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# PURIM SCHPIEL 2020



Please be aware that due to the Coronavirus and circumstances out of our control, events have either been postponed or cancelled. Temple is doing everything possible to make everything available. However, please check our website (www.tbtwantagh.org) and/or Temple Office (516-221-2370) for more up-to-date information.



# ~ AVAILABLE TO YOU ~ ONLINE

# Virtual Congregational Programming

"Though we'd prefer to see you in person, we are excited to announce our first week of Virtual Congregational Programming! We've got exciting things in the works to keep you and your family busy and Jewishly engaged over these next couple of weeks, so take a look, and join us when you can.

Almost everything we do will be recorded and made available on our <u>Temple Facebook Page</u>, so if you miss us live, you can watch it whenever it's convenient for you!"

Details and availability will be updated to the Temple Calendar (available on the TBT website at <a href="https://tbtwantagh.org/tbt-calendar/">https://tbtwantagh.org/tbt-calendar/</a>) as we move forward, along with instructions as to how to access.

Past weeks have included an online course ("Finding Comfort in the Psalms"), story times with Morah Meredith, an online panel and discussion, Shabbat Services, Havdalah live.

JOIN US IN VIRTUAL SHARING & TOGETHERNESS



Although our production of The Wizard of Oz has been temporarily postponed, please be on the lookout for information about new dates for our journey down the Yellow Brick Road!



#### INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



Community Responsibility

They say March comes in like a lion. What a beast of a month it was, indeed, this year! As I'm (re)writing this month's article, we've just made the difficult decision to close the Temple in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm praying, as I type this, that you're reading this after restrictions have been lifted and things are getting back to normal. But I know that may not be the case. I cannot know what is to come next, and that uncertainty is difficult to live with.

I have found comfort in the fact that we made our decision to close, in part, because of the Jewish value of the common good. The Rabbis of the Talmud state: "All of Israel are responsible to one another." The rabbis use the term Israel to speak of their community. Traditionally this phrase has been understood to be about Jews preventing other Jews from sinning. The Rabbis of old understood a sense of shared destiny among their community, and a duty to ensure a positive future. Each of us has the opportunity to make the world we live in better, by our influence on each other.

Judaism recognizes that we have influence on each other, and even in the Torah, we are reminded to help even our enemy when their animal is led astray. Why does the Torah need to tell us this specifically for our enemies? Because it assumes that we'd help our friends. The Torah wants to remind us that when the time comes to help, we help. And we help everyone. The Jewish law codes elaborate on this and include rules about putting out fires, even on Shabbat, even not on our property, for fear that they spread. We are called to care for our community.

As we're turning the page to a new month, I cannot help but also be thinking of Passover, putting the narrow times behind us, and the ways in which this holiday reminds us of this sense of community and responsibility. First, we are reminded again and again, that the Jewish community continues by retelling our story. The Seder is meant to be a place where children ask questions and learn the traditions of our people.

One of the most important lines of the Passover Seder calls out to us that the welfare of the community is in our hands. The success and health of the community is up to each member of the community. How does the Haggadah make that clear? It starts by not starting at the beginning. If you were to explain the story of the Exodus to someone you would probably begin with something like: "The Jews were slaves in Egypt." That is in the Haggadah, but not before we lift up the matzo, proclaim it the bread of the poor, and then announce that anyone who is hungry is welcome to join our seder.

This last month has reminded us all of the importance of our place in the community and our influence on the community. It's not always easy to reconcile this with the individualistic nature of our lives. Our individualism is a result of our freedom, the Passover seder seems to remind us. As we recount the story of our freedom, we remind ourselves of our role in the welfare of the community. We are free and we have choices. We are reminded to choose to look outside ourselves.

We start the story of our redemption not by looking in, but by looking out, and declaring that we have a stake in the community around us, to care for all who are a part of it. Consider the point the Haggadah is trying to make. Yes, the slavery is important, but more important is the welfare of each individual in our community. Yes, our personal struggles of the past are why we're here, but if we don't first recognize and do something to alleviate the current struggles in our neighborhood, we're missing the point! This year, as we recite this line, God willing, with many friends and family around, let us recall that we are all connected to each other, and that we are all responsible to each other. And may this cause us all to use our freedom in the way God intended, by caring for ourselves and caring for the community around us.

Wishing you and your family a Zissen Pessach, a Sweet Passover!

#### NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



As I write this, we at TBT are in the midst of making decisions that affect our Temple as a gathering place, a learning center, and most importantly, our spiritual center. The Psalm we love to sing, *Hineh Ma Tov*, how beautiful it is to be together as brothers and sisters, is ringing in my ears today. How can we be together if we have to practice "social distancing?" These are unprecedented times for our world, our community, our Temple, and our families. As our Rabbi reminded us recently, we are guided by our traditions' values surrounding pikuach nefesh, the notion that saving and preserving life is paramount. Saving one life is akin to saving an entire world. And so, we are making the decision at TBT to temporarily limit physical

interactions and gatherings so that we can ensure we are protecting each other and staying healthy. We are all going through this together, and it is evident in the kind and loving ways we reach out to each other. Technology allows us to stream services, video chat with each other, email, text and call. We are together emotionally and spiritually, even as we must stay apart physically.

As we pace ourselves through this time please also pay attention that you are also taking good care of yourself. Take time to balance the difficult news all around with heaping doses of positive input. Read a good book, listen to favorite music, watch a good movie or TV show, take time to move, exercise, stretch, pray and meditate, eat healthy, and seek out ways to laugh and lighten up. Remember that we need to take care of ourselves and our physical and emotional health before anything else. Without that, we cannot take care of anyone or anything else.

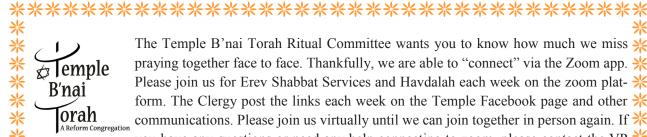
A colleague and friend, a cancer survivor and all-around wise soul, reminded me recently to also take care to avoid the extremes; extreme panic and extreme complacency. She reminded me that finding the balance is key to getting back in tune with ourselves and with all around us.

With Pesach this month we have an opportunity to clean deeply (Ha! I bet your kitchens are already pretty clean!). Even more so this year, let's also work on cleaning our souls a bit from the schmutz of fear, anxiety, and doubt. Pesach is about rebirth, Spring awakening, and about seeking our freedom from exile. If we feel like we are in Mitzrayim, in Egypt, in a narrow place right now, remember that from that narrow place of uncertainty there is the Promised Land. Together, (even if virtually for a while) we will make it there as sure as Fall and Winter give way to Spring and Summer.

May this Pesach and Spring bring with it warmth, joy, renewal, and health to you and yours.

B'shira,

Cantor Rica Timman



The Temple B'nai Torah Ritual Committee wants you to know how much we miss \*\* praying together face to face. Thankfully, we are able to "connect" via the Zoom app. \*\* Please join us for Erev Shabbat Services and Havdalah each week on the zoom platform. The Clergy post the links each week on the Temple Facebook page and other \*communications. Please join us virtually until we can join together in person again. If \*\* you have any questions or need any help connecting to zoom, please contact the VP \*\*

of ritual, Alisa Baroukh at (917)-847-8232 or Alisab.ca@gmail.com





# AUCTION RESCHEDULED!! SATURDAY, MAY 9

# Temple B'nai Torah

Celebrates our 11th Annual

# **Dinner & Chinese Auction**

Saturday, March 21st, 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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### MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES

#### (Services to be rescheduled)



Emily Wallis Gregg & Elina

Emily Wallis is a seventh grade student at Jonas Salk Elementary School and has attended TBT's religious school since Kindergarten. She enjoys spending her summers at Eisner Camp in Great Barrington, MA and participating in dance and gymnastics. Emily was also recently selected to participate in Levittown School District's All District Band, in which she will play the baritone horn. She would like to thank Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Rica Timman and Morah Emily Altman for helping her prepare for her big simcha.



April 18 Logan Goldman Mark & Melissa

My name is Logan Goldman. I am currently a 7th grader at Howitt Middle School in Farmingdale, NY. My favorite activities are playing basketball, baseball, and going to sports camp in the summer. I enjoy spending time with my friends playing various activities outside. I would personally like to thank Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Rica Timman, Mrs. Altman, and my parents for preparing me for my Bar Mitzvah as I couldn't have done it without them.



April 25 Jenna Rubano Steven & Linda

My name is Jenna Rubano, and I am 12 years old. I am a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Howitt Middle School in Farmingdale. I sing in the school chorus and love playing soccer for the school team. I spend most of my time hanging out with my friends. My favorite activity is shopping, but I also like to bake and watch Netflix. I'm thankful to my parents for supporting me and a special thank you to Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Rica Timman and Morah Meredith for helping me prepare for my Bat Mitzvah.

Thank you to our Temple friends and family for the support you've shown us after the passing of our father/grandfather/great-grandfather, Stanley Shubin. Dad lived a long, full life. Among the gifts he gave us was a love of Judaism and our heritage and a home with our temple community.

The Shubin Family



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Welcome to April, a month we celebrate Passover with our family and friends now on a device. We wish good health and peace to all. Our temple is closed but the love of the temple family continues. All of the congregation was called this week and checked on. If anyone needs anything let us know. Thanks to the Clergy, we continue to have wonderful programming to look forward to.

Sue -Ellen continues to make sure the building is safe and paperwork is up to date. Morah Meredith reads us stories to enjoy. Committees are beginning to hold zoom meetings so Temple leadership can continue. Thanks to each one of you. Stay safe, and we hope we will see you all very soon. Love and peace.

L'Shalom, Karen Friedlander Co-President

> Joni Christie Co-President

# JOIN OUR BIG BUCK\$ RAFFLE!

DRAWING DATE HAS CHANGED:

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020

THE <u>NEW</u> DATE FOR THE CHINESE AUCTION (YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)

Grand Prize: 25% of total gross sales

2nd prize: 10% of total gross sales

3rd, 4th and 5th prizes: each 5% of total gross sales

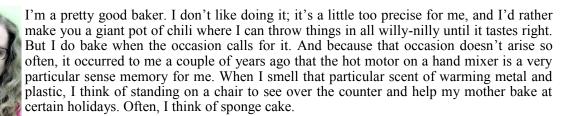
A maximum of 1000 tickets will sold.

Tickets are still available!

Ticket Price: \$50.00 each or 5 for \$200.00

For more details, visit or call the office at (516) 221-2370 or email Dee (deesisters@gmail.com)

#### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**



I think we can all agree that old-school Passover desserts are usually mediocre at best and

we modern Jews have learned to get pretty creative lately with our flourless chocolate cakes and gluten free nut flours and what have you. My family is no different. But every year, no matter what, there is a sponge cake. The recipe comes from Jennie Branner, my great-grandmother and is made with a ton of whipped egg whites, potato starch, and matzah cake meal – all the classics to make things rise when they're not supposed to. My grandmother, Diane, made it every year until she was no longer able. My mother, Elizabeth, took it over, though for some reason it always overflowed in the pan when she did it.

One year, maybe seven or eight years ago, my mother had to work and didn't have time to make the sponge cake, so she asked me to do it instead. I grabbed the recipe and went to work. I had no idea what I was doing (and the recipe was only minimally helpful) but I made the sponge cake. I, along with my parents, delivered it to my grandmother who had been anxiously awaiting a slice. She took the first bite, looked at my mother quizzically, and said, "Elizabeth, what did you do differently? This is the best one you've ever made. It tastes like my mother made it." My mother has not made a sponge cake since, but I have made anywhere from one to four in any given year.

Now, I won't lie to you: this tastes like it was made for Pesach. For me, though, there is comfort in that. That this beautiful family tradition of a recipe passed from mother to daughter (or daughter-in-law as the case may be) still appears on our table every year regardless of how things change is one of my favorite things about Pesach.

Give it a try if you like – I've typed out the recipe so you don't have to contend with Diane's handwriting J

#### Passover Sponge Cake

- 12 Eggs
- 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups sugar
- 1 cup matzah cake flour
- 2 tbsp. potato starch
- 1 lemon, juice and zest
- ½ an orange, juice only

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Separate eggs into two separate bowls. Combine yolks and sugar and beat until they are pale yellow ("lemon color"). Add flour, starch, lemon juice and zest, and orange juice, mix well and set aside. Beat egg whites to stiff peaks. Carefully fold egg whites into yolk mixture. Pour into spring-form bundt pan and bake for one hour. Invert pan to let cool, cut away sides and remove cake from pan. Serve with plenty of whipped cream and fresh strawberries for an added delight!



#### **RAC Summary**

We went to DC as part of our confirmation class to participate in the L'Taken seminar as part of the RAC organization. On this trip, we learned about lobbying and different bills that were being passed. At the end of the trip, we went up to capitol hill. Hannah spoke about mental health and Ashley spoke about disabilities rights. During the trip, we made so many new friends that we are still in contact with to this day. We had a lot of fun and would do it again in a heartheat.

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



As the spring nears, many of our members who were away for a bit hoping to escape the cold weather, have returned or will do so soon. Of course now, we are all practicing "social distancing."

Our March 17 dinner meeting was cancelled due to the coronavirus. Please check the TBT calendar for updates on our future breakfasts and events.

Every year Brotherhood/Men's Club selects an outstanding member whose contribution to the Brotherhood/Men's Club goes above and beyond, and in recognition of that we give that person the Man of the Year award plaque. The selection process is accomplished by a three man team and awarded at the May 12 dinner.

Brotherhood/Men's club has purchased several TBT raffles in support of our Temple and the effort of the TBT fund raising committee.

One of our most enjoyable yearly events...our Men's Seder lead by Rabbi Bar-Nahum was cancelled..

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy Passover holiday.

Regards,

Richard Tepper

President TBT Brotherhood/Men's Club

Special thanks to all who attended our February 24th program, Albert Mulmad, Violinist. See picture of Albert playing a portion of the famous opera, "La Boheme." Congratulations to Tessa Kean who won a lovely Birthday Gift.

For our April 27<sup>th</sup> program, we have invited our member Artie Schlesinger to entertain us with his Oldies Sing-Along program.

Joined by Steve Block, Fred Spivack and Ron Grotsky, the "Mazeltones" will perform Oldies, Doo-wop, Folk, and standard Ballads. Everyone will be provided their own Song Books as we sing along to the nostalgic music. Come on down at 7:30 pm as we will also celebrate April Birthdays.

**Upcoming Months:** 

May 18<sup>th</sup>: "Famous First Ladies, from Martha Washington to Melania Trump" June 22<sup>nd</sup>: "R-E-S-P-E-C-T! The Soul Music of Aretha Franklin and other Artists"



Chai Club

Joan and Brian Levy

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#### A Little Jewish Humor ...

The Sunday school lesson had just finished and the rabbi asked if the children had any questions. Little David quickly raised his hand.

"Yes, David? What question would you like to ask me?"

"I have four questions to ask you, Rabbi. Is it true that after the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, they then received the Ten Commandments?"

"Yes. David."

"And the Children of Israel also defeated the Philis-

tines?"

"Yes, David, that's also true."

"And the Children of Israel also fought the Romans an fought the Egyptians and built the Temple?"

"Again you are correct, David."

"So, my last question, Rabbi, is what were the grown-ups doing all this time?"



#### TBT PTA UPDATES



The days are slowly warming, and our Hebrew school classrooms buzzing like a hive of honeybees! Our children are continuing to learn so much. I know mine enjoyed learning more about Purim, planning their costumes, and making hamantaschen!

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.

Our 3rd annual Challah Bake was terrific! We had almost 30 participants who learned how to make challah. We discussed the meanings of the ingredients. We practiced our braiding and swirling techniques. Every challah produced looked absolutely beautiful (and tasted delicious!) Thank you to all who participated. And a double thank you to our dedicated volunteers that helped out at the event!

The PTA and classroom teachers worked together to help create a meaningful Yom HaShoah activity. All the Hebrew School students in grades 3-7 read, "One Yellow Daffodil," by David A. Adler, in which a flower became a symbol of peace and hope for the main character, a Holocaust survivor. Each of our Hebrew school students painted a rock with a flower on it. Our students in grades K-2 painted rocks with leaves. All the rocks will be used to create a path to the TBT Holocaust Memorial.

And though it seems far off, Mitzvah Day is approaching quickly! The PTA has a number of projects planned. Gather your unused books for our annual book swap! Trade in your books for new ones. All remaining books will be donated to the Book Fairies. We will also be collecting supplies and recruiting volunteers for Ruff House Rescue. Stay tuned for details!



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#### **OUR COMMUNITY**

# Asylum Seekers in Matamoros Texas: A Trip to Bear Witness, Learn and Provide Humanitarian Aid to Asylum Seekers.

As many of you know, on Feb. 14, Bob and I, Rabbi Bar-Naum, Rabbi Sirbu and Marti Michael travelled to Brownsville Texas and Matamoros, Mexico to provide humanitarian aid to the asylum seekers who have been required to remain in Mexico before they can proceed with their requests for desperately needed asylum.

We provided our own funds to cover all of our travel, lodging, food, etc. expenses. We also let people know that they could make donations to contribute to the purchase of much needed supplies and services. Your generosity assisted us in purchasing much needed school supplies and baby formula as well as in making donations to offset the costs incurred by TeamBrownsville, World Central Kitchen and ProBar (an American Bar Association program providing pro bono legal assistance to asylum seekers currently in detention.) THANK YOU! Please know it was so appreciated by all recipients.

The trip was intense, informative and inspiring. In addition to supplies, we assisted at the school (provided solely by volunteers for the children of the tent camps for an hour or so, 1x week, We prepared meals and served them to 1000 asylum seekers in each of two nights, observed in Immigration Court, learned about local advocacy efforts, and networked with others who travelled to Brownsville for the same purpose.

We in the process of re-scheduling Marti Michael's and our presentation and hope that you will be able to join us. There will be stories of joy, sadness, resilience, and the power of volunteerism to be shared (and pictures) Once it is re-scheduled you will be notified of the details via the scroll and Facebook.

Feel free to ask me anything about the trip and what we learned. Just be prepared for a long answer. As you may imagine, things are complicated and rapidly changing.

#### Rona Kauffman





### A Líttle Jewish Humor ...

A young boy returned home from Hebrew school, and his father asked, "What did you learn today?"

He answered, "The Rabbi told us how Moses led the Children of Israel out of Egypt."

"How?

The boy said, "Moses was a big strong man and he beat up Pharaoh. Then, while Pharaoh was down, Moses got all the people together and ran towards the sea. When he got there he had the Corps of Engineers build a huge pontoon bridge. Once they got to the other side they blew up the bridge while the Egyptians were trying to cross."

The father was shocked. "Is that what the Rabbi taught you?!!"

The boy replied, "No. But you'd never believe the story he DID tell us!"



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#### **SOCIAL ACTION**

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

Note: At this writing, we cannot know what will and will not actually be available to us in terms of the following opportunities, but also recognize that all of the information can be useful at another time as well



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Justice

April is National Volunteer Month - Most organizations could not function without volunteers. Just think of all the people who volunteer so much of their time to make our Temple the vibrant, successful and welcoming community it is. How best to observe National Volunteer Month? Thank a volunteer! Volunteer! Do you have a special talent, interest or skill that may benefit a charity or organization? Offer your services or ask how you can be of help. There are many opportunities to volunteer here at Temple, ask around, you will find something. Looking for something outside of Temple? Check out the Long Island Volunteer Center (<a href="https://longislandvolunteercenter.org/">https://longislandvolunteercenter.org/</a>)



**Passover begins April 8**. Learn the many ways the Passover story has continuing relevance to the complicated social justice issues of today. Visit: <a href="https://rac.org/holiday-guides-passover">https://rac.org/holiday-guides-passover</a>, <a href="https://www.hias.org/passover2018">https://www.hias.org/passover2018</a>,

or https://ajws.org/search/passover/



**April 22 is Earth Day** – And this year marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day! This year's theme is Climate Action. "Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable" <a href="www.earthday.org">www.earthday.org</a> To find other Earth Day related activities this month go to <a href="https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2020/">https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2020/</a> Learn more about the Reform Movement's response to environmental issues by visiting: <a href="https://rac.org/environment">https://rac.org/environment</a>

#### Civic Engagement:

#### **April 28, 2020 Presidential Primary Deadlines**

MAIL REGISTRATION Application must be postmarked no later than **April 3, 2020** and received by a board of elections no later than **April 8, 2020** to be eligible to vote in the Primary.

IN PERSON REGISTRATION You may register at your local board of elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act, on any business day throughout the year but, to be eligible to vote in the State and Local Primary, your application must be received no later than **April 3, 2020**.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS Notices of change of address from registered voters received by **April 8, 2020** by a county board of elections must be processed and entered in the records in time for the Primary.

## The Month in Photos

What a fantastic Purim we had! Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman kicked off our Religious School day with a silly schpiel for K-2 and then an equally silly service for our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Graders. Then everyone got to visit our Purim carnival; complete with old favorite games, cotton candy, and fun inflatables! Finally, we had a great time with our Purim Schpiel and Megillah reading on Monday night – it was like, totally rad. dudes!

Special thanks to BNTY, Sisterhood, Dee Greenberg, Anony Baroukh, Gregg Wallis, Amy Neidle, and Christine Altman for their generosity in helping to make plans, set up, and help run everything for the carnival!





During the beginning of March, Rabbi Bar-Nahum and I had the absolute pleasure of accompanying two of our teens to Washington DC for the L'taken Seminar at the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism. Over the course of four days, the girls got to learn and experience the United States capitol with some 500 other teens from across the country. The weekend culminated in their writing and advocacy speech, which they presented in House and Senate offices on Capitol Hill. We could not be prouder of these young women, and we are already looking forward to taking our confirmands next year! Check out some of these awesome pictures, and don't forget to ask Ashley Altman and Hannah Herman about their experience!



#### **SOCIAL ACTION**





### Social Action/Social Justice Collections In support of the Mitzvah Day projects,

#### (Stay tuned for more information on Mitzvah Day Depending on Social Distancing)



"To Go Bags" & "Bags of Cheer and Greeting Cards"

"To Go Bags" assembled on Mitzvah Day will be distributed to clients of The Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN), and this year we will also be making bags you can take with you to give to people who may be homeless, or otherwise in need, who you may notice on your daily commute or drives around town.

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

Friendly Visitor Program

Please consider donating any of the following items

#### (please note new items listed)

#### For "To Go" Bags:

- \* Water Bottles (4 or 8 ox.) or juice boxes
- \* Tuna and crackers, peanut butter or cheese cracker sandwiches
- \* Individual-sized packages of: pretzels; crackers; breakfast, granola or protein bars; raisins; nuts, fruit cups; applesauce, etc.
- \* New socks
- \* Small packages of baby wipes, combs, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, band-aids, tissues, personal care items

#### For "Bags of Cheer and Greeting Cards":

- \* Brushes, hair accessories
- \* Note pads, pens
- \* Hand cream
- \* Scarves (all types)
- \* Greeting Cards (Birthday, Thinking of you, Thank You, Get Well, Sympathy) do not fill out, donate blank.

Donation boxes in Temple Lobby or contact Rona if you will not be able to come to TBT but want to donate Please label your donation "For To Go Bags" or "For Bags of Cheer" For info: ronakauffman@yahoo.com



#### **SOCIAL ACTION**



#### Sign Up for Supermarket Collection for Mitzvah Day (Stay tuned for more information on Mitzvah Day

#### **Depending on Social Distancing)**

On Mitzvah Day , we will be sorting and preparing groceries for Island Harvest. In order for us to have groceries to sort, we need to collect donations at neighborhood supermarkets. This year we have arranged for several possible dates and times. Please sign up for a shift and help us collect needed groceries for our Long Island neighbors facing food insecurity and hunger. This is a wonderful opportunity for a family mitzvah event. In fact, over the years we have found that children are the most successful at securing food donations from supermarket patrons.

As of this writing, all shifts are at the Stop and Shop in East Meadow (Hempstead Turnpike) (Additional shifts may become available in North Bellmore) Detailed instructions and everything you need will be provided. Please contact Rona Kauffman at <a href="mailto:ronakauffman@yahool.com">ronakauffman@yahool.com</a> to sign-up



Once again, we have the opportunity to prepare dinner for the residents of Bethany House.

Please sign up if you are available to join us for this rewarding experience.

Dinner prep will take place at TBT on Mitzvah Day afternoon. Then, a small group 3-4 people will deliver and serve dinner 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. Someone from Social Action/Social Justice will contact you and provide further details.

I/We are interested in volunteering (number of people)
for meal preparation at TBT, for Bethany House
to go to Bethany House, serve dinner and participate in games with residents Name(s):
Telephone #:
Email address:



## Off-Site Mitzvah Day Activity

#### (Stay tuned for more information on Mitzvah Day Depending on Social Distancing)

Back by Popular Demand!
Reserve your spot now











On Mitzvah Day afternoon, you will have an opportunity to join us at a local beach and help protect our sea animals by participating in a beach clean-up activity with a representative from the South Shore Estuary Reserve 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 2020!

If you would like to join us or have any questions, contact Carol Drucker at <a href="mailto:cdrucker22@gmail.com">cdrucker22@gmail.com</a> or leave a note in the SA/SJ mailbox with your name, email and number of people coming.

I want to share something I woke up to on Facebook this morning (March 26, 2020) that touched my heart. People almost always hear negatives. It's so heartwarming, uplifting and important to hear positives in our lives; especially during hard and difficult times. The following is a post on the East Meadow Facebook page posted by Jodi Wurzel:

"I would just like to thank Temple Bnai Torah of Wantagh. As members, I cannot believe how amazing the community comes together in times of crisis, like the past several weeks have been. They r giving members a phone call to c if anyone needs anything & today we received a gift bag with some snacks including hamantashen, chips, nuts & drinks. My bell rang & it was left on my stoop. This was a delayed gift bag from Purim which was a couple weeks ago. I don't need the bag of goodies & that's not y I'm reaching out. I'm truly blessed to know that people r still there for u no matter what & so much love from that temple. I want to ty u all & I am here to reach out to any elder or anyone in need of help with groceries etc... ty again, this means the world to us. Temple Bnai Torah! u rock!! (love u Nadine) stay safe" Voloi Wurzel

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<b>DATE</b>		CHILD'S NAME	<b>PARENTS</b>			
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April 3 - 7:05 pm

April 8 (Erev Pesach) - 7:10 pm

April 9 (2nd Seder night) - 8:11 pm

April 10 - 7:13 pm

April 14 (Count Omer 6 tonight) - 7:17 pm

April 15 (Count Omer 7 tonight) - 8:20 pm

April 17 - 7:20 pm

April 24 - 7:27 pm

May the light fill your soul with love & peace!

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