

President's Message

July 2009

This summer will be the culmination of our effort to find and welcome our new Rabbi to Temple Beth Tikvah when Rabbi Claudio Kogan joins us, effective July 1st. We are very much looking forward to his arrival into our synagogue community.

As your new President, I am honored, humbled, excited and just a little “anxious” to lead the newly-installed Board of Directors. I’ve had the good fortune to work very closely with the last Board, led by Susan Groll. My deep respect for her leadership has grown as I’ve seen her work tirelessly to ensure that our Temple life was vibrant and well-managed during a time of significant change and transition. Sue has been a marvelous mentor to me but, more importantly, she is a close friend. Sue and I have known each other for over fifteen years as we parented our children through TBT’s religious school. The friendship we now enjoy has grown and become much richer—due in large part to the many challenges, opportunities and experiences we’ve shared over the past two years working together at the Temple. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, **thank you Sue**, who has assured me that she’s “got my back” in her new role as Past President.

The following is a list of TBT’s Board of Directors for the upcoming year 2009-2010:

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Members at large: David Buller, Sam Powell, and John Foggie
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Men’s Club: Ken Rosenberg

Please reach out to me or to other members of the Board of Directors to provide your ideas and input as the new Board begins its work for the upcoming year.

Wendy Bluemling
President

Social Justice

Food Collection

Food Banks in Madison, Guilford, Branford and Killingworth are all in need of food, as is Jewish Family Services. Items such as canned meats, canned stews, school snacks, breakfast cereals and diapers would be greatly appreciated. Items may be dropped off in the TBT lobby; we will make sure they are distributed.

Habitat

On May 16th Madison Cares dedicated its fifth house to another family in need. The house is at 23 Wilson St. in New Haven and is now home to Pedro Castro, Jinnette Quiones and their three children. Thank you to all the TBT volunteers who helped to build this house. Photos of the home can be found at www.madisoncares.org. The next build, house number 6, will begin in the Fall.

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Back to School

School for '08/'09 has not even ended yet, but the Committee is already planning our Back to School project for '09/'10! Look for letters about this over the summer; please help us give children in need a great start to school in the Fall.

Thank You

A big thank you to Elaine Reitman, our outgoing co-chair. Her dedication and service to the Social Justice Committee over the last several years has been invaluable. The Committee co-chairs are now Ellen Goldfarb (erg1021a@aol.com) and Kate Lee (falcon181@aol.com) Please get in touch with us if you would like to participate in our fun and rewarding projects.

May 31st Congregational Conversation

Thank you to the 75 members of our Congregation who participated in the May 31st Congregational Conversation! With the active participation of so many, we were able to bring our history to life through some wonderful memories. The morning was spent reflecting on our history and then synthesizing what we had heard and said into themes that we, the congregation of TBT, believe are most important to share with Rabbi Kogan upon his arrival. Congregants expressed their enthusiasm for having participated and left the conversation feeling that it was an important, meaningful event. Look for a more in-depth article and photographs in next month's Shofar which will provide greater details of the first Congregational Conversation. This article will include a discussion of the top themes generated as a result of this work and how they will be shared with Rabbi Kogan.

By honoring our past, we are now ready to begin clarifying our future. Mark your calendars for our second Congregational Conversation which will be with Rabbi Kogan on Sunday, October 18, 2009.

Ellen Buller, Suzy Frisch and Diana Jaffe
The Congregational Transition Working Group

<p>TBT Professional Staff Tom Alpert, Interim Rabbi <i>cantorial staff</i> Cantor Dorothy Goldberg Rick Calvert, Cantorial Soloist <i>educational staff</i> Marcia Geringer, Religious School Principal Bernadette Stak, Nursery School Director Linda DeRusha, Librarian <i>administrative staff</i> Jane Luyckx, Temple Administrator Sandy Walsh, Temple Secretary <i>custodial staff</i> Don Bernat and Al Davenport</p>

Schedule of Services

Friday, July 3

6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service (no dinner)

Saturday, July 4

9:00 am Torah Study
 Torah portion: Chukat/Balak (Numbers 19:1 – 22:1)
 TAMC rev. ed., p.1024; TAMC 1st ed., p.1145;
 Hertz p.652

Friday, July 10

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
 Torah portion: Pinchas (Numbers 25:10 – 30:1)
 TAMC rev. ed., p.1074; TAMC 1st ed., p.1194;
 Hertz p.686

Saturday, July 11

9:00 am Torah Study



Friday, July 17

6:00 pm Carry-in Dairy Dinner
 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service/Welcome Rabbi Kogan
 Torah portion: Matot-Mas'ei (Numbers 30:2 – 32:42)
 TAMC rev. ed., p.1100; TAMC 1st ed., p.1215;
 Hertz p.702

Saturday, July 18

9:00 am Torah Study
 10:00 am Shabbat Morning Minyan

Friday, July 24

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
 Torah portion: Devarim (Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22)
 TAMC rev. ed., p.1161; TAMC 1st ed., p.1312;
 Hertz p.736

Saturday, July 25

9:00 am Torah Study

Friday, July 31

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service
 Torah portion: Va-et'chanan (Deuteronomy 3:23 – 7:11)
 TAMC rev. ed., p.1188; TAMC 1st ed., p.1333;
 Hertz p.755

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Michael Abrahams, Danielle Auerbach, Anna Babbin, Taryn Barnabei, Avery Bart, Madelyn Braver, Rebecca Cancelliere, Scott Chupp, Rebecca Eppler-Epstein, Morgan Fields, Noah Fleischman, Alyssa Friend, Audrey Geller, Sarah Geller, Daniel Gillis, Emily Gillis, Abigail Glassman, Mickey Glazier, Briana Hambor, Jaden Helfman, Daniel Jaffe, Alexander Kagan, Morgan Lesage, Naomi Morduch-Toubman, Natalie Muskin, Abigail Plummer, Dvora Redlich, Ruby Redlich, Adam Ross-Russell, Noah Rothberg, Katie Shapiro, Dana Shelton, Jaclyn Siegel, Aaron Silidker, Micah Stahl, Mikaela Weiss, Rachel Winer, Elizabeth Winokur, Alexandra Zappon, Madison Zimmerman, Stephanie Zollshan

Rabbi Kogan Receives a Master of Bioethics degree!

Rabbi Claudio Kogan received a Master of Bioethics degree last month from the University of Pennsylvania. The MBE program is designed to provide its graduates with the interdisciplinary training they will need in order to address the moral challenges in health care today and tomorrow.

The program Rabbi Kogan has just completed at UPenn brings together liberal arts disciplines including philosophy, history and sociology of science, psychology, sociology, and anthropology. It also calls on the expertise of Penn's professional schools including Medicine, Law, Wharton, and Nursing.

This degree builds upon the professional certifications Rabbi Kogan has already received. He earned his medical degree in 1995 from the University of Buenos Aires in his native Argentina. In 1997, he completed training as a mohel at Bichur Cholim Hospital in Jerusalem. In 1998, he earned a Master of Hebrew Letters from the Latin American Rabbinical Seminary and in 2002 he earned a Master of Hebrew Letters from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The following year he received a Master of Education in Educational Administration with a specialization in Jewish education.



The Rabbi Howard F. Sommer Fund for Continuing Jewish Education

This fund provides an honorarium to any TBT undergraduate student who takes a course in Judaic Studies. We are happy to announce the most recent recipient of an honorarium from the Rabbi Howard F. Sommer Fund for Continuing Jewish Education:

Mark Rosenberg, Hofstra University
Course Title: Jewish Studies

Congratulations to our latest recipient. Any TBT undergraduate interested in being recognized by the fund must first send a letter or email to the Rabbi describing the course he/she plans to take. The Rabbi will acknowledge that the course is within the parameters of the fund and request that the student send to the Rabbi an unofficial transcript upon the student's successful completion of the course. An honorarium is then sent to the student.

Oneg Shabbat

We wish to thank the following members for sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat during June:


- June 5 by the Board of Directors in honor of the Board installation
- June 12 With great pleasure and love the following families sponsored the oneg in celebration of Lisa Chupp's Bat Mitzvah: Steven & Clo Davis, the Friedmans, the Greenbergs, the Gordons, the Lavins, the Lees, the Lehmans, the Pinchbeck/Garmisas, the Schneiders, and the Sims/Peters
- June 19 by the Moskow family in honor of Ben's Bar Mitzvah
- June 26 by the Katz family in honor of Sam's Bar Mitzvah

Congratulations

- to Sandy and Myron Brand on the birth of their new grandson, Jack Parker Brand, May 22, 2009. Parents are Doug and Kristin Brand.
- to Margaret and Paul Lerner on the birth of their granddaughter, Iris Orly Lostetter, May 24, 2009. Parents are Lisa and Antony Lostetter.
- to Paul and Edith Baron who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary

In Memoriam

Burton S. Rubin, father of Richard Rubin



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