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A Reform Congregation

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January 6<sup>th</sup>

February 10<sup>th</sup>

January 27<sup>th</sup>







## INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



One of the most complicated aspects of any merger of congregations is the merger of liturgical styles. Every community's prayer practices are unique, steeped in tradition and preference, and a product of generations of work and compromise. Bringing two of these together is no easy task. We are proud of the work

we have done on this aspect thus far in our transition year. We have worked hard to integrate a variety of each legacy congregation's traditions in the best way we can.

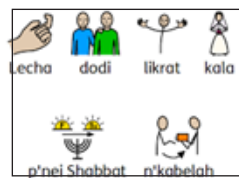
But there is also space for us, as a new community, to begin to develop some new traditions and at the same time keep learning and deepening what prayer means for us at TBT. The month of January is an opportune time to continue to try out some ideas, especially as we recognize that this transition year allows us the opportunity to be creative, and to not necessarily allow anything we do to set a precedent.

One change we began in the last couple of months has to do with our early Kabbalat Service on the third Shabbat

of the month. This service is scheduled at 6:30, with a Pre-neg at 6:00. What differentiated this service from others was its early

time. But it also has a different name, Kabbalat. This term comes from Kabbalat Shabbat—literally the welcoming of Shabbat—which is a brief, musical, joyful service that precedes the Erev Shabbat liturgy. We are already familiar with aspects of this service, which includes the hymn Lecha Dodi, which we sing most Friday nights.

Kabbalat Shabbat is an addendum to the liturgy and, at just less than 500 years old, is relatively new in Jewish prayer. The Jewish mystics of the 16th century in the holy city of Tzfat crafted this service as a way to invite Shabbat,



which the Talmud and mystical texts compare to a bride and queen, into their souls. The kabbalists would dress in white, like grooms, and sing joyfully to welcome their bride. We reenact this as we greet the Shabbat Bride by turning toward the door

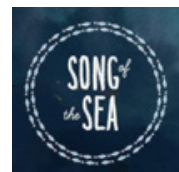
and bowing at “bo’i kallah” in the last verse of Lecha Dodi.

In addition to Lecha Dodi, the Kabbalists included a series of psalms to round out the service. The six psalms that precede Lecha Dodi represent the weekdays. After Lecha Dodi, we have a psalm for Shabbat and one for future redemption. Many communities have taken to putting the psalms to music or melody and making the Kabbalat

Shabbat not merely an addendum, but a centerpiece of Shabbat worship.

Beginning in November, Cantor Timman and I have been working on crafting our Kabbalat Service in this mode. This means that we have added some selections from the Kabbalat Shabbat psalms and hymns to the service. This also means we've been testing a silent Amidah, which is often done after Kabbalat Shabbat.

This month, our Kabbalat Service falls on January 18th, which is Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song, when we sing the Song of the Sea from Exodus, Chapter 15, which the Israelites sing to God in thanks for their safe crossing of the parted waters. We'll include our Kabbalat Shabbat pieces, a silent Amidah, as well as a special Torah reading with the special melody for the song.



We will also have great services planned for the other Shabbats of the month. Join us for family Shabbat on January 4th, as well as a special Youth Group led Tu B'Shevat Seder and Shabbat Service on January 25th. January 11th will be our typical Shabbat Service. We've got lots of great prayer opportunities coming up this month, and we hope you'll join us and experience them all!

*L'Shalom,  
Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum*







## INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



### HELP OUR FRIENDS AT ST. JUDE MISSION CENTER

The St. Jude Mission Center Mother and Child Ministry serves specifically babies, toddlers, and mothers with everything from diapers, formula, and food to hygienic products and non-perishable food items. We serve 25-30 families each week which includes over 40 + babies, toddlers, and children under the age of 10. Approximately 90% of our guests are Latina/o.

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1. Donate supplies to the Center. For a complete list of supplies needed go to the Mission Center website at <http://stjudemissioncenter.org/donations>.
2. At the website you'll see drop-off locations and how to donate through Amazon Wish List.
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4. **Temple B'nai Torah has a drop-off box in the lobby near the Kiddush Lounge.**
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6. Pray for an end to hunger and encourage your representatives to fully fund hunger initiatives
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## INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



*CShiru l'Adonai, shir chadash...* Sing to *Adonai*, sing a new song...

If it's January, it's time to celebrate Jewish music! *Shabbat Shirah*, the Sabbath of Song (this year beginning Friday night, January 18th), is the Shabbat in which the Torah



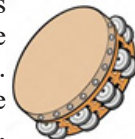
portion, *Beshalach*, focuses on the Israelites crossing the Sea of Reeds. In Exodus 15 we read that upon reaching the other side of the shore, Moses, Miriam and all the people celebrated their miraculous victory over the Egyptian army with a song of praise to *Adonai*. Called *Shirat HaYam*, the Song of the Sea, it is the first song in the Torah, by tradition, the first song text written in Jewish history.

I have always been attracted to this text for many reasons. It contains within it the words of the *Mi Chamocha* prayer, the centerpiece of the *G'ulah* (Redemption) section of our liturgy. When we sing this prayer it reminds us of this Torah portion and the greatest example of Israel's redemption, our escape from Egypt through the parting of the Sea of Reeds. The story of our redemption is the release from slavery and oppression and the beginning of our history as a free people.

The *Shirah* is written in all Torah scrolls in a way that makes it stand out from all other parts of the Torah. The layering of the phrases are written in a pattern that some say looks like the waves of the parting sea or like brick layering, perhaps to remind of us of the hard labor the Israelite slaves suffered while in Egypt. The ancient *minhag* (custom) surrounding this text includes chanting it with a special *misinai* melody at the mention of *Adonai* within the

poetry. It is traditional to chant this melody antiphonally with the congregation, much the same way Moses may have sung it with the Israelites. This *Shirah* melody is used again in Torah readings and to mark special journey points. One such moment is when we conclude reading a book of Torah (*chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik*: let us be strong and strengthened).

One of my favorite teaching moments in the *Shirah* is where *Miriam* repeats the song and leads the women with timbrels and dance. It is the first mention in the Torah of instruments. The Israelites, who left Egypt in such haste that they could not wait for the bread to rise, grabbed their timbrels for the journey and had them in hand as they passed through the parted waters and arrived to safety from the Egyptian army. Here in Exodus 15 is our proof that musical worship was important to our ancestors. In later parts of the Torah, prophetic writings, and Psalms we read of instruments and Levitical choirs announcing and leading worship rituals. In fact Psalm 150 recounts that we are to praise *Adonai* with singing and dancing accompanied by stringed instruments, harps, lyres, horns, shofars, cymbals and drums. That ancient orchestra must have sounded awesome on the steps of Temple!



Our Adult Choir will help us celebrate *Shabbat Shirah* with a service filled with joyous music. This Sabbath of Song also coincides with the *yahrzeit* of Debbie Friedman, the musical pioneer of modern Jewish music, and we will sing many of her selections to celebrate her life. It will be a Kabbalat style musical service (6:30pm) not to miss! Let's come together with our voices, timbrels and a bit of dancing to warm up our January and celebrate *Shabbat Shirah* - TBT style. *Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik!*

*B'shirah, Cantor Rica*

## Michael C. Horwitz, CPA, P.C.

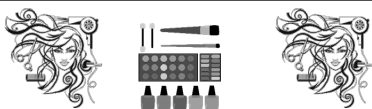
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*TBT Sisterhood Presents:*

### **Learn to Crochet**

with Andrea Butterweich

Join us for a fun-filled, instructional evening of handicraft. Everyone will take home something they have made!!

**Date:** January 14<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Supplies to Bring:** One skein of Lily Sugar n' Cream cotton yarn (no dark colors)  
An "I" crochet hook for beginners /an "H" or "I" crochet hook for advanced beginners

Reservations are a **MUST** and need to be received by January 7

Questions? Contact Marlyn Appelt email - [arnopol51@gmail.com](mailto:arnopol51@gmail.com) phone – (516) 333-7115

Please mail to the Temple, 2900 Jerusalem Ave, Wantagh NY 11783 Attn: Marlyn Appelt or leave in the envelope in the Office. Please respond by January 7.

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### **The Rosh Chodesh Series**

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#### **Women Creating Stories the Torah Leaves Out**

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**Sunday, January 6 at 12 noon**

Temple Members – no charge

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Questions? Contact Felicia Denaro  
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## OUR COMMUNITY

### *Traditions begun, traditions renewed . . .*

The Chanukah Brunch had been a time-honored tradition at Temple Emanu-El, begun over a generation ago and continued annually. It was an event which my husband and I joyfully brought our 3 daughters to when they were very young and which I had the pleasure of helping to organize for more years than I can recall. With the merger of our 2 congregations complete, I thought I had seen the last of the Brunches, but that was not to be! Several Legacy TEEM members told me how important the annual Brunch was to their families and how they had looked forward to sharing this family tradition in our new home. So, we added it to the temple calendar & plans began! I was lucky enough to partner with the TBT PTA for this event and shared the responsibilities of coordinating, organizing & ordering with Brooke Myers and Stephanie Giwner. I would volunteer to be on any committee in a heartbeat, if I could work with them. Our partnership was wonderful! We were assisted along the way by many willing volunteers who made each step a true pleasure, too many to list, but thank you to every one of them.

On the morning of Sunday, December 9th, we opened the doors of the Social Hall to welcome over 170 of our temple members, their children, and their grandchildren. Our morning began with Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Rabbi Nacht and Cantor Timman lighting our giant silver Chanukiah, and chanting the candle blessings, assisted by the children. We then enjoyed a Jewish luau of lox, bagels, latkes and assorted other brunch delicacies. Throughout

the morning, we enjoyed the music of our DJ, John, and watched as the children competed in games of musical chairs, hula hoop contests & more. The festivities ended with the drawing of winners for our 15 raffle baskets, the contents of which were donated by our religious school families and coordinated by our wonderful class parents. We also raffled off several Grand Prizes, which were made possible through the generous donations of Star of David Memorial Chapels and purchased with a discount at P.C. Richard in Bellmore. These prizes included a Roomba and a Video Doorbell. The 126 winners of the Gelt Raffle were also drawn, with winners walking away with gift cards and big prizes. A special thanks to Marvin Weinstein who single-handedly sold over 50 raffles!

Thank you to those who have continued to help with this event throughout the years, enabling us to bring the Brunch with us & continue its tradition of warmth and friendship: Marla Solomon, Gail Grossman, Nadine Salzman, Dee Greenberg, David Kaminsky, Dan Feldman, Janet Goldstein, Karen Liebovitz, Russell Luce & my husband, Tom Reilly. I've already "signed up" to do this, again, next year. How about you? If you weren't able to join us this year, I hope you'll make a note to join us during Chanukah in 2019. If you were with us this year, spread the word and bring a new friend with you next year! Let's continue to make new traditions together.

*Lisa Shubin*



## **FAMILY CHANUKAH SHABBAT AT TBT**





## OUR COMMUNITY

### CHAINOTES



Happy Secular New Year to you all.

May we continue to share good times together in 2019!

Who knew there were Jewish gangsters? Thanks to H and H Scholars, we learned about some of our own who chose a different path in life.



We welcome Arlene Markarian from the Nassau County District Attorney's Office who will speak on elder abuse. This is a timely topic which affects us all. Arlene will discuss the different types of elder abuse, how to identify them and what to do if you or someone you know is being abused as well as how elder abuse cases are handled by the Nassau County District Attorney's Office and services available for older victims of crime. Please join us at 1:30 p.m. on January 28

to gain information on this topic.

Thank you to our Social Justice Committee from Chai Club. The committee members bring the non-expired kosher goods you donate to a kosher pantry. Our donations are greatly appreciated. Please continue to bring the boxed and canned goods to our temple and place them in the bin outside the Kiddish Lounge. Watch out for the K or OU on the labels of your contributions.



Come join us at Friday night services. We are a welcoming community looking for new friends from our temple.

*Tessa Kean,  
President of Chai Club*

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## BROTHERHOOD SOCIAL ACTION

Here are the current ongoing Brotherhood/Men's Club Social Action Projects:

1. Books for our veterans at the VA Hospital in Northport:



Thanks to all congregants and friends who donated books at the Brotherhood Fair and Sunday Morning Breakfast. Special thanks to Joyce Star for sending out a request for books to her e-mail list. Books may still be donated at the next BH Breakfast, Sunday, January 6th, 2019. We will be scheduling a van to bring the books to Northport in February.

2. Donation of sundry items for distribution to our troops overseas.

We plan to drop off items collected after the first of the year to "Adopt-A-Battalion" in Massapequa Park. Our collection box is located just outside the Kiddush Lounge.



*Thanks,  
Brian Levy*

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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, January 6th at 11:30am and Sunday, February 3rd at 10am.

December 9th was our Hanukkah Brunch! Dozens of families filled our social hall. It was a day full of games, latkes, crafts, raffles, and fun! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with this event. It was a huge success!



It's almost Tu B'Shevat! Our Hebrew school children will joyfully celebrate the "New Year for Trees" with seders. Grades K-2 will have their seder on Sunday, January 13th; children in grades 3-7 will celebrate on Wednesday, January 16th.

Our PTA will host a L'dor V'dor Challah Bake on Wednesday, February 27th at 7pm. The event is open to all members ages 13 and up. Participants will learn about the symbolism of the ingredients as they prepare challah dough. Bring a friend or family member! Cost of attendance is \$5 for a PTA member and 1 guest to attend; \$18 for a non-PTA member and 1 guest. Each participant is asked to bring their own 5-pound bag of flour. Space is limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Unfortunately we cannot accept walk-ins. Participants MUST RSVP to [RMinkowsky@yahoo.com](mailto:RMinkowsky@yahoo.com).

Save the date for Family Bingo: March 17th at 12 noon. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Family and friends are welcome. Contact [WendyOT@aol.com](mailto:WendyOT@aol.com) or [gkazin@hotmail.com](mailto:gkazin@hotmail.com) with any questions!



*By Rachel Minkowsky*



PTA  
CELEBRATES  
CHANUKAH







## OUR COMMUNITY

### TBT'S SOCIAL ACTION/ SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

TBT's Social Action/Social Justice Committee wishes you all a Happy and Healthy Secular New Year! 2018 was a challenging year in many ways. We hope the New Year will bring opportunities for people to come together in tolerance and concern for others, to renew their desire and ability to stand up for our own and other's rights and hope for a re-energized commitment to social action and social justice wherever the need arises. Consider including becoming more involved in helping to make this community, this country and the world a better place among this year's New Year's resolutions.

Once again we want to thank our generous congregation for their donations of toys and gifts for sick and needy children. Two deliveries were made to the John Theissan Children's Foundation, one in time for Hanukkah and one in time for the Christmas Holiday.

Temple B'nai Torah would like to help support the St. Jude's Mission Center Mother and Child Ministry, which specifically serves babies, mothers and toddlers. Please read the flyer in this issue of the Voice of TBT and learn how you can be of help.



This month we also encourage you to participate in the Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Screening being held on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 9am-2pm here at Temple B'nai Torah. Appointments can be made and walk-ins are also appreciated. For more information call Joni Christie at 516-996-0948. Give the gift of life!

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the MLK Day of Service. This is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service. Consider it as a "day on, not a day off" and find an opportunity to serve others that day.

Mitzvah Day planning has begun! – This year, Mitzvah Day will be held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Each of the Temple Arms will be hosting an on-site event to benefit a charitable agency or project. We will have new activities as well as some old favorites and there will be activities for all ages. Off-site events are also being planned and we are looking forward to this year's guest speaker. Information about local volunteer activities will be provided as well as information on advocacy for a number of important social justice issues. Look for details in upcoming issues of the Voice of TBT. Save the date and plan on participating in the activities offered. Experience has shown us that you will be glad you did!



As always, we invite you to consider joining us and sharing your ideas. Let us know of specific organizations that may need our help or of topics of interest for future programs and presentations. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Room 104.

Ongoing and Upcoming events and activities:

January 6<sup>th</sup> – Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Screening  
January – Brotherhood Book Collection for VA Hospital continues  
February, March and April collections will be in support of Mitzvah Day projects  
May 19<sup>th</sup> – MITZVAH DAY  
Ongoing – Support of the St. Jude's Mission Center Mother and Child Ministry  
Ongoing - Chai Club Kosher food collection for Kosher Food Pantry

For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee or any of its projects  
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### **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 JJ Scotch and his beautiful family!

#### **Meet the Scotch Family!**

**Introduce everyone to your family.** Who's in the picture? JJ, Kim, Jacob, and Sarah

**Where did you grow up? What town do you live in now?**

JJ - Manhattan (Washington Heights) Kim - The Bronx - Massapequa

**What's your favorite local bagel place?**

Bagel Town of Levittown, but we're not really into bagels. Our favorite takeout place is Crostini's Pizza!

**What do you do for a living?** Kim - Recovery Room Nurse JJ - EMS Captain for FDNY

**What's your favorite family activity?** Scouts! Also, playing Dixit (a board game)

**Favorite family movie or TV show?** Chicago Fire

**Favorite Jewish holiday?** Purim. Sarah and I love performing in the spiel.

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

My mother grew up in Temple Judea. When we moved to Long Island, we knew we were looking for a Reform congregation. We want a solid grounding in Jewish ethics for our children, plus fun and fellowship of becoming temple members.

**If you were a kind of Jewish food, what would you be and why?**

We're latkes. The kids are potatoes and Kim and I are fried!

We're very excited to be starting a female Scouts BSA group for girls ages 11-17. Sarah will be founding member. I am a Scout Master and Kim is Assistant Scout Master. It's an exciting time to be part of the scouts now that we're incorporating girls into all programs of the BSA!



## OUR COMMUNITY

### CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*“Well, we have a whole new year ahead of us. And wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all be a little gentler with each other, a little more loving, and have*

*a little more empathy, and maybe, next year at this time we'd like each other a little more.”*

— Judy Garland

On a magical night when they are in their 20s, Jonathan (John Cusack) meets Sara (Kate Beckinsale). He finds it love at first sight, but Sara believes in destiny. After ten years the two -- with 3,000 miles between them -- must decide if fate wants them to be together again. When love feels like magic, it is called destiny; when destiny has a sense of humor, it is serendipity.

In Judaism, we have the opportunity to celebrate the New Year twice within a few months - the Jewish New Year and the secular New Year. On December 31st people make their yearly resolutions – these usually include: lose weight, exercise more, save more money and contribute more to charity. On Rosh Hashana, we resolve to cut back on eating each day . . . because we are in training for Yom Kippur. How fortunate are we to be in a position to reflect upon our past year, again, to formulate resolutions, again, and of course, to celebrate!

It certainly was serendipity when Temple Emanu-El and Temple B'nai Torah found each other, and although it was a long and winding road, the effort by all was worth the end result - a vibrant, energetic, active new community! Yes, we continue to learn as we move forward, but we are stronger together, than apart. There is synergy as we exchange ideas, and develop exciting programs.

As we now move past the six month point, many of the philosophies, practices, processes and programs have come together. Our clergy has been instrumental and incredibly active in blending our membership into

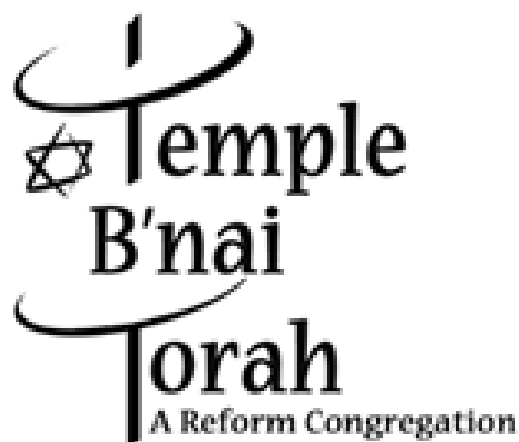
one successful community. These efforts will continue, allowing us to become the beacon for the Reform movement in our area.

As you know, we are living in uncertain times. Our congregation, Jews in other communities, Jewish institutions, the State of Israel, and even the United States face many challenges both from without and within. Security of our Temple is #1 on our priority list. We have had the Police Department and Homeland Security survey our premises and make recommendations to increase the level of safety in and around our building. We are also seeking grants to fund the investment to improve protection of our building by upgrading our alarm system, adding cameras and ensuring all entrances to the building will be locked. Security for our members and visitors is always the first concern of leadership!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rabbi Howard Nacht for leading TBT through challenging times, and to acknowledge his leadership during the merger process with TEEM. It's comforting to know that he will still be part of our community.

We wish everyone a warm, comforting holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Lane Rubin, Les Kule  
Congregation Co- Presidents  
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## OUR COMMUNITY

### TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH Circle of Friends



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or Leave in Temple Office, Circle of Friends Mailbox – marked Bowling Party

***Join us for dinner whether you bowl or not***

**5:30pm at Jani's Chinese/Japanese Restaurant**

**1175 Wantagh Ave, Wantagh, NY 11793**

Each party will pay his/her own dinner bill,  
but we need your reservation by **Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**Contact Info: Richard Pepper (516) 826-5067 or [richardtepper@hotmail.com](mailto:richardtepper@hotmail.com)**

Hi Richard, I (we) will attend ( ) bowling ( ) dinner

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount attached \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## OUR COMMUNITY

### FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN



It's time for celebration! Happy New Year to the trees!

Tu B'shevat comes "early" this year. Of course it always arrives on the 15th of the month of Shevat, as its name explains. But the 21st of January is too-too early to think of spring.

Or is it? In Israel their rainy season ends as our snow season commences. Their trees begin to show some life while we shovel the snow and we await April and May.

There are no bad reasons to look forward to spring, are there?.



Mark Chester,  
Editor, *The Voice of TBT*



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## 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.

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Rita Drucker



## OUR COMMUNITY

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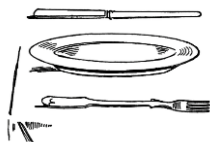
### Mark's "All-In" Mystery Meatloaf 'The Return of a Brotherhood Classic'



Details: Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

Cocktail Hour and Appetizers @ 7pm

Family Style Dinner about 7:30



#### **Don't end up Loaf-less!**

You are asked for the consideration of a timely RSVP  
Final response date is Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>



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**Count me in!.....**

RSVP due by Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Cost is \$15 for Brotherhood members or \$20 for guests and those who  
do not RSVP with payment by *Friday January 11<sup>th</sup>*.

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#Of GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_





## OUR COMMUNITY

### BROTHERHOOD NEWS & VIEWS



**The mission statements of both of the merged legacy temples are as follows: At TEEM, the purpose of Men's Club was to help Temple in every way. At TBT the**

**purpose is to further the objectives of the congregation.**

On Christmas Day a group of Brotherhood / Men's Club members decided to break from the usual Jewish traditions of sleeping late, going to the movies, and eating Chinese food. It is a tradition that was started more than twenty years ago at TEEM, and has continued with the support and efforts of many of our members. We visited the Holly Patterson Extended Care facility in Uniondale giving out gifts and bringing Christmas cheer to many of the residents. Our main purpose was to bring those needing assistance to and from Christmas Mass. Thanks to all who helped out.



This winter, Tim Driscoll will lead a yoga class at TBT on the following dates: Jan. 6, 27, Feb. 3, 10, Mar 3, 10, 17, and 31. The cost is \$80.00 for 8 sessions.

Yoga will start at 10AM and last for one hour. This class is open to everyone. Email Gary Adler at [garyadler25@gmail.com](mailto:garyadler25@gmail.com) or me at [alansmith@ymail.com](mailto:alansmith@ymail.com) to register or for additional details.

Now that Chanukah has come and gone and a New Year is upon us, it's time for a New Year's Resolution. One of my resolutions this year will be to continue to advance the purpose of our Brotherhood / Men's Club. I ask all of our members to join me and do the same. For those Temple members who are not members of the Brotherhood / Men's Club, why not make joining us your resolution? Give us the opportunity to show you what a great group of guys we are!



Our January Calendar is as follows:

Sunday January 6th – 10am Yoga

Tuesday January 8th – 7:30pm Board Meeting

Tuesday January 15th – 7:00pm Dinner Meeting

--- Featuring a return of a classic

“Mark's Mystery Meatloaf”

Sunday January 27th – 9:15am Breakfast

--- Yoga



Thank you to our Sunday morning kitchen crew: Mike Bruno, Chuck Coene, Dave Schuster, Eric Altman, Mark Chasen and Rob Saunders, who get up early to prepare breakfast for us.

Also, thank you to Eric Altman for arranging our December dinner meeting.

We wish you and your family a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

In Brotherhood,  
*Alan & Mickey*  
Co-Presidents





## OUR COMMUNITY

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



**January is National Blood Donor Month** - Make an appointment today to donate blood or to participate in bone marrow screening on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, here at Temple B'Nai Torah. Contact: Joni Christie 516-996-0948



### Human Trafficking Awareness Day – Jan. 11, 2019

Dedicated to raising awareness of sexual slavery and human trafficking worldwide. Each year, more than two million women and children are victimized from sexual trafficking. For more information:

<http://humantraffickinghotline.org>

The Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism passed a resolution entitled "Human Trafficking," which resolves to: "Urge all governments to

provide protection for the victims of trafficking, to work to prevent trafficking and to prosecute those organizations and people responsible for the trafficking industry." To find out more about this issue and about what you can do visit: <https://rac.org/human-trafficking>



### MLK, Jr. Day of Service Jan. 21, 2019

"Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"

-- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a day "on", not a day "off" and find somewhere to volunteer for the day.



### National Compliment Day Jan. 24, 2019

The expense and stress of the December gift-giving holidays have passed. The gift of appreciation is free and easy to give. Give an extra compliment on National Compliment Day.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

**St. Jude's Mission Center Mother and Child Ministry** For more information go to the bottom of the Mission Center Website: <http://stjudemissioncenter.org>

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## SPECIAL GIFTS

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## OUR COMMUNITY

### SAVE THE DATE

Sunday May 19, 2019

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### MITZVAH DAY

Mitzvah Day provides opportunities for congregants of ALL AGES to participate in a day of caring and service.

We do this through hands-on crafts and activities designed to support those in need, by learning about volunteer opportunities, by learning about advocating for social justice issues and through opportunities for civic engagement.

We need your help to make this day a success.

Plan on joining us...

Experience the feeling of knowing that you helped someone in need and have fun along the way.

9:00 a.m. Bagel Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Speakers: Elected Officials and special guests

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Onsite crafts and activities

1:00 p.m.: Off-site activities (times vary)

Watch for details in upcoming issues of The Voice of TBT, the online scroll, lobby flyers and our Facebook page



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## OUR COMMUNITY

### UNIONGRAM ORDER FORM

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

**FEBRUARY 1 through MARCH 30, 2019**

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

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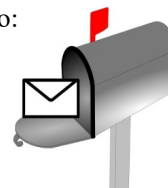
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