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## Upcoming Events:

Friday, February 3	Shabbat Shira Service	7:30 PM
Saturday, February 4	Scout Shabbat Service	10:30 AM
Sunday, February 5	Religious School - 9th, 10th, Torah Tots	9:00/10:30 AM
Saturday, February 11	Brotherhood led Havdalah Service	6:30 PM
Saturday, February 11	Rick Recht Youth Service-Rodef Shalom	7:30 PM
Sunday, February 12	Religious School - 8th, Torah Tots	9:00/10:30 AM
Saturday, February 18	BeTTy Shul-In	7:00 PM
Sunday, February 19	No Religious School	
Friday, February 24	Shabbat "Healing" Service	7:30 PM
Saturday, February 25	Hutson Bat Mitzvah	10:00 AM
Sunday, February 26	Religious School - 8th, 9th, 10th, Torah Tots	9:00/10:30 AM
Saturday, March 3	TBT Gala and Rabbi Roast	7:00 PM
Sunday, March 4	Religious School - 9th, Torah Tots	9:00/10:30 AM
Friday, March 9	Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Saturday, March 10	Schwartz Bar Mitzvah	10:00 AM
Sunday, March 11	Purim Schpiel & Carnival-No School	TBD
Sunday, March 18	Religious School - 9th, Torah Tots	9:00/10:30 AM
Friday, March 23	Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Saturday, March 24	Dickman Bat Mitzvah	10:00 AM
Sunday, March 25	Religious School - 8th, 10th, Post Confirmation	9:00/10:30 AM

**Proper attire is encouraged at all services.  
Please see the weekly Blast for Chaverim listings.**

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### **DIRECTIONS TO NEW BUILDING**

**4212-C Technology Court, Chantilly, VA 20151**

**From Route 66** - Get off at Route 28 North. Go North to Route 50 West. Travel west on Route 50. Turn left on Pleasant Valley Rd. Turn left on Lafayette Center Dr. Turn left on Technology Court.

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### **Chaverim Groupings for Shabbat Services, Oneg and Set-up**

Complete details, schedule, and contact information available at [www.bethtorah.net](http://www.bethtorah.net). Please do your part as a TBT member. It is your responsibility to contact your group to coordinate food, drinks and set up. If you can not attend on your given date please switch with someone from another group and inform your chaverim of the change.

It is your responsibility to find a substitute.

**NOTE: See TBT Blast and [www.bethtorah.net](http://www.bethtorah.net) for Chaverim groupings**

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# A Message from the President

## *Matt Kestenbaum*

I have been a member of Temple Beth Torah for almost seven years.

As a new member of TBT, some of you may recall, I was in a very different spiritual place than I am now. It was this kind of place (perhaps you've lived there, too): Drop off your kids at religious school, then pick them up a couple of hours later. Do not, under any circumstances, fraternize with anyone else – they might want you to get involved. Show up on Yom Kippur or Rosh Hashanah – both if you were feeling particularly Jewish that year. Say a couple of rushed prayers on Hanukkah before digging into the latkes and opening the presents. Eat some matzah on Passover. Rinse. Repeat.

There you go, you get to call yourself a Jew.

In the fall of 2005, we attended our first High Holidays services at TBT. They were in the basement of an Episcopal Church. The chairs were uncomfortable. The lighting poor. The Ark portable. The ner tamid of the plug-in variety.

To be honest, I thought we were “one and done.”

And then the service started. It was warm. It was welcoming. It was relevant. So much for one and done.

There were many components of those first services that made us understand that this was no ordinary congregation. You, my fellow congregants, played a large role in making us feel welcome, Cantor Marsh brought some real spunk to the party, and we loved how the post B'nai Mitzvah students were such an integral part of the proceedings. But the truth of the matter is that three words explain why, seven years later, we're still members. Three words explain why I have a renewed sense of my Jewish identity, why my wife is comfortable coming to services on a regular basis, and why my kids understand Judaism in a way I didn't until I was in my 40's. Three words:

Rabbi Kenneth Block.

For 13 years he has been the guiding force behind TBT; he is our heart and our soul. And now, in his “Bar Mitzvah Year,” it is time to say thank you.

The Board debated as to the most appropriate way to do this. Perhaps a new, golden yarmulke? A lovely cast bronze plaque? A shrubbery? Perhaps for other rabbis, but not for our Rabbi. Nope – our Rabbi needs mirth and merriment. And mirth and merriment is what we will have:

Please join us for the “Surely You Jest” TBT Gala in honor of Rabbi Block on Saturday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM at Temple Beth Torah. The sanctuary will be transformed into a wonderland the likes of which TBT has never seen. A special guest Master of Ceremonies will take time away from his current off-off-off-Broadway hit to guide us through an evening of good-natured fun aimed precisely at you-know-who. The dinner will be professionally catered and includes “Tossed Mesculin Greens with Sliced Strawberries, Julienned Mango, Grape Tomatoes, Crumbled Goat Cheese & Toasted Macadamias Served with Citrus Vinaigrette.” (To be honest, I'm not sure I understood much of that description, but I think it means the food will be very high quality, indeed.) There will be a silent auction with many wonderful items to purchase (all proceeds go to TBT), and plenty of adult beverages (real glassware at the bar – hey, we're going all out here). Speaking of adults, I should point out that there won't be a kiddie menu. Sorry kids, but this event is for mom and dad only – I'm not saying things are going to get out of hand, but the humor will be decidedly of the adult variety.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the dress code calls for cocktail attire. I realize that as far as my male compatriots are concerned, I could have written κοκτέιλ ενδυμασία and it would have meant the same thing to them (it does, by the way, mean cocktail attire in Greek). But we're no closer to deciding between Brooks Brothers or Tommy Bahama.

So I looked it up.

There are multiple definitions out there on the worldwide web, but here's what were going with (excerpted from <http://www.life123.com/beauty/style/attire/cocktail-attire-for-men.shtml>): Basically, cocktail attire for men is a balance between casual and formal. Though you want to look formal, you do not want to look too formal. Thus, keep the tuxedo in the closet and take out a suit in a dark color.

So, gentleman, pick out the charcoal grey suit well in advance and make sure your tie doesn't clash with your shirt (not going to name names here, but you know who you are).

In all seriousness, everyone, please do join us at the gala to show your love and appreciation for Rabbi Block. I can't think of a better way to start his next 13-year cycle with Temple Beth Torah.

G-d help us all.

# A Message from the Rabbi

## *Kenneth Block*

At the last Nosh 'N Drash I was asked to answer the questions as a normal Rabbi would. That is when I realized that not everyone wants to hear the answers of a Rabbi who is AB normal. The following are the answers that a normal Rabbi would give, if you could find a normal Rabbi who would give an answer.

Does God answer our prayers? Yes, He does. If you do not get the answer you wanted it means you have not been scrupulous in your observance of the 613 commandments according to the interpretation of normal Rabbis.

Why do people die? It is because they have not been scrupulous in their observance of the 613 commandments according to the interpretation of normal Rabbis.

Why do bad things happen to me? It is because you have not been scrupulous in your observance of the 613 commandments according to the interpretation of normal Rabbis.

Why am I depressed? It is because you have not been scrupulous in your observance of the 613 commandments according to the interpretation of normal Rabbis.

Are you beginning to see a pattern? No? Yes? Normal Rabbis see themselves as guardians of the 613 commandments. This means that ritual observance is the answer to any and all questions. My purpose here is not to criticize the answers given by normal Rabbis. Rather, it would be helpful if you would preface your questions by telling me you want an answer that a normal Rabbi would give. A normal Rabbi answer is much easier to give. It is always easier to give because it is black or white. Just because I am AB normal does not mean that I cannot give a normal Rabbi answer. I just need to be told before I answer. With that said, here are some more questions with normal answers.

Why did the person I love contract cancer? It is because you have not been scrupulous in your observance of the 613 commandments according to the interpretation of normal Rabbis.

Why didn't the Broncos win? It is because they were not scrupulous in their observance of the 613 commandments according to the interpretation of normal Rabbis.

Why was I not accepted at UVA? It is because you have not been scrupulous in your observance of the 613 commandments according to the interpretation of normal Rabbis.

Can I marry a non-Jew? No, because then you would not be scrupulous in your observance of the 613 commandments according to the interpretation of normal Rabbis.

Can I marry someone from a different race, culture or country? No, because then you would not be scrupulous in your observance of the 613 commandments according to the interpretation of normal Rabbis.

My family loses interest in the Passover Seder, can I shorten it and only do it in English? No, because then you would not be scrupulous in your observance of the 613 commandments according to the interpretation of normal Rabbis.

We would like to have a family service on Friday night in June, but 8:30 is too late a starting time for small children, can we start at 7:00? No, because then you would not be scrupulous in your observance of the 613 commandments according to the interpretation of normal Rabbis.

These are actual question I have been asked, I did not make them up. My next column will consist entirely of answers to your questions. Please write them on a sticky note attached to an incunabula edition of the Jerusalem Talmud and mail to Rabbi Kenneth Block 11140 Rockville Pike Suite 100-307 Rockville MD 20852 USA. Be sure to specify whether you would like a normal Rabbi answer or an AB normal Rabbi answer.

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# A Message from the Cantor

## *Jinny Marsh*

### **How to Successfully Engage our Youth at the URJ BIENNIAL**

Originally our past URJ President, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, initiated a campaign from the Reform movement for youth engagement. This past December at the Reform Biennial, Jonathan Stein, rabbi at Shaare Tefilla in Manhattan, spoke about engaging our youth. Stein claims there is an underlying theme and issue at the heart of the struggle to keep our youth involved. This is it: Teens and parents cannot identify what is the value added to their lives from being Jews. If the synagogue means that it is a place for you to have your kid to celebrate their bar or bat mitzvah and have a party, why would you stay connected afterwards? Why would you stay when the last one in your family goes through this “right of passage?”

But if the synagogue is a place where you see good friends, where folks care about you, where you get to learn and grow and give back and stay connected, then the choice will be obvious. Today we are here to confront the uncomfortable truth. That we have never had a majority of people remain connected to synagogues. From his 36 years in the rabbinate, he says, it is relationships and community that keep people involved and connected.

If we are not in relationship with our youth and families, if we don't give them the space to talk about who they really are, what they feel, what matters to them, they will continue to walk away in droves. And, he says, we have decades of evidence to prove that this is the case including his own congregation. His congregation has about 70 bar and bat mitzvahs a year. Last year he had confirmation class of 7.

We need a new bottom line for measuring success. Stein says, It's not enough to count how many people walk through the doors and participate in our programs.

We need to ask ourselves when they leave, have they been touched and inspired? Do they feel connected and cared for? Did they have an opportunity to discover a new relevance of Judaism to their life. This is the moment that we begin to put relationship and connection at the center and if we do, then that revolving bar and bat mitzvah door will stay open and each person will stay in.

So what would it look like? He gave some examples. First: He suggests that we not measure success only by how many people walk through the door. Rather we need to touch people where their life matters most and where they spend most of their time. And that means outside the synagogue. Outside of our buildings. Real success means giving them Jewish lives in places that transcends the time spent in the temple building. And, Stein says, we need to convince our movement that it is time reach out to the unaffiliated and not penalize young people whose parents don't belong to our synagogues.

Second: He sees a need for a paradigm shift away from counting success as to how many kids stay until confirmation versus how many kids stay “connected” after bar and bat mitzvah. Confirmation has become our movements “teen idol.” He suggests that confirmation should be “a” goal and not “the” goal. And we need to give teens credit for every and any way they stay connected post-b'nai mitzvah. Stein believes we need to move confirmation to 12th grade. We need to make confirmation a real goal and not another potential exit moment.

Third: 7th grade is too late to engage our young people and families. From the very beginning we need people to know that we care about them and we need to welcome them not only when they come to the new member tour. That is why this is called the campaign for youth engagement not teen engagement. We need to focus not only on our teens but on the whole family beginning in early childhood. If we make that initial investment, then we will be able to rely on the strength of ongoing relationships to ensure that there is a seamless and continuous journey for our families and youth from their earliest stages into adulthood and parenthood.

Fourth: Prioritizing relationships means we have to be serious about how staff and volunteers spend their time. If one on one relationships with clergy, with youth professionals, teachers, camp counselors, board members, volunteers and mentors is really the way to keep our youth connected, then we need to count success one student at a time, one camper at a time, one teaching assistant at a time, and one parent at a time. You never know what influence you have on an individual who comes into contact with you in a Jewish context. You never know who will be the next cantor, rabbi, early childhood director, camp counselor, temple president or URJ president. So we need to spend our staff and our volunteer time building one on one relationships as a primary necessity for how we understand our roles.

Finally, while there are many examples of how this paradigm shift might work out in our congregations. Stein addresses one of the hardest issues. Ninety percent of the people who show up for a Bar or Bat on Shabbat morning are invited guests. As a result congregations have a different community each Shabbat service. Many congregations struggle to keep the focus on G-d rather than worshipping the b'nai mitzvah student. As a result the Shabbat service becomes a private moment for the b'nai mitzvah family and their guests. This does not bode well for a Jewish community. B'nai Mitzvah is one of the most important places that the campaign for youth engagement can assert the importance of relationship, community and connection and it is one of the most important things that we will face together as a movement. Rabbi Stein encourages us as a congregation to think about these ideas and to place connection and relationship at the center of our congregational culture. He asks us to take this home and wrestle, wrestle along with synagogues like ours across the country with these issues to sustain Judaism.

# A Message from the Education Director

## *Betsy Roth*

The past few religious school newsletters detailed our Chai Curriculum and beyond. As I review the article, I am overwhelmed by the strength of our faculty who implement our Judaics' program. I often ask the teachers to use 'bragging rights' in their emails home to the families. However, our teachers are modest as they are great! In just a few short years TBT's Hebrew program has improved that is completely due to our teachers. If you are a parent of a K/1 student, then you have seen the colorful and fun Aleph Bet booklets. Miss Tamara and Miss Nicole took a brave leap to teach their students Hebrew letter recognition. The pamphlets are full of color and fun activities.

Miss Julie and Jodi are now a 'pros' with the one of my favorite books for Hebrew letter recognition called, Ox, Door, Camel, Door. This is just a terrific book and I hope the 2nd grade parents have taken a few moments to look at it. There is one particular activity I love the best. It asks the students what the 'rabbis' might have thought about each symbol and how they gave each letter its name. It is a great circle time topic for discussion.

In her first year teaching Hebrew for the 3rd Grade, Bev Lesser promised me that she was comfortable using the online technology used in conjunction with the Hebrew book, Aleph Bet Quest. This book helps extend the student's learning time into the home. The online activities are a required piece for student progress and fun to do!! Grades 4-7 have warmly welcomes our new and 'user friendly' Barvaz Press Curriculum. Take a peek into the fourth grade classroom to see the beautiful 'Blessings' mural the students have created!! Thank you Miss Greenwald!

Mr. Tannenbaum has been asking for materials for 'the next Prayer' on a regular basis. With the strong and consistent build-up of our Hebrew program over the years, this fifth grade class is progressing and learning their required Prayers at a clip!! Great job fifth graders!!

A new addition to our faculty is Aaron Sulkin. Aaron has brought his 'conversational' Hebrew knowledge into the classroom. Not only are the students progressing with their Tefillah (prayer) studies, you can also hear them speaking Hebrew!! Kol HaKavod Aaron!!

Reading for the Rabbi has given a boost (and motivation) to our sixth grade students. With Rabbi Block's assistance, we can pinpoint where each of our students might need extra support.

Cantor Marsh continually works with our Bnai Mitzvah students and puts the finishing touches of years of religious school instruction at each and every Bar/Bat Mitzvah at TBT.

One more very important piece that adds to the success of our Hebrew progress is our Madrichim program. We

are as good as we are because of their willing and capable assistance in the classroom!

I'd also like to include some personal 'highpoints' because it brings honor to TBT. The Reflection Page that our teachers fill out weekly was featured in a presentation at the NEW CAJE Conference which is attended by educators from across the US. The editor of Behrman House Publishing House recently contacted me to review a Hebrew Primer for adults. Our Tzfardi, the TBT frog who went to Israel, was featured at the Biennial! The past president of the URJ, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, shook my hand last summer when I attended the Summer Learning Institute. Ask me why?

On January 22nd, much of the new materials for our 7th grade were displayed during Religious School. Next year, more of these items will be developed with the focus on 5th and 6th grade. I'm very more than proud of our Hebrew faculty and all the advancements made in our program and the progress of our TBT students!!

In past years, the only materials available to the 7th grade students were photocopies from the Siddur (Prayerbook). The Hebrew program at Temple Beth Torah is undergoing a dramatic transformation. This is part of a three year cycle initiative to standardize our Hebrew studies program. In September, every 4-7th grade student at TBT had been given a personal Tefillah Binder. This Tefillah Binder will move from grade to grade with the student. As each individual Prayer Pamphlet is completed, it will be put in the binder. In the coming years, the students will have these Binders with all their Prayer Pamphlets to use as a wonderful review resource.

We have a miniature Torah for use in the classroom, Miniature Piano Key Board for learning Hebrew songs, Laptop/Computers for use in doing online Hebrew games and learning, Student Accountability: Reading for Success One Line at a Time, a Homework or in class accountability sheet, Homework Recording Sheet--A weekly assignment sheet to be signed by the parent, Games: Eggs spert,--a competitive game of being the 'eggs pert!,' Avot V'Imahote Rummy, Aleinu Checkers, Noah's Ark Board Game--players must read the word correctly on the card in order to make it on the Ark!!, Ma'ariv Aravim Board Game, Letter and Vowel Tic Tac Toe, Magnetic Letters and White Board--These magnetic letters can be used in a variety of learning techniques, Flashcards and Prayer Puzzles, Conversational Hebrew--Book and CD Companion, Conversational Hebrew Pamphlets which are 'theme' based with Colorful Companion Posters, paper trimmer' used in creating many of these Materials.

# YAHRTZEITS

Member	Remembers	Relationship	Date Passed Away
Julie Pearl	Rose Ann Pearl	Mother of Julie	2/4/2007
Allyson Kavaljian	Bernice Pollock	Mother of Allyson	2/5/2006
Mary & Jeff Horner	Anne Gibbs	Mother of Mary	2/6/2002
Daria & Jeffrey Parnes	Mary Makowski	Mother of Daria	2/8/1993
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Beryl Goldman	Uncle of Barbara	2/8/1982
Gail & Howard Sulkin	Fanny Bisk	Grandmother of Howard	2/12/1979
Gail & Howard Sulkin	Irving Bisk	Uncle of Howard	2/12/1990
Elizabeth & Howard Fribush	Joseph Attman	Grandfather of Howard	2/13/1980
Marcie & David Wise	Sidney Wise	Father of David	2/14/1994
Andrea and Daniel Rosenthal	Nancy Rosenthal	Mother of Daniel	2/15/1998
Gayle Jenkins	Nathan Greenberg	Grandfather of Gayle	2/15/1995
Deborah Mayer & Todd Hillman	Charles Walker	Grandfather of Todd	2/18/1996
Dave & Marcie Wise	Rosalyn Brooks	Aunt of Dave	2/20/2009
Cara & Kurt Kessler	Louis Rosenfeld	Grandfather of Cara	2/24/1994
Marcie & David Wise	Rosalyn Brooks	Aunt of David	2/27/2009
Audrey & David Lipps	Jenny Lipps	Grandmother of David	2/29/1976
Andrea & Greg Hayken	Marion Weinberg	Grandmother of Andrea	3/x/2008
Joanne & Rob Doolittle	Esther Rosenblith	Grandmother of Joanne	3/3/1990
Deborah Mayer & Todd Hillman	Edward Feld	Grandfather of Deborah	3/3/1996
Joanne and Rob Doolittle	Bertram Weiner	Father of Joanne	3/5/2008
Melissa & Jay Margolis	Elsie Serota	Grandmother of Melissa	3/6/1992
Daria & Jeffrey Parnes	Marion Parnes	Mother of Jeffrey	3/7/2003
Audrey & David Lipps	Maurice John Wing	Grandfather of Audrey	3/8/1982
Elizabeth & Stephen Ward	Henry B Ward	Father of Stephen	3/8/2006
Kathleen & Matt Kestenbaum	Emanuel Kestenbaum	Grandfather of Matt	3/9/1963
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Stanford Thal	Uncle of Barbara	3/9/1980
Lori & Eric Kravchick	Barry Kravchick	Father of Eric	3/10/2006
Lorri & Paige Childers	Paul Rappaport	Grandfather of Lorri & Great Grandfather of Paige	3/11/1998
Nancy Watson	Edward Goldfarb	Father of Nancy	3/15/1988
Alissa and Charles Blackmore	Steven Simon	Father of Alissa	3/15/1989
Joanne & Darcy Wertz	Esther Linchuck Bonesz	Mother of Joanne	3/16/2010
Daria & Jeffrey Parnes	Anna Pflaster	Grandmother of Jeffrey	3/17/1983
Jose & David Baroness	Jacob David Spiegel	Grandfather of David	3/18/1969
Elizabeth & Howard Fribush	Roger French	Father of Elizabeth	3/18/1999
Deborah Mayer & Todd Hillman	Madeliene Feld	Grandmother of Deborah	3/24/2005
Audrey & David Lipps	Francis Elliott Wing	Grandmother Audrey	3/25/1996
Beth & Ron Glaser	Harold Glaser	Father of Ronald	3/26/1973
Judy & Bob Sturm	Peggie Kuntz	Grandmother of Judy	3/26/2006
Sue Reitzig/Caryn Hutson	Eva Love	Mother of Sue/GM of Carn	3/27/2001
Judy & Bob Sturm	Walter Sturm	Father of Bob	3/29/1989
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	David Mostov	Uncle of Barbara	3/29/2005
Joanne & Darcy Wertz	Jack Melnick	Uncle	3/31/2011

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In honor of Julia McCrory

TBT President's Fund

In Memory of Assy Nuroch

In Memory of Morris M. Hemmendinger

**Brotherhood News** - Winter doesn't slow down the Brotherhood! We had a highly successful iPad raffle, won by a visiting couple who bought their tickets that very night. Hopefully, after a welcome like that, they'll become members. On February 11, we will conduct a lay-led Havdalah service. Brotherhood vice-president Eric Desman has worked very hard to make this fun and educational for our kids. March 11 is the Purim Carnival with games, prizes, food, and the always-hilarious Purim Shpiel. The brothers are also checking the calendar for another strictly social get-together, either Oktoberfest in April at TBT, or at a local establishment. Keep reading the Blast for updates.

## Start saving for our Recycling Fundraiser for Tu B'Shevat - Collection Box in TBT Lobby

Help us raise money for TBT by donating used  
consumer electronics and unwanted jewelry

Damaged, non-working and non-listed models accepted

Clean out your house and donate any of the following items:

Cell phones

Ink Jet Cartridges

Laptop

Computers

iPods & Tablets

MP3 Players

Digital Cameras

GPS Devices

Radar Detectors

Digital Video Cameras

Book Readers

Game Consoles

Handheld Game Systems

Gold, Silver and Platinum Jewelry

**CALLING ALL MUSICALLY TALENTED TEENS AT TBT  
TO PERFORM WITH RICK RECHT**

February 11, 2012

Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave, Reston, VA.

Who is Rick Recht? Rick Recht is the top-touring musician in Jewish music playing over 150 concerts a year in the United States and abroad. Recht is widely recognized for his appeal to youth and family audiences not only as an exceptional musician, singer/songwriter, and entertainer, but as a role model for involvement in Jewish life.

He has become an icon for Jewish youth in the United States, elevating the medium of Jewish music as a powerful and effective tool for developing Jewish pride and identity among the masses. Only in the Jewish world could we experience this wonderful variety of creativity, spirituality, and interaction.”

Please contact our very own Lori Kravchick at [momlori@hotmail.com](mailto:momlori@hotmail.com) or me, [cantorjinny@gmail.com](mailto:cantorjinny@gmail.com) if you wish to participate.

Here’s the information for February 11, 2012 performance:  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Teen choirs

Teens will be singing: The Hope, L’cha Dodi, Kobi’s Lullaby  
Rick will meet with the available teen guitar players, and other musicians at around 7:20 to go over the following songs:  
Musicians will play V’ahavta, Salaam/Ki Va Moed/Lullaby

Here is the link to the music  
<http://www.rickrecht.com/musicpromo2.html/>

**Shul-in! (February 18)** - Open to all 9th-12th grade, starting Saturday night, February 18 and ending on Sunday morning. Dinner, movies, scavenger hunt and FUN!! \$10 for members, and \$12 for non-members. See Alex Watson, Taylor Horner, or Leah Hirsh for more details and/or membership forms.



Please join us for a TBT Gala Event



## Surely You Jest Rabbi Roast

An Adult Evening of Entertainment  
March 3, 2012 7 - 11 PM

to honor and celebrate Rabbi Block's "Bar Mitzvah" year with TBT! Evening will include a catered meal, hours of entertainment and both silent and live auctions. Items include paintings, Judaica, Redskins memorabilia and more!! Surely the event of the year! More information in the invitation mailed to the congregation. We're looking for Rabbi "anecdotes" to include in the program - just a few words about your experience with Rabbi Block over the years.... please reply to [momlori@hotmail.com](mailto:momlori@hotmail.com) with a story, observation or "roast" you'd like to include!

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