



Join us
Pir-ZOOM HaNes*

NIGHTLY AT 6:00PM
(EXCEPT SHABBAT)

CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING
ON ZOOM FOR ALL
LED BY A DIFFERENT COHORT EACH
NIGHT

12/10 - chai club

12/11 - family chanukah shabbat 7:15pm

12/12 - brotherhood/men's club (including havdalah)

12/13 - circle of friends

12/14 - bnty

12/15 - sisterhood

12/16 - pta

12/17 - rabbi/cantor/morah meredith

*PIRSUM HANES -
"TO PUBLICIZE THE MIRACLE"



RITUAL COMMITTEE

Ritual Calendar - December 2020

Friday, 12/ 4	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service *
Saturday, 12/ 5	9:30am	Torah Study *
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah, Nathan Hellman**
Monday, 12/ 7	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, 12/11	Chanukah -2nd Night	
	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat *
	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Family/Chanukah Service *
Saturday, 12/12	9:30am	Torah Study *
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah, Aaron Angel
Monday, 12/14	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, 12/18	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service *
Saturday, 12/19	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, 12/21	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, 12/25	6:30pm	Erev Shabbat Service ++
Saturday, 12/26	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, 12/28	12:00pm	Torah Study *



Join us for a nightly Chanukah candle lighting on ZOOM at 6:00pm, (Dec 10, 12-17) and as part of Chanukah Shabbat December 11 at 7:15pm



January 2021

Friday, 1 / 1	6:30pm	Erev Shabbat Service ++
Saturday, 1/ 2	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, 1/ 4	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, 1/ 8	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat *
	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Family/Camp Service *
Saturday, 1/ 9	9:30am	Torah Study *
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah, Alexandra Levinsohn



Adult Hebrew Class

7:30pm - Zoom

Thursday, December

3, 10 & 17

Midrash Class 10:30am - Zoom

Sunday, December

6 & 20

KEY: * = On Zoom (details are on Scroll and Website)

** = Live Streamed from the Sanctuary ++ = Holiday Service time

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



INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



Ending the Year With Light

How do we end a year like this one? 2020 has certainly been unlike any year any of us has ever experienced. Between the pandemic and the politics, it's been one of the hardest years I can remember. But that does not mean that everything was bad. Throughout this, we've learned how to find the silver linings, those sparks of brightness, amidst the chaos, the trouble, and the worry. It hasn't always been easy, but our people are well-versed at not only living through adversity, but in always finding blessings, no matter where they might exist.

This month, our calendar affords us the chance to put the search for sparks of light at the forefront of our efforts as we come to our celebration of Chanukah.

Chanukah falls at the darkest time of year. The weather is getting colder. The days are getting shorter. In fact, Chanukah, beginning on the 25th of Kislev, always spans into the new month of Tevet, meaning that the moon is at its smallest and dimmest throughout the eight days of Chanukah. What are we asked to do in response to the seemingly all-encompassing darkness we feel around us? We are called to spread light, literally. We are called to manifest the words of the prophet Isaiah who reminds us that we are to be a light to the nations.

We are called to increase the light we put out into the world at the time of year when there is literally the least amount of light from the heavens. The Psalmist reminds us that the heavens belong to God, but the Earth God gave to humanity. God spreads light in the heavens, we spread it around us. Sometimes, though, we need God's help. What is the miracle of Chanukah? Our ancestors wanted to spread God's light, but when their ability was limited, God intervened.

The rabbis of old insisted that the lights of Chanukah not only be kindled but shared. They instituted rules and guidelines that emphasize that we are to publicize the miracle, known in Hebrew as *pirsum hanes*. They tell us that the lights should be kindled a little before dusk, when the most people would be walking home to see them. They tell us to put the lights in the window facing the street. They advise us that our lights can't be placed too high up, because we shouldn't have to bend our necks to see them. The Rabbis of old not only wanted us to spread the light they wanted others to see it.

As with all our celebrations during the pandemic, this year's Chanukah is going to have to be a little bit different. Since we can't come together physically to celebrate, we've got to adapt. This is why we are so excited about our **PirZOOM HaNes**, nightly Chanukah candle lighting over ZOOM! (See full details on front cover.) Each night of Chanukah, at 6:00pm, we will come together as a congregation on ZOOM to all light our *channukkiot* in our homes, bless the lights and revel in the warmth of our community! We're excited that our many Temple Arms will be helping us to lead the blessings throughout the 8 nights. Check the scroll for the ZOOM link, and be ready with your candles and matches!

There's a lot of darkness around us. But, just as our menorahs increase their light each night, soon after Chanukah, the days will begin to lengthen, and the light around us will continue to grow. Chanukah reminds us that when there is not light to be found, it's on us to create it. Let us flood our homes and our souls with light together this year. Let us end this year of difficulty by spreading light. And may the increasing lights herald the goodness and light to come for us all in the year ahead!

Chanukah Sameach! Happy Chanukah!
Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



"One imagines joy as a flame. Like all flames, it needs oxygen, some life force, a combustible material, a significant activity, and then the white heat of profound effort or activity leading ultimately to inner satisfaction, if not ebullience."

I would take this quote from author Thomas Cottle one step further and add that taking that single flame and adding it to light other flames multiplies that light and the joy. As we approach Chanukah, especially this year, we take the darkest and shortest days of the year and insert light and joy through our celebration. We create that 'significant activity' as we prepare for the joyful holiday of Chanukah. The unique power of Chanukah lights is also linked to the nature of the miracle they commemorate. Each year we retell the miracle of the Maccabean victory over Greek oppression and the cruse of oil that lasted well beyond its time. The victory over oppression involved the transformation of darkness to light, and so the Chanukah lights that commemorate this also hold this power.

Although a minor Jewish holiday, we prepare for Chanukah with childlike enthusiasm. The music of Chanukah is nostalgic and deeply part of our tradition. As we light our candles each night our musical candle blessings effortlessly tumble into familiar songs like Maoz Tsur, Light One Candle, Mi Yimaleil, Ocho Kandalikas, and Dreydl, to name a few of our favorites. Our children delight in playing dreydl games by the candle light, opening gifts, eating lots of latkes and donuts, and receiving *gelt*. The mood is almost 'combustible'! But everything begins each night with the mystical moment when all focus is on the growing *chanukiah* flames.

This year we need the light of Chanukah more than ever! Although we will sadly not be able to gather in person at temple with all our *channukiot*, we have created an opportunity to share the joy and light each night of the festival by joining together on ZOOM with all our **own** *chanukiot*. We are calling it our **PirZOOM HaNes** celebration after the rabbinic instruction of *pirsum hanes*, to publicize the miracle. Each night we will light our candles together on ZOOM and sing the familiar melodies. Look for our flyer for more information on how to join us. During these short days and very trying times, may all the Chanukah flames we share fill us with ebullient light, warmth and joy.

Chag Orim Sameach – Happy Festival of Lights!

Cantor Rica Timman

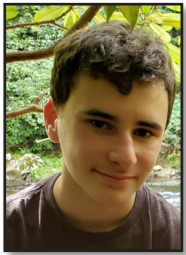
I am so thankful for the many cards of sympathy I received from my fellow congregants upon losing my sister, Rebecca Kaufman after a short battle with West Nile Virus.

Thank you Rabbi Bar-Nahum for reaching out to the family to help with the details of the funeral and to Cantor Timman for arranging the zoom program, which enabled the family to get together and grieve.

*Thank you all, Shalom
Sarita Keyser*



MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES



December 5

Nathan Hellman

Zane & Ilene

Nathan is in the eighth grade at Berner Middle School in Massapequa and has been on the Principal's Honor Roll each quarter since sixth grade. He enjoys playing the bass in his school orchestra and studying German, Math and Social Studies. In his spare time, Nathan loves playing video games and hanging out with his friends. Nathan would like to thank Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman and Morah Emily Altman for all their guidance and support in preparing for his Bar Mitzvah.



December 12

Aaron Angel

Scott & Christine

My name is Aaron Angel. I am in eighth grade at Grand Avenue Middle School. I am on the honor roll at my school. I take a lot of pride in my schoolwork. I enjoy playing sports and video games. I especially enjoy playing baseball and look forward to trying out for my school's baseball team. I was also asked to help manage my brother's flag football team. I'm a kind and caring person. I like spending time with my family and friends. I am grateful for the support that my mom, dad, and brother gave me. A special thanks to Mrs. Altman, Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman for helping me through this process.

UNIONGRAMS

The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah during **JANUARY through MARCH, 2021**. 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

Jan. 9

Jan. 23

Jan. 30

Feb. 6

Feb. 27

Mar. 6

Mar. 13

Mar. 20

CHILD'S NAME

(F) Alexandra Levinsohn

(M) Jordan Holland

(F) Kayla Goldstein

(F) Bridget Alterman

(M) Parker Goldstein

(M) Tyler Levine

(M) Samuel Brown

(F) Rebecca Snyder

(F) Madison Spar

PARENTS

Norman & Robin

Sandy & Andrea

David & Dara

Michael & Tiffany

Lee & Jennifer

Robert & Jun

Laurence & Jennifer

Jonathan & Melissa

Eric & Jessica

_____ 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.



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Well it's December and COVID is still here. I know there is light at the end of this tunnel, but unfortunately it still seems so far away. I hope everyone was able to enjoy Thanksgiving no matter how different it was required to be this year. We all must remember things will get better, and we must hope return to the "normal" we all knew and loved.

Speaking of lights, December is host to Hanukkah (or Hanukah or Chanukah) - also known as the Festival of Light. I am new to TBT Shabbat during Hanukkah when families come in to Services with their favorite Menorahs and everyone lights their Menorahs together. The glow of all of those beautiful Menorahs gave me such an overwhelming feeling of belonging to a wonderful and beautiful Jewish community – my Community – my Temple.

I know that the likelihood is that we will be unable to have the same Shabbat service during Hanukkah that we have had it the past, but I know for a fact that the Clergy, together with the Arms of the Temple is planning a special candle lighting event each night of Hanukkah. From what I have been told each night will be another chance to be with our Temple family and enjoy celebrating together- Eight crazy nights instead of the one night we usually celebrate together. Please follow our various online communications (the Scroll, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to see how to join in the festivities.

One more thing we can all do during Hanukkah, the Festival of Light, is to bring some light to a fellow congregant or fellow neighbor. Do you know anyone that might need a little cheering up or just someone to talk to during this time? Give that person a call, or text, or FaceTime or Zoom – bring some light into someone's life during these very trying times. I'm sure the light you give to someone will be returned to you at least as brightly at the Menorah shines on the Eighth night of Hanukkah!

L'Shalom,

Karen Friedlander & Joni Christie, 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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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.

We will continue to take orders while supplies last; but hurry, they are going fast!

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 _____



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Back in September, I wrote you all describing how the Religious School had a plan that we were hoping we could stick to. About how we formed this plan carefully, with best practice in mind, and with parent feedback we had received niggling in the back of our brains. I told you about how I hoped we could stick to that plan and that it would play out exactly as we had imagined: perfectly and without a hitch.

Having said all of that...what's that old adage? Something about the best laid plans? With our first "trimester" officially behind us, Religious School is changing once again. We heard from parents about what was working for their families and what wasn't, and we are incredibly thankful to those families for speaking up. Always - but especially during this difficult year - I rely on you, the families, to tell me what needs to be fixed.

Starting this week, we have extended some classes when they meet in person, increased the number of times per month that some students will see each other and their teachers, revamped the virtual Junior Congregation service, and are constantly thinking creatively about how to celebrate holidays like Chanukah, Tu B'shevat, and Purim as a community even though we may not be able to gather physically. We are looking forward to this new, improved Religious School schedule, and are hoping that this "best laid plan" is better than before.

Having said all of that: please never stop reaching out. A record number of people have my cell phone number (and are encouraged sincerely and enthusiastically to use it!), and I am only ever an email away (mlubin@tbtwantagh.org). I want to hear from you, talk to you, and listen to you. I want to know how you're feeling, what's working, and what isn't. I'd like to change the adage; I'd like the best laid plans to work every time for as many people as possible, and a strong partnership between my office and each and every Religious School family is the way to do it.

So instead of talking about best laid plans, I'll leave you with this quote, which we can find in our Siddur, Mishkan T'filah: "There is no way to get from here to there except by joining hands, marching together." Let's put on our marching shoes, friends, and see where we can go!

Meredith Lubin,
TBT Director of Education & Youth Activities

In the House...Tessa Kean

We may all be Zooming and streaming, but the House Committee continues its role in making sure all is functioning in our Temple Home. Thank you to Sue-Ellen for her continuous monitoring of the needs in our Temple Home. Sue-Ellen coordinates the use of our rooms for our school and makes sure our home is properly maintained. Whether it is air conditioning or heating issues or maintenance of our property, we are always working on our building. Thank you to our custodial staff for providing service to our school, our Cantor and Rabbi and for making sure any outside activities run smoothly. May we be able to join together once again in a properly maintained home.

Thank you to all who have signed in when you needed to come to the Temple and to those who show their respect for others by wearing your mask. Our Reopening Task Force is always updating our policy to insure the safety of our staff and our congregants. Thank you for adhering to any procedures which have been instituted which are there for all our safety.



OUR COMMUNITY



*The Social Action/Social Justice Committee
of Temple B'nai Torah*
is proud to announce our

Holiday Gift Drive

December 1-20, 2020
Donations made by Dec. 6th
will be delivered in time for Hanukkah Gift Giving

Ways to Donate:



Unwrapped donations can be dropped off in the collection box in the TBT Lobby Drive up on December 6th 8:45-11:30 and volunteers will take donations out of your car for you.

Gift cards in envelopes labelled SA/SJ Holiday Gift Drive can be mailed to TBT or brought to the TBT office during office hours.

We are especially in need of gifts for older children and adolescents such as:

Headphones, phone chargers, umbrellas, journals (non spiral), art supplies, make-up brushes, perfume, flatirons, hairdryers, full size and travel size toiletries, robes, house slippers, footballs, basketballs, music and store gift cards

Donations will be delivered to a variety of agencies including Family and Children's Association, local adolescent psychiatric programs

For information, contact Rona Kauffman, ronakauffman@yahoo.com



SISTERHOOD SHMOOZING



I would like to welcome Gail Rosner as our new Fundraising Vice President and Ellen Kraut back to the board, also on our fundraising committee.

Sharon Curry presented us with a much-needed program on stress relief. I know everyone came away with some new tools to help us deal with this crazy year.

Robin Wexler treated us to a fun-filled and informative Rosh Chodesh program, "Lusty Women of the Bible." We learned about virtuous women, scoundrels and ordinary women placed in pivotal roles that were relevant centuries later.

Several of us were fortunate enough to attend the Women of Reform Judaism Northeast virtual convention. As Chanukah will be here before we know it, and we celebrate the light that this holiday brings, I thought this would be a great time to discuss what WRJ does in this season and all year long to bring light and hope to women and men all over the world through the YES fund (Youth Education and Special Projects).

The YES Fund trains future leaders of Reform Judaism by providing scholarships for rabbinical and cantorial students at HUC-JIR at its four campuses.

Support of our young people is among the YES Fund's proudest achievements. The fund founded and still supports all Jewish camps including the most recent camp, 6 Points Sc-Tech Academy. The Yes Fund also provides annual support for the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism (RAC).

The easiest way to help support the YES fund is through support of our UNIONGRAM program. Ellice Toscano is in charge of the program, and thanks to her and the support of our Temple family we have been honored by WRJ several times.

I want to wish everyone a very Happy Chanukah filled with the light and warmth of the season.

B'shalom

Emily Altman

Sisterhood president

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BROTHERHOOD / MEN'S CLUB



I hope everyone had a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving even though many of us had to adjust our normal way of celebrating in order to stay safe while Covid-19 is still active in our community and our world. As 2020 comes to an end, I am reflecting back on how our Temple, and all of the TBT arms, had to make so many adjustments to our services, programs and normal activities in order to keep everyone safe.

Our clergy switched us to Zoom services, helping us all to stay connected with one another and to continue to celebrate our holidays. For that, I am thankful. In our Brotherhood/Men's Club, we also had to change how we meet and enjoy each other's company. I am pleased to say that so many of our members have joined together on zoom for our monthly board meetings and dinner meetings. While we cannot dine together in our temple, we can still be together thanks to Zoom.

In November, we were together to watch an Israeli themed documentary. Many of our members had attended the October meeting which featured our TBT member Marvin Berg speaking on how to survive a severe trauma by understanding how to stop bleeding before help arrives. In November, those who attended received a brief questionnaire to complete and return to Marvin. In return, they will receive an emergency trauma kit for their home. Thank you, Marvin.

December brings us the Chanukah holiday. As you eat your latkes and spin your dreidels, may your homes be filled with happiness. Happy New Year to everyone. May 2021 bring us peace, health and a return to normalcy in our temple and in our lives.

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



Attention, Attention

Big News

Did you hear who's 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.





Shalom From the PTA!

By Rachel Minkowsky

Winter is here! Our unique school year is well underway.

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. All proceeds go directly to programming and materials for all our religious school children.

You're invited to a fundraiser at **five BELOW**. Take the flyer with you while you shop between December 3 and December 10, and 10% of the purchases will go to our religious school. It's an easy way to find all your last-minute holiday presents and support the TBT religious school. Happy shopping!

Our Gingerbread Menorah sale was a huge success! Cookies always make holidays more fun, and Hanukkah is no exception. We hope everyone has fun decorating (and eating!) their tasty creations.

Chad Chanukah Sameach!

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- Dear Congregants,
Put on your thinking caps.
Your Membership Committee wants to know,
"What are your 2021 wishes for our
Temple Community?"
Stay tuned, we'll be reaching out to you soon.
Happy and Healthy Holiday
to you and your loved ones
From Us and Ours.



OUR COMMUNITY

Throughout the difficulties of this year, BNTY, the temple's youth group, has continued to undergo exciting programs. With the weather never holding us back, we have had our phenomenal kickoff event along with an ASL and Art program. Before it gets brutally cold outside, we will continue to have exciting events for kids and teens from MNTY, BNTY Jr., and BNTY Sr.



November had a lot in store for BNTY Jr. and Sr. members. Beginning on November 8th, Sr. and Jr. got together to watch "Spiderman Into The Spiderverse." This program will happen either in front of the temple or over Zoom. Moving forward, Sr. has events on the 15th and 22nd of this month. These events involve fingerpainting, poster making, and adding onto our beautiful BNTY quilt. More information will be uploading onto our Instagram account, @bnty.tbt and will be sent into the kids GroupMe. If not in the GroupMe, please contact BNTY's President, Michele Spiller at mishy3141@gmail.com.

As we approach winter and the weather becomes rough, we want to still be able to see everyone! Your BNTY Board is working together to find ways to virtually be together to have fun programs and celebrate upcoming holidays like Hanukkah. We hope to see you at future events and remember it's never too late to sign up!

-Michele Spiller, BNTY President, Hannah Herman, BNTY MVP,
and the 2020-2021 BNTY Board.

A Congregation Night of Comedy

"Don't Make Me Laugh Players"

Saturday, January 23, 2021

ON ZOOM



SAVE THE DATE!!



SOCIAL ACTION



Social Action/Social Justice Committee

Soon we will be celebrating Hanukkah, The Festival of Lights. We wish you and your families a beautiful holiday filled with love, peace and light. Despite Winter's reputation for short, dark days, once we get to December 21, the days will actually start getting a little longer each day.

The Thanksgiving Frozen Turkey Drive allowed many local families to prepare their traditional family dinner despite financial hardships. Thank you for your generosity and thank you to all those who volunteered to help with the collection!

Our Notes from the Garden fundraiser continues through December 4. Please be sure to get your orders in and don't miss out. See the flyer in this issue of the Voice and on the Scroll. The Garden at TBT has now been put to bed for the winter, but not before having donated over 630 lbs. of fresh produce for the season. We have prepared the beds for the winter and have already planted our garlic, which will grow strong roots and emerge in the spring. We will be busy planning our planting projects and ordering needed seeds and supplies until we emerge in the spring as well.

Election Day has come and gone. While we have not been able to get a clear picture of just how many of our congregants voted, between postings on social media and the many returned pledge forms, it appears that the numbers are likely quite high. Now is the time to reflect on the changes we would like to see in our country and its policies, and to advocate for those changes. With so much division throughout the country, we do know this is also a time of potential healing, for opportunities to work to bring people together, and for seeking common ground. Let us strive to find effective ways to do so and to let the wisdom, the ideals and the values of Judaism be our guide.

On November 21, we were treated to a virtual performance by Greg Greenway and Reggie Harris. This program, "Deeper Than the Skin" gave us insight into the power of early prejudicial influences and how they can be overcome. Greg and Reggie wove their personal stories and music together in hopes of inspiring others to work to combat racial injustice. Let's keep the conversation going.....

This month we will be having our annual Holiday Gift collection. This year, your donations will go to several recipient agencies, and we are putting special emphasis on gifts for older children and adolescents who are in need. Please see the flyer in this month's Voice for details and some suggested gift items.

As always, 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 December 8 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

Thank you to all of the caring people who sent me their good wishes on my birthday. You are kind and thoughtful, and I'm blessed to be able to call you my friends.

~Ruth Sussman





CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



One of Circle of Friend's latest events was a virtual Escape Room via Zoom. A bunch of our members – all who had previously been to Escape Rooms in the past (pre-Covid) – all decided to try this latest adventure. Below is a report from one of these members:

"Although our group of wizards is confined to our fortresses, we are not in solitude. For your edification and entertainment, we submit the tale of a band of bold adventurers to the rest of our Circle (of Friends) and then to the Temple.

"Through informants, we learned of the tale of the kingdom of Puzzle Break in the land of Syosset. Inconceivable! (Or a related term.) An evil queen had imprisoned her niece within a magical forest and usurped her throne. The only way to free the true ruler, and free her kingdom was to break a crafty spell.

"We formed a group of intrepid puzzlers. By the use of the spells of 'Zoom' and 'Internet Link,' we gathered the information (in the form of an E-game booklet) needed to break the curse. Via multiple crystal balls (aka laptops and tablets), we bravely placed our electronic selves in harm's way.

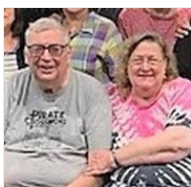
"We immediately encountered a spirit who favored our cause (an employee who guided us), but was required to restrict us to a mere hour to complete our attempt to unravel the spell.

"Our combined talents resulted in our solving the first nine puzzles. (Amazing the odd pieces of experience that came in handy!) Alas. When we encountered the 10th conundrum, we thought it as fiendish as the others. Despite the repeated helpful hints from the amicable spirit, we failed to see what lay right before our eyes. We failed and were trapped.

"We have managed to send this message through the efforts of a force greater than ours, and TBT has distributed our story to all its contacts. Are any of our readers brave and smart enough to succeed where we have failed?"

It was great fun!

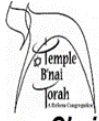
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~ 2021 ~	HAPPY NEW YEAR!			
January 3	Sunday	2:30 - 5 pm	Bowling Party	Away
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February 12	Friday	7:15 - 8:30 pm	Shabbat Service with C of F participation	ZOOM



CHAI CLUB



Chai Club



On behalf of the Chai Club Board, Joan and I wish everyone a Happy Chanukah. We are pleased to announce that Chai Club will join the other Arms of the temple by participating in Rabbi Bar-Nahum's and Cantor Timman's Chanukah Candle Lighting with Blessings, December 10th through December 17th (all at 6:00 pm). Chai Club will be lighting the candles and recite the blessings with the Shehecheyanu, Thursday, December 10th (First Night). Please watch the Temple Scroll for details.

Our Programming Committee, led by Vice President, Ben Cernese has scheduled Chai Club's January-March 2021 Programs. Since we were asked by our Temple leadership to increase programming during these difficult times, we are very pleased to announce that we will have TWO Programs the first two months of January and February and a special March Program dedicated to Women's History Month. The added programs in January and February will feature two wonderful singers that you'll fall in love with. See partial 2021 schedule below. Many thanks to Ben's Programming Committee: Sharon Cernese, Art & Debbie Schlesinger, Jay Schoenberg, Shelly Spivack, Stephanie Neigeborn, Harriet Ostroff, Gloria Glick and Tessa Kean.

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 also be celebrated. See Flyer below.

Partial 2021 CHAI Club Program Schedule (All will be via Zoom):

Thursday, January 14th, 7:30pm-9:00, Musical presentation by Stephanie Horowitz-Mulry

Monday, January 25th, 7:30pm-9:00, Speaker, John Kenrick- Program: Robin Williams

Thursday, February 11th, 7:30pm-9:00, Musical Presentation by JayCee Driesen Singing Love Songs for Valentine's

Monday, February 22nd, 7:30pm-9:00, Speaker Liz Roper - Why the Chosen People Choose Chow Mein

Thursday, March 11th, 7:30pm-9:00, Special program for Women's History Month, Sally Drucker Presents, "Rosie The Riveter "

Happy Chanukah!

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



JEWISH INFLUENCES IN CINEMA

by Keith Crocker

Chai Club Program Meeting

December 14, 2020, 7:30 pm

Utilizing clips of rare interviews and intimate moments we will draw a broad portrait of the Jewish immigrant experience and its effect on the history of motion pictures.

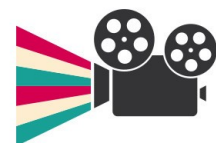
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More Than Just A Memory by Joyce Litwin Zimmerman

Every day I remember to be grateful to the people who inspired me as a child.

My Uncle Jules lives on in me every day. This wiry, wavy-haired, first generation American born in 1908 set his goals and worked tirelessly to achieve them using ingenuity and foresight, especially during the *Great Depression*. He shared his life with his wife Grace, the love of his life, as well as their extended families. After expanding a woodworking business that was sold in the 1950's to Emerson Electric, he retired, traveled, and continued as "behind the scenes" emotional support to the entire Frank and Goldberg clans. Although he was not a temple goer, he supported Jewish organizations and synagogues.

Jules, who often appeared outwardly stern, exuded calmness and a sense of having everything "under control." I prominently display his photo to remind me to be brave, especially during this life-altering pandemic.

He was my second father who took me to the beach on summer mornings, read the Wall Street Journal as I maneuvered on the monkey bars in the playground and played "hit-the penny" with me in the driveway at 124 Exeter Street. We collected leaves in Autumn. I even got to help him repaint the front gate to my second home in Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn during weekends and school holidays.

An award-winning photographer, opera lover, talented painter and sculptor, Jules enjoyed his passions as much as his business pursuits. He loved to walk; Aunt Grace would tie my winter jacket hood tight before Uncle Jules and I strolled silently around the surrounding neighborhood of Sheepshead Bay when I was 7, 8 and 9. After relocating to Pompano Beach, Florida he served as a leader in municipal government.

My daughter Janine, his namesake, carries out this family tradition of caring for extended family and also advocates for others as an attorney. As a social worker, my daughter Alyssa cares for others professionally as a psychotherapist, and assists family and friends when they need a hand. Both have volunteered for causes they believe in.

From Jules, I learned to set goals, to love nature, art and the beach and to help members of the community.

Who inspired you? What actions did they take that live on in you? What of their legacy can be continued to future generations?



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