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*President's Notes*

*by Jonathan White*

## Hello, Goodbye (Part II)



Last month, in part I of this column, my “hello, goodbye” was for Rabbi Mishkin (hello) and Rabbi Fine (goodbye). This month, let me reverse the title, to “Goodbye and Hello.” This month, the “goodbye” is for me, as I write my last article under this column before I move off the bima. After two years of monthly columns, I have everlasting respect for the New York Times columnists who write twice a week and are provocative and interesting. I now take on the best role possible at TBI — one of many fortunate congregants in a wonderful community.

It has truly been an incredible honor to serve as President of TBI. What has made it work is the “team effort” of so many people who need to be thanked:

- Rabbi Fine (who I wrote about last month) and Cantor Blum (for whom I could never write enough about and thank enough).
- Our Executive Board who give countless hours to insure every detail of events and operations get done marvelously.
- Our Board of Trustees who have always supported our efforts along the way.
- Our professional staff, who always take on new responsibilities and run their programs so well.
- Lisa Naiburg, who makes TBI work every day with passion and dedication.

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*From the Rabbi*

*by Robert E. Fine*

## Looking Back



I am always amazed when a busy year full of activity begins to subside as we head toward summer. Not that I ever doubted summer would come; it's just that throughout the year it seemed so far away. This summer that feeling is even more pronounced because it will bring to a close not just one, but two years of activity in which I have had the privilege to serve as your rabbi. It has been a time of transition. Two years ago I found a community full of division and self-doubt, but I leave a community now looking toward its future with confidence as it awaits the arrival

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Send-off for  
Rabbi &  
Helene Fine  
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## Farewell...

Jonathan White has been a kind, supportive, strong and calm president. These qualities have served him well throughout his presidency, and certainly in working with me. I want to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has done, and to thank Allison for not killing him along the way! Of course, Jonathan will still be around, sharing his wisdom and love of TBI. This continuation of caring and involvement is a tradition at TBI: every president I have worked with has maintained involvement and devotion to the synagogue.

The much harder goodbye is to Rabbi Fine. Rabbi Fine came onto the scene just when we needed him most. I count myself very lucky to have had the opportunity to work with this man. He truly has the heart of a mensch, the epitome of what a good person, a good rabbi should be. His adoration of his wife of 40 years, Helene, is apparent every time he speaks of her. His pride and pleasure in his three boys, and his four grandchildren beams from him. His love of Judaism, and learning, sharing his wisdom, and most importantly, visiting his mother every Friday — all of these things comprise a piece of this man.

I have learned in these two years what makes an exceptional Rabbi. It is no different than what makes an exceptional human being. Honesty. Kindness. Listening well. Compassion. Truth. Rabbi Fine is exactly who he appears to be — a brilliant man who shares his love of life, Judaism and learning with all who cross his path. I have been blessed these two years with a man who can listen with compassion when faced with tears, who can share a great story, and who can bring humor and laughter into the lives of others. I have been blessed these two years with a man who really cares, and this has been the most important gift of all. I will miss him. And I will miss Helene's warm hugs. These are two very genuine people, and both Temple Beth Israel and me personally are better for having known them.

— Lisa Naiburg



## Bat Mitzvah of Peri Chain

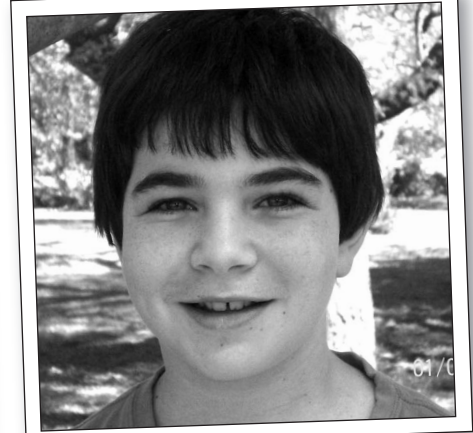
June 5 – 6

Peri has been insatiable since her arrival on September 5, 1996, always striving to experience more of life than is merely set out before her. She has progressed from the days of joining other interesting looking families at local restaurants to filling her schedule with activities and pursuits which provide constant enrichment.

She is an accomplished musician and is proud of her status as first chair clarinet in the Weber 7th Grade Band and, since there is no clarinet in the Weber jazz band, she plays alto sax. She is a founding member of the rock band LINKED for which she plays electric guitar, sings lead vocals and writes original songs. Since age 8, Peri has participated in yearly piano recitals and as early as 4th grade accompanied the Salem school chorus on piano. We will never forget the Salem Talent Show in which it was not enough for Peri to play piano, she played blindfolded! Her participation in this year's NYSSMA festival included individual piano, saxophone and clarinet ensemble. This summer she will once again play clarinet in the Schreiber Community Summer Band concert series at the band shell in Sunset Park.

Peri is quite an athlete, playing softball and basketball with the girls as well as co-ed touch football. This year she is the

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## Bat Mitzvah of Aviv Cohen

June 12 – 13

Aviv is the older son of Stefanie and Aaron Cohen who joined the TBI family in the fall of 2007, just after returning from living for one year in Arad, Israel. This is also where Aviv was born and spent his first year, before moving to Port Washington. Aviv, who holds dual citizenship in the United States and Israel, has straddled the Atlantic Ocean. He has family residing in both countries. He has lived, learned, traveled and explored in both countries. Therefore, he has come to love and appreciate the natural beauty and rich heritage of, as well as his personal connection to, both countries.

Aviv is a compassionate and sensitive individual with strong feelings for family, other people, and the earth. This side of Aviv is evident in his beautiful cello-playing and drawing. It is equally clear in the astute and sensitive comments he makes about people and places. Aviv is always ready to stick up for that child who gets picked on. He's always there to tend his brother if he gets hurt. It is also seen in the Mitzvah Project Aviv has chosen to commemorate the occasion of his bar mitzvah. Turning to the Jewish National Fund for an environmentally-related project, he found a cause no less worthy. He has decided to raise money for JNF for a program called Let us Play. This program

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*Editor's Spotlight**by Mark Alan Schneider*

## Turning Off Fortunoff

The Source Sinks & Joins the Growing List of Jewish-Owned Business Shut-Downs



The long and unfortunately growing list of Jewish-owned businesses that have floundered and ultimately shuddered in our lifetime could fill more than this one column. And I'm not just talking about my Uncle's successful Buster Brown children's shoe store on Jamaica Avenue in Queens.

No, once again I was surprised when another giant hit the brick wall; I almost spilled my coffee when I happen to catch a Sunday morning TV commercial announcing that Fortunoff's would be holding a "Going Out of Business Liquidation Sale."

What? Fortunoff's? Max and Clara Fortunoff's family-run empire where we could pick up a beautiful Menorah and

a box of Chanukah candles, shop for a stylish mezuzah, select a gold or silver chai necklace or a star of David charm, and even search and find fancy Passover seder plates and haggadas? And those were just some of the Judaica-related items that reinforced their advertising slogan of being "the source." Fortunoff's, the store that filled our wedding registry, filled out bedroom linen closet; supplied our outdoor furniture and was the source of many baby gifts? How could they sink? How could they join that long and growing list?

So how many of these giants of Jewish retail names from the recent past do you remember shopping at? Alexander's (owned by the Farkas family); JW Mays (founded by Joe Weinstein who named his store for his favorite Spring month); EJ Korvette's (named for Eleven Jewish Korean Veteran's); Ohrbach's (founded by Nathan); S. Klein on the Square (founded on Union Square by Samuel in 1912); B. Altman's (The B stands for Benjamin)? And that's just a small number of Jewish-run retailers who along with Stern's, Gimbel Brothers and so many other retail giants have closed down. And what about the multitude of Jewish-owned Catskills resorts? The Parker Family's Concord Hotel, Jennie of Grossinger's fame, along with the hundreds of larger, middle-sized and small family run Catskill's hotels, bungalow colonies, summer camps and local businesses that have served the needs of our families for generations.

Unfortunately "going out of business" is not limited to those and other traditional businesses. As Temple Beth Israel proudly celebrated its 75th anniversary last year, I followed the news of the shuttering and merger of so many local synagogues throughout the New York metro area — including my childhood synagogue Israel Center of Hillcrest Manor in Flushing, Queens. It's also no surprise that so many synagogues have sold and become churches in our region.

Even on a much smaller scale, take a look at what's left of the Jewish Lower East Side in Manhattan where block after block was once filled with one Jewish-owned business after another. Sure today you can still pick up a pickle from Guss' (even though the address has changed), a knish from Yonah Shimmel's, a bialy from Kossar's and a challah or hamantaschen from Moishe's Bakery...but you'd better hurry. Because who knows how long even those delicious businesses will be around to feed us. And although I did read that liquidators will more than likely soon scoop up the brand name "Fortunoff" and probably use it on a catalog of various products in the future, it's still not the same as going into the family run store that you love to shop in and feeling like you're part of the family. No, it's just not the same. We'll miss Fortunoff's.

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**CONGRATS to Paula and Jeff Davis**, producers of the wildly successful "Rock of Ages," on their 5 Tony nominations, including the nomination for Best Musical!

\* \* \*

**KUDOS to Steve Hazelkorn** for being a recognized and invaluable volunteer at St. Francis Hospital.

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**THANK YOU to Andrea and Jim Quigley** for donating the use of a bus for a Hebrew High School trip! Your generosity is appreciated!

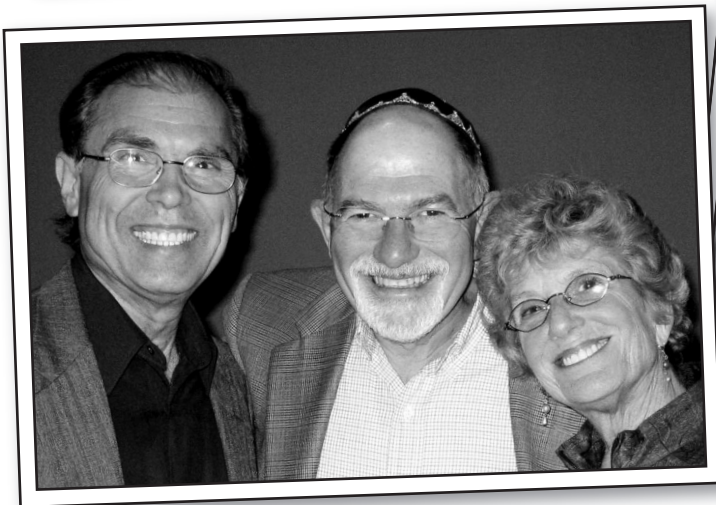
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**WOW! Suzanne Grabiner and her committee** created a magical evening on Sunday, May 17. Suzanne takes on every event with passion and immeasurable energy and commitment. She deserves accolades for this last event!



## *A Perfect Evening*

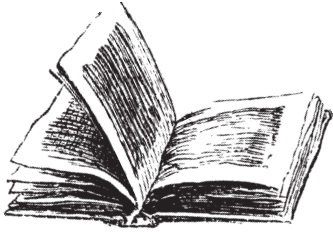
The cocktail party, held on Sunday, May 17, in honor of Rabbi and Helene Fine was a huge success — with over 170 people in attendance. Elegance, food, drink, music and a room full of laughter and friendship made for the perfect evening. Suzanne Grabiner and her committee did a magnificent job, and it was very heartwarming to see people of all ages and stages come out for this event. This was a statement of how deeply Rabbi Fine has touched our congregation in these past two, short but very wonderful, years. This was a lovely send off for our beloved Rabbi and Helene — who we expect to see around here a great deal in the coming years.





photos by Sandy Jo Hyman





## Book Review: The Rosendorf Quartet

*This month's book review is written by our TBI Librarian, Tina Glassberg.*

Winner of both the 1992 National Jewish Book Award for fiction and Israel's Bialik Prize for Literature, *The Rosendorf Quartet* by Nathan Shaham is set in mid-1930s Palestine. It is composed of five distinct sections, written as diaries, one by each member of the quartet and the fifth by a writer who befriends the group and hopes to turn his observations of their interactions into a novel. What the reader is given is several different and distinct descriptions of the members of the quartet. Reality is a conglomerate composition of who these individuals are.

Literally, it is the story of five displaced German Jews forced to move to Palestine as life for each in Germany becomes intolerable. Although none of them is a Zionist, Palestine is the only choice each has. Once there, they are thrust into world totally alien to their natures, where they are forced to come to terms with life in a country where political turmoil and impending violence are the norm. This is totally foreign to their earlier lives, which had revolved about music, with little involvement in the politics of Germany. In addition, the orchestra they have joined is, in their eyes, far inferior to those in Germany. The quartet becomes their salvation. The need to adjust to the reality that the places where the quartet performs are often little more than the meeting halls of small agricultural settlements and that many of the audience seem to have little idea of what a "true" performance consists

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## Confirmation

We had the great pleasure of watching and hearing our 16 Confirmation Students on Friday evening, May 29. It is incredible that in a congregation of our size, 14 students have pursued their Jewish education through the difficult public school years of 8th – 10th grades. These young adults, their parents, and the entire TBI community should be very proud. We applaud them.

**Raphi Ades-Aron**

**Evie Adsetts**

**Daniel Bialer**

**Ava Cotlowitz**

**Sela Grabiner**

**William Levine**

**Max Mancher**

**Samantha Palmer**

**Morgan Quigley**

**Mara Rubenstein**

**Kyra Schor**

**Jacob Shevrin**

**Alex Tung**

**Michael Weiss**

## Upcoming Library Event

The TBI Library Committee will be sponsoring a most interesting and wonderful event on Monday evening, June 1 at 8 p.m. in the library. On that evening Rabbi Fine will reflect on his own spiritual and intellectual journey. As those of you who have heard the Rabbi speak know, we should be in store for an inspiring and special evening. Refreshments will be served.

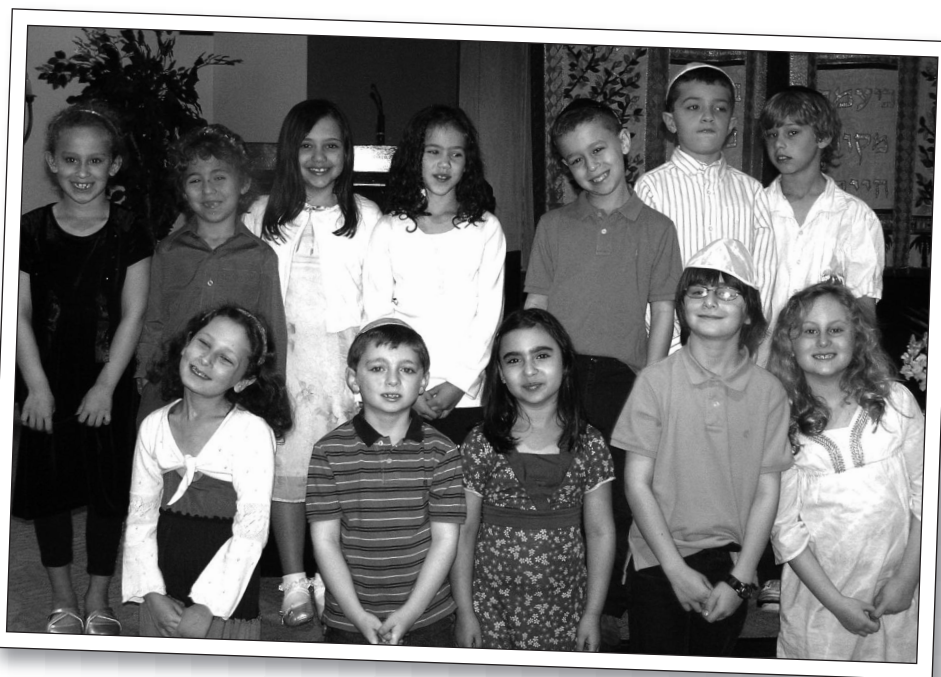
## Religious School

It's been a wonderful year here at TBI Religious School. We are so proud of all of our students as they "move up" and look forward to greeting our Kitah Zayin students in Hebrew High School in September!

We are so very proud of all of our Kitah Zayin students: Kirya Ades-Aron, Eric Adsetts, Aaron Bialer, Rachel Bossuk, Aaron Brezel, Adam Castar, Peri Chain, Aviv Cohen, Jordan Cohen, Harrison Kass, Ethan Marshall, Shari Meltzer, Chelsea Nachamie, Max Rosenthal, Adam Rubenstein, Rebecca Schaub, Ben Schor, Aaron Schuckman, Jordan Shedrofsky, Matthew Shevrin, Murphy Siegel, Alex Small, David Tung, Jack Weinkelbaum, Noah White, Elizabeth Wolf and Eric Wolf.

Of this group, ten exceptional students were selected, based on their performance over their years at TBI Religious School, to receive the METNY — United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Keter Torah Award. The Keter Torah is awarded to students who have consistently excelled academically as well as in their attitude and behavior. The honorees have also fulfilled all of our service and school attendance requirements. It was a real delight to share in their families pride at the Keter Torah Awards Ceremony at Midway Jewish Center on May 21. Our Keter Torah Award winners are:

**Eric Adsetts**  
**Aaron Bialer**  
**Aaron Brezel**  
**Adam Castar**  
**Peri Chain**  
**Jordan Cohen**  
**Shari Meltzer**  
**Adam Rubenstein**  
**Alex Small**  
**Jack Weinkelbaum**



**Kitah Bet's Siddur Ceremony**

## Nursery School

The years are going faster and faster! We are so lucky to be able to watch the children laugh, learn and grow each day. We have seen our Waddler class, which began in January, change from a crying disjointed group, to a class who sits together for snack and enjoys their projects and participating in their music activities. They recognize the pictures of their classmates and know their classmates names. Now they run to their room with smiles on their faces.

The Toddler class, our two-year-olds, are beginning to recognize their names, and are learning their alphabet. They are beginning to share and care about each other. They sit together as a group for group project time and have learned to wait their turn.

What growth we have seen in the children in our three-year-old class. Bonds are formed between the children and new friendships are always being made. Their imaginative play is astounding to watch. They have learned rules and routines and are comfortable following both. They have learned to care for others and have sent their tzedakah to children's hospitals, to help with the preservation of wildlife, to Sunrise Day Camp and to JNF. The academic skills that they have learned are too numerous to list.

We are preparing to say farewell to our Pre-K class. Some of these students have been with us for three years and we will certainly miss them. They are taller, wiser and ready to venture into Kindergarten. They have learned important socialization skills and have the ability to make good decisions. It is evident that many of them are ready for engineering school by the structures that they create with their blocks.

This is always a bittersweet time of year for us. We know so much about our Pre-K children — their families, pets, cousins, vacations, likes and dislikes. We know that they are ready to spread

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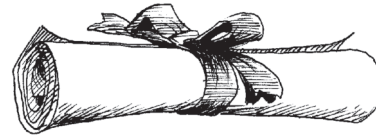
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- Mitch Schuckman and the Search Committee, for making the most important choice of all go so smoothly.
- Our many committees who give our community breadth, depth and warmth.
- Our past presidents who have always given me sound advice and who have been holding a spot for me on the "Past Presidents" plaque in the Board room.
- Most importantly, my family who have patiently endured countless meetings, phone calls and discussions (particularly my wife Allison who made so many of my letters and columns much clearer than I had originally composed).
- Finally, thanks to all of you. I have enjoyed working with so many of you. I plan to continue to work to grow our membership and keep us strong financially. As Rabbi Fine wrote last month, leadership, spiritual or otherwise, cannot replace each of us stepping up as vibrant and active members of our community. I urge each of you to participate with me, with your time, your ideas, and yes, with your pocketbooks. The more each of us puts into TBI, the greater it will be.

The "hello" is to Jay Silverman, our incoming President, and the eight new Exec Board and Board members. I have great confidence that Jay and his team (which has both tremendous continuity at many key positions and many "new faces" with great ideas) will continue our efforts. I wish them all the best and promise to be there to assist (though maybe not at every meeting). I ask you to help them as much as you have helped me.

One of Rabbi Fine's first d'var torahs spoke of Abraham's regret as he died, that he had not accomplished everything that he wanted. Rabbi Fine reminded us that it is impossible to "get it all done"

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## Our College Grads

Yasher Koach to all of our college graduates this spring.  
We are so very proud of your achievements!

**Laura Aiges**  
**Samantha Gass**  
**Debra Harris**  
**Daniel Latzman**  
**Zachary Levin**  
**Max Schneider**  
**Paul Winters**

**Religious School**

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We also couldn't be prouder of our Hebrew High School Confirmation class. These 14 tenth grade students have spent as many as fourteen years working and playing at TBI (from Nursery School through Hebrew High School). On Friday evening, May 29 during Shavuot services, these amazing teens participated in the service and shared their thoughts on a variety of topics related to their Jewish education. This is our largest Confirmation class on record and we are sure to hear wonderful things about each and every one of them as they continue to learn and grow both spiritually and intellectually.

The members of our Confirmation class are: Raphael Ades-Aron, Eve Adsetts, Daniel Bialer, Ava Cotlowitz, Sela Grabiner, William Levine, Max Mancher, Samantha Palmer, Morgan Quigley, Mara Rubenstein, Kyra Schor, Jacob Shevrin, Alex Tung, and Michael Weiss.

As this year comes to an end I am so very grateful to Rabbi Fine and all of our dedicated teachers and support staff for all that they do each and every day!

— Alice Talmud



**Aviv Cohen**

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is raising money to pay for a \$3 million “20,000 square foot indoor playground for the children of S’derot who are under constant threat of rocket attacks from the Gaza strip. This project [is] very important to the people of S’derot because the children who live there are not able to play outside freely, due to the dangers [posed by] the rockets.” Besides recreational spaces, such as playgrounds, a basketball court, a rock climbing wall, games, a café, and a movie theater center, there are also much needed services available for the children, including a counseling center and a health clinic. The center is already up and running and \$50,000 has already been raised toward the costs.

Aviv’s formal Jewish education has taken place in three institutions. In addition to studying at Temple Beth Israel, Aviv spent one year in Israel where he attended 5th grade in a public elementary school in Arad. He also studied for a year at Gachelet, a local program for Israeli children. Aviv is hoping to further his Jewish learning and connection to Israel through participation in the Prozdor High School of The Jewish Theological Seminary beginning this fall.

Aviv’s parents and his younger brother, Yonatan, are very proud of Aviv’s accomplishments and the beautiful job he has done preparing for his Bar Mitzvah. They are looking forward to his “aliyah l’Torah” and to marking this joyous occasion at Temple Beth Israel.

**Nursery School** *(cont. from page 7)*

their wings but we wish we could hang on to them a little longer. We are looking forward to welcoming in our new toddlers and new families in other classes as well.

Our events this year have all been successful and we have had a wonderful time.

Our staff is one that should be commended. They were devoted to the children and always trying to love them and challenge them to reach their fullest potential.

We are looking forward to our summer program which is full.

All the teachers and I wish everyone a wonderful summer.

— Sue Martin

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but rather each of us during our time should be focusing on "moving the ball forward" as much as we can. After two years, much remains to be done — in fully addressing our financial needs, in growing our membership even more, in creating improved programs for young and not-as-young alike. Yet we can look around and take great pride that we have moved forward in so many ways in the last two years. It is now time to keep moving forward together. I know that I count on you to help.

## Sisterhood Contributions

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Mazal Tov to our proud Confirmation Class: Raphael Ades-Aron, Evie Adsetts, Daniel Bialer, Ava Cotlowitz, Sela Grabiner, William Levine, Max Mancher, Samantha Palmer, Morgan Quigley, Mara Rubenstein, Kyra Schor, Jacob Shevrin, Alex Tung and Michael Weiss

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**Peri Chain**

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starting pitcher of the Weber 7th grade softball team. Knowing our daughter, you might think that she has trouble sitting still, but she represented Weber in last year's Long Island Interscholastic Team Chess Tournament, helping to bring her team a third place ribbon and recently won back-to-back video game competitions at the Port Washington Library. She is also artistically gifted and especially enjoys building anything and everything.

Peri is an exemplary student both at Weber and at TBI. She consistently brings home top grades in all secular subjects and her achievements in Jewish education have been recognized by the Metropolitan New York Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism by honoring her with the prestigious Keter Torah Award this year.

Concrete accomplishments aside, Peri often stands out for her exceptional kindness, maturity, enthusiasm and work ethic. This was extremely evident in her participation in the "Mitzvah Meals" program where she cooked kosher meals and delivered them to the needy and disabled on Long Island. She is also an extremely caring sister to her brother David, who, while he doesn't always appreciate her, doesn't have a better playmate in the world.

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to Peri's teachers, d'var torah mentor Shari Rosenthal, Hebrew School Principal Alice Talmud and Cantor Blum for their dedication and guidance and thanks to all of you who have come to share this special day with our family and Peri as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah.

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of an exciting new rabbi in Michael Mishkin. Whatever I did that may have helped TBI rediscover itself in this process is a source of great joy and satisfaction to me.

Another source of joy is that Helene and I have come to know so many of you during this time and have come to love the Port Washington community. I write these words having just experienced the wonderful evening of tribute on May 17. The huge turnout and the sentiments expressed were heart warming and greatly appreciated — although it makes leaving that much more difficult.

It is time, however, for me to express my gratitude to the people I have worked with during these two years on an almost daily basis. TBI has a wonderful staff. Alice Talmud, who oversees our Religious School and Hebrew High School, and Sue Martin, who runs a vibrant Nursery School, have both been models of professional dedication. Sandy Hyman in the office and Edwin Rivera who heads our custodial staff have always been available and helpful. And the many active Board members who constitute the lay leadership of this community are a great resource and strength. There are three people, however, who I must single out for special mention, for my time at TBI will (in my memory, at least) be most associated with their faces and efforts.

Jonathan White has been the president during my entire two years, and he (alas!) has had to deal with me for his entire presidency. He may not have a basis of comparison, but I certainly do, and I can assure you it has been a pleasure to work with him. And then there's Lisa Naiburg. Nobody warned me about her! If they had, I actually would have tried to come here sooner. In all my years in the rabbinate I have never worked with an executive director or synagogue administrator who gives more to the synagogue than she does, or who has made my life as a rabbi easier than she has. She is TBI's (not so secret) treasure. And, of course, Baruch Blum. I'm not sure how to express what a special joy it has been to share the bimah with him. For an entire generation he has given TBI continuity and stability. He is the community's heart and soul.

I will continue to be here through most of June and July, except for a short vacation in early July; however, next month's TBI RePort column will be written by Rabbi Mishkin. Helene joins me in wishing you a wonderful summer, and may you and Rabbi Mishkin enjoy many wonderful summers together.

**June Donations***(continued from page 12)*

Arnold Abramowitz in loving memory of Joseph Getz.

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Col haCavod to Lisa Naiburg, for all that you do...

Col haCavod to Suzanne Grabiner & her committee, for another wonderful event!

Susan and Peter Stein in memory of Ester Blum, mother of Cantor Blum.

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in honor of Noah White becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

in honor of Rebecca Schaub becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

in honor of Reuben Berman's acceptance to the JTS-Columbia program

in memory of Clotilde Treves, mother of Claire Brezel.

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**Nursery School Fund**

Helene and Stephen Weingrow in honor of the birth of William Joseph Cohen, grandson of Ellen Cohen.

**Book Review***(cont. from p.6)*

of is difficult for each of them and the group as a whole to accept.

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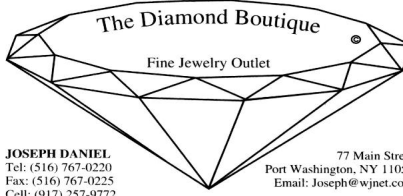
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<b>7</b> 15 SIVAN 9 am Minyan	<b>8</b> 16 SIVAN Board Mtg: 8:15 pm	<b>9</b> 17 SIVAN Last Adult Ed: 10:15 am	<b>10</b> 18 SIVAN Adult Ed: 7:30 pm	<b>11</b> 19 SIVAN NS Moving Up: 7 pm	<b>12</b> 20 SIVAN 6:45 pm Services B/M: Aviv Cohen C.L. 8:09 pm	<b>13</b> 21 SIVAN 9:30 am Services B/M: Aviv Cohen <i>Beha'alotecha</i>
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<b>21</b> 29 IYAR 9 am Minyan SUMMER BEGINS FATHER'S DAY	<b>22</b> 29 IYAR ROSH CHODESH	<b>23</b> 1 TAMMUZ ROSH CHODESH	<b>24</b> 2 TAMMUZ	<b>25</b> 3 TAMMUZ	<b>26</b> 4 TAMMUZ 6:45 pm Services C.L. 8:13 pm	<b>27</b> 5 TAMMUZ 9:30 am Serv <i>Korach</i>
<b>28</b> 6 TAMMUZ 9 am Minyan	<b>29</b> 7 TAMMUZ	<b>30</b> 8 TAMMUZ Calendar Mtg: 7:30 pm	<b>June 1</b> 9 TAMMUZ	<b>2</b> 10 TAMMUZ	<b>3</b> 11 TAMMUZ 6:45 pm Services C.L. 8:13 pm	<b>4</b> 12 TAMMUZ 9:30 am Services <i>Korach/Chukat</i> INDEPENDENCE DAY

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