

TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH - A REFORM CONGREGATION
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# SHABBAT SERVICE WITH GUEST ARTIST Featuring Joe Deninzon, Jazz Violinist



January 24, 2020

A mini pre-service concert at 7:15pm Erev Shabbat service at 8:00pm

Joe Deninzon has been hailed by critics as "The Jimi Hendrix of the Violin," because of his innovative style on electric seven-string violin.

His original music has been featured on CMT, MTV, VH1, Comedy Central, National Geographic, the Travel Channel, the History Channel, and the Will Ferrell/Adam McKay - produced film "Virginity Hit."



#### RITUAL CALENDAR

#### JANUARY 2020

1/10/2020	Family Shabbat		this month is on the
1/4/2020	9:30 AM	Torah Study	Family Chahhat
1/3/2020	6:30 PM	Erev Shabbat S	ervice



5:30 PM	Tot Shabbat
6:15 PM	Dinner (RSVF

Family Service -5<sup>th</sup> Grade Midrash Service (Torah)

2<sup>ND</sup> Friday in JANUARY

1/11/2020 9:30 AM Torah Study

7:15 PM

1/17/2020 6:00 PM 6:30 PM

Pre-neg **Erev Shabbat Service-Social Action Speaker** 

1/18/2020 9:30 AM Torah Study

1/24/2020 7:15PM **Guest Artist Concert** 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

1/25/2020 9:30 AM Torah Study

1/31/2020 7:00 PM **Shabbat Soup Dinner in SH** 8:00 PM Sheleg (Snow) Shabbat Service

**FEBRUARY** 

2/1/2020 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Services

2/7/2020 Family Shabbat / Tu B'Shevat Seder

5:30 PM Tot Shabbat 6:15 PM Dinner (RSVP)

Family Service & Tu B'shevat Seder 7:15 PM

2/8/2020 9:30 AM Torah Study



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#### We Welcome Jazz Violinist. Joe Deninzon back to TBT!

Joe will entertain us with a Pre-Shabbat Service concert in the Sanctuary from 7:15-7:45. He will then accompany the Clergy during the service at 8.

Jan 31 Sheleg Shabbat: Along with your BYO dinner, enjoy a yummy bowl of hot, homemade soup during the winter indoor picnic dinner-starting at 7pm





All are welcomed at the Tu B'shevat Seder which will be led by our Youth Group, BNTY. The Tu B'shevat Seder, full of imagery and symbolism, is a part of the celebration of the important role trees play in our life.

#### INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



Voting in the World Zionist Congress

I'm blessed to be able to compose this month's column, overlooking a chilly Lake Michigan in Chicago, while attending the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial Conference. As I mentioned in this space last month,

this conference brings together around 5000 Reform Jews to pray, learn, network, and bring inspiration back to our communities. Perhaps most importantly this week was the discussion and votes on the direction of our movement for the next couple of years. There's a lot of news coming out of this year's conference, including initiatives meant to broaden Reform Judaism's reach in our communities, important discussions about inclusion in our congregations, and resolutions on important social justice issues. Resolutions were passed concerning the ongoing opioid crisis, advocating a ban on for-profit prisons, and exploring reparations for slavery. The discussion and implementation of these resolutions will be ongoing, and we will be working on ways to bring these initiatives into our congregation in the best way.

In addition to the focus on issues of concern for us as Reform Jews in America, there has also been a focus on our role and place in Israel. In November, our Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Neal Gold taught us about Israel's history, how we learn about our love for Israel from Torah, and how we can best support Israel as Reform Jews in the diaspora. Rabbi Gold shared with us his experience attending the last World Zionist Congress as a delegate from the Reform ARZA slate, and he shared how as Reform Jews in America, the voice that we can have in Israel is through the World Zionist Congress and the Jewish Agency.

This week in Chicago, I attended a special meeting with the Chairman of the Jewish Agency, Isaac Herzog, who shared with us the importance of our voice in this vote, recognizing that the Israeli political system remains at an impasse. (An unprecedented 3rd parliamentary election was just announced for the spring!) The WZC vote means that even if the Knesset isn't functioning, the Jewish Agency still allocates funds and functions in its capacity as a quasi-governmental entity in Israel.

Every Jewish adult aged 18 or older around the world is eligible to cast a ballot for the WZC in the elections which take place between January and March of this year. As the largest movement of Jews in North America, we have the potential to really have an impact. The results of this election can mean the difference in terms of Reform Jewish communities in Israel receiving much needed funding from the Jewish Agency, up to four million dollars a year. Reform communities are not funded by the Israeli Government as the Orthodox communities are.

Reform communities are growing in Israel, in number, in reach, and in participation. That was on display for us this week as we were introduced to the growing number of Israeli Reform Rabbis who joined the Biennial. The last survey data I saw a handful of years ago indicated that nearly as many Israelis identify as Conservative and Reform as ultra-Orthodox, and yet the only religious voice that officially matters in Israel is that of the ultra-Orthodox or the National Religious groups. This will not end, and progressive streams of Judaism will not be given our rightful seat in the national dialogue, unless and until we make it clear that we are a strong voice, and an authentic expression of Judaism.

We can accomplish this in part by voting for the ARZA Reform Slate in the election. I am pleased to announce that I am included on this year's ARZA Slate, and should there be enough votes, I may be heading to the next Zionist Congress!

There's a lot of information to take in, and I look forward to being able to share that with you in the weeks ahead. For now, please visit www.arza.org for details about voting, and be on the lookout for detailed information and links to help you vote in this important election. As Jews living away from Israel, but who wish to see the best version of Israel, we often feel like we don't have a voice. The WZC gives us that voice. Let's be sure to use it!



L'Shalom. Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum





#### **BOWLING**/ **DINNER DAY**



Sunday, January 5, 2020

Wantagh Lanes, 1300 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793 (Next to King Kullen Supermarket)

#### **BOWLING:**



2:30 - 5:30 pm Members: \$11 Per Person Non-Members: \$12 Per Person **Bowling Shoes Included** 

#### DINNER: Join us whether you bowl or not



6:00pm at Jani's Chinese/Japanese Restaurant 1175 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793 Each party will pay his/her own dinner bill, but your reservation is needed by Friday, December 27

Contact Info: Steve Block (516) 859-6772 or steve d block@hotmail.com



#### **TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH** SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE **Annual Blood Drive**





January 5, 2020 When:

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Temple B'nai Torah Social Hall Where:

2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh

Join us for the Congregation Breakfast by Brotherhood at 9:15 a.m.

To make an appointment: New York Blood Center at 1-800-688-0900

**Questions:** Call Joni at 516-996-0948

#### Schedule an appointment today!

Please bring your blood donor card or signature ID; minimum weight 110 lbs; Eat well (low fat) and drink fluids that morning; No tattoos for past 12 months. Ages 16-75 (16 yr. olds must have parental permission), Age 76 and over need doctor's note.



#### **NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR**



This past December I joined Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Meredith Lubin, our co-Presidents, Joni Christie and Karen Friedlander, and Les and Judy Kule as we traveled to Chicago for the Union for Reform Judaism's Biennial. We represented Temple B'nai Torah as delegates to this gathering of over five

thousand Reform Jews from congregations all over North America and beyond. College students Sam Schnall and our songleader Michael Eineger also attended as college Biennial Ambassadors. For five very full days, rabbis, cantors, temple leaders, educators, congregants, college students and NFTY teen leaders were able to share in a dizzying amount of programming together. We spent our packed days learning from each other, sharing successes, innovations, and ideas. We sang our hearts out each day with what could be the largest gathering of great Jewish song leaders, cantors, and musicians. Shabbat shared by five thousand people in one very large room was an extraordinary experience. Our URJ President, Rabbi Rick Jacobs challenged us with powerful messages of inclusiveness (widening our tent,) addressing the challenges of a shrinking demographic, and welcoming the next generation to take on leadership, paving the Reform Movement's future. (I invite you to visit www.urj.org and see the videos of his excellent keynote address and Shabbat sermon.) The URJ honored Cantor Barbara Ostfeld, the first woman to become an invested cantor (more on her story in the near future.) We participated in the business of plenaries, heard from our leadership both in government and our movement, studied with master teachers, shared Shabbat services, songfests, inspirational concerts, and programs. We all came back physically exhausted and spiritually and emotionally filled with new energy.

Most importantly, throughout the five days we also focused on the common issues we all face as congregations in these challenging times. We spent much of our time in Chicago learning about innovative ways we can better serve our congregation, our community and each other. In the months to come we will be working together to see how we can share some of these exciting ideas here at

In the meantime, I invite you to also get a taste of this incredible experience. The URJ website www.urj.org is filled with videos and information based on programming from the Chicago gathering. Join in the process and make plans to attend the next Biennial in Washington, D.C., Dec. 8-12, 2021. There is something there for everyone (including our teens and college students.) The more of us who can go and participate, the more we will be able to bring back to our congregation!

> B'shira. Cantor Rica Timman

PS – Wishing each of you a Happy Secular New Year! Please join us for a special musical Shabbat on January 24th with returning virtuoso Jazz violinist Joe Deninzon. He will offer a mini concert at 7:15pm and join us for a special service at 8pm. See the ad on the cover and in the Scroll for more information.



#### CALLINGALL YOUNGSINGERS

Come join the

#### B'nai Shir Youth & Teen Choir

NEW AND FAVORITE MELODIES! SONGLEADING AND INSTRUMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES!

> Our Awesome Youth (3rd - 6th grade) and Teen (7th-12th grade) Choir Sings at Family Services and Programs throughout the year.

Rehearsals are 11:30am-12:30pm (through 12:45pm for Teens) on Sundays when Religious School is in session.

For more information and to sign up contact Cantor Timman at cantortimman@tbtwantagh.org

Temple B'nai Torah www.tbtwantagh.org



Temple B'nai Torah of Wantagh presents an evening of laughs at





# GOVERNOR'S COMEDY CLUB

90 Division Ave., Levittown NY 11756

Located behind Petco & the Tri-County
Flea Market Shopping Center

Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 7:30 pm \$18 per person

(plus 2 item minimum per person charged by Governor's)



Make your check payable to Temple B'nai Torah and drop it in the office, or mail it to the Temple office at:
2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh NY 11793
Or, send your check to Joyce Star at:
455 Poplar Lane, East Meadow NY 11554
Contact Joyce at starway3@aol.com with any questions
We're looking forward to having a laugh or two with you!

Name:	-
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"Biennial??? Let's hang!"

That's the text message I got moments after posting a picture of myself standing in a glass box at the top of Sears Tower to Instagram and Facebook. It was from my dear friend Erin Binder-Kurland, who will be ordained as Rabbi Educator this May, and who was excitedly

attending her very first Biennial. We went on to make plans to meet up sometime over the week of learning in order to catch up, something that we both acknowledged was silly because she lives in Manhattan and we shouldn't need to meet in Chicago to grab a cup of coffee. She told me she was excited but already overwhelmed and the week hadn't yet begun. "Yeah," I agreed, "it's A LOT of Jews in one place. It's actually a little mind blowing. You're gonna love it:)"

The week went on in the same fashion. I would see someone or they would see me: old congregants and coworkers. Dear friends who have scattered around the country. People that I have met while chaperoning trips to the Religious Action Center or the odd youth group event. People with whom I attended youth group events when I was a teenager. We'd stop and hug and do a 30 second catch up and move on and hope we can catch each other for a sit-down at some point before the week is over but there is just so much time.

But then Shabbat. If you've never attended a Shabbat service with 5000 people in attendance, let me tell you something: it is magical. The rest of the week people do what they can when they can, but during Shabbat, everyone does Shabbat. They lend their voices and their spirits and their passion for Judaism to a chorus of prayer and joy that I haven't experienced anywhere else. It is what I most look forward to when I attend Biennial. In our day to day lives, it's not always easy to stop on Shabbat; to really pause and rest and spend time with others. Being in this setting, however, it makes it all too easy. It is, as I said, magic.

But Biennial only happens once every two years, so how can we achieve this the rest of the time? The truth is, we can't - at least not on such a grand scale - but what we can do is try to be more mindful of it. When and where Jews gather to pray, however many there are, a little bit of magic can always be managed. Bring it with you to Family Services, or Iyyun T'filah. Bring it to Junior Congregation

or B'nai Mitzvah. Heck, bring it to Friday evening dinner with your family. Pause for just a moment to appreciate how special it is and hold it with you.

And just maybe, just maybe consider joining us at Biennial in 2021. I can promise you what I promised Erin: you're gonna love it.

Meredith Lubin,
TBT Director of Education & Youth Activities



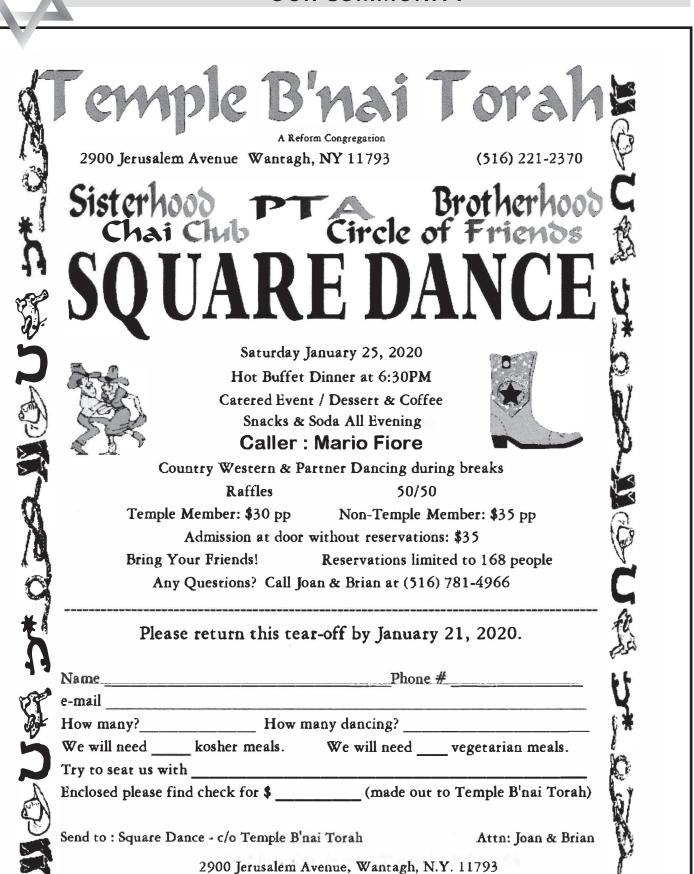


MAZEL TOV TO...

Fred & Shelly Spivack and family on the birth of their granddaughter, Olivia Sarah Shenoda, born on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The proud parents are Stephanie & Amier Shenoda.

Jay Fund and Adrienne Robb-Fund and family on the birth of their grandson, Ari Tyler Berg, born on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The proud parents are Lisa Fund and David Berg and the proud big brother is Robert Cooper Berg.

> Joyce & Sam Star on the marriage of Adam and Malise Star









Welcome to 2020 and a Happy and Healthy secular New Year to all! It's a new year, also a new decade, and hopefully a new and exciting beginning for

all of us here at Temple B'nai Torah!

I just spent five days (Joni three days) with Rabbi BarNahum, Cantor Timman, Morah Meredith Lubin and Les and Judy Kule at the Union of Reform Judaism 75th Biennial in Chicago. This was the first Biennial I attended and I was just blown away!!

The temperature in Chicago was pretty cold but inside the walls of the McCormick Place Convention Center the temperature was set to sizzle! How joyous and wonderful it was to see 5,000 Jews from all over worshiping, singing, dancing, learning, eating, shopping, talking, laughing and having a genuinely wonderful time doing so!

For five days all differences were put aside – it didn't matter where you were from, what tunes you used in your services, whether you were LBGTQ, whether you were a Jew of color, whether you were very reform or more traditional – all that mattered was that you were there to be a part of something bigger than yourself and to revel in our sameness – our Jewishness.

We all had opportunities to learn about ways to help better our congregations with seminars on education from toddlers through high school, financial seminars for the congregation, fundraising, attracting and interacting with various age groups, volunteerism, security, creating programs for the congregation, leadership, and many other courses to help our congregations individually on a daily basis.

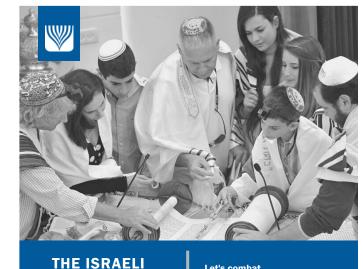
There were also many opportunities through both seminars and guest speakers to learn about tikkun olam – healing our world. We discovered that we each have the opportunity to make a difference in the world. We each have a voice that can be heard. Each of us can get involved in social action and social justice programs to speak out against anti-Semitism, racism, etc. or programs that are designed to help people less fortunate than us, or programs to clean up our environment and conserve our resources, etc.

Perhaps the biggest take-away from the Biennial for me was the feeling that THIS COULD BE US HERE AT TBT! WE ARE CAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING I saw and learned at the Biennial. Drop the petty differences at the door before you enter – then come in and marvel at what we share – our Jewishness. Come to a service and worship with your fellow congregants. If you are moved by the music – SING, or better yet, clap your hands and sing, or even better yet get up and DANCE in the aisles. Your Joy will be contagious and soon others will join in!

Not your thing yet – well then come join a committee that interests you and help to better our Temple Home. Or join the Social Action/Social Justice committee and help improve our greater community and our world. Revel in our sameness. Make your voice heard. Make a difference in your Temple and in the world.

Joni Christie Lollipop@optonline.net

Karen Friedlander tbtkfriedla@aol.com



GOVERNMENT PAYS THE SALARIES OF HUNDREDS OF RABBIS. ONLY 9 ARE REFORM. Let's combat the discrimination the Reform Movement faces from the Israeli Government together.

Vote Reform in the World Zionist Elections from January January 21– March 11, 2020. Learn more at arza.org.

#VoteReformWZC
World Zionist Congress Election
January 21 - March 11, 2020







#### Temple B'nai Torah Sisterhood Proudly Presents **Night of Beauty**

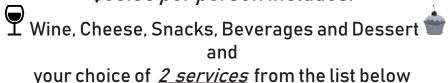
#### BANGZ Hair & Color Lounge

2773 Merrick Road, Bellmore (valet parking available)

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 6:00 - 9:30pm

Please join us for a wonderful evening of beauty, fun and bonding!!

*\$60.00 per person* includes:



Haircut and Blow ~ Single Process Color ~ Mini Highlights Mini Massage\* ~ Make-up/Make-over ~ Manicure\* ~ Pedicure

\*Mini Massage and Manicure limited to 5 people

Raffles and door prizes too!!

Payment due by January 19 - Note: Space is LIMITED

Questions? Call Lisa Shubin at (516)695-8474 or email: LFSESL@aol.com

Check for \$60 per person payable to: Temple B'nai Torah Sisterhood	I Attn: Lisa Shubin – Night of Be	eaut
2900 Jerusalem Avenue Wantagh, NY 11793 or en	velope in TBT Office	

Name:	Phone:
Services Selected: (1)	(2)

#### **BROTHERHOOD / MEN'S CLUB**



As we begin the year 2020, we look back for a moment to December 2019. December 1<sup>st</sup>, we began the month with our annual winter Vendor Fair. A hearty thank you to Ben & Sharon Cernese for all of their work, which led to another hugely successful Vendor Fair. Thanks too, to Victor Wurtzel who worked tirelessly with the children at the fair to create 61 holiday greetings cards, to send to the Friends of the IDF. We also need to thank all who helped set-up the fair and to all of you who came to shop.

Our monthly dinner meeting was held on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, and the dinner and film about the creation of the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra was enjoyed by everyone. At our Sunday breakfasts,

everyone enjoyed the eggs and bagels and the chance to spend time with old & new friends.

Now in 2020, we look forward to more breakfasts, dinners and participation in TBT events. The first breakfast of the new year will be January 5th and the first dinner meeting of the new year will be January 14th. May the Chanukah lights shine in your homes throughout the holiday and may the New Year bring health and happiness to all our members and friends.

> Richard Tepper, President of Brotherhood/Men's Club









**Congregation Breakfast** by Brotherhood/Men's Club



Brotherhood will once again prepare a delicious breakfast on

most Sunday mornings when Religious School is in session.

Check the calendar below.

Coffee (decaf too!), eggs, bagels, assorted omelets & more!

Serving time 9:15 am

Donation is a nominal \$5.

Please circle these 2020 dates and plan to join us!

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>,

Sunday, March 1st, Sunday, March 15th, Sunday, April 5th



#### TBT SISTERHOOD SHMOOZING



Shalom All,

I cannot believe that we are in the year 2020 already. I hope that the new year always finds all of us in places of warmth, caring and friendship...a place where we have amazing friends who love us as we are and yet

challenge us to be the best we can possibly be.

Sisterhood is now officially on Twitter at #tbtsisterhood and Instagram at tbt sisterhood in addition to our Facebook page. Please follow us and like us.

Our book club, which is open to all, will meet on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. If you are interested please contact Joyce Star at starway3@aol.com

January 21st is our next Rosh Chodesh program. Robin Wexler will be leading this program. Robin always has exciting, fun filled and spiritual programs. Our Night of Beauty will be January 28th at Bangz in Bellmore. This event always sells out quickly so if you are interested please contact Lisa Shubin at lfsesl@aol.com

WRJ has advised that they have created a YouTube video to help us be ambassadors to get out the vote for ARZA and the Progressive Movement at the upcoming elections.

I know many of us start out the new year with resolutions that we may or may not be able to keep, however, let's start the new year with input from all TBT sisters from 13-90 on any ideas or thoughts you may have to help Sisterhood grow and be a place for all women to feel welcome.

Emily Altman, President Emilysisterhood19@gmail.com



#### **STRESS MANAGEMENT!!**



presented by TBT Sisterhood

#### Do you want to be less stressed? Don't we all??

More and more people are encountering stress, overwork, and the pressure of time constraints in their lives. Some stress is good for us and inspires us to meet life's challenges. However, it is important to recognize when we are in DISTRESS.

This workshop, presented by our own *Sharon Curry*, will provide education on the origins of stress, practical tips and techniques to help you achieve better physical and mental health through the effective management of distress, and will wind down with a guided meditation to bring your body and mind to a state of peaceful relaxation.

Date: February 10th
Time: 7:30-9:30 pm
Place: Kiddush Lounge
No charge for Temple members.
Nominal \$5.00 charge for non-members.
Snacks will be served.

Please bring a yoga mat or towel if you wish to lie down during the meditation.

Please RSVP by January 27<sup>th</sup> or call for further information: Ronni Fauci (516)650-1508 (rfauci@gmail.com)
Harriet Ostroff (516)567-0134 (hnostroff@gmail.com)



#### TBT PTA UPDATES

The days are cold and gray, the snow is falling, but our Hebrew school classrooms are warm! Our children are continuing to learn so much.

The PTA exists to support the teaching staff and all our students. You'll find us in the background during all the religious school events. But we need you, too! Our meetings are open to all members. The next meetings will be held on January 5 at 9:30am and February 2 at 11:30. All meetings are held in room 104.

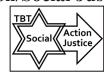
We're hosting our yearly Challah Bake on February 18th at 7pm! The event is open to all TBT members ages 13 and up. The fee to participate is \$18 for non-PTA members and \$5 per

person for PTA members. Seats are limited and reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you're interested in participating, email Rachel at RMinkowsky@yahoo.com.

Family Bingo is going to be held on March 15 at 11:30! Prizes, raffles, snacks, and family bonding, all rolled into one fun afternoon! We look forward to seeing you there. Event flyers are coming soon.

By Rachael Minkowsky

#### Social Action/Social Justice Shabbat



#### Friday January 17, 2020

6:00 pm - Pre-Neg 6:30 pm - Kabbalah Shabbat/ SA/SJ Shabbat Program



Special Environmental Program focusing on sustainability as it relates to our stewardship and partnership in the ongoing work of Creation

# Social Action Justice

#### TEVA: Temple B'nai Torah Environmental Vision and Action

The newly formed **TEVA** group has begun meeting and hope that you will join us in adopting environmentally responsible practices at TBT.

In our effort to reduce the use of single-use plastic and paper goods, please consider bringing your own reusable mug or water bottle to your next TBT meeting.



Many of our meetings serve refreshments, coffee and tea. Each time you use a re-usable item you have done something to help the planet.

# **CHAI CLUB**



Special thanks to all who attended our December 16th program, "Judge Judy - her Humor and Fact." We were very fortunate to be able to get Marjorie Wolfe as a last-minute replacement as our original presenter had to cancel due to a medical emergency. Ms. Wolfe's talk on Judge Judy was a delight for all who attended. We celebrated our December birthdays, while Vice President, Ben Cernese ran the meeting in our absence.

This month, Monday, January 27th, 2020, at 1:30 pm, Chai Club will present the noted Long Island Historian Regina Feeney, who will speak to us on "Prohibition on the South Shore." Ms Feeney will bring the prohibition era to life with "magic lantern" slides of the temperance movement. Please note that our January and February programs will be held on Monday afternoons instead of in the evening.

Our February program will feature the beautiful music of violinist Albert Malmud. Keep the afternoon of Monday, February 24th free to enjoy the concert.

Hold the Date: Thursday April 9th, 2020, for our Passover 2nd Seder.

Cantor Timman will once again be leading us at the Second Seder. Those of you in attendance last year know what a fantastic time we all experienced.



Joan and Brian Levy Sea1983jl@gmail.com, Bellobl@gmail.com



#### SAVE THE DATE

TBT-PTA ANNUAL FAMILY BINGO

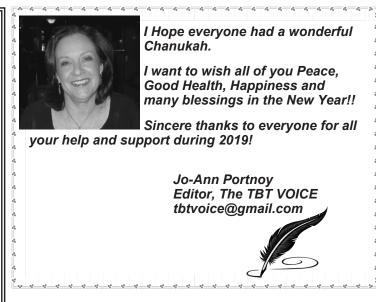
**SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2020 BINGO BEGINS AT 12 PM** 

**OPEN TO ALL-BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS!** 

FOOD & BEVERAGE WILL BE **AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!** 

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW & **STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO!** 

Ouestions? Contact Wendy Shatz wendyot@aol.com or Gerry Kazin gkazin@hotmail.com





#### **SOCIAL ACTION**



Social Action/Social Justice Committee

Happy Secular New Year Everyone!

Once again, we are so grateful for the generosity of this community. Your donations of holiday gifts were delivered to the John Theissen Children's Foundation and made the

holidays happier for many, sick and needy children on Long Island. We are still collecting winter clothing this month. Several deliveries have already been made to the INN, and we and will continue making deliveries through the end of this month.

In November, we were fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Neal Gold. In addition, Rabbi Gold made several suggestions about how Social Action/Social Justice could support Israel. His suggestions included partnering with a liberal Jewish congregation in Israel, supporting social agencies such as Yad LaKashish, a non-profit organization, supporting nearly 300 elderly residents by providing them with creative work opportunities and support services or supporting Kids 4 Peace, an interfaith youth movement for peace founded in Jerusalem. Most important is for us to participate in the World Zionist Conference by registering and voting in their upcoming elections. We will be exploring all of these suggestions further and will be providing details about how to register and vote in the WZC elections this year. If you have an interest in helping in the registration/voting process, please let us know. We are aiming for the entire congregation to participate in this important process.

The TEVA (Temple B'nai Torah Environmental Vision and Action) subcommittee has begun meeting. We will be researching ways to bring recycling to TBT as well as researching our current environmental practices at TBT and where improvements can be made. It's not too late to sign up. Just let us know if you are interested in joining us.

We are happy to announce that we have rescheduled the screening of the film Bag It and discussion with George Povall from All Our Energy for Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Join us from 7-9 in the Kiddush Lounge.

On January 5th, we will be holding our annual Blood Drive. Blood donations save lives. Schedule an appointment today to be a blood donor. If you can't give blood and have some time available, let us know as we will be needing volunteers to help out throughout the day.

On January 17th, TBT will have its Social Action/Social Justice Shabbat. Join us for a special environmental program focusing on sustainability as it relates to our stewardship and partnership in the ongoing work of Creation.

Remember that Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Meant as a day of action, consider volunteering that day and participating in the spirit of helping others.

We have begun our planning for this year's Mitzvah Day (May 17.) We will have some old favorites and some new activities. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for on- or off-site activities that you would like to include this year.

#### **Upcoming Events**

January 5 - Blood Drive

January 17 - Social Action/Social Justice Shabbat

#### Ongoing Collections

Visit **tbtwantagh.org** for the latest information.

PTA's Used Crayon Recycling Collection

Sisterhood - Women's Personal Care Items

Brotherhood - Eyeglasses for Lion's Club, items to send to our troops

Chai Club - Kosher Food for Kosher Food Pantry

Please consider joining us and sharing your ideas. Our next meeting will be January 15 at 7:00 pm For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee or any of its projects contact

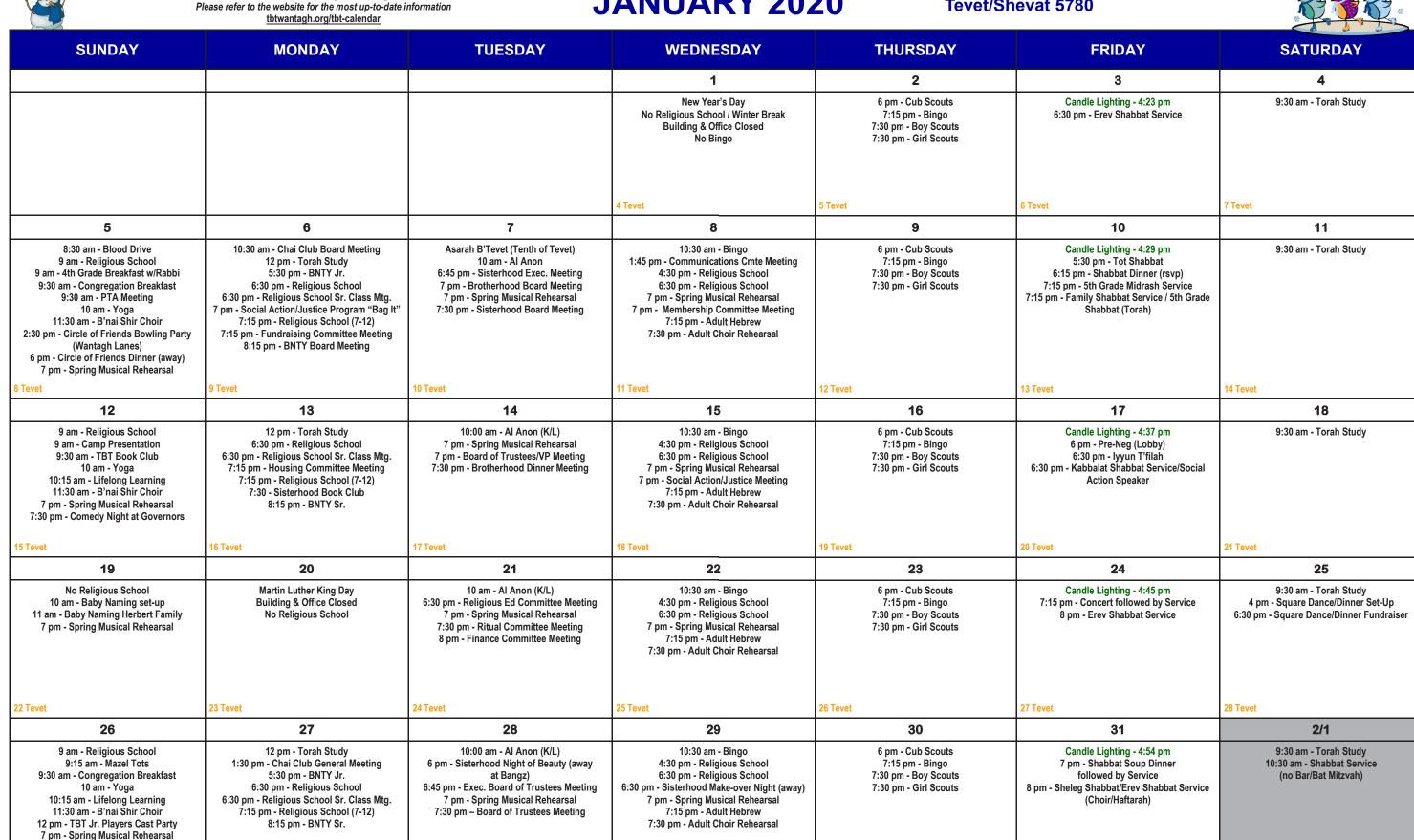
Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com



Information on this calendar is subject to change without notice Please refer to the website for the most up-to-date information

#### **JANUARY 2020**

#### Tevet/Shevat 5780



**Shevat** 

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29 Tevet

1 Shevat

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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 on Sunday, January 5, here at Temple B'Nai Torah. Contact: Joni Christie 516-996-0948



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

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



#### Social Action/Social Justice Shabbat – Jan. 17

Join us at TBT for a Special Environmental Program focusing on sustainability as it relates to our stewardship and partnership in the ongoing work of Creation. 6:00 pm Pre-Neg, 6:30 pm Kabbalah Shabbat.



#### MLK, Jr. Day of Service Jan 20

"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 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 Opportunity: The Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County is looking for dedicated volunteers (55 yrs. and older) who share their passion for teaching about the dangers of antisemitism, intolerance and bias. Monday-Friday during the school year, docents will lead tours of our world-class museum and facilitate workshops for both our young student and adult program attendees. Docents are also always welcome to give tours to our unscheduled visitors as well. For information email Breanne Brooks at bbrooks@hmtcli.org

# The Month in Photos Lord & Taylor Fashion Show 2019 On Dec. 11th thirteen women from Temple Bnai Torah attended the annual Night of Learning sponsored by the South Shore Sisterhoods. Program was: 'From Rabbi to Convert - Convert to Rabbi".

# URJ Biennial 2019

# The Month in Photos



TBT Clergy past and present



Waiting for Shabbat services to begin



From a learning session

Shopping at the exhibit hall



Our TBT leaf

A chilly day at the ball park



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#### SPECIAL FUNDS AND DONATIONS

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Below is an up to date list of temple funds. Some funds from all legacy congregations have been combined with Temple Board and family approval.

Adult Education Fund Donations are used to sponsor Adult Ed. Programs.

Adult Library and the Rabbi Deanna Pasternack Children's Library Fund

Donations are used for purchases for our library.

**Beautification Fund** Donations in the fund are used for the upkeep

of the building & grounds.

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Donations are used for the Temple Show. This fund overseen by

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Blumenkranz (Fred) Fund Donations are used for the eternal light in the sanctuary.

*Caring/Mitzvah Makers Fund* Donations are used by the mitzvah makers.

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General Fund/Gift of Love
Donations are used for the running of our temple.

Goldblatt Fund for the Disabled

Floral Fund

Donations are used for adaptive equipment for physically

challenged.

Holocaust Memorial Fund Donations are used to maintain our memorial, provide special

youth scholarships & help maintain the Holocaust section of the

library.

**Lowell Golden Center Fund** Donations are used for mailroom equipment.

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#### Music Fund in Memory of Cantor Walter Lewis

Donations are used for special musical events.

**Past President's Fund** Donations are used to purchase plaques for past presidents.

**Prayer Book Fund** Donations are used to purchase new prayer books.

Rabbi Raab FundDonations are used for youth programs.School EnrichmentDonations used for Jewish education

Social Action /Social Justice Rosenheck Memorial Fund

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**Tallit Fund** Donations used to clean tallit.

**Torah Fund** Donations are used to pay for repair of religious articles.

**Tot Shabbat Fund** Donations are used for our tiny tots program.

Tzedakah FundDonations will be used for Tzedukah.Youth Activities Com. FundDonations are used for our temple youth.Weinstein (Bernard) FundDonations are used for Youth/Conclave.

#### **Special Memorial Funds**

**Judy Bardavid Fund** (gift is given to worthy confirmand)

**Stephen Bigman Fund** 

**Harvey Beller Fund** (administered by Brotherhood-provides an award to a worthy student)

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Doris and Ed Kliegman Adult Education Fund (money used for adult education programs)

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#### **Endowment Funds**

**Endowment Fund** (originally initiated by legacy TEEM)

Doris and Ed Kliegman Adult Education Fund (money used for adult education programs)



#### **OUR COMMUNITY**

What Does the Housing Committee Do?

This is a refresher as to what the Housing Committee does. This committee is part of our existing constitution. According to our constitution the Housing Committee's task is "to ensure the safety, security and functioning of the Temple, working in conjunction with the Temple Administrator." That means that the Committee oversees what goes on in our building. Repairs, heating, safety in terms of maintenance are our responsibility. That means if you are on a committee and have a great idea, you need to run it by House before acting on it. Here are a few situations which just came up: it was suggested that trees are to be planted. We have difficulty maintaining the existing trees on our property. We have a limited amount of space. Therefore, planting of trees is essential to our environment and a great idea but not on our property. It was suggested that a garden be made out of the nursery area. Although this is a lovely idea, we, on the House Committee, realized that there is no water source in the suggested area. In addition, even if the suggested area was made into a parking area, providing needed parking spaces, we need to seek the use of a professional to analyze what is under the existing area. We have to see if the land is secure or if there are any other issues which would prevent digging and resurfacing the area. It was suggested that a rock project be initiated as part of our Holocaust garden. A rock project is a great idea but not in that space for various reasons. A better area would be the area abutting our parking lot where nothing can grow. Keep the ideas coming. The House Committee has a broader picture of whether or not the project is appropriate for our building based on facts. We will see whether the suggested projects are feasible.

As a point of information, I want to review the need for room requisitions which I recently learned were called green sheets at legacy TEEM. In order for a congregation to run smoothly, we need order. We need to plan ahead. Sure if an emergency comes up, we will adjust. However, planning is essential. Plan ahead for the room you need so that two groups do not walk into the same space. Plan ahead as to what printed materials will be needed, or if dishes, cups, tables, chairs are needed, etc. Fill out the room requisition form, put them in Sue-Ellen's mailbox or hand them to her and your temple needs will be satisfied in an organized manner. Just plan ahead.

The House Committee works hard on making sure our building runs smoothly and efficiently. Bring your concerns to us and we will act. Our next meeting date is January 13 at 7:15 p.m. (Note the different time.) Get on our committee list (tessakean@gmail.com) and you will be notified of future meetings. Bring your ideas to us. Our temple house belongs to all of our congregation members.

Tessa Kean



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