



CHAG SAMEACH SUKKOT!

Celebrating Sukkot and Shabbat!!

Our Third Grade students worked with Morah Elyse and Mr. Berkowitz to make their very own lulavs and etrogs. They spent the whole morning outside in our beautiful sukkah and even got a surprise visit from Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum to show them how to use their awesome project!





RITUAL COMMITTEE

Ritual Calendar - November 2020

Monday, 11/ 2	12:00pm	Torah Study on Zoom
Friday, 11/ 6	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Veteran's Service /Iyyun Tefillah on Zoom
Saturday, 11/ 7	9:30am	Torah Study Zoom
	10:30am	Shabbat Service B/M Brooke Waiting
Sunday, 11/ 8	10:15am	Lifelong Learning on Zoom
Monday, 11/ 9	12:00pm	Torah Study on Zoom
Friday, 11/13	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat on Zoom
	7:15pm	Shabbat Family Service/ 6th Grade Siddur Ceremony
Saturday, 11/14	9:30am	Torah Study on Zoom
	10:30am	Shabbat Service B/M Zachary Sirof
Sunday, 11/15	10:15am	Lifelong Learning on Zoom
Monday, 11/16	12:00pm	Torah Study on Zoom
Friday, 11/20	7:15pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service/Guest Clarinetist Pavel Vinnitsky
Saturday, 11/21	9:30am	Torah Study on Zoom
	10:30am	Shabbat Service B/M Ryan Goodman
Monday, 11/23	12:00pm	Torah Study on Zoom
Friday, 11/27	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, 11/28	9:30am	Torah Study on Zoom
Monday, 11/30	12:00pm	Torah Study on Zoom
December 2020		
Wednesday, 12/ 2	7:30pm	Lifelong Learning on Zoom
Friday, 12/ 4	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat/Tefillah Lab /Iyyun Tefillah
Saturday, 12/ 5	9:30am	Torah Study on Zoom
	10:30am	Shabbat Service B/M Nathan Hellman
Monday, 12/ 7	12:00pm	Torah Study on Zoom



PLEASE: Always check the TBT Website\ Calendar prior to attending for details like times and locations of events.



INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



November has always been one of my favorite months. Though we are in the midst of the Hebrew month of Cheshvan, which has no holidays and is therefore defined as bitter by the rabbis of old, November always held one of the most important days of the year to me. As a kid, I always looked forward to Thanksgiving, because it meant that everyone was home together, and we would spend time laughing, cooking and being together; welcoming friends, and enjoying each other's company.

Almost any blessing can be said on someone's behalf. But not the blessing of Thanksgiving in the Amidah prayer. That blessing must be recited by the individual, even if there is a prayer leader. The rule about that blessing emphasizes that no one can offer thanks on our behalf. We have to do that ourselves.

I have been thinking a lot about what it means to be grateful in these difficult times. Before I say too much more, let me once more thank the many people who worked with us to achieve all our Holiday celebrations, from the High Holy Days, through Sukkot, Simchat Torah and Confirmation. We were blessed to have so many in our congregation step up and help us to make these important days on our calendar all they could be! We cannot do this without all the help we received, and we are grateful!

I am also grateful for your sticking with us through this. We knew it would be different, and we knew it would take some time to get everything all set up. But we didn't know that you would stick with us. With so many changes this year and with the pandemic keeping you away physically, it would have been easy to walk away or take a break from the congregation, but you didn't. Instead, you gave us a chance! And we are grateful to know that the hard work paid off. The feedback we've received has let us know that we made the right decisions for our congregation. (It's not so easy to know that when you're leading a service to an empty room!) We hope to never have to do it like this again, but we also know that if we need to, we can. We also anticipate that some of the new additions may stick around for future years, too. Necessity is the mother of invention!

While I know that this year's Thanksgiving celebrations will probably be markedly different for many of us; given travel restrictions and limitations, it does give us an opportunity, and a nudge, to move toward gratitude. We've all been, rightfully, focused on so much of what we have lost over this last year. We have all been, rightfully, keeping lists of the things we miss, and that we can't wait to have again. But this year, perhaps Thanksgiving is coming at just the right time to allow us to take a break from the worry and the disappointments, which are many, and focus on all that is good in our lives, which is also a lot!

I challenge each of us at our Thanksgiving tables to take a cue from the rabbis of old and make a point to share the thanks that we have. Spend time leading up to or on Thanksgiving and create a couple of lists. One list should be filled with things we are grateful for in general, like we tend to do each year around our tables. The other list might be more difficult, but I think even more important this year. Take time to think of some of the unexpected good things that have come out of this pandemic. There may not be many, and creating this list doesn't mean that we should be grateful for the pandemic, but I imagine there has been unexpected goodness at least a few times over these last eight months.

Even in the midst of troubling times, we are asked to find opportunities for gratitude. While we are certainly not grateful for the pandemic, we can and should show our thanks for some of the unexpected blessings that have arisen due to it! It will remind us that while times are indeed difficult, we still do have much which blesses us.

Wishing you and yours a happy Thanksgiving and a beautiful season of gratitude.

L'Shalom uv'Todah,
In peace and with thanks,
Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



We have just completed the most extraordinary and intense period of the Jewish calendar: The High Holy Days and Festivals. Even though it lasted for a month, because of the Pandemic it required several months to plan, beginning this past Spring when the reality began to settle in that Covid-19 was now a part of our lives.

Back in March, our community (and the world) instantly socially distanced and we all had to adjust to our new situation. How do we remotely bring services to our congregation? Pastoral work became a necessary focus as our community suffered too many illnesses, losses, and difficult uncertainties. But by late Spring, we somehow managed to figure out how to share Shabbat and the Festivals of Passover and Shavuot virtually. Religious School went online and B'nai Mitzvah were postponed to the Fall in the hopes that we would be able to gather, or at least figure out how to create meaningful ceremonies with the help of technology. We then began to focus on the Fall and the High Holy Days. OY VEY!

We started preparing for the High Holy Days in ways that no one ever imagined in our lifetime: researching streaming services, camera installations, tech support, stagecraft, and studying the science of singing and music in a Covid-19 world.

Thank God for our exceptional community and our extraordinarily dedicated congregants! We banded together a High Holy Day Ritual Team to aid us in crafting the logistics and facilitate which services and elements needed to be pre-taped. We worked with our sound and video company to install new Sanctuary cameras, researched new streaming software, and searched to find someone to help us with the most technical aspects. Our army of Torah and Haftorah chanters studied and prepared to come and prerecord all of their parts weeks earlier than normal. Our Shofar blowers prerecorded and joined us for three live drive-in Shofar services. I reworked our choral musical settings so that I could sing them without the choir, keeping everyone safe. Cue sheets expanded to include every element of our reinvented services.

We were blessed to partner with our congregant, Dennis Cashton, who with his expertise, volunteered to record, edit, and produce every aspect, including all of our live services. We spent many hours prerecording sections of the musical service just in case the internet failed. Dennis, ably assisted by Susan Weber, never said no. Every concept we developed, they made happen. Starting in August, our Sanctuary began to look like a recording studio with lights, cameras, microphones, and many days of video recordings.

Without our exceptional TBT community, we could not have made it to this day! In this season of gratitude, I am thankful for so many people who helped make an impossible time into a meaningful, creative, and unique season of High Holy Days and Festivals. What will this next year hold? We are praying for the best, but now we also know that we can do it together, a united TBT community, devoted to our special Temple family.

B'vracha (with blessings),
Cantor Rica Timman

*We wish to thank all congregants who participated in our annual New Year's Card Fundraiser.
We appreciate your continued support. We thank our office staff for their
continued assistance in the production process.*

*Sincerely,
The New Year's Committee
Rita Drucker, Barbara Gray, Fran Harellick,
Tessa Kean, Sarita Keyser, Robin Wexler.*



MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES



November 7

Brooke Waiting

Paul & Lori

Brooke is an eighth grader at Island Trees Middle School. She is a member of the Junior National Honor Society. She plays trombone in both the Concert Band and Jazz Band. In 7th grade she played volleyball and basketball, where she earned coaches' awards for both sports. She plays travel basketball and travel softball. Brooke is a catcher and also plays 3rd base. Thank you to Morah Meredith, Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for your support and flexibility with helping Brooke prepare for this wonderful day. Although we wish we could be together, we are looking forward to an amazing day on November 7th.



November 14

Zachary Sirof

Steven & Melanie

Zach is a funny and fun-loving 8th grader at Merrick Avenue Middle School. He is an active member of the MAMS computer club and a Kidoyo student mentor. An avid reader and a night owl, you can frequently find Zach staying up way later than a 13-year old should. The youngest Sirof, Zach is a great little brother who has been looking forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Thanks to Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman for helping him prepare. A special shoutout to Mrs. Altman for being the best Zoom tutor ever.



November 21

Ryan Goodman

Eric & Heather

My name is Ryan Goodman. I am an eighth grader at Grand Avenue Middle School. I enjoy singing, listening to music and eating Moe's burritos! I love to play with Legos & putty. I also have a 3-year-old Cavapoo named Jinx, who I adore! I enjoy school, especially social studies, where I learn about historical events. I work hard and have been on the honor roll every semester. I have really enjoyed my life so far - it has been an amazing journey! I want to thank Ms. Lubin, Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for their patience and expertise while teaching me everything I need to know for my upcoming Bar Mitzvah.



*Tashlich
&
Shofar Blowing
at Jones Beach*





PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Thanksgiving might be one day on the calendar, but we need to be thankful every day of the month. We can be grateful on Thanksgiving but why limit our gratitude to just one day?

This year, at Temple, we have a lot to be thankful for. Appreciation of seeing our friends on Facebook healthy and virus-free. Experience life as it is a gift. We have something new to discover and be thankful for every day. We should be happy and appreciate life. Enjoy every day we have. Go to services, special events and try to participate in a fundraiser.

This holiday, make family memories together. Invite a person who is alone to join you for a virtual meal on Zoom.

Our list of what we are thankful for 2020:

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| * Warm home and a roof over our heads | * Friends and family |
| * Plenty of drinkable water | * Health |
| * We have food to eat | * Kindness of people |
| * Enjoy the small and free pleasures of life | * Setbacks that have made us stronger |
| * Access to internet | * We are alive!! |

Don't let our gratitude fade with the holiday... celebrate Thanksgiving every day.

Joni Christie
Karen Friedlander
Co-Presidents



FOR THE LOVE OF YOUR SISTERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS & EVERYONE AROUND YOU

SISTERHOOD MASKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE **2 FOR \$18**

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GAIL ROSNER, 2555 IRIS LANE, NORTH BELLMORE, NY 11710. TEL: 516-642-6900

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OUR COMMUNITY

Fresh from The Garden at TBT



Note Cards with photos direct from the Garden

10 cards per pack (5 different images).

Purchase these beautiful note cards and support The Garden at TBT in its mission to provide healthy, fresh produce to local food pantries and families in need. The Garden will also develop an ongoing, multi-generational community experience reflecting Jewish values and respect for our environment; in the service of Tikkun Olam.

Order by November 20th and receive in time for Chanukah gift giving.

All orders due by December 4th

We will contact you to arrange for safe pick up at TBT.

Complete the information below and return, with payment, to Rona Kauffman, c/o Temple B'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. Questions? Contact Rona at ronakauffman@yahoo.com or Jo-Ann Portnoy at jport1029@gmail.com

Name: _____ E-mail _____

Phone: _____

Number of packs: _____ @ \$18 each

Make checks payable to Temple B'nai Torah and write **"for SA/SJ Garden"** in the memo on the check

Check # _____ Amt. Enclosed _____



FRESH
FOR 2020!

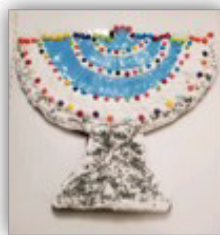


Gingerbread Menorah Kits

A Sweet TBT PTA Chanukah Tradition



From this



*To this!**

Our holiday gingerbread menorah kits make great family memories AND great gifts, too!

**Kits include white icing and candy. Supplied candy varies.*

I would like to order _____. Gingerbread Menorah Kit(s) at the prepaid price of \$28.00 each. Please return completed form with check made out to **TBT PTA** or pay via Venmo.

Name: _____

Best phone number & email: _____

Orders must be received in the temple office by **Tuesday, November 17, 2020**. **Late orders may not be accepted.** Menorahs will arrive in time for Chanukah.

Questions?
Contact Laurel Klein at TBTLaurel@gmail.com



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



As with so many things these days, this article is being written late (Jo-Ann and the rest of The Voice team are absolute saints for putting up with my creative interpretation of deadlines right now!). School has just started, you see, and there are so many new things to get used to! This past Sunday morning we had a “book parade” where the PTA, Youth Groups, teachers and I welcomed back our Religious School families with warm wishes, introductions, and enthusiastic greetings of “Welcome back!” and “Shanah Tovah!” as they passed us by in their cars. Textbooks, High Holy Day machzors, and Rosh Hashanah honey were all picked up and I’d like to think they also got something even better; a sense of normalcy in their Temple home.

Last night, we had our first day of virtual classes for our Hebrew High students. It was not without difficulty (virtual learning being what it is), but it was also met with thanks and smiles and appreciation from teens and their parents alike. Just this morning, I received a phone call from a parent to tell me that her child, who started with some technical difficulties, wandered out of his room at the conclusion of class, smiled, and told her that his teacher was so great and he thinks he’s really going to like his class.

These last few months I have told you all about my hope that even if we can’t be together physically, we can find ways to come together. Though our first day of Wednesday classes aren’t until tomorrow, I can already see my hope coming to fruition. I can see us all being patient with one another as we work out the kinks, and happy to return to some kind of routine with our Temple family just as though it was any other year. I have spoken with parent after parent about how important it is to them that their child continue their Jewish education even in these uncertain times, and worked with them to make sure that we are able to make that happen however it will work for their family. It makes my hope grow ever stronger.

In just a few weeks, our now-11th Grade class will (finally!) have their Confirmation service. These young men and women have been working hard for much longer than they ever imagined they would to lead a beautiful service in which they will each chant from the Torah. We are all of us still hoping beyond hope that we can safely gather outside under our sukkah to have this service together. We also hope that you will all join us virtually to see them shine!

As I’ve said at the conclusion of each of my articles for many months now: I hope we will all continue to be there for each other in these beautiful ways, whether physically or virtually.

Meredith Lubin

TBT Director of Education & Youth Activities

Attention, Attention

Big News

**Did you hear whose
being honored!**

NO?

Well here’s the scoop...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

Join us for brunch as

Temple B’nai Torah Honors

Jan Friedman, Rita Hofer and Gail Grossman

**These incredible women continue to work
tirelessly to make TBT a place we call home.**



MAZEL TOV TO...

Anne & Ed Paley

**on the marriage of their son,
Justin to Jennie Machado**



SISTERHOOD SHMOOZING



I want to wish everyone a happy turkey or tofurkey or turducken holiday! Whether virtually or with family and friends this year certainly has presented us with challenges, but the most important thing is that we try to remain socially distant, wear our masks and please try to retain a sense of humor!

November 6-7 is our Northeast District Virtual Convention. This will be the first (and hopefully the last) virtual convention. The convention affords us the opportunity to connect with sisters from other congregations in our district; sharing ideas, problems and generally embrace our commitment to sisterhood. It is a weekend of learning, connecting, celebrating, singing and praying. The weekend will include; Kabbalat Shabbat services, Keynote speaker Dr. Pamela Nadaell, author of American Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today, engaging in workshops and a YES Fund program.

I want to thank Ellice Toscano for her incredible dedication and hard work enabling us to be named to the Chai Honor Roll for 2019-2020 for our support in the YES Fund.

I also want to thank Nadine Salzman and the Membership Committee for a super fun-filled virtual paid up membership dinner.

We are looking forward to our November 23rd virtual program with our own Sharon Curry. The program is Staying Sane When the World Seems Crazy. The program will be held from 7:30 – 8:30. Please look at the Scroll and the TBT website for further information.

B'shalom
Emily Altman
Sisterhood president

THE REVIEWS ARE IN AND IT IS DEFINITELY A WIN...WIN!

“The Porch Project is a clever and meaningful way to contribute to Temple B’nai Torah. My family and I loved working with Dan. He provided a safe, fun way to capture our home life during this time. I highly recommend participating in the Porch Project.”



“We are so happy with our Porch Project photographs. We are still AMAZED by the way Dan was able to get our four-year-old grandson to smile. Dan you're the MAN!”

Please join these families in this memorable way of smiling while you donate to our wonderful Temple.

*Contact Dan Rosner at 917-687-6916 to reserve a time and date.
Weekday and Weekend appointments are available*

You pay:
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*\$54 - 100% goes to the Temple Grateful Fundraiser
a hi-resolution digital image that you can print, frame, or use to create
your holiday cards this year.*



**A BIG THANK YOU TO DAN ROSNER FOR HIS TIME AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERTISE.
We are so appreciative of HIS efforts.**

***Temple B’nai Torah
Fundraising Committee***



BROTHERHOOD / MEN'S CLUB



November is here and with it our thoughts turn towards the winter holidays. While many of us will not be celebrating Thanksgiving surrounded by our extended family at a large dinner table, we still have much to be thankful for. I know that I am thankful for the health and safety of my family and my friends. I am also thankful for Zoom!!

Earlier this year, I had barely heard of Zoom. Now it is an important link to those who are important to us. That includes our Brotherhood/Men's Club members. Zoom has made it possible for our board members to meet and plan our activities. Zoom has made it possible for us to hold our monthly "dinner and entertainment meetings," although without the dinner.

Each month, our members are able to meet virtually; share some moments of friendship, catching up on each other's lives and then enjoy a program designed to entertain us. We have had a comedian who made us laugh and a speaker who taught us how to respond to a traumatic injury before professional help can arrive. Our board is busy planning for the next several meetings. If anyone has a suggestion for a speaker or program, please reach out to myself or any board member with your ideas. Happy Thanksgiving, whether in person or via Zoom!

Regards,
Richard Pepper

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

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PHONE – Home _____ Cell _____



Shalom From the PTA!
By Rachel Minkowsky



Happy November! The leaves are changing color, the hunger pangs from Yom Kippur have been forgotten and Hebrew school is well underway! Looking forward to Chanukah! We have begun our annual Gingerbread Menorah Kit fundraiser, and we hope you will consider supporting PTA AND making delicious and fun memories with your purchase. 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. All proceeds go directly to programming and materials for all our religious school children.

All of us at the PTA would like to thank the dedicated volunteers that built our beautiful Sukkah. Our first official PTA event of the school year, Sleepwear & Shabbat (& Snack-to-Go) in the Sukkah! was a huge success! Our Hebrew school children gathered (6 feet apart, of course) in their coziest pajamas to celebrate Sukkot and participate in Havdalah.

Keep an eye on the Facebook page and your email for more upcoming events! We can't wait to see you. While this year might look different than school years of the past, together we can make it amazing!



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



CHAI CLUB



As we write this article in early October, we feel so much admiration for Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman as they led the congregation in warm, beautiful and truly meaningful High Holy Day Services. We congratulate them and everyone associated with the Temple Ritual Committee who started their planning many months ago during the early stages of the pandemic.

Congratulations are in order once again to our membership committee, as membership has now gone over 170 people; surpassing last year's total. A huge thank you to Y-O-U, our members, who have supported our programs every year! Another shout-out goes to Rona Kauffman and the Social Action/Social Justice Committee who joined us for our *US Electoral System* zoom program. If you haven't voted by Absentee/Mail already, please vote on Election Day, November 3rd!

Upcoming Chai Club Programs: On Monday, **November 30th** (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE); we have invited Brian Rose who will present *The Hollywood Blockbuster-How Stephen Spielberg and George Lucas changed the Movies*. This Zoom presentation will look at their four decades of filmmaking and discuss how they changed the movies. November Birthday's will be celebrated. Please see our flyer with ZOOM information below.

On Monday, December 14th, 7:30pm, via Zoom, Keith Crocker will present *The 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.

(If this reaches you in time, please join us, Monday, October 26th, 7:30pm, via Zoom: for *The Danny Kaye Story* with Sal St. George.)

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

Join us November 23, 7:30 pm

The Hollywood Blockbuster:

How Steven Spielberg and George Lucas changed the movies. A presentation by Brian Rose.

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



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3780366300?pwd=dXVKcE9yRzlhQk5ZVExqeUFnTmgvZz09>

Meeting ID: 378 036 6300

Password: 465021

Or call +1 646 876 9923



SOCIAL ACTION



Social Action/Social Justice Committee

As this is the month of Thanksgiving and the season of gratitude, we wish to express our gratitude to the TBT community and its support of our Social Action/Social Justice initiatives.

We would like to thank our TBT community for its generosity in donating to our 2020 High Holy Day Food Drive. This year's response was amazing and has enabled the Wisdom Lane School's food pantry to provide for our local children and families struggling with food insecurity. We are grateful to be part of such a caring and generous community.

The Garden at TBT's cumulative produce donation (as of this writing) was well over 515 lbs. and was sent to safe houses in Wantagh and Freeport, to the Island Harvest Warehouse and to Community Solidarity in Hempstead. During the High Holy Days our Religious School held a special Tashlich service in the garden for our students. During Sukkot, the Kindergarten group learned about Sukkot and assisted in a Sukkot Harvest and our Mazel Tots were treated to a morning of Sukkot related activities; both events included a visit to our mini sukkah in the garden! It was wonderful to have our young people enjoying and learning in the garden and look forward to many more ways to expand opportunities to use the potential of the garden. We are grateful for Morah Meredith for leading such meaningful events for our students. We are now preparing our garden beds for the winter, planning new Spring plantings and adding educational elements to the garden. We are grateful for our garden volunteers and we are grateful for all of you who came to visit the garden, who asked questions, who made donations and who supported our efforts in any way.

In support of the Religious Action Center of the Union of Reform Judaism's 2020 Civic Engagement Campaign, we provided information about voter registration and about the many voting options available this year; we provided information about voting to our newest voters, through our College Connection program (thank you Helaine Schnall for your assistance); we invited congregants to participate in local Candidate's forums. and we encouraged and worked towards 100% voter turnout from our congregation. If you haven't already filled in your Pledge to Vote, please do so so we can see just how close to that goal we can get. This edition of the Voice should be received before Election Day so, there is still time for us to remind you to be sure to vote. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the voting process. We are grateful for our democratic process and to the League of Women Voters and the RAC for their guidance and resources.

On November 15, we will be holding our annual Turkey Drive. This year donations will be given to the food pantry at the Wisdom Lane School. Please see the flyer in this issue for details.

On November 21, as a continuation of our focus on race relations and racial justice, we are happy to present Deeper Than the Skin. Acclaimed musicians Greg Greenway and Reggie Harris will present, through music, storytelling and Q&A, an interactive performance that is both informative and hopeful in these strained and divisive times. Details are in this issue of the VOICE and on their website at <https://deeperthantheskin.com/>. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn, to find ways to make things better, and for music that entertains, informs and inspires.

We would like to extend an invitation to all congregants who might be interested in joining the Social Action/Social Justice committee. If you are curious, have questions or would like to offer input, please let us know.

Our next Social Action/Social Justice meeting (via Zoom) will be November 10 at 7-8, followed by a TEVA meeting 8-9. For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, TEVA, or any of our projects contact Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com



SOCIAL ACTION



The Social Action/Social Justice Committee of Temple B'nai Torah

is proud to announce our

Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

**Sunday, November 15, 2020
8:45 AM-11:30 AM**

Volunteers will be at TBT to take your donations out of your car.

Please donate a **FROZEN** turkey or **FROZEN** turkey breast

Help support the many children and families of Wisdom Lane School who are in need at this time.

Contact Rona Kauffman, ronakauffman@yahoo.com for information



TBT's Social Action/Social Justice Committee is proud to present

Greg Greenway and Reggie Harris

A Musical Presentation on Race



Two friends...one Black, one White...Musicians, storytellers, students of history and world travelers...Two separate narratives forged into one powerful friendship aimed at finding common ground and helping others to do the same

November 21st 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

This will be an online presentation.

Sign-on links will be provided on the TBT scroll and in the November mailing.

This is a free event.

For further information contact Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com





OUR COMMUNITY



As if by magic...

We have a beautiful Sukkah!!

Thanks to everyone who worked very hard to make this happen.



Some photos from an exciting day in K/1! "Today we learned about Sukkot and mitzvot, how we build a sukkah, what we do when we're inside (like shake the lulav and etrog), and that Sukkot is a harvest holiday. Then, thanks to 'Miss' Rona Kauffman, we even got to participate in harvesting vegetables for donation - we picked, washed, and weighed vegetables growing in our community garden!"





OUR COMMUNITY

Temple B'nai Torah of Wantagh

2021 Cash Calendar

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Uncertain Season

By Joyce Litwin Zimmerman

I am not ready for the leaves to fall. I never was. Um... maybe that is not completely true. I was the nerdy kid who loved to sharpen pencils and to hear the snap of a marble notebook when it was cracked open for the first time. I remember cartridge pens, rubber book bands and college themed book covers.

I used to like the snow as much as the sand up until my 20's when I learned to ski. I used to take my daughters ice skating when they were young. Now the snow is, well.... just cold. The changing leaves of Fall are beautiful -- but once they crunch under my feet that can only mean one thing: hot, sun-drenched beach days are waning and sandals and shorts are no longer wardrobe options.

It seems as if Rosh Hashonah has always signaled the unofficial end of summer. And it is hard now not to ponder: "How will the dropping temperatures (not to mention the current political climate) impact our everyday lives in this time of social distancing?"

During this Covid Autumn, I especially remember special older generation members I revered who always seemed to have "the answers." My "second father" Uncle Jules customarily opened the conversation with "Is everything under control"? What advice would he or Dad (Zimmerman) give? I would love to put these two at the dining room table along with my dad and Uncle Sam. What insights would they offer? I cannot imagine what conversation would ensue.

Living with uncertainty seems to be the only certainty.

I did have an anchor in "real-time" as Lewis and I followed on-line streaming high holiday services this year. We are grateful for all who contributed to making this possible, for the prayer books we could borrow and for Cantor's musical contribution. I am especially grateful for the historical context provided by the rabbi in his Yom Kippur sermon.

As far as the season, do you call it Autumn or Fall? Either way, I say it's still beach-time until the first snow fall covers the sand.



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Have you recently celebrated a *simcha*...

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"Yes," he replied.

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Yankel felled it in one stroke. "Hmmm. Pretty impressive, Kolowitz. Where'd you learn your trade anyway?"

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