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## WE GIVE THANKS



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# FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

By Rabbi Alan B. Lucas

## *Some thoughts: On Miracles and Hope On Light and Darkness*

Some time ago I gave a sermon on what I called, "the real miracle of Hanukkah." My contention was that the "real" Hanukkah miracle was not that the oil, which was only enough to last one day – lasted eight days, but that the Maccabees lit the menorah at all. Think about it – they only had enough oil for one day – it would take at least a week to produce a new supply – so why bother to light the little bit that they had? Why not just wait?

If you think about it, it was rather a useless gesture. They were confronted with two choices – wait a week until they had renewed their supplies of consecrated oil, or light the supply they had, which would burn out after one day and then wait for a week in darkness for the new supplies to arrive. Given the choice wouldn't the sensible choice have been just to wait until they could do it right?

Yet, they did not wait. And because they did not wait, we celebrate Hanukkah. But, it does kind of make you wonder as to what was the real Hanukkah miracle?

The general notion we have about miracles is wrong. We tend to see them as moments when we are passive and God is active and we just stand idly by as we witness the limitless power of God. The more traditional Jewish notion of miracles is that we act and God reacts. God responds to the limitless ability of human optimism and hope. God does not inspire us. We inspire God.

Think of the miracle of the Red Sea. Most of us imagine the people standing around waiting as God does all the hard work. But the midrash describes a very different scene. In the midrash, at first the people are indeed just standing around with the sea before them and Pharaoh's troops closing in fast. But then Nachshon ben Aminadav acts, he begins walking straight into the sea, and when the water is literally about to drown him, almost over his head, then God acts, splits the sea and the children of Israel pass through safely on dry land. God is inspired by Nachshon's faith. God is moved by our belief in the possibility of hope.

No matter where we look in our contemporary world there seems to be a malaise – a cynicism, a negativity. The economy is not getting better as quickly or as dramatically as we think it should. Our political system seems hopelessly broken – gridlock is the term most often used to describe Washington. In Israel progress toward peace seems impossible, hopeless. School shootings and random acts of gun violence have become a regular part of our society and there seems to be nothing we can do about it. Even the recent concerns about Ebola seem to carry with them a sense of fear beyond proportion to the actual threat. All of these realities of our contemporary world seem to highlight

our hopelessness and our helplessness.

When did we become such a defeatist nation? When did we become such a negative people?

It was FDR who famously said in his inauguration speech in 1933 at an even darker period in American history, "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself! Nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance..."

It is no less true today. Fear paralyzes the needed efforts to convert retreat into advance. I am sure that is what our ancestors felt at the shore of the Red Sea – paralyzing fear – until Nachshon put his foot into the water and the sea split. I am sure that is what the Maccabees felt confronted with the overwhelming task of rebuilding the Temple with no supplies and little strength left – but then they decided to light the menorah and a miracle occurred.

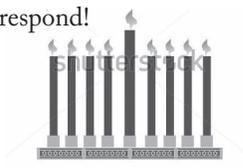
In each of these cases the miracle was not a response to a heroic effort on our part – but a simple step, an innocent act of hope – kindle the light and leave the rest to God.

We have many challenges that confront us and demand our response. Gun control, election reform, political activism to demand better representatives who are prepared to do the work we send them to Washington to do, medical breakthroughs that will protect us in the face of the many diseases that threaten us – the list is endless. But the choice is ours whether to be paralyzed by fear – or to kindle one little light and enable the miracle to happen.

The miracle of Hanukkah is not that God was able to make oil last for days beyond when it should. That is child's play for God. No the miracle of Hanukkah is that God created people who have the capacity to dream and to hope, to believe in each other and in God and to use the power of that belief to forge a better world.

On Tuesday evening, December 16 we will once again light the first candle for our celebration of Hanukkah and celebrate the possibility of miracles in a world that still needs them to happen.

Hanukkah is about bringing light into a dark world. We believe in a God who can do that. And God believes in us, created in God's image and expects us to do the same. For thousands of years we have drawn our inspiration from God. We need a miracle to make things better. God is waiting for us to respond!





# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Richard Levine

As we enter November and the weather gets colder, we look back with pride at the past two months and the warmth generated during the High Holy Day season. From the start of Rosh Hashanah through the completion of Simchat Torah, thousands of people entered our building in search of enriching their religious souls. The clergy, staff and lay leadership work hard during this time, and are always happy and relieved that all went so well. Our goal is not only to give our members a wonderful experience, but to leave our membership asking for more. As I said on Kol Nidre, our vision for TBS includes continued growth in all areas. There is so much more we need and want to do, and we continue to need your help. Support can take many forms. Volunteering at the synagogue, attending our programs and events, facilitate recruitment of new members by being a TBS ambassador and of course your financial support is always appreciated and very much needed.

## Travel Spotlight:

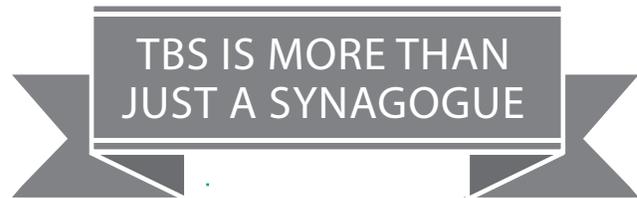
Now that I have children in college and graduate school, I have had the pleasure to visit the Jewish Centers at their universities. Of course it is always wonderful to hear from my children that they attended High Holy Day services or a Shabbat Dinner, but the welcoming feeling every time I enter a Hillel or Jewish Center is heart warming. It is very often the center of a student's social life or just a welcome respite. The commonality of Judaism is always comforting and I urge you to encourage your students to go if they do not already. One of our core values at TBS is Jewish Education. As my children have grown and left home, I have observed first hand that Jewish education and life are not confined to our small community but it travels with them. I urge you to encourage your children to take advantage of this wonderful resource. You may even receive a thank you from them.

## Member Spotlight:

Lisa Schlesinger, along with her husband Jim, have been members of TBS for over 50 years. The question is, what hasn't Lisa done for TBS? What strikes me most about Lisa is her warmth and positive demeanor. You can always see Lisa at all TBS events and Shabbat services sitting in her usual seat in the sanctuary. It amazes me with all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, Lisa still dedicates so much time to TBS. Thank you Lisa for being an important role model to all of us.

This is the time of year when our snowbirds move on to a warmer climate. Even though you may be many miles away, TBS is always just a phone call away. Also, our Shabbat Services are always available since we have a live stream on-

line. It's very easy to access it on the TBS website. We are also in the planning stages of a Florida reunion this winter. Past events have proven to be very popular. Please contact the TBS office so we can make sure you are on our list.



**Sisterhood Presents**  
**Rabbi Alan B. Lucas Lecture**  
**Thursday, November 13 at 8 PM**  
**How Do We Respond to Increased Anti-Semitism at Home?**  
 "What's Going on on Our College Campuses? Forget anti-Semitism in Europe. We've got problems right here in the U.S."  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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# FROM THE DESK OF RABBI SCHLOSBERG

## *The Spices of Thanksgiving*

Thanksgiving, to me, would not be complete without the spices.

“Spices?” You might ask.

Yes, spices. Can't you smell them now if you think about it? The rosemary, thyme...the cinnamon in the pumpkin and apple pies. What warms the air on this chilly Thursday in November is the beautiful aromatic blend of all of these spices.

What makes me think about spices in particular this year?

Well, many of you know that this past spring I took The Food Stamp Challenge. The Food Stamp Challenge is a challenge taken by many politicians and members of the clergy to eat on the amount of money that someone on food assistance receives. I took the challenge this past spring and ate on \$3 per day. Yes, that was \$21 for the week. During my Yom Kippur Yizkor sermon, I shared with some of you how much this challenge changed my views on food. I talked about how it was one of the most spiritual weeks – if not THE most spiritual week of my life – one full of mindfulness and the utmost gratitude for everything that went into my mouth.

One of the things that I realized was the importance of spices. You see, when I was eating on \$3 per day, I did not have enough money to purchase spices for the week. (Sure, if I was on food assistance I could probably purchase spices sporadically and they would probably last me a long time!) But nonetheless, for that week, I did not have enough money to make it work. So I ate bland, un-seasoned food, like plain black beans and white rice. And plain, boiled potatoes.

This made me think about my own giving to food drives in the past. I have often given the staples. You know – the pasta and sauces, the canned beans and jars of peanut butter and jelly. And that's still great. And that's still needed.

But I have to tell you, what I craved so much during my week-long Food Stamp Challenge was the spices of life. In some cases, this was an actual craving for spices like garlic and oregano. But in other cases, my cravings were for other “spices” that would have enhanced my eating – a piece of chocolate here or there, a cookie to wash down my Shabbat dinner.

Indeed, I have been told that it is better to donate money to food shelters than to donate food. Not only can shelters be more cost-effective in purchasing food by buying in bulk, but this also eliminates the “randomness” of their food pantries – with a few small cans of this and one box of that. So, when donating to food pantries and shelters, I think donating money is the way to go.

But it's still a wonderful mitzvah to donate food. After all, what a powerful, visual message it sends to our children when they can see what we are giving! The next time you give food, though, please consider my plea:

**Please send spices! And chocolate! And other “luxury” foods that you wouldn't think are “necessary” in a food pantry. After all, everyone deserves delicious food and something sweet once in a while.**

In some homes, it is customary to offer our thanks at Thanksgiving. We go around our table and each share what makes us feel thankful. We all know that this holiday is one of thanks.

But I also hope that for your family, this is a holiday of giving.

To all of you:  
Happy thanks! And happy giving!

Rabbi Schlosberg  
p.s. Here are a few places where you can donate (hint, hint!)

**The Interfaith Nutrition Network:**

<http://www.the-inn.org/home.html> (516) 486-8506

**Masbia (Kosher):**

<http://www.masbia.org/> (718) 972-4446

**Long Island Coalition for the Homeless:**

<http://www.addresssthehomeless.org/> (631) 464-4314

**The Coalition for the Homeless (NYC):**

<http://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/> (212) 776-2000

**Bethany House:**

<http://www.bhny.org/> (516) 868-6866

**Bowery Mission:**

<https://www.bowery.org/> 1(800) 871-6347





**BARNET & ANNETTE OSTROW  
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

*By Helayne Cohen, Early Childhood Center  
Director*

The high holidays have come and gone leaving my husband and me (and I'm sure so many others) with fond remembrances. The spiritual, personal and touching words from Rabbi Lucas and Rabbi Schlosberg and Cantor Barnoy's beautiful, harmonious chanting filled the sanctuary with so much to reflect upon and to be thankful for.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah were celebrated with gusto in the Early Childhood Center. "Pizza in the Hut", as always, was an event that brought our parents and children together for an evening of fun activities and, of course, pizza in the sukkah. A good time was had by all. And there's nothing better than parading around the



school with handmade flags celebrating the Torah that we love so dearly.



*Sitting in the Sukkah*

We had some very special visits a few weeks ago. Dad/Special Person's Day was a fun morning for our guests to see just how much we are learning and how much fun we have at school.

We are now looking forward to our mitzvah of the month project: The Early Childhood

Center Food Drive which will benefit our friends at the Interfaith Nutrition Network. Our hallway will be lined with the generous donations from our children, families and congregation. We hope you will join us in making a difference to those less fortunate.

Thanksgiving will be a feast like no other! Our classes get together, each making something to share with one another - while understanding that this holiday is about being together with loved ones and celebrating freedom and the bounty of the harvest.



*Experimenting with Science*

Before we know it Chanukah will be here

and we look forward to celebrating the festival of lights with our families at our classroom Chanukah parties followed by our annual evening Chanukah Hero party. There is

nothing better than dressing up as your favorite hero! And special thanks to our Parent Association for generously underwriting the party for all to enjoy.

It's hard to believe how quickly the year is passing us by - but isn't it said: "Time flies when you're having fun"! We certainly are having fun, and learning so much as we prepare our children in the Early Childhood Center for their future educational experiences both secularly and non secularly. We are so proud of all that is taking place here!



*Shaking the Lulav & Etrog*

***November & December Highlights:***

- Tuesday, Nov. 11 Veterans Day (**No Classes**)
- Wed-Fri, Nov. 12-21 Mitzvah Project – Food Drive
- Tuesday, Nov. 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences (**No Classes for 3 & 4 Year Old's**)
- Thurs-Fri, Nov. 27-28 Thanksgiving (**No Classes**)
- Wednesday, Dec. 17 ECC Chanukah Celebration – AM – Parents Invited
- Thursday, Dec. 18 Chanukah Hero Party – PM – Parents Invited
- Wed-Wed, Dec. 24-31 Winter Recess (**No Classes**)
- Thurs-Fri, Jan. 1-2 Winter Recess (**No Classes**)
- Monday, Jan. 5 Classes Resume

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



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

By Sharon Solomon, Religious School Director

The month of November will be very active and exciting with new learning opportunities. Our **Bet (2nd)** and **Gimel (3rd)** grade students will have the opportunity to visit the **Jewish Children's Museum in Brooklyn**. They will explore all our Jewish holiday traditions through interactive exhibits. We will also have a hands-on activity to explore what it means to do mitzvot. We will end the day with a Tikun Olam project at the museum.

On **Sunday, November 9th** TBS staff will have a **day of professional learning (Yom Iyun)** at Temple Beth El in Huntington. We will be joining LITE (Long Island Temple Educators) during this special day of learning encompassing Israel education as well as curriculum development. We are fortunate to bring a variety of speakers to the staff to enhance their learning. Our entire staff consisting of 26 educators will be joining us on this gathering of learning and enriching their skills. This is our first time joining with LITE and hope to continue this venture in the future as well.

For **Thanksgiving** our classes will be preparing food baskets for the food pantry in Syosset (FEGS.) Our **Hay (5th)** grade will be TBS representatives and deliver the food on Tuesday, November 18th. We will also be collecting canned food for the **INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network)**. Bake sales, food collections, card making and other mitzvah opportunities will take place as we work toward being a kehilla (community) that cares. Each grade will take part in a portion of this Mitzvah of the Month.

As we move forward into the month of **December** we will be focusing our next Mitzvah of the Month which is a **Toy Drive** supporting "Friends of Karen" and "Angel House." Both organizations are based on Long Island and will help our local community.

We look forward to our annual **Chanukah Assembly Celebration** that will take place on **Tuesday, December 16th at 5:00 pm** which includes pizza dinner. We will have regular class from 4:00 to 5:00 pm and at 5:00 pm we will enjoy dancing, singing, feasting on latkes, pizza, and of course jelly donuts. Toda Raba to Men's Club who is sponsoring the latkes and pizza. We will have Chanukah raffles, prizes, DJ, dancing and much, much more.

Our annual **Chanukiah-thon (Design Your Own Chanukiah) Contest** this year will have the theme "We Love Israel." Let's show our support and commitment for our beautiful Medinat (State of) Israel. All Chanukiyot will be on display during our assembly. Last day to submit Chanukiyot for judging is **Sunday, December 14th**. We encourage all the talmidim (students) to participate in this fun event! Each participant will receive a participation

certificate and a small prize. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous Chanukah.

Sharon Solomon  
Religious School Director

### November & December Highlights:

- Saturday, November 1 Mini Minyan, Mishpacha Service
- Tuesday, November 4 Election Day, Religious School open, Machar 3/4/5 Youth group
- Thursday, November 6 Kadima 6/7 Youth group
- Sunday, November 9 No Religious School, Professional Day of Learning for Staff
- Tuesday, November 11 No Religious School, Veteran's Day
- Saturday, November 15 Mini Minyan, Mishpacha Service, Shabbat Family Study
- Sunday, November 16 Mitzvah Fair & Vav B'nei Family Workshop #1
- Tuesday, November 18 FEGS Food Pantry – Hay class
- Saturday, November 22 Mini Minyan, Mishpacha Service
- Sunday, November 23 PTA Holiday Boutique
- Thursday, November 27 Sunday, November 30 – Thanksgiving Weekend, No School
- Monday, December 1 & 8 Zayin Holocaust Workshop
- Tuesday, December 2 Machar 3/4/5 Youth group
- Thursday, December 4 Kadima 6/7 Youth group
- Saturday, December 6 Mini Minyan, Mishpacha Service
- Sunday, December 7 PTA Book Fair
- Tuesday, December 9 Daled Trip to FEGS Syosset
- Friday, December 12 Shabbat a Lot for ECC, Gan & Aleph
- Saturday, December 13 Mini Minyan, Shabbat Family Study Havdallah experience at 5 pm
- Tuesday, December 16 Erev Chanukah – Chanukah Celebration & Dinner
- Saturday, December 20 Mini Minyan, Mishpacha Service
- Sunday, December 21 Saturday, January 3 - No Religious School – Winter Break
- Sunday, January 4 Religious School resumes



# FROM MBS

By Rabbi Sean Jensen, MBS Director

Shalom from MBS! Our Hebrew High school program has started off with a bang! Each month is filled with learning and spirituality. MBS has a nice mix of structured learning, project based learning, and community service projects. All of the classes are

always intriguing and captivating.

We are extremely happy to have Cantor Barnoy leading a special musical elective. Danielle Orville is running an elective that shows the different cultures of Israel today. The kids enjoy listening to modern Israeli music and watching Israeli films. Rabbi Schlosberg has a fun cooking elective for our seniors.

month. We brought in Professional artist Israel Rubinstein to help create a beautiful mural that we used to decorate the

sukkah this year and that will be a special installment the sukkah for years to come! Together we created a painting of the Kotel and each year students can write prayers on little pieces of paper to put them on the wall.



Loving our Gimme 10 program!

It is not too late for any students who are interested in our MBS program! All students are welcome to come try it out any Monday night, dinner starts at 6:30, see you there!



Some of our 11th graders working on the mural with professional artist, Israel Rubinstein.

Our first Rosh Hodesh program was fantastic! The students loved the special atmosphere of Rosh Hodesh. The 8th grade group had a powerful candlelight prayer session. We are delighted to have Dan Reisner working with our boys Rosh Hodesh group. Rabbi Jensen surprised us with a Carvel ice cream cake to celebrate the special day!

The Gimme 10 group organized and delivered Rosh Hashanah baskets with apples and honey for several families in the synagogue. We are looking

forward to working in conjunction with the TBS Chesed committee this year. We will be involved with the upcoming coat drive, stay tuned for future events. The Gimme 10 program also sponsored a Sukkot decorating program last



We are so proud of the finished product!

## L'DOR V'DOR-From Generation to Generation

Create a lasting 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.

For more information, contact

Rebecca Altman at rebrub4@aol.com or Rachel Schor at rschor1234@gmail.com

# SISTERHOOD SCOOP

By Miriam Silverman, President

Join us for Our Fall Dinner & Fashion Show on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 P.M.

## Our Major Events for November and December

It'll be a **fashion extravaganza at Sisterhood's Fall Dinner on Tuesday, November 11th**, featuring the latest looks in special-occasion attire by Entoto of Great Neck, shopping at our stylish boutiques, and a lavish cocktail buffet followed by a sumptuous dinner. Don't miss the social event of the season for only \$50 for Sisterhood members and \$80 for guests. The cocktail buffet and shopping will begin at 6:30 P.M. with dinner and a fashion show following at 7:30 P.M. Just two days later on **Thursday, November 13, at 8 P.M.**,



Essentials of Judaism class with Cantor Ofer Barnoy

**Rabbi Alan B. Lucas will share his insights in a lecture on "What's Going on on Our College Campuses? Forget anti-Semitism in Europe. We've got problems right here in the U.S."** He is always thought-provoking and fascinating, and I urge you to attend with your spouses, teens and adult children and friends.

**On Monday, December 15, at 7:45 P.M.**, we'll gather together at our **Celebrating Chanukah in Different Cultures** program to sample some ethnic food and learn about customs in select Jewish communities around the world.

**Senior and Community Luncheon, Wednesday, November 5, at 11:30 A.M.** Lunch with entertainment at no charge for adults of all ages in our community. Temple membership is not required. This month's program is **a film introduced by Dr. Sara Most**. Please respond to the office at 621-2288.

**Senior and Community Luncheon, Wednesday, December 17, at 11:30 A.M.**, Cantor Barnoy will lead us in a **musical celebration of Chanukah**. No charge. Please respond to the office at 621-2288.

## Evening Book Discussion Group

**On Thursday, November 20, at 7:45 P.M.** **The Midwife of Venice by Roberta Rich** is our November selection. Books will be available November 1st at the Bryant Library Circulation desk. Book-group facilitator is Molly Chernofsky, 626-9025 or msmolly@optonline.net

A short synopsis: *Hannah Levi is renowned at coaxing reluctant babies from their mothers, a gift aided by her secret birthing spoons. Should she help a wealthy count who pleads for her assistance in the childbirth of his wife who is extremely ill and about to lose her baby during childbirth? She could be executed for helping a Christian.*

## Sisterhood Daytime Book Discussion Group

**Wednesday, November 19, at 10:30 A.M.**

**Dara Horn's book, A Guide for the Perplexed.** (Rescheduled from October.) Please contact Wende Jager-Hyman with any questions at 621-1694 or at whyman1716@aol.com

**Wednesday, December 10, at 10:30 A.M.**

**The Underground Girls of Kabul by Jenny Nordberg**

A short synopsis: *In Afghanistan, a culture ruled almost entirely by men, the birth of a son is cause for celebration and the arrival of a daughter is often mourned as misfortune. Abacha posh (literally translated from Dari as "dressed up like a boy") is a third kind of child – a girl temporarily raised as a boy and presented as such to the outside world. Jenny Nordberg, the reporter who broke the story of this phenomenon for the New York Times, constructs a powerful and moving account of those secretly living on the other side of a deeply segregated society where women have almost no rights and little freedom.*

## Other Classes & Programs

**Rosh Hodesh Group: Tuesday, November 25, at 8 P.M.**

Please attend for a relaxing hour of discussion and spirituality. Facilitator: Molly Chernofsky, 626-9025 or msmolly@optonline.net

**Essentials of Judaism Class: November 25 and December 9 at 8 P.M.** Please join us for an overview of Conservative Judaism and Torah study. No Hebrew background required. Cantor Ofer Barnoy welcomes your participation. Class is open to women and men.

**Daytime Discussion Group: Wednesday at 10:30 A.M. on December 17**, facilitated by Wende Jager-Hyman.

**Best Wishes for a Happy Chanukah!**

**Please save the date of these Sisterhood meetings:**

**Monday, November 3, at 7:45 P.M.**

**Monday, December 15, at 7:45 P.M.**

**Monday, January 12, at 7:45 P.M.**

**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

*Chanukah, holiday and special-occasion gifts*

# B'NAI MITZVAH



**RACHEL SCHIAFFO**  
Daughter of  
Hilda Mayer-Schiaffo  
Frank Schiaffo  
November 6



**TALIA SCHOR**  
Daughter of  
Rachel & Michael  
November 8



**MEGAN KAYE**  
Daughter of  
Emily & Michael  
November 15



**DANIEL BORSYKOWSKY**  
Son of  
Risa & Michael  
November 22



**LAWRENCE NAROTSKY**  
Son of  
Lori & Louis  
November 23



**JASON NEWMAN**  
Son of  
Caryn & Ira  
November 29



**SAMANTHA AGULNICK**  
Daughter of  
Deborah & Peter  
December 6



**JUSTIN JANOSON**  
Son of  
Estrea & Marc  
December 13

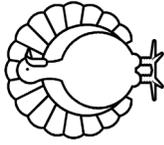


**LARA JANOSON**  
Daughter of  
Estrea & Marc  
December 13



**MAX GROSSBERG**  
Son of  
Amy & Michael  
December 20

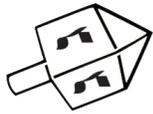
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	Bridge MBS Herbert Tarr at Temple Sinai	Bridge Sisterhood Adult Education Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Dinner		Torah Trope Canasta Sisterhood Rabbinic Lecture		Bat Mitzvah Talia Schor Mini Minyan
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PTA Meeting Gimme 10	Bridge MBS Herbert Tarr at Temple Sinai	Bridge Sisterhood Adult Education Sisterhood Lunch & Learn Executive Board Board of Trustees	Sisterhood Daytime Book Group	Torah Trope Canasta Hold'em Tournament Men's Club JTS Sisterhood Evening Book Group		Shabbat Family Study Mini Minyan Mishpacha Minyan Bat Mitzvah Megan Kaye
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Bar Mitzvah Lawrence Narotsky	Bridge MBS Herbert Tarr at Temple Sinai Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh	Bridge Sisterhood Adult Education Essentials of Judaism		Auf'Ruf of Jonathan Hofer and Tamar Senderowicz		Bar Mitzvah Daniel Borsykowski Mini Minyan Mishpacha Minyan
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# Israel Mission

by Norman J Fried, PhD

9 Elul 5774

For four days in August, seven representatives from Temple Beth Sholom attended a Solidarity Mission to Israel sponsored in part by the Masorti Movement. Our itinerary covered several cities and eight conservative congregations, as well as briefings in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Our first full day started in the south where we visited synagogues in Ashdod, Ashkelon, Be'er Sheva and Omer, and we learned about the political and emotional impact of the operation in Gaza from rabbis and congregants alike. In particular, the synagogue leaders in the South told us how their families had to handle their new reality of 20 second response times to find shelter from the missiles overhead. While in Ashdod, we visited an Iron Dome battery and learned about the mechanisms that were in place to secure Israel's safety. We met with members of the 55th Battalion near the Gaza border whose responsibility it was to find the three kidnapped teens and provide ground support in Gaza. We traveled to Modi'in and listened to Racheli Fraenkel, who graciously and courageously shared her story of losing her son Naftali to kidnapping and murder. Our second day included visits North where we met with rabbis in Zichron Ya'acov and Atlit, and we learned of their need for greater direction and support in helping the traumatized children of Israel.

Day three was spent in briefings in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. With notebooks in hand, we sat down with dignitaries who taught us the sobering true details of the "operation" in Gaza. Yehuda Bauer, who refers to the Middle East as the "Muddle East" is a Professor at the Hebrew University and the 1998 Israel Prize winner. Justice Hanan Meltzer at the Supreme Court shared with us the issues that are currently before the court for decisions, as well as a personal story of his son's devastating head injury while currently serving in the IDF in Gaza. Natan Sharansky discussed how the crisis in Gaza was affecting the 4000 new Olim or immigrants in Israel, and The Honorable Professor Asa Kasher, who is the

author of the Code of Ethics of the Israeli Defense Forces spoke of Israel's RIGHT to defend herself, as well as her DUTY to so.

Yitzhak (Buji) Herzog, Chairman of the Labor Party and leader of the opposition in the Knesset cautiously criticized the ruling party leader at this time of crisis; while Foreign Ministers Benny Dagan and Akiva Tov broadened the discussion about the situation in Gaza to include Iran, Iraq, ISIS and Turkey.

Throughout the tree days, we visited eight kehillot, met with rabbis, their board presidents and lay leaders. We learned about their financial struggles and their pragmatic struggles (recreating a summer camp experience in bomb shelters rather than in outdoor fields); and their emotional struggles. We were introduced to the Israeli response to trauma and crisis, which involves fortitude, optimism and connection to community and religion. More specifically, we saw how the Israeli citizen lives constantly from Iron Dome to Iron Dome, protective shield to protective shield and cease fire to cease fire until, eventually, a new methodology or internal philosophy is born. For many, it is a methodology of fear and destruction. For others, it is a philosophy of hope and determination. And we, who participated in this mission, laughed with the children, cried with the mothers and developed an even greater appreciation of our connection to our Promised Land.

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# MEN'S CLUB CORNER

By Steve Goldenberg, Men's Club President

As the High Holidays are now behind us and Chanukah is squarely in our sights, the Men's Club looks forward to an exciting autumn slate of events.

On Sunday afternoon, November 16, the Men's Club will be visiting the Great South Bay Brewery in Bay Shore. Vintage beers will be sampled as we watch the 49ers vs. Giants on a big screen TV. During halftime, there will be a VIP tour of the brewery.

For all card sharks in the community, the second Men's Club Texas Hold'em Tournament will take place on Thursday, November 20 at 7:30 PM. The top three finishers will be "in the money". The event will immediately be preceded by a light dinner available to all Men's Club members who elect to participate in the tournament.

One of the biggest and best events on the annual TBS calendar is Comedy Night, scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at 8:00 PM (snow date 12/14). The slate of comedians is arguably of the highest caliber ever to grace the Rubinstein Auditorium. Attendees can BYOKB (Bring Your Own Kosher Bottle). And just remember, those who arrive latest get to be prime roast material for these razor sharp comedians. Doors open at 7PM. A gazillion laughs. A fun evening with friends and light snacks. What could be better?



Mansour Zarabi with fluke at Men's Club outing at Captree State Park

The Men's Club will once again be preparing and serving latkes during the Hebrew School Chanukah Assembly on Tuesday afternoon, December 16. As always, the children particularly enjoy having their loved ones dole out the latkes and applesauce.

Enrollment in Men's Club has skyrocketed this year, in large part due to the wide array of activities for guys of all ages, as well as the camaraderie and good eats at our get togethers. Besides our Wine and Scotch Tasting events pre- and post- Pesach, we are planning a tour of the Lower East Side on Sunday, March 8, and another Texas Hold'em Tournament on Monday, June 15. Other prospective activities discussed at the Paid-Up Dinner meeting last month include additional Defensive Driving courses, a Mets game, an afternoon of Go-Cart racing, and a visit by a talented ventriloquist/comedian. If you would like to be a part of the fun, or have any questions whatsoever, please contact me at Stevenpgol@aol.com.

# TORAH FUND

By Lisa G. Schlesinger

## Making Lemons out of Lemonade



Our theme for Torah Fund this year is Mishpachah (Family). Thanksgiving and Hanukkah are both family holidays. This year we will be able to celebrate each holiday on its own. The cold weather is blowing down our necks and we are so happy for the warmth that our families bring us

when we gather together for these two holidays.

Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to be proud of our American traditions. We can share with our neighbors buying autumn adornments for our house and retelling the story of the pilgrims. We share this day with our family who live close by and now can even skype to those who are miles away. Of course it is a well known fact that Thanksgiving was inspired by the biblical festival of Succot. All people want to give thanks for bringing them and their families together for a good time and good food to eat.

Does your family have special traditions for Hanukkah? All the decorations that have accumulated over the years from childrens' artwork in Nursery school and Hebrew school with which you decorate your house. And then your grandchildren add to your collections with their art work. No one throws these precious possessions away. Do you go to different members of the family for each of the eight nights? How about the new songs you add to your singing. The internet always has a new ditty for your song books.

I hope that by the time you read this article all of the new Torah Fund pins will be able to be distributed. For those of you who have not become a special gift donor, please get in touch with me so that we can talk about Torah Fund and you.

My email address is jslslgs@aol.com and my phone number is 621-6629.

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## Incredible Israel

By Molly Chernofsky

Israeli researcher Dr. Leslie Lobel has been working for a long time on a cure for Ebola. He is one of the few world experts on the Ebola virus. The US Military is helping him support his research with financial aid. Dr. Lobel cites that the American pharmaceutical companies have done little research on this virus because there is no one who would pay for the medication. The disease is prevalent in very poor countries in Africa. Dr. Lobel has a research lab in Entebbe, Uganda where he visits survivors and tests their blood. He is working on his passive therapy of the antibody method. On a different hopeful note, Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians are working on the development of an 80 million cubic desalination plant that will be built in Aquaba, Jordan. The purpose of the plant is to increase water supplies for Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians. Jordan will buy water from Israeli's Sea of Galilee. The Palestinian Authority will buy water from Mekorot, a National Israeli Water Company. Israel will buy 50% of its water from the desalination plant. A pipeline will be built to the Dead Sea so the water supply there would be replenished.

On a fun and thirst quenching note, Israel's microbreweries are taking off with Alexander's Eco friendly ale. They are part of the boutique breweries that are gaining a market share from an industry dominated by commercial brands.

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## Temple Beth Sholom Blood Drive Sunday, December 7, 2014



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## YOUTH DIRECTOR

By Dan Risner

This month's youth program was an overwhelming success. Our 3rd through 7th graders made their own pizza and our 8th through 12th graders participated in Krav Maga. Our monthly events are ongoing

and if you are interested in joining give me a call at 516-621-9257.

We are proud to announce that Temple Beth Sholom is partnering with Shelter Rock Jewish Center and the Metropolitan New York (METNY) Region of USY to host the 2014 METNY Regional Kinnus (aka Kallah) from November 14 - 16. We expect 250 USYers (9-12 graders) plus staff will be spending Shabbat with us and WE NEED YOUR HELP TO HOUSE THEM. The only thing we ask of host homes is to host 3 or more USYers (same sex) from Friday evening through Sunday morning; provide a sleeping area (beds not required - only floor space); have an adult home whenever the USYers are there, and pick up and drop off the USYers at TBS Friday night, Saturday morning and night, and Sunday morning. We provide the rest! WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESSFUL EVENT. For more information or to volunteer email us at tbskinnus14@gmail.com.

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On Thursday, November 6 at 7:15 pm at the Queens College Rosenthal Library 230, there will be a dramatic reading of Dr. Bernard Otterman's book **INMATE #1818**, the story of his experiences as a young child in a labor camp during WWII. There will be a Q & A after the readings with Dr. Otterman.

Bernard Otterman is a member of Temple Beth Sholom and has made very moving presentations for our Sisterhood and other organizations. Admission and parking is free: For Information call 718 997-5730 or 718 997-4530

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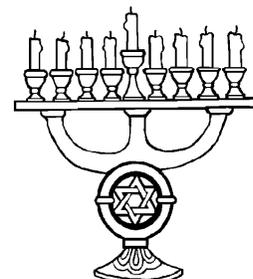


## Musical Notes from TBS RS Music Teacher

Cantor Judy Merrick



Shalom! I am Cantor Judy and I wish to introduce myself. I have the pleasure of teaching Music and Tefillah (prayer) this year at Temple Beth Sholom Religious School to your children who are enjoying participating in our musical activities. In September we covered many high holiday and festival songs and prayers including: Tree of Life, Torah-Torah, Leshana Tovah, the Shofar song, Od Avinu Chai, Oseh Shalom and Od Yavo Shalom. As we pray together (tefillah) we are reviewing the Shema and Veahavata. We are learning the Shehecheyanu, and in Kitah Vav we are learning Avinu Malkenu. Now that we have some time until Chanukah we will be devoting our time together to learning more prayers (tefillah) in each grade. I love being at TBS on Sundays! We look forward to a great year!





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Friday Evening, October 31 Candle Lighting Time	5:30 PM 5:34 PM	Saturday Morning, November 29 <i>Parshat Va-yetzzei</i> <b>Bar Mitzvah of Jason Newman</b>	9:00 AM
Saturday Morning, November 1 <i>Parshat Lekh L'kha</i>	9:00 AM	Saturday Evening, November 29 Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:30 PM
Saturday Evening, November 1 Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:45 PM	Friday Evening, December 5 Candle Lighting Time	4:15 PM 4:10 PM
<i>Daylight Saving Time ends.</i>			
Thursday, November 6 <b>Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Schiaffo</b>	10:00 AM	Saturday Morning, December 6 <i>Parshat Va-yishlah</i> <b>Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Agulnick</b>	9:00 AM
Friday Evening, November 7 Candle Lighting	4:30 PM 4:26 PM	Saturday Evening, December 6 Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:30 PM
Saturday Morning, November 8 <i>Parshat Va-yera</i> <b>Bat Mitzvah of Talia Schor</b>	9:00 AM	Friday Evening, December 12 Candle Lighting Time	4:15 PM 4:10 PM
Saturday Evening, November 8 Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:45 PM	Saturday Morning, December 13 <i>Parashat Va-yeishev</i> <b>Bar Mitzvah of Justin Janoson</b> <b>Bat Mitzvah of Lara Janoson</b>	9:00 AM
Friday Evening, November 14 Candle Lighting Time	4:15 PM 4:20 PM	Saturday Evening, December 13 Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:30 PM
Saturday Morning, November 15 <i>Parshat Hayyei Sarah</i>	9:00 AM	Tuesday Evening, December 16 First Chanukah Candle	
Saturday Evening, November 15 Mincha/Ma'ariv Chapel <b>Mincha Bat Mitzvah of Megan Kaye in Main Sanctuary</b>	4:30 PM	Friday Evening, December 19 Candle Lighting Time Fourth Chanukah Candle (after Shabbat candles) Friday Night Live!	4:15 PM 4:13 PM 8:00 PM
Friday Evening, November 21 Candle Lighting Time	4:15 PM 4:15 PM	Saturday Morning, December 20 <i>Parashat Mi-ketz</i> <b>Bar Mitzvah of Max Grossberg</b>	9:00 AM
Saturday Morning, November 22 <i>Parshat Tol'dot</i> <b>Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Borsykowsky</b>	9:00 AM	Saturday Evening, December 20 Mincha/Ma'ariv Fifth Chanukah Candle (after 5:15 PM)	4:30 PM
Saturday Evening, November 22 Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:30 PM		
Sunday, November 23 <b>Bar Mitzvah of Lawrence Narotsky</b>	10:00 AM	Thursday, December 25 Office Closed	9:00 AM & 7:30 PM
Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Day 9:00 AM & 7:30 PM		Friday Evening, December 26 Candle Lighting Time	4:15 PM 4:16 PM
Friday Morning, November 28 Office Closed	9:00 AM	Saturday Morning, December 27 <i>Parashat Va-yiggash</i>	9:00 AM
Friday Evening, November 28 Candle Lighting Time	4:15 PM 4:11 PM	Saturday Evening, December 27 Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:30 PM
		Wednesday, December 31	6:45 AM & 6:00 PM

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