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B'NAI MITZVAH



March 4

Alexa Gottlieb

Adam & Lori

Alexa Sara Gottlieb is an honor student at Wantagh Middle School. She is a competitive dancer, plays on the seventh grade school volleyball team and is active in the Art Club. When she isn't dancing, playing volleyball, or using her creativity in art, Alexa is busy studying for school and preparing for her bat mitzvah. She is grateful to Mrs. Altman for helping her prepare. Alexa volunteered at Birthday Wishes for her mitzvah project. She baked cupcakes, prepared crafts and wrapped boxes so that less fortunate children would be able to celebrate their birthdays. Alexa is a kind, caring girl, and she makes her family proud.

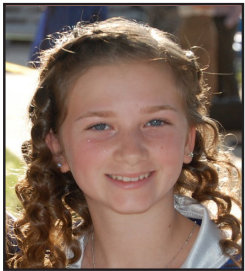


March 11

Sarah Popeck

Howard & Deanna

My name is Sarah and I am a seventh grader at Berner Middle School in Massapequa. I love to play the cello and read. For my mitzvah project I organized a book drive and donated all the books I collected to The Book Fairies. I would like to thank Cantor Sher and Rabbi Nacht for helping me prepare for my bat mitzvah, and my parents for supporting me along the journey.



March 18

Jessica Leibowitz

David & Cathy

My name is Jessica Leibowitz. I am in seventh grade at Grand Avenue Middle school where I achieved the honor roll. I enjoy gymnastics and cheerleading in my spare time. I am very active in helping rescue stray cats and dogs and volunteering my time at the Humane Society. This will be a big part of my mitzvah project. I would like to thank Mrs. Altman for helping me learn my torah portion and also I would like to thank all my teachers. I am very proud to become a bat mitzvah at B'nai Torah and I am happy to share this special day with my mom, dad, sister and all my family.



March 25

Julia Froese

Michael & Cara

My name is Julia Froese and I am a seventh grader at Wantagh Middle School. I love to sing and have had many wonderful opportunities to perform, such as at Carnegie Hall, The 92nd Street Y and even at Citi Field. I am also a member of my school's cross country team. I try my hardest in school and put my heart into my life's goals. I would like to thank Mrs. Altman for preparing me for my bat mitzvah, as well as my parents and brother for always being there for me. I am very excited to lead my bat mitzvah, surrounded by my loving family and friends.



April 1

Aiden Rubano

Steven & Linda

My name is Aiden Rubano and I am thirteen years old. I attend Howitt Middle School in Farmingdale, and I am in 7th grade. I really like playing on my computer and playing video games, but I like reading a lot more. I also like playing basketball or soccer. I think the best part about becoming a bar mitzvah is being proud after working really hard on all of my prayers. For my mitzvah project, I am collecting books for children who are less fortunate, because I think everyone should have the experience of reading books. Thank you to Rabbi Nacht, Cantor Sher, Mrs. Altman, and to all of the teachers for making Hebrew school a fun experience and a fun place to be.

OUR COMMUNITY



April 8 Madeline Dagger

Suzanne & Kevin

Madeline (Maddie) is a seventh grade student at Berner Middle School in Massapequa. Maddie loves to play cello and enjoys participating in her school's orchestra and chamber orchestra. She also enjoys reading, art, and animals. For her b'nai mitzvah project she has volunteered for several years with Canine Companions, assisting clients and their service animals at special events as well as helping with service animal training. Maddie would like to thank Mrs. Altman for helping her prepare for her bat mitzvah and she is looking forward to sharing this special day with her family and friends.



April 22 Samantha Darr

Brian & Abbe

My name is Samantha Darr. I am a seventh grader at Wantagh Middle School. I love to sing, dance, and act and just performed in my fifth show with the TBT Jr. Players. For my mitzvah project, I wanted to give back to rescue animals like my cat Mickey, who was found outdoors after 9/11. I volunteer in the cat room at Last Hope Rescue and encourage others to visit and adopt a pet. I want to thank Mrs. Altman, Mrs. Barsh and Rabbi Nacht for helping me prepare for my bat mitzvah. Thanks to my parents for always being there and I am so excited for this special day!

Community Second Night of Passover Seder

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Chai Club of Temple B'nai Torah

2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793 (516) 221-2370

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a complete Passover Seder meal without the preparation.

Led by Cantor Steven Sher

Tuesday, April 11th, 2017

6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Cantor Sher will conduct the Seder and lead us in prayer and song. The Seder will be a full course traditional kosher style dinner, featuring many of your favorite dishes. Adults will receive a modern Haggadah to take home.

A Reform Congregation

In order to make the Seder accessible to everyone, we will recite familiar passages and songs in both English and Hebrew. Families with children, singles, seniors, and unaffiliated members of our community are all welcome. **All reservations, which are required, must be made no later than April 4th, 2017.** We can't accommodate any walk-ins. Please call Brian Levy, (516) 781-4966 or e-mail bellobl@aol.com with any questions.

Mail the form and check, payable to CHAI CLUB TBT, to: Temple B'nai Torah c/o Chai Club, 2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. Reservations must be received by April 4th, 2017.

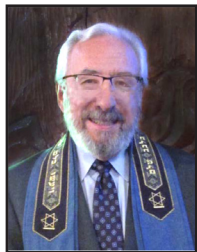
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RITUAL CALENDAR – MARCH/APRIL

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| Friday, March 3 | 7:30pm Family Service – Shabbat Across America | |
|  Saturday, March 4 | 10:30 am Shabbat Service – 1 BM | |
| Friday, March 10 | 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat Service |  |
| | 8pm Sisterhood Shabbat Service | |
| Saturday, March 11 | 10:30 am Shabbat Service – 1 BM | |
| Saturday, March 11 | 7:30pm Purim Spiel & Service | |
| Tuesday, March 14 | 7:30 pm Ritual Committee Meeting |  |
| Friday, March 17 | 6:00 pm Pre-Neg | |
| | 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat | |
| Saturday, March 18 | 10:30 am Service – 1 BM | |
| Friday, March 24 | 8:00 pm Joyce Berger Interfaith Shabbat Service | |
| Saturday, March 25 | 10:30 am Service – 1 BM | |
| Friday, March 31 | 8:00 pm Circle of Friends Shabbat | |
|  Sat., April 1 | 10:30 am Service – 1 BM | |
| Fri., April 7 | 7:30pm Family/Siyum Alef-Bet Service | |
| Sat., April 8 | 10:30 am Service – 1 BM | |
| Tuesday, April 11 | 10:30 am Passover Morning Service | |
| Friday, April 14 | 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat Service |  |
| | 8:00 pm Shabbat Service | |
| Saturday, April 15 | No Service | |
| Sunday, April 16 | Seventh Night Passover Service/Yizkor | |
| Tuesday, April 18 | 7:30 pm Ritual Committee Meeting | |
| Friday, April 21 | 6 pm Pre-Neg | |
| | 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat | |
| Saturday, April 22 | 10:30 am Service – 1 BM | |
| Sunday, April 23 | 7pm Yom HaShoah Service – Site TBA | |
| Friday, April 28 | 8:00 pm Brotherhood Shabbat Service | |
| Saturday, April 29 | No Service |  |

INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



In my last message, I said, “Spring will be here before you know it.” Of course, we’ve already celebrated Tu B’shevat in February, the middle of winter. But that’s the time when the first signs of spring are present in the land of Israel. Well, now that March is here, spring is almost here for us.

It’s not just the time when the earth awakens from its hibernation. March and spring not only bring us new grass, buds on the trees and bushes along with spring allergies, they also bring us times of joy and celebration. We look forward to dressing up in costumes once again, reading the Megillah with its (our) story of heroism and victory, and on Saturday night, March 11th enjoying this year’s Purim spiel.

Of course, once Purim is here, we know that Pesach is only a month away. While it’s important every year to celebrate our moving from slavery to freedom, I think it has extra importance this year. Yes, we must continue to re-read the story of our Exodus. Yes, we must continue to celebrate that freedom. But, as we look around the world today we see so many people who are being oppressed: physically,

spiritually, religiously, and in more ways. We cannot ignore them. We Jews have made it part of our collective responsibility, our psyche even, to stand up for those less fortunate than we are, even during times when no one would stand up for us.

As I know many of you are aware, we have read in recent months of an increasing number of hate incidents: swastikas at JCCs, schools, colleges, even at the HUC campus in Cincinnati. We must be watchful, not complacent. We must speak out against these incidents, and support our law enforcement agencies and their efforts to apprehend the perpetrators. We must stand up and be counted among all people of conscience, and speak out against all manner of oppression, prejudice and hate, regardless of where and regardless of against whom.

And yes, we must continue to remember that freedom isn’t free, and sometimes we have to fight in order to retain it.

In my last message I said, “Do good and feel good in 2017.” Let’s not only do good, let’s do what’s right.

Rabbi Howard Nacht



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AND
THE STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS
ARE PROUD TO HONOR
RABBI HOWARD NACHT AND PATTI NACHT
ON**

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017 at 9:45AM

at Congregation Beth Tikvah, 3710 Woodbine Ave, Wantagh, NY

In addition to honoring Rabbi Nacht and Patti the guest speaker on Sunday is Izzy Ezagui who was born and raised in America. Izzy Ezagui visited Israel when he was eighteen and returned committed to join the Israeli army. Soon after he finished his training, war broke out on the border of Gaza. Izzy’s inspirational story of survival, courage, strength and his passion for Israel will leave you with a renewed faith in mankind.

For those of you who cannot join us on Sunday, please worship with us at our Shabbat Service on Friday, March 24th at 8PM at Temple B’nai Torah and wish the Rabbi and Patti a hearty Mazel-Tov.

Reservations are strongly suggested for Sunday. Your invitation is in the mail.

For more information, please email jab873@aol.com or HowardTBT1@gmail.com.

INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



During January, our choirs were outstanding in their contributions to our Family worship service. The Youth and Teen Choirs, again, added their special brand of enthusiasm in leading our liturgical music. Their joy is infectious throughout the sanctuary. Both groups are slowly but steadily growing.

On February 13th, during the “Picnic” service, our Adult Choir sang beautiful selections, designed both for passive participation and active participation. That is, the eclectic presentation of various musical styles allowed both for appreciation and singing along.

I am very proud of, not only all three groups, but also Barry Kloda, our Adult Choir conductor and organist/pianist.

His knowledge of the repertoire and his familiarity with the members is a valuable part of the choir experience for the Temple.

I greatly enjoyed in sharing the bima this past January, with Mark Chester and Ray Russolillo, both of whom undertook the direction of, and contribution to, the service with confidence, wisdom and devotion. Both of their devrei Torah were stimulating, educational and provoking, in the highest form of our prophetic tradition. This was my eighth opportunity to join each of them, at two successively scheduled Shabbat services, during Rabbi Nacht’s recent vacation.

Cantor Steve Sher

BLOG FROM ISRAEL

March and April generally correspond to the Hebrew months *Adar* and *Nisan*, and to the holidays Purim and Pesach. Purim is always fun, with children dressed in costumes parading around the streets. *Mishloach Manot* is always popular, and is one of the mitzvot of the holiday. At Kibbutz Gezer we pick names out of a hat for the purpose of bringing something (usually sweets) to someone, often people we don’t generally socialize with on a regular basis. In our home, there is always an “assembly line”, preparing the “*shlach manos*” as we called this custom when I was growing up, for close friends and family as well. We always make some *hamentashen*, known in Hebrew as “*oznei Haman*” (Haman’s ears), but also add candy and other sweets. It is a special time, a way to connect in a friendly way. It is interesting that this tradition is one of the commandments of the holiday, along with hearing the *Megilla* reading, giving money to the poor, and having a feast reminiscent of *Ahashverosh*’s banquet. I remember years ago receiving a plate with one *hamantash*, two pennies, and a box of raisins, to symbolize both the *mishloach manot* and the “*matanot l’evyonim*”, gifts for the poor. It is special to know that for a joyous and fun holiday, there is a commandment to give to the poor, and of course we learn these commandments from the Book of Esther.

In Jewish tradition, holidays and Shabbat, and special joyous occasions, such as bar/bat mitzvah or a wedding, we are asked to think of others less fortunate than ourselves. I often teach my b’nai mitzvah students that in Judaism we learn to be humble at our happiest times, and to celebrate weddings, even when we have sustained a loss. Lifecycle events affirm life, and our Torah commands us to “choose life” daily. Not long ago I experienced this first hand. Three days after the untimely death and burial of a close cousin,

I was part of a bat mitzvah celebration for the deceased’s niece. All the mourners, including the ninety year-old father and three siblings, miraculously switched gears to truly celebrate the bat mitzvah in a genuinely happy way. It is a tribute to the human spirit to be able to appreciate life even in very sad moments of loss.

Israelis are known for their resilience in this way. Even during spates of terrorism, people return to the coffee houses, the parks and the theaters. The urge to live is strong and defiant. As we approach the Passover holiday, we remember the Exodus from Egypt and reconfirm the value of freedom. The memories of slavery bring us to the conclusion that in modern times, we must do everything possible to eradicate slavery and work for people’s freedom. It is gratifying to know that Israel and her citizens have found ways to alleviate, somewhat, the suffering of innocent Syrians caught up in an endless war. Hopefully by the time you read this, Israeli Arab families will have adopted three hundred Syrian orphans. May we cherish our freedom and our lives, strengthen our connections of friendship, and say “Next Year in Jerusalem”.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sisterhood for its recent donation to Kehilat Birkat Shalom. Please come and visit us in Israel!

Rabbi Miri Gold serves Kehilat Birkat Shalom, a regional Reform congregation located at Kibbutz Gezer between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Rabbi Miri Gold is the spiritual leader of Kehilat Birkat Shalom at Kibbutz Gezer



OUR COMMUNITY

BROTHERHOOD NEWS & VIEWS



Greetings to all. With the final numbers now in, it appears that Brotherhood made \$3,100 in our annual winter Street Fair. This,

along with the Summer Fair, is our largest fundraiser. Thank you to Vendor Chairman Ben Cernese and your entire staff of literally dozens, including volunteers from Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Ben is already thinking about the Summer Fair and is accepting vendor applications.

Thank you to Brian Levy for all his efforts on Brotherhood's continuing social action project to support our deployed troops. Thank you also to all those congregants who helped us by providing items to send and provided gently used books for donation. Quite a lot of books were collected which were delivered in February to the veterans at the VA Hospital in Northport. We still need snacks and other non-perishable food items as well as travel size personal care items such as soaps. Please drop them off in the "Troop Box" in the lobby.

Our breakfast and dinner programs are going well. Thank you to Mike Bruno and the entire Brotherhood breakfast kitchen crew. Come down and schmooze with us on Sunday mornings March 5, March 19, April 2, and April 23 for a great breakfast. Also, March 26th is the date for the annual Israel Bond Breakfast honoring Rabbi Howard Nacht and Patti Nacht. The event will be held at Congregation Beth Tikvah, located at 3710 Woodbine Ave., in Wantagh. The Brotherhoods from both congregations will be preparing the breakfast. Please come down and show support for our Rabbi.

We had a great "fan food" dinner on February 21st thanks to head chefs Chuck Coene and Eric Altman and their crew. We also enjoyed our guest speaker with Gary Mack, the Host of Mets and Cyclones podcasts and Co-Host of "The Baseball Talk Show" on radio. Come on down on March 21st for our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner from head chef Brian Katzman. Join us also on April 4th for our annual Men's Seder. We are all looking forward to having Rabbi Nacht, who will serve as leader for the event.

Brotherhood is supporting the Temple-wide Gala Dinner and Chinese Auction fundraiser on March 18th. It is only \$30 per person for the dinner and event so let's see a good turnout.

Brotherhood Shabbat will be on April 28. Both Mark and I believe it is important for all members of Brotherhood to be present and show your support.

We are planning a future event to again attend a New York Mets Baseball game at 1pm on the afternoon of Wednesday May 10th. We had a great time last year. If you are interested in joining the fun please contact Bruce Jaffe for information.

On behalf of co-President Mark Chester, the entire Brotherhood Board and our membership, I want to wish everyone a happy Purim and a *Ziessen Pesach*. Until the next issue of the TBT Times, I remain yours in Brotherhood.

David Schuster
Brotherhood Co-President

I am pleased to announce that we are having our annual Chinese Auction Fundraiser Gala Dinner on Saturday Night, March 18, 2017 at 6:15pm. We will raffle well over 100 prizes and all



proceeds go directly to the Temple. This is a fun night for both men and women, couples and singles, and we would love for you to join us. Friends are invited and table reservations are strongly encouraged. We also have a special guest singer during dinner. Flyers to sign up are available at the Temple and are also located in this TBT Times edition.

Hope to see you there. Please contact me with any questions.

Joni Christie, VP Temple Fundraising

OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



It has been an unpredictable winter but one constant is your sisterhood. No matter what the weather may be, we have events to warm your heart and soul:

March 10th is our Sisterhood Service. This is an inspirational evening that emphasizes our connection to each other. I hope to see you there!

March 18th is the Temple Auction.

Although not a sisterhood event this year, I encourage all to attend. It is a fun evening where you enjoy great food and the chance to win fabulous prizes!

On March 20th our very talented Sisterhood member, Robin Wexler, will teach you how to make your own Miriam's Cup to use at your Passover Seder! Learn the history of Miriam's Cup and create a unique, individual family heirloom or gift. Please note this is an adults only program.

March 26th is the Israel Bond breakfast. The location will be at Congregation Beth Tikvah in Wantagh. This year they are honoring our Sisterhood Vice-President Patti Nacht

and her husband, Rabbi Howard Nacht! Plan on attending this worthy event.

In April, we will have the opportunity to participate in a Rosh Chodesh on both April 2nd and April 30th. We are privileged to have Fran Pearlman, the Hebrew School Principal, as our facilitator when we explore strong Jewish women and the roles that they played in our history. This is a fun and interactive program you will not want to miss!

April 4th is the date of the Women's Seder. This is one of my favorite events of the year. It is amazing to see women of all ages celebrating Passover together. Traditionally, we have had over 100 women attending. Many thanks to Emily Altman and Patti Nacht for a new, participatory service. Please join us and bring the women who are important in your life.

You have a warm welcome to join in any or all of our programs and of course please bring your friends!

L'Hitraot,

Marlyn Appelt, Sisterhood President

MINYANS AT TBT

We all needed either the comfort of a minyan at our home at the time of great loss or have attended a minyan service run by our members or by our clergy. We all understand the need for comfort and for support at the most difficult times of our lives. We want you to help us continue our practice of offering minyans to our congregants when they are in need.

We provide the books containing the service, which lasts 20 to 30 minutes. You can do the service in English, limited Hebrew or a combination of both. Most of our congregants are not fluent in Hebrew but know the very basic prayers (the Shemah and the Kaddish) in the service and appreciate a majority of the service in English.

Help us continue our mitzvah. Call me, Tessa Kean (516-504-0012), and I will gladly offer instruction on how to lead a service. We must make sure that we have enough committee members who are ready to continue offering the most appreciated service to all our members. Donate limited time to helping others when they experience a loss.

by Tessa Kean



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PACK AND TROOP 189

The Holidays have come and gone. The Pack and Troop continued our hunt for fun and knowledge, albeit at a slightly slower pace given the family nature of the season.

The Pack has worked hard on advancement. The boys continue to advance and grow. We don't generally plan events during December, but we kept our regular meetings. The Wolf Den, as part of their advancement, did a clean-up at Mill Pond, showing our commitment to conservation.



At the December Pack Night, the boys had a blast making edible snowmen. At one meeting, the made homemade slime, and at another, we made snowglobes. We are looking forward to our Museum Overnight at the Long Island Children's Museum, and the Pinewood Derby. I will fill everyone in on the happenings next newsletter.



The Troop went on two trips this past couple of months. The first one, in December, was to Resica Falls Scout Reservation in Pennsylvania. Of course, it snowed, but that didn't keep our boys from heading out and hiking. We worked on orienteering, a tough skill to do in snow and ice. We walked about a mile and also practiced estimating the height of objects. After working hard on that, the boys relaxed, playing games inside our cabin.



In January, the Troop visited Seton Scout Reservation in Connecticut. The program for the weekend was focused on cooking. The youth leadership developed competitions for each of the meals on Saturday. Breakfast was wide open (any meal they wished) and included dishes like cheese omelets and French toast with banana caramel sauce. Lunch was based on foil pack cooking. You'd be surprised what you can make in a foil packet: nachos, pizza, or seasoned ground steak. For dinner, the boys were given some ingredients they had to use: chicken, pineapple, and peas and carrots. Our budding gourmets made chicken cutlet with barbecue sauce, spaghetti with chicken and meatballs, and chicken with mashed potatoes. For dessert, snickerdoodle cookies from scratch, edible cookie dough, and homemade ice cream were on the menu. Everyone came home full and happy.

Talk to everyone next month!

*-J.J. Scotch, Assistant Cubmaster
and Assistant Scoutmaster*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As the weather starts to get a little warmer and a little brighter, we can all start looking forward to some of our outdoor activities: golf, gardening, and one of my personal favorites: baseball. I love most sports, but I love baseball the best; and, although most people don't know this, the adage "hope springs eternal" was coined by another lover of baseball, Alexander Pope (in 1732). OK; not really... Only 31 days to Opening Day at CitiField! Let's Go Mets!!

I hope that you will join me on Sunday, March 27, at 10am, when we will fete our own **Rabbi Nacht, and his wife, Patti**, at the Israel Bonds Breakfast, which this year is being held at Congregation Beth Tikvah (on Woodbine Avenue in Wantagh). There is no charge for the breakfast, but please RSVP to the invitation you receive in the mail. Also, there is no obligation to buy a bond, but if you would like to participate in the purchase of the bond that Temple B'nai Torah will buy in tribute to the honorees, please contact Sue-Ellen Pennington in the Temple office before March 17.

We have several fun events planned over the next few weeks and months, and I want to encourage you to take advantage of as many of them as you can. First, we will have our annual Megillah reading and Purim Spiel, on Saturday, March 11 at 7:30pm. This is one of my favorite services on the yearly schedule, always entertaining for children of all ages. Come in costume and be a part of the spectacle; Sisterhood will hand out the graggers. The next day, Sunday, March 12, our youth group will be running the annual Purim Carnival: fun, games, gifts and prizes, plus special foods, and open to all. The next Saturday, March 18, at 7pm, we will host our annual Auction (with an all-you-can-eat Chinese food buffet, and much, much more); tickets are just \$30 per person, and reservations are required. Many thanks to Steve and Joni Christie and the Fundraising Committee for all of their hard work in putting this event together. On Tuesday, April 11, starting at 6pm, Cantor Sher will lead our "Second-Night Seder", which will be conducted in our Social Hall; reservations are required to be made by April 4, and the cost of \$50 per person (\$20 for children under 13) includes a traditional Passover dinner and your own Haggadah to take with you afterwards. Thanks to Brian and Joan Levy and Marilyn

and Ed Pincus for helping to make this happen. And the last event I want to tout is our annual Square Dance, which will be held this year on Saturday, May 6. We will, once again, have the world-renowned Lee and Lilith Kopman as our callers, and your payment includes a buffet dinner, snacks & soda on your tables, and dessert, but seating is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Our appreciation goes out to Vicki and Marty Goldberger, as well as the members of the Fundraising committee, for coordinating this experience. So, don't get shut out; make your reservation for all of these fun events NOW!!

And if you want to look just a little bit further down the year, please note the date of May 17 on your calendar. That is the night of the annual Congregation meeting, when we will vote on the slate of trustees for the next year, as well as the budget for the next fiscal year. In addition to the budget and the slate, we will have reports on the state of the Temple from our clergy and current officers, as well as the presentation of some awards. We need at least 50 families to come down that night to have a quorum, so please plan to attend.

See you around the Temple,

*Rob Saunders,
Congregation President*

Temple B'nai Torah is looking for Congregants interested in joining the Temple Board commencing July 1, 2017.

If you'd like to make a difference and want to join the Board, please send an e-mail to Sharon Curry, Temple Secretary at tbtsharon@aol.com. We are looking for Board Members to help administer the various areas in our Temple.

We are also looking for finance candidates to be Temple Treasurer and Treasurer Assistants.

Thank you,
Richard Epler
Richard.epler@gmail.com



OUR COMMUNITY

TBT-PTA

Happy Spring from the TBT-PTA!

A belated thank you to everyone who helped to make our Gingerbread Menorah Fundraiser such a sweet success! We plan to hold it again next year so creating these delicious masterpieces can become a Hanukkah family tradition in your home. Below are some photos of a few of your creations.

The PTA had a wonderful time celebrating Tu b'shevat with the religious school. On January 29th grades Kindergarten through 6th made beautiful leaves for the 2016-17 tree. Check out this year's addition to the TBT forest in the religious school stairwell. Then, on February 5th we assisted with the Tu b'shevat Seder. Everyone enjoyed learning about and tasting the delicious bounty that grows on the trees of Israel.

As we write this we are taking care of the final preparations for our Family Bingo to be held on March 5th. It is always a fun event. Photos to be featured in the next issue!

Mark your calendars for upcoming meetings: Sunday, March 19th at 10:00am, Sunday April 2 at 11:30 am (Babysitting will be provided) and our final meeting of the year on Sunday, May 7th at 10:00am.

There will be a few seats on the TBT-PTA board opening up for next year. Come to a meeting to see how you can become more involved with our great organization! It is a meaningful way to support our temple community and our kids.

"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer."

*Best,
Ilene Hellman*



Gingerbread Menorah Fundraiser

IN THE HOUSE

The House Committee did not meet last month. However, our house is always being tended to by Sue-Ellen and by our able custodial staff. Please continue to let us know if you see something that needs repair. Appropriate action will be taken. Please join us at our next meeting on Monday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. Bring your ideas.

by Tessa Kean



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CHAI LIGHTS

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Our February program was educational. We viewed the film 'Above and Beyond' which was about American citizens' involvement in the formation of the Israeli Air Force. Thank you to Brotherhood for sharing this most inspiring film with us.

Our March 6th program will be wonderful. James Coll, an adjunct professor of American and constitutional history at Nassau Community and NYPD detective, will share his experiences as a detective. I have heard him speak three times on various topics. He is personable and knowledgeable. Please join us at 1:30 in the Kiddish Lounge.

Our presenter for our April 3rd meeting (7:30), Ira Epstein, will keep you laughing. He brings clips from Seinfeld which are exceedingly entertaining. Please join us for some fun. The clips will bring back memories to us all.

Please get your reservations in for our Second Night Seder. Cantor Sher will be once again leading our seder. A kosher style dinner will be provided. Please contact Brian Levy (781-4966) to place your reservations. Brian, along with Joan Levy and Ed and Marilyn Pincus, are serving as co-chairs. The cost for members is \$50; the cost for non-members is \$55. The cost for children ages 7-12 is \$20; children of non-members are \$25. There is no cost for children under age 7. (We know how much they eat.) Vegetarian food is available upon request.

Please join us for the 'Adventure in Music' programs. The dates will be announced.

We are in the process of organizing a trip to the Jewish Heritage Museum. Please watch for the flyer and let us know if you will be joining us.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

March Madness, We're Ready

Time "Marches" on!

Is it March already? The month that promises spring but delivers discontent. Not anyone's favorite time of year, is it? As we count down to the TBT spring tri-fecta of Purim, Passover and Shavuot we're reminded how good things come to those who wait, and wait, and wait. March isn't terrible, it's just two weeks too long! After all, the first true sign of spring isn't the first robin on the front lawn – it's the first box of matzo in the Passover aisle at Shop-Rite.

So let's hang in there..... before you know it March will be "Gone With The Wind".

Mark Chester, Editor TBTTimes

**MARCH
MADNESS**



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| Apr. 8 | Madeline Dagger | Suzanne & Kevin Pike |
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| Apr. 22 | Samantha Darr | Brian & Abbe |
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| May 13 | Hannah Herman | Robert & Amy |
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| May 20 | Patrick Fioribello | Michael & Susan |
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| June 3 | Connor Waiting | Paul & Lori |
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| June 10 | Aydin Eichenholz | Scott & Amy |
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