



Beth Tikvah B'nai Jeshurun Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2012 EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Minyan 7:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive 1:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Shabbat Syn*Ergy 7:30 pm Featuring the Cub Scouts	Services 9:30 am Junior Cong. 10:30 am Tu Bishvat Seder 11:45 am P/S & Primary Parents "Mystery Nite" 6:30 pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Minyan 9:30 am	Minyan 7:00 am Sisterhood Movie Night	BTBJ University 7:30 pm		Minyan 7:00 am	Mechina Dinner 6:00 pm Services 7:00 pm	Services 9:30 am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Minyan 9:30 am	Minyan 7:00 am			Minyan 7:00 am Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	NO SERVICES	Services 9:30 am NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Minyan 9:30 am NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Minyan 7:00 am			Minyan 7:00 am Board Meeting 7:30 pm	Services 7:30 pm	Services 9:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Julianne Freedman Junior Cong. 10:30 am Tot Shabbat 11:00 am
26	27	28	29			
Minyan 9:30 am	Minyan 7:00 am	BTBJ University 7:30 pm				



SAVE THESE MARCH 2012 DATES

February 27 - March 11

Friday, March 2

Saturday, March 3

Tuesday, March 6

Preschool Book Fair and
Tye Dye Sale
Shabbat Service Honoring
Linda Grife - 7:30 pm
Purim Ball at the Museum of
American Jewish History
honoring Linda Grife
Sisterhood Lunch and Learn
with Rabbi Grife

Wednesday, March 7

Sunday, March 11
Tuesday, March 13
Thursday, March 22
Sunday, March 25

Megillah Reading 7:00 pm

Purim Carnival
BTBJ University
BTBJ Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Hay Class Trip



“L’chayim: Tu Bishvat, Israel & Us!”

Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai said, “If you have a sapling in your hand and then are suddenly told that the Messiah has arrived, plant the sapling first and afterward go greet the Messiah.” (Talmud – Taanit 5)

Tu Bishvat, the Jewish New Year of the Trees, derives its name from its date. “Tu” refers to the number “15”; Shvat is the Hebrew month. The annual celebration of trees falls on the 15th of Shvat each year. This year – 2012 – Tu Bishvat is Wednesday, February 8th. Our annual Tu Bishvat Seder, during which time we eat fruits and vegetables from the Land of Israel, will be held after Shabbat morning services on Saturday, February 4th.

It is customary to plant a tree on Tu Bishvat to perform the mitzvah of joining in with God as partners as custodians of the natural world. In Israel, the Tu Bishvat weather is often quite like early spring, even in February, and the weather is usually conducive for said activity. On the contrary, here in America, February is usually the last month one would try to go outside to garden! So, in some ways, the practical significance of the holiday can be lost on us. So, here are 2 ways to connect with the meaning of Tu Bishvat so we can enjoy this lovely holiday for all it is worth!

One: Appreciate the rhythm of the natural growing cycle and become inspired by its process! To the naked eye, it would appear that the natural world is dead during the arduous winter. However, we know differently. We know that hidden from sight, the growth process lies dormant, re-energizes and is waiting for warmer weather to spring back with new life. So too it is with us. As long as we live – as long as we possess the gift of life – we too have hidden energy within us that lies dormant until we are able to summon it to the surface to accomplish the tasks that we need to do.

Let this message of Tu Bishvat inspire us to reconnect with our sleeping goals and dreams – to pursue them when we are able, to never give up on them. If we are lucky, we too will know the excitement of watching latent plans burst forward, take shape and blossom into new achievements and victories. So this year, let’s take precious moments to reconnect with who we are, what we desire to achieve and to be, and how we can bridge the distance between what we want to do and what we are doing! In this way, Tu Bishvat provides a perfect compliment to the fall High Holiday season, when we seek to do the same with our spiritual and moral lives. May this Tu Bishvat message encourage us to keep on planting and growing towards further self-fulfillment that will serve to enrich and bless the world around us!

Two: Plant a tree in Israel for yourself or someone else! This past December, our BTBJ Israel travelers visited a JNF forest in the Galil (northern Israel) and planted saplings in a forest. Each family took a beautiful sprout and shovels, found an empty spot and sunk the roots of each “future tree” into the ground to begin its growing process. Even if we can’t physically go to Israel in February, we can participate in the mitzvah of developing the land of Israel by planting trees with JNF in someone’s honor or memory. It makes a beautiful gift in honor of someone or their simcha; it makes a heartfelt tribute in memory of a loved one. Visit the JNF website at JNF.org for the easy steps to do this. Commemorative certificates will be sent to acknowledge this beautiful mitzvah!

Speaking of Israel... I am delighted to report that Linda and I led another wonderful contingent of over 35 of us for an exciting trip to the Holy Land to celebrate Hanukkah this past December. Every one of our kids and adults read Torah at the Southern Wall for our joint Bnai Mitzvah ceremony! We rode camels in the desert, visited the Dead Sea, ascended Masada and toured the Palmach, Independence Hall and Yad VaShem museums. We ate pita, hummus, falafel, schwarma, baklava and warm chocolate rugelach for Shabbat. We davened at the Kotel on Shabbat and danced with the Hasidim and the soldiers. We gave Tzedakah, took pictures, made new friends and were moved by the wonderful Jewish intensity that only Israel can provide! I want to thank all the wonderful BTBJ’ers who joined us – it was a joy to explore Israel with you, your children and your parents!

For those of you who are considering a future trip to Israel with BTBJ – submit your name to Kathy in our synagogue office and we'll keep you informed. We look forward to another thrilling adventure in Israel with BTBJ whenever the next group of us is ready to go!

Finally, we know that we treasure the gift of life in Judaism like nothing else! There is no greater wish than "L'chayim!" that we can confer on each other. We extend this greeting at Bnai Mitzvah, weddings and all of our simchas. Tu Bishvat reminds us of the preciousness of life and the nature of its cycles. The modern miracle of Israel reminds us of how dynamic Jewish life is in our national homeland. Though dormant but neither forgotten nor surrendered for nearly 2000 years, the Jewish dream of again realizing a national state surfaced and exploded in the late 19th century. Thanks to Theodore Herzl and all the modern Zionists, we were fortunate to witness the re-emergence and re-birth of a Jewish homeland in our time on May 14, 1948. This fact connects us to the message of Tu Bishvat and Jewish life – as long as one of us breathes and dreams – nothing is impossible no matter how distant or desperate it seems. Theodore Herzl paved the way with his immortal words, "IF WE WILL IT, THEN IT IS NO DREAM!" Let the same be said about our lives, our Jewish souls and our dear BTBJ: whatever we want to accomplish is not beyond us! If we can see it and are willing and able to take the necessary steps to connect our desires to our wishes, then nothing is beyond our grasp! So this Tu Bishvat, let's take a look within to see what lies waiting to be born. Let's take a look around and imagine the possibilities. Let's find the courage to overcome our fears, address one goal at a time, dare to take the first step and connect with the stimulating rhythms of life to develop, grow and progress. Our fate and that of our children depends on it! This Tu Bishvat, let's all seek to grow and fly to greater heights for our good and the benefit of BTBJ, the Jewish people, America and all humanity!

Amen!

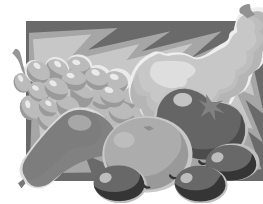


BTBJ's



TU BISHVAT SEDER
Saturday, February 4, 2012
11:45 a.m.

- ☆ **Celebrate the Jewish New Year of the Trees**
- ☆ **Enjoy a delicious luncheon**
- ☆ **Sample fruits and other natural foods**
- ☆ **See your Kiddush cup turn from white to red!**
- ☆ **Tu Bishvat trivia contest!**



Earn one Junior Congregation Credit for Seder attendance and an additional credit if your child attends Junior Congregation services that morning.

We will be happy to attend the Tu Bishvat Seder

NAME _____

PHONE# _____

_____ # OF ADULTS @ \$15.00 (10 and above) _____

_____ # OF CHILDREN @\$8.00 (under 10) _____

Your Donation to the Tu Bishvat Seder Fund is appreciated _____

Total enclosed _____

Notes From Hazzan Arlyne Unger



**Hazzan Arlyne Unger,
Hazzan and
Educational Director**

Recently the Primary through Gimel students participated in the Global Day of Jewish Learning. This year's theme was the Shema. All of the students learned about the Shema and participated in age-appropriate interactive activities.

In order to follow through further with our studies, the Bet and Gimel Class service was centered on the same theme. As part of their presentation, the Gimel students shared what they had learned about the Shema, and their writings are the core of my column. Enjoy!

I think the Shema has lasted so long because the entire Jewish religion revolves around it. This one line in Deuteronomy is very important to the Jewish religion because it summarizes what we believe in and it tells us what to do. It tells us to believe in only one God, not any others. It is a very important sentence to all Jews because we depend on it and that's why the Shema has lasted for so long. I feel special when I recite the Shema because the Shema states that we Jews believe in one God, only one. I feel special because Judaism is the first religion to believe in one God rather than many others.

David Brucker

The Shema is important because we are reminded that there is only one God. Unlike other religions we believe that there is only one God. We don't praise idols or false Gods; they have no value. The Shema is also important because it tells us about important commandments. Such as reciting the Shema two times a day. You should also teach it to your children. The Shema is like a Twinkie, it will last forever without rotting or getting old and is a sweet treat.

Rebecca Richards

Why do we recite Shema? We recite Shema because it is the base line for Jews. Almost everything in Shema is a commandment. They are commandments that will be good for your life. These are five facts of Shema; there are 3 parts of Shema, the second part of Shema is said silently, it is the most important prayer in the Torah, Shema is found in Deuteronomy, Shema means hear or listen.

Ethan Cohen

I think the Shema is needed because it says we have one God. Jews were the first that knew there was only one God. I think Shema is important because it lasted at least 3,000 years old. If Shema stayed in the Jewish tradition this long then it must be needed.

Scott Laudenbach

Five new things that I learned are: you recite it 2 times a day, you cover your eyes, it's found in Deuteronomy, you go right in Torah, it is an important prayer that you say in every Tefilla. The Shema is important because you love God with all your heart. It also states there is God and only one and we Jews have passed this teaching through the generations for thousands of years. Also what the Shema means to me is there is one God. The Jews were the first ones to know that there is only one.

Ethan Goldman

I learned five things about the Shema. There are three parts to it, it talks about one God, you say it twice a day, it is in the Torah and V'ahavta has commandments in it. The Shema has lasted so long because generation after generation, Jews pass it on. Plus, Torah tells us to obey commandments and there is one God, the same things in Shema. Shema is also in Torah, and Torah is passed down. Our traditions, all in Torah, are passed down, keeping Jewish a religion, and our culture alive. That is what I learned about Shema, and why it lasts so long.

Spencer Berg

The Shema affects my life because it tells me there is one God. Also we don't worship other gods. Also we don't worship a different God for everything we do.

Matt Center

Hazzan (continued)

Five things I've learned about the Shema are; I learned that there are three parts of the Shema which are Shema and V'ahavtah, V'hayah Eem Shamoah and the Vayomer. You say the Shema 2 times a day. The Shema is at least 3,000 years old. When you say the Shema you cover your eyes so you're not as distracted while saying the Shema. I learned that the Shema means that there is only one God.

Nicole Laudenbach

This is why the Shema is important. The Shema is important because it brings Jews together. It brings Jews together by each Jew saying the Shema each day. It symbolizes the past into today because the Jews like Moses said the Shema in an earlier time.

Kayla Kaufman

I think the Shema has lasted so long because it is very important to our culture and tells us there is only one God.

Noah Cohen

I think the Shema has lasted so long because the Jewish religion wants to stay together. We need to stay together so we can pray together and let the traditions keep going on and on. We also need to keep it going so the future generations know that there is only one God. V'Ahavta means to me that we must obey God's commandments. A few commandments it tells us to do are: put up mezuzah, teach Judaism to our children, and pray and say the Shema at night and in the day.

Sophia Perry

The Shema is important because it states that there is only one God. Jews were the first to believe in one God. We Jews have passed on saying the Shema through many generations for thousands of years. We will continue this tradition forever.

Sadie Stein

The Shema is important to me because it makes me think about my grandma who passed away when I was in first grade. It makes me think that she is still there with me and she will never ever leave my side. Like my parents never leave my side. She's in my heart and that's all that matters.

Riley Lebofsky

The Shema is so important in Jewish history because it is the central prayer in Judaism and it is the only prayer that states there is only one God. And it tells Israel to listen or hear this prayer because it is so important. Lots of people say it before going to bed and right when they wake up in the morning to make it special.

Jessica Valentine

Five things I learned about the Shema are that there is only one God. The Shema is in Deuteronomy, the Shema is one of the most important prayers of all time. The three parts of the Shema are V'Ahavta, Vayomer and V'haya Eem Shamoah. Last you say the Shema in the morning and at night. At night I say the Shema right before I go to bed because it makes me feel good that I can ask God to keep me safe.

Alexander Burick

I think the Shema is important because it has lasted so long, and that is because the Jewish community believes in it. I think the Shema is a way of life and it keeps the Jews connected. Since all Jews believe it and that's how it's a way of life and we learn the Shema at an early part of life. That's why the Shema is important.

Seth Elkins

I think the Shema is so important because if you meet someone from another country who is Jewish but they practice Judaism differently, you will still have something in common with the person. You both believe in one God. If the person doesn't speak English you can both still say the Shema together.

Lexie Kaiser

The Shema helps me remember that God is real and he's the one that made the whole world. I want to learn more about him and try to do mitzvot because of that.

Nate Abrams

We recite the Shema because we want to remember we only have one God. So we can remember God is one. We bind them on our doorposts to remember.

Sara Fink

Five things I learned about the Shema are we sing it two times a day, it is 3,000 years old, it is in the Torah, there are 3 parts in the Shema, and it is the most important prayer.

Ross Baer

Five things that I learned about the Shema are that the Shema has 3 parts, it says there is only one God, it is 3,000 years old, you say the second part silently, the third part of Shema is also known as Vayomer which is where we get the commandment to tie the tzitzit.

Tanner Joseph

I think the Shema is important because it is in the Torah and it says there is one God. The Shema was passed on from my grandparents to my mom and from my mom to my sister and I. When I am older I will pass it onto my son or daughter.

Tyler Solomon

When I say the Shema it makes me proud. I am proud because I am connected to people from 3,000 years ago. Also because we are one of the oldest religions and other religions died out but we kept building. Last because we pass the Shema from one generation to another generation and on and on. The Shema is needed for different reasons such as; it has been around since Moses' time, and because it says we have one God. Also because it says it in the 613 Mitzvot to say the Shema and God gave them to us.

Justin Green

TODAH RABAH!

We thank the following Sandwich Brigade ladies who made the January sandwiches while discussing recipes, politics and generally solving all other problems.

Thank you Barbara Markowitz, Anita Nason, Susan Rees, Hannah Rubin and Myra Weissberger.

Until next month,
For Social Action,
Jeanie Gallop



got minyan?

Who wants to be a minyanaire?

You don't need to answer any trivia questions and there's no need to phone a friend for help, since at least 9 BTBJ friends are right there with you any time we make a minyan.

We need additional support for morning minyan, in particular on Mondays and Thursdays, as winter weather sets in. Some of our core minyanaires are older retirees who cannot always make it to BTBJ when the weather doesn't cooperate.

Please lend a hand!

Be there for your friends and fellow congregants when they need to say Kaddish for a loved one.

9:30 am Sunday, 7 am Mon. & Thurs.

If you can attend once a month or more, or for more information about minyan, please contact Marcie Lowe, Minyan Task Force Coordinator, at 215-233-4593 or MarcieLowe@gmail.com

BTBJ BRAG BAG

We would like to acknowledge the super accomplishments of all our talented congregants. We want to honor our children, our families and our friends. So, if you know of a special award or accomplishment of one of our congregants, please let us know.

MAZEL TOV:

On December 1st Renae Axelrod was awarded the "Excellence In Law Award" from Phi Alpha Delta, a National Law Fraternity at Widener University School of Law. Renae currently serves as President of the Law School's Alumni Association. The award was presented to her in recognition for the work that she does for the Law School as well as the student body.



**IRA NEIL RICHARDS
PRESIDENT**

Who's ready for a party?

After nearly a year in planning, the BTBJ Purim Ball is coming soon. It promises to be a night not to be missed. We have a great band, a great menu, and a great venue, the National Museum of American Jewish History for our party. Many of our community members are planning to "make it a night" in Philadelphia by taking advantage of discounted hotel rates that our Purim Ball committee has arranged.

Our Purim Ball, though, is more than just a party. It's a party with a purpose. Well, actually, it is a party with several purposes. First, it gives us a chance to recognize our honoree Linda Grife. Linda has a special place in the heart of our BTBJ community. It is hard to imagine a BTBJ without her warmth, smile, and enthusiasm (and we kind of like her husband too). Linda has touched each one of us in so many ways. By supporting the Purim Ball, you can say "thanks" to Linda for everything she has done for BTBJ. There are a number of ways you can do that: 1. You can attend the Ball and help us party with Linda. 2. You can take out an ad or "greeting" in our Purim Ball ad book to recognize Linda and 3. You can encourage friends and businesses to take out ads or sponsor our Purim Ball.

Second, our Purim Ball is a way to support BTBJ. The Ball is our major fundraiser for the year. The proceeds from the Ball go to support our BTBJ community to help keep us strong. The Ball will help us keep our building in shape, help us support our Religious School, help us support our important Yad L'Yad outreach to our community members who need a hand, to just name a few ways in which the financial benefits of the Ball will directly help our Shul.



Third, our Purim Ball is a way to connect with members of our BTBJ family, old and new. The Ball will be a great celebration of us. As a community, we have a great deal to be proud of. We take pride in the way we support each other, in the values we teach our kids, and in the family feeling that pervades BTBJ. Sure, the food and band will be great, and it is pretty cool that we are pulling off having our Purim Ball at the Museum, but the thing that will make the Ball special is the people who will be there: our BTBJ Family.

So dust off your dancing shoes and join us at the Purim Ball on March 3. It is going to be a great night for a great Shul.

Ira Richards

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

Bruce Denenberg and family on the passing of their beloved father and grandfather,
Reuben Denenberg.

Alana Dunoff, Sharon Patent and family on the passing of their beloved grandfather, **Sidney Friedman.**

Lisa Goldstein and family on the passing of their beloved grandmother,
June K. Fluehr.

Jimmy Kaufman and family on the passing of their beloved grandmother, **Rose Cilo.**

Roselle Maerker and family on the passing of their beloved husband, father and grandfather,
Gerhard Maerker.

Marla Sones and family on the passing of their beloved mother in law and grandmother, **Zelda Sones.**

Aaron Soowal and family on the passing of their beloved father and grandfather,
Stanley Soowal.



**Jonathan Picker
Men's Club
President**

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Chanukah and ready for a new year. On a sad note, our deepest condolences goes out to Roselle and the entire Maerker family on the passing of Gerhard (Jerry), recipient of the second annual Hershel Gordon L'Dor V'Dor Lifetime Achievement Award.

On January 27th we will have our joint Shabbat Service with the Sisterhood. A huge thank you goes out to Jean Gallop and Bruce Risler who coordinated this wonderful event. Looking forward to a spiritually uplifting evening.

Please consider joining the board of directors for the next year. If you are interested please contact Rich Gersh who is heading up our nominating committee. Elections will be at our March Meeting.

We are also planning a day trip with Rabbi. Stay tune for more details. Mark your calendars for our Annual BTBJ Men's Club Steak Dinner. Our Gourmet chefs Larry Axelrod and Ivan Bell are working on the menu. This is a not to miss event. Date for this awesome event is Thursday, May 17th.

I look forward to seeing you at these events.

B'Shalom

Jonathan

Purim is around the corner – keep an eye out for information about how to order your Mishloach Manot Gift Baskets this year.

Join the Sisterhood again this year in the Mitzvah of Mishloach Manot

Did you enjoy receiving a Mishloach Manot basket last year?

If you did not participate last year, don't miss the chance this year to do the mitzvah of sending gifts of food and drink to your BTBJ family and friends! And if you did, get ready...



The Sisterhood is continuing the tradition this year, offering a way for you to send Purim baskets to your friends and family at BTBJ. Erev Purim is Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

Watch in early February for details on how you can order your Mishloach Manot baskets online with the assistance of PurimProject.com.

**Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat
January 27, 2012**

Dinner 6:00 p.m. and Services 7:30 p.m.



Do yourselves a favor,
DO NOT miss this creative and fabulous menu.
Enjoy an evening to remember with your BTBJ family.
Adults - \$36.00 Children (5 - 10 years) - \$18.00

Mail RSVP with payment to BTBJ
Attention: Scott Freedman

Name _____

of adults @ \$36.00 = _____
 # of children @ \$18.00 = _____
 Total Enclosed _____

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Save the Dates Torah Fund



Karen Cuker ~ Deena Friedland
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Shalom!

Sisterhood will celebrate 2012 with more fun and interesting programs!!

SAVE THESE 2012 DATES

January 27th

Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat Dinner and Service please refer to the invitation in this newsletter and emails. (call Jeanie Gallop at 215-884-0320 to RSVP)

February 6th

Annual Movie Night and Dinner Paid up Member Appreciation Night.



February

Purim Mishloach Manot Baskets (Purim is March 8th)



March 6th

Lunch and Learn #3 - Lessons from the Prophets. Please email Karen Cuker at cukers@verizon.net to RSVP

April 17th

Lunch and Learn #4 - Lessons from the Writings

April 25th

NY Theatre Trip - Harry Connick, Jr. in "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever" (please refer to page 9 in this newsletter)



April 29th

Torah Fund Brunch honoring Jen Schindler



May 13th

Mother's Day Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk

The Sisterhood/ Men's Club Brunch on December 11th was very successful. Many thanks to Abbe Kligerman, Larry Axelrod, Bruce Risler and Len Friedland. We look forward to seeing you at our next Sisterhood event!

Deena and Karen

Torah Fund

Jennifer Schindler was named Torah Fund Honoree for 5772 at the Sisterhood Opening Program/Membership dinner on October 17th. We are thrilled to honor Jen and her dedication and commitment to our Sisterhood, BTBJ, and the Jewish community.

Our Honoree showed a commitment to Conservative Jewish life and learning from an early age. She grew up in Allentown, and studied abroad her junior year at the Alexander Muss High School in Israel. She was active in BBYO during her teen years and attended their International Leadership Training Conference where she met a teenage, Jonathan Picker, who would become BTBJ's Men's Club President. She went on to attend University of Maryland majoring in Government and Politics, and her first year met a handsome senior who would later become her husband. While in college, Jen worked for the American Political Action Committee, and upon graduating she worked for the American Jewish Congress as assistant to the Washington representative. She took a sabbatical from this position, to lead a BBYO summer trip to Israel, imparting her deep love of Jewish life to others. With her desire to promote opportunities and develop leadership potential in Jewish youth she took on the vital position of BBYO advisor to Maryland chapters. Upon moving to Lafayette Hill, she worked for Lincoln Financial in Event and Meeting Planning and earned a Masters degree from Penn State in Instructional Design. As a young mother with two children, Jen not only joined and became an integral part of our congregational family, but also took on a board position in Hadassah. Jen quickly distinguished herself at BTBJ by her dedication, hard work and commitment. As president of the pre-school Parent Support Group she served on our synagogue board for two years. A vital, enthusiastic member of Sisterhood, she served as Vice President of fundraising and programming for three years, spearheading some of sisterhood's most successful and memorable fundraisers from large to small, including, the Fashion Show, Spa Night, Dueling Pianos, the recent Rosh Hashanah honey jars from Israel and the very popular Shalach Manot Purim Baskets, which promises to be even more successful this year. She even brought Sisterhood into the computer age, by adopting a simple way for synagogue families to purchase on-line, (and, which is one reason this fundraiser was so profitable.) Along with her committee, she packed and hand delivered baskets with a ready-smile. Topping things off, our Honoree is also this year's synagogue Membership Chair. Jen is a wonderfully, deserving Honoree, a role model and leader in our sisterhood, synagogue and Jewish community. According to Jen, "Beth Tikvah to me is home. I'm happy to help. It's nice to be recognized for something that you enjoy doing."

Sisterhood Trip to NYC

Jen will be honored at our Torah Fund Brunch on Sunday, April 29th, 2012. We look forward to honoring Jen for her passionate support, dedication and the many significant contributions she has made to the Jewish community.

Torah Fund Committee

Co-Chairs - Wendy Freedman Debbi Goldich
Sheri Risler Marla Sones Cindy Axelrod
Meryl Gersh Roselle Maerker Jamie Mitchell
Merrie Tabak Jodi Taylor Amy Veloric

Join BTBJ Sisterhood

For a day on Broadway you'll remember forever



Harry Connick, Jr.

"On a Clear Day You Can See Forever"

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Matinee \$165.00

Includes Ticket and Coach Bus

**Make Check Payable to:
BTBJ Sisterhood**

To reserve your spot, complete the order form, payment required to hold your ticket
Contact Amy Veloric at 610-828-8882 or
ahv463@aol.com with any questions

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Number of tickets @ \$165.00: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____,
payable to BTBJ Sisterhood

Mail payment to:

Amy Veloric, 463 North Silver Bell Lane,
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

BTBJ Movie Night!



Sisterhood Membership Appreciation Event
EVERYONE WELCOME

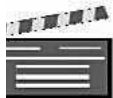


FREE to Sisterhood Members

\$10 for Non-Members

Don't miss our Star of the Art Theater up this year!

Join us, Monday, February 6, 2012 at 6:00pm at BTBJ for a great night of film, food and friends!



Enjoy A Dinner of Pizza & Salads!
Gift Shop Will Be Open!

Come & See the Israeli Feel-Good Film: A Matter of Size

A group of obese people from the Israeli city of Ramla is fed up with their strict diet regime. Herzl, an obese man, starts working as a dish washer in a Japanese restaurant where he is exposed to the world of Sumo through Kitano, the restaurant manager, who was a Sumo coach in Japan. Herzl falls in love with the Sumo world and persuades Kitano to coach him and his obese friends. One by one, Herzl's friends leave their dieting club and discover the world of Sumo, where fat people like them are honored and appreciated. Through Sumo, they connect to themselves and their fat bodies, each one in his or her individual way.

A Matter of Size is the winner of: 2009, Israeli Academy Awards, Won Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress and Best Costume Design Awards; 2009, Karlovy Vary Film Festival, Audience Award; & 2009, Washington Jewish Film Festival, Won Audience Award

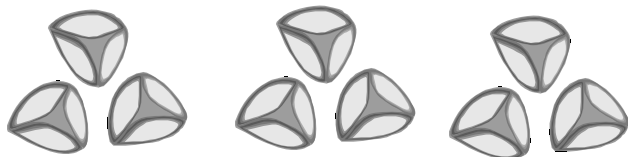
PLEASE.....RSVP (so we have enough food!) to
Jodi Taylor: jodimetro@aol.com or 610-306-2711
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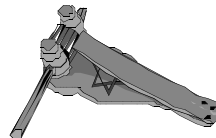
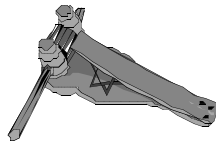
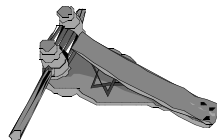
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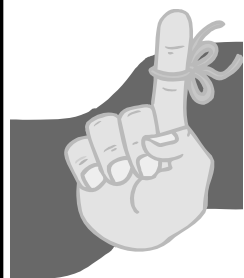
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Many of us begin the New Year by making promises or resolutions to make changes in our lives. Usually, as adults, our New Year resolutions revolve around making a conscious effort to lead more healthful lives. Choosing to exercise, making good food choices, reducing levels of stress are a few of the areas in which we hope to make the most change to help impact our lives.

Well on that note, our preschoolers have been very busy this past month perhaps making some “new year” resolutions too. Our school theme this past month was “Healthy Bodies – Healthy Minds – Getting in Shape”! Our teachers incorporated into their lessons fun opportunities to share information about being healthy with their children.

One special morning the entire school celebrated “Fit and Healthy Day” with healthy experiences. Anne Goodman, Will’s mom, helped the children learn to breathe, move, and relax through yoga. Beth Schwartzman, Ari’s mom, and a nutritionist, shared her knowledge about healthy food choices by incorporating fun filled activities for the children. I read *Germs Are Not for Sharing*, and demonstrated with powder and glitter how germs are spread and how not to share them! Elissa, a staff member, facilitated “game time” to keep the children moving while having fun. Lastly, we all enjoyed a healthy snack!

The best part of making New Year resolutions for children, unlike us adults, is that the children fortunately did not need to know that they were making any resolutions....they were just having fun, learning through play, and many enriching experiences.

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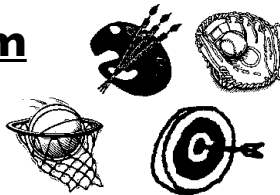
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

Light candles.....4:55 p.m.
Men's Club and Sisterhood Services.....7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Services.....9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Light candles.....5:04 p.m.
Shabbat Syn*Ergy.....7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4

Services9:30 a.m.
with a performance by the Tefillah Club
Junior Congregation.....10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Light candles.....5:12 p.m.
Mechina Dinner.....6:00 p.m.
Mechina Service.....7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Services9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Light candles.....5:20 p.m.
NO SERVICES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Services.....9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Light candles.....5:28 p.m.
Services.....7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Services.....9:30 a.m.
Julianne Freedman, daughter of Wendy and Scott
Freedman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah
Junior Congregation.....10:30 a.m.
Tot Shabbat.....11:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Light candles.....5:34 p.m.
Services.....6:00 p.m.
featuring Dari Shore
Services.....7:30 p.m.
honoring Linda Grife

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Services.....9:30 a.m.
Dari Shore, daughter of Maria and Sidney Shore will be
called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah
Junior Congregation.....10:30 a.m.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES (continued)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Megillah Reading.....7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Light candles.....5:44 p.m.
Services.....7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Services.....9:30 a.m.
Rivka Milrod, daughter of Teresa and Robert Milrod will
be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Light candles.....6:51 p.m.
Services.....6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Services.....9:30 a.m.
Zachary Finkelman, son of Kimberly and Alan Finkelman
will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Light candles.....7:05 p.m.
Tot Shabbat.....6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Syn*Ergy.....7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Services.....9:30 a.m.
Adam Center, son of Nancy and Michael Center
will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
Junior Congregation.....10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Light candles.....6:03 p.m.
Services.....6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Services.....9:30 a.m.
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Monha Services.....6:00 p.m.
Allison Einhorn, daughter of Debra and Norman Einhorn
will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

