



Temple B'nai Torah A Reform Congregation

A Celebration in Honor of Our
Three Marvelous Matriarchs

Jan Friedman

Gail Grossman

Rita Hofer

Join the Zoom festivities on June 6, 2021
as we honor these amazing women for their
hard work, dedication, and contributions
to our congregation.



RITUAL COMMITTEE

Ritual Calendar - January



Friday, 1/1/21	6:30pm	Erev Shabbat Service ++
Saturday, 1/2/21	9:30am	Torah Study on Zoom
Monday, 1/4/21	12:00pm	Torah Study on Zoom
Friday, 1/8/21	5:30pm 7:15pm	Tot Shabbat Erev Shabbat Family/6 th Grade Siddur Ceremony / Camp Service *
Saturday, 1/9/21	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study on Zoom Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Levinsohn**
Monday, 1/11/21	12:00pm	Torah Study on Zoom
Friday, 1/15/21	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service with Social Action/Social Justice *
Saturday, 1/16/21	9:30am	Torah Study on Zoom



Friday, 1/22/21	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service, Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Holland *
Saturday, 1/23/21	9:30am	Torah Study on Zoom
Monday, 1/25/21	12:00pm	Torah Study on Zoom
Friday, 1/29/21	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Tu B'shevat Seder *
Saturday, 1/30/21	9:00am 9:30am 11:30am	Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah of Kayla Goldstein** Torah Study on Zoom Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah of Bridget Alterman **

Tu B'shevat



February

Monday, 2/1/21	12:00pm	Torah Study on Zoom
Friday, 2/5/21	5:30pm 7:15pm	Tot Shabbat * Erev Shabbat Family Service and 5th Grade Midrash *
Saturday, 2/6/21	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study on Zoom Shabbat Service, Bar Mitzvah of Parker Goldstein **



KEY: * = On Zoom (details are on Scroll and Website)
 ** = Live Streamed on Facebook ++ = 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



This month, our nation will swear in a new Congress, new Senators, and a new President. The governmental leadership of our nation is tasked with promoting the God given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all those living within our borders, citizen, resident, and sojourner alike. One of the newly elected Representatives to be sworn in this month is Nikema Williams, who won the election in Georgia's 5th district, which between 1987 and this past year was held by John Lewis.

John Lewis understood the promise of America and was witness personally to times when that promise wasn't upheld equally for all Americans. He was an important leader of the Civil Rights Movement, speaking at the March on Washington, marching with Dr. King, and advocating for the passage of the Voting Rights Act. He is most well-known for the injuries he received marching in Selma on Bloody Sunday.

John Lewis dedicated his life to promoting equality in America and equal access to the voting booth for all Americans. The Supreme Court invalidated portions of the Voting Rights Act in 2013, and now there is a bill seeking passage known as the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which would reinstate certain provisions in keeping with the Court's decision.

Each year in January, we commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a way to honor the civil rights movement and the leaders who fought to make ours a more perfect union. There is much work to be done still, and no one knew and understood the ongoing struggle more than John Lewis. In honor of this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day, our Social Action/Social Justice committee has planned an opportunity for us all to watch and then discuss a documentary biopic about the life of John Lewis titled, "John Lewis: Good Trouble."

The screening will be available to members of our congregation for 48 hours, beginning after Shabbat at 6:00pm on January 16. You can watch it as convenient for you. We will then gather at 7:00pm on Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, for a discussion of the film and conversation about the work ahead as it relates to voting rights, and race relations. Building on our Elul congregational read, and our wonderful music program before Thanksgiving, we hope this conversation will encourage us to delve even more deeply into these topics. All details and information can be found on page 9.

John Lewis coined the phrases "good trouble" and "necessary trouble" to describe what sometimes needs to be done. Good and necessary trouble means speaking out when things are not right or equitable, even and especially against those in charge and power. Good and necessary trouble means when the time calls for it, stand up for what you believe in. John Lewis lived a life dedicated to getting into good and necessary trouble. As he said, sometimes these are required to save the soul of America. He never gave up, and always believed in this nation, even when he was witness to its most vicious and hateful aspects.

This month, we look to new leadership in this nation. Let us all pray that our newly sworn-in leaders work every day to promote those rights our founders understood as inalienable, life, liberty, and happiness. The founders didn't extend these rights to all. Let us all be ready to get into good trouble to continue the work to right that wrong.

L'Shalom,
 Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum





NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



A New Year and New Hope.

As I write this, the first vaccines have begun to be administered here in our country. On a cold and dark December night we are watching as history is being made. I have hope that with this new year we will begin to see a light at the end of the tunnel to a very difficult, painful, exhausting, pandemic-ridden 2020.

At TBT we are holding on to each other, finding ways to stay connected, helping each other through loss and through uncertainty, and always with heaping doses of kindness and care. Our services and programming continue mostly remotely and if in person, safely. Our children are studying from their kitchen tables. This month our sixth graders will receive their *siddurim* and mark it with a ceremony at the ZOOM Family Service on January 8th. It is the beginning of the journey in which they will use their *siddurim* someday as they lead us in their B'nai Mitzvah services from our *bima*. For now, B'nai Mitzvah are being tutored completely by ZOOM and then leading us at their Shabbat service with remarkable poise, confidence, and a sense of accomplishment. As I like to tell them, they have quite the story to tell their grandkids someday!

I have hope that we will get through every bit of this dark time together, stronger and more connected. But it means that we all have to continue to work on staying engaged. TBT is more than it's physical building. Our community is active and continually moving forward. Need an idea on how to stay engaged? Join a club, volunteer for a committee, come to a Shabbat service, join any of our Facebook pages, pop in to Torah study, take a Lifelong Learning class, volunteer for a social action project, or make a donation to help another family in need. As a result of a technology driven world, our TBT community has expanded to all parts of this country as associate members and friends of TBT tune in regularly to our services and programming. And it goes without saying that we hope we can be together, as soon as it is safe again, in our beautiful sanctuary for services, and our temple campus for classes, programs, meetings, and gatherings. Until then, and as always, if you are feeling a little lost or unengaged, reach out to Rabbi Bar-Nahum or me to chat. We are here for you!

With this new secular year, my hope is that our uncertainty fades, as sure as the days grow longer and sunlight gets brighter. And until we can be physically together again, see you on ZOOM!

B'vracha (with blessings) for a very happy, hopeful, and healthy New Year!

Cantor Rica Timman

Wish List

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Dear Congregants,
 Without a doubt, 2020 was a tough year for us as a community and a nation, and we all have a vision of what a better year should bring.

Your Membership committee wants to know what your hopes and wishes are for our temple community in 2021. We'd like to hear from everyone by January 15th.

Please email your Wish List to us at bstcls512@aol.com or mail it to:

Temple B'nai Torah
 2900 Jerusalem Avenue
 Wantagh, NY 11793
 Attn: Membership Committee

Happy New Year to you & your loved ones, from Us and Ours



MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES

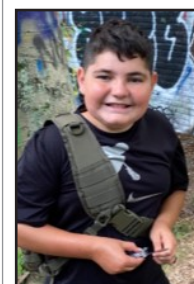


January 9

Alexandra Levinsohn

Norman & Robin

Alexandra is a seventh-grade honor student at Woodland Middle School. She plays cello and is a member of the school orchestra. Her favorite activities include; cheer, art, listening to music, dance and spending time with friends, family, and her dog, Joy. While completing the 13 Mitzvot, she especially enjoyed creating a family history with her grandparents. Alexandra is grateful for all the support from her parents, grandparents, brother, and friends. She would like to give a special thank you to Morah Meredith, Rabbi Bar-Nahum, and Cantor Timman for their help and guidance in preparing for her Bat Mitzvah.

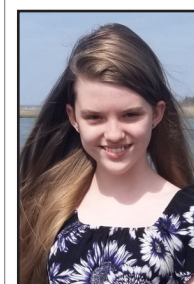


January 23

Jordan Holland

Sandy & Andrea

My name is Jordan Holland. I am in the seventh grade and attend Grand Ave Middle School in Bellmore. I enjoy going fishing, especially fishing for Stripers and Blues. I like spending time outside while riding my bike or going on hikes with my family. Spending time at the beach and fishing is something that I look forward to doing. I am a kind, empathetic and compassionate person. I enjoy spending time with my grandparents and visiting them in Florida. I would like to thank Cantor Timman, Morah Meredith and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for all their help in preparing me for my Bar Mitzvah.

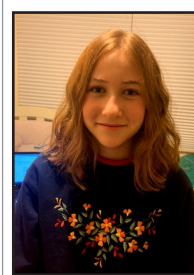


January 30

Bridget Alterman

Michael & Tiffany

Bridget is a seventh grade student at Woodland Middle School. She is very creative with a love for music and art, and she is a great friend to everyone she meets. Bridget loves to volunteer her free time to help with animal rescue events, but has never met an insect that she likes. She is thankful to her grandmother, her teachers, Mrs. Altman, Rabbi and Cantor for helping to prepare for this special day.



January 30

Kayla Goldstein

David & Dara

Kayla is a spunky seventh grader at Grand Avenue Middle School. She is a sweet, caring, empathic girl, with a sarcastic sense of humor. She enjoys reading, ice skating, roller blading and playing online games with her friends. Most of all, Kayla loves her dog Zoe and her hamster Peachy. She is an animal lover to the core. She loves every animal and is a vocal animal activist. Kayla is collecting gently used blankets and towels to donate to animal shelters for her Bat Mitzvah project. This project is very dear to her heart. We would like to thank Mrs. Altman and Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for all their hard work with Kayla. We couldn't be prouder of our beautiful daughter.



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



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Happy New Year! January is here and the news is that since we are feeling blue since COVID hit, the January blues wouldn't be that bad. Chanukah shopping is over, we are finished eating potato pancakes, and we saw our relatives and friends over Zoom. The new year is a time for new beginnings. Since the weather is usually cold and white snow is everywhere, we are home anyway. There are many things we can do to connect to our temple community. We can join a temple service, join a temple program, help out on a committee or work on a fundraiser. There are plenty of activities to do and temple friends around to merge your blues into sunshine. Come join our temple family to expand your

thinking with new experiences and build value in your life every day.

We are all waiting for the day we can be together in the synagogue or the social hall. These next months we will continue to work on a plan to move towards this day. Our reopening team meets and makes decisions on the daily numbers on a daily schedule. We need your help to continue being positive and enjoy what we offer. We can look forward in the spring to a Lawn Chair Auction with over 160 prizes, and a Gala in honor of three beautiful, caring ladies. Here are some resolutions for 2021; Leave your phone, do charity, be social, find time for yourself, raise your voice, and live your dreams. Many relate to Temple B'nai Torah. Put us in your resolutions.

L'Shalom,

Karen Friedlander & Joni Christie, Co-Presidents



Virtual Fun Who's That Kid?

Open to all TBT members

Sunday, January 17, 2021 2:30pm

To participate, send a photo of yourself – age 3 to 6 – by 1/13/21 (in .jpg format) to Francine Tepper at tepmkt@hotmail.com.

Please make sure that you let her know who you are.

We will meet on Zoom to figure out to whom each picture belongs.

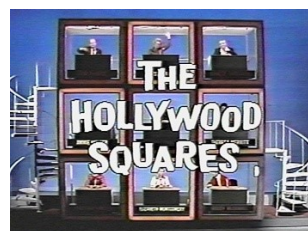
Bowling Party

Sunday January 24, 2021 2:30pm

Wantagh Lanes 1300 Wantagh Ave. Wantagh

RSVP by 1/20/21 to Steve Block at (516) 541-6222

For this socially distanced function



Hollywood Squares

Saturday February 6, 2021 7pm

Calling all actors & actresses who would like to strut their stuff in this fun re-creation of the famous TV show.

Call Brian Levy at (516) 781-4966 to participate



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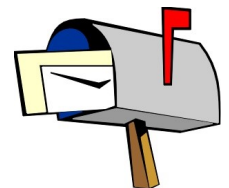


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PLEASE MAIL WARM WINTER WISHES



In May, we did a Mitzvah and mailed greetings to the residents of The Meadowbrook Care Center. It was a huge success and cheered the residents.

Send these residents a warm winter hug by reaching out to them with "Thinking of You" or "Happy Valentine's Day" greetings or drawings.

If every congregant sends something, we will reduce the loneliness of the recipients. Please feel free to share this with everyone you know.

You do not have to address your note to a specific person and you do not have to sign the greeting. Mail to:

Ms. Suzy Zarrett, Recreation Director
Meadowbrook Care Center
320 W. Merrick Road
Freeport, NY 11520



Any questions, please contact: Lauren & Howard at LevSASJ@gmail.com



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a warm, bright Chanukah (I know – seems like ages ago, doesn't it?), a happy, healthy, New Year's celebration, and a restful, well-earned winter break.

Amazingly, the next holiday we have coming up is Tu B'shevat. It seems a little nuts to be thinking about springtime, blooming flowers and trees, and newness while in the middle of the Winter. But then again, this is one of those times that I think maybe the Jewish calendar knew just what it was doing. This is, of course, not the first time that Tu B'shevat has taken place during January (nor will it be the last), but it might be the most we have ever needed it.

When I think back to last Tu B'shevat, it was just like it had been countless times before. We gathered, we ate delicious fruits, and we prayed. The Religious School students participated in a model seder with the clergy at the helm, and the teens led a beautiful creative Shabbat service attached to the TBT Seder. During that service, BNTY's Religious and Cultural Vice President, Ashley Altman, started us off with the words, "We all have our own special bond with Judaism, but we are also a group of people who came together to exist in a space together and be a Jewish family." Everything was as it should be.

Just a few short weeks later, we could no longer physically gather in that space that so often makes us feel like a family and it hasn't always been easy. I know I miss hugs and handshakes, seeing smiles in person, and greeting families on a Shabbat evening inside of our building. We have found other ways, of course, but I think we can all agree we will be happy when we can return to things as they should be.

This is why I am so glad that this year, Tu B'shevat is arriving for us in the thick of Winter. It is a nice reminder that Spring always comes. It is good to remember that no matter how dark, cold, or lonely, eventually it will warm up. The leaves will come back, the flowers will bloom, and we will be able to gather together again.

So Happy Tu B'Shevat – I can't wait to see you soon.

Meredith Lubin,
TBT Director of Education & Youth Activities



Winter Accessories

Please donate new or very gently used winter hats, scarves, gloves, warm socks (new only), hand and toe warmers for children, teens and adults.
(January 1st - 31st)

Donations will be delivered to a variety of agencies including Family and Children Association, veteran's groups, and the INN
For information, contact Rona Kauffman, ronakauffman@yahoo.com



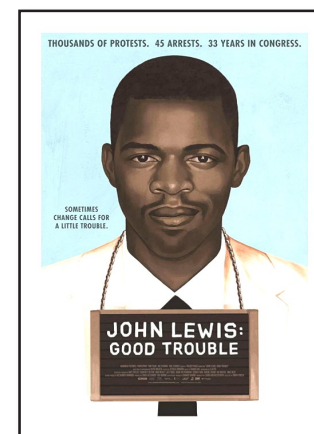
OUR COMMUNITY



The Social Action/Social Justice Committee presents:

John Lewis: Good Trouble

This highly acclaimed documentary film explores John Lewis', 60-plus years of social activism and legislative action on civil rights, voting rights, gun control, health care reform, and immigration.



Congregants will be able to view this inspirational film on-line from
**7:00 pm Saturday January 16 through
6:45 pm Monday January 18**
(Last showing begins at 5:00).

Links to access the film will be provided *only* to those who register (and is limited to 150 screens).

To register, send an email to Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com.

Please put John Lewis in the subject line..

After viewing the film, please join us for a Film Discussion on ZOOM led by

Rabbi Bar-Nahum on Monday, January 18, 7:00-8:30 pm

For questions or information contact Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com.



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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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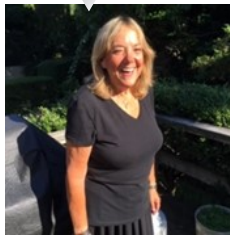
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SISTERHOOD SHMOOZING



First, I hope everyone has a very happy and healthy New Year. Let's hope that this year allows us to be together in person at some point.

For those of us who participated in last year's Fried Women's Conference virtually and were privileged to hear from incredible women, this conference is again virtual. This conference is a multi-day experience to hone leadership skills, further Jewish learning, partake in women led worship and music and deepen our connections to other sisterhoods, women and WRJ at large.

The conference is intended for all women interested in WRJ and the Reform Jewish Movement. There is something for everyone at Fried. It is the perfect opportunity to enhance your personal growth, broaden our Jewish knowledge and spiritual horizons. I hope to "virtually" see as many sisterhood members as possible. It really is an experience unlike any other.

Please check our Yammer pages at www.yammer.com/women of reform Judaism. Everything from cooking classes such as Soups and Stews, Greek Dinner and favorite Passover recipes, Music of Progressive Israeli Jewish Communities and many other ongoing webinars. You can always check the URJ calendar at <https://huc.edu/learn-and-connect-huc>.

I would like to thank Gail Rosner and Joni Christi for coordinating our first ever virtual Chanukah sale. They really proved the old adage making lemonade from lemons.

B'shalom
Emily Altman
Sisterhood president



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.

Thank you all for participating in our fundraiser at 5 Below. 10% of the purchases went to support to our religious school.

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

Our next meeting will be January 10 at 9:15. Links are available on the TBT PTA Facebook page. See you there!



MAZEL TOV TO...

Nadine and Ira Salzman on the engagement of their daughter
Alexa to Nick Konya



BROTHERHOOD / MEN'S CLUB



Happy New Year to everyone. As we begin 2021, I believe we are all ready to leave 2020 in the past, and hope that 2021 brings us a gradual return to normalcy and a chance to once again enjoy being with our friends and family. That is certainly true for the members of the TBT Brotherhood/Men's Club.

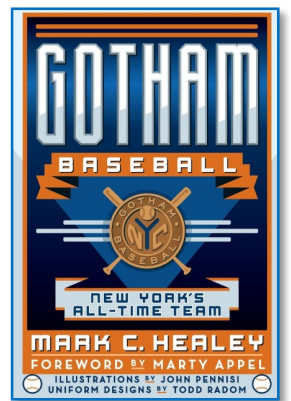
In December, the Brotherhood/Men's Club had the privilege of lighting the Chanukah candles and leading the Havdalah service on Saturday evening the 12th of December. Thank you to our board member Anony Baroukh for taking the lead on this service and to all of our members for participating. Thank you too, for all of the TBT arms and clergy for helping to make this Chanukah a meaningful time for so many of us.

As we begin this new year, our Brotherhood/Men's Club board has been busy planning activities for 2021. We are very excited about our first Zoom "dinner meeting" when our speaker will be Mark C. Healy, author of

Gotham Baseball: New York's All-Time Team.

A special thank you to Jeff Cohen, our Brotherhood /Men's Club treasurer, for arranging Mark Healy to be our featured speaker.

Gotham Baseball, once a "critically acclaimed magazine and part of the permanent archive at the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library in Cooperstown, NY," transitioned to a media outlet which is now celebrating its 15th Anniversary. Whether you are a Yankee fan, or a Mets fan, come to our Zoom meeting to hear Mark speak about the New York World of Baseball. Opening day for the baseball season, whether in our minds, or actually in the stands, is only 3 months away! Put on your favorite team jersey or hat, or just dream of springtime....and join us on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:30pm. This meeting is open to all members of our congregation.



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



Brotherhood/Men's Club EYEGGLASS COLLECTION



Recycle your old, usable eyeglasses, reading glasses and sunglasses and help provide others with the gift of improved sight!

Refractive errors can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low- and middle-income countries lack access to basic eye care services. The Lions Club has recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collect usable glasses in their communities to support the Lions Recycle for Sight Program.

Look for the collection box in the Temple lobby.

For information contact: Richard Tepper at richardtepper@hotmail.com



CHAI CLUB



2021! We can't believe 2020 is finally gone. We pray that the Vaccines will be distributed quickly and we all will be getting back to normal.

Special thanks to all who attended our December 14th program, Keith Crocker's "Jewish Influences in The Cinema," which was very historical and informative. The program focused on the influence of Jewish immigrants on the United States film culture during the Golden Age of Cinema. I'm sure our programming Committee will invite Mr. Crocker back very soon.

We are happy to announce that the Ritual Committee has scheduled a special Shabbat, Friday, February 19th, where Chai Club members will be invited to participate. Mark your calendars as we will have more details next month.

This month we are pleased to present TWO Zoom Programs:

Singer Stephanie Horowitz-Mulry will be entertaining us **Thursday**, January 14th, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm, with a selection of American Standards. Stephanie was recommended to us by Debbie Schlesinger (wife of Chai Club Board Member, Artie.) Debbie studies voice and singing with Ms. Mulry.


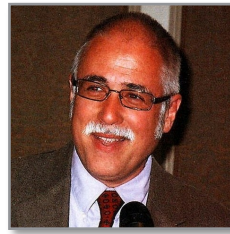
On Monday, January 25th, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm, we have invited noted Author, John Kenrick, who will entertain us with "Robin Williams- His Life and Comedy." He will provide clips on Robin's comedy and provide detailed insights into Robin's life.

Our February and March Schedule:

Thursday, February 11th, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm, Musical Presentation by JayCee Driesen Singing Love Songs for Valentine's.
Monday, February 22nd, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm, Speaker Liz Roper - Why the Chosen People Choose Chow Mein
Thursday, March 11th, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm, A Joint Program with Sisterhood, celebrating Women's History Month: Sally Drucker Presents, "Rosie The Riveter"

Let's all make 2021 the best year yet, filled with happiness and good health!

Joan and Brian Levy, Co-presidents, sea1983jl@gmail.com, bellobl@gmail.com

<p>American Standards By Singer Stephanie Horowitz-Mulry</p>  <p>Thursday January 14, 2021</p>	<p>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★</p>	<p>Robin Williams: A Program by Author John Kenrick</p>  <p>Monday January 25, 2021</p>
<p>We will celebrate January birthdays on January 25, 2021 Questions? Call Joan or Brian at (516) 781-4966 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3780366300?pwd=dXVKcE9yRzIHQk5ZVExqeUFnTmgvZz09 Meeting ID: 378 036 6300 Password: 465021</p>		



OUR COMMUNITY



Don't Make Me Laugh!
Join us for
An Evening of Comedy
Saturday, January 23, 2021 7:30pm
Home-grown talent and more

"We need to laugh and smile more, see the bright side of life more..."
Rabbi Gellman, 11/29/2020

I would love to attend.

RSVP by 1/16/21 to Gail Grossman at 516-242-0971 or
cowlover51@optonline.net)



Name _____

Phone # _____

e-mail address _____

to receive Zoom info for 1/23/21

Your Voluntary Donation, in any amount, will be greatly appreciated.

Suggested: I hope to giggle \$18.

I hope to laugh hysterically \$36.

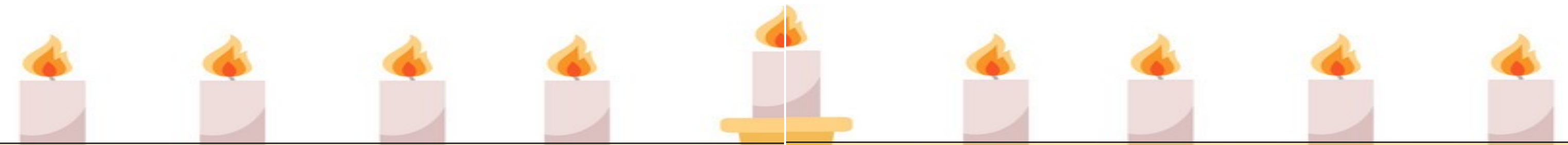
I hope to pee in my pants \$54.

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2900 Jerusalem Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793



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TBT ZOOMAKKAH





SOCIAL ACTION

Social Action/Social Justice Committee



Happy Secular New Year! We wish you a 2021 that is much better than 2020 was. We wish you a year full of health, happiness, peace, and the ability to meet, in-person, with family and friends; exchanging hugs, kisses and long, unmasked conversations. May those wishes come true early in this New Year!

Last month's **Holiday Gift Drive** was a very successful and gratifying endeavor, and we were able to fulfill the specific holiday wishes of many who might have otherwise been overlooked. Thank you for your generosity and thank you to all those who volunteered to help with the collection!

Our **"Notes from the Garden"** fundraiser was a big success thanks to so many congregants' generosity and support. Although, as of this writing, the final numbers are not in, know we have already made a sizable profit. All money raised will go directly to the Garden, purchasing soil, seeds, tools, supplies, etc. Many thanks to Scout Troop 186 and Pack 189, Brotherhood and Garden volunteers for attending our **"Raking of the Leaves"** in late November. With their help, we removed 30 large bags of leaves, cleaning up the TBT property and providing needed mulch for our garden.

TEVA is happy to report that the TBT Religious School has begun recycling paper, setting an example for us all for when we return to the building.

This month we are collecting **Winter accessories**; hats, gloves, scarves and other items that help keep people warm and protected in the cold winter months. Please see the flyer in this issue of the Voice for details.

Friday, January 15 begins the MLK, Jr. weekend with **Social Action/Social Justice Shabbat** (details to follow). Please plan to join us. **The MLK, Jr. Day of Service** is Monday, January 18th. Look for an opportunity for service to others. Even with our pandemic (or maybe because of it), there are many opportunities to help others, even from home. Make phone calls or write letters to elected officials about issues you feel strongly about, support causes that are meaningful to you, write cards, letters or drawings to thank our essential workers, reach out to someone who is home alone and needs social contact.

Next month we will revisit a very successful Mitzvah activity; writing to local nursing home residents. Often lonely, particularly given COVID-related visitor restrictions, these residents gain much from simply knowing that someone knows they are there and cares about them. See the flyer in this issue for details on how to send your **Warm Winter Wishes** to those residents. This is a great activity for all ages!

HIAS, a Jewish American nonprofit organization, has provided humanitarian aid and assistance to refugees for more than 130 years. It continues to help refugees rebuild their lives in safety and dignity (www.hias.org). HIAS created Refugee Shabbat to encourage congregations across the country to learn about refugees and their particular needs. This year, **Refugee Shabbat** weekend will be March 5-6, 2021 and TBT will be presenting special Refugee Shabbat programming on Friday March 5. Please save the date and stay tuned for details.

Mitzvah Day 2021 is Sunday, May 23. Although we cannot yet say what form it will take, we are hoping, and planning for it to be a rich and meaningful experience for all. Stay tuned for details.

Other ongoing activities: Brotherhood's eyeglass collection (Lion's Club) and personal care items (troops).

As always, we would like to extend an invitation to all congregants who might be interested in joining the Social Action/Social Justice committee. Our next SA/SJ ZOOM meeting is Jan. 12, 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.



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The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah **Jan. 2, 2021** through **March 30, 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 **MAIL** to **Laurel Klein, 2390 Penatiquit Ave., Seaford, NY 11783, at least 2 weeks prior to the event.**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
Jan. 9	(F) Alexandra Levinsohn	Norman & Robin
Jan. 23	(M) Jordan Holland	Sandy & Andrea
Jan. 30	(F) Kayla Goldstein (F) Bridget Alterman	David & Dara Michael & Tiffany
Feb. 6	(M) Parker Goldstein	Lee & Jennifer
Feb. 27	(M) Tyler Levine	Robert & Jun
Mar. 6	(M) Samuel Brown	Laurence & Jennifer
Mar. 13	(F) Rebecca Snyder	Jonathan & Melissa
Mar. 20	(F) Madison Spar	Eric & Jessica

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- Bishop Family B'nai Mitzvah/Religious School Fund*
Funds used for Bar/Bat Mitzvah and school programs
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- Blumenkranz (Fred) Fund* Funds used for the eternal light
- Caring/Mitzvah Makers Fund* Funds used by the mitzvah makers
- Chapel Fund* Funds used to beautify/maintain our sanctuary
- College Fund* Funds used for our college students to celebrate Jewish holidays via mailings and gifts
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- Friedman Stage Fund* Funds used for the upkeep of the stage
- General Fund/Gift of Love* Funds used for the running of our temple
- Goldblatt Fund for the Disabled*
Funds used for adaptive equipment for physically challenged
- Holocaust Memorial Fund* Funds used to maintain our memorial and Holocaust section of the library and, provide special youth scholarships
- Lowell Golden Center Fund* Funds used for mailroom equipment
- Music Fund in Memory of Cantor Walter Lewis*
Funds used for special musical events
- Past President's Fund* Funds used to purchase plaques for past presidents
- Prayer Book Fund* Funds used to purchase new prayer books
- Rabbi Raab Fund* Funds for youth programs
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- Social Action /Social Justice Rosenheck Memorial Fund*
Funds used to promote social action and justice
- Tallit Fund* Funds used to clean tallit



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- Torah Fund* Funds used to pay for repair of religious articles
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- Weinstein (Bernard) Fund* Funds used for Youth/Conclave.

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