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FEBRUARY ZO19 RITUAL CALENDAR



02/01/19	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat
	6:15pm	Dinner
	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat/Family/Scout Service
02/02/19	9:30am	Torah Study
	10:30am	Shabbat Service B/M Evan Weinstein
02/04/19	12:00pm	Torah Study

02/01 Family Shabbat

Join us for an Italian Style Dinner,

EAT

Stay for Services honoring our Scouts *

(see flyer)

PRAY

End with a Yummy & Sweet Oneg

LOVE

*Scouts will receive their Judaic Badge

02/04/19	12:00pm	Torah Study

Erev Shabbat with Sisterhood Choir Participation 02/08/19 8:00pm

Torah Study 02/09/19 9:30am

> 10:30am Shabbat Service B/M Gail Gray

02/11/19 12:00pm Torah Study

02/12/19 7:30pm Ritual Meeting

02/15/19 6:00pm Pre-neg

> 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Kabbalat Service - KL

02/16/19 9:30am Torah Study

02/18/19 NO Torah Study 12:00pm

02/22/19 Erev Shabbat Service - KL 6:30pm

02/23/19 9:30am Torah Study

02/25/19 12:00pm Torah Study 02/08 – Join us for a wonderful Erev Shabbat **Service** with participation by our Sisterhood.

American Heart Association Red Dress

02/15 - Kabbalat Shabbat **Service**, an early, musical

and shortened service that leaves you time to be with friends and share a Shabbat dinner at home or let someone else do the

cooking!











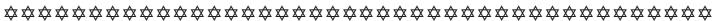
February 2 Evan Weinstein Todd & Robyn

Evan Weinstein is a seventh-grade honor student at Woodland Middle School. He enjoys sports, especially soccer and basketball. Evan plays travel soccer and was captain of his middle school team. Evan is a clarinet player for the Woodland Band and also enjoys video games and hanging out with friends. Over the years he has been involved in many community service and fundraising activities. He is a compassionate and friendly boy who always looks out for others. Evan is thankful for the support and help he received from everyone at TEEM and TBT to prepare him for his bar mitzvah.



February 9 Gail Gray Deborah

Gail has been a student at Temple B'nai Torah's Religious School since she moved to Long Island in second grade. This year has seen changes in her home life with the adoption of two dogs: Stormi, a nine year old Havanese mix, and Lulu Rose, a feisty five month old toy poodle. They keep her very busy! Her family is very proud of her.





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INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



Adult Education Offerings for Early 2019

Pirke Avot teaches us the following: "Prepare yourself to study Torah, for it is not an inheritance for you" (2:12). The rabbis of old here teach us that while we may inherit much from our parents

and our grandparents, their learning and their study are not passed down through genetics. Each of us is responsible for our own learning and study. Torah, in this sense, doesn't just mean the words of the Five Books of Moses, but rather is used here to encompass all of Jewish learning and thought.

As a community, we think a lot about what we offer our students in our Religious School, and have spent the last number of months working to make that program strong, as we will continue to do. But, we also have a responsibility to continue our education as adults. Tradition teaches us that we are always to keep learning, even going over the same learning, since we have changed since last time we learned it.

We currently offer two Torah Study opportunities each week (Mondays at noon for the weekly portion and Saturdays at 9:30am for a verse-by-verse journey) but we know that the community has been asking for more. You may not have had any formal Jewish learning since you were a tween. Don't let that dissuade you! No matter what background you have, or even if you have no background, all of the courses are open to you and will be accessible, and we hope fun as well.



We've heard from many members who are looking toward an Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah or an Adult Confirmation. We also have heard from our members that some time spent refreshing our familiarity with

holidays, customs, and history would also be beneficial and welcome. To these ends, I'm excited to announce two courses, planned in conjunction with our Lifelong Learning Committee: Adult Beginning Hebrew and Judaism 101. Full information about these courses can be found on page 12.

Adult Beginning Hebrew will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning February 6th and meet for ten sessions. Mrs. Erith Baum, an excellent, veteran Hebrew teacher, will be teaching this course. It will focus on prayer Hebrew by teaching the aleph-bet (Hebrew



alphabet), the ability to decode the letters and vowels, and familiarity with a handful of Hebrew roots that will hopefully help to make prayer in Hebrew more meaningful and accessible. If you are considering an Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah, this course is a great place to start. We anticipate unveiling a full Adult B'nai Mitzvah program to begin this fall and will share more information on that once it is ready.

Judaism 101 will meet on Sunday mornings beginning February 3rd, and will serve as an introduction or refresher course of sorts, focusing on Jewish holidays, customs, liturgy, music, history, and sacred texts. This survey course will be taught by me, Cantor Timman and/or our Temple Educator, Meredith Lubin, depending on the week. We've scheduled six dates through the spring and look forward to being able to all learn together.

There is so much to learn that it can seem overwhelming! We're going to take things one step at a time and ensure that everyone who wishes can learn with us. Let us remember that *Pirke Avot* also teaches us that it is not up to us to finish the work, but that we are not free to leave it behind either. I hope to see you at Torah study or joining us for these great adult learning opportunities.

> L'Shalom. Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



Celebrating a *simcha*, lifetime milestone, or life cycle event? Why not sponsor an Oneg? Let Sisterhood know what you are celebrating and we will honor you at the Oneg Shabbat after Friday night's service.

INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



There is something uniquely wonderful about each of our temple groups: Sisterhood, Brotherhood, BNTY, Chai Club, Circle of Friends, etc. It is a bond that is formed by friends and congregants. But when musicians come together in harmony and create beauty and joy, there is an additional special, spiritual feeling

from that connection. I have written before about each of



our musical groups: the Adult Choir, the Youth/Teen Choir, the SOBeez (Special Occasion Band), and the Shabbatones (Family Service Band). Each of these ensembles learn to blend their voices, instruments and souls in harmony. It

requires deep listening and falling in love with the music and the message of the texts. Our rehearsals are, in part, hiddur mitzvah (beautifying the mitzvah) as we beautify sacred texts with sweet sounds, offering them to our congregational family. Our rehearsals are also in part education, as we explore the meaning of the liturgy and original texts and how various composers treat those words. These groups form a bond through listening to each other, helping each other, and creating beautiful music from the traditional and contemporary settings of those texts. Even our youngest singers learn the Hebrew by heart as a result of engaging, contemporary music. Many of them know multiple settings as they spend years involved in the choir. And although I believe that for the most part music serves the text, it is most often good musical settings that enhance and illuminate our sacred writings best. Oh, and by the way, it is a lot of fun to hang out and sing together too!

So why do I bring this up now? We have a dedicated few adults who have worked in the past year with me to create

an instrumental ensemble for Simchat Torah. Our Music Director, Vladimir Katz and I are looking to expand this ensemble now with a few more seasoned adult instrumentalists as we launch the TBT Ensemble. Our goal is to perform at Simchat Torah and a couple of times a year at services. Auditions will take place this February

for new instrumentalists. The expanded TBT Ensemble will participate at the Friday, March 29th Shabbat service with rehearsals in March.



A poet once said that music washes away from the soul

the dust of everyday life. It is an extraordinary feeling to play together in harmony, especially when the texts are so beautifully illuminated. I look forward to what we will create together for this special service. Please contact me for more details including audition info and a list of our rehearsal dates and times. This will be our only TBT Ensemble service of the season and we will begin our first rehearsal with a brainstorming session to discuss the kinds of programming we might pursue in the Fall.

Finally, if you are a singer, our Youth/Teen and Adult Choirs are always looking to expand. Auditions are not necessary and we welcome all who are interested to jump in any time of the year. Did I mention that we have a lot of fun too? Please feel free to reach out to me for more information.

May our musical offerings at TBT continue to deepen and wash away the dust of everyday life!

B'shira, Cantor Rica Timman

A special message:

Chai Club delivers all **kosher** canned goods from the food collection container in our lobbyto a local kosher pantry.

Please continue to donate to the general collection box. Your donations are important to those in need.

Thank you for your continued support.

OUR COMMUNITY

ATTENTION PARENTS:



There is scholarship money available from TBT funds (Robert Raab Fund, Youth Activity Fund, etc.) to help offset the cost of our students attending Jewish Camps, Kallahs and other programs.

Application form is available in Temple Office. Just ask Sue-Ellen...





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OUR COMMUNITY

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE





"Volunteers are not paid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together

is progress; working together is success"- Henry Ford

"Great things in business are never done by one person; they're done by a team of people." – Steve Jobs

There is leadership in all of us, at some level; be it in business, our community, and of course, most importantly, in our homes. Leaders come in many forms, with many styles and diverse qualities. There are quiet leaders and those one can hear in the next county. Some find strength in eloquence, some in judgment, and some in courage. If you're leading well, you won't have just one leadership style. You'll mix and match to engage your "team" and meet your goals. Regardless of the leadership style, common qualities of true leaders include: the ability to inspire, the skill to create and communicate a vision and the relentless pursuit of a successful future. How those qualities are defined is as varied as the personalities of each leader.



As we move through the dead of winter, it is the time of year that our Temple commences the vetting process to determine who will lead us and craft policy going forward. Our Nominating Committee is tasked with a critical job, as they interview current officers,

directors & committee members. They gather information to determine if the current representatives are serving to the best of their abilities and fulfilling their responsibilities. The Nominating Committee also reaches out to the community at large, seeking input from congregants and looking for recommendations on future leaders. The committee coordinates with the clergy, looking for guidance and advice on potential leaders.

Now is the time to have your voice heard. Even if you yourself are not ready to serve, speak with our Nominating Committee, share your ideas, and maybe recommend someone who you believe will be an asset to our Board of Trustees. The needs are many, as there is much work that requires board attention. The direction of our community,

the broad based policies and procedures, the guidance and partnership with clergy, the final decisions on maintaining our building are but a few of the decisions

that are debated, discussed and decided upon by the board. The responsibility is great, the need for members to step up, just as critical. These are pivotal years for TBT as we move forward into unchartered waters and begin to map out our new future. We need you!

As volunteers whatever we each add is a plus to the overall picture. It's important to volunteer for the following reasons: the more involved you become in your community, the greater your sense of belonging; the greater your sense of belonging, the stronger your interest in what goes on; the stronger your interest, the more deeply invested you become in the growth and success of your community; the more successful, comforting, and thriving your community becomes, the more you want to help out to ensure its continued success. So come have a "seat at our table," and contribute to the growth of our new community!

Lane Rubin, Les Kule
Congregation Co- Presidents
Email: lrubin@tegins.com
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INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI







SUNDAY, MARCH 17th, 2019

Doors open at 11:30 am
Bingo begins at 12:00 pm



Temple B'nai Torah 2900 Jerusalem Avenue Wantagh, NY 11793

(near North Shore Farms store)

Open to All! Bring your family and friends!

Admission is \$5.00 per player (includes 1 Bingo board)

Each additional board is \$1.00.

Hot dogs, knishes, popcorn, beverages and candy will be available for purchase.



If you would like to volunteer to help or have questions, please contact: Gerry Kazin (gkazin@hotmail.com) or Wendy Shatz (wendyot@aol.com)

Form and Payment (Cash or check made out to TBT PTA) can be dropped off or mailed to the Temple office Attn: TBT PTA Bingo

TBT PTA Families who pre-pay by March 10th will receive one free board!

Name	PTA Member?	Y	N
Contact #/email	Volunteer?	Y	N
Number of Players X \$5.00 = + Number of extra boards_	X \$1.00 =		enclosed.



OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE





Sisterhood was very busy in January, as always. We learned about Midrash. learned how to crochet, had beauty treatments, read great books and worked on all the

Temple committees our members are involved in, including the Adult Choir and the Spring musical.

On Friday, February 8th we will worship together for Sisterhood Shabbat. Please join us to share a special Shabbat with your Sisterhood Sisters. We would love to see all of you there.



Our big event in February will be the Antiques & Collectibles show on Sunday, February 17th, with many vendors offering great

merchandise. We will also have our annual Lottery with the daily 'Pick 3' numbers. Tickets are \$5. Tickets are available through any Sisterhood board member.

The next Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12th at 7:30 pm in the Kiddush Lounge, book title to be announced.

On Wednesday, March 13th we will have a Chinese Auction at Kwong Ming, on Jerusalem Avenue just down the road from TBT. Bring a gift, write an alluring clue, be ready to steal the gift you really want, and have a great meal and lots of laughs with your Sisterhood sisters.

In March we will also celebrate Purim, and with that comes Shalach Manot. Sisterhood will distribute Purim bags on Sunday morning, March 17th. The bags will be assembled the week of March 10th. Help will be needed for the assembly and distribution;

more information to follow. Giving



Shalach Manot to one another is spelled out in the Book of Esther, which tells us to observe Purim "as days of feasting and gladness and sending portions of food to one another, and gifts to the poor" (9:22).

Planning is underway for our annual Women's Seder on Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall. The committee is preparing a new program for this year's event. If you are interested in helping with planning the Seder, please let us know.

If you are interested in any of the programs or events being planned, and would like to help, please contact me or Louise.

> With love and peace, Carvn Co-President





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BLOG FROM ISRAEL

Lea Goldberg wrote a beautiful poem I have loved for many years. In it, she reflects on the challenge and pain of having two homelands. I moved to Israel over twenty years ago from Kansas City and have a wonderful life here. Yet there are times I long for my other homeland – and will always be torn between these two lands as my roots are deeply planted in both places.



My roots in Kansas City are connected to my family, childhood, friends, and of course, BBQ. I visit as frequently as possible to be able to celebrate and grieve with my family; doing my best not to miss out on important lifecycle events. About ten years ago I was there for a bar mitzvah and have a clear, distinct memory

of standing in the parking lot of the synagogue in my suit and tie, scraping snow and ice off of the car windshield.

In addition to the bar mitzvah, it was also close to *Tu Bishvat* – the Jewish New Year of trees. At my other home, in Israel, my community was celebrating *Tu Bishvat* by planting trees. In Kansas City we could look at trees, we could talk about trees. But it would have been nearly impossible to dig a hole and plant a tree in the snow and ice.

Living in Israel has helped me gain a deep appreciation for the cycle of the Jewish calendar. I have learned to notice the flora and fauna not only in awe of their beauty, but also understanding the agricultural roots of so many of our Jewish rituals and holidays.

A few miles from my home at Kibbutz Gezer there is a large grove of almond trees. This time of year I love driving by, watching for the flowers to blossom. At first there are a few white dots on the trees. Very quickly the entire grove becomes a magnificent painting of pink and white flowers. Then, a few days later the flowers are gone, but the ground below is covered with the fallen petals that look like a thin blanket of snow.



Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav prayed for the ability to appreciate the beauty, majesty and holiness of the trees, flowers, grass and nature. May we all make time to notice the daily miracles and beauty of the world around us.

Pines – by Lea Goldberg (click here for a musical interpretation of the song by Achinoam Nini https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=DjshiGXveMA)

Here I will not hear the cuckoo's voice. Here the tree will not don a turban of snow, But in the shade of these pines My entire childhood comes back to life.

The chiming of the needles: Once upon a time—I will call the distance of snow a homeland,
The greenish ice that fetters the brook,
The poem's language in a foreign land.

Perhaps only birds of travel know when they hang between land and sky— This pain of the two homelands.

With you I was planted twice, With you I grew, pines, And my roots are in two different landscapes.

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. Previously, Rabbi Burnstein was Director of Global Leadership Development and Education of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the global umbrella of Reform and Progressive Judaism. Rabbi Burnstein made aliya in 1996 and served as the Associate Director of a center for Israel-Diaspora education. Previously he served as Educator at Congregation Beth Torah in Kansas City; as Director of Israel Education in Philadelphia; and as Director of Education at Israel Experts.



CHAINOTES



Be careful. That is the message we learned from our January speaker. Elder abuse can happen to anyone we know-even to us. Report abuse and stop the abuse from happening to anyone we know. I am certain we all know someone who was the victim of elder abuse or reported it to the police and stopped someone else from being abused. Thank you to Arlene Markarian, chief of the Elder Abuse Unit of the Nassau County's Attorney General's Office, who spoke. Thank you to Brian Levy who facilitated the event. Thank you to all who attended this informative meeting.





Come to our Tuesday, February 25th meeting at 1:30pm where we will view *The Way Home* which spans all generations and all geographical locations. It is a universal story of love and sacrifice and interaction between several generations.

Our ongoing Mitzvah Project of donating food to a kosher pantry continues throughout the year. Thank you all who continue to participate by donating kosher items and to Janis Beldner and Elaine Goldstein for working on this project throughout the year.

Please note: due to the overwhelming attendance at our functions, we will be moving to the Social Hall. We want all the people who attend our meetings to be in a comfortable space. Feel free to bring others to our meetings. Just let me know ahead of time so that we can accommodate everyone (tessakean@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support.

Tessa Kean, President of Chai Club

NOMINATIONS



"Anyone interested in being part of next year's (starting July 1, 2019) TBT Board of Trustees, either as a trustee or as an officer, please contact Mickey Horwitz at mhorcpa@gmail.com or Gail Grossman at cowlover51@optonline.net"

Save the Date

Celebrating our First Anniversary Together

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Gala Dinner/Dance Details to follow!

See the last page of The Voice for details!



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Lifelong Learning for 2019:



Adult Beginning Hebrew with Mrs. Erith Baum

Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 27,

March 6, 13, 27, April 3, 10, May 1 & 8

7:15 to 8:15 pm

The class will study basic Hebrew, focusing on Hebrew for Prayer. This class will serve as an intro for an Adult B'nai Mitzvah program for those who are interested.

> There will be a \$12 charge to cover materials. Everyone is invited.



Judaism 101

with Rabbi, Cantor and/or Meredith Lubin Sundays from 10:15 - 11:15 am February 3 & 10, March 3, 17, 31 and April 7

Topics to include: Holidays, their meanings and customs Shabbat Introduction to Jewish Prayer and Music

Introduction to Jewish Sacred Texts Everyone is invited!



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TBT'S SOCIAL ACTION SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Social Action/ Social Justice Committee

Last month, with help from the Social Action/Social Justice Committee and Circle of Friends, TBT held its annual Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Screening. Thanks to all for making this such a successful event and for giving the "Gift of Life".



Brotherhood/Men's Club has collected bags and bags of books for the VA Hospital in Northport and, by the time this issue of The Voice of TBT is out, they may well be in the hands of many grateful veterans. Thanks to Brotherhood/Men's Club for their efforts and thank you to all who donated to help make our veteran's lives a little brighter.

Temple B'nai Torah continues its support of the St. Jude's Mission Center Mother and Child Ministry, which specifically serves babies, mothers and toddlers. For information about items needed and drop off centers and times please go to stjudemissioncenter.org. There will also be a collection box in the Temple

Mitzvah Day planning has begun! – This year, Mitzvah Day will be held on Sunday, May 19th. 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. Mitzvah Day provides us all with an opportunity to help others in need. 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, the weekly scroll and lobby fliers. Save the date and plan on participating in the activities offered. Experience has shown us that you will be glad

Calling all gardeners! If you maintain a vegetable garden at home, please consider "planting a row" this year for those on Long Island who are hungry and can benefit from fresh produce. Let us know if you



you did!

decide to do this as you plant this year's vegetable garden. Last year I was able to donate my extra zucchini and cucumbers to Island Harvest by dropping them off at their Uniondale warehouse. The volunteers there were very happy to accept them and assured me that they would be distributed that day as trucks came in to pick up food for distribution. We will provide additional information about this initiative as we move into the gardening season.

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 26th at 7pm in Room 104.

Ongoing and Upcoming events and activities:

March – Collection in preparation for Mitzvah Day's "To Go Bags" project – See Temple Scroll April – Collection in support of Mitzvah Day TBD

May – Supermarket food collection in support of Mitzvah Day activity for Island Harvest. Dates/times TBD May 19, 2019 – 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 Contact Rona Kauffman at drrona88@yahoo.com or Patti Nacht at prn512@aol.com



The Mitzvah Makers are here!

Members of your Temple B'nai Torah family would like to be of service to you when the need arises.

Some of the services we can provide include:

Transportation for you & family members
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TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH A Reform Congregation

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Please RSVP by March 6th by sending your check payable to TBT Sisterhood

Chinese Auction – Att: Dee Greenberg 486–1765

c/o Temple B'nai Torah 2900 Jerusalem Ave. Wantagh, NY 11793





SAVE THE DATE

Sunday May 19, 2019

The Social Action/Social Justice Committee of TBT presents:

MITZVAH DAY

Mitzvah Day provides opportunities for congregants of ALL AGES to participate in a day of caring and service. Activities designed and supervised by The Social Action/Social Justice Committee, Sisterhood, PTA, Brotherhood/Men's Club, Chai Club, Circle of Friends and others!

Here's a sampling of some of the activities planned for Mitzvah Day:

- No-Sew Fleece Blankets Create beautiful, cozy blankets to be donated to clients of Bethany House
- "To Go" Bags Decorate paper lunch bags and pack with snacks to disperse to the area's hungry through the INN's Mary Brennan Soup Kitchen in Hempstead
- Dog Toys make simple animal toys for the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter
- **Book Swap and Book Marks** Donate books, take a book and decorate a bookmark. To be distributed to Book Fairies in Freeport.
- Bags of Cheer and Greetings Cards for homebound seniors served through Family and Children's Services of Mineola
- **Letters of Gratitude** Write letters of thanks and support to our military service members.
- **Grocery Sorting** Organize and box donated non-perishable foods to be distributed by Island Harvest Food Bank
- Advocacy Table Learn about the Religious Action Center of the Union of Reform Judaism
 and how it helps to raise awareness, educate, and advocate for social justice issues of
 importance to the Jewish community and that represent the values and teachings of Reform
 Judaism
- **Afternoon off-site activities include** Dinner prep at Ronald McDonald House, Dinner prep and ice cream sundaes and games for residents of Bethany House, beach cleanup for the South Shore Estuary Reserve and boat trip with Operation Splash
- Additional afternoon activities TBD

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.

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



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 Geraldine Kazin and her beautiful family!

Meet the Kazin Family!

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

Geraldine, Steven, and Kylie

Where did you grow up? Geraldine - Forest Hills Steven - Syosset

What town do you live in now? Wantagh

What's your favorite local bagel place? Bagel Cafe Bellmore

What do you do for a living? Geraldine - Theater teacher Steven - Software sales

What's your favorite family activity? Swimming in our pool and going to the beach. We are definitely summer people!

Favorite family movie or TV show? Jeopardy and Deal or No Deal are our favorite shows. Blended and The Greatest Showman are our favorite movies!

Favorite Jewish holiday? Hanukkah. It's great to spend time with friends and family and exchange presents.

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

Our daughter had her baby naming there. We instantly loved the community, and knew that it was the right choice for us. It is a special place.

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

Bagel and lox with cream cheese, because we're sweet and lovable. Also, we eat so many of them!

Is there anything else you'd like to share?

Wendy Shatz and I are running Family Bingo on Sunday, March 17th! Doors open at 11:30am and the event starts at 12pm. We hope to see you there!

OUR COMMUNITY



General Meeting

Monday February 25, 2019 1:30 pm



The Way Home

The Way Home is a 2002 film written and directed by Lee Jeong-hyang. It tells the heart-warming story about a grandmother and her city-born grandson who comes to live with her in a rural village. The film, which reminds the younger generation of the unconditional love and care that old people selflessly give, won South Korea's equivalent of the Oscars for best picture and screenplay. It was the second-highest grossing homegrown film in South Korea in 2002. It was released on DVD in 2003 by Paramount.

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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



FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

January is too cold and too long.

March is too windy and too, too long.

February is j-u-s-t right!



There is something to be said about a calendar month that doesn't wear out its welcome. Twenty-eight days per month has a lot in its favor: it is even, it is a multiple of seven, and it is predictable. Best of all February is so full of special days and vacations that there is

something for everyone.

This February we have something special – the start of the Hebrew month of Adar 1 (a.k.a. – Adar Aleph). We just have to be patient and Adar 2 will arrive! Adar 1 is the twelfth Hebrew month, and then Adar 2 will make it thirteen months between Passovers! Rejoice! The Jewish Holidays won't be late this time around!



Mark Chester, Editor, The Voice of TBT







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BROTHERHOOD NEWS & VIEWS





On Wednesday, January 15th at our monthly dinner meeting were treated to a very scrumptious meatloaf dinner prepared for us by Mark Chester with

help from two Davids (Kaminsky and Schuster) and two Richards (Tepper and Epler). In addition, thank you to: East Meadow Kosher Meats for supplying the meat at a discount, and to Laurie Chester, for lending Mark her recipe at no charge. The dinner was great and afterwards Ira Fuchs, author and producer of an upcoming off-Broadway play Vilna, spoke to us about the play and about Jewish ghettos.

As of this writing there were a few boxes left in our



annual Super Bowl Pool. If you are interested in a box please email me ASAP at alansmith@ymail.com. It's \$15 a box. 1st and 3rd quarters pay \$125 each, half time is \$250 and final score pays \$500. Profits go to Brotherhood/ Men's Club of

TBT.

The Fishing Show that was held annually at TEEM will make its debut at TBT on Sunday February 24th, and the Brotherhood / Men's Club



will be manning the commissary for this event. This is an opportunity for us to make some money for Temple. It is also a great opportunity for those who say they want to get involved, but either don't know how or don't have the time, to get involved. This event is scheduled for the last Sunday of Presidents' week. It is my hope you will find the time to come down and help. I promise if you do, we will find the time to make you welcome.

Our February Calendar is as follows:

Sunday, February 3rd – 10am Yoga

Tuesday, February 5th – 7:30pm Board Meeting

Sunday, February 10th – 9:15am Breakfast

Sunday, February 10th – 10am Yoga

Tuesday, February 19th – 7:00pm Dinner Meeting

Sunday, February 24th – 7:00am – 5pm Fishing Show

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 (\$10 per session). Yoga will start at 10AM and last for one hour. This class is open to everyone. Email Gary Adler at garyadler25@ gmail.com or me at alansmith@ymail.com to register or for details.

Thank you to our Sunday morning kitchen crew: Mike Bruno, Chuck Coene, Arnie Minsky, Rich Levine, 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 February dinner meeting.

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February 10th



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



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Observed each year on February 14th, National Donor Day (also known as National Organ Donor Day) is a day to increase awareness about organ donation and the lives that can be saved. In the United States, there are more than 120,000 people waiting for a lifesaving organ donation.

For more info visit http://www.organdonor.gov/awareness/materials.htm



National Donor Day

Random Acts of Kindness Day is February 17, 2019, but the Whole Week leading up to it is Random Acts of

Kindness Week. A random act of kindness is a selfless act performed by kind people to either help or cheer up a stranger, family member or co-worker for no reason other than to make people happier. Complimenting people, sharing a smile, paying it forward, expressing thanks are great ways to get started with practicing random acts of kindness. Make a note to do kind things throughout the week...and beyond. For more info go to https://www.randomactsofkindness.org



The United Nations' (UN) World Day of Social Justice is annually observed on Wednesday, February 20th to encourage people to focus on the plight of social injustice throughout the world and to press for improvements and solutions. "Social justice" is defined, for the purpose of the observance, as including issues of poverty, unemployment, and unfair exclusion that results in economic harm or social ostracism.

For info visit: http://www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday/

Volunteer Opportunities:

Attention High School Students:

- 1) Students from all over Long Island meet monthly to participate in the INN's Youth Advisory Board. This group of 9-12 graders works to support the INN's mission to serve hungry and homeless Long Islanders. If you wish to join in community service activities, make new friends and develop leadership skills, contact Dana Lopez at 516 486-8506 ext. 138 or dlopez@the-inn.org. You can also find more information at www.theinn.org/youthadvisoryboard
- 2) If you are a high school student on Long Island, are passionate about literacy and want to gain more experience in community service, email The Book Fairies at info@thebookfairies.org for information about their Junior Board and volunteer opportunities



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Friedman Family Four, front, Ira and Yolie, back row, Liz and Rich. Liz Friedman won high Ladies game with a 169. Joan Levy took second place with a 150. Congratulations!



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