Temple Beth Sholom

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June 2014 ✡ Sivan/Tammuz 5774

Please join us as we honor

the Confirmation and Graduation of our 10th Grade and 12th Grade Students

The First Day of Shavuot
Wednesday, June 4, 2014
6 Sivan 5774
9:00 AM

First row (seated): Gillian Bartell, Allison Bichoupan, Hannah Dornbush, Sydney Kotin, Chelsea Wolgel
Second Row: Gila Hadani Ward, Julia Merker, Alexa Kamberg, Rachel Wechsler, Mollie Bartell, Amanda Gordon, Hannah Kreisberg, Rachel Blau, Annie Rose, Rabbi Jennifer Schlosberg
Third Row: Joshua Goldenberg, Alex Cohen, Ian Warshawsky, Zachary Kotin, Ross Kaplan, Ryan Bichoupan
Back Row: Rabbi Alan B. Lucas, Cantor Ofer S. Barnoy
Not pictured: Ron Aldad, Gabrielle Benak, Tess Dicker, Miriam-Shira Eisenberg, Felicia Horwitz, Jessica Kantorowitz, Julia Levy, Rachel Levy, Ilana Margulis, Sigalle Reshef

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

By Rabbi Alan B. Lucas

Graduation vs. Commencement

The season of graduations is upon us. We will celebrate Shavuot beginning on Tuesday night June 3rd with our Tikyn Leyl Shavuot – and on the 1st day, Wednesday June 4, we will mark the graduation of our students from our Machon Hebrew High School and the Confirmation of our 10th graders. Many of us are preparing for other graduations as well, High School graduations, and college graduations, graduations from professional schools and graduate schools - they all take place at this time of the year. I have noticed that some institutions call these ceremonies "graduation" while others call them "commencement" and I believe that the difference is more than semantics. As a Jew, I believe that there is no such thing as graduation when it comes to learning.

It is told that when God was about to give the Torah to our Ancestors at the foot of Mt. Sinai, he asked them for collateral before He would entrust them with His most precious possession. The Jewish people were anxious to receive the Torah and promised God Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as collateral. God rejected their offer as insufficient. After exhausting numerous other alternatives, none seeming to be good enough to serve as guarantors for God's Torah, the people finally say: "*We will give you the most precious gift we have: Our children will be the guarantors of the Torah.*" At last God was pleased and replied: "*For their sake will I give the Torah to you.!*"

This legend expresses a profound truth. What guarantees the Torah is not the piety of the Patriarchs, the wisdom of the scholars, or even the devotion and reverence of past generations. As great as these resources may be, they are insufficient. What has guaranteed the Torah was that in every generation there were children who were taught, instructed and inspired by the spiritual heritage of Jewish tradition.

The child who receives the privilege of Jewish education, widens the horizons of his vision and the dimensions of her character. Such a child becomes aware that he or she is the link in a chain stretching back to antiquity and yet also part of a wonderful extended family which is alive and growing and aspiring to a great future. To understand this is to understand that there is no graduation only commencement. The completion of one stage of learning is the beginning of a new stage in a life long process of growth and learning.

It is certainly appropriate that we precede our "graduation" with an evening of study – as if to demonstrate in no uncertain terms that learning is a life long endeavor. This year our friends from Temple Sinai will be joining us for this evening of study – emphasizing that learning is what unites us as a people across all lines of identification.

To all our "graduates" who are commencing a new level of learning and attainment we say, "*Yashar Koach*" on a job well done and may you have continued success in the years to come. To each and every one of you, especially those who are completing their studies in our Hebrew High School, we hope that you will not forget the important values we have tried to impart to you. That you will continue to study and grow as a Jew. Some years ago, Robert Hutchins, a distinguished educator, pointed out that our society undergoes such rapid change that nearly every job for which our students are now being trained, may no longer exist a generation from now, except one - "*The job of being a human being.*"

That is why a continuing Jewish education is so important, for Dr. Hutchins identified the pre-eminent purpose of Jewish religious education: to prepare Jewish children for the life-long task of being *Menschen*. It is a profession that will never become obsolete but it does require on going instruction and development. And that is why I prefer the word commencement- for this is a time of new beginnings. In each generation, we are dependent on our youth to begin again. You have our support, our love, our trust and our good wishes as you now begin to contribute to a world that is waiting for your unique gifts.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Richard Levine

Spring seems to finally be upon us and for that I am grateful. This is a busy and significant time on the Jewish calendar. In just a few weeks, we will finish counting the Omer, which began the second night of Passover and we will celebrate Shavuot. This holiday recounts the giving of the Torah to the Israelites at Mount Sinai during our peoples' wandering through the desert. I find the counting of the Omer to be quite meaningful. We end our remembrance of the fetters of slavery and excitedly await the deliverance of our most sacred text. Indeed, over these seven weeks of counting, the Jewish people recount a transformation from bondage to the freedom and exhilaration incumbent in the receipt of the Torah.

Shavuot reminds me of another classic Jewish teaching; it wasn't just our distant ancestors who were given the Torah, it was all of us who stood at the foot of that mighty and mysterious mount to receive the laws that continue to shape and define what it means to be Jewish. I invite everyone to join me at Beth Sholom in early June as we mark and celebrate this most sacred holiday.

Member Spotlight: Steve Kober

This month, we recognize Steve Kober, who is in charge of the Temple's Budget and Finance Committee. It is because of his dedication and thoughtful commitment to our community and this committee that the lay leadership of TBS can present a well-crafted budget each year. His time on this committee included the recent economic recession, making his devoted service that much more worthy of our praise and gratitude. Steve spends much of his time traveling on business but always finds time for TBS. Thank you Steve!

Travel Spotlight: St. John Jewish Historical Museum

Many years ago on a cruise to Canada my family and I stopped in St. John, New Brunswick. Surprisingly, there was an old Jewish community on the island. Of course, our first stop off the boat was to the St. John Jewish Historical Museum. Although small and relatively young-- it was founded in 1986-- the museum traces the Jewish roots of the area back to the mid 1800's. Today the Jewish population of St. John is about two dozen and the museum is considered to be the public representation of the community's Jewish population.

On June 1st we are celebrating Cator Barnoy's first thirteen years atTBS with a Bar-Mitzvah celebration. I hope you will join your TBS family to congratulate him and to celebrate with him and his family.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Forest Hills High School
Tsvi Weil

North Shore Hebrew Academy
Gillian Bartell

Roslyn High School
Zachary Ben-Levy
Allison Bichoupan
Erin Carus
Alex Cohen
Brooke Drabkin
Joshua Goldenberg
Rebecca Grossberg
Ross Kaplan
Julia Merker
Jordan Rich
Jason Sirota
Max Wishinsky

Solomon Schechter High School of Long Island
Gabrielle Benak
Sigalle Reshef

Schreiber High School
Justin Truglio

The Wheatley School
Zachary Kotin
Rachel Levine
Jessica Perry
Lauren Perry
Chelsea Wolgel

College/Graduate School
Erik Bacharach, Binghamton
Joshua Freeberg, Cornell University
Caralyn Friedman, Cornell University Graduate School
Raquel Goldsmith, St. John University Graduate School
Zachary Goldsmith, University of Pennsylvania
Mitchell Goldstick, Penn State
Andrew Greif, Syracuse University
Alexa Kreisberg, Bank Street College Graduate School of Education
Aaron Levine, Northwestern University
Jacob Lisogorsky, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Jackie Litvack, Maryland University
Samson Magid, University of Miami
Jessica Margulis, Washnington University in St. Louis
Zachary Marx, Binghamton University
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B.S., Boston University
Sharon Reshef, Northwestern University
Sydney Sadur, Smith College
Andrew Sherman, University of Pittsburgh
Michael Sincoff, Penn State
Rachel Weisman, Temple University
Sara Weiss, Stetson School of Law

FROM THE DESK OF RABBI SCHLOSBERG

Ruth: Risk-Taker Extraordinaire

It is customary on the holiday of Shavuot to read from the book of Ruth. It's a beautiful story that we read, one which describes Naomi, a woman from Bethlehem and many troubles that befall her. Naomi and her husband, Elimelech, escape to Moab when a famine strikes their land. Elimelech dies, leaving Naomi with only her sons. They eventually marry Moabite women and then, within ten years, she loses both of her sons as well. Only her daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth, remain. Can you imagine?

Naomi eventually learned that the famine in her homeland ended and so she began her journey back to Bethlehem, this time with her daughters-in-law. But along the way, Naomi realized she wanted to go back alone. "Turn back, each of you to her mother's house," she said. Both Orpah and Ruth urged her not to worry; they wanted to accompany her back to Bethlehem.

Again, Naomi insisted. "Turn back, my daughters," she exclaimed. "Why should you go with me?" Orpah eventually kisses Naomi and remains in Moab. Ruth, on the other hand, insists that she wants to continue on with Naomi to Bethlehem. I guess that's why the book is called "Ruth" and not "Orpah."

What happens after this point is a beautiful series of events that improve the quality of Naomi and Ruth's lives tremendously. Ruth is able to glean food from the fields and in the process meets Boaz, family of Elimelech (Naomi's husband). Boaz acquires the land that belonged to Elimelech, marries Ruth, and they eventually have a child, who was the grandfather of King David. A fairytale in the end.

As I sit and think about the series of events in this story, I wonder how the story may have ended up differently if Ruth had simply said "okay," if Ruth had simply said "I'll stay here." After all, Ruth's entire family was in Moab, Ruth only ever knew Moab. It would have been a lot easier and a lot less stressful if she just stayed home. Instead it took incredible risk, strength, and courage to join Naomi on her journey to an unknown land, to leave her family behind.

In many ways, Ruth's story reminds me of stories I have heard about families who moved to America, or to Israel, leaving behind everything and everyone that they knew for a better life. For many of these families, they were escaping a life full of despair, a life in which they could not practice their religion, a life of fear. So in some cases, for families like these, leaving behind everything they knew was not really a choice. After all, is there really a choice when deciding between the health and safety of our family or the dangerous and unbearable status quo?

But with Ruth, I believe it was truly a choice. Life wasn't dangerous for her in Moab at all. Sure, life wasn't perfect (after all, she just lost her husband), but her health and well-being were certainly not going to be compromised had she just stayed put in the land of Moab, had she just said "farewell" to her mother-in-law Naomi.

But she didn't stay put. She dove into the unknown. She dove into it because she couldn't imagine sending Naomi home by herself, a woman who lost everyone in her family. Instead, Ruth was courageous. Ruth took a risk.

In our own lives, I think about how we might take on Ruth's traits a little more. So many of us are resistant to change, fear change, we like the way that things are. After all, "if it ain't broke, then don't fix it, right?"

But what would our lives be like if we took more risks? If we allowed ourselves to try new things and accept and love ourselves even when we failed? What keeps us from diving into something? What prevents us from taking risks in our personal lives? In our professional or social lives?

The story of Ruth is inspiration for us to get out of our rut, to try something new, to dive into something, to take a risk with all of our might.

May the story of this courageous woman, of Ruth the risk-taker extraordinaire, teach us to open our hearts to the unknown. And when we do so, may we find, like dear Ruth, that what will be at the other end of our risk, is a world full of blessings and sustenance.

Save The Date

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TODAH 1000

A SALUTE TO GILA HADANI WARD

June 20

6:30 PM

FROM MBS

By Gila Hadani Ward, MBS Director

There is a new idea floating around synagogue life these days. It is called Relational Judaism. The phrase was coined by Dr. Ron Wolfson (who actually visited TBS a number of years ago).

What we need right now, Wolfson says is relationships. Not just passing acquaintances, but lifelong relationships that can develop within communities and that will lift us up and beyond our own individualism. Relationships based on listening to one another's needs and on shared experience, and through commitments to work side by side and to join together in prayer and study. Relationships that require face-to-face encounters.

While the name is new, I think, this is something I have strived for with our high school students and indeed, the entire TBS community. For me, at the foundation of everything I did, creating meaningful relationships was essential. With every lesson, with every discussion, with each conversation, there have been two goals: the imparting of knowledge and the cultivation of relationships. And I am not going to lie – there are times when the relationship piece has taken precedence over the knowledge piece. You see, by creating a relationship with the learner (whatever age), it creates a basis for more honest and open conversation. Ultimately, this leads to a depth of learning that would never have been achieved before.

In my work here in the 12 years I have been honored to have cultivated so many fantastic relationships. I have been blessed to dance at weddings of former students. I have shared s'machot, Shabbat dinners, holidays and fun summer Barbecues. We have also shared more difficult experiences – Shiva houses, hospital rooms and just plain bad days (unfortunately, we all have them). These experiences have both punctuated our learning and I would daresay, made our learning more meaningful and have allowed us to delve deeper into topics. We have connected with each other and together, we are connected to Temple Beth Sholom.

As this school year ends and we look to summer, I want to thank all of my students throughout the years for being my eager students, my wise teachers and my friends.

May your Jewish journeys proceed with curiosity, questions, answers and strong connections.

Attention Students
Entering Grades 6-12

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The following Temple Beth Sholom Students have chosen To Spend A Summer With United Synagogue Youth (USY):
Mollie Bartell (USY Eastern Europe/Israel Pilgrimage)
Matthew Benak (USY on Wheels)
Amanda Gordon (USY Eastern Europe/Israel Pilgrimage)

The Following Temple Beth Sholom Students will spend their summer at a Ramah Camp or Program:
Jessica Barnoy (Ramah Israel Seminar)
Matthew Benak
Sara Blau
Ellie Eisenberg
Aviv Fedida
Liron Fedida
Jacob Goldstein
Morris Goldstein
Ari Kantorowitz
Abigail Ward

The following people will serve as staff members on a conservative movement summer program this summer:
Gillian Bartell – Camp Ramah Nyack
Gabrielle Benak – Camp Ramah in the Berkshires
Eli Fisher – Camp Ramah in the Berkshires
Josh Goldenberg – Camp Ramah Nyack
Michael Hirsch – USY on Wheels: Wheels East

NESIYAH TOVAH (A GOOD TRIP)
TO ALL!

Save The Date

Club TBS will be rocking again on **Saturday Evening January 24 2015**. Club TBS is an event not to be missed!

Mark your calendar now for this great evening!

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Donna Bartolomeo, Executive Director

Summer is a time of transition and saying goodbye is never easy. The four-year-olds in Ms. Brethel's and Mrs. Luca's class will be graduating, so their Friday morning visits to the office will end. We look forward to continuing this tradition with next year's four-year-olds.

Mrs. Denis, who has taught in the Early Childhood center three-year-old program for the last 36 years, is retiring. So many mornings I would pull up in the parking lot and Mrs. Denis was either right behind me or right next to me, always with a smile and a how are you. Her devotion to our school and the children in her class year after year has been immeasurable. Some of the students she has taught have come back to visit her or remarked that Mrs. Denis was their child's teacher or even their teacher! You can tell from their faces the impact that Mrs. Denis had on each and every one of them.

This June we will be saying goodbye to Gila Hadani Ward, who has worked with our teens, run our Machon high school and supervised the youth groups.

Both of these individuals will be missed and I wish them the best as they move on to the next step of their lives.

This year the snow and winter weather hit us all hard. Staying ahead of the falling snow was never easy but we got through it. We are all looking forward to the beautiful spring and summer weather and hope it stays for a nice long time. Security is our top priority. We continue to have security guards here when people are in the building to keep us safe and secure.

On June 1st we will be having our Cantor's Bar Mitzvah in honor of Cantor Ofer Barnoy's 13 years at Temple Beth Sholom. Join us at the event. Take out an ad to honor Cantor Barnoy for his dedication to us and all he has done for TBS for so many years. Be part of this wonderful celebration!

I would like to take a moment to thank the professional staff: Rabbi Lucas, Cantor Barnoy, Rabbi Schlosberg, Gila Hadani Ward, Sharon Solomon, Helayne Cohen, and Jayson Rubin. Each of you has taught me so much over the past year in so many different ways, that I can't thank you enough. I look forward to continuing to learn and work together with each of you.

To the Executive Board and Board of Trustees: this has been a challenging year and I would like to thank you all for your support throughout.

To my staff - Dawn, Melissa and Tracey, each of you has brought your own personality and expertise into the office. There has never been a time that you have said no. We are all a great team.

Bob, Jose, Ricky, Marvin A, Anthony, Adrian, Marvin C, Eddie, Vincent, Edwin, thank you, thank you, thank you! I know how hard you all work and the many nights you have spent here to make sure everything was ready for people to come to the building, especially in the mornings after the many snowstorms. You always do everything you are asked with a smile. Thank you.

To you, our members: thank you for sharing your warm thoughts and helpful comments this year. Please continue to stay in touch and let us know how we are doing, and how we can serve you better.

Have a wonderful safe summer!!

Be part of the dedication!

We will be dedicating already purchased bricks for the courtyard in our Early Childhood and Lifelong Learning Center on

Saturday, June 7, 2014 following services

For more information, contact:
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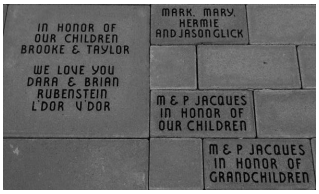

B'NAI MITZVAH

JORDAN ADHAMI
Son of
Linda & Farzan
June 7

MADISON KESSLER
Daughter of
Caren & Lance
June 14

DINA ALDAD
Daughter of
Nina & Lior
June 14

ANDREW KHALILI
Son of
Mojgan & Shahriar
June 21

L'DOR V'DOR-*From Generation to Generation*
Create a lasting a legacy of your family's connection to Temple Beth Sholom with the purchase of an engraved brick for the Courtyard in our new Early Childhood and Lifelong Learning Center. You can even choose between two sized bricks:

Size 4x8: Cost: $180 per brick or 3 for $500
(Each brick can include 3 lines of text with up to 14 characters)

Size 12x12: Cost: $540 per brick
(Each brick can include 8 lines of text with up to 16 characters)

Characters include letters, numbers, symbols, and spaces.
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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

By Helayne Cohen, Early Childhood Center Director

A few weeks ago the children of the Early Childhood Center celebrated Yom Ha'Atzmaut in a most joyous way. We packed our bags and left on a jet plane (piloted by Captain Barnoy) to Israel. Upon our arrival, we visited the Dead Sea - learning about sinking and floating and had a chocolate pudding mud experience. We visited the Biblical Zoo and went through basic training at "Boot Camp". It was a wonderful morning complete with a trip to the Kotel and a falafel snack - thank you Hummus World! Special thanks to all our teachers and Shahrzad Salih for making this day so very special for all.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

I would like to express my thanks to Shahrzad Salih and our wonderful teachers: Mrs. Susan Hoffman, Mrs. Barbara Kayen, Mrs. Jodi Nagle, Mrs. Cheryl Lenowitz, Mrs. Suzy Freier, Mrs. Minoo Cohen, Mrs. Rona Denis, Mrs. Judy Ross, Mrs. Lauren Sullivan, Mrs. Ines Bacharach, Mrs. Diane Rudman, Mrs. Fariba Brookhim, Ms. Kim Brethel & last but not least Mrs. Maria Luca for all that they do for our children and families. To our clergy, Rabbi Lucas, Rabbi Schlossberg and Cantor Barnoy, for your visits at Shabbat, Havdalah and extracurricular activities. Thank you to Sharon Solomon for teaching Hebrew to our 4 year old children and for partnering with me at our Shabbat-A-Lot program. To Donna Bartolomeo, Melissa Slater and Dawn Ruggiero for all your help in so many ways and to Bob Spampinato and his staff who maintain our beautiful Early Childhood Center. Thank you Rebecca Altman, Carrie Gordon and the Board of Education for your support and commitment to our school. To our wonderful, supportive families who trust us with their most precious gifts, thank you for sharing your children with us. And, last but not least, to our Parent's Association for all that you have done throughout the year to benefit our school. Thank you so very much!

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

At this time of the year, bittersweet as it is, we say farewell to our 4 year old children who will be moving up and on. They are equipped with all the skills they need to go forward on their educational journey. We wish a hearty Mazal Tov to all our "graduates" and to their families: Simon Ambalu, Ethan Fiterstein, Anne Goldstein, Samuel Goldstein, Navleen Grewal, Chloe Gross, Michael Hasedian, Ariela Kranz, Marcus Kranz, Vivien Lee, Gabriel Littman, Aaron Mandell, Hannah Mandell, Ava Marchlewski, Aadi Patel, Ryan Patel, Sabrina Putterman, Jordin Rafimayeri, Harleigh Rockfeld, Sara Rosenthal, Lily Seitelman, Justine Shapiro, Taylor Stephens, Sam Sonnenklar, Braydon Weiner, Cody Weiner and Samantha Wo.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

Wishing the Temple Beth Sholom community a wonderful summer. If you or anyone you know would like to know more about our school, please call us at 621-1171.

June Highlights:

June 4-5 Wednesday-Thursday
Shavuot **(No Classes)**

June 6 Friday
Last Day of School

June 10-20 Monday – Friday
Stay & Play (Optional)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

By Sharon Solomon, Religious School Director

As the year comes to a close we have so much to be proud of. We've had a year replete with multitudes of exciting and memorable events and programming. Many thanks to our Co-PTA Presidents, Debbie Dubowsky and Lisa Berger who help enhance our activities. To our President Richard Levine, Executive Vice President Pearl Halegua, Vice President of Education Rebecca Altman, Chair of Education Carrie Gordon and dedicated Board members we are grateful for your hard work and selflessness upon our behalf to Temple Beth Sholom and the Religious School.

Irving Roth, Director of Holocaust Center accepts Shoah mural at the Zayin Moving Up Ceremony

Our Zayin seventh grade Moving Up Ceremony this year was exceptionally special. The class created a beautiful wall mural depicting the Shoah under the guidance of noted artist, Israel Rubinstein, which they dedicated to Holocaust survivor, Irving Roth, the Director of the Holocaust Center at Temple Judea. The Zayin students have been privileged to study the personal story of Irving Roth through several workshops and visits to Temple Judea. We are especially thankful to Mrs. Elise Kitaeff, who delicately presented and taught this difficult topic to our students.

On Wednesday, May 21st the New York Metropolitan region of United Synagogue (METNY) honored some of our Zayin students at the annual Keter Torah/Akiva Award ceremony at the Plainview Jewish Center in Plainview, New York. We are very proud of the following students who are actively involved in community service, school activities, congregational activities and family education in addition to their outstanding engagement in their Torah studies. Keter Torah recipients: Asher Bykov, Melanie Landesberg, Jessica Kiaei and Noah Sheidlower and Akiva recipients: Hannah Roth, Sophie Roth and Samantha Bergman.

Every year we honor one of our staff with the Teacher of the Year Barbanel Award. It is my pleasure this year to present the Barbanel Award to two dedicated staff teachers, Hanna Harel and Julie Gittlin. Hanna's and Julie's dedication to our school and our children goes far above and beyond the call of duty. Each in their own right, they contribute in multiple ways to enhance our school programming. Hanna is not only our dedicated Aleph teacher but helps coordinate our Yedidim (Buddies) experiences as well as helping in every aspect of school programming. Julie is not only our extraordinary librarian, but has helped revitalize our Parent Bet Connection as well as our camp grant efforts. Temple Beth Sholom Religious School is fortunate to have such a fine caliber of staff. We are grateful to the Barbanel family who honors our staff every year and helps to elevate our Jewish learning and family engagement.

I wish to express my deep appreciation to our educational team, Rabbi Lucas, Rabbi Schlosberg, Cantor Barnoy, Gila Hadani Ward and Helayne Cohen, for helping make the 2013-2014 school year so fruitful and such a success. Saving the best for last, to our dedicated teachers and to our exceptional Shabbat Educators, todah rabbah for all that you do for our students and families. To my assistant Darlene Friedman, who makes my job look easy, but is truly my right hand, I extend my appreciation.

Yom Haatzmaut School-wide Celebration at TBS in honor of Israel's 66th Birthda

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Judith Aharoni, Rachel Amsellem, Dr. Nathan Baruch, Kim Brethel, Gerri Blum, Shirley Daee, Victoria Eller, Julie Gittlin, Hanna Harel, Elise Kitaeff, Fran Kohn, Ziva Meraz, Roya Mizrahi, Michal Natanov, Judy Tawil Rosenfeld, Marie Rosenthal, Fran Shalot, Hava Shilon, Sharon Solomon, Doreen Zinn Ambalu, Sharona Sutton, Fariba Brookhim, Mina Afrahim

Shabbat Family Educators:
Rabbi Jennifer Schlosberg, Hyam Blum, Dr. Norman Fried, Joseph Soffer, Sanford Berger

I wish everyone a restful summer.

June Highlights:

Fri 5/30	*Shabbat a Lot service for ECC, Gan, Aleph – Shavuot focus*
Sun 6/1	*Registration for 2014-2015 is due* *Israeli Day Parade & Run for Israel-March with TBS!*
Tues 6/3	*Erev Shavuot*

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By Miriam Silverman, President

Spring Dinner on June 17th To Honor Cindy Katz and Amy Magid

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Sisterhood will wrap up a terrific year with its Spring Dinner on Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m., with a brief Installation of Officers followed by a cocktail buffet at 7 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m. It will be a privilege to honor Fundraising Vice Presidents **Cindy Katz and Amy Magid as our Torah Fund Women of Achievement**.

Cindy and Amy have raised funds for Sisterhood for many years and have enabled us to do good work for our synagogue and community. They have done wonders with our Purim Baskets fundraiser and launched a successful Games Day Luncheon this year in addition to chairing our dinners. This dinner will be a celebration of all they do for us and the culmination of a great year of Sisterhood events. **Please be sure to reserve by June 6th**. The couvert is $55 for Sisterhood members and $75 for non-members and guests.

Honorees (L to R) Cindy Katz and Amy Magid

On Monday, June 9th, at our Sisterhood meeting at 7:45 p.m., artist Jenna Lash will discuss her paintings on exhibit now at our synagogue. This is a rare opportunity to hear directly from an artist while her work is currently on display.

The Next Sisterhood Evening Book Discussion on June 12 at 7:45 p.m.: The book selection is ***An American Bride in Kabul*** **by Phyllis Chesler**. It is the **2013 winner of the National Jewish Book Award in the memoir category**. Here is a synopsis: Jewish feminist Phyllis Chesler tells the story of her marriage to an Afghani Muslim and her life as an American bride in Kabul, where she lived in her husband's family compound. After living with restrictions because of her gender, she returned to the U.S. and became an advocate for women's rights.

At our next Daytime Book Group, Wednesday, June 18th at 10:30 A.M, we'll discuss the book, *The Sisters Weiss* by Naomi Ragen. Here is a synopsis: Powerful, page-turning and deeply moving, Naomi Ragen's *The Sisters Weiss* is an unforgettable examination of loyalty and betrayal; the differences that can tear a family apart and the invisible bonds that tie them together. Two sisters born into an ultra-Orthodox Jewish community in Brooklyn, follow their hearts onto vastly different paths.

Our **Community Luncheon for Seniors is also on June 18 and begins at 11:30 A.M.** after the book discussion ends. As usual, there will be a complimentary lunch and entertainment.

The Women's League International Convention, coming up from July 17th to 20th in nearby New Jersey is a rare opportunity to attend lectures given by leading scholars in the Conservative Movement and meet members of other Sisterhoods from all over the world. You can attend for a single day, or all four days. Please contact Molly Chernofsky at 626-9025 or Miriam Silverman at 621-7631 for more information.

Our Sisterhood looks forward to welcoming its new officers and hope you'll join us for their installation on June 17.

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MEN'S CLUB CORNER

By Maurice Klein, Men's Club President

Our last event, the Annual Scotch Tasting, was attended by over 40 Scotch lovers who dined on a Chinese Buffet (Kosher, of course) as they tasted the latest stars from Scotland. We were regaled by local connoisseurs and purveyors. We thank Jay Merker for his tireless efforts for this annual event and for his weekly presentations at the Shabbat Kiddush.

On **Thursday, June 12** we will be holding our Spring BBQ at 6:30pm. This will be followed at 7:30pm by the First Annual No Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament. Poker entry fee: $18 per person in advance, $25 at the door. One optional add-on or rebuy at $18. BBQ is free to Men's Club Member, Non-Men's Club Members is $25. Not a member? Pay 2014/2015 dues at the door and eat for free!

Thursday, June 19 - 6:30PM is our Defensive Driving class. The cost is $60 per person for Men's Club Members or $65 per person for Non-Men's Club Members.

MITZVAH DAY 2014

By Pam Cott & Tammy Fisher

On Sunday, May 4, Temple Beth Sholom joined together with Temple Sinai for a rewarding day. Mitzvah Day was about giving back to the community "repairing the world." More than 200 people took time out of their day to participate and make a difference. A Blood Drive and Gift of Life/Bone Marrow Screening took place throughout the day.

Children from our Early Childhood Center and Religious School created flower pots and decorations for the senior residents at the Tuttle Center at Harbor View in Port Washington. Our very own Cantor Barnoy and the TBS youth choir entertained the residents by singing songs.
Our Third graders made care packages for IDF Soldiers and our Fourth graders cooked and delivered meals for local families in need. Fifth grade volunteered at the Masbia Soup Kitchen Network in Brooklyn.

The Sixth and Seventh graders participated in a Nothing But Nets Basketball Tournament in order to raise money to buy malaria nets in Africa which save lives. Our High School students helped clean up the grounds of Sunrise Day Camp, a camp for children with cancer and their siblings.

We had various collections including clothing and toiletries for the INN, blankets, towels, and sheets for the North Shore Animal League, books for" Book Fairies", caps for Caps Count, prom dresses for Long Island Cares, and many other worthwhile items. Volunteers helped prepare the 9/11 memorial garden for the spring. Ours 20's and 30's group took homeless children bowling in NYC.

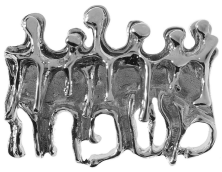
Thank you to all of you who gave their time and contributed to making Mitzvah Day a huge success!

TORAH FUND

By Lisa G. Schlesinger

In Loving Memory

Florence Meyer's *z'l* voice contributed so much to the beauty of our Temple Beth Sholom choir for numerous years. We were a close knit group and many newcomers to the choir were welcomed by Florence and they learned so much about Temple Beth Sholom and its history of fine Jewish music started by Rabbi Ario Hyams. Florence was always humming and her beautiful voice on Shabbat was heard from the last 2 rows of the sanctuary. Florence was a participant in Sisterhood Shabbat and we heard her voice doing the Kiddush,Ashrai, or any part assigned to her.Sisterhood Shabbat was the only time she was up in front of the sanctuary.



The Jewish Theological Seminary was very important to Florence. For many years she attended the Torah Fund Women's League Institute classes at JTS on Mondays. She drove in and was happy to have passengers who would also attend the classes; some who would not have been able to attend without chauffeur Florence.

Florence blew kisses to all of her friends at Shabbat services. She was told many times how much her friends loved her. She always responded "I love you more." May her memory be for a blessing.

On June 17th, Torah Fund and the Sisterhood will be honoring Amy Magid and Cynthia Katz as our Women of Distinction. Both Amy and Cynthia have been special gift donors to Torah Fund for many years. Please join all the Sisterhood members at the closing dinner and be there to wish Amy and Cynthia Mazel-Tov. We are very lucky to have their many "free" hours devoted to the fund raising arm of our Sisterhood. Did you receive a Purim basket over many years from your friends at TBS? Thank Amy and Cindy for having it happen. See you June 17th!!!

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A SALUTE AND FAREWELL TO GILA HADANI WARD

By Ellen Walk

We will be having a Shabbat BBQ Dinner in honor of Gila Hadani Ward on Friday evening, June 20th to thank Gila for all the ways she has enriched our TBS community. We are calling the event Todah 1000 (1000 Thanks) as a way to offer our heartfelt thanks.

I bet most people don't think of Gila Hadani Ward as a travel agent. After all, for more than a decade she has held the position of Director of Lifelong Learning and Director of Machon Beth Sholom, the TBS Hebrew High School. She also is a graduate of University of Florida Law School and was a practicing attorney for many years.

But a travel agent?? Well, I call Gila my travel agent because since her arrival at TBS in 2001 she has been a driving force for my personal Jewish journey. And I wouldn't be surprised to hear that Gila's initiatives - and her infectious enthusiasm for Jewish learning - have influenced your Jewish journey as well.

Shabbat 1000, Morei Derech, Gimme 10…the High Holiday Ohel (Learning tent), the TBS Memory Book (a collection of essays about our loved ones)…grants that benefited our summer camp and our religious schools… scholar-in-residence programs...These are just a few of the programs at TBS that Gila initiated at TBS.

Travel agent? OK, ok, in the last ten years, if you traveled with us on a TBS Israel trip, Gila was the one who made the arrangements to have us herd sheep, kayak down the Jordan River, dig for antiquities, and put together packages for Jewish soldiers.

As Rabbi Lucas recently remarked: "For the last 14 years - educators, synagogue leaders and those on the cutting edge of Jewish life have watched with interest and envy many of the things that we have been doing here at TBS – mostly the things that Gila has been doing here at TBS. It was rare for me to go to a conference that dealt with imagining the future of synagogues that did not give a nod to Gila, or one or another of our innovative programs from our Moreh Derech initiative to our Camp initiative to our plans to engage Bar and Bat Mitzvah families after their Bar and Bat Mitzvah. The grants we received, the accolades heaped upon us – these were a product of this unique relationship we enjoyed with Gila.

Generations of young people in our Machon Hebrew High School were nurtured by her love and concern. Gila stayed in touch with then through college and beyond.

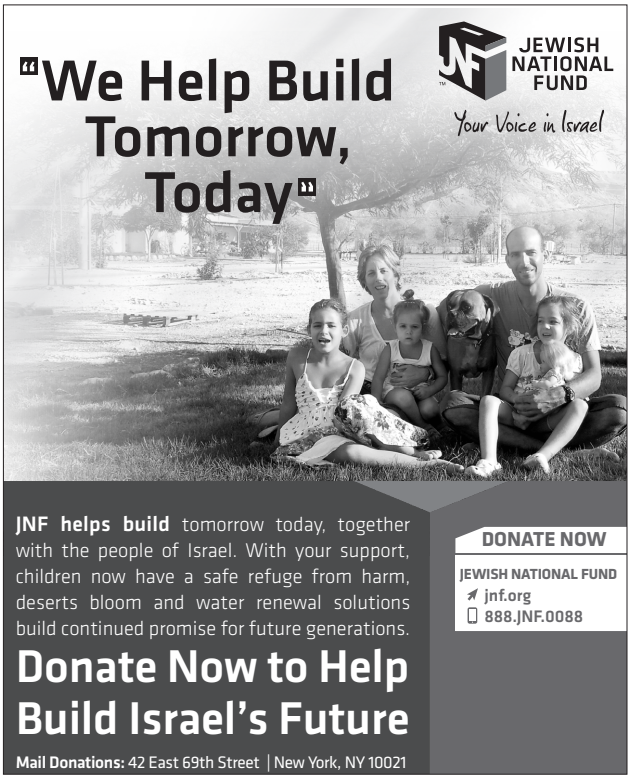
Gila's vision, and passion and love of her students young and old – her tireless energy and boundless enthusiasm sustained us all. There is no one who has benefited from this partnership more than me – and no one who has been nurtured by Gila's optimism, enthusiasm and confidence – more than me. But I am sure that I am not alone in my feeling of indeptedness and I hope you will join us in saying thank you."

Yes, As Rabbi said, Gila was the TBS go-to person for so many arrangements, so many programs, so many details. She quietly took care of things and made things happen behind the scenes.

Now, after more than a decade doing her good work on our behalf, we wish her well in her position as Congregational Network Director (for the East Coast) at the Union for Reform Judaism. They are the lucky recipients of Gila's educational brainstorms, her sense of adventure, and her never-ending passion for Jewish learning.

So please plan on joining us - it will be a Ben's Deli Barbeque Shabbat Dinner! Friday Night Live! Services will be held immediately following the dinner. Cantor Ofer Barnoy has declared it Hawaiian Night to help usher in the summer season. You are invited to wear your most festive Hawaiian attire!

Join us for Todah 1000- a wonderful shabbat celebration -- and a wonderful opportunity to share the appreciation of a grateful community.



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HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR'S PORTRAITS PROJECT LOOKING FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS

By Miriam Silverman

Our synagogue was the venue for two recent portrait photography sessions for survivors and their families that TBS member Brian Marcus of Fred Marcus Photography made available at no charge to the community. He is honoring survivors in the New York region by creating a photographic record that will live on through eternity in a new book he is developing with author June Hersh. Portraits of the survivors and their families, as well as a recounting of their experiences, will also be part of an eventual exhibit at the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center of Queensborough Community College.

Brian Marcus photographs Nina Gottlieb

Brian, the grandson of the late Fred Marcus, a Buchenwald survivor who founded the Fred Marcus Photography Studio in New York, says he wants to honor his grandfather's memory by preserving history through photography, the medium in which he expresses himself best. The project is his brainchild and will include photos Brian took of activist survivor and Nobel Peace Prize recipient and author Eli Wiesel.

Brian takes a photo of each survivor individually and with his or her family for the exhibit and book project, and will present each family with a complimentary framed copy of the family photo. There is no cost to participate. He hopes that in this way, survivors and their families will have their family history preserved in pictures.

Author June Hersh, the bestselling author of Recipes Remembered, a Celebration of Survival, a compilation of recipes and stories gathered from Holocaust survivors, will interview survivors and write the text of the commemorative book Brian plans to publish.

(Left to right) Selfhelp Community Services's Karen DeOssie, survivor Leah Goldberg, her daughter, Adele Goldberg, and Selfhelp's Gina Goldman attend the Goldberg photo session for the Holocaust Resource Center's Survivors's Portraits Project.

More photography sessions will be scheduled for the fall on Long Island and Queens. Brian has already photographed 30 survivors and their families; many are clients of the Long Island Division of Selfhelp Community Services, the oldest and largest service provider to Holocaust survivors in North America.

Survivors and their families who would like to be photographed for the project may contact Brian Marcus at 212-873-5588 or e-mail him at BRIANMARCUS@fredmarcus.com

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Sivan/Tammuz 5774

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Israeli Day Parade Day Camp Open House	2 Bridge Confirmation/Graduation Rehearsal Men's Club Meeting	3 Erev Shavuot Bridge Tikkun Leyl	4 Shavuot Confirmation & Graduation Mini Minyan	5 Shavuot Adult B'nai Mitzvah	6 ECC Moving Up Day	7 Bar Mitzvah Jordan Adhami Mini Minyan Brick Dedication Ceremony
8	9 Bridge Sisterhood Meeting Religious Affairs Meeting	10 Bridge Executive Board Congregational Meeting	11 Current Events Discussion Group	12 Men's Club BBQ/Poker Night Sisterhood Evening Book Group	13	14 Bat Mitzvah Dina Aldad Bat Mitzvah Madison Kessler
15	16 Bridge	17 Sisterhood Spring Dinner	18 Sisterhood Daytime Book Group	19 Defensive Driving	20 Friday Night Live!	21 Bar Mitzvah Andrew Khalili
22	23	24 Executive Board Board of Trustees	25	26	27	28 Rosh Chodesh
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TEMPLE FAMILY

Mazel Tov To:

Correction From The May Bulletin: Sherrie Levine and Harry Staszewski on the engagement of their daughter Risa to Marc Zegen.

Molly Chernofsky who will be installed by Women's League for Conservative Judaism as recording secretary at the 2014 Convention, in July.

Dorine and Robert Wulwick on the birth of their grandson, Spencer Matthew. Proud parents are Stefanie and Brian Ash.

Rabbi Jodi Gordon and Joshua Bloom on the birth of a daughter, Lola Pearl. Proud grandparents are Roz Ebrahimoff and Alan Bloom.

Mindy and Steve Kober on the marriage of their son Jason to Danielle Rosenfeld

Thank You:

Rose & Alan Schecter want to thank their temple family for all the good wishes and donations in honor of their new grandson Ezra Shai Schecter.

Zahava Rosenfeld would like to thank all her Sisterhood Adult Education students for your gifts and for being loyal students all these years. Yascher Koach! Have a nice, relaxing summer and I will see you in the fall.

Our Sincere Condolences To:

Susan Held on the death of her beloved father, Samuel Katz
Amy Kane, Sharon Schwartz, Jeffrey Meyer, and Lynn Spevack on the death of their beloved mother and our longtime devoted member, Florence Meyer

Hamakom Yinachem — May God comfort the mourners together with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Come learn with us! Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Tuesday, June 3

7:30 PM Mincha/Ma'ariv Service

8:00 PM Keynote Address by Rabbi Michael White of Temple Sinai

9:00 PM Breakout Session #1, followed by refreshments

10:00 PM Breakout Session #2, followed by refreshments

Have a Great Summer!

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JUNE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Tuesday Evening, June 3
Erev Shavuot
Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:30 PM
Tikun Leyl Shavuot 8:00 PM
(with a lot of learning and a lot of good desserts!)
Candle Lighting Time 8:05 PM

Wednesday, June 4 – **First Day Shavuot**
Morning Service 9:00 AM
Confirmation and Graduation
Evening Service 7:30 PM
Candle Lighting Time 9:12 PM

Thursday, June 5 – **Second Day Shavuot**
Morning Service (*Yizkor*) 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:15 PM

Friday Evening, June 6 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting Time 8:07 PM

Saturday Morning, June 7 9:00 AM
Parshat B'ha alot'kha
Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Adhami

Saturday Evening, June 7
Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:15 PM

Friday Evening, June 13 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting Time 8:10 PM

Saturday Morning, June 14 9:00 AM
Parshat Sh'lah
Bat Mitzvah of Dina Aldad
Bat Mitzvah of Madison Kessler

Saturday Evening, June 14
Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:30 PM

Friday Evening, June 20 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting Time 8:12 PM
Friday Night Live! 8:00 PM

Saturday Morning, June 21 9:00 AM
Parshat Korah
Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Khalili

Saturday Evening, June 21
Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:30 PM

Friday Evening, June 27 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting Time 8:13 PM

Saturday Morning, June 28 9:00 AM
Parashat Hukkat

Saturday Evening, June 28
Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:30 PM

DAILY MINYAN SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings 9:00 AM • Monday - Friday Mornings 6:45 AM • Sunday - Thursday Evenings 7:30 PM