

November 2018

# THE VOICE

*of Temple B'nai Torah*

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## Clergy Installation Weekend

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

Cantor Rica Timman

Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

Erev Shabbat Dinner

Erev Shabbat Installation Service with Celebratory Oneg

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Clergy

Havdallah 'La-La-La' (Evening Casual, Musical Celebration)

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Welcome Clergy to School Faculty at Jr. Congregation

Brotherhood Breakfast

(Watch for more details and your invitation in the mail)



## OUR COMMUNITY

# NOVEMBER 2018 RITUAL CALENDAR

11/02/18 5:30 pm

6:15 pm

7:15 pm



Tot Shabbat Dinner  
Family Service  
New Member Service



11/03 9:30 am  
10:30 am

Torah Study  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbat Morning Service

11/05 12:00 pm

Torah Study

11/09 8:00 pm

Erev Shabbat Service  
Kristallnacht

11/10 9:30 am

Torah Study



11/12 12:00 pm

Torah Study

11/13 7:30 pm

Ritual Meeting

11/16 6:00 pm  
6:30 pm

Pre-neg  
Erev Shabbat Kabbalat Service  
Fall into Shabbat/Veterans



11/17 9:30 am  
10:30 am

Torah Study  
Shabbat Service B/M Hechtman

11/19 12:00 pm

Torah Study

11/21 7:30–9:30 pm

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service  
@St. Frances de Chantal



11/23 6:30 pm

Erev Shabbat Service  
Student Reunion Shabbat



11/30 6:15 pm  
7:45 pm

Shabbat Dinner  
Erev Shabbat Service  
Installation of the Clergy Shabbat



## OUR COMMUNITY



### November

### Elana Hechtman

### Jay & Carol

Elana is a seventh grade honors student at Grand Avenue Middle School, where she was chosen to represent her school as a student ambassador. She began her education right here at the Temple B'nai Torah nursery school. Elana loves to dance and has been on dance company for the last six years. While she does all forms of dance, her favorites are contemporary, acro and lyrical. Elana loves spending time with her family, as well as her dogs Kasey and Molly. She would like to thank Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman and Mrs. Altman for all their help in preparing for this very special day.



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## INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



### A Season of Thanks

November has always been and continues to be one of my favorite months of the year. Some of it has to do with the weather, and my preference for a brisk, clear day with a sky of steel blue. Also, November often coincides with the Hebrew month of Cheshvan. As I discussed in this space last month, Cheshvan is a month without additional holidays on the Jewish calendar allowing us to put to practice what we learned over the High Holy Days. But November, for me, has always been more about what it means to be a part of American culture, rather than Jewish.

As the calendar flips to November, there it is every year, on the fourth Thursday of the month: Thanksgiving. Growing up in a family of immigrants, Thanksgiving represented our opportunity to be Americans like everyone else. Elementary school would get us all ready for it, as each year, another turkey craft would come home in my backpack.



As a kid, I recall waking up to watch the Macy's Parade (I still do) with my brother and sister, and helping my mom and dad cook our big meal (I still do).

We'd eat at the dining room table, which was only ever used on the High Holy Days and Passover. This, to me was a sign of the importance of the day. As a child, Thanksgiving was about family and about being like everyone else on the block and at school.

As an adult and a rabbi, I still love Thanksgiving, though these days my reasons for enjoying the holiday as much as I do are somewhat different. These days, I am appreciative of the opportunity to express gratitude, which we so often don't take the time to do. In our liturgy, three times a day we are supposed to express gratitude to God for our lives, our souls, and God's miracles which we experience. This blessing, found toward the end of the Amidah, is recited on all days of the year. There is not a day that goes by that Jews are not supposed to take a moment in reflective thanks. Every day is an occasion for giving thanks!

This year, however, I am thinking about so much more. I am thinking about the fact that even though our nation seems so divided, I have a suspicion that most people in America, citizen or not, will be sitting down to a family meal of some kind on that Thursday. Studies estimate the number at 85% of Americans who participate in the holiday. These are the kinds of numbers rarely seen, and

which remind us that as much as we disagree, there is still much that we share, and many values we all have in common.

As this month sees us go to the polls for our midterm elections, there is no doubt that what divides us will be on full display. Let us, therefore, use the occasion of Thanksgiving to remind us of what unites us: namely, a desire to offer thanks to God for the many gifts and blessings we have.



Please join our community at our two opportunities to give thanks at our Interfaith Thanksgiving Services. The East Meadow service will be held at The East Meadow Jewish Center on Prospect Ave on Sunday, November 18th at 8:00pm. The Wantagh service will take place at St. Frances de Chantal on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00pm. I will be preaching the homily at the Wantagh service and Cantor Timman and our choir will also be participating. I hope you join us for one or both of these opportunities to add a little extra thanks to this season.

*L'Shalom,  
Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum*

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## INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



Eighty years ago on November 9th – 10th, 1938, we witnessed that night of broken glass, Kristallnacht, when Jewish homes, businesses and synagogues across Germany were sacked, looted, destroyed and burned.

Every year we mark and remember this event. These days, as we see increased anti-Semitic incidents and evidence of less tolerance towards minorities and “others,” let us remain vigilant and outspoken against violence and prejudice toward anyone.

This month we also honor our veterans of all the branches of our armed services. It is especially important that we give thanks to our veterans, as it is their service to our country and community that allows us to continue to live in freedom, to worship freely and to speak our minds.



And this month we observe a national day of Thanksgiving. There are some who trace the origin of this holiday to the Torah, likening it to our Festival of Sukkot.



Of course, giving thanks for our physical and spiritual well-being is important, and we need not wait until November to be thankful. This could easily become a daily routine that we recognize, appreciate and give thanks for our blessings of life itself, of our freedom, and of shelter, food, family, friends and community.

I pray that we all continue to have many reasons to be thankful, and that we assemble as a community to express our thanks.

*Happy Thanksgiving,  
Rabbi Nacht*

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## INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



An old midrash:

...There was once a great rabbi, who had many students who hung on his every word. One morning, the students were surprised to find their rabbi was not at breakfast. Later on, they were shocked to discover he did not come to the classrooms, either. The students missed their rabbi and wondered where he was. Finally, they knocked on his door, wondering what had befallen their beloved teacher. The students opened the door and were surprised to find their rabbi, still in his night clothes, sitting up in his bed, a dazed expression on his face. "Rabbi," cried his students, "Are you ill? Where have you been all day?" The rabbi gazed at his students and explained. "This morning, as every morning, I awoke and immediately said the prayer upon arising: I thank you, Eternal...And then I stopped as the words hit me. I thank God? I...thank...God? Students, do you realize what a privilege this is, to commune with the Almighty? I realized the power of this statement! And I have been sitting here pondering the greatness of this ever since!"

Our liturgy, so familiar to us, is filled with prayers of gratitude to the Almighty. We bless, we praise, we thank God continually. It becomes second nature as we chant and

**Bar'chu**

read the "Daily Miracles", the "*Bar'chu*", and the "*Hoda'a*" blessings. Many of our prayers begin with the blessing...*Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam...*

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe...

As that ancient and wise rabbi said, what a privilege it is to communicate with the Eternal! Who of us pauses enough to pay attention to our prayers? Who of us connects with the awesomeness of that communication? Who of us continually has an attitude of gratitude? It requires praying and blessing with *kavanah*, with intention, not only with *kevah*, by rote.

Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to reset our focus, to pause and reflect on our deep gratitude for all we have. We could say that it affords us a *kavanah* moment of gratitude. As we gather with loved ones to celebrate the holiday or meet with neighbors for an interfaith gathering of Thanksgiving, how wonderful it would be to pause long enough to feel a connection with God, to thank and bless and praise with one voice and feel gratitude for all we have!

This month, I am doubly blessed as we celebrate Thanksgiving and then celebrate our TBT lifecycle moment as Rabbi Bar-Nahum and I are installed as the clergy of our congregation. Installation weekend will celebrate our entire congregation, all the gifts we share as a vibrant and caring community. I am filled with an attitude of gratitude for all my blessings and especially the blessing of my TBT family.

May an abundance of gratitude fill us all with awe and joy as we celebrate together and give thanks for all our blessings!



*B'vracha,*  
Cantor Rica Timman

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## OUR COMMUNITY

### OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



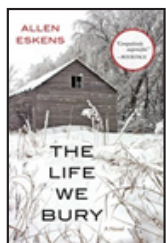
*Shalom Achot*

Hello sisters. In November we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving. Although it is not an official Jewish holiday, I learned from our Religious

School Director, Meredith Lubin, during her Rosh Chodesh program last year that there are many things about the holiday that make it feel like it should be a Jewish holiday. I am so thankful for my Sisterhood Sisters. They do so much for our temple community, our local community, and communities across the world. Todah rabah, thank you.

We had a very busy October. Our membership dinner was attended by almost 150 women. It was a wonderful night that brought our two legacy Sisterhoods together with great food and great company. Our program, *Fifty Yiddish Words That Start with the Letter "F"* was so popular, that it needed to be moved from the Kiddush Lounge to the Social Hall! Caryn Suckle, Patti Nacht, Marlyn Appelt, and I attended the Northeast District Convention in Framingham, Massachusetts at the end of October. Look for some of the highlights in next month's column.

November and December will be a busy time for us as well. Book Club will be meeting on Monday, November 5th to talk about Allen Eskens' book, *The Life We Bury*. Our Night of Beauty fundraiser at Bangz is always a great opportunity to pamper yourself. It's happening on Tuesday, November 13th, and space is very limited. Come help us with our Chanukah sale on the morning of Sunday, November 18th. Don't



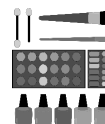
forget to send your children with money to purchase things for loved ones. The following day, Monday, November 19th, we will have a wonderful program in the Kiddush Lounge: *Healthy Eating, Healthy Living*. On Wednesday, December 5th, come hear Rachel Beck talk about her soon to be published book: *Finding Your Way*. We hope that the publication date will happen before her visit so that we can read it ahead of time.

I am so very thankful that our merged Sisterhood

board has worked hard to combine the best of both legacy Sisterhood's programs and fundraisers. In February, we will have an event that is new to legacy TBT, but familiar to legacy TEEM: The Antiques and Collectibles Show. Antique dealers will bring their collectibles to share and sell. New to us all, will be our Fashion Show in April. It will feature clothes from Chico's. Perhaps you'll want to model something. Let us know.

For all of this, and more I am thankful to be a part of Temple B'nai Torah's Sisterhood. I hope that you are too.

*B'ahava, with love,  
Louise Ponticello  
Co-President*



Temple B'nai Torah Sisterhood

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### **Night of Beauty**

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Tuesday, November 13, 2018

6:00 - 9:30pm

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Close to twenty years after being ordained in Jerusalem, I will begin a Sabbatical and leave my position as the rabbi of Kehilat Birkat Shalom at Kibbutz Gezer. On December 1, 2019, I will officially retire at the age of seventy. I will be handing over the reins to Rabbi Steve Burnstein, who is a long-time member of the congregation as well as a member of Kibbutz Gezer.

My decision to become a rabbi was prompted by the recognition that we needed a liberal rabbi to serve our kibbutz community. When our first boys approached



bar mitzvah, they went to the ultra-Orthodox kibbutz and yeshiva down the road from Gezer. Two pioneering girls were driven to Jerusalem to study for their bat mitzvah preparations. I chose to provide “in house” services and therefore decided to go to rabbinic school. At the age of forty-four, with three young children, and the support of my husband David Leichman, and my kibbutz community, I became a student

once again. We affiliated our small synagogue community with the Israeli Reform Movement, defining ourselves as a regional Reform synagogue, open to any and all who wanted an egalitarian and innovative synagogue experience for life-cycle and holiday events.

On the kibbutz, some people took the stance that Birkat Shalom was the synagogue they rarely attended, as opposed to the large number of Israeli Jews who would joke that the synagogue they NEVER went to was Orthodox. Too often, Israelis who did not feel at home in their neighborhood synagogue were throwing the baby out with the bath water. We wanted to offer a warm and welcoming community that celebrated together, supported one another in times of need, and enjoyed holidays and Shabbat together. It is a long journey. Even today, at the end of a bar or bat (still not the norm) service, someone will inevitably approach me to tell me, with surprise in their voice, how much they enjoyed the service, which was a totally new experience for them.

Given the iron grip of the Orthodox establishment on the Knesset, our task is to present viable and attractive alternatives to Israeli Jews who do seek a connection to their heritage. Over the High Holidays in Israel this year, there were sixty-five places in Israel offering Reform

Jewish experiences. A year ago, the 100th rabbi was ordained in Jerusalem. Back in 1999, I was the third woman to be ordained in the Reform Movement in Israel and there were approximately fifteen Reform congregations.. Today there are over fifty women who are serving communities.

We’ve come a long way, but the task is not finished. I am confident that Rabbi Burnstein will bring our congregation onwards and upwards, and I hope that we will continue to cultivate strong bonds with Temple B’nai Torah. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

*Rabbi Miri Gold is the founding rabbi of Kehilat Birkat Shalom, a regional Reform congregation located at Kibbutz Gezer between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.*

## Congregation Breakfast



by Brotherhood




### The Next Best Thing to Breakfast-in-Bed!

Brotherhood will once again prepare a delicious breakfast on most Sunday mornings when Religious School is in session.

Check the calendar below.

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assorted omelets & more! 

Serving 9:15am

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Please circle the dates and plan to join us.

November 4<sup>th</sup>  
November 18<sup>th</sup>

December 16<sup>th</sup>  
January 6<sup>th</sup> (YOGA)

December 2<sup>nd</sup> (Installation Weekend -- Special Time: 10am)



## OUR COMMUNITY

### CHAINOTES



November is a delicious month. We have dinners with family and friends and cooler weather. What else could we want?

Please make sure that your reservation for the Annual Chai Club Dinner is in. Rita Hofer (516-785-5827 will gladly take your reservation. Please call her for more information. Our dinner at Domenico's is delicious and spending time with friends is always a joy.



**Chai Club**

Please join us on Monday, December 17th at 7:30pm for an informative program by H and H Scholars. Please note that our Chai Club programs vary. Remember the August get together, the September informative discussion by Ira Poliakoff on synagogues on Long Island, and the October music of Naomi Zeitlin?



Continue to contribute to our collection for a food pantry. This is a good time to remember those who are in need.

Most importantly, enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday and think of all we have at TBT for which we are thankful.

*Hoping to meet you,  
Tessa Kean, President of Chai Club*



### TBT DANCE



*Dancing the Night Away*



*Sharon & Ben Lucky 50-50*



*Spectrum Entertains*





## OUR COMMUNITY

### TBT-PTA UPDATES

Our PTA exists to support the teaching staff and students; you'll find us in the background during all the religious school events. But we need you, too! PTA membership forms were sent to you via email. Hard copies are also available in the synagogue office. All proceeds go directly to programming and materials for all our religious school children.

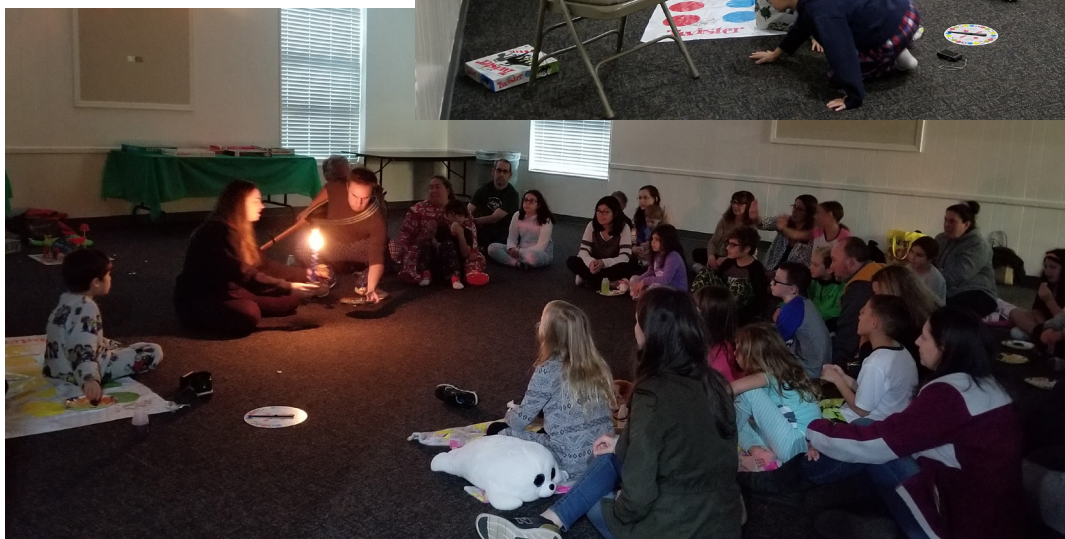


PTA will be coordinating a mitzvah project for veterans. Details are coming soon. We'd love to have extra volunteers for this worthy cause!

Sunday, December 9th is our Hanukkah Brunch! It promises to be a day of games, latkes, and fun! We can't wait to see you there!

*By Rachel Minkowsky*

# Pizza,



# Prayer

# & Pajamas







## OUR COMMUNITY

### CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."* - John F. Kennedy

*"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."* – Oprah Winfrey

Last month, at our Town Hall meeting, we shared with our congregation, the progress of our new community-what has been done, what we are currently doing, and some of the optimistic plans for the future. Our Temple community is bristling with an amazing amount of activities. Our High Holiday services were exciting, inspirational and incredibly spiritual as our sanctuary was filled with over 1100 members, and beautiful music filled the air! At the Town Hall meeting, Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum critiqued the HHD services-what was good, what needs to be changed. There was quality feedback from the attendees at our meeting. We advised everyone that an Aesthetics Committee is in the process of being formed to work with memorial boards and other religious articles to determine how to handle the display of these items. If you are interested, please let us know. Our email addresses are below. Additionally, an update of our community membership was presented. We were quite excited to share with the attendees that current membership is higher than any of the projections created during the budget and dues process.

As of this writing, the Attorney General has approved the land sale of Temple Emanu-El to the Beechwood Organization. Hopefully, by the time you read this article, the sale will have been completed. As large amount of funds is realized from this sale, a long range planning committee will be put into place, not only to manage the funds, but to determine a course of action moving

forward. So much has been done in the last 110+ days; we are moving in the right direction!

November is a month filled with two significant holidays. The first, Veterans Day, is the anniversary of the end of World War I and honors United States veterans and victims of all wars. If you know any veterans, please take the time to thank them for their service and sacrifice. Next up, Thanksgiving. It commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621.

And, let us **never** overlook Election Day. It is our collective responsibility to head to the polls and cast our vote. It is one of the most significant events that marks the U.S. as special. People around the world continue to strive, and at times, perish, for the right; a right that many in this country take for granted. How many have sacrificed trying to express their choice, how many have dreamed of being able to cast a vote, to participate in a free democratic society? Please, do not sit on the sidelines, head to the polls and exercise one of the most cherished rights this country has – vote.



As the holiday approaches, let the eating season begin! From Thanksgiving through the secular New Year, it seems to be open season for us to indulge in eating. We don't know if you have this problem??? Tis the season.....This time of year provides opportunity to spend more time with our families, and to be grateful for what we have; not be concerned with what we don't have. Much of the time our busy lives prevent us from enjoying our "fruits". Let's take a step back to enjoy and be grateful for our families, our friends and our new community, and to be grateful for our existence.

From our family to yours, a very Happy Thanksgiving, and remember, don't eat too much turkey!

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## OUR COMMUNITY



### *Temple B'nai Torah Family of the Month!*

By Rachel Minkowsky

Becoming part of a synagogue means becoming part of a new community. Each month, a different family will be featured in our column. This month, I'm introducing you to Heidi Singer and her beautiful family!

Meet the Singer Family!

**Introduce everyone to our family. Who's in the picture?**  
Heidi, Steven, and Alan

**Where did you grow up, Heidi?** Heidi - Canarsie, Brooklyn,  
Steven - Starrett City, Brooklyn

**What town do you live in now?** Merrick, NY

**What's your favorite local bagel place?** Bagel Cafe, Merrick

**What do you do for a living?** Heidi - Cardiovascular Ultrasound Technician, Steven - IT

**What's your favorite family activity?** Bowling. We also love video games - Everything from Minecraft to Super Mario, Super Smash Brothers to Candy Crush!

**Favorite family movie or TV show?** It changes, but we like Transformer Rescue Bots and Dinotrux. And Steven and I love Mets games.

**Favorite Jewish holiday?** Rosh Hashanah. My great-grandfather donated a parcel of land to the town for a shul in Swan Lake. The townspeople built the shul, and my great-grandfather was the first rabbi. We go to shul together and walk home afterward. It's incredibly special, because there's an incredible sense of community. We're all mishpokhe (family).

**Why did you choose to join TBT? What do you hope to gain from TBT membership?** We've been to Tot Shabbat and thought it was fun. When we went to the open house last summer, it was a very welcoming feeling. We loved the look of the shul and the school. It felt like home.

**If you were a kind of Jewish food, what would you be and why?** Gefilte fish. It represents my family and tradition. My grandmother and mother always made it from scratch. I have so many memories attached to the taste of fresh gefilte fish.



## OUR COMMUNITY

### TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH Circle of Friends



## CHANUKAH PARTY

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Time: 4:00 – 8:00 pm

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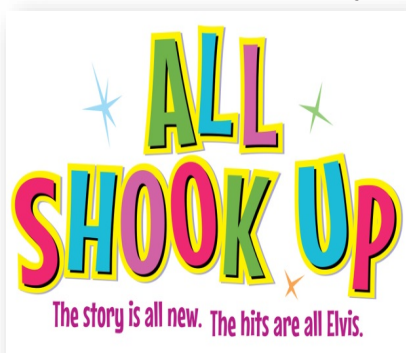
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## OUR COMMUNITY

TBT's Social Action/Social Justice Committee would like to share the following community information:



**November 6 is Election Day – VOTE!!! Every Vote Counts. We are aiming for 100% voter turnout from the TBT Coommunity. Contact the Social Action/Social Justice Committee if you need assistance getting to the polls [ronakauffman@yahoo.com](mailto:ronakauffman@yahoo.com) or [prn512@aol.com](mailto:prn512@aol.com)**



### **November 11 is Veterans' Day**

Vet2Vet groups are small groups of veterans, who meet weekly, to share knowledge, provide mutual support and share resources. Groups will maintain confidentiality, and are open to veterans of all generations, regardless of discharge status. Check with website for meeting times and location. Contact Jeff McQueen at [jmcqueen@mhanc.org](mailto:jmcqueen@mhanc.org)



**America Recycles Day is November 15:** Think about ways your family and community can do more to recycle and reduce waste. Visit the Religious Action Center website and read about what the Reform movement is doing to protect the environment: <https://rac.org/environment>



### **The Great American Smoke Out is November 17, 2018**

Encourage someone you know to use the date to make a plan to quit, or plan in advance and then quit smoking that day. By quitting – even for 1 day – smokers will be taking an important step toward a healthier life and reducing their cancer risk. For Information about quitting: <https://www.cancer.org/healthy/stay-away-from-tobacco/great-american-smokeout.html>



The **Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR)**, is observed annually on November 20 as a day to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of hate and to draw attention to the continued violence

endured by the transgender community For info: <https://www.hrc.org/campaigns/transgender-day-remembrance> **Pride for Youth** is a service agency and an advocate for LGBTQ young people through age 30. Their mission is to enhance the health, wellness and cultural competency of LGBTQ young people through education, support services and youth development. For info: <https://longislandcrisiscenter.org/prideforyouth/>



### **November 25 marks the International Day for the Elimination of**

**Violence Against Women** - One in three women around the world experience violence in their lifetime, often at the hands of someone they know, love and trust. **Want to do something to help?** Read the latest updates and learn more about the Religious Action Center's work to end gender-based violence through a Reform Jewish perspective at <https://rac.org/gender-based-violence-0>

### **Volunteer Opportunity:**



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## OUR COMMUNITY

### FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN



November has arrived, truly the “Month-of-Holidays”. National holidays to be sure, but so much more. The national days of Election Day, Veterans’ Day, and Thanksgiving have been joined by ‘First Day of Standard Time’, ‘Day-After-Thanksgiving’ (aka Black Friday), and – newest of all– ‘Cyber Monday’! That’s asking a lot for a month with only thirty days.

In contrast, the concurrent Hebrew month of Chesvan is the “Quiet Month” or sometimes the Bitter Month” since there are NO Jewish festivals to enjoy. Except for my birthday, this arrives each year on 14 Chesvan.

When I taught Hebrew school I encouraged my students to research their Hebrew Calendar birthday and remind their parents to take note of that date. You can easily do this, too.

My preferred site (there are many) is [www.hebcal.com/converter](http://www.hebcal.com/converter). Keep in mind that every nineteen years your secular birthday and your Jewish birthday coincide – and how special is that!



*Mark Chester,  
Editor, The Voice of TBT*

### BOX TOPS AND POP TABS

One of the many things we do for our Temple family is to collect Box Tops and Pop Tabs. Why you ask? Well, they do mitzvahs for

our Temple and the outer world. Box Tops are found on many cereals and other cardboard and plastic containers. Pop Tabs are on soda cans and other metal containers. You see these things every day. They benefit so many people and cost you nothing but a few minutes of your time.

The Box Tops are for our Temple school. Redeemed, they buy supplies for our children’s needs. Pop Tabs are sent to the Ronald McDonald House to help the children and parents.

The containers to collect these items are in the Temple office.

*Rita Drucker*



**Announcing Auditions for the family musical show:**

**Disney's Beauty and the Beast**

**Wednesdays, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**

**At 7:00 PM, in Room 101/103**



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## OUR COMMUNITY

### Thanksgiving



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## OUR COMMUNITY

### BROTHERHOOD NEWS & VIEWS



Much too often we hear, "I won't join the Brotherhood/Men's Club of Temple B'nai Torah because I have no time to socialize," although the BH/MC



does advertise ourselves as a social arm of Temple. Yes, we do place ads and send emails extolling our dinners once a month with interesting new programs, our breakfast on most Sundays, bowling, sports activities, softball, yoga, dances and holiday

fairs, just to name some of the activities we do. However, we are so much more than that. Did you know that the mission statements of the Brotherhood and Men's Club of both of the merged legacy temples are basically the same? At TEEM, the purpose of Men's Club was to help the Temple in every way. At TBT the purpose was to further the objective of the congregation. Neither one's purpose was social activities and that is still not our main purpose today.

Just these past few months we accomplished the following (in addition to the above activities): ushering for all the High Holiday Services, building the Sukkah and supplying and paying for all the materials used in its construction. Those jelly apples for Simchat Torah that you didn't want your child to eat were paid for by Brotherhood/Men's Club. In addition, we use our funds to

buy gifts for our bar and bat mitzvah children. We also support some of the costs of our landscaping and gardening committee. Additionally, we are also very active in and help support MRJ (Men of Reform Judaism). As you can see, we spearhead many important projects. Camaraderie is an extra dividend of all we do!

It is our hope that you will help us to continue in our mission of helping our congregation and Temple by joining us and sending us a dues check for \$45.00. You can do so by making that check to Brotherhood – Temple B'nai Torah and dropping it off in the Temple office.

Many thanks to all those that helped:

- Usher during the High Holiday Services
- Build the Sukkah
- With our Sukkah dinner
- Taking down the Sukkah
- Preparing Sunday morning breakfasts
- Preparing and planning our monthly dinner

*Thanks*

Please join us for the following November events:

Breakfast – Sundays, November 4th and 18th at 9:15 AM

Dinner Meeting – Tuesday November 13th at 7:00 PM

Don't forget the Holiday Fair - Sunday November 25th.

Your help is needed and appreciated.

In Brotherhood,  
Alan & Mickey  
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***Chanukah Brunch***

*Family Celebration*

*Sunday, December 9, 2018*

*11:30-1:30*

*More details to follow*



## OUR COMMUNITY

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



I am so excited for all that November has to offer our youth!

First and foremost, we will be having our very first Saturday class and Shabbaton!

Together with 5th grade families, the clergy and I will be



having a Saturday morning t'filah service, followed by a light meal and a super fun program in which we will explore the Torah. Students will also have the opportunity to show their parents all they have been learning about Midrash in Religious School.

Third graders will be having their first family program as well on Sunday, November 18th at 10:00am and the whole school will be participating in various Thanksgiving mitzvah projects. As Thanksgiving embodies several Jewish values, I love to find ways for our students to show gratitude for all they have by participating in mitzvot that help to improve the lives of those who don't.

As a reminder, there will be no Religious School on Sunday, November 11th and Monday November 12th. Additionally, Thanksgiving break will occur from Wednesday, November 21st – Sunday, November 25th.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving full of love and joy!

*Meredith Lubin,*

*TBT Director of Education & Youth Activities*



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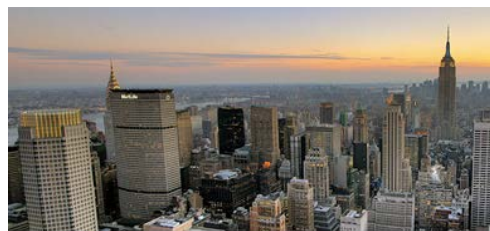
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## OUR COMMUNITY

### Save the Date



Celebrating our First Anniversary Together  
Saturday, March 30, 2019  
Gala Dinner/Dance  
Details to follow!



### UNIONGRAM ORDER FORM

The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah

**OCTOBER 1, 2018 through DECEMBER 22, 2018**

Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations, and

PRINT your name as you want it to appear on the Uniongrams.

Please return the list promptly with \$1.25 for each Uniongram

made payable to

**TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH SISTERHOOD**

and send to Neysa Levenstein

15 Downhill Lane, Wantagh, NY 11793

516-221-7046

DATE

CHILD'S NAME

PARENTS

Nov. 17

Elana Hechtman

Jay & Carol

Dec. 22

Aaron Schlectman

Adam & Marni

\_\_\_\_\_ Uniongrams @ \$1.25 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: All uniongrams requested must be submitted TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE, either by mail or left in the Uniongram box in the Temple office. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CASH IN THE MAILBOX. We cannot be responsible for lost money.

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*Temple B'nai Torah is a diverse caring congregation that embraces a progressive and inclusive vision of Reform Judaism through worship, study of Torah and righteous deeds. We are creating a multi-generational home in our region by staying connected to our roots, as well as offering spiritual enrichment, Jewish education and community engagement.*

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## **Introducing the Chanukah Gelt Raffle**

The drawing will be at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Chanukah Brunch

You don't have to be present to win, but we hope you'll come and join the Chanukah celebration (flyers and notices coming soon!)

Raffles are \$126 each & we will sell only 126 tickets!  
Every ticket is a winner!  
Tickets can be shared with family and friends



**126 tickets - 126 Winners!**

First Prize - \$1000  
Second Prize - \$500  
Third Prize - \$350  
13 prizes of \$126



A raffle ticket makes a great gift for a spouse, a child, a grandchild, a parent or a friend!



Tickets will be drawn in reverse order - 110 winners of gift cards, 13 winners of \$126 and 3 grand prize winners.

*To purchase your winning ticket, drop off  
or send your check to the Temple Office.*

*Make checks made payable to Temple B'nai Torah, put "Raffle" in memo line.*

***For Questions and Info. call Gail Grossman 516-242-0971***

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