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**DRAWING DATE:**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020**  
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or email Dee (deesisters@gmail.com).*



## RITUAL CALENDAR

2/01/2020	9:30 AM	Torah Study
2/07/2020	<b>Family Shabbat / Tu B'Shevat Seder</b>	
	5:30 PM	Tot Shabbat
	6:15 PM	Dinner (RSVP)
	7:15 PM	Family Service/ BNTY Tu B'Shevat Seder & Scout Service (Iyyun Tefilah)
2/08/2020	9:30 AM	Torah Study
2/14/2020	6:30 PM	Erev Shabbat Service (Torah) – K/L
2/15/2020	9:30 AM	Torah Study
2/21/2020	6:00 PM	Pre-neg
	6:30 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat - K/L
2/22/2020	9:30 AM	Torah Study
2/28/2020	8:00 PM	Erev Shabbat Service (Haftarah, Choir & Organ)
2/29/2020	9:30 AM	Torah Study

## March

3/06/2020	<b>Family Shabbat</b>	
	5:30 PM	Tot Shabbat
	6:15 PM	Dinner (RSVP)
	7:15 PM	Family Service
3/07/2020	9:30 AM	Torah Study
3/08/2020	10:00 AM	Junior Congregation with Megillah reading, followed by Purim Carnival
3/9/2020	7:15PM	Purim Service followed by 80's Theme Purim Shpiel
3/13/2020	8:00 PM	Erev Shabbat Service / Sisterhood Participation (Torah & Choir)
3/14/2020	9:30 AM	Torah Study



*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.*

**Wear a costume to the 80's theme Purim Service,**



## OUR COMMUNITY

**Friday, February 7th**

# FAMILY SHABBAT & Tu B'Shevat (birthday of the trees)

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**TOT SHABBAT (GEARED TO AGES NEWBORN TO 5) AT 5:30PM**

**FAMILY FRIENDLY DINNER AT 6:15PM**

**SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AT 7:15PM**

**Tu B'Shevat Seder & Scout Shabbat**

**Led by BNTY (Youth Group)**

**with participation of B'nai Shir (Youth Choir)**

## Plant Based Dinner with kid friendly options

Dinner: \$5 per person, up to \$20 per family (cash only, please)

Dinner RSVP & Questions to Alisa and Brooke

[tbtfamilydinner@gmail.com](mailto:tbtfamilydinner@gmail.com)

**\*\* Please RSVP by February 3rd \*\***





Tu B'Shevat

The fifteenth day of the Hebrew month of Shevat was, in ancient Israel, an administrative holiday of sorts. Though the Mishnah, the Jewish law code from the 2nd century, describes this date as one of the four new years, no special prayers or customs for the day are known until the Jewish mystics create a seder for the holiday over 1300 years later. The reason that there was no liturgy created is that the day served primarily as a day for accounting. There was an accounting of trees on this day to know which trees' fruit counts as this year's, and which trees' fruit would count for the next year. By the 15th of the month of Shevat, the trees in Israel have already benefitted from the winter rains, and the trees that begin to flower by that day must be counted in a farmer's tithe donation to the Temple.

Though I can imagine the ancient accountants having a good time counting the trees, the custom leaves little room for divine inspiration. The holiday serves to further the goal of donations and sacrifices to God and the Temple, as outlined in the Torah. When the Temple was no longer standing, the tithe was no longer required, and Tu B'Shevat did little but remain on the calendar for well over 1000 years.

The modern state of Israel revived Tu B'Shevat, as early pioneers looked at it as a day to reconnect with the land and with our people's agricultural heritage. The educators of the pre- and early-state period, helped to reinvigorate Tu B'Shevat as a day focused on ecology and environmentalism. They used the day to remind the people, just as the tithes did for our ancestors, that "The Earth and its fullness belong to the Eternal" (Psalm 24:1). They also reinvigorated the Kabbalists' seder and reintroduced it more broadly to the Jewish people.

How wonderful then, that this year as Tu B'Shevat approaches, I can give you a brief account of the work that our new TEVA initiative is up to. I am grateful to the Social Action/Social Justice committee for its hard work at integrating the goals of TEVA into their work!

Our TEVA committee is still in the information gathering stage, but we are working on ways to reduce our use of single-use plastics. We screened the film "Bag It" and learned the difficult truths about where all that plastic comes from and then where it goes, which is often our oceans. It takes a half bottle's worth of petroleum to make and ship one plastic bottle worth of water: an

extreme use of a resource. Plastic doesn't biodegrade; it breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces, which harm animals up and down the food chain. Additionally, last month, we welcomed Jeff Levy-Lyons from the Jewish Climate Action Network for a special Social Action Shabbat.

What can we do here at TBT? We can commit to using our real dishes, silverware, and glassware whenever possible. I'm excited to report that all arms of our congregation are working toward this goal! While we will most likely not be able to pry our congregation away from single-use products entirely, every piece of plastic we don't use helps! Additionally, we are in the process of expanding our recycling capabilities and we are working on other ways to mitigate our carbon footprint, like signing on to be a part of the next cohort of Sustainable Congregations through the not-for-profit HAZON.

Finally, as it is Tu B'Shevat this month, I'm so excited to announce that we are very close to hitting our goal of planting 5780 trees! We're already well over 5,200 planted, and I have hopes that we might even hit 10,000 before Mitzvah Day in May. Given the devastation we've seen in Australia last month, the more trees we plant, the better!

All of this work is hard, no doubt. We mortgaged the health of our planet for the sake of convenience, and now the bill is due. Tu B'Shevat reminds us that we are stewards of this earth, caretakers on behalf of God. Too many of us have taken that responsibility too lightly. Let's keep up our commitment to doing better, and to handing the planet to our children in better condition than it was handed to us!

Please join us for a special Shabbat Tu B'Shevat, on Friday, February 7. Our Youth Group, BNTY will lead us in a special Service/Seder hybrid, we'll taste all the fruits of the land of Israel, and we'll celebrate our connection to nature, and to God's creation. I hope you'll plan to join us! Full information can be found on page 3.

L'Shalom,  
Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



Temple B'nai Torah  
Celebrates our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
*Dinner & Chinese Auction*



Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

FUNDRAISER

back by popular demand, Stevie C the MC  
and introducing Dee G the MC



at Temple B'nai Torah

2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY

6:00 PM Preview

7:15 PM Auction Begins, Dinner ~8:15pm

Over 125 Raffle prizes and 50/50!



\$30 Admission Includes Dinner/Dessert/Soda/Wine/Beer/Fun  
Each raffle Sheet has 25 Tickets: 1 for \$20.00 or 2 for \$30.00

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RVSP by March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Admission: +\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets: +\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Table Reservations available (8 or more)

Return/Mail to above Temple address

Attention: Joni Christie (516) 221-2370



## NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



This month we will celebrate so many wonderful things on the same night...Shabbat, Tu B'Shevat, Scouting, and our BNTY Youth Group...all during our February Family Shabbat on February 7th. It is also Shabbat Shira, the Sabbath of Song, marked by the text in Torah when Moses and Miriam lead the Israelites in singing the Song of the Sea, rejoicing at the miracle of crossing the Sea of Reeds. This year we will celebrate with a Tu B'Shevat Seder and Service led by our BNTY teens, with help from our Shabbatones Rock Band and B'nai Shir Choir. It's going to be a musical and delicious Shabbat!

At TBT we are so fortunate to enjoy uniquely wonderful groups and temple Arms: Sisterhood, Brotherhood/Men's Club, Circle of Friends, Chai Club, PTA, Shows, BNTY, Torah Study...and more. They each offer opportunities to bring together friends and congregants. But with Shabbat Shira coming up this month, I am particularly excited by all those who come together with voices and instruments to create beauty and joy through music. I have written before about each of our musical ensembles: the B'nai Shir Choir, our Adult Choir, the Shabbatones Rock Band, and the TBT Ensemble. Each of these ensembles learns to blend their voices, instruments, and souls in harmony. To be in an ensemble requires falling in love with the music and the message of the texts. Our ensembles rehearse and perform together, beautifying the mitzvah (hiddur mitzvah) of singing our sacred texts with sweet sounds and offering them to our TBT family. Our rehearsals are also educational as we explore the meaning of the texts and how various composers treat those words. Our youngest singers learn settings in Hebrew and English by heart and sing with enthusiasm and spirit. Many of them know multiple settings of the same text when they spend years connected to their choir family. And although I believe that music is sometimes secondary to the text, it is most often good musical settings that enhance and illuminate our sacred writings best. And singing and performing together is bonding and fun! There are many studies that highlight the health and social benefits of creating music together. Music is healing, joyful and good for the soul! Finally, just like any one of our temple groups, our musical ensembles create their own delightful chavurah of friends.

So why do I bring this up now? We are always looking for more musical folks to join our ensembles. If you love singing (3rd grade through adult) or playing an instrument (adults only) we would love to have you join us! For either

of our choirs, Hebrew fluency is not necessary; only a love of Jewish music and text. Reading music is not necessary either; only the ability to listen and sing with others. Auditions for our adult TBT Ensemble are also ongoing. Please contact me for more information on all our ensembles' rehearsal and service schedules throughout the year.

The saying goes...if two people have run out of things to say, then sing or play a duet together and the music will say it for you...We look forward to welcoming you in one of our ensembles to share the joy of creating beautiful music together! What better time to join than on Shabbat Shira!

B'shira (In song),  
Cantor Rica Timman

PS: Ellen Allard is coming to TBT! Save the date for our exciting first Artist-in Residence Weekend, March 28-30th, when we welcome singer, songwriter, and music educator extraordinaire, Ellen Allard. More information coming soon. This promises to be a delightful musical weekend for all ages!

On behalf of the family of Samuel Weiss,  
I would like to express our sincere  
thanks to our Temple clergy and family  
for all the love, support and friendship  
given to us during this difficult time.

Jo-Ann Portnoy & Family  
The Family of Samuel Weiss

thank you



## OUR COMMUNITY

### TBT PTA Presents: Annual Family



# BINGO

SUNDAY, MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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.*

**50/50  
RAFFLE**

If you would like to volunteer to help or have questions, please contact:  
Gerry Kazin ([gkazin@hotmail.com](mailto:gkazin@hotmail.com)) or Wendy Shatz ([wendyot@aol.com](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> will receive one free bingo 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.





## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



In case you missed it: this year, TBT is focused on becoming more environmentally conscious. As a community, we have already started moving in the right direction by no longer purchasing styrofoam, using fewer disposable dishes and silverware, and researching other ways we might recycle and reduce our waste. I am proud of the progress that we have made so far, and excited to see what else we can do as a community.

A few months ago, I put my thinking cap on to see if there was a way that the Religious School could get involved. Then it hit me: trees. To date, we as a congregation have planted thousands of trees already and since our return to school after the winter break, Religious School students

have been collecting tzedakah with the express purpose of planting trees around the world. When Tu B'Shevat arrives on February 10th, all of the tzedakah collected for the past 6 weeks will be pooled and divided up between organizations that will plant trees in deforested areas, Israel, and anywhere else that trees are needed. We are so excited to tally the final number and add it to the total number of trees planted by this community.

I hope that in a couple of weeks' time, when that number is announced, you'll assist me in congratulating our students on what is sure to be a job well done! And in the meantime, a Happy Tu B'Shevat to you all.

*Meredith Lubin,*  
TBT Director of Education & Youth Activities



## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



relationships here at temple towards the members of our temple families.

We are a community and should be there to lend a hand when needed. There are many unexpected events in the news recently and it has driven us to stand together as one. We will march together on Sunday as a community. We will take turns cooking for our temple friend. We will work on security measures to keep us safe and protect our home.

Temple events need our support too. The big temple fundraiser is March 21st, and it will be filled with amazing prizes, good food and lots of fun. Buy a raffle and support the Big Bucks drawing. Take a trip down

February, a month of friendship, peace, love, sharing, and the growth of trees exhibiting fruits and beauty. This month's description can be applied to our

the yellow brick road with the cast of the Wizard of Oz. There are many social events to choose from in our future.

Our security meeting will be held this month and everyone is welcome to contribute ideas. We will come up with an immediate plan and share it with you. We, as a temple, will work together to overcome anti-semitic events.

We will leave you with this advice from a tree: Stand tall and proud, stick your roots into the earth, go out on a limb. Drink plenty of water, remember your roots and enjoy your view.

*Happy February,*  
*Peace and love*

*Joni Christie*  
Lollipop@optonline.net

*Karen Friedlander*  
tbtfriedla@aol.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 (hnostruff@gmail.com)

WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTION

WHY VOTE?

Your vote is the only democratic opportunity you have to influence Israeli society as we continue our efforts towards equality, pluralism and tolerance.

Vote January 21 through March 11, 2020.

Learn more about why voting in this election matters on arza.org.

#VoteReformWZC

## SAVE THE DATE MITZVAH DAY - Sunday May 17, 2020

*The Social Action/Social Justice Committee of TBT presents:*

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

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

We need your help to make this day a success.

### Plan on joining us...

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

9:00 a.m. Bagel Breakfast

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

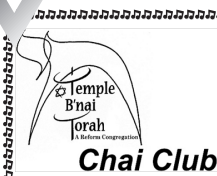
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Onsite crafts and activities

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

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



## OUR COMMUNITY



Program Meeting

Monday, February 24, 2020  
at 1:30 pm

### **VIOLINIST ALBERT MALMUD**

**Mr. Malmud, a former resident of the Soviet Union, will present his  
enchanting violin performance at 1:30 pm.**

We will also celebrate February birthdays  
Win 50/50  
Delicious desserts will be served

*Questions? Call Joan or Brian at (516) 781-4966*



## BROTHERHOOD / MEN'S CLUB



As we move ahead in 2020, Brotherhood/Men's Club sends a hearty thank you to Arnie Minsky for helping us get a new Brotherhood freezer for the kitchen, replacing our old defective freezer.

Thanks also to Alan Smith for organizing our visit to the Holly Patterson Nursing Home on Christmas Day. Many of our members arrived at the facility in the morning to help bring the wheelchair bound or otherwise physically disabled patients to their holiday mass service. We stayed to help return them to their respective rooms after the service. Alan also purchased small gifts for us to distribute to all the residents.

At our January dinner meeting, our featured speaker Jack Biello, spoke about the Italian and Jewish immigrant experience and their contributions as American citizens during WWII.

February, being a short month, and one in which many of our members head south for a brief respite from winter, there are a reduced number of activities during the month. We will be serving our famous Sunday morning breakfast on February 9<sup>th</sup> and our monthly dinner meeting will be on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Looking ahead, our Men's Seder will be on March 31<sup>st</sup> with more details to follow.

Regards,

Richard Tepper

President TBT Brotherhood/Men's Club



### **Congregation Breakfast**

**by Brotherhood/Men's Club**

### **The Next Best Thing to Breakfast-in-Bed!**

**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 9:30 am**

**Donation is a nominal \$5.**

**Please circle these 2020 dates and plan to join us!**

**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

### TBT SISTERHOOD Sponsored

## CHAIR YOGA PROGRAM

*Join us for a relaxing and beneficial evening.*

**Date:** April 13th  
**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.

Enjoy the experience of healing and connecting with the wholeness of our beings. This program can benefit everyone, no matter what age or fitness level, as the chair replaces the yoga mat. It includes breathing techniques, postures and stretches.

Please **RSVP** by **March 30th** or call for further information:  
Ronni Fauci (516)650-1508 (rfauci@gmail.com)  
Harriet Ostroff (516)567-0134 (hnostroff@gmail.com)

*We look forward to seeing you and enjoying a special evening together.*





## TBT SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZING



Best! How we pass on family food and traditions.

Although February is the time we, in the Northeast, usually have the worst weather of the year, Sisterhood is planning some great programs to warm our spirits.

Our very own Sharon Curry will be presenting a workshop on February 10th at 7:30 p.m. helping us cope with our daily stress! Sharon will be explaining the origins of stress and practical tips and techniques to help us achieve better physical and mental health. The culmination of this program will be a guided meditation. Please contact Ronni Fauci (rfauci@gmail.com) or Harriet Ostroff (hnostroff@

I can't believe how quickly this year has gone. I must thank Ronni Fauci and Harriet Ostroff for their fun filled Bunko night. All who attended had an incredible time. Robyn Wexler ran an incredible Rosh Chodesh program Floaters or Sinkers? My Brisket is the

gmail.com). February 16th is the antiques and collectables show. Look for the flyer in your mail, scroll, web and lobby rack. Febrary 25th is our book club meeting in the Kiddush Lounge at 7:30 p.m. Contact Joyce Star starway3@aol.com for further information.

February, we have, Tu B'Shevat which celebrates the birthday of the trees. The Clergy and the Social Action Committee, through their TEVA initiative, (Temple B'nai Torah Environmental Vision and Action committee) are collecting money to plant trees all over the world to help save our planet. One dollar can buy a tree. If you are interested in helping with this project please contact Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com.

B'shalom  
Emily Altman, President  
Emilysisterhood19@gmail.com

## CHAI CLUB



Special thanks to all who attended our January 27th program, Long Island Historian Regina Feeney, who presented her "Prohibition on the South Shore." Ms Feeney brought prohibition era to life with "magic lantern" slides of the temperance movement.

Our February 24th program will feature the beautiful music of violinist Albert Malmud. Mr. Malmud is a former resident of the Soviet Union and will tell us the interesting story of how he immigrated to the US. Please remember that our afternoon winter (January & February) programs start at 1:30pm. Keep the afternoon of Monday, February 24th free to enjoy the concert. Light desserts will be served as we celebrate February Birthdays.

In March, Mr James Coll will speak to us on another in his interesting series of We The People lectures- "Impeachment-Then and Now." Please join us on Monday, March 23, 7:30pm in the Kiddush Lounge.

**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. Watch for the 2nd Seder reservation form which will be available in March.



Joan and Brian Levy  
Sea1983jl@gmail.com , Bellobl@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; February 2 at 11:30 am. All meetings are held in room 104.

Our PTA has collected an enormous quantity of can tabs and is having them recycled. All proceeds from this recycling drive will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. All our participants were excited to give tzedakah to this worthy cause.

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 TBT 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 flyer can be found on page 7.

Rachel Minkowsky  
PTA President



All proceeds from this recycling drive will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House



## OUR COMMUNITY



### SAVE THE DATE!

March 20, 2020  
National Refugee Shabbat

This March, Temple B'nai Torah will be a proud participant in HIAS'\* National Refugee Shabbat during which Jews across the country will focus on the global refugee crisis. This is a critical time to give voice to our values as Jews and as Americans.

*Please join us for this important service*

\*HIAS: Welcome the Stranger, Protect the Refugee

Founded in 1881 originally to assist Jews fleeing pogroms in Russia and Eastern Europe, HIAS has touched the life of nearly every Jewish family in America and now welcomes all who have fled persecution. HIAS rescues people whose lives are in danger for being who they are.

- We protect the most vulnerable refugees, helping them build new lives and reuniting them with their families in safety and freedom.
- We advocate for the protection of refugees and assure that displaced people are treated with the dignity they deserve.

Guided by Jewish values and history, HIAS brings more than 130 years of expertise to their work with refugees.

For more information about HIAS, go to [www.hias.org](http://www.hias.org)



## SOCIAL ACTION



Social Action/Social Justice Committee

January was a busy month for social action. We hosted a successful Blood Drive, under the direction of Joni Christie. Thanks to all donors for providing the Gift of Life!

Last month, our congregants were treated to a screening of the film "Bag It." The film explored the plastics problem, the frustrations with trying to reduce plastics use, and suggestions on how to find alternatives to plastics. George Povall, Director of "all Our Energy" was on hand for Q&A and provided a more in-depth and local perspective.

Our Winter Clothing Drive yielded boxes and boxes full of winter clothing items that were delivered to the Interfaith Nutrition Network for distribution to those in need.

Members of TBT joined thousands at the March against Anti-Semitism in Mineola.

TBT's Social Action/Social Justice Shabbat was also held in January. Our guest speaker, Jeff Levy Lyons, of the Jewish Climate Action Network discussed Jewish Environmentalism in his presentation of "Restoring our Reverence for Creation" and highlighted the connection between our Jewish values and care of our environment.

This month, start looking for information about how to register and vote in the upcoming World Zionist Conference elections. It is important to have the interests of Reform Judaism represented in the Conference and in support of Israel. The best way to ensure that Reform Judaism is well represented is to be sure to vote in this important election. We are aiming for the entire congregation to participate in this important process and will provide opportunities for those who need assistance with the computer-based election process to get that assistance here at TBT.

February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month. Read more about the importance of awareness, acceptance and inclusion from a personal perspective. Our own Howard Lev has an article on the URJ website: <https://reformjudaism.org/blog/2014/02/20/growing-parents-disabilities>.

The TEVA (Temple B'nai Torah Environmental Vision and Action) subcommittee has begun monthly meetings. Our first 2 recommended projects are reducing the use of plastic and single use items wherever possible and instituting recycling at TBT. To this end, please be mindful of items ordered for temple events and please bring your re-usable mugs or water bottles to meetings and events.

Tu B'Shevat the "New Year of the Trees" is February 10. How wonderful that TBT has arranged for the planting of so many trees, and may, by the time you are reading this have already reached Rabbi Bar-Nahum's challenge of 5780 trees! As pointed out by One Tree Planted, trees help clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, absorb harmful carbon from the atmosphere and provide habitat. They also provide jobs and are key ingredients in many medications (ex. Aspirin comes from tree bark). To learn about ways to include social justice themes in your Tu B'Shevat celebrations, visit <https://reformjudaism.org/tu-bishvat-social-justice-guide>.

Save the Date! Mitzvah Day is May 17. And planning is well underway. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for volunteer fair participants, on or off-site activities that you would like us to consider this year.

#### Ongoing Collections

PTA's Used Crayon Recycling Collection

Sisterhood - Women's Personal Care Items

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

Chai Club - Kosher Food for Kosher Food Pantry

For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, TEVA or any of their projects contact Rona Kauffman at [ronakauffman@yahoo.com](mailto:ronakauffman@yahoo.com). Our next meeting will be February 5 at 7:00 pm, followed by a TEVA meeting at 8:00 pm.





Information on this calendar is subject to change without notice  
Please refer to the website for the most up-to-date information  
[tbtwantagh.org/tbt-calendar](http://tbtwantagh.org/tbt-calendar)

# FEBRUARY 2020

Shevat/Adar 5780



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						9:30 am - Torah Study Shabbat Service (No BarBat Mitzvah)  6 Shevat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 am - Religious School 10 am - 4th Grade Family Program 10 am - Yoga 10:15 am - Lifelong Learning 11:30 am - PTA Meeting 11:30 am - B'nai Shir Choir  7 Shevat	10:30 am - Chai Club Board Meeting 12 pm - Torah Study 6:30 pm - Religious School 6:30 pm - Religious School Sr. Class Mtg. 7:15 pm - Religious School (7-12) 7:15 pm - Fundraising Committee Meeting 8:15 pm - BNTY Board Meeting 8:15 BNTY Sr.  8 Shevat	10 am - Al Anon 6:45 pm - Sisterhood Exec. Meeting 6:45 pm - Spring Musical Rehearsal 7:30 pm - Brotherhood Board Meeting 7:30 pm - Sisterhood Board Meeting  9 Shevat	10:30 am - Bingo 4:30 pm - Tu B'shevat Seders 4:30 pm - Religious School 6:30 pm - Tu B'shevat Seders 6:30 pm - Religious School 6:45 pm - Spring Musical Rehearsal 7 pm - Social Action/Justice Committee Mtg. 7:15 pm - Communications Committee Mtg. 7:15 pm - Adult Hebrew 7:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal  10 Shevat	6 pm - Cub Scouts 7:15 pm - Bingo 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Girl Scouts  11 Shevat	Candle Lighting - 5:01 pm 5:30 pm - Tot Shabbat 6:15 pm - Shabbat Dinner (rsvp) 7:15 pm - Erev Shabbat/Scout Tu B'shevat Seder & Service BNTY Service, Iyyun T'filah  12 Shevat	9:30 am - Torah Study 9:45 am - 6th Grade Shabbaton  13 Shevat
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
No Religious School - President's Week 7 am - Antique Show 2 pm - Spring Musical Rehearsal  21 Shevat	President's Day Building & Office Closed No Religious School  22 Shevat	10 am - Al Anon 6:30 pm - PTA Challah Bake 6:30 pm - Religious Ed Committee Meeting 6:45 pm - Spring Musical Rehearsal 8 pm - Finance Committee Meeting  23 Shevat	No Religious School - President's Week 10:30 am - Bingo 5 pm - Office Closes 6:45 pm - Spring Musical Rehearsal  24 Shevat	6 pm - Cub Scouts 7:15 pm - Bingo 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Girl Scouts  25 Shevat	Candle Lighting - 5:18 pm 9 am - TBT Fundraiser: Fishing Show Set-up 6 pm - Pre-Neg 6:30 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Service  26 Shevat	9:30 am - Torah Study  27 Shevat
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No Religious School - President's Week 7 am - TBT Fundraiser: Fishing Show 2 pm - Spring Musical Rehearsal  28 Shevat	12 pm - Torah Study 1:30 pm - Chai Club Program 5:30 pm - BNTY Jr. 6:30 pm - Religious School 6:30 pm - Religious School Sr. Class Mtg. 7:15 pm - Religious School (7-12) 8:15 pm - BNTY Sr.  29 Shevat	10:00 am - Al Anon 6:45 pm - Exec. Board of Trustees Meeting 6:45 pm - Spring Musical Rehearsal 7:30 pm - Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm - Sisterhood Book Club  30 Shevat	10:30 am - Bingo 4:30 pm - Religious School 6:30 pm - Religious School 6:45 pm - Spring Musical Rehearsal 7:15 pm - Adult Hebrew 7:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal  1 Adar	6 pm - Cub Scouts 6:45 pm - Spring Musical Rehearsal 7:15 pm - Bingo 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Girl Scouts  2 Adar	Candle Lighting - 5:27 pm RAC Conference (Away) 8 pm - Erev Shabbat Service  3 Adar	RAC Conference (Away) 9:30 am - Torah Study  4 Adar



## SOCIAL ACTION

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



### February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month.

Celebrated for more than 10 years as "a unified initiative to raise disability awareness and support efforts to foster inclusion in Jewish communities worldwide." To learn how to celebrate awareness, acceptance and inclusion this and every month go to:

<https://urj.org/blog/2019/01/18/11-ways-celebrate-jewish-disability-awareness-acceptance-and-inclusion-month-your> or to: <https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-life/health-wellness/what-jewish-disability-awareness-acceptance-and-inclusion-month-5-ways>



**February 1, 2020 kicks off American Heart Month** by asking people to wear red to help raise awareness about women's heart health issues. Cardiovascular disease in the U.S. kills approximately one woman every 80 seconds. The symptoms of heart attack are different for women and men.

For more information about women's heart health issues and what you can do to protect yourselves and your loved ones, visit: <https://www.goredforwomen.org>



**February 10, 2020 is Tu B'Shevat, "The New Year of the Trees"** – Celebrate Tu B'Shevat "by expressing joy and thankfulness for trees, harvests and the natural world. Many Jews plant trees at home and in Israel," have Tu B'Shevat seders, and eat a variety of tree foods. "During this agricultural festival, Jews around the world consider our obligation to care for the environment and our sacred responsibility to

share the fruits of god's earth with all." (reformjudaism.org) To learn how to incorporate social justice themes into your Tu B'Shevat celebrations visit <https://reformjudaism.org/tu-bishvat-social-justice-guide>



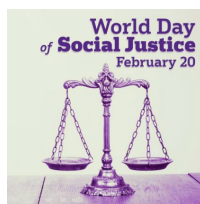
**Observed each year on February 14th, National Donor Day** (also known as National Organ Donor Day) is a day to increase awareness about organ donation and the lives that can be saved. In the United States, there are more than 120,000 people waiting for a life-saving organ donation.

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



**Random Acts of Kindness Day is February 17, 2020, 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 February 20** to encourage people to focus on the plight of social injustice throughout the world and to press for improvements and solutions. For info visit: <http://www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday/>



## The Month in Photos

### Nassau County March Against Anti-Semitism



Over 60 strong, TBT joined religious, community, and government leaders from across Nassau County, marching together in solidarity to stop Anti-Semitism. Thousands of people gathered by the steps of the Nassau County Supreme Courthouse waving flags, signs, and banners. We joined together on a balmy January day and listened to powerful speeches of solidarity against hate and Anti-Semitism. Speakers included Senator Chuck Schumer, Rabbi Perl of Mineola, County Executive Laura Curran, Representatives Kathleen Rice, Tom Suozzi, Peter King, Attorney General Letitia James, Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas, Legislator Chuck Levine, and State Senator Anna Kaplan.





## The Month in Photos



A few months ago we were invited (along with the rest of the ACC membership) to submit a pic of our Sanctuary to the ACC. They are choosing 12 sanctuary pics (one a month) to be part of their monthly membership Newsletter's **'What Do You See From Your Bima'.** We were picked!



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The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah **March 21, 2020** through **JUNE 20, 2020**. Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations, PRINT your name and PRINT a SHORT sentiment as you want it to appear on the Uniongram. Please return the list promptly with **\$1.25** for each Uniongram made payable to: **TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH SISTERHOOD** and send to **Laurel Klein, 2390 Penatiquit Ave. Seaford, NY 11783**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
Mar. 21	Rose Opas	Gary & Jennifer
Apr. 4	Emily Wallis	Gregg & Elina
Apr. 18	Logan Goldman	Mark & Melissa
Apr. 25	Jenna Rubano	Steven & Linda
May 2	Nicholas Smith	Patrick & Melissa
May 9	Hannah Cheeseman	Matthew & Laura
May 23	Nicole Gross	Jonathan & Maryann
June 6	Brooke Waiting	Paul & Lori
June 13	Madison Feldman	Michael & Christine
June 20	Judah Baroukh	Anony & Alisa

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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.

<i>Adult Education Fund</i>	Donations are used to sponsor Adult Ed. Programs.
<i>Adult Library and the Rabbi Deanna Pasternack Children's Library Fund</i>	Donations are used for purchases for our library.
<i>Beautification Fund</i>	Donations in the fund are used for the upkeep of the building & grounds.
<i>Bishop Family B'nai Mitzvah/Religious School Fund</i>	Donations are used for Bar/Bat Mitzvah and school Programs.
<i>Blau (Matthew) Drama Fund</i>	Donations are used for the Temple Show. This fund overseen by Elliot Solomon.
<i>Blumenkranz (Fred) Fund</i>	Donations are used for the eternal light in the sanctuary.
<i>Caring/Mitzvah Makers Fund</i>	Donations are used by the mitzvah makers.
<i>Chapel Fund</i>	Donations are used to beautify/maintain our sanctuary.
<i>College Fund</i>	Donations are used for our college students to celebrate Jewish holidays via mailings and gifts.
<i>Floral Fund</i>	Donations provide funds for sanctuary flowers.
<i>Friedman Stage Fund</i>	Donations are used for the upkeep of the stage.
<i>General Fund/Gift of Love</i>	Donations are used for the running of our temple.
<i>Goldblatt Fund for the Disabled</i>	Donations are used for adaptive equipment for physically challenged.
<i>Holocaust Memorial Fund</i>	Donations are used to maintain our memorial, provide special youth scholarships & help maintain the Holocaust section of the library.
<i>Lowell Golden Center Fund</i>	Donations are used for mailroom equipment.



*Music Fund in Memory of Cantor Walter Lewis*

<i>Past President's Fund</i>	Donations are used for special musical events.
<i>Prayer Book Fund</i>	Donations are used to purchase plaques for past presidents.
<i>Rabbi Raab Fund</i>	Donations are used to purchase new prayer books.
<i>School Enrichment</i>	Donations are used for youth programs.
<i>Social Action /Social Justice</i>	Donations used for Jewish education
<i>Rosenheck Memorial Fund</i>	Donations are used to promote social action and justice.
<i>Tallit Fund</i>	Donations used to clean tallit.
<i>Torah Fund</i>	Donations are used to pay for repair of religious articles.
<i>Tot Shabbat Fund</i>	Donations are used for our tiny tots program.
<i>Tzedakah Fund</i>	Donations will be used for Tzedukah.
<i>Youth Activities Com. Fund</i>	Donations are used for our temple youth.
<i>Weinstein (Bernard) Fund</i>	Donations 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)
- Harvey Cohen Fund** (temple supplies at the discretion of the Cohen Family)
- Steven Cohen Fund** (temple supplies at the discretion of the Cohen Family)
- Edwin Kaminsky Fund**
- Doris and Ed Kliegman Adult Education Fund** (money used for adult education programs)
- Matthew Klein Fund**
- Dr. Pat Kussoy Fund** (money used for youth camps, particularly the disabled)
- Rose Lowenberg Fund**
- Rose Mandel Holocaust Fund**
- Diane Meyrowitz-Greenberg Fund**
- Ellen Paley Fund**
- Scherzer Fund-Youth Fund**
- Helen Solomon Fund** (used at discretion of Martin & Elliot Solomon)
- Yucht Scholarship Fund** (funds are used for a gift for a deserving confirmand)
- Zelman Fund**
- I. Zuckerman Fund**

Endowment Funds

- Endowment Fund** (originally initiated by legacy TEEM)
- Doris and Ed Kliegman Adult Education Fund** (money used for adult education programs)





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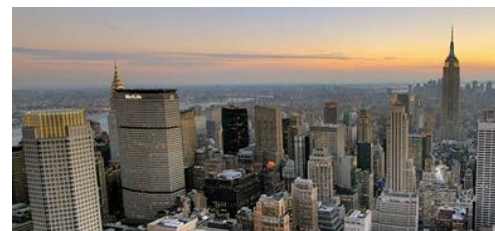


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