96

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MEN'S CLUB CORNER

By Steve Goldenberg, Men's Club President

After an exciting autumn chock full of activities and a welcome opportunity to recharge, we have already begun planning another six months of quality programming for the Men's Club and greater TBS community.

TBS will be the place for regional Men's Clubs to gather for the **annual investment meeting on Thursday, January 22.** The principal speaker will be Maury Harris, the Managing Director and Chief Economist for the Americas for UBS, and recognized as one of the most accurate US economic forecasters and among the most influential in the global financial markets. Please watch for further details.

The annual World Wide Wrap will be held on Sunday, February 1, at 10:00 AM. This is an event involving Men's Clubs throughout the world in educating the uninitiated in the mitzvah of tefillin. In conjunction with our Hebrew School staff, and with the assistance of Cantor Barnoy, everyone, both young and older, is invited to learn more about tefillin.

"JUST ANNOUNCED! As a follow-up to December's wildly successful Comedy Night, arrangements have been made for Dr. Bob Baker, a local gastroenterologist who has performed on "America's Got Talent" and "The Dr. Oz Show" as a ventriloquist and comedian, to appear here in the Rubinstein Auditorium on Sunday, February 8. Among his dummies are Mrs. Lucille Goldman (an octogenarian who is angry and on the prowl, and who has been there and done that--quite a number of times), Zoltan the Redoubtable (reminiscent of Zoltar from "Big", a figure of prodigious intelligence and psychic powers who can read minds and tell your future with the best of them), Oscar Makyne (can throw his voice, even with lips taped shut), and Sigmoid Colon (no explanation necessary.) The event will include a light dinner and dessert reception. Mark your calendars now for another side-splitting evening with Men's Club at TBS!"

Planning is nearly completed for a TBS trip to the **Lower East Side on Sunday, March 8.** The tour will include round trip bus transportation, a behind-the-scenes tour of the Streit's factory, a stop at Economy Candy, a visit to the Eldridge Synagogue, a walking tour of the Lower East Side from a Jewish perspective, and an opportunity to sample some local kosher fare, including bagels and bialys, knishes, fish, pickles, Chinese vegetarian, and pizza. Mark your calendars now for this community event!

We are also working out the details for our **Pesach Wine Tasting event on Thursday, March 12,** and **Men's Club Shabbat on March 21.** Finally, the excitement is already building for our End-of-Year BBQ, immediately followed by our biggest **Texas Hold'Em Tournament yet, on Thursday, June 11.** The top three finishers from our November event, Joe Bruck, David Levine, and Steve Goldenberg, will certainly be in attendance, as will our first champion, Maurice Klein.

Looking forward to a fantastic slate of events with Men's Club in 2015! As always, feel free to contact me at Stevenpgol@ aol.com with any questions or comments.

TORAH FUND By Lisa G. Schlesinger



Mishpacha - family. How much we have enjoyed this close group in the last three months!

My husband's grandmother always said to us: "Throw me anywhere but throw me with my own".

I had a very special treat in November when Debra, my youngest daughter, was honored by her Sisterhood at the Forest Hills Jewish Center as their Woman of Distinction at their Torah Fund luncheon. Several of the speakers talked about Debra and her mishpacha - specifically me!!! Torah fund is an important link in our family.

Then came Thanksgiving when our whole family celebrated together at Shari's house. We were so fortunate to be with two of our great-grandchildren as well as our children, their spouses and six of our grandchildren (including one from Israel.) We looked around at our Mishpacha and felt very blessed.

Chanukah soon was at our house and again this joyous holiday brought our mishpacha together again. The college grandchildren, one having just graduated two weeks before, brought light to our Mishpacha as we each lit our menorahs. Nancy made our being together special with her fine touches.

And last, our family at Temple Beth Sholom who each Shabbat and Yom Tov, give us warmth especially during these cold winter months.

Look around at your mishpacha- how wonderful family is in our lives!!!



Membership: It's All About Relationships!

By Ellen Walk, Membership VP

Each year as new people join our congregation we hope they will feel a warm welcome into the Temple Beth Sholom Family.

How do we make people feel welcome? How can you make our new members feel welcome?

Our job in welcoming new members is to focus on helping them feel connected to our synagogue community. We want to hear people's stories. We want to play Jewish geography. We want to know people. And we want to help people feel known.

Dr. Ron Wolfson, a leading Jewish educator, believes that belonging to a synagogue should be all the relationships – relationships with each other, relationships with the clergy and staff, relationships with the shul. He wrote a book about these very ideas and called it "Relational Judaism."

If you are a new member reading this, we hope you will become involved. If there is an event, a dinner, a program, and you are not sure you should go or you have no one to sit with: just holler! We are here to connect you, sit with you, show you, and get to know you.

If you were once a new member at TBS - a long time ago or just last year - you probably remember that feeling of uncertainty. And you can make a difference by: reaching out, introducing yourself, sharing a story, playing a few rounds of Jewish Geography, and inviting new members to join you at a Shabbat service or TBS event.

So, how many new member families joined TBS this year? 25! And we are so glad they did! Please join me in welcoming our new member families:

Adam Altman and Jamie Weiss Phillip and Lauren Beyer Leonard and Leslie Blankopf Jared and Tara Brandoff Todd and Judy Camassar Scott and Lauren Ditrapani Iraj and Saham Farahan John and Sharon Fogel Ira and Debbie Goldberg Bruce and Liane Goodman Eyal and Jaqui Isaac Robert and Phyllis Lovett Antonio and Laleh Mourtil Ryan and Jillian Per Natalie Postelnek Daniel and Dina Relles Anna Reznik Michael and Jodi Rosenberg Howard and Paula Rosenthal Edward and Samantha Rubin Matthew and Jessica Vishnick Eddie and Gila Hadani Ward Arthur and Laurie Zagelbaum Carol Zoref and Pamela Walter Brian and Jessica Zwerling



Yankel: A Good Name People can be linked by their past, by their Haftarah Parashat, or just by a good name. Pictured from left to right: Yankel Shampan, Yankil Werteneil, Yankel Krampf and Yankil Hirsch

NIGHT OF JEWISH LEARNING

IN MEMORY OF SUSAN KATZ

The Schechter School of Long Island will present a Night of Jewish Learning to honor the memory of Susan L. Katz. It will take place on Saturday evening, January 10, 2015 beginning at 7:00 PM at the Schechter School in Williston Park. The event is free and open to the community. There will be no solicitation of funds. The night will include a keynote speaker, Rabbi Elie Kaunfer, and an opportunity for you to choose from a selection of presenters, including our own Rabbi Lucas. Susan's daughters, Naomi and Aviva, will also participate.

Susan Katz' professional and extracurricular life was shaped and informed by her involvements in the world of education. She was a gifted and passionate teacher, administrator, and volunteer. Much of her energy was focused on creating opportunities for Jewish education. She was a driving force in building the Solomon Schechter School. Later, as part of the Commission on Jewish Identity and Renewal of UJA, she focused her efforts on Jewish Day School education and the Jewish day camping movement. With her warmth, caring, trademark smile, and generosity of spirit, she touched the hearts of children and adults, and nourished their souls.





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In our ongoing efforts to address the emerging needs of our community members, we will be forming two (2) new Support Groups at Sid Jacobson JCC:

• NEW! Bereavement Support Group for Young Widows/Widowers raising children who have lost as spouse

• NEW! Parent Support Group for those with young children on the Autism Spectrum

Please contact Audrey Bernstein, LMSW, Support Group Coordinator, SJJCC, 516-484-1545, ext. 211 for more information.

Wishing you and your family a Happy and Healthy 2015 from Partners in Caring!

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WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS TO CONVENE

By Jim Schlesinger

YOU - YOU - YOU are the important pieces of the meeting of the WZO in June of 2015. Each member of TBS will have the opportunity to elect the delegates and one of the members of our Temple, Past President Jim Schlesinger is on the MERCAZ USA slate.

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Here is how it works: The WZO and the Jewish Agency divide monies raised for Israel by local Federations. The apportionment of those monies is directly affected by the relative sizes of delegations from each Zionist organization. The more delegates we the Conservative Movement have in these bodies, and particularly within the World Zionist Congress, the more money our movement receives and the more say we have in ensuring that the flow of money and the guiding philosophy of the Jewish Agency supports our concerns for pluralism in Israeli society.

The WZO controls millions of dollars that are allocated each year to affiliates of the religious streams in Israel. The Schechter Institute of The Jewish Theological Seminary, TALI schools, Kibbutz Hanaton The Masorti Movment (our sister Conservative congregational group) in Israel and throughout the world on all five continents. It also helps fund such American programs in Israel as USY Pilgrimage, Ramah Seminar, NATIV and the Conservative Yeshivah.

The size of the MERCAZ delegation is a direct result of votes in the World Zionist Congress election. The more that Conservative Jews vote, the more MERCAZ delegates are elected and the more representatives we have, the more money we are allocated and the more we can make a difference. The problem is that though Conservative Jews have historically led the way in their commitment to Zionism, we are not as strongly represented in the WZO as we should be, given the number of Conservative/ Masorti Jews around the world.

That's where you come in. The election for the 37th World Zionist Organization Congress is here. You can help MERCAZ increase the size of our delegation simply by registering with the American Zionist Movement, the US affiliate of the WZO, and then voting for MERCAZ delegates when you receive your ballot. Registering costs just \$10.00. You can register by going to www.mercazusa.org and clicking on "Register" or completing a mail-in registration. Registration begins on January 13th and ends April 30th.

I am establishing a fund at TBS so that after registering and paying the \$10 fee, if you so desire you can write to me (4 Mineola Avenue, Roslyn, NY 11576) and I will arrange to reimburse you from the fund.

TBS BOOT CAMP

By Cantor Ofer Barnoy

The Bar and Bat Mitzvah Boot Camp is taught in the Vav Class by Cantor Barnoy and Sharon Solomon and is an excellent way for our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students to gain familiarity with what it means to become an adult in the Jewish community and the customs and rituals that are associated. We will cover what they should expect at the Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebration such as chanting Torah and Haftara, leading prayers and saying special blessings. We will explore in detail the origin and meaning of all these rituals and especially the essence of the word "Mitzvah" and what it means to be guided by God, to be a good person and to perform deeds of compassion and kindness. The five months-long "Boot Camp" will culminate with a Siyum Torah - a Celebration of Torah - during which the students will demonstrate what they have learned by leading a service and chanting from the Torah. They will also be assigned Torah readings through out the year at the Family Learning Services on Shabbat.



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TBS Hosts 262 USYers at METNY Regional Kinnus

By Lewis Bartell

On Friday afternoon, November 14, the voices of two hundred and sixty-two high-schoolers were echoing through the halls of TBS. These USYers, dressed for Shabbat were eager to begin their annual weekend-long METNY USY (Metropolitan NY United Synagogue Youth) Regional Kinnus. TBS hosted this event, along with Shelter Rock Jewish Center as one of the first major activities of our joined youth programming. After friends hugged friends, name tags were distributed and they found out where they would be housed for the weekend, the USYers filled the Sanctuary to welcome in Shabbat. It was truly amazing



to see our Sanctuary, practically bursting at its seams with USYers, as they welcomed Shabbat. Their beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat service was led entirely by USY members. After services, a delicious Chinese food dinner was served in the auditorium by the dedicated professional USY staff along with the volunteer staff - former USYers: college students who still feel such a strong connection to USY that they were willing to give up a weekend to volunteer their time. After Shabbat dinner, USYers gathered into sicha groups to debate, learn and chat about various Jewish topics.

At the end of the evening, some USYers walked to their host homes, while others were picked up by their hosts dedicated TBS members who generously agreed to allow attendees and staff to sleep in their spare rooms and in



sleeping bags on their floors. Other members who couldn't house, generously volunteered to drive kids to their host homes. Without these volunteers who gave up a weekend to house and drive, the Kinnus would not have been possible.

The USYers were back at TBS bright and early Shabbat morning. They participated in several Shacharit service options and then joined the TBS congregation in the Sanctuary for the Torah service and Musaf. If you were there, I know you took great pleasure in watching the USYers read Torah, Haftorah give a D'Var Torah and lead Musaf. Those congregants present welcomed these enthusiastic and knowledgeable young people, making them feel thoroughly welcome.

After another self-catered meal, staff ran groups and activities including some free time to spend with each other, came an awe-inspiring sight. All 262 USYers and staff filled the floor of the Gallery for "Ruach" where they sang Hebrew songs for almost an hour culminating in Havdalah. To watch the USYers sing and say Havdalah together with such zeal and enthusiasm was spine chilling and for me the highlight of the Kinnus.

The USYers were picked up and driven to the JCC for a spectacular circus show, open gym and, of course, pizza. Following a good night's sleep, hosts drove USYers on Sunday morning to SRJC for their final day of programming where the USYers participated in recreating some of today's reality TV shows.

It took an enormous amount of effort and time to plan, coordinate and execute an entire weekend of activities, meals, housing and driving. If you were one of the volunteers, you understand this and I thank you for saying "YES" when we called. Special thanks go out to our own Ed Ward and Mike Hirsch for their tireless efforts in too many ways to mention, and to our Clergy for stepping aside and letting the USYers take over the Sanctuary. Kudos to Shelter Rock's Manda Kristal who painstakingly coordinated Shelter Rock's tremendous efforts. Finally, I also want to acknowledge and appreciate the unwavering support of Donna Bartolomeo and Dawn Ruggiero whose coordinating efforts went above and beyond, as well as our inexhaustible maintenance staff headed by Bob Spampinato, who were always present to help us. Without Donna, Dawn, Bob and the entire staff we would never have been able to properly host the Kinnus or many of the other fantastic events at TBS. THANKS!!

All of the remarkable efforts to host the Kinnus were well worth it because it is these teens who represent the next generation of engaged, active Conservative Jews and from them that our future leaders will emerge. It is these passionate USYers, and others just like them all around the country, that will ensure that Conservative Judaism flourishes well into the future.



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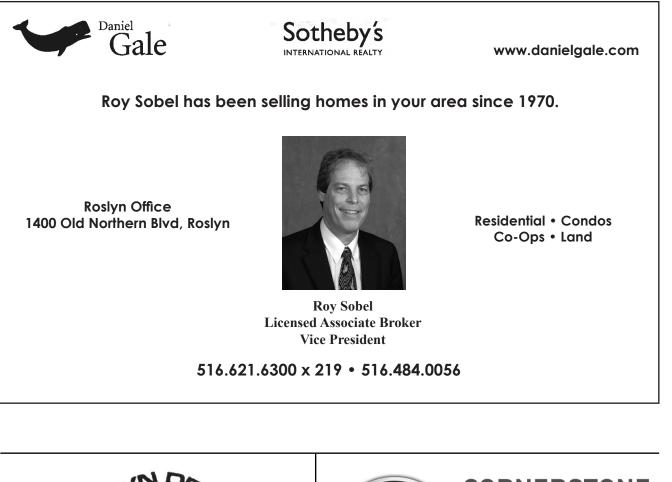
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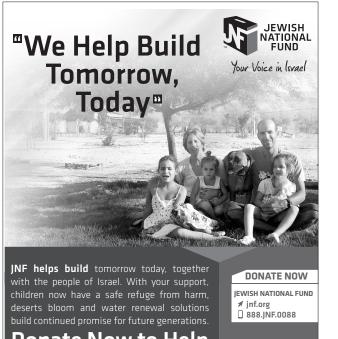
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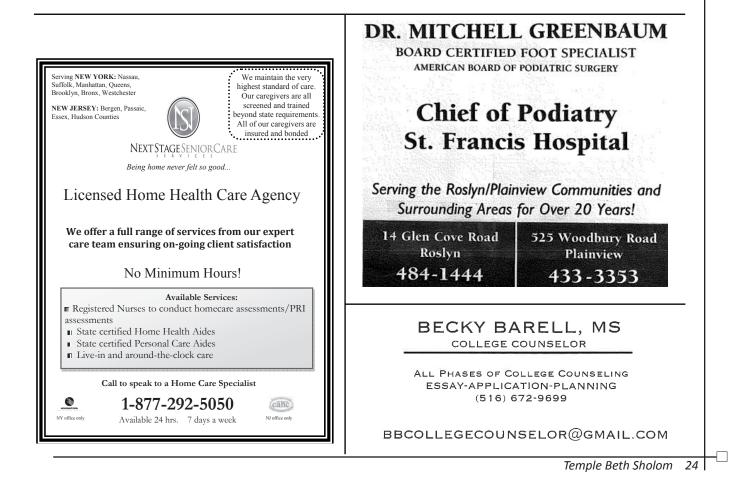


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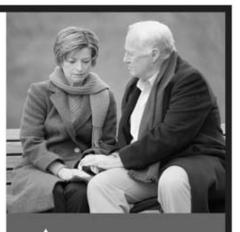
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I'd like to thank all my friends who made donations, as well as good wishes to me for my honor of Hatan Bereshit on Simchat Torah. Joe Bruck

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