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DECEMBER 2018 RITUAL CALENDAR

12/01/18	10:00am	Torah Study with Clergy
	7:30pm	Havdallah “la-la-la” Musical Celebration
12/02/18	9:00am	Religious School Installation Service First Candle of Chanukah
12/03/18	12:00pm	Torah Study
12/07/18	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat
	6:15pm	Dinner
	7:15pm	Family Chanukah Service/Choir Sixth Candle of Chanukah
12/08/18	9:30am	Torah Study
	10:00am	6 th -Grade Shabbaton
12/09/18	11:30am	Family Chanukah Brunch Eighth Candle of Chanukah
12/10/18	12:00pm	Torah Study
12/11/18	7:30pm	Ritual Meeting
12/14/18	8:00pm	Erev Shabbat Service/ “See you in the pews Rabbi Nacht!”
12/15/18	9:30am	Torah Study
12/17/18	12:00pm	Torah Study
12/21/18	6:00pm	Pre-neg
	6:30pm	Erev Shabbat Kabbalat Service
12/22/18	9:30am	Torah Study
	10:30am	Shabbat Service B/M Aaron Schlectman
12/24/18	12:00pm	Torah Study
12/28/18	6:30pm	Erev Shabbat Service in KL -Haftarah
12/29/18	9:30am	No Torah Study
12/31/18	12:00pm	No Torah Study

< The Clergy Installation weekend continues on the evening of 12/01 with a Musical Havdallah Service



< 12/07 - Light Your Menorah – bring your Menorah and 7 candles....at the beginning of Services we will light our menorahs together and say the blessings...then after services it's time to celebrate with treats and games.



< 12/09 – Family Chanukah Brunch, 11:30 – 1:30 (RSVP is required) Food, Games and Raffles.

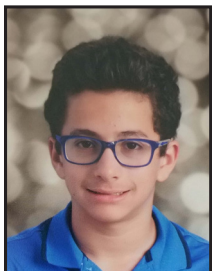


< 12/14 will be the last service led by Rabbi Nacht. After this, you can find him sitting in the pews! Come hear him chant from the Torah!





OUR COMMUNITY



December

Aaron Schlectman

My name is Aaron Schlectman and I am in seventh grade. I attend Woodland Middle School in East Meadow. I play running back for the seventh grade football team. I enjoy playing video games, going to camp and hanging out with my friends. I would like to thank my parents and my sister for supporting me and encouraging me to study. I would also like to thank my teachers, Morah Meredith, Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for helping me prepare for my special day.

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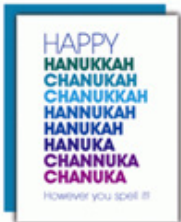


FOUR STARS OF THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO

(l-r) Barbara Gouveia, Diane Schoenberg,
 Lynne Happes, Vicki Deutsch



INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



For many of us, the hardest part about the holiday of Chanukah may be a dispute about how we choose to spell it. Since it's what I remember from my childhood, I happen to prefer (and tend to type by default!) the more anglicized: 'Hanukkah'. Though the items for sale in the Target Hanukkah Section seem to agree with me, here at TBT, we opt for a more Hebraic transliteration: Chanukah. Luckily, Jewish tradition allows for what is called a *machloket l'shem shamayim*, a dispute for the sake of heaven. We can disagree, as long as we do so respectfully, and in an effort to promote our faith and our tradition, not merely to be contrary

or argumentative. No matter how you spell it, the word from which our holiday takes its name is important to understand!

The disagreement over the spelling of this holiday's name may pull some of our attention, but we ought not forget what it is that this holiday commemorates. When we talk about Chanukah, we often remember the story of the oil that lasted for eight days instead of one day. But that oil served an important purpose beyond frying donuts and potato pancakes. That oil was necessary to rededicate the Temple in Jerusalem. The eternal lights of the menorah signified God's presence in the Temple, just as our eternal light does today in sanctuaries around the world. And so, it was only after the seven-branched menorah was lit that the Temple was again consecrated to God.



Chanukah means dedication. Dedication means to be committed or designated to a specific purpose. When the Maccabees, after their military victory, rededicated the Temple after the Syrian-Greeks had defiled it, their purpose was to reinstitute the worship of God in that place. They sought to bring the purpose back to the place by ensuring that everything went on as it had before the Greeks had taken over. The Maccabees were dedicated to their cause of rededication!

We know that dedication can have a lot of meaning in our modern lives as well. The notion of dedication has been on my mind a lot lately, especially as we approach the six month mark after the merger. Our congregation has been blessed to have so many who have dedicated their time and efforts to the ongoing success of our new congregation. I

am grateful that so many have seen fit to commit their time and effort to the purpose of our congregation. We couldn't do it without you!

Dedication also has a sense of sticking to something, a sense of loyalty. The Maccabees were dedicated to their faith. And, even though they turned out to be imperfect leaders, they fought for the values they held dear. We are also blessed to have so many congregants whose dedication to our congregation has ensured that even though much is new, we are still making decisions based on the values we share.

As we bask in the warm glow of the Chanukiah, let us consider these many notions of dedication, just as we consider the many spellings of this holiday. Let the lights, shining through the darkest time of year, push us to dedicate ourselves to the ongoing work of our community. Let us rededicate ourselves to the project of our new Temple. We may be reaching the six month mark, but there is much to do over the next six months, and then the six after that. Just as the lights increase each day of Chanukah, so may our dedication to our Temple increase!

May your holiday be filled with light, love, and joy! May you and your family have a Happy Chanukah and may we all merit a peaceful New Year.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

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INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



December, of course, brings Chanukah and the end of the secular year. Yes, I know that Chanukah is “early” this year, although right on time as usual. In the Talmud, our sages discussed



whether we should light all the lights the first night, removing one each night and lessening the light as the holiday winds down, or whether we should start with one light and add an additional one each night. Of course, we all know which alternative was chosen, and with good reason; we should definitely add more light to this world of ours rather than take light away from it.

“Light.” our liturgy says, “is sown for the righteous.” But that doesn’t mean that we have to consider ourselves righteous for us to sow more of it. This year especially, as

we all have experienced dark days, may we all be thankful for the light we have in this world, and may each of us pursue social justice, social action and *tikkun olam* in order to create more light in and for the world. I plan to.

This month also marks the end of my “three months” filling in as your rabbi. Three months that began three years ago. Don’t worry, I’m not going away, just changing seats, and hopefully moving back to the first row of the second section. Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported me on this journey; you have made life easier for me and it is much appreciated.

May the light of Chanukah help bring peace to our world in the New Year.



Rabbi Nacht

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INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



Chanukah (there are many English spellings!) is almost here. It begins on the 25th of *Kislev* and ends on the 2nd of the month of *Tevet* (first candle will be on Sunday, December 2nd).

As the nights grow longer and the Chanukah lights increase I am reminded that we can bring light into the darkness of this world one kind act at a time. So this year during the eight days of Chanukah, I invite you to join me and be part of your own family Chanukah Chesed Challenge. (Lots of my colleagues are introducing this across the country!)

Chesed means “kindness”, and the idea of the Chanukah Chesed Challenge is to work consciously, every day, to do one act of *chesed*, or kindness, to someone you encounter throughout the day. This act should be something that does not necessarily come easily and automatically to you, something that you probably wouldn’t have done in the past. It should be an action, small or large, that feels new and is outside your comfort zone, something that you make a conscious and deliberate choice to do.

What might the Chanukah Chesed Challenge look like for you? The answer, of course, is personal. If you are outgoing, an extrovert, with a tendency to be chatty, smiley and upbeat, it will probably mean something very different to you than if you are quiet or introverted. But a common thread will connect all our efforts with the Chanukah Chesed



Challenge: we can all commit to opening our hearts wider, to working harder to notice others, and to reaching out beyond our comfort zone. In the process, we hope to make ourselves better people and the world a kinder place. If it works for you, make this a family project this year. Use your imagination!

In the *V’ahavta*, we are commanded to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our might. A classmate of mine once asked... But how can we fully love God if we don’t love people? And how can our love of either God or people be complete if we don’t love the more-than-human world that is surrounding us? In considering these questions, let’s feel free to take our personal *chesed* campaign beyond the human world and be kind as well to animals, nature, our air and water.

It might take time to figure out what to do. You may not actually do anything different on the first or the second day, or even the fifth or the sixth. The important thing is to be thinking about it and figuring out what it will be for you.

So, I invite you and your family members, including your children, to join me in the Chanukah Chesed Challenge and to continue our daily kindness practice until the end of Chanukah. Let’s see what happens! And feel free to come share your efforts with the rabbis and with me.

Wishing you and yours a light-filled and kindness-filled Chanukah,

Chag Sameach!
Cantor Rica

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OUR COMMUNITY

OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



Over the last weekend of October, Louise, Patti, Marlyn and I had the opportunity to attend the 10th WRJ Northeast District Biennial Convention. Whew,

a real mouthful! WRJ, Women of Reform Judaism, is the women's branch of the URJ, Union of Reform Judaism, and the Sisterhood of TBT is part of the Northeast Region.

I was a first-time participant at this event, and enjoyed a very special and unique experience. I met women from all over the Northeast, from Toronto to Staten Island, from Rochester to Oakdale, from Buffalo to Cape Ann and many



places in between, including several New York Metro area Sisterhoods. Interesting, smart, warm, welcoming, creative and remarkable women, who share some of the same successes and struggles as we

do. I met a woman who came from a 120-family member congregation, and has 50 active Sisterhood members. Another woman came from an 850-member congregation, and was only able to find 10 women to be on her Sisterhood board. We shared program and fundraising ideas and will make plans to attend events at other synagogues.

The director of the National WRJ organization spoke at services on Friday night about Abraham and Sarah, and 'audacious hospitality'. She spoke about Sarah's role in Abraham's wandering in Canaan, and how she was the one who made their tent welcoming to strangers, just as the women of our Sisterhood have been doing in our community for many years.

I also attended a workshop presented by the Jewish Women's Archive. Their website has collections about dozens of notable Jewish women, all throughout history. They are developing pages honoring the notable women in our everyday lives. We will do a bit more research to see if this is something we could bring to our community.

As time goes on, we will share more of what we learned at convention and try to bring some of the programs to our Sisterhood and congregation.

Back here in Wantagh, on November 13th, we had our day of beauty at Bangz salon in Bellmore. As always, it was a great success. Our annual Chanukah Sale was

on Sunday, November 18th in the Temple lobby, during Religious School. This year we also added hours for the sale on Monday, November 19th, so our high school students had a chance to shop as well. Our program, Healthy Eating, Healthy Living, was held on November 19th. It was very interesting and well attended.

Join us on Wednesday, December 5th for a book talk with Rachel Beck, as she talks to us about her new book, Finding Your Way. The next Book Club will be on Tuesday, December 18th. Coming in February, we will hold our annual Lottery with the daily Pick 3 numbers. Tickets are \$5. More information to come. We will also host an Antiques and Collectibles sale on Sunday, February 17th, with dozens of vendors and lots of beautiful merchandise. Look for more information after the New Year.

*In love and Sisterhood,
Caryn, Co-President*

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My brother-in-law has many talents. In addition to playing the banjo, he's a builder and carpenter; attorney specializing in environmental issues; and all-around good guy. His passion is olive farming. With the help of volunteers from around the world as well as friends and family from our home at Kibbutz Gezer, he just finished the olive harvest.

Olives are also a rich part of the history of Gezer dating back to the time of King Solomon who built a famous fortress city here. We know King Solomon traded olive oil for cedar wood to use in the building of the temple – possibly including oil from olives harvested at Gezer!



In the early 1900s archeologists at Gezer found small piece of limestone with an ancient Hebrew inscription – an agricultural calendar dating to the time of King Solomon. Known as the Gezer Calendar, it mentions the timing of various harvests – including olives.

Olives are deeply embedded in Jewish history, text and ritual. In fact, olives and olive oil are mentioned well over 200 times in the Hebrew Bible. We are all familiar with this use of olive oil from the story of Hanukah which focuses on the miracle of the oil used to light the menorah and ner tamid from ancient times. Kindling the lights for Shabbat was done with oil lamps long before the advent of wax candles.



Olives are one of the seven species (fruits) with which the Land of Israel is blessed (Deuteronomy 6:11). Olives are a symbol of peace, used for food and anointing oil, cosmetics and healing, strong enough to grow into rock, and able to live for hundreds of years.



Because of their ability to survive in harsh conditions olive trees are often used as a metaphor for the Jewish people. We have survived multiple challenges over the course of our history. Our roots, even in times of physical and spiritual draught, have been nourished by the deep waters of the Torah.

Here at Kehilat Birkat Shalom at Kibbutz Gezer we have several olives

trees planted when we first dedicated the site of our new sanctuary. Today they are strong and giving fruit – just as our community continues to thrive.

I am honored to be the new spiritual leader of Kehilat Birkat Shalom, building on the strong foundation built by Rabbi Miri Gold. I pray that we may all appreciate the fruits of the past as we look to the future. May the lights of Hanukah remind us to appreciate the beauty and wonder of creation.

Rabbi Steve Burnstein

Rabbi Steve Burnstein is the spiritual leader of Kehilat Birkat Shalom at Kibbutz Gezer. Birkat Shalom is a regional congregation of the Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism.

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OUR COMMUNITY

CHAINOTES



Chai Club is a different kind of group. Yes, we are seniors over the age of 50. Yes, we enjoy each other's company. Yes, we gather together at our meetings to have various different programs. Yes, we have an ongoing kosher food collection. (The collection container is in the front of the Kiddish Lounge. Look for a U inside a circle on your canned or boxed goods.) Yes, we are an active group. Yes, our members volunteer to serve our congregation in many ways.



Thanks to Rita Hofer and Shelley Lomove for their work in organizing our delicious Membership Dinner. Our dinner is an annual function. We all look forward to dining with one another and sharing one another's company.

On we go to our Monday, December 17th program at 7:30 pm. H and H Scholars will tell us about Jewish gangsters. Oh my! Were there really Jewish gangsters? This should be an informative program. We are also looking forward to our January program on Elder Abuse on Monday, January 28th at 1:30pm.



May the Chanukah holiday be filled with lights, good times and happiness. May the secular New Year be a good one for us all filled with peace and understanding of others.

*Tessa Kean,
President of Chai Club*

Chai Club Dinner



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





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 are also available in the synagogue office. All proceeds go directly to programming and materials for all our religious school children.



The PTA meets monthly. We love new faces and volunteers! The next meetings are scheduled for Sunday, December 2nd at 10am and Sunday, January 6th at 11:30.

Sunday, December 9th is our Hanukkah Brunch! It promises to be a day of games, latkes, crafts, raffles, and fun! If you RSVP by December 2nd, adults are \$15 each; children between 5-13 years old are \$7! We can't wait to see you there!

By Rachel Minkowsky



BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF EVERY G.I.R.L.

Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls, providing programs that are specifically designed with girls in mind and offering every girl a chance to practice a lifetime of leadership, adventure, and success. At Girl Scouts of Nassau County, we are proud to be celebrating our 100th anniversary and are excited by and look forward to the challenge of providing girls with the opportunities they require to grow into tomorrow's leaders for the next 100 years.

Girl Scouts operates independently of Boy Scouts of America – while our name shares the term “Scout,” our two program models are vastly different.

Girl Scouts programming is distinctly developed for girls – taking into consideration the way girls learn, and focusing on developing their confidence and essential life skills while instilling moral and ethical values, so they can thrive in their communities and their future careers.

In addition, Girl Scouts of Nassau County in coordination with GSUSA and the National Jewish Committee on Girl Scouting offers girls opportunity to focus on religious programs and activities and earn awards specific to the Jewish faith. [www.njcgs.org]

Girls work in partnership with adult volunteers in the Jewish community who are critical in helping them achieve their goals.

GIRL SCOUT TROOPS ARE FORMING NOW!

Please join us for a Parent Information/registration meeting:
Kindergarten to 5th grade Girls
Tuesday, December 11th @7:00pm, Temple B'nai Torah Youth Lounge
Adult volunteers needed to form troops.

RSVP at gsnc.org/info or for more information email levinej@gsnc.org or ☎ 516.741.2550



OUR COMMUNITY

TBT'S SOCIAL ACTION/ SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Wishing you all a joyous and meaningful Hanukkah! Our Holiday Toy Drive began in November and is running until December 19th. We encourage you to donate new, unwrapped toys, games and other gifts for children of all ages. Donations will be delivered to the John Theissen Children's Foundation for distribution to sick and needy children on Long Island. For more information about the Foundation please visit http://www.jtcf.org/how_it_began.htm Please note, items delivered by December 7th will be delivered to the JTCF before the end of Hanukkah and items delivered by December 19th will be delivered in time for Christmas.

Of course Hanukkah is not only about toys. Hanukkah embraces values such as freedom, dedication, faith and light. Find ways to re-dedicate yourselves to supporting these values. In this spirit we want to offer a number of suggestions (some of which can be found on the RAC's website (<https://rac.org/site-search?keyword=chanukah>) on how to bring these values and social justice to your Hanukkah celebrations:

- 1) Visit a different social action/social justice website each night. Explore the issues that are important to you and your family and learn how you can help.
- 2) The Fifth Night project encourages children to donate one of their Hanukkah gifts to those in need on the fifth night of Hanukkah. <http://www.fifthnight.org/About-Fifth-Night>
- 3) The *Ner Shel Tzedakah* ("Candle of Righteousness") is a project in which families learn about and discuss the problems of poverty and donate gifts or money to charitable organizations that assist the poor instead of exchanging gifts on the sixth night of Hanukkah. Donate the value of the gifts that would otherwise be exchanged that night to organizations that assist the poor, locally or globally.
- 4) Consider selecting gifts from the RAC's social justice gift guide <https://rac.org/hanukkah-social-justice-gift-guide>
- 5) For environmentally friendly green gift Ideas for Hanukkah visit - <https://rac.org/hanukkah-environment-green-gift-ideas>

Last month the Social Action/Social Justice Committee organized a turkey drive. Thanks to our congregation's generosity, and the work of Island Harvest, families in need were able to celebrate a bountiful Thanksgiving.

Brotherhood also began its book drive last month. Please donate new and gently used books, which will be delivered to an area VA Hospital. The book drive is being held from November through February so we all have plenty of time to select our donations and deliver them to the temple lobby.

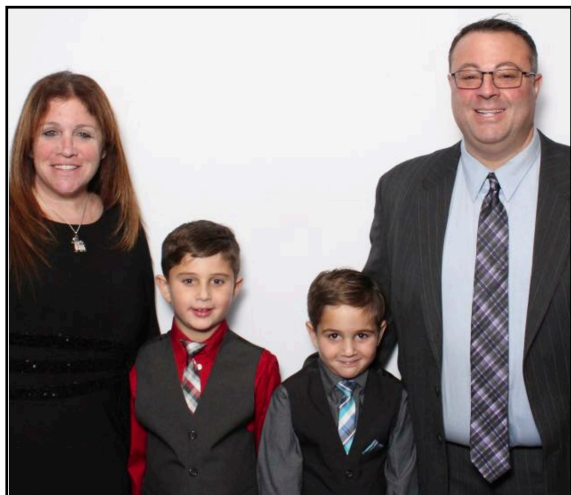
Election Day has come and gone but our efforts to encourage increased civic engagement continues. Where possible we will aim to keep the TBT community aware of social justice issues, events and concerns and offer suggestions as to how to make our voices heard.

Ongoing and Upcoming Events:

Through February – Brotherhood's Book Drive for VA Hospital
Through December 19– Toy Drive
January 13 – Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Screening

Please consider joining us and sharing your ideas. Our next meeting will be January 22nd, 7-8pm.

For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee or any of its projects contact Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com or Patti Nacht at prn512@aol.com



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 Jayme Posner and her beautiful family!

Meet the Posner Family!

Introduce everyone to your family. Who's in the picture?

Jayme, Dan, Spencer, & Zach

Where did you grow up, Jayme?

Jayme - Merrick

Dan - Levittown

What town do you live in now? Wantagh

What's your favorite local bagel place? L & E Bagels in Wantagh!

What do you do for a living?

Jayme - 2nd grade teacher

Dan - Electrical Engineer

What's your favorite family activity? Going to the beach or hanging out in our pool.

Favorite family movie or TV show? Boss Baby

Favorite Jewish holiday? Hanukkah. I love watching my boys open their presents. And of course, latkes!

Why did you choose to join TBT? What do you hope to gain from TBT membership?

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OUR COMMUNITY

TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH Circle of Friends



CHANUKAH PARTY

Sunday, December 16, 2018

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The Social Action/Social Justice Committee of TBT announces its

Holiday Toy Drive



Please donate new, unwrapped toys, games and other gifts for children of all ages.

November 19-December 19

Drop off your donations in the temple lobby – in clear bags only please

Or bring your donations to the Chanukah Brunch

Items collected will be donated to the John Theissen Children's Foundation for distribution to sick and needy children on Long Island

Donations received by Dec. 7 will be delivered before the end of Hanukkah

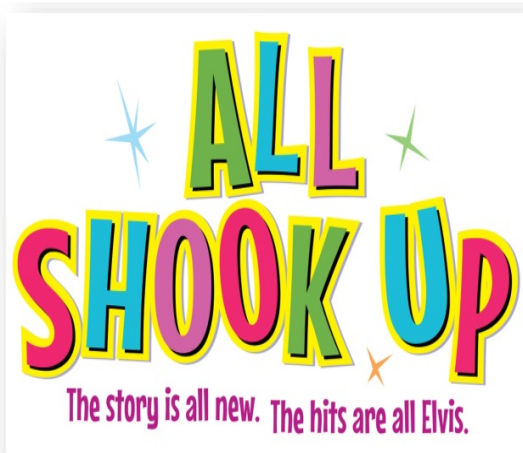
Donations received by December 19 will be delivered before Christmas

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

Happy Hanukkah



This year, Chanukah starts the evening of December 2nd.

In search of a way to celebrate Hanukkah and address the concerns of social justice? Visit the Religious Action Center <https://rac.org/site-search?keyword=chanukah>) Here you will find family activities as well as gift giving ideas.

VOLUNTEERS BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES



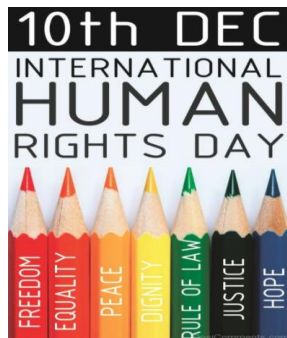
December 5th is International Volunteer Day

This year's theme is "Volunteers Build Resilient Communities"

<https://www.unv.org/internationalvolunteerday2018>

Find the volunteer activity that fits your interests and abilities. Visit the Long Island Volunteer Center and learn what local agencies are looking for volunteers

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December 10th is International Human Rights Day: Commemorating the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – "Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home – so close and so small they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. [...] Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world." –*Eleanor Roosevelt*

- Equality, justice and freedom prevent violence and sustain peace.
- Whenever and wherever humanity's values are abandoned, we all are at greater risk.

- We need to stand up for our rights and those of others.

Learn more at: <http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/>



December 21st is National Homeless Person's Remembrance Day –observed annually on the first day of winter and longest night of the year – because no person should die for lack of housing. Learn what is being done to end homelessness and learn how you can help

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Volunteer Opportunities:

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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

It is decision time.

The Voice of TBT will continue to be a full-color on-line experience, always available. The print edition will be by request only. This will be an economy measure to reduce the enormous expense of paper and postage. It will also reduce the many hours necessary to label and prepare hundreds of newsletters.



If you desire to opt-in to continue receiving the print version of The Voice, let us know by returning the tear-off on the front page of this December issue.

Neither email nor phoned requests will be accepted.

From Laurie & myself, a wish for a healthy and prosperous 2019.



*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

Save the Date:

Chanukah Brunch

Family Celebration

Sunday, December 9, 2018

11:30-1:30

More details to follow



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PACK AND TROOP 189

Pack 189 meets on Thursday nights from 6:15 - 7:30 in the Youth Lounge
and is looking for boys and girls in grades K-4.

Boy Scout Troop 189 meets on Thursday nights from 7:30 - 9:00 in the Youth Lounge
and is looking for boys from 5th grade up to 18 years old.

We are in the process of forming a Female Scouts BSA Troop as well
(organizational meetings will take place starting in December - watch for flyers)

which will meet Thursday nights from 7:30 - 9:00 (in the Religious School)

and are looking for interested girls from 5th grade up to 18 years old.

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BROTHERHOOD NEWS & VIEWS



Once again, we owe a great big thank you to Ben and Sharon Cernese for running our Holiday Fair held on November 25th. Thank you as well to all those who came

down the day before and the day of the fair to help.

Thank you to Jim LoNigro for arranging the Defensive Driving Course held on December 2nd.



On a serious note, attendance at the Brotherhood/Men's Club Breakfasts has been going down recently. Our crew comes in early Sunday morning to prepare a delicious breakfast of eggs,

potatoes, bagels, coffee, juice and desserts all for \$5.00 a person. It's the best deal in town.

We appreciate all the committees that hold their meetings on Sunday morning and partake in the breakfast, but we really hope to see more congregants there.

Breakfasts usually start at 9:15. Some of the upcoming dates are Sundays December 2nd (9:45 start), December 16th and January 6th. We will have coverage to accept book donations these Sundays.

For new members, it's a great way to meet and get to know some of your fellow congregants.

Wishing everybody a happy and healthy New Year.

In Brotherhood,
Alan & Mickey

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January 27th

February 10th

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e-mail _____
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REMEMBERING LEE KOPMAN



Lee Kopman, who called our Square Dances for the past several years, passed away on November 12th. I knew Lee and his wife Lilith for more years than I care to say (!). I remember tagging along with my parents as a nine year-old when they danced with Lee; later on, I began to dance myself, but as a single. After a few years, my parents and I were invited to his home to “workshop” new calls as Lee choreographed them. (Their son Steven was old enough to have caught the square dance “bug” and was my partner. Steve is now an eminent caller himself.) I lost touch with Lee and Lilith for many years after that. Then lo and behold, Marty and I joined Suburban Temple and there was Lee Kopman calling for the Square Dance! When Marty and I took over running the Square Dance, the first call I made was to Lee Kopman, to ask him to return as the caller.

I hope that those of you who danced with Lee and Lilith at TBT will remember those Square Dances fondly, and be glad that you got to know Lee Kopman.

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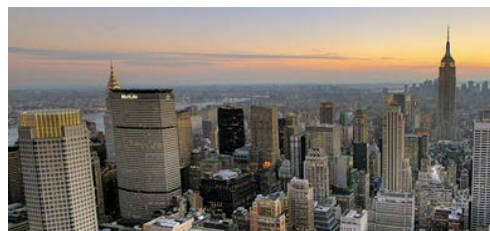
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