



Torah Project Kickoff Event

October 25, 2009

This year TBI will be restoring a Holocaust Torah, originally from Hungary. This project is in honor of Cantor and Gerri Blum for their years of dedication to our community. The Sofer (scribe) will be visiting TBI to teach us about the work he will be doing on this special Torah.

DEDICATION OF TORAH, June 6, 2010

TBI'S 2ND ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday night, December 5, 2009

Last year's Progressive Dinner was a wonderful evening, & a not so surprising success. Over 150 congregants & friends gathered for hors d'oeuvres at one home, were treated to delicious dinner at other home, and came together again for desserts at a last location. A perfectly wonderful evening – plan to be there..

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Saturday night, February 6

Another fabulous gambling adventure here at TBI...pick the game of your choice: blackjack, roulette, Texas Hold 'em, poker, craps, or slots. Plus 4 hours of continuous music, dancing, dining and fun with good friends. Mark this date – it is a FUN night!



INSTALLATION OF RABBI MICHAEL MISHKIN

Sunday, November 8, 3:00 PM

Join us as the TBI congregation celebrates the installation of Rabbi Mishkin.

**Installation ceremony followed by
High Tea Reception**

STUDY WITH RABBI MISHKIN

RABBINIC STORIES

The rabbis of antiquity did not write theology or history, biography or autobiography. Instead they told stories. If we seek to understand the rabbis and their world, we need to understand their stories. Rabbinic stories, like rabbinic literature itself, can be divided into the legal (“halakhic”) and the non-legal (“aggadic”). Aggadic stories are often elaborate and colorful and generally serve to teach moral lessons. In this class we will closely read and discuss several aggadic stories.

Fall Semester, dates and times to be announced

JEWISH VIEWS ON BIG QUESTIONS: CRITICAL ISSUES

What does Judaism say about the big issues in our society today? When is abortion permissible? How should we pursue genetic engineering? Is global warming a Jewish issue? These are some of the questions we will explore together.

Spring semester, dates and times to be announced.

Seminary Shabbat

February 19 & 20, 2010

Each year we are delighted to welcome a student from the Jewish Theological Seminary. The student will help lead our services on Friday night and Saturday morning, as well as share his or her thoughts with us at a Kiddush luncheon following Shabbat services.

Scholar in Residence Weekend

May 1 & 2, 2010

We look forward to welcoming an outstanding scholar to the TBI community. Last year we enjoyed the new experience of bibliodrama, brought to us by Dr. Peter Pitzele. This experience was one of many brought to us by some of the finest minds in Jewish academia.

Lunch & Learn on Shabbat following morning services.

Hebrew Reading for Adult Beginners

Many of us come to services without being able to read a word of Hebrew. If this is you, you are not alone. Instructor Barbara Taffet has been teaching beginning Hebrew for over 20 years, and has dozens of success stories here at TBI. We focus on reading the prayer book while learning to read any Hebrew text. Sundays 9 AM – 11 AM, beginning October 18.

Hebrew Reading for Advanced Beginners

If you know the alef-bet, but want to read more fluently and more quickly, you can benefit from this class. The siddur is used along with other texts. Instructor: Bert Taffet. Tuesday evenings, beginning October 27.

PURIM 2009

Perhaps the most fun-filled event at TBI during the year is our synagogue's annual Purim carnival and program. From games to puppet shows—we've got it all. There's no better way to celebrate Purim than by joining us for these joyful events.

TBI INTERGENERATIONAL KLEZMER BAND

Get out that old violin...polish your college clarinet. TBI's intergenerational Klezmer band is still flourishing – and welcomes all. Whether you are a beginner or a pro, you are invited to join us. The band performs at various TBI events during the year, and also performs in other venues. The Klezmer group meets on Thursdays @ 7:30 PM.

TBI's ETHNIC DINNER & PROGRAM, FRIDAY, 4/16/10

This year, TBI invites you to partake in Shabbat French-style as we explore France's extensive, controversial and important Jewish history and tradition. Join us for this wonderful dinner & program titled: A Focus on France—Politics, Jewish history and Gourmet Cuisine. This year's program is proudly co-sponsored by our TBI Library Committee. Our youth group will lead Friday night services.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES: A CHAI & DOUBLE CHAI CLUB SHABBAT LUNCHEON & PROGRAM, APRIL 24TH 2010.

Long-term members of Temple Beth Israel—families who have been part of our synagogue for over 18 years (the Chai Club, Double Chai Club) are without a doubt the pillars who help continue to help make TBI thrive. During this coming year, we will remember some of the ways that many of us helped our synagogue grow. Program in formation. After the holidays, we hope you will contact us with your suggestions.



Learning, Giving & SHARING

SISTERHOOD

Our sisterhood is planning many wonderful events this year, including the Sukkot Dinner, a Book Club on 11/19, a Ladies Night Out on 1/14, paid up membership dinner on 3/10, & other wonderful things. Join us!

KAYAKING ON

MANHASSET BAY Join us at the Men's Club **Annual Day on the Bay**. All members & friends are invited to return to the pristine and peaceful waters of Manhasset Bay – 3 hours of instruction and recreational paddling. Brown bag your lunch. July 2010

BINGO

This has become a TBI annual tradition that is fun for ALL AGES. Sunday, 3/7. All proceeds benefit TBI's nursery school.

PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY CARE (PICC) TBI is a member of this UJA-Federation funded alliance along with area synagogues & the Sid Jacobson JCC. PICC offers counseling, support groups, referrals.

CELEBRATION SHABBATS

NEW THIS YEAR, we will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries of our congregational family on the first Friday night of each month, beginning October 2. At these services, we will read aloud all the monthly celebrants, so make sure we have your dates.

SOCIAL ACTION

Helping others & reaching out to those in need is essential to Jewish living. TBI continues this tradition. **Mostly Mitzvahs**: A remarkable committee which brings our young adults together to help prepare & deliver meals for the aged, the ill, those less fortunate.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

TBI's annual Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, December 13.

SHALACH MANOT

Each year our congregation celebrates Purim by engaging in the mitzvah of giving treats to one another. On Sunday, February 21, we gather to prepare the baskets. All are welcome; time TBD.

MEN'S CLUB

TBI's Men's Club is gearing up for a great year with some new and different programming. Watch for details on a special Author night, a weekly Networking Job Club, Fantasy Football, and other sports events. Join Men's Club – meet new people and have a great time.

SUKKOT 5770

Celebrate Sukkot with friends & expose your children to this festive holiday filled with wonderful sounds & smells. The Sisterhood **Sukkot dinner** will be held in conjunction with our **New Member dinner** on Friday night, October 2.

PESACH 5770

Join us for our Second Annual Community Seder, Tuesday night, March 30, 2010. Last year over 200 people joined us for this wonderful, festive, and family oriented event. Led by Rabbi Mishkin & Cantor Blum

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Religious School Services, Dinners & Programs
Scheduled throughout the year, all of our Religious
School classes have a special service to celebrate &
share what they have learned. Each class also
enjoys a meal with their families & classmates.

Hebrew high school & confirmation
TBI boasts a large & thriving Hebrew High School, with
innovative programming & creative educational
opportunities for our 8th – 10th graders. Students in
10th grade also study separately with the Rabbi in
preparation for Confirmation, to be held on 5/19/10.

Friday nights for nursery age children – December 18
and June 4
Special Friday night services for families with young
children, conducted prior to regular services. Services
are geared to very young children, with stories &
songs.

Family movie night, January 31
We will host a family movie night, at TBI. Grab the
kids, come and enjoy some quality time together.

Youth group & usy: All children in grades 4-12 are
invited to join our youth groups. Exciting programming
is planned for the year. Contact youth director Donna
Wexler at donna_usy.com or call
379-0655.

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Upcoming Events