

Highlights of Annual Meeting 2017

TBT held its 40 Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, May 7th. After a delicious bagel breakfast sponsored by the Board of Directors, we reviewed the highlights of the past year and looked ahead to the year to come. Clearly, some of the moments to remember include our record-setting 2nd Night Seder, our moving Yom Hashoah service with Congregation Beth Sholom Rodfe Tzedek, and our Congregational Conversation in March. One result of that Conversation was the creation of our new TBT Mission Statement, which we debuted at the Annual Meeting (see separate blurb in this month's Shofar).

Treasurer Michael Rothstein presented the financial status of TBT. We are in excellent fiscal shape: we are carrying no debt, have worked with the URJ to erase a previous \$160,000 outstanding account balance, and will keep our dues at the same level for the coming year.



This year's Kavod Award recipient, given by the President to a synagogue member who has demonstrated tremendous and continuing commitment to the health, strength, and growth of our synagogue, was presented to Suzy Frisch. Suzy has served as the Chair of the Education Committee, the Chair of our Annual Fund and Development Programs, as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, President, Immediate Past President, Chair of the Rabbi Search Committee that brought us Rabbi Offner, and has worked tirelessly over the last few years to help modernize and update our administration, governance, and infrastructure. We look forward to her continued involvement as the Chair for Development Programs and her continued service as our Financial Vice President.

This year, the Beatrice and David Friesner Memorial Scholarship, made possible by a generous gift of Water Stutzman and Esther Friesner Stutzman, was awarded to Josh Stern, a graduating senior from Guilford High School. You may recognize Josh as the terrific young man sitting behind the cello during our High Holiday Services. A review of his CV would take several pages, but it includes serving on multiple organizations at Guilford High School, including captain of the Cross-Country team, first chair in the GHS symphony orchestra and pit orchestra; as a member of the state student advisory council on education; fundraising for the Guilford Agricultural Society and Guilford Foundation Youth Advisory Group; tutoring students at TBT and chanting Torah; participating in biomedical research at Yale; all while maintaining a top GPA. He will be attending Harvard this fall.



Suzy Frisch presented the slate of incoming Board members, which was approved by the congregation. We welcome our incoming Board members Heide Mueller-Hatton (Religious Activities), Tina Silidker and Sarah Mervine (Social Justice), and Susan Lustig (Membership), and we gratefully acknowledge the service and commitment of our retiring Board members Paul Beckman (Facilities), Lisa Leventhal (Religious Activities), and Hannah Jurewicz (Social Justice).

We are looking forward to another exciting year at TBT !!