



Lifelong Learning - Winter 2021

Midrash Through Song

Sundays, January 24th through March 14th
(ZOOM link can be found in the weekly Scroll)

Together we will study the art of songwriting through Midrash, and
we will create our own new lyrics.

We will have guidance from our congregant singer/
songwriter Ben Diamond,



Cantor Timman and
guest songwriter Cantor Robin Joseph.
All texts will be provided in English.
Absolutely no experience necessary



Classes will be on the following Sundays at 10:30 am

(unless otherwise noted):

January 24

January 31

February 7 @ 12:30 pm

with Guest Cantor Robin Joseph February 28

March 7

March 14



RITUAL COMMITTEE





Ritual Calendar - February

2021

Monday, 02/01/21	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, 02/05/21	5:30pm 7:15pm	Tot Shabbat * Erev Shabbat Family Service * /5th Grade Midrash	
Saturday, 02/06/21	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Parker Goldstein #	
Monday, 02/08/21	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, 02/12/21	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service with Circle Of Friends participation *	
Saturday, 02/13/21	9:30am	Torah Study *	
Monday, 02/15/21	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, 02/19/21	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service with Chai Club participation *	
Saturday, 02/20/21	9:30am	Torah Study *	
Monday, 02/22/21	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Thursday, 02/25/21	7:15pm	On-line Purim Spiel & Celebration *	
Friday, 02/26/21	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service *	
Saturday, 02/27/21	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Levine #	

March

Monday, 03/01/21	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, 03/05/21	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service *	
Saturday, 03/06/21	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Brown #	

KEY: * = On Zoom (details are on Scroll and TBT Website)
** = Live Streamed on Facebook ++ = Holiday Service time # = To Be Determined

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



What a difference a year makes!

Can you believe that the last time we were all together was Purim? That thought came to my mind as I was looking at this month's calendar. For everyone's safety, we're planning a virtual Purim celebration this year, at the end of the month; which means, we'll have gone through a full year of Judaism, a religion predicated on community, without being alongside each other. It's stunning when you think about it.

In the last year, we've all learned a lot. We've all become experts in computer programs and apps we'd never had needed to use before. Many of us long for the day when we no longer have to click on the link to see our friends and neighbors. Many of us long for the day when we can ring a doorbell again, shake a hand again, give a hug again. Those days seem closer now than ever, as the vaccine slowly makes headway through our population.

I've been reflecting a lot on this last year. Virtually, we've gathered for Passover, Shavuot, all the High Holy Days, B'nai Mitzvah, Chanukah, soon Tu B'Shevat and Purim; and soon thereafter, Passover once again will most likely be virtual this year. Like many of you, I've been saddened by what we've lost in terms of our togetherness and our ability to join alongside each other. Being in a ZOOM box next to you is just not the same.

All through this year, I have been frustrated that my time for learning has been diminished. I've either been too busy, overwhelmed, or tired to do real serious study. Any capacity I may have had for learning something new went to learning how to lead a congregation virtually, and then doing that work. "What good is that!?" I'd ask myself over and over. One day it will all be moot, because one day, we'll be back together. I was often frustrated that my Talmud sat unopened or that an email with a new D'var Torah remained unread.

But as we make our way to one year apart, I have taken to understanding what's been going on in a new way. We've all spent all this time learning a lot of new skills. While on their face they may not feel like the work of Torah, let's consider for a moment why we've learned all this. It's in order to be able to connect and maintain our community. All these new programs and apps and procedures, all the links to follow and places to click, all the muting and unmuting, is because we know that above all else comes the community. We've been spending our time, months now, creating and coming to grips with this new format for the community of TBT which we all care so deeply for. What can be more grounded in Torah than trying to reach out and be together, however we can? What could be more in keeping with our values than in working to ensure that everyone stays connected? The Torah will be back again next year. The Talmud has been there for 1500 years. The more important work was the work of community.

By the time we get to Purim at the end of the month, we'll have spent a full year separated from each other physically, but I do believe we've come closer in a lot of ways as well. We've done great work here at TBT keeping our congregation engaged and involved. And we will continue to do so until we can all safely come together again. If I were as brash as the Maccabees, I'd suggest we postpone Purim until we can be together, so that we can truly lean into the festivity, the frivolity, and the letting go that this Spring festival is imbued with. For now, we'll gather virtually and celebrate our people's survival and strength against difficult odds and in unprecedented times. I bet we can all understand a little bit about that this year.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, virtually, and eventually, in person!

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



During this long, cold winter I often find myself turning to music for inspiration and comfort. At TBT, we have just started a special Lifelong Learning series entitled Midrash through Song. No prior experience is necessary! This series is a continuation of Rabbi Bar-Nahum's fall classes on *midrash* (traditional Biblical commentary and interpretation), in which he focused on studying ancient midrashim and helped us develop our own creative midrash commentaries. In our winter series we turn to music and how modern composers and lyricists have embraced midrash through music. We will be exploring the contemporary songs born from, inspired, and informed by biblical narrative. As we know from our very musical services, song settings are often an accessible, meaningful, and enjoyable way to help us to expand and find relevance in our ancient texts.

During this series we are joined by two very talented singers/songwriters to help us learn about their creative processes. Our congregant, Ben Diamond, who is part of the SOBeez Band and our TBT Ensemble, is co-leading with me throughout the series, and will be guiding us through his process, helping us try our hands at becoming modern day Midrash lyricists. As a special treat, for the February 7th session, we will be joined by my colleague and friend, Cantor Robin Joseph, who has developed over the years what she calls "MidraShir", her unique style of storytelling through song. As a cantor and soloist, and as one-half of the duo B'shert, she has taught about, performed, and recorded her original Jewish folk rock.

Whether you are a budding lyricist, composer, or simply a lover of Jewish music, here is an opportunity to be inspired and creative with your TBT family this winter. No prior experience is necessary, but once we reconvene after the February break, plan to be with us for each of the three final sessions as we start working together with Ben to write and compose new midrash lyrics and music. Please check the weekly Scroll for ZOOM info and times for each session.

I am so excited to hear what we create together!

B'shira (in song),
Cantor Rica Timman

Purim Hamantaschen Making with BNTY!

When: February 28th 2021

Where: Zoom



Cookie Kit pick-up from TBT the week of February 22nd

Order deadline: Monday February 15th

(check monthly mailing for details)



MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES



February 6

Parker Goldstein

Lee & Jennifer

Parker is currently a seventh-grade honor roll student at Woodland Middle School. He is an athlete who enjoys playing baseball, basketball and flag football. He has especially enjoyed playing travel baseball for the East Meadow Mustangs for the past 5 years. Parker likes playing Xbox and sports with his friends and watching NFL football. A special thank you to Mrs. Altman, Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for helping to prepare him for his Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations Parker!!! We are so proud of all the hard work you have done to become a Bar Mitzvah.



February 27

Tyler Levine

Robert & Jun

I am currently a seventh-grade honor student at Woodland Middle School. I enjoy playing video games, building computers, playing saxophone and practicing martial arts. I love playing in the school band and having an active role in the Jazz band. I am proud to have earned my black belt in Japanese Ju Jitsu and am currently training for my second-degree black belt. I am looking forward to continuing to be a meaningful member of the Jewish community. A very special thank you to Morah Meredith, Mrs. Altman, Cantor Timman, and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for helping me prepare to be a Bar Mitzvah. I especially want to thank my mom, dad and sister for supporting me.

UNIONGRAMS

The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah **Feb. 1, 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>
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

_____ 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 MAIL BOX.** We cannot be responsible for lost money.



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



This month marks almost one year since COVID turned everyone's lives upside down. With the discovery and use of vaccines to fight COVID things seem to finally be moving in a better direction. We still have a long way to go, back to what we consider "normal" but the direction is good.

The month of February also has a day set aside for love – Valentine's Day! I know that as Jews this is not "our holiday," however, I think for this year we should adopt Valentine's Day and extend it for the entire month. Make it the month of Love!!!

I don't expect everyone to go out and buy dozens of roses, pounds of candy and gushy cards – instead we should all show a little bit of love and kindness to everyone around us. If you are out on a walk in your neighborhood and you pass another masked human give a nod and a smile –your eyes will crinkle even though your smile is masked. If you see someone struggling to load groceries in or out of their car on a rainy day – hold an umbrella for them. Shovel the walk of an elderly neighbor, if you are able. Call someone just to wish them a happy day. There are so many little things that you might feel won't make a difference – but they do. I think both the giver and receiver of a loving act of kindness come away from it feeling just a little more uplifted.

You can also spread a little love and kindness to the community. When you are on a walk in February look for signs of early spring – snow drops, grape hyacinths or daffodils poking up through the ground or some early buds on a tree. This would be a great time to think about our TBT Community Garden, run by Rona Kauffman and the Social Action/Social Justice Committee. Maybe you can volunteer to help get the beds ready for early planting or to weed later on in the season. You could also gift them with garden tools, a bag of soil or a flat of early spring vegetables if you are able. This garden spread a lot of love to our community last year, and I'm sure it will again this year.

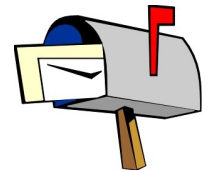
Do whatever you can to make February a loving and fun month. It's not going to make COVID (or any other problems) disappear any faster but hopefully it will give you a nice warm feeling knowing you have brought a little love and cheer to someone else.

L'Shalom,

Karen Friedlander & Joni Christie, Co-Presidents



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.co





RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



A few months ago, I challenged the BNTY Board to start thinking about Purim. They looked at me like I was crazy. It was September, and we were at our first event of the year, and to them, Purim seemed too far away to think about. I had issued the same challenge to the leadership of the Youth Activities Committee earlier that day, but they understood why right away. This year, like everything else, Purim is going to be different and we had to figure out how to make it work.

Fast forward a couple of weeks and the teens kept asking what we were going to do for the Purim Carnival. Last year, we had our traditional games, but we also had inflatables and pizza and cotton candy and we were hoping to one-up ourselves again this year. Of course, with safety protocols in place, we can't eat inside TBT, let alone play communal games and bounce around in groups in an enclosed space. Finally, I said to the teens, "Listen. We are not going to have a carnival this year. We can't. Not only can we not gather like that, but Purim is in FEBRUARY. We can't even move it outside onto the lawn and continuously wipe everything down. Time to think outside the box, friends."

And think outside the box, we did. I asked the teens what it is about Purim that they love so much; what is it about Purim that makes it so much fun? They said that they love deciding on a theme, dressing up, playing games, having fun together, and being silly. They mentioned hamantaschen more than once. And in that list, we found our solution.

This year, we can't have a carnival, but we can still do something fun together. The teens are going to be leading a Community Hamantaschen Bake on Sunday, February 28th. In lieu of tickets for a carnival, they will be selling hamantaschen making kits that they are putting together themselves. The kits, which must be ordered ahead of time, will be available for pickup at TBT during the week leading up to the event. Once you have your kit in hand, all you need to do is sign onto Zoom and let the teens show you, step by step, how to make hamantaschen. All the while, they will entertain you with silly games, songs, stories, and more peppered throughout the process, and of course while your cookies are baking in the oven.

It might not be a carnival, but it will definitely be everything we love about Purim: fun, silly, raucous – and yes – even costume filled. We hope to see you there!

Meredith Lubin,
TBT Director of Education & Youth Activities



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

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

COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL WITH PAYMENT, CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO TBT SISTERHOOD
GAIL ROSNER, 2555 IRIS LANE, NORTH BELLMORE, NY 11710. TEL: 516-642-6900

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOWN/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____



OUR COMMUNITY



Temple B'nai Torah Sisterhood

Shalach Manos Gift Bags

**Everyone at Temple should have received
The PURIM 2021 ORDER FORM in the mail.**

Send a beautiful Shalach Manos gift bag of Purim treats and surprises to all fellow congregants, temple staff and clergy!

Simply circle the names on the list of everyone to whom you would like to send Shalach Manos. You can even email your list of recipients to: jak3555@aol.com, provided you mail a check in to Temple or to Ellen prior to Purim.

Enclose a check for \$3.00 per circled name, payable to Temple B'nai Torah Sisterhood. Sisterhood will take care of the rest. The congregant will be notified that a gift bag is awaiting pick up at the Temple. **Only one gift bag per family unit.**

Bags ordered for non-temple members will cost \$12.00.

We encourage you to write-in Queen Esther's name at the top. All donations received in her name will be given to the Interfaith Nutrition Network in the spirit of the holiday as part of Sisterhood's Mitzvah project.

Mail the order form to: Ellen Kraut, 31104 Spruce Pond Circle, Plainview NY 11803 or leave in the Sisterhood box in the temple office. Need help -- call Ellen 516 606-3677

Due to purchasing requirements, the order form **MUST be received by
FEBRUARY 14, 2021- NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Pick-up days are Sunday, 2/21 from 10 am to 12 noon
Monday, 2/22 from 10 am to 12 noon
in the Temple parking lot.**

2021 CASH CALENDAR NUMBERS STILL AVAILABLE!!!

Yes - the year has started. Yes - there have been winners in January.



***Nadine Salzman said, "WOW, I WON WITH MY 415 birthday, and
it's only January. I have 11 months more to win again!"***
(Nadine has already won back her initial investment of \$18.)

Pick your 3-digit number(s) - 000 to 999 - if you match the
NYS Evening Lotto Pick 3 you win \$18. You can
purchase your numbers all year long... *the sooner the better.*

So, think of numbers and reasons to purchase numbers for your friends and relatives.

Put the FUN of winning into this FUNdraiser!

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address for check: _____
3- digit Pick 3 numbers: _____

Remember, you have a
chance to win every
day this year, but
YOU MUST BE IN IT



OUR COMMUNITY



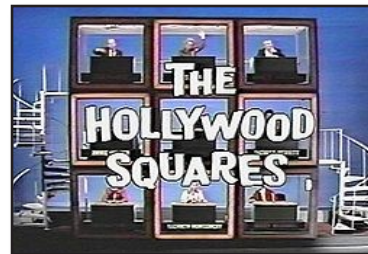
Virtual Fun

Hollywood Squares

Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 7 pm

Come watch (on Zoom) actors & actresses who will be strutting their stuff in this fun re-creation of the famous TV show.

Call Brian Levy at (516) 781-4966 to get link



Erev Shabbat Services

With Circle of Friends Participation

Friday, February 12, 2021

7:15 - 8:30 pm, on TBT Zoom

With Cantor Timman officiating



Join us every Monday, at 3:00 pm

For fun-filled afternoons
when we get together

to schmooze, tell jokes, and play Bingo
or for trivia on alternate weeks.

Call Sharon Cernese for Zoom info (516) 322-8126





SISTERHOOD SHMOOZING



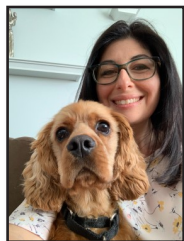
We are very excited to have our first Virtual Women's Seder on March 23rd. We are going to need many women to help us make sure that this Seder is the best and most inclusive it can be. In order for that to happen, I am asking that all Sisterhood members who would like to either be on our Seder committee or participate in the Seder; either by singing or becoming one of our leaders, contact Rachel Schnall at her email teacherrachelle@verizon.net or me at emilysisterhood19@gmail.com.

Any women interested in joining the Sisterhood board should contact Louise Ponticello at pontieclolouise@gmail.com or Caryn Suckle at caryn@suckle.net. Joining our board can give women a chance to meet other women in our community and form lasting friendships.

This year the Fried Women's Conference will again be held virtually. The conference is open to all women interested in WRJ and the Reform Jewish Movement. There is something for everyone at FWC. It is the perfect opportunity to enhance your personal growth, broaden your Jewish knowledge and spiritual horizons. Attendees will participate in workshops, create connections, and network with other Reform women. You will experience meaningful Shabbat worship with music and leave feeling rejuvenated all with the support of WRJ sisters, and serve as leaders in both Jewish and secular communities.

For more information please contact wriregistrar@wri.org or call 212-650-4050.

B'shalom
Emily Altman
Sisterhood president



Shalom From the PTA!
By Rachel Minkowsky

Winter is winding down and our unique school year is headed into the home stretch. The PTA is continuing our work supporting the religious school teachers and students.

We're planning on a modified Bingo event later this spring. Stay tuned for details!

Congratulations to the 6th grade, whose Siddur ceremony took place on January 8th. We are so proud of all of you!

There's still time to get involved with the PTA! We're always looking for people to represent the PTA at TBT Arm and Committee meetings. Meetings are virtual, so there's a way to get involved without leaving your house! If interested, contact Stephanie Giwner or Maya Manashirov.



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



BROTHERHOOD / MEN'S CLUB



As we begin February 2021, we all hope that this month, and the coming months, begin a healing process for our country and further gains for all Americans in the physical, psychological and economic struggle against the Pandemic. As we in Brotherhood/Men's Club continue to meet together via Zoom, we are all looking forward to the time when we can again be together in our temple.

This past month, our members enjoyed listening to our guest speaker, Mark Healy, discuss Gotham Baseball, the Baseball magazine which has long since transitioned to a Baseball media outlet. How nice it was to think of Baseball, spring training and warm weather!

Plans are being made by our programming team for a fun evening at our February 24th dinner meeting and for future months. In March we will all be participating in our traditional Brotherhood/Men's Club Seder led by Rabbi Bar-Nahum. Of course, we will need to anticipate the addition of another question. Why is this Pandemic Passover night different from all other nights? We will answer that it is different because this night we hold our Seder on Zoom. But, hold it we will, as we join together in celebration of this age-old tradition.

Brotherhood continually supports the efforts of the Adopt-a-Battalion organization which sends "care packages" to our troops. In our donation box in the Temple lobby, we collect items for the troops including personal items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, sunscreen, lip balm, moisturizers and shampoos. Also appreciated are non-perishable food items such as beef jerky and snacks. Please remember to donate.

The holiday of Purim will be celebrated this year during the month of February. Let the reading of the Megillah remind us that we have faced challenges throughout the ages, but we have survived! Let the fun costumes help us smile and laugh. As we have been told in the past, "Laughter is the Best Medicine".

Happy Purim to everyone.

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



We hope everyone enjoyed our two January Programs, Singer Stephanie Horowitz-Mulry and noted author, John Kenrick- who entertained us with "Robin Williams- His Life and Comedy program. Chai Club will continue to provide our temple with interesting and informative programs for the rest of the year.

Please be "In Temple" via Zoom, for a special Shabbat with Chai Club Participation, 7:15 pm, Friday, February 19th. Chai Club members will be provided an opportunity to read the prayers as well as chant the melodies. Please check the Temple Scroll for the Zoom Link and detailed information.

Coming up in February and March

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

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

Thursday, March 11th, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, A Joint Program with Sisterhood, celebrating Women's History Month: Sally Drucker Presents, "Rosie The Riveter "

Social Action/SJ and Chai Club are restarting the Kosher Food Drive! Bring your items to the temple and place in the box provided. Kosher products will be donated to the Congregation Beth-Ohr Food Kitchen in Bellmore. Many thanks to Janis Beldner and Rona Kauffman for making this possible. You may E-mail janisbeldner@gmail.com for more information.

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

JayCee Driesen Sings from the Heart: A Valentine



**Thursday
February 11, 2021
7:30 pm**

Why the Chosen People Choose Chow Mein: A Program by Liz Roper



**Monday
February 22, 2021
7:30 pm**

We will celebrate February birthdays on February 22, 2021

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3780366300?pwd=dXVKcE9yRzlhHQk5ZVExqeUFnTmgvZz09>

Meeting ID: 378 036 6300

Password: 465021

Or call +1 646 876 9923



SOCIAL ACTION



Join us for a Virtual Tour of
the Jewish Museum's Recent Exhibition

We Fight to Build a Free World: An Exhibition by Jonathon Horowitz



This exhibition, organized by artist Jonathan Horowitz, brings together more than 70 voices, ranging from an 18th century portraitist to contemporary artists commissioned for this exhibition, to draw connections between historical oppression and the cultural and political challenges we confront in the world today.

Wednesday February 17, 2021

7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

View and learn about some of the pieces from this exhibition with the guidance of a Jewish Museum docent

All are welcome but the virtual tour is limited to a total of 100 screens so please RSVP to secure your "seat" to ronakauffman@yahoo.com

Please put Jewish Museum in the subject line

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Join us for a SA/SJ ZOOM discussion of your responses to the exhibition and an opportunity to take a closer look at some of the issues portrayed in the artwork seen.

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



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SOCIAL ACTION



Social Action/Social Justice Committee

Last Month's Winter Accessories Collection was terrific! So many beautiful, warm and wonderful gloves, hats, scarves, etc. to keep those in need toasty and feeling cared for. Donations were distributed to Family and Children's Services Residences, the INN, local veterans' services and other agencies for distribution. Thank you all.

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend, we hosted a screening of the film **John Lewis: Good Trouble** and followed up with a discussion of what we learned and took away from this inspiring film. Thank you, Rabbi Bar-Nahum for helping us to process this extraordinary film about an extraordinary man. Many thanks, to Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman and the Ritual Committee for the very special SA/SJ Shabbat service held that same weekend.

Combining our interest in protecting the environment and in civic engagement, in lieu of a January **TEVA** meeting, committee members attended the **Climate on Capitol Hill** webinar organized by several Jewish organizations including the Religious Action Center, Hazon, the Jewish Action Climate Network. This webinar presented how civic engagement around climate issues can put us on a more sustainable and just path with Jewish values leading the way. We will share the information learned in future communications.

This month, we will re-visit our successful letter/card writing mitzvah from last year. Residents of the Meadowbrook Care Center have been isolated and anxious all year. We are asking those of all ages to send drawings, letters, postcards and greeting cards and bring them Warm Winter Wishes to let them know that they are not alone and that we are thinking of them. See the flyer in this issue of the Voice for details.

On February 17th we will be presenting a Virtual Docent-Led tour of the Jewish Museum's Exhibition: We Fight to Build a Free World. The exhibition "is curated by Jonathan Horowitz, a New York-based artist who for three decades has made work that engages critically with politics and culture. Under his direction, the exhibition looks at how artists have historically responded to the rise of authoritarianism and xenophobia as well as racism, anti-Semitism, and other forms of bigotry. The exhibition also addresses issues surrounding immigration, assimilation, and cultural identity." Following the tour, SA/SJ will host a discussion of our reactions to, and thoughts about the exhibition and the issues it raises. See the flyer for details.

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 we will be presenting special Refugee Shabbat programming on Friday March 5. Marti Michael will offer us a virtual presentation providing an update on the ongoing crisis for asylum seekers at our southern border. See details in this issue of the Voice.

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); **Chai Club's** continuing kosher food collection. Kosher items will be delivered to the local Kosher Food Pantry and non-kosher items to various other local food pantries. Collection boxes are in the lobby.

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 Feb. 9th, 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



March 5, 2021

An Update on the Ongoing Crisis for Asylum Seekers at our Southern Border

With guest speaker Marti Michael

6:15 ZOOM Presentation and Q & A

7:15 Refugee Shabbat Service

- Last February, Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Rona and Bob Kauffman and Marti Michael traveled to the Southern border to witness the crisis first hand and lend direct support to asylum seekers (learn what they saw, learned and did)
- Hear about what has happened since that trip and the hands-on work that continues every day at the Mexico border
- Learn about the asylum/refugee crisis from a Jewish perspective
- What needs to happen now?
- Learn what you can do to help



Marti Michael, former director of the Riverdale Y, has made numerous visits to Texas, Arizona, and the Mexico border, where she has helped hundreds of families seeking asylum. She has traveled to Matamoros with volunteers from Team Brownsville to feed and clothe families in the refugee camps that have sprung up close by the border. She remains an active and inspiring advocate for asylum seekers at the border and in the New York area.

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