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## MERGER TALKS GAIN STRENGTH

Since being authorized by our Board to enter into preliminary discussions, we have met numerous times with Congregation Beth David's Merger Committee and officers. As discussed during the last Congregation meeting, several subcommittees were formed. Each subcommittee has met and reported back to the Merger Committee. Substantial progress has been made. It continues to appear as though an agreement will be in place and presented to the Congregation for its approval at some point during the summer. We plan to report in more detail at our May Congregation Meeting.

The signed Merger Agreement will require approval from both Temple B'nai Sholom's and Congregation Beth David's congregations. This approval will take place at Special Congregation Meetings at each shul, at a date to be determined shortly after an agreement is signed.

## RABBINICAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search committee has continued to work hard throughout the process. It determined in April to run two parallel tracks – one if the merger takes place, the other if it does not. The Merger track – the Search Committee recommends, based on his interview with the committee, its observations watching him in action at Beth David and his weekend Shabbat at Temple B'nai Sholom, that Rabbi Howard Diamond become the merged congregation's Rabbi. The committee further recommends that we enter into contract negotiations with him in preparation for the merger. The Non-Merger track – the Search Committee continued its review of resumes submitted through the Rabbinical Assembly. The committee conducted four extensive interviews with potential Rabbis at Temple B'nai Sholom. Each Rabbi provided insightful answers and one or two may be invited back for a Shabbat. Each Rabbinical candidate interviewed was told of the Merger possibilities (and, in fact, knew about it prior to the interview).

As a reminder, the Search Committee reports/makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees, who, of course, reports to the Congregation pursuant to the Temple's Constitution. It will ultimately be up to the Congregation to approve the new Rabbi's, whoever it may be, contract.

*From the Rabbi's Study:*

## **A New Beginning**

Dr. Barry Dov Schwartz

There's a great story about an angry reader who once stormed into a newspaper office waving the latest edition and asking to see the person responsible for the obituary column. He was referred to a reporter to whom he showed the list of those who ostensibly passed away the previous day.

"Look at this," he shouted. "Here you have my name in your obits. Don't you see I am very much alive? I demand a retraction!"

The reporter replied, "Sorry, I never retract a story. But I'll tell you what I'll do for you. In our next edition, I will put you in the birth column and give you a fresh start."

We are amused at this story. But in the context of our own lives, that is perhaps the best summary of the meaning of Judaism – to continually start anew.

"Hadesh Yameinu K-Kedem - Renew our days as of old." This prayer is not a plea for restoration of a formerly perfect condition, but rather it is a request for resilience, a humble petition for the ability to renew ourselves even as we meet crises and tribulations in the future.

A few weeks ago, Sonia and I had the unique privilege of being invited to a private cocktail party at Adelphi University honoring Elie Wiesel who was the guest speaker at a sold out lecture. Hundreds of people, students, academicians, guests and dignitaries were present to listen to the great Jewish scholar and humanitarian. He is now known as the "Voice of the Holocaust" and has taken upon himself to keep alive the memory of the 6 million by telling stories from the midrash. At the lecture he mesmerized the audience by teaching:

"God gave Adam a secret – and that secret was not how to begin, but how to begin again."

A good lesson for us all!

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

*Conducted by*  
 Dr. Barry Dov Schwartz, Rabbi  
 Boris Pevsner, Cantor

**SHABBAT**, May 1st..... 9:00 am  
 Torah Portion – Emor; Leviticus 21:1-24:23  
 Haftorah – Ezekiel 44:15-31

**JASON GOLDBERG**  
 son of Marla and Barry Goldberg  
 will become a Bar Mitzvah

Mincha ..... 8:10 pm

**SUNDAY**, May 2nd..... 9:00 am & 8:00 pm

**SABBATH EVE**, May 7th

Candlelighting ..... 7:37 pm  
 Mincha ..... 6:30 pm

**SHABBAT**, May 8th ..... 9:00 am

Torah Portion – Behar-Behukotai; Leviticus 25:1-27:34  
 Haftorah – Jeremiah 16:19-17:14  
 Mincha 8:20 pm

**SUNDAY**, May 9th.....**MOTHER’S DAY**..... 9:00 am & 8:00 pm

**SABBATH EVE**, May 14<sup>th</sup>...**ROSH CHODESH SIVAN**

Candlelighting ..... 7:44 pm  
 Mincha ..... 6:30 pm

**SHABBAT**, May 15th ..... 9:00 am

Torah Portion – Bamidbar; Numbers 1:1-4:20  
 Haftorah – Hosea 2:1-22  
 Mincha ..... 8:25pm

**SUNDAY**, May 16th..... 9:00 am & 8:00 pm

**SHAVOUT SERVICES**

Please join us for our beautiful Shavuot services

**TUESDAY**, May 18<sup>th</sup>...**EREV SHAVUOT** ..... 6:30 pm

Candlelighting ..... 7:48 pm

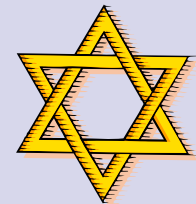
**WEDNESDAY**, May 19<sup>th</sup>.....**FIRST DAY OF SHAVUOT**

Morning Services..... 9:00 am  
 Torah Reading - Exodus 19:1-20:23; Numbers 28:26-31  
 Haftorah – Ezekiel 1:1-28:3:12  
 Candlelighting ..... 9:18 pm  
 Mincha ..... 8:00 pm

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 bulletin past the deadline.  
 The deadline for the next bulletin  
 issue will be August 10, 2010  
 Articles may be edited for  
 space and clarity.

**THURSDAY, May 20<sup>th</sup>**.....**SECOND DAY OF SHAVUOT**  
 Morning Services ... YIZKOR..... 9:00 am  
 Torah Portion – Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17; Numbers 28:26-31  
 Haftorah – Habakuk 2:20-3:19  
 Mincha and conclusion of Festival ..... 8:30 pm

**SHABBAT EVE, May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 Candlelighting ..... 7:51 pm  
 Mincha 6:30 pm

**SHABBAT, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** ..... 9:00 am  
 Torah Portion – Naso; Numbers 4:21-7:89  
 Haftorah – Judges 13:2-25  
 Mincha ..... 8:30 pm

**SUNDAY, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**..... 9:00 am & 8:00 pm

**SHABBAT EVE, May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 Candlelighting ..... 7:57 pm  
 Mincha ..... 6:30 pm

**SHABBAT, May 29<sup>th</sup>** ..... 9:00 am  
 Torah Portion – Behaalotekha: Numbers 8:1-12:16  
 Haftorah – Zechariah 2:14-4:7

**CHARLES INWALD**  
 son of Lynne and Jacob Inwald  
 will become a Bar Mitzvah

Mincha ..... 8:35 pm

**SUNDAY, May 30<sup>th</sup>**..... 9:00 am & 8:00 pm

**MONDAY, May 31<sup>st</sup>**.....**MEMORIAL DAY** ..... 9:00 am & 8:00 pm

**SABBATH EVE, June 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 Candlelighting ..... 8:02 pm  
 Mincha ..... 6:30 pm

**SHABBAT, June 5<sup>th</sup>** ..... 9:00 am  
 Torah Portion – Shelah; Numbers 13:1-15:41  
 Haftorah – Joshua 2:1-24

**BRANDON GINSBERG**  
 son of Sherri and Robert Ginsberg  
 will become a Bar Mitzvah

Mincha ..... 8:40 pm

**SUNDAY, June 6<sup>th</sup>**..... 9:00am & 8:00 pm

**SABBATH EVE, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**OUR WEBSITE:**

Please visit our website often to keep up to date on synagogue events and happenings.

**www.bnaisholom.org**

*emails:*

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**bnaisholom100@yahoo.com**

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**tbsoffice@optonline.net**



It is a very important mitzvah to be part of a minyan. It is the core of a vibrant *shul*. It also assists those who are reciting *kaddish* or observing *yahrzeit*. We thank you for your participation in this wonderful *mitzvah* which you will enjoy.

**JUDAICA SHOP**

Our gift shop has many lovely items for sale: Childrens Books - Picture Frames - Jewelry - Sabbath Candlesticks - Kiddush Cups - Sabbath Plates - Mezzuzot - Yarmulkes. The Shop is open every Thursday from 11 to 4 pm, or call for a special appointment. We will make every effort to accommodate you.

Janet Dobkins  
 766-2758



Candlelighting ..... 8:07 pm  
Mincha ..... 6:30 pm

**SHABBAT**, June 12th...**ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ** ..... 9:00 am  
Torah Portion – Korah; Numbers 16:1-18:32; Numbers 28:9-15  
Haftorah – Isaiah 66:1-24

**DANNY MEYER**  
son of Amy and Jeffrey Meyer  
will become a Bar Mitzvah

Mincha ..... 8:45 pm

**SUNDAY**, June 13th..... 9:00 am & 8:00 pm

**SABBATH EVE**, June 18th  
Candlelighting ..... 8:10 pm  
Mincha 6:30 pm

**SHABBAT**, June 19th ..... 9:00 am  
Torah Portion –Hukat; Numbers 19:1-22:1  
Haftorah – Judges 11:1-33  
Mincha 8:50 pm

**SUNDAY**, June 20th...**FATHER’S DAY** ..... 9:00 am & 8:00 pm

**SABBATH EVE**, June 25th  
Candlelighting ..... 8:11pm  
Mincha 6:30 pm

**SHABBAT**, June 26th ..... 9:00 am  
Torah Portion – Balak; Numbers 22:2-25:9  
Haftorah – Micah 5:6-6:8  
Mincha ..... 8:55 pm

**SUNDAY**, June 27th..... 9:00 am & 8:00 pm

**DAILY MINYAN**

Monday & Thursday ..... 6:55 am & 8:00 pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday ..... 7:00 am & 8:00 pm  
Sunday ..... 9:00 am & 8:00 pm  
Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> (Memorial Day) ..... 9:00 am & 8:00 pm

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Please let the office know when you will be coming for Yahrzeit! At the December Board meeting it was agreed that the master Yahrzeit list will begin appearing on our website. If you are planning to attend minyan to observe yahrzeit, and want the office to notify the congregation, we will gladly send an email to the congregation to request they attend either that a night's or morning's service to help assure that we have a minyan so you may say Mourner's Kaddish. Please either call or email the office.

**ANYONE INTERESTED  
IN DELIVERING A  
DVAR TORAH DURING  
THE SUMMER  
MONTHS, PLEASE  
CONTACT RABBI  
SCHWARTZ.**

**Congregation Meeting  
Wednesday  
May 26, 2010  
8:00 pm  
after Minyan**



## President's Message

Well this is it - my last President's message. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, please join us at Friday night services as we install our new President, Ira Salwen, into office. During the last two years, it has been a privilege and a pleasure to get to know and work with so many congregants. I have tried to treat everyone with respect and courtesy along the way and like to think I was able to do so, even if we didn't agree on everything. While there are plenty of topics I could use this space for, I am going to take this opportunity to look back and quickly recap some accomplishments and thank several key people for their help, guidance and tolerance – I certainly will not be able to name everyone.

In June 2008, when my administration was installed our goals were to position B'nai Sholom as the leading synagogue on the South Shore of Long Island. With the likelihood of the merger with Congregation Beth David, we are on our way! We also felt the need to bring the Temple's operations into the computer age – we have a new award winning web-site, recently ranked as a top five of all Synagogue web-sites, and a new, also award winning, on-line bulletin. These changes were not easy ones for the congregation to embrace, but they have proved to be cost-effective and also made our information much more accessible to all. Of course, we effectively communicate with the congregation via e-mail notification, including "Yahrzeit alerts, please attend minyan" emails.

We have also begun the process of turning our Temple and congregations into a community. 100 Hempstead Avenue is a place where we socialize together and enjoy different activities. There are more events and activities at TBS than two years ago. The anchor to this is the 92<sup>nd</sup> St Y programs. We also have held two casino nights, an art auction, a blood drive, a Limited Edition, the Davidson Singers, the Israeli Scouts and many others.

The Learning Center is packed – over 90 students and classes at every age group Mechina-Vov! The largest school in the area. It continues to enable us to grow our membership with new families joining each year. So my first thank you goes to Claudia Lieberman, Cantor David Hiesiger and her staff for their tireless efforts and many hours of hard work in making the school a great success!

Now, on to more thank yous...Allison, Lauren and Nancy - -thanks for the patience and understanding (most of the time), the meetings and special projects took time away from some family stuff, but you know I love you all very much and could not have dedicated the time necessary to do this job without your support! I will do the same for you, Nancy, when you take over as Sisterhood Co-President.

Rabbi Dr. Barry Dov Schwartz – Your friendship and help during the last two years have been great. Our honest and open conversations, whether on the bima, the phone, email or in your office have been one of the better parts of my time as President. And, of course, though we disagreed from time to time, you know my respect and admiration of you never wavered. I look forward to being there on June 22<sup>nd</sup> for your well deserved Night of Tribute!

Cantor Boris Pevsner and Richard Perl binder – for all you do year round at B'nai. Whether it is reading the Torah or organizing the daily minyans or organizing and rehearsing with the High Holidays Choir, or any other things you do – thank you.

Mark Skolnick – my Frank Sinatra, Chairman of the Board - no need to sing - thank you for saying yes two years ago when I asked you to serve as Chairman. My decision to ask you to take on this role was my best one. Your counsel, advice, support and friendship will never be forgotten.

To my Officers and Board of Directors- -as the youngest President in B'nai's history, I appreciate the patience and hard work we all put in during the last two years. I tried to keep the meetings moving, while at the same time accomplishing a great deal of work, and I thank you for your hard work and effort.

Past Presidents – to each of you who I have spoken to, but in particular - - Sheldon Lazarowitz, Marty Greenberg, Norma Mintz, Jeffrey Greenfield, Sy Entin, Al Morrison, Jerry Hoenig and, of course, my predecessor, Jack Friedman - - for the stories, history lessons and most importantly, advice (sometimes unsolicited, but advice nonetheless) you have given me, thank you.

David and Florence Wilk and Brian Wolkin and the entire Rockville Caterer's team, aka Rockville Caterers – thank you for being our caterers! Not only for my family's events, but also for all the temple events that we have worked on together over the last two years.

Margaret, Ellie, and our office volunteers – you are the backbone of the day to day operations. I had absolutely no idea how often we would talk and all the work that goes on behind the scenes. Ellie has become an internet pro and web-site administrator and Margaret has learned to use a credit card machine and accept payments over the internet. Seriously, thank you for your dedication and passion to the Temple. To our office volunteers, Janet, Claire, Claire, Norma and Sydell, we would not be able to do it without you.

Sergio and Torres – Thank you for keeping our building clean and beautiful!

Lastly, to all of B'nai's Congregants, I thank you. To those who took time to call me to discuss an issue, to those who have become re-energized and again have started to participate in Temple functions, to those who shook my hand on the bima during the high holidays and to those who simply care about B'nai – thank you. I hope you know that I tried my best, and gave it my all.

My work for Temple B'nai Sholom is not over, only my time as President. I will continue to work hard for our Temple in my two new roles at B'nai - Honorary Trustee on the Board, and the Sisterhood's Co-President's First Man.

It has truly been a pleasure!

Barry Hochhauser  
President



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April 15, 2010

Rabbi Barry Dov Schwartz  
One Irving Place  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dear Rabbi Schwartz,

The Executive Board of the Molloy College Board of Trustees has voted to award you an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree at Molloy College's Commencement on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nassau Veteran's Memorial Coliseum.

I want to personally thank you for all you have done not only for the residents of the Village of Rockville Centre but also for your service to the greater Long Island community. Molloy College is proud to call you our friend and it would be an honor for us if you would accept this award.

In hopes that you will accept, I wanted to let you know that a VIP reception is held just prior to the commencement ceremony at 4:30 p.m. I ask that you contact Diane Fornieri at your earliest convenience. She will be able to answer any questions you may have. Diane can be reached at 516.678.5000, ext. 6501 or via email at [dforneri@molloy.edu](mailto:dforneri@molloy.edu).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Drew Bogner, Ph.D.  
President

# SAVE THE DATE



**Please plan to join friends and family of  
Rabbi Dr. Barry Dov Schwartz and Sonia  
for a fond evening of tribute**

## **COCKTAIL AND DESSERT RECEPTION**

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**Tuesday, June 22nd, 2010  
6:00 p.m.**

**Temple B'nai Sholom  
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Rockville Centre, New York**

# The Israeli Scouts Caravan

Back by popular demand!



Everybody who has seen their performances for the past two years has loved them. We're lucky enough to have them for a return visit!

They sing, dance and tell stories of their homeland.

This is a presentation that will warm our hearts and minds, as these terrific Scouts bring us an unforgettable performance.

Young people will identify with these talented boys and girls.

Adults will be proud of these youngsters and the country they represent - ISRAEL.



Bring the whole family! -- PIZZA for the kids at 6:30 pm!!  
(RSVP required - so we have enough pizza for everyone!)


**Tuesday, June 8th, 7 PM**

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**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY** - We have the chance to house the Israeli Scouts (16-17 yrs old) for the evening of Jun 8th, Tuesday night, after their performance. They will be coming to perform at Temple B'nai Sholom and will stay for one night, leaving early the next morning. The troop is two adult leaders and 10 scouts - 5 girls and 5 boys. Those who have had this opportunity in the past were truly delighted with the experience. Please let us know if you want to host a scout for one night. All those interested, please call CeCe or Jack Friedman at 766-1796 or 338-4237 or email: jackbfriedman@att.net by June 1, 2010.

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
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#### Artist Spotlight

**Rachel Deitsch**  
Vibrant, bold, and beautiful watercolor defines the ketubah art of Rachel Deitsch, who loves being part of the happiness in people's lives. Discover her unique designs!



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**Sunday, June 27, 2010  
7:45 - 1:45  
at Central Synagogue**

**To make an appointment,  
please call the  
Temple Office  
764-4100**



**B'nai Sholom Wins METNY's Hidon HaTorah 2010**  
**By Rabbi Paulette Posner, METNY Director of Education**

On Sunday, May 2nd, the Metropolitan New York (METNY) district of United Synagogue held our annual "Hidon HaTorah" Torah contest at the Jewish Theological Seminary for 6th graders. It was inspiring to see our children talking Torah and sharing their knowledge and insight with their peers. Teachers, parents and siblings attended and cheered on their synagogue teams.

Over 65 sixth graders from eleven of our religious schools from all around METNY participated in this special event. The schools which took advantage of the program are North Shore Jewish Center, Little Neck Jewish Center; Midway Jewish Center; Huntington Jewish Center; Temple B'nai Sholom, Rockville Centre; Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel, Riverdale; Temple Israel of South Merrick; Temple Beth Sholom, Roslyn; Temple Hillel, Valley Stream; Park Avenue Synagogue; and Temple Israel of Great Neck.

Throughout the year students study text from the Book of Exodus along with traditional commentators and interpretations found in the Etz Hayim Chumash. Each school had a team made of up 3-6 members, who worked together to respond to both written and oral questions. The students were all very well prepared for the day. Midway Jewish Center, Huntington Jewish

Center, Temple B'nai Sholom, Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel, Riverdale, and Temple Beth Sholom, Roslyn, advanced to the final round of competition.



Temple B'nai Sholom, Rockville Centre, ultimately won the competition. *Mazel tov* to the students, **Aaron Adams, Harrison Dickler, Jacob Fine, Matthew Sackstein and Scott Sterenberg**, and their coach, Jordan Rosenfeld, and their principal, Claudia Lieberman!

METNY would like to thank our dedicated lay leader, Leonard Wasserman for compiling the material for the reading packet and serving as head judge throughout the day. Rabbi Steven

Axelman of Whitestone Hebrew Center also took time from his busy schedule to serve as a judge. METNY would also like to thank Abe Eisenberg, Manfred Korman, and Carol Green for taking the time to come on a Sunday to administer the contest.

Our dedicated professionals, Gila Drazen, Rabbi Moshe Edelman, and Dave Siegel all served as judges for the first round of competition. And Kimberly Bastin took pictures of the entire event and ensured that the competition ran smoothly.

It was an amazing day of Torah learning for the over 100 students, teachers and families in attendance. May our students' learning be an inspiration for all of us as we approach Shavuot!

\*This article is an edited reprint from a METNY email.

## Learning Center

Creating the school calendar every year is a challenge, to say the least. There are several factors to consider: half a dozen other school district's calendars; the Jewish holidays (of course); the caterer's bookings (room availability); personal commitments; special events; community programming; and last, but certainly not least, curriculum!

As educators, we want to impact our students and their families in a positive way. It is important to us that any one, or more, of the year's programs succeed in just that way. Two such programs from this year's curriculum definitely fit the bill: the 'Passover Event' held on March 21 and the Yom HaShoah program on April 11.

Every year before Pesach, Cantor Hiesiger and I conduct a Model Family Seder. When I began here at TBS, the whole school participated. Over the years, our school has grown and it became apparent that although the younger classes and their families still enjoyed and appreciated the Model Seder, the older students had outgrown it and needed a new 'perspective' on Passover.

As we all know, there is always some new way to experience Passover or something new to learn concerning the Seder and the Haggadah. Last year, the older classes joined together and played a game where they had a different activity to perform for each of the 14 steps to the Order of the Seder. This year, we invited parents to join us on Sunday March 21 to participate in 5 Passover 'workshops' led by their child's teachers.

Each session was 30 minutes and students moved from one room to another with their parents. Cantor Hiesiger taught Seder Songs in the Music Room; Ms. Edrich (Vov) taught the passage from the Haggadah: "In every generation..." and the students made sandals 'like' those worn out of Egypt; Ms. Atlas (Gimel) had her desk set up like a Seder Table to discuss the symbols on it AND everyone got a taste of her delicious homemade Charoset; Mr. Rozenberg (Hey) discussed the 'Order of the Seder' with everyone participating in an activity related to a particular step; and Mr. Rosenfeld talked about "4's": 4 questions, 4 cups of wine, 4 sons and the 4 names of the holiday.

It was a busy morning, but I'd like to think everyone came away having learned something new (even some new recipes!) – while having a good time learning it! Yasher Koach to my faculty for their individual and coordinated efforts that helped make the morning such a success.

Shortly after the Fall Holidays, Rabbi Schwartz reminded me that B'nai Sholom was to host this year's Yom HaShoah program, and he asked if I had any ideas about it.

Several years ago, I read the Holocaust memoir, "Four Perfect Pebbles" by Marion Blumenthal Lazan. I knew the author lived in the Five Towns and thought how wonderful it would be if she could come speak to our students. We were lucky enough to arrange for her come to TBS ON Yom HaShoah, April 11 and be the guest speaker for the RVC Community program. I ordered paperback copies of her book for the school and right before the Passover break, Mrs. Waidenbaum, the Library teacher, distributed them to the students in Hey and Vov. Together, the students began reading the memoir in the library with Mrs. Waidenbaum as she discussed the background, the vocabulary and answered students' questions and concerns about the Holocaust.

Students were assigned pages to read over the break and met with Mrs. Waidenbaum again for two sessions after the break to continue their 'book talk.' On Sunday night April 11, almost all of those students came to meet Mrs. Lazan and hear her story first hand. The Sanctuary was packed and you could hear a pin drop as everyone's attention was focused intently on Mrs. Lazan and her story. The students sat in the front row and hung on her every word. Mrs. Waidenbaum and I sat behind them and were so proud of their behavior and their interest. Her message of hope, courage and faith was so moving and inspiring to us all. It was a Yom HaShoah program that will stay with each and every one of us who was there that night.

Believe it or not, as I write this article, there are less than 10 sessions left to the school year. These last two programs were two of the defining ones of the 2009-2010 school year, so far. I hope the parents and students who participated in them can agree.

AND the year, though winding down, is NOT over yet!! There are few surprises still in store....which you will hear about in my next article.

I could not end this piece without thanking Temple B'nai Sholom for choosing me as this year's UJA Honoree. As I have said many times before, being a Jewish Educator is 'who I am,' and it is *I* who should be thanking *you* for giving me the opportunity to share the passion I have for my heritage and my religion with you and your children. Torah Rabah.

I wish you all a safe and fun-filled summer and I hope to see you all in September when we usher in an 'early' 5771!

Claudia Lieberman  
Educational Director



## Sisterhood News

Thank you to all who made donations and those who helped to assemble and deliver the Purim Gift Bags, one of our biggest fund raising events each year. Thank you

Sandy and Connie, our organizers, we could not have done it without your guidance.

Where do your donations go? We fund the ***Jewish Art, Music & Movement Class (JaMM)*** for children 3 & 4 years old. (For more information about ***JaMM***, call 764-8381.) In addition, we provided financial assistance for our Shabbat Across America Dinner held on March 5. We continue to support Women's League programs such as the ongoing training of Rabbi's and Cantors and sending aide to the Masorti Congregations in Chile who were affected by the Earthquake this year.

Our Regional Sisterhoods have begun to work together to present informative programs and invite members from our Congregation to participate. Please save the following dates:

On Sunday, April 25, 2010 at the Suffolk Y Jewish Community Center, Commack, NY from 11AM to 5PM, BQLI is hosting a very special program. The Topic is **Autism in Today's Society**. Our concentration will deal with how Autism affects us all. There will be several workshops pertaining to how we are all affected by Autism in our daily lives in our synagogues, religious & secular schools and in our home. We will learn how to effectively work together so that every child can succeed. The cost of attendance is \$36. This includes lunch and admission to all workshops. More information will be forthcoming.

**Torah Fund Women of Achievement Dinner** at the East Meadow Jewish Center on Wed. evening, June 9, 2010. More information is forthcoming.

Please feel free to share your ideas for programs with us. By working as a team, we can continue to maintain and improve our Sisterhood.

Maxine (379-7989) and Sheryl (536-4459)  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

## Thank You!

***Florence Belfer*** - thanks her many friends in remembering her on Purim.

***Ray and Rhoda Fishler*** - "Thanks to everyone who thought of us at Purim. It meant a great deal to us to know that we have not been forgotten, even though we don't get to Temple B'nai Sholom as often as we would like. We appreciate your thoughtfulness very much. Our thoughts and best wishes to you as you embark on a new chapter in TBS history. May you go from strength to strength".

***Margaret Richards and Ellie Rowsell*** - thank our friends at Temple B'nai Sholom for thinking of us during Purim.

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Mel and Dana Friedman on the death of their aunt, Bea Boxer, former member who was residing in Florida.  
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 Judith Rudman and the late Dr. Harry Rudman on the death of daughter, Janet S. Rudman, who passed away in London on 4/28/10 after a long illness, leaving two sisters, Anita and Marjery.  
 Allen Weiser on the death of his father, Herman Weiser.

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**FAMILY NEWS**

Mazel tov to Selig Rosenberg on his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
 Mazel tov to Elaine and Lester Wilensky on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
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