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In Rossi Sjanasj, it is written

In Yom Kippur, if is sealed.

G'mar Chatimah Tovah May you be sealed in the Book of Life

RITUAL COMMITTEE

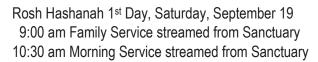
HIGH HOLY DAYS

Temple B'nai Torah will be conducting our High Holy Day Services remotely this year. Congregants will receive a link via email with a password to log into the livestream.

Please email Alisa Baroukh with any questions: alisab.ca@gmail.com

Selichot
Saturday, September 12
8:00 pm Study Session on ZOOM
9:00 pm Selichot Service streamed from Sanctuary

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Friday, September 18 7:15 pm streamed from Sanctuary



Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day, Sunday, September 20 10:30 am Morning Service streamed from Sanctuary

2:00 - 2:30 pm Drive in Shofar Service at TBT

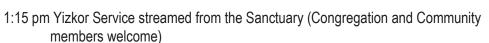
3:00 - 3:30 pm Drive in Shofar Service in EM

4:30 - 5:00 pm Drive in Shofar at Jones Beach Field 6 followed by Tashlich

Shabbat Shuva, Saturday, September 26 12 - 4 pm sanctuary visits (Optional: Sunday from 12 - 2 pm, if necessary)

Kol Nidre, Sunday, September 27 7:00 pm Musical Interlude 7:15 pm Service streamed from Sanctuary

> Yom Kippur, Monday, September 28 9:00 am Family Service streamed from Sanctuary 10:30 am Morning Service streamed from Sanctuary



2:30 - 3:30 pm Sanctuary Meditation, livestream of open Ark

4:30 - 6:45/7:00 pm Mincha/Neilah streamed from Sanctuary

Due to the fact that things can change quickly and often, please check our website (www.tbtwantagh.org) and/or Temple Office (516-221-2370) for more up-to-date information.





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INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



Creativity in Worship

We are all accustomed to praying with a siddur, a prayer book, in our hands. The words become familiar; the book itself becomes a trusted companion along our journey to speaking with God. The words we find inside connect us to our ancestors who first spoke to God, first asked God for help, first thanked God for their blessings, and first praised God for the many wonders performed for them. Our ancestors prayed spontaneously when the mood struck them.

The prayers we recite today have a direct link to the ancestors. Over the ages, the Jewish prayer service has become an intricate and complex tapestry aimed at achieving higher truths and connecting us to the Eternal. But the words on the page were not always there. Before there was printing, before most people were even literate, prayer existed. Of course, it did not exist as we know it today. The spontaneity of our ancestors' conversations with God has been on my mind as we have been preparing for a High Holy Days unlike any other.

In particular, I've been thinking about the prayer we refer to as the Amidah, which is a composite prayer made of a series of blessings recited one after the other. Archaeologists and scholars teach us the complicated history of this prayer. For at least the first few generations it was recited, the prayer leader knew the rubric of the prayer, but not the actual blessings. The leader knew that there needed to be, for example, a blessing for wisdom followed by one for repentance followed by one for forgiveness, and he would craft blessings extemporaneously on the themes in the right order.

After a time, certain blessing formulas gained favor and popularity. Over a few generations, the words became fixed and eventually written down. By about 1500 years ago, the words we recite today had been all but codified. As Judaism spread, variations grew among the different communities. Of course, modern Jewish movements made their own changes.

Our ancestors didn't have a siddur or a machzor in front of them. All they had were their hearts and souls to lean on, and the creativity that is summoned when trying to reach the Divine. We find ourselves in a similar situation.

As we have been preparing for these High Holy Days, the creativity our ancestors harnessed has been a comfort as we have had no choice but to work and think creatively. Our High Holy Days cannot be what we have come to know in previous years. Social distancing and mitigating health risks won't allow it. Rather, we will channel the divine creative impulse to get to the heart of what we are called and commanded to do on the Days of Awe.

We are excited about the creative offerings we've planned and are working hard to strike the right balance between familiar and creative. We're especially excited to be able to incorporate a Rosh Hashanah Seder and drive-in shofar services to our 2nd day celebration. We're looking forward to offering creative materials that will allow each of us the opportunity to do the personal work these days ask of us: reflecting on our year and committing to do and be better in the year ahead. Even if we won't be able to say all the words in the prayer book we typically would, we know that focusing in new ways on the themes the days ask of us: repentance, prayer, and charity, will be equally as powerful. We're excited to help you be an active participant from wherever you will be joining from!

Much like the siddur of old, there are no written instructions for what we're going through, and we hope to not have to go through it again. When it comes to prayer at the High Holy Days this year, we will all need to lean on our ancestors, and tap into the divine parts in each of us which call us to create, to be creative. After all, Rosh Hashanah is the anniversary of God's creating of the universe. What more fitting way to celebrate than by channeling that divine energy and creating something new ourselves.

Wishing you a Shanah Tovah, and a Shanah shel briyut, a Happy New Year and a year of health ahead!

L'shalom, Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

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NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



As I write this, the warm summer breeze is gentle, my veggies are growing, and the flowers are beautiful. All is quiet and calm...and normal. And then, in an instant, I remember the extraordinary times we are in and the enormous task ahead for our High Holy Days. I have done well over thirty sets of High Holy Days throughout my career, starting in college. They have been normal, yearly occurrences that take a lot of prep and work, but I always know that baring getting sick, I've got this. And yes, I had vertigo one year and had to sing the whole High Holy Days from an arm chair holding on for dear life. And then a couple of years ago I sang with a bad sprain and a foot boot on.

But this year is not normal. It is extraordinary, and on this August day I can share that Rabbi Bar-Nahum and I, along with our Ritual High Holy Day committee, have been planning for months and doing our very best to create the most meaningful services we can under the most unusual circumstances any of us has ever experienced. Included in these extraordinary circumstances is taking the Jewish value of *Pikach Nefesh*, the preservation of life as our guide, and following the science-based advice to avoid in-person gatherings that could spread the COVID-19 virus easily, termed "super-spreader gatherings". Included in that category is congregational worship and singing. As a result, we made the difficult decision that our magnificent High Holy Day Adult and B'nai Shir Choirs remain on hiatus until a time we can once again rehearse and sing together safely. Fortunately, our Shabbatones Band will be on hand to help us with our Holy Day Family services and yes, there will be the chanting of Kol Nidre with the beautiful string instrumentation we are accustomed to.

These High Holy Days will include live services streamed from our Sanctuary with only the Clergy, our Music Director, Anna Vinnitsky on organ and piano, and a recording technician present. We will also be spending the next several weeks recording our scriptural services with dozens of congregants chanting, one at a time, with those recordings then shared during our live services. More is being planned. On this sweet and 'normal' August day we have great ambitions, and we are hoping to be able to bring a most unusual, meaningful, and spiritual experience of the High Holy Days to our congregation through the technology we are blessed to possess.

Please look for more information from TBT regarding the High Holy Days and beyond, and check the Scroll, Facebook, and our Website for ways to virtually join us for all our Services, meetings, Adult and Religious School learning opportunities, and events. Our goal is to stay connected to each other and support each other through these most extraordinary times while staying safe.

Sending blessings from my family to yours for good health and a very sweet New Year. L'Shanah Tovah!

Cantor Rica Timman



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUR STUDENTS

There are many scholarships available for our students. They can be used for camps, weekend programs, school programs, and any other student programs. However, we have a system to apply for these scholarships here at TBT. You must go to Sue-Ellen in the office and ask for a scholarship form. Fill it out with the help of your parent (if needed) and

return it to the office. The Temple scholarship Committee will review it and issue a scholarship from the proper committee. I promise everyone who requests a scholarship will receive one.

Please do not request any scholarship from any other arm or committee. All requests must come from the office as noted above. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the office. Students, have a great experience wherever you go. Rita, From the Scholarship Committee



Temple B'nai Torah High Holy Day Prayer Book Loan Agreement Form

In order to follow the High Holy Day Services, you will need a copy of the <u>Gates of Repentance</u> prayer book, as TBT will not be using an online prayer book during these services. If you would like to borrow a book, Temple B'nai Torah is lending out <u>Gates of Repentance</u> High Holy Day prayer books for members and their guests to use during our virtual High Holy Day services. Books will be available at the times below. Please note, that failure to return the books by the date below will result in a \$50 per book charge on your bill.

Please have this form filled out before you get to Temple to pick up your <u>Gates of Repentance</u> prayer books to expedite the process for all. SIGNED FORMS ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE BOOKS.

Temple Member Name:
Name of Person picking up book/s:
Member Email:
Member Phone Number:
Number of books needed:
Prayer Book Pick Up Procedure: September 8 through September 14 from 12 - 2PM and 4 - 6PM
There will be Ritual Committee members at the parking lot entrance of Temple to collect this form and hand out prayer books. Cars will line up and be handed the books as they return this form and pass the entrance. Please wear masks to ensure the safety of our volunteers.
****Please remember: Books can only be handed out with this completed form. ******
Prayer Book Return Procedure: September 29 through October 3 from 12 – 2 PM and 4 - 6 PM;
Oct 4 from 9 - 11:30 AM
There will be Ritual Committee members at the parking lot entrance of Temple to collect and check off that the prayer books have been returned. There will be a \$50 charge, per book, added to your bill if not returned at this time.
***If you require special arrangements for picking up or returning prayer books, please call or text Alisa Baroukh (917) 847-8232 or Janet Goldstein (516) 353-2010.
I am aware that I am responsible for the pickup and return of this prayer book on the dates, times and procedures mentioned above. The book must be in the same condition in which it was received.
Member Signature

Please Print:



MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NOT MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES



September 12 Madison Feldman Michael & Christine

My name is Madison Feldman, and I will be an eighth-grade student at Jonas E. Salk Middle School in Wantagh. I have been a member of the Honor Roll throughout my academic career in both Elementary School and Middle school. I enjoy playing my favorite musical instrument, the viola, as well as video games and of course I LOVE MY PHONE! I am a fun-loving, artsy person that really enjoys musicals and Broadway shows. I am very thankful for the support of my younger brother Raymond and my parents. I want to send a special THANK YOU to Mrs. Altman, Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman for all their help preparing me for my special day.



September 12 **Gabriel Newman** Jason & Jennifer

Gabe is a student athlete, excelling in honors classes at Woodland Middle School. He's played on the football and basketball teams and loves to pitch for his baseball team. Gabe was selected as a peer helper, where he's provided support and guidance to other students. He also plays the Tuba and has been selected for the All County Band. Easygoing and fun to be around, Gabe is always looking for a good laugh. He loves to be with his friends and family and is extremely compassionate and caring of others; especially his grandparents and great-grandmother. Gabe enjoys volunteering with the Challenger Program, supporting baseball players

with special needs. Gabe is grateful to Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Morah Emily and Cantor Timman for all their guidance and support in helping him to prepare his special day.

UNIONGRAMS

The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah during SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER, 2020. Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations, and PRINT your name and SHORT sentiment as you want it to appear on the Uniongrams. 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

DATE		<u>.</u>	CHILD'S NAME	PARENTS
Sept.	12	(F)	Madison Feldman	Michael & Christin
		(M)	Gabriel Newman	Jason & Jennifer
Oct.	17	(M)	Judah Baroukh	Anony & Alisa
Oct.	24	(M)	Logan Goldman	Mark & Melissa
			Uniongrams @ 1.25each_	
			PLEASE PRINT	

PLEASE NOTE: All Uniongrams requested must be submitted **TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE**, either by mail or left in the Uniongram box in the Temple office. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CASH IN THE MAILBOX. We cannot be responsible for lost money.



Even though we cannot be physically together, we can still fulfill the mitzvah of "Feeding the Hungry"





Temple B'nai Torah of Wantagh announces its



2020 HIGH HOLIDAY DRIVE UP AND DROP OFF FOOD DRIVE

Bring your donations of non-perishable food items; canned proteins, baby food, diapers and/or personal care products when you come to pick up and drop off your High Holy Day prayer books.

September 8 to September 14 12-2pm & 4-6pm September 29 to October 3 12-2pm & 4-6pm October 4 9am to 11:30pm

Put items in a bag or box in the trunk of your car, and volunteers will take them and place them in our collection box.

All donations will be delivered to Wisdom Lane School

For further information or questions, contact: Rona Kauffman - ronakauffman@yahoo.com

Why Belong to Temple Now?

When times are economically challenging, we naturally look to trim expenses. One easy way might be to curtail membership to temple. After all, it may be reasoned, there are no communal events, no building "to go to."

But temple -- and our temple in particular-- has so much to offer, and carries forward the Reform practice of Judaism from three formerly unique synagogues.

Of course, besides the in-person camaraderie, there is the spiritual bond we all share and the calming words of the scriptures zoomed lovingly by Rabbi each Friday night. There are prayers and songs sung by Cantor. It is the fortitude built into our bones by our forefathers from thousands of years ago and reinforced by our shared culture.

During this pandemic, we are offered wisdom from the clergy on how to negotiate our way through this most difficult time.

As Tevye in *Fiddler on The Roof* said, there are traditions to pass down to the next generation. What do you remember about the high holidays growing up?" (During my childhood, we didn't belong to a temple; my father and I would take long walks to share special time together.)

Yes, times are tough, but they would be even tougher -- at least for me -- if there was no Temple B'nai Torah. If you are reading this, I am so glad you agree.

Joyce Litwin Zimmerman

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



This year has been like no other year in my lifetime. Joni and I started out thinking we would work hard with the Clergy, the Director and the Teachers in the Religious School, the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees, the Arms of the Temple, all of the various Committees, the Administrator, office staff and the custodial staff and most of all the congregation to strengthen and improve Temple B'nai Torah. We talked about various programs and fundraisers and physical improvements we needed or wanted to facilitate our goals. We did not realize our biggest challenge - the COVID-19 pandemic – was going to change our lives around.

Joni and I were amazed at the strength of everyone in this congregation that we encountered. Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman worked countless hours, many times to the point of exhaustion, to make sure we could have Shabbat services, holiday services, B'nei Mitzvah and funeral and minyan services while still performing their pastoral duties and other duties to the congregation. They also contacted many of their colleagues to share ideas how to best serve their congregations during and after this pandemic. Rabbi and Cantor are still working extremely hard planning and arranging for virtual High Holy Day Services.

Morah Meredith and the Religious School teachers worked hard to get virtual classes up and running for the remainder of the school year. They are now busy working on various plans for the Religious School opening in mid-September. They will be carefully monitoring local school district protocols and State protocols in order to best serve the students and teachers.

Our Temple Arms (Sisterhood, Brotherhood, PTA, Chai Club and Circle of Friends) worked hard to keep all of their members together by offering meetings and programs online. The Arms are now busy preparing new virtual meetings and programs but are still keeping an eye out for gathering opportunities when we are allowed to fully and safely open.

The Executive Board, the Board of Trustees and all of the Temple Committees were also quick to jump in and handle whatever needed to be done to continue with Temple business, temple programs and planning. Thanks to everyone's hard work, perseverance and zoom we have managed to plan a budget, hold an election, prepare for different kinds of fundraisers and membership open houses and manage our temple needs. The Social Action/Social Justice committee also planted a beautiful garden to provide fresh vegetables to a local food pantry. The Aesthetics and Housing Committees also managed to get a beautiful new floor laid in the Social Hall!

We also want to thank our Office Administrator, Sue-Ellen, who went into the Temple every day, for keeping our physical plant safe and clean. The office staff, Paula and Marilyn, and our Clergy/Religious School assistant, Joann, for all their assistance both from home and now from Temple. Our great custodial staff also did a wonderful job keeping our Temple clean and in good repair for our eventual return.

Joni and I are very proud to be the Co-Presidents of this great congregation. We were blown away by all of the hard work and dedication of so many people to keep our beloved Temple up and running. We also want to thank our beautiful congregation for sticking with us in this trying time. We will all get through this pandemic and be stronger than ever! Joni and I are looking forward to all of the wonderful things that are planned both virtually and in person (hopefully sooner rather than later) over the next year. To our wonderful congregation, please feel free to strengthen your ties to our wonderful congregation. Consider joining a committee or taking an adult education class. Please look for information in the TBT Voice, the weekly Scroll and Facebook.

Joni and I, and our families, wish everyone a Happy and most of all Healthy New Year!

Shanah Tova.

Karen Friedlander Joni Christie Co-President Co-President



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



As I sit and write this, the Religious School has a solid plan for opening this year. This plan has been formed and reformed as the result of a lot of discussion, planning, and consideration between me, the clergy, the Temple leadership, and colleagues from all over New York and the United Sates. As of this moment, we are planning to bring the students together on a limited basis – just a few times per month in open ventilated spaces and with masks – to learn together. To be clear, that is as of THIS moment. By the time you are reading this, that might have already changed, though I sincerely hope it has not. See, we miss our students, and we know that our students miss each other and - we hope - us. We all miss each other. We also want to keep ourselves and others safe. It is a complicated thing that we are all faced with this year. How do we stay connected with each other if we cannot actually be together?

Some of you may know that I started the Executive Masters' program at Hebrew Union College earlier this year. I learn with a cohort of eleven other educators from all over the country, (and one in Canada!) and we are the ninth cohort to begin this program as a unit. There is a very solid routine for how this is supposed to work: while the bulk of the learning is online, we are supposed to have a three -day long orientation in Cincinnati in May followed by our first two classes in a two-week long intensive in Manhattan in June. The point is to bring us together; to allow us to get to know each other well and deeply so we can effectively learn together for the next two years. As of this moment, I have not met a single one of them in person.

Amazingly though, we have gelled. Maybe it is the uniqueness of our situation, but the eleven men and women that I studied with for two weeks are now not only colleagues or classmates, but friends. We have been meeting on Zoom once per week to discuss our plans for the new school year. Some of the best pieces of TBT's school plan – ways in which we have adapted curricula, online learning tools, keeping our teachers and students safe when together, and how to structure our day either in person or virtually – have come from them. Our meetings are only supposed to last for an hour, but it is more often closer to 90 minutes because even though, yes, we talk about all of those very important things, we also end up checking in with one another. We laugh, and tell stories, ask about each other's families, and generally connect on a surprisingly deep level. All of this, and we have all of us only been faces on a screen for each other thus far. It's not ideal, but Corhort 9 is the proof that it can work.

My point is this: we have a plan. We hope we can stick to that plan. We know we may not be able to; but no matter what happens, we also know that we can create meaningful experiences for the students of the TBT Religious School, whether near or far, because we are all here to help and support each other. We always have been and I am confident we will continue to be - even if we can only do it on a screen.

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Baruchim Haba'im From the PTA! By Rachel Minkowsky

Hello everyone! I'm Rachel Minkowsky, the Vice President of Communications for the TBT PTA! I'm married and have two children in the Hebrew school, and we're excited to start our fourth (!!) year as members of Temple B'nai Torah.

This year is different. 2020 has presented numerous challenges for us all. Over the past several months, our lives have changed dramatically. Yet Temple B'nai Torah is still our North Star. We will navigate these challenges with our clergy and synagogue community, and we will get through this storm together.

The TBT PTA is still here for everyone, too. Our PTA exists to support the Hebrew school teaching staff and all our students. You've seen us in the background during all the religious school events. That will still be true, whether the events are online or in -person. But we need you, too! Membership is critical to our continued success. Look for our membership forms in an upcoming mailing! All proceeds go directly to programming and materials for all our religious school children.

All of us at the PTA look forward to a productive, fun, and safe school year. Baruchim Haba'im! Welcome home.

SISTERHOOD SHMOOZING



I want to wish all sisterhood members and their families a very happy and healthy new year filled with love and laughter.

To start this New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know the incredible benefits of being a Women of Reform Judaism Sisterhood member.

The three pillars of WRJ are Spirituality – providing resources for connection with prayer and Torah through a women's prospective, Sisterhood – building connections with women throughout the world with

shared values and Social Good – local, district, national and international advocacy and training including violence against women, reproductive rights, pay equity, Israel and Religious Pluralism, immigration and refugee reform, economic justice and labor rights.

WRJ supports congregations and congregational women's groups through program resources and leadership training, provide education and advocacy action plans to women's groups, scholarships for clergy, scholarships for lay participation in national programs, scholarships for children going to camp, started NIFTY (National Federation of Temple Youth) and funding for other URJ affiliated organizations (Religious Action Center, Jewish Braille Institute).

We at TBT hope and strive to be a home for all women and their teen age daughters who seek to connect as women, support each other, respect each other's views of Judaism, have fun together, laugh, enjoy each other, and learn together and from each other.

Yours in sisterhood.

Emily Altman President



Candle Lighting September 2020



September 4 8:06 pm September 11 8:10 pm September 18 8:12 pm September 25 8:13 pm

May the light fill your soul with love & peace!

Shabbat Shalom!



"You know how to blow a shofar, don't you? You just put your lips together, take a massive breath, and sort of make a gutteral blast."



Wishing you a Good & Sweet Year





BROTHERHOOD / MEN'S CLUB



I hope everyone had a happy, healthy and safe summer during these difficult days. The Board of Directors of the TBT Brotherhood/Men's Club was busy meeting, via zoom, each month to plan for the 2020 - 2021 year. While nothing is normal during these times, we still strive to be a welcoming arm to all Temple members.

Our activities committee has been hard at work planning for our fall general membership meetings. They are planning monthly meetings with speakers and entertainment to be presented to all our members via Zoom. Please watch the scroll as we announce the dates for each meeting, as well as the specific program.

We look forward to being together again each month to enjoy each other's company and chat with our friends before the entertainment portion of the meeting begins. Please watch for our membership renewal forms which will be sent via a Temple mailing, as well as listed in the TBT scroll. Thank you in advance for returning your

form and dues as guickly as possible so that we can continue our meeting plans.

During the summer the TBT Softball team was busy playing their Sunday morning games against other Long Island temple teams. Many of the team members are also Brotherhood/Men's Club members, so our Board Members braved the heat and attended a game to cheer on our TBT team.

As the High Holidays approach, I want to wish everyone in our Temple family a L'Shana Tova.

Regards, Richard Tepper President TBT Brotherhood/Men's Club



BROTHERHOOD/MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP

** As a result of the Coronavirus, we will not be able to be together in our Temple until it is socially safe. We hope it is soon, and we look forward to sharing Brotherhood/Men's Club events.

We look forward to our monthly dinners, Sunday morning breakfasts and other activities when we can meet and enjoy each other's company. 2020 - 2021 dues are \$45.

Make your check out for \$45 to Brotherhood-Temple B'nai Torah and mail it to Brotherhood, Temple B'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793 or drop it off at the Temple office. For more information call Les Richards at (516) 753-4060 or E-mail him at: lesrichards@verizon.net

BROTHERHOOD/MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP FORM

NAME	
ADDRESS	
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PHONE – Home	Cell

CHAI CLUB



We hope you and your extended families are safe during these trying times!



Due to the COVID-19, we have switched the format of our monthly programs to ZOOM communications. We want to assure the community that Chai Club will still present entertaining, varied performers and speakers each month. See our September and October flyers below for details of our first two events.

Thank you to all who attended the Chai Club Meet 'n Greet, August 31st. We met so many nice people. Special thanks to Diane Schoenberg who coordinated the entertaining Trivia Game and to Sharon and Ben Cernese who set up the communications. Speaking of Meet 'n Greet, please continue to send in your membership forms.

We want to give everyone a brief idea of our great programs for the first four months:

Monday, September 21st, 7:30pm, via ZOOM, James Coll will present an interesting overview of the *US Electoral System*. Mr. Coll, a retired NYC Police Department detective, is an adjunct professor of American and Constitutional History at Hofstra University and Nassau Community College. We will also celebrate those with August and September Birthdays.

Monday, October 26th, 7:30pm, via Zoom, Sal St. George will present *The Danny Kaye Story*. Laugh with Sal St. George as he talks about Danny Kaye's life. Hear and watch hilarious recorded skits of Danny Kaye on film. October birthdays will also be celebrated.

In the past, the month of November, has been reserved for our membership dinner at an outside restaurant. Since we are still very cautious during these times, we have postponed the dinner and will present another great program. On Monday, November 23rd; we have invited Brian Rose who will present *The Hollywood Blockbuster-How Stephen Spielberg and George Lucas changed the Movies*. This presentation will look at their four decades of filmmaking and discuss how they changed the movies. November Birthday's will be celebrated.

Monday, December 14th, 7:30pm, via Zoom, Keith Crocker will present *Jewish influences in Cinema*. This program focuses on the influence of Jewish immigrants on the United States film culture during this Golden Age of Cinema. December birthdays will be celebrated.

In closing, we wish everyone the best of health and a sweeter New Year.

L'Shanah Tovah!

Joan and Brian, sea1983jl@gmail.com, bellobl@gmail.com

Upcoming Programs:





James Coll Monday, Sept. 21, 2020, 7:30 pm on Zoom US Electoral System

James Coll, a retired New York City Police Department detective, is an adjunct professor of American and Constitutional History at Nassau Community College and Hofstra University. He has been a popular guest lecturer at TBT.

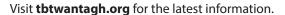
Sal St. George Monday, Oct. 26, 2020, 7:30 pm on Zoom The Danny Kaye Story

Laugh with Sal St. George as he talks about Kaye's life. Hear and watch hilarious skits of Danny Kaye himself.

We will celebrate Birthdays Questions? Call Joan or Brian at (516) 781-4966

ZOOM LINK BELOW FOR BOTH THE ABOVE PROGRAMS

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3780366300?pwd=dXVKcE9yRzlHQk5ZVExqeUFnTmgvZz09 Meeting ID: 378 036 6300 Password: 465021 Or call +1 646 876 9923





In Memory of Cantor Steven Sher

by Howard and Lauren Lev

It's not about eulogies or memorials or waxing poetic about the immeasurable impact on Temple B'nai Torah. Been there. Seen that.

This is about Cantor Steven Sher, the man. A man with enormous ability to give his gifts of music, faith and friendship to everyone who was open to him and his larger than life persona.

A man who loved sacred music and shared it in his voice, in his teachings, in his special guests and artists in residence, especially in the ways he gave congregants every opportunity to shine and sing and perform and bask in their abilities as well.

Photo credit: Harvey Drucker

The man who understood that visiting the elderly and the sick and keeping in touch with those who loved them was an act of kindness that was as intimate as if he were a family member himself.

Someone who had that infamous office that reflected forty years of books and pictures, toys and letters. You could visit him for forty years and still not have had enough of that room.

The gentleman who led the TBT Choir in the national anthem at the LI Ducks game. Who appeared as Kermit the Frog at Purim. And the one who invited Dan Nichols to the URJ Kallah hosted in the winter of 2014. Cantor Sher just couldn't say no.

There were many facets to this guy. You really never knew what he was going to say at times but you could anticipate his brutal honesty. Or his sentimentality. It depended on the sentence.

His legacy will be linked to "Dodi Li," the prayer that is often used at Shabbat services and weddings. But to truly understand what Cantor Sher was about is to examine his text as expressed in his composition, "Bless This House."

It can be interpreted that the words aren't about the temple, they are about its people -- because people were all important to Cantor Steven Sher.

"Bless this house for we are all together. Bless us all; we may not meet again. Think of all the happiness we found here. Take it home and share it with a friend. Come along, sing this song, and you'll never say goodbye. And you'll see and agree, friendships won need never die."

Cantor Steven Sher served Temple B'nai Torah for seven years from 2011 to 2017, celebrating his 40 years in the cantorate with our temple in 2015.

As noted in the December 1, 2015, article in the Wantagh Herald, "...Cantor Sher was originally from St. Paul, Minnesota and worked as a counselor and therapist in residential treatment settings before studying for the cantorate. He specialized in adolescent crisis intervention and treatment and worked in group, family and music therapy with client populations in Minnesota, Pennsylvania and New York. Once he became a cantor, he served in that role in congregations in New Jersey, Illinois and Pennsylvania..."

Cantor Sher is survived by the love of his life, Nani and would have celebrated his 73rd birthday on August 1.

We are so thankful for the numerous cards and letters of sympathy we received from our fellow Congregants of Temple B'nai Torah. We lost our brother-in-law Fred Schwarzwald after a very long and courageous battle with brain cancer. We are mindful of the fact that he is now at peace and free of pain, and for that we are ever grateful.

We are so appreciative to all of our friends who gave us emotional support and shared messages of love and concern at this difficult time.

Rosalyn and Howard Walowitz





SOCIAL ACTION



Social Action/Social Justice Committee

Despite the fact that our building continues to be closed, the Social Action/Social Justice Committee has been busy all summer and are busy preparing for the New Year.

Since our last issue of the Voice, we gained TBT Board approval to transform the unused playground at the far end of our parking lot into a "giving garden". No longer an abandoned and wasted space, The Garden at TBT has become a source of fresh produce for our Long Island neighbors in need. Each week, freshly harvested produce has been donated to "safe houses" in Freeport and Wantagh, and to Community Solidarity in Hempstead. If any TBT congregants find themselves in need, please contact Rabbi Bar-Nahum and we will arrange for confidential delivery of some of our produce. The garden has become a safe space of shared work and camaraderie in a summer otherwise marked by isolation and relative inactivity. BNTY youth have participated in planning garden projects and have some wonderful ideas for using the garden for the education of our younger religious school students. We thank our wonderful Garden Volunteers for braving the heat this summer to make the garden grow and all those who lent or donated equipment, plants, pots, umbrellas, a rain barrel bricks, etc. We encourage more congregants of all ages to sign up for volunteer shifts. You do not have to have a "green thumb" or have a "good back" to find a way to be part of the garden. Please visit and follow us on our new Facebook page The Garden at TBT, to learn about what we are doing and to see our photos. Again, a big "Thank You" to the TBT Board for supporting our efforts!

This summer SA/SJ teamed up with Sisterhood and the League of Women Voters and presented a Virtual Tea in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Women's Vote. We learned about those at the forefront of the fight for securing the women's vote, heard musical selections from a musical that tells the story and were treated to a skit enacted by LWV members.

We also were proud to co-sponsor, along with a variety of other faith-based groups on Long Island, an on-line presentation by Integrity First for America. We learned about IFA's groundbreaking federal lawsuit against the neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and hate groups responsible for the Charlottesville violence and which is scheduled to come to trial in next month.

In conjunction with Lifelong Learning, SA/SJ has participated in planning a series of on-line discussions of the best-seller, How to Be an Anti-Racist by Ibram X. Kendi. Although these discussions began in August, each session can be taken separately so feel free to join it at any time.

In keeping with our efforts with respect to Civic Engagement, some of us have begun writing postcards in support of Reclaim Our Vote, an effort to assist those who have been disenfranchised or are in danger of being disenfranchised with respect to voting rights. We are planning to co-sponsor a Candidate's Forum next month focusing on Peter King's open seat. Stay tuned for details and please participate if you can. We are aiming for our congregation to be one of many across the country with 100% voter turnout this November. Please help us help you to register, to get to the polls or to apply for absentee ballots.

Last month we held our annual school supplies collection (thank you to all who donated!) and this month look for details for our Annual High Holy Day Food Drive.

On behalf of the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, I wish you a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Meaningful New Year

For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, TEVA, or any of our projects contact Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com

We are continuing to maintain our temple building even with the virus around. We are in the process of installing a streaming system for our services. Our vegetable garden is alive and well. Our Gardening Committee is hard at work. We have installed a replacement floor for our Social Hall. Regular maintenance such as roof repair, weekly mowing, maintenance of our alarms, maintenance of our computers and sanitizing and cleaning is all ongoing. We received our security grant that will be used for our safety (thank you to Sue-Ellen and Jeff Kraut for working tirelessly on this).

We are following CDC recommendations in allowing people in the building. Thank you for adhering to our procedure. Please call the office prior to your visit to learn of the hours the office is open.

Thank you all who continue to work tirelessly to make our temple function during this difficult time. Stay safe and stay well.

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

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



Welcome to a new year. Circle of Friends is a group of Temple members – singles as well as couples - who enjoy each other's company in purely social settings. We love to eat together, travel together, explore together and have fun together – the way that friends should and do!



We are a growing group of members who realize that life sometimes throws us curves but no matter what our status – single or couple (married or not), young or not-so-young, Jewish or not – we need our Circle of Friends.



This year, obviously, has not been normal. Hopefully this finds you and yours in good health. In these trying times, we are all looking for the human "touch" — even if that has come to mean different things today. We have been and will continue to do our activities on Zoom for the safety and convenience of our members. Psychologists say that people need people. To ease the burden of isolation, we have instituted a weekly Zoom event on Monday afternoons. We are also trying some of these meetings in the evening to attract those of you who are working. These events give our friends the opportunity to see one another and to talk about anything on their minds. In addition, we have been engaging in Trivia or fun Bingo & jokes or any other fun ideas that our friends recommend. Come check us out. These Zoom gatherings are FREE!

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic and the hardships that it has caused – to congregants and to the Temple at large – we are going to cut our dues for 2020-2021 year in half. We hope that this helps our members!

Membership Dues not \$18, but \$9 per person

We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. L'shanah tova! Sharon & Ben Cernese, Co-Presidents



Temple B'nai Torah Porch Project

Do you always find yourself scrambling for a picture to use for your holiday card? Something with the whole family?

This year, take care of it early and help support the Temple at the same time!

Following the example set by the Front Porch Project, we will send a professional photographer (who also happens to be a temple member!) to your house to photograph your family on your front porch/stoop/walk, etc.

You'll get a digital image that you can crop to whatever size you like, and the Temple will get a desperately needed donation to offset lost income due to the covid-19 pandemic.



You pay: \$54 - 100% goes to the Temple Grateful Fundraiser

You get: a hi-resolution digital image that you can print, frame, or use to create your holiday cards this year.

Please contact Dan Rosner at 917-687-6916

To reserve a time and date

Weekday and Weekend appointments are available

The Summer in Photos









The TBT Softball team photo, was taken on August 2nd at a game as they competed with Bellmore Jewish center. The team Capitan Greg Wallis ,Jeff Minkowsky and others are pictured.





We have been working hard to convert the unused playground at the far end of the TBT parking lot into a "giving garden" - supplying much needed fresh produce to local food pantries. As of this writing, we had already donated over 115 lbs. to Island Harvest, Community Solidarity and 2 local safe houses. A HUGE THANK YOU to Susan Salem, our Master Gardener, to Pat B. and Leslie M., volunteer "transplants" from last year's efforts at The Garden at St. Francis, and to our intrepid group of weekly volunteers, Anne P., Autumn A., Bob K., Heather G., Jodi R. and Lewis Z. Thank you to all who have donated plants, supplies or money, lent us equipment, schlepped water, weeded, harvested, mixed soil, planted, raked leaves, prepared mulch, power washed, created art pieces, removed broken playground pieces, repaired the shed roof, visited and supported our efforts in many other ways.

You have all helped to make this space beautiful, productive, peaceful, inviting and welcoming.

Looking forward to our Fall Harvests and plans for the next growing season.

We can always use more volunteers. Let us know if/when you are available. Follow our page on Facebook - "The Garden at TBT"

~Rona Kauffman~













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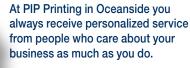


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