



OUR COMMUNITY

APRIL ZO19 RITUAL CALENDAR

04/01/19	12:00pm	Torah Study
04/05/19	5:30pm 6:15pm 7:15pm	Family Shabbat Tot Shabbat Dinner (RSVP) Family Service



04/06/19	9:30am	Torah Study
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10:30am Shabbat Service B'not Mitzvah of Jamie Axelrod & Mandy Krauss

04/07/19 12:00pm Rosh Chodesh program led by Jill Kaplan

04/08/19 12:00pm Torah Study

04/09/19 6:45pm Women's Seder 7:30pm Men's Seder

04/12/19 8:00pm Shabbat Service with Brotherhood Participation

Torah reading

04/13/19 9:30am Torah Study

10:30am Shabbat Service B'nai Mitzvah of Jack & Joshua Holden

04/15/19 12:00pm Torah Study

04/19/19 9:45am Chametz Burning (See info in Voice)

First Seder – *No Shabbat Service*

04/20/19 6:00pm Community Second Seder

04/22/19 12:00pm Torah Study

04/25/19 7:15pm Evening Yizkor Service

04/26/19 10:30am Passover Festival Morning Service with Yizkor

12:00pm Luncheon following Services

04/26/19 6:00pm Preneg (Kosher for Passover) 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

04/27/19 9:30am Torah Study

04/29/19 12:00pm Torah Study







April 6 Jamie Axelrod Alan & Audrey

I'm Jamie Axelrod and become a bat mitzvah on April 6th. I am a high honors student at Jonas Salk Middle School. I love music and play bass, cello and bass guitar. I am a girl scout and have earned my Bronze Award. I enjoyed writing my d'var Torah with Rabbi Bar-Nahum. I have been working with charities that help dogs and people. I was a puppy raiser for Canine Companions for Independence (CCI). I also volunteer with animal rescue associations. I want to thank Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman, Morah Meredith, Mrs. Altman and Ms. Karen for all their support and help this year. Finally, a big congratulation to Mandy Krauss, my bat mitzvah buddy.



April 6 Mandy Krauss Jonathan & Amy

Mandy Krauss is a seventh-grade student at Wantagh Middle School. She has made honor roll every quarter. She is in the school chorus, Upstanders Anti-bullying Club, and the Class of 2024 Club. She enjoys shopping, baking, and spending time with her family and friends. Special thanks to Morah Meredith, Cantor Timman, Rabbi Bar-Nahum, and her family and friends for helping her prepare for the special day.



April 13 Jack Holden

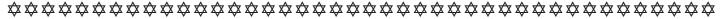
Jennifer & Christopher

Jack is a seventh grader at Berner Middle School. He is the class treasurer, a member of the Tri- M Music Honor Society and on the Principal's Honor Roll. He enjoys singing, acting and playing sports. He has performed in school plays and was selected for the Berner Idol Contest. He enjoys swimming, basketball and hanging with his friends. For his mitzvah project he organized several lemonade stands. With the help of friends and family members he raised money for the American Lung Association. Jack is very friendly, caring and hardworking. We are very proud of all of Jack's accomplishments.



April 13 Joshua Holden Jennifer & Christopher

Josh is a seventh grader at Berner Middle School. He is the class representative, a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society and on the Principal's Honor Roll. He enjoys playing the guitar, double bass and many sports. He has earned All County honors in music and performed for the Long Island String Festival. Joshua loves bowling, swimming, running, and playing baseball and basketball. For his mitzvah project he organized several lemonade stands. With the help of friends and family he raised money for the American Lung Association. We are very proud of all of his accomplishments





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INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



Chametz u'Matzah?

Each year at our Passover Seders, the youngest at the table is tasked with reciting the four questions. The first of these asks why on all other nights, do we eat either *chametz* (leavened bread) or matzah, but this night, Passover, we only eat matzah. The answer, we learn

in our Seder and from our Torah, is that our ancestors fled Egypt in haste, with their dough unrisen. The Torah stipulates that for seven days, we are prohibited from eating leavened bread in commemoration of our moment of divine redemption. We literally take in the same food that our ancestors ate during the Exodus and therefore find one more opportunity to see ourselves, as the Hagaddah asks us, as if we personally left Egypt. Sense memory is powerful, and the taste of matzah has been on the tongues of the Jewish people for the last 4000 years.

The Torah also tells us that in addition to not eating *chametz*, we are not supposed to have it in our homes. According to the Mishnah, the ancient code of Jewish Law, we are supposed to search out *chametz* in our dwellings by candlelight in order to ensure there is not even any in the corners. Many families today have the tradition to search with a candle and a feather. All the crumbs, as well as any products which are opened, can be discarded, but there is also a tradition that they be burned, such that no trace remains to contaminate our households.

Finally, once all the cleaning, burning, or selling is done, we are to recite the following prayer to ensure that there is no *chametz* anywhere around: "All *chametz* in my possession which I have not seen or removed, or of which I am unaware, is hereby nullified and ownerless as the dust of the earth." This formula doesn't preclude us from the clearing out and cleaning, but it does give us the power to change bread to dust.

Selling or discarding all of our leavened products each year, plus the products deemed not kosher for Passover by the last 2000 years of rabbinic tradition, can be cumbersome, wasteful, and frustrating. It is economically and ecologically detrimental.

Luckily, rabbis are sympathetic to these concerns and love



coming up with a loophole! That loophole is how we arrive at the tradition of symbolically, but still literally, selling our *chametz*. Before Passover, we sell our leaven to a person not of Jewish faith, for the duration of the holiday,

while not removing it from our homes. We are glad that this year our Temple Administrator, Sue-Ellen Pennington, has agreed to purchase all of our *Chametz*. If you'd like to participate in the sale of your *chametz*, please fill out the form on page 10 of this edition (which also includes additional information about the custom), and return it to me with at least one dollar to help facilitate the transaction. I will effectuate the sale of *chametz* for the Temple and for anyone who sends in the form on Friday morning, April 19th, the morning of the first Seder. Once the *chametz* is sold, using or eating it is technically theft.

That same morning, at 9:45, we will hold a "bi'ur chametz," a ritual burning of chametz in the parking lot of the Temple. Bring some of your leftover crackers, cereal, and bread, and join as we participate in this tradition.



Why do the rabbis spend so much time worrying about getting *chametz* out of our lives? It is as much about ourselves as the actual leaven in our breads and cakes. Rabbi Jacob ben Asher, known as the *Ba'al Haturim*, who lived in the 13th century notes that the evil inclination, the *yetzer hara'*, is like leaven. The Ba'al Haturim here begins a chain of thought that connects *chametz* with boasting, pomposity, and conceit: less than desirable qualities to be sure! As we approach the festival of our redemption, how might we work not only to remove the *chametz* from our homes and pantries, but also from our hearts and souls? *Chag Pesach Sameach!* May you and your family have a

Happy Passover! Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

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...

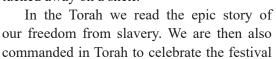
INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



Notes from the Cantor

This month we get ready for Pesach. It is a celebration that we each embrace in our own way. We clean our pantries, shop for special Pesach foods, collect new recipes, learn new

songs and practice old ones, invite our Seder guests, and finally begin cooking. But one aspect of Pesach preparation that should not be overlooked is reviewing the *haggadah* tucked away on a shelf.



of Pesach and retell the story of our redemption to our children each year. Every haggadah edition contains the basic structure and order of the 'telling' and there are many



interesting variations in print. Nevertheless, we can each tailor the ancient story (and our personal stash of haggadot) to include modern day elements. Relevance is vital to keeping Judaism alive, especially for our children. By adding and explaining newer Seder symbols like the orange or Miriam's

cup, or adding modern plagues to the ten plagues discussion, we deepen the ritual and create a more significant family tradition.

One way to update the haggadah is to consider looking at the themes of social justice throughout the story. I invite

you to visit the URJ's Religious Action Center website to learn about the different ways your haggadah and ceremony can be deepened this year through activities and discussions tailored for the Seder table. The website (https://rac.org/pesach-themed-haggadot) is packed with excellent ideas for all ages.

And for further inspiration, consider joining us at TBT for one of our model Seders or our Community Seder. Each year we offer a few wonderful



opportunities to celebrate Pesach with our congregational



our Sisterhood Women's Seder or Brotherhood Men's Seder, both on

Men's Seder, both on Tuesday, April 9th. And

family. Please join us for

join us during Pesach for our Second Night Community Seder on Saturday, April 20th. We will also gather for an evening Yizkor on Thursday, April 25th and a final day Pesach Festival Morning Service and Yizkor on Friday, April 26th. Please check our Ritual Calendar for more details and flyers to RSVP for our Seder celebrations.

May the festival of Pesach be joyful and sweet as we gather together! As we celebrate the ancient story of freedom and renewal, may we also be inspired to bring new depth and relevance to our own Jewish journey.

> Chag Sameach! Cantor Rica Timman

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Happy Spring! With Purim now behind us (thank you again to all those who volunteered their time and helped in running an amazing Purim Carnival – I could never do it without you!) we look forward to Passover.

In the coming weeks, the school will be celebrating with fun activities, including art projects, holiday music, and model seders. Parents, make sure you keep your eye on your inbox for reminders about the upcoming seders, because we're going to need your help in making them amazing. Also, if you haven't already, don't forget to practice those Four Questions! If you need a little help, you'll find them at the end of this article.

Some important dates to look out for this month:

- K-2 Passover Activity: Sunday, April 14th
- Model Seders (Grades 3-7): Wednesday, April 17th
- Spring Break: Sunday, April 21st Sunday April 28th
- Congregational Yom HaShoah Service (7th Grade presentations): Wednesday, May 1st

The Four Questions

מַה נִּשְׁתַּנָה הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מִכָּל הַלֵּילוֹתיּ

Ma nishtanah halailah hazeh mikol haleilot? Why is this night different from all other nights?

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין חָמֵץ וּמַצָּה, הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה – כֵּלוֹ מַצָּה.

Shebchol haleilot anu okhlin hametz umatzah; halailah hazeh, kuloh matzah. On all other nights we eat leavened products and matzah, and on this night only matzah.

שַבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכִלִין שָׁאָר יִרָקוֹת – הַלַּיִלָה הַזֵּה כֵּלּוֹ מָרוֹר.

Shebchol haleilot anu okhlin sh'ar y'rakot; halailah hazeh, maror.

On all other nights we eat all vegetables, and on this night only bitter herbs.

שַׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אֵין אָנוּ מַטְבִּילִין אֲפִילוּ פַּעַם אֶחָת – הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה שְׁתֵּי פְעָמִים

Shebkhol haleilot ein anu matbilin afilu pa'am ehat; halailah hazeh, shtei f'amim. On all other nights, we don't dip our food even once, and on this night we dip twice.

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְׁבִין וּבֵין מְסֻבִּין – הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כֵּלָנוּ מְסָבִּין.

Shebchol haleilot anu okhlin bein yoshvin uvein m'subin; halailah hazeh, kulanu m'subin. On all other nights we eat sitting or reclining, and on this night we only recline.



"Tragical Mystery Tour" & Dinner

Sunday April 7, 2019 5:00 – 10:00pm Temple B'nai Torah K/L

RSVP: By March 31, 2019

This Woodstock themed murder mystery will take place entirely at the Temple.

We will have snacks, sandwiches, soft drinks and dessert.

We will be divided into 8 characters with

each character at a table.

Come as you are or put on your jeans & tie-dyeds but make sure to come, bring your friends and have FUN!! \$18pp

Make checks payable to: TBT Circle of Friends

Mail to: Temple B'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Ave., Wantagh NY 11793

or Leave in the envelope in the Temple Office

Contact Information: Ann Dinstell 798-5724

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RSVP By March 31, 2019

Name(s)
Will Attend Murder Mystery
Contact information

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OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE





Is it April already? It's getting warmer out, the days are getting longer, and thoughts now turn to chicken soup, brisket and matzoh.

Sisterhood had a great March! Our Chinese Auction at Kwong Ming was great – everyone who attended had a wonderful time, the clues and the gifts were very creative, we all laughed a lot, and we raised some money too!

Our *Shalach Manot* committee, with help from many of our sisters, has assembled over 400 beautiful bags. Thank you to everyone who helped with the assembly and to the office staff for allowing us to store the bags. Thank you to all our congregants who have shared the mitzvah of Purim and *Mishloach Manot* and have contributed to this important Sisterhood fundraiser.

At our program on March 4th, Brian Stoll taught us about the history of the Playbill and gave us great tips on how to save on Broadway show tickets. As always, our Book Club had an exciting discussion about their latest title.



We are looking forward to a couple of great events in April. On Sunday, April 7th, Jill Kaplan will teach us about "Aspects of Judaism", where we will study the similarities and differences of how various Jewish communities observe and celebrate rituals and holidays.



On Tuesday, April 9th, we will celebrate Passover together to at our annual Women's Seder. With a new *Haggadah*, great music and a room full of our sisters, it promises to be wonderful evening. If you haven't

already signed up, please leave your reservation in the Temple office. We hope to see you there!

May promises to be very busy as well – on Sunday, May 5th, we will have a Mother's Day sale in the lobby and a special Rosh Chodesh program at 12:30 pm. Cantor Timman will lead us in a Rosh

Chodesh ceremony, celebrating women and the new month of Iyar. Plans are also underway for our end of the year Membership Dinner on Tuesday, May 21st.



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

Wishing everyone a Zissen Pesach,

With love and peace, Caryn



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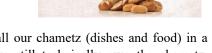


SELLING OF CHAMETZ

According to tradition, Jews are not allowed to have in their possession any *chametz* (leaven) during Passover. Literally, this means that before Passover, we must throw out all breads, cakes, cookies, dishes, pots, pans, anything that was used during the year, and any foods not permitted during Passover.

Recognizing the financial burden this would create, the Rabbis instituted the tradition of "m 'chirat chametz - selling of the chametz". By observing this tradition, a Jew can symbolically

sell all his/her chametz to a non-Jew for the period of Passover and thus, technically, not own any chametz.



According to tradition, during our preparation for Passover, we place all our chametz (dishes and food) in a closet or cabinet that is not opened during the holiday. However, we still technically own the chametz. Therefore, on the morning before Passover, it is customary for us to symbolically sell our chametz.

You may fulfill the obligation of selling your chametz by filling in the coupon below, clipping it, and returning it to the Temple office. Your name will be added to the document that legally (in terms of tradition) relieves you of chametz ownership. You will have then fulfilled your obligation.

Please include at least one dollar with the coupon. This dollar will be passed on to the non-Jew buying the chametz in keeping with the tradition of paying the non-Jew for the service he/she is rendering. His/her deposit for the purchase of the chametz will be paid to the Rabbi.

According to tradition, the remnants of our chametz (bread, cookies, food, etc.) are burned the morning before the first Seder. Since the first Seder falls on Friday evening, April 19, 2019, chametz will be burned that Friday morning, April 19th. If you have any chametz you would like disposed of in this manner, please bring it to the Temple no later than Friday morning, April 19, 2019 at 9:45am, and join us in our "Bi-Ur chametz", the burning of chametz.

Please return the attached coupon to the Temple office <u>no later than</u> 9:30am, on Friday, April 19, 2019.

- CLIP AND RETURN _

I hereby authorize Daniel S. Bar-Nahum, Rabbi of Temple B'nai Torah, to sell any chametz that I own or is in my possession (including transit goods that would be delivered to me during the period April 19 to April 26/27, 2019, inclusive), and to rent the locality where my chametz is stored, to a non-Jew of his choosing. The buyer has free access to the chametz acquired by him/her.
Name:
Address:
Signature:



Off-Site Mitzvah Day Activity

Here's an activity we want you to know about:

In the morning, a representative from the NYS South Shore Estuary Reserve (the SSER) will be with us to share information on how we can keep the sea animals that live in our oceans safe from the











harmful garbage that people leave on our Long Island beaches.

In the afternoon, you will have an opportunity to join us at a local beach and help protect those sea animals by participating in a beach clean-up activity with a representative from the SSER and TBT members!!!

Meet us at the beach at 1:00 pm. Details about where we will meet will follow. Bring a beach lunch and come help clean up our beach!

What a great way to get ready for the summer of 2019!

Please indicate below if you would like to help keep our beaches clean on Mitzvah Day, May 19, 2019 and return the bottom portion of this form to the Social Action/Social Justice mailbox

Name: _____ Number of people coming:_____

Phone or email_____

For further information contact Carol Drucker cdrucker22@gmail.com

© Can't wait to help our South Shore beaches with you all! ©



OFF-Site Mitzvah Day Activity

Here's an activity we want you to know about:

Meet us at the Garden at St. Francis Episcopal Church

1692 Bellmore Ave North Bellmore

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Open to all ages

Learn about this garden and how it provides fresh produce to our local food pantries and others in need. Put on a pair of gardening gloves and be part of this amazing effort.



"Our vision for the garden is that this beautiful place will become a sustainable sanctuary and sacred space that, in addition to providing food, will be a place for education, meditation, serenity, and peace for our neighbors near and far to enjoy" http://www.stfrancisbellmore.org/thegarden

Please indicate below if you would like to assist on Mitzvah Day, May 19, 2019 and return the bottom portion of this form to the Social Action/Social Justice mailbox

Name:	Number of people:
Phone or email	
For further information contact	Rona Kauffman @

ronakauffman@yahoo.com



Sign Up for Dinner Preparation on Mitzvah Day, May 19, 2019





Each year, on Mitzvah Day, a group of volunteers goes to Ronald McDonald House and prepares a dinner for the RMH guests. Everyone who has done it has come away with a feeling of having done something wonderful and they usually do it year after year. This year, in addition to going to RMH, we have the opportunity to prepare dinner for the residents of Bethany House as well.

Ronald McDonald House provides a place or families to call home so they can stay close by their hospitalized children at little to no cost.

Bethany House provides a composite of residential options and support services for women and children who are caught in the crisis of homelessness.

Please sign up if you are available to join us on May 19th.

For Ronald McDonald House: Dinner prep will be done there. We are limited to 12 volunteers (age 16 and older) so sign up early to hold your space.

For Bethany House, Dinner prep will take place at TBT. Then a small group of 3-5 people will deliver and serve dinner, prepare ice cream sundaes and stay to play games with residents.

If you are interested in volunteering please complete the form below and return it to the Social Action/Social Justice mailbox in the TBT office or email the information to Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com. Volunteers will be selected on a first come/first serve basis and, if necessary, a waiting list will be maintained. If you are interested in more than one activity, please number your preferences. Someone from Social Action/Social Justice will contact you and provide further details.

Action/Social Justice Will co	ntact you and provide further details.
I/We are interested in volu	nteering
for meal preparation	at Ronald McDonald House on May 19, 2019 4:00-6:00*
for meal preparation	at TBT, for Bethany House (at TBT) May 19, 2019
afternoon time TBD	
to go to Bethany Hous	se to serve dinner, ice cream sundaes and participate in
games with resident	s from 5:30 to 7:30
Name(s):	
Telephone #:	Email address:
Have you participated in m	neal preparation at RMH in the past?
Yes If yes, When?	No
*I/We are interested in	n attending the 3:30 house tour at RMH prior to
meal prep	

BLOG FROM ISRAEL



Social Action/Social Justice Collection April 1-30

In support of the Mitzvah Day project, "Bags of Cheer and Greeting Cards For Homebound Seniors"

Bags assembled on Mitzvah Day will be distributed to the clients of the Family and Children's Association's Friendly Visiting Program



Please donate the following items:

- Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Combs, brushes, hair clips
- Note pads and pens
- Hand cream
- Winter hats, gloves, scarves
- Greeting Cards (Birthday, Thinking of You, Thank You, Get Well, Sympathy) do not fill out, donate blank

Donation box in Temple Lobby For more info: Rona Kauffman ronakauffman@yahoo.com



CHAINOTES



Do not get fooled. It may be April but it will not be warm until July 4th.

April is a great month for Chai Club. Come hear Sal St. George on Monday, April 29th discuss 'Women of Comedy'. I am sure we will have some laughs.

Please contact Gail (516-242-0971) or Brian (516-459-4450) to place your reservation for our Passover Kosher Seder on Sunday, April 20th led by Cantor Timman. It should be an inspiring evening.



On May 20th, James Coll will address us on the presidency from a non political view. He always presents information that helps us understand our constitution and what the founding fathers had in mind when they created the constitution. On that night, our budget will be presented and we will vote on our slate of officers for 2019-2020.

Please note all our meetings will be held in the Social Hall at 7:30pm. We are thankfully now a larger group and needed more space.

On Friday, May 31st, we will be touring Covanta, a garbage recycling organization. We are limited to 20 guests, so please contact me to place your reservation (tessakean@gmail.com). Of course, we will be going to lunch afterward. The trip is free. Lunch is not. After the tour, we may change our mind as to disposing of our garbage.



On Monday, June 24th, please come join us when a 16 member group (the Greater Nassau Chorus) will sing for us. It should be an excellent performance.



Continue contributing food for the kosher pantry. This is a good time of year to clean out your cupboards with items you may not have needed. Contribute them to the food bin outside of the Kiddush Lounge.

Janis Beldner is collecting yarn for a bingo player who knits items for babies and then donates the completed product. Email Janis (janisbeldner@gmail.com) to arrange collection.

May the Passover holiday be a good one filled with family and friends.

Tessa Kean



This Mother's Day, remember the special women in your life with a beautiful card sent by Sisterhood.

Cards are \$5 apiece. Make checks out to TBT Sisterhood.

Orders are due by Friday, April 26.

Leave completed form with your check in the envelope hanging in the TBT office, or mail to: Joyce Star, 455 Poplar Lane, East Meadow, NY 11554.

Questions? Call Joyce: (516) 489-1992 or Laurel: (516) 884-6507



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 meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 7th at 10am.

Our second Challah Bake was a hit! Thirty-six people gathered to prepare challah dough, learn the meanings of each ingredient, and practice braiding, rolling, and swirling techniques! We plan to host another one sometime before Rosh Hashanah, where we'll

focus on preparing delicious sweet challahs for the new year!!

It feels like winter outside, but Passover is on the way! Our Hebrew school students are looking forward to exchanging Mishloach Manos baskets, the Purim carnival and studying the story of Passover. Spring is finally here!

By Rachel Minkowsky



Ready For A Motzi!





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



April is Stress Awareness Month – Everyone encounters stress and high levels of stress can affect our physical well-being. Here are some recommendations for coping with stress from ewellness magazine (http://www.ewellnessmag.com/article/5-ways-to-de-stress-and-help-your-heart:

1) Stay positive and turn to humor; 2) Meditate; 3) Exercise; 4) Unplug. 5) Find ways to take the edge off your stress. Simple things, like a warm bath, listening to music, or spending time on a favorite hobby, can give you a much-needed break from the stressors in your life.

And...Envolve People Care suggests: (http://envolvepeoplecare.com/5-ways-to-tackle-stress-this-stress-awareness-month/blog Take five minutes to S.T.O.P – Stop, Take deep breaths, Observe your thoughts, feelings and body, and Proceed by deciding to take a break or continue your activity; make relaxation a daily habit; let go of "shoulds"; get your zzz's; and seek out support.



Passover begins April 19. Learn the many ways the Passover story has continuing relevance to the complicated social justice issues of today. Visit: https://rac.org/holiday-guides-passover, https://ajws.org/search/passover, https://ajws.org/search/passover/



April 22 is Earth Day – This year's theme is Protect our Species. Because, as Rachel Carson taught us in 1962, "nothing exists alone." Find out what you can do by going to www.earthday.org

Learn more about the Reform Movement's response to environmental issues by visiting: https://rac.org/environment

Civic Engagement:

At East Meadow Library, Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. A Town Hall with Senator Kevin Thomas Join NYS Senator Thomas for a discussion on the issues affecting the East Meadow Community. Come with your questions, and comments to this important meeting. Take this opportunity to meet Senator Thomas and make your concerns known. Please call the Senator's office at (516) 739-1700 with any questions.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Nassau County Museum of Art needs volunteers Tues-Sun 10-5 to assist with visitor relations, administrative duties, classroom support for art teachers and library/resource room maintenance. Strong communication skills and entry level computer skills needed. For further info contact: Laura Lynch llynch@nassaumuseum.org



Social Action/Social Justice Committee



Let us introduce you to our new logo! Thank you to Howard Lev for suggesting that we develop a logo, and to Heather Gottlieb for designing it! Look for it on communications and announcements of collections, initiatives and events from the Social Action/Social Justice Committee.

This month we will be gathering with family and friends to celebrate Passover. We wish you all a happy and meaningful holiday!

Mitzvah Day is almost here (Sunday, May 19th) and we have been busy putting the finishing touches on our planning for this year's event. Please see detailed information in this month's TBT Voice and please make time to help with a particular activity or to participate in any way you can. Thank you in advance for helping to make Mitzvah Day a success.

Thank you to those who donated items for our To Go Bag project. Come to Mitzvah Day and help us assemble healthy snack bags to be distributed to clients of the Interfaith Nutrition Network.

This month we will be collecting items for our Mitzvah Day project, "Bags of Cheer and Greeting Cards" for homebound seniors in the Town of Hempstead. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue of the Voice for a list of needed items. Family and Children's Association is a non-profit organization housed in Mineola that provides a wide range of services to families, children, youth and seniors. One of their programs is their Friendly Visiting Program, which connects trained, screened volunteers with homebound seniors to provide socialization and companionship. If you would like more information, are interested in becoming a volunteer or know someone who would benefit from weekly visits call 516-292-1300. There is no fee for these services.

Applications are available for anyone interested in volunteering at the Garden at St. Francis in Bellmore. This organic garden grows produce that is then distributed to local food pantries. Your help is welcome. Contact us if you are interested and we will send you an application.

As always, feel free to share your ideas and concerns. If you know of an agency or situation that needs our attention, please let us know. You are always welcome to email or to join our meetings. Next meeting will be April 30 at 6:30.

Ongoing and Upcoming events and activities:

April – Collection in preparation for Mitzvah Day's "Bags of Cheer and Greeting Cards" project May 15 and May 18 – Supermarket food collection in support of Mitzvah Day activity for Island Harvest. May 19 – MITZVAH DAY!!!

Ongoing - Support of the St. Jude's Mission Center Mother and Child Ministry www. stjudemissioncenter.org Ongoing - Chai Club's Kosher food collection for a Kosher Food Pantry

Ongoing – Brotherhood/Men's Club's Remember the Troops collection. There will be a special Mitzvah Day collection. Needed items will be in the May TBT Voice and items can be brought in on Mitzvah Day.

For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee or any of its projects Contact Rona Kauffman at drvna88@yahoo.com or Patti Nacht at prn512@aol.com





Community Seder Second Night of Passover



Bring your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy a complete Passover Seder led by Cantor Rica Timman.

Saturday, April 20th, 2019 at 6:00 pm

The Seder will have familiar passages and songs in both English and Hebrew. Families with children, singles, couples, seniors, and unaffiliated members of our community are all invited and welcome. The meal will be catered by Nassau Kosher Meats and includes soup, gefilte fish, brisket, chicken, salad, sides and desserts.

Reservations **are required**, **by April 10**th. Questions? Call Gail at (516) 242-0971 or Brian at (516) 459-4450.

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OUR COMMUNITY

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 **The 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
- **Volunteer Fair** learn about local volunteer opportunities and organizations/agencies providing support services to our community.
- **Advocacy Table** –Learn about what you can do to advocate for issues that represent the values and teachings of Reform Judaism. Learn about organizations that help to raise awareness, educate, and advocate for social justice issues of importance to the Jewish community.
- Afternoon off-site activities include Dinner prep at Ronald McDonald House, Dinner prep, and games for residents of Bethany House, beach cleanup for the South Shore Estuary Reserve, work at the Garden at St. Francis in Bellmore, 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.

Questions? Rona at: ronakauffman@yahoo.com or Patti at: prn512@aol.com

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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

I don't find matzo boring, do you? Passover is my favorite holiday. Not Simchat Torah, nor Purim, not even

Chanukah. Passover!

Passover has it all: history, drama, tradition, four questions (or is that five?). Plus a week away from school, time with family, eight mornings of matzo brei, and a boundless selection of holiday recipes. In fact, if Passover were another month long I still think we couldn't exhaust all the culinary possibilities.

With the "later" arrival of Passover this year, we can even be hopeful for nice

spring-like weather.

From Laurie & our family to yours, a wish for a sweet Pesach.

Mark Chester, Editor, TBT Voice

The Making of Disney's Beauty & the Beast by Elliott Solomon, Producer

Planning a Temple show begins about a year in advance and so last summer we began to identify shows which would be suitable for our new TBT troupe. We make most major decisions at the diner and this year was no exception. We wanted a blockbuster musical with pizzazz and fancy costumes and fantasy. In planning our first TBT show we felt it was important to appeal to a wide variety of children, teens, and adults. So we reached back to 2009 when we first performed Disney's Beauty and the Beast. But before sending in the royalty forms and a Temple check, we had to be sure that we could cast the show from among the Congregants in our Temple. Did we have someone who could be a really good Beast? Did we have a beautiful young girl who could sing the role of Belle? Did we have a suitable Gaston? Yes! and Yes! and Yes! And so BTB became our first TBT show. Auditions are serious business when you're trying out for the role of a lifetime. So it required several auditions for us to select our leading characters. BTB is demanding in so many ways. We need special costumes for the Beast, for Belle, for Gaston, for Cogsworth (the clock), for Lumiere (the candelabra), for Madame (the wardrobe), for Babette (the feather duster), for Mrs. Potts (the tea pot), and for Chip (the teacup). We need dancing plates and napkins, forks, knives, spoons, salt and pepper shakers, and so on. Fortunately our director, Leia DePalo, can also do choreography. Some of our crew are very handy so they are constructing a balcony for the Beast's castle complete with two staircases. We need a funky car-like vehicle for Belle's father and I'm wondering what that will look like. It's not easy to put makeup on 40 cast members and so please let me know if you can join our makeup committee. By the time you read this, ticket sales will have begun and I hope that you will support the cast and crew by attending our show. I know you will enjoy it. Performances will be on Saturdays, April 27th & May 4th at 8 P.M. and Sundays, April 28th & May 5th at 3 P.M. Please see the Ticket Form in this issue. As we say in BTB, "See you at the Castle."







TBT Sisterhood Presents:

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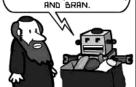
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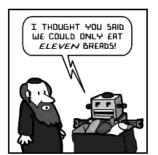
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The Box Tops are for our Temple school. Redeemed, they buy supplies for our children's needs. Pop Tabs are sent to the Ronald McDonald House to help the children and parents. The containers to collect these items are in the Temple office.



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Second Night Community Seder 6pm, Saturday, April 20th

We are pleased to announce that Cantor Rica Timman will conduct the Seder and lead us in



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Temple B'nai Torah has the building and the parking lot to accommodate both congregations. Our merger was not as easy as when Temple Judea merged with The Suburban Temple ten years ago. Compromise was in order.



Our leaders came up with a vision of creating and strengthening our new Jewish community to become a better one. We all will continue to exist!

There were many committee meetings and discussions with both temple boards. Of course not everyone agreed on all the items to be worked out. Yet the merger was beginning to work. With time, we were able to compromise on many of the ideas.

President Rubin and President Kule (co-Presidents) have done a wonderful job of guiding the committees to fruition. We have become a better organization than first realized. Sometimes the cement takes longer to harden.

Now we are one congregation in the building. Everyone has a gift to bring to our temple. We need your continued support. How about coming to a meeting? Become involved. Meet someone new and create a friendship. Help out at a gathering. Join a committee. You know help is needed in all areas. As you support Temple B'nai Torah, the temple will support you when

you need it. We are all in this together and it looks like a very bright future.

Rita S. Drucker





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Mission Statement

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



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Temple B'nai Torah Sisterhood invites you to join us for an engaging workshop for Rosh Chodesh:



Aspects of Judaism



A program for women

Facilitated by Jewish educator, Jill Kaplan

Sunday, April 7, 2019

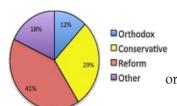
12:30pm in the Kiddush Lounge

- o Some synagogues have a female Rabbi/Cantor; some don't
 - o Some Jews stand when we say V'ahavtah; some sit
 - o Some Jews keep kosher; some don't

Through a fun, interactive game, we'll discover why and how Jews are similar/different and we'll celebrate all aspects of Judaism.

This program is free for Temple members and \$5 for non-Temple members

RSVP by Tuesday, April 2nd



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Attn: Felicia, Rosh Chodesh
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