

Temple B'nai Torah celebrates our 1st Lawn Chair Auction **Sunday, May 2, 2021 FUNDRAISER**



in the Temple B'nai Torah parking lot 2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY



Preview online (site TBD) 11 am - Sales will begin 1 pm - Auction Begins



Over 125 Raffle prizes and 50/50!

Free Admission **Outdoor Limited Seating** Auction will also be zoomed

Each	raffle	Sheet	has	25	Tickets:	1	for	\$20.00	or	2	for	\$30.00

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Name:	Pho	ne #:	
# of Raffle Sheets:		-	\$
	Total:	=	\$

Return/Mail to above Temple address Attention: Joni Christie (516)996-0948



RITUAL COMMITTEE

Ritual Calendar - April 2021

10:30am

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Friday, 04/02	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Festival Service + Zoom & FB
Saturday, 04/03	10:30am	Passover (Day 7) Festival Service, Yizkor + Oran
Monday, 04/05	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Wednesday, 04/07	7:15pm	Yom HaShoah Service +
Friday, 04/09	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat +
	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Family Service w/4th Grade +
Saturday, 04/10	9:30am	Torah Study *
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Shawn
		Hillkewicz ** Live streamed on FB
Monday, 04/12	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, 04/16	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, 04/17	9:00am	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Haber +
	9:30am	Torah Study *
	11:30am	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Marisa Plavin +
Monday, 04/19	12:00pm	Torah Study on Zoom
Friday, 04/23	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service/Tefilah Lab /Volunteer Recognition
Saturday, 04/24	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, 04/26	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, 04/30	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service with VOLUNTEERS
		Brotherhood & Sisterhood Participation TBT Brotherhood
Saturday, 05/01	9:30am	Torah Study * TBT Sisterhood
May		
May ————— Monday, 05/03	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, 05/07	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Family Service/3rd Grade Siyyum +
Saturday, 05/08	9:30am	Torah *

<u>KEY:</u> * = On Zoom (details on Scroll and Website) ** = Live Streamed on Facebook + = Zoom & FB # =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.

Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Brady Wolken (Sanctuary)



INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI

The Bread of Affliction

As we are still in the midst of celebrating Passover, I've got bread on the mind. Not just because we miss it for the week we eat matzo, but because bread, whether leavened or not, has a lot of significance. Shabbat isn't Shabbat without a challah. Passover requires not just that we eat matzo, but during the seder it takes on an extra significance. We hold up the matzo, explain it, and even hide some for later! It starts as the bread of affliction, ha lachma anya, and ends the bread of a free people in relationship with God (afikomen).

For the full period of the Holiday of Passover (7 or 8 days depending on your family custom) we are commanded in the Torah to eat matzo. The Torah instructs that we eat the unleavened bread because our ancestors had no time to allow their dough to rise as they left Egypt in haste. We are commanded to remember this fact by eating unleavened bread throughout the holiday. A week of matzo serves as an act of remembrance. But it's not just about recalling that one night that the dough didn't rise, it's about recalling and remembering a difficult time in our past.

As Jews, we know and understand the power of memory. We know what it means to participate in specific acts for the purpose of not forgetting. We celebrate Shabbat and participate in the radical act of rest as a remembrance of creation. Through the acts of lighting a yahrzeit candle and saying Kaddish, we remember our loved ones. We remember our enslavement and redemption by eating the bread of affliction.

This idea that the Israelites had not enough time to allow their bread to rise has been on my mind a lot this year, as Passover approached. This is especially because in this last year, we have experienced quite the opposite. We've had so much time on our hands, that so many of us began baking bread. So many people baked bread as a reaction to the lockdowns and quarantines that parts of the country ran out of yeast and flour! From challahs each week to sourdough starters, bread dough has been on a lot of people's minds, and in between a lot of people's fingers.

Would the Jewish response be to make plans that every year as the anniversary of the COVID-19 lockdown arrives, we bake bread? Would that be a good way to commemorate this difficult time in our lives? Would that be the right way to remember the millions of lives affected by the pandemic? It would certainly be a powerful way to remember a difficult time through a special action.

There has been a fair amount of discussion about why the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918-1919 appears so infrequently in popular culture. Though references to it can indeed be found, very few novels from the time make mention of it, let alone make it a centerpiece of the plot. We already see that this is not the case with our current pandemic. Popular culture seems to have kept up. Within a few weeks of the lockdowns, brands had changed their commercials to speak to our new reality.

Popular culture is one thing. Our connection to our past, and to remembering, is entirely another. As it seems like we may be nearing the end of this pandemic, as vaccines go in arms, we ought to consider how we will carry it with us, and if we want to. Too many of us will have no choice, having lost a loved one or a friend. Others of us, and our community and our nation as a whole will have to ask ourselves: will we seek to find powerful and personal ways to remember? As Jews we know this is our way. I look forward to the time when we can debate the answers to these questions, because it will mean that this pandemic is behind us.

Next year may we be together!

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



We continue to look to stay connected as a sacred community during these unusual times with the extraordinary help of technology. As I mentioned last month, we are hopefully succeeding using ZOOM, some inspiration, and a bit of perseverance. This month of five Shabbatot and holiday services offers so many wonderful congregational opportunities to be together...from the comfort of your laptop!

We begin by celebrating the conclusion of Pesach with special Shabbat and Festival services on April 2nd and 3rd. We will hear a bit of Torah connected to Pesach and hear the joyful section of Hallel, Psalms of praise that are especially reserved for the Shalosh Regalim, the three Pilgrimage Festivals. On Saturday, April 3rd, we will also hold a brief Yizkor during the service as we remember loved ones we have lost. Join us and experience

something a little different than 'just Shabbat'.

On Wednesday, April 7th, at 7:15pm, we will commemorate Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. As in the past, our 7th graders will be participating in the service and sharing with us what they have learned in their Holocaust studies this year.

Do you have little ones in your family? All 0 - 5 year-olds and their grownups (grandparents too) are welcome to join us each month for our Tot Shabbat service. This month Tot Shabbat is on Friday, April 9th, at 5:30pm. We will sing, say a prayer or two, and hear a delightful story from our Rabbi. Join us and celebrate a very cute Shabbat service with our adorable little ones. As always, Tot Shabbat is followed by our Family Shabbat at 7:15pm. This month we look forward to our 4th graders being highlighted during the service.

On Friday, April 16th, we hope you will join us for our very first joint Shabbat service with another Reform congregation. (A benefit of ZOOM technology and remote services!) We will be partnering with The Jewish Center of the Hamptons and their clergy team, Rabbi Joshua Franklin and Cantor Debra Stein. We hope that you are as excited as we are to enjoy a collaborative Shabbat with one of our Long Island Reform neighbors while we are all still holding remote services.

Then on Friday, April 23rd, we will be honoring our wonderful volunteers during our Shabbat service. Our Temple is built on the shoulders of generations of dedicated volunteers who have cared for our congregation with their hours of time and energy. What can we say, but todah rabbah, thank you so much for all you do!

Finally, on Friday, April 30th, we are planning a first-time-ever, joint service with participation from our Sisterhood and Brotherhood. It promises to be a very special service of two of our Arm communities collaborating to round out this exciting month of April.

See you on ZOOM! B'vracha (with blessings). Cantor Rica Timman

Family Virtual Bingo!!

It was SO much fun and everyone had a great time! The Baroukhs were BIG Trivia and bingo winners! We played bingo, family feud, trivia, the floor is lava, dance party, name that song, adults vs kid dance party (kids won narrowly 3-2). Loads of fun in 90 minutes! Great feedback from all participants!





MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES

April 10

Shawn Hillkewicz

Todd & Elana

My name is Shawn and I am currently in seventh grade at Berner Middle School in Massapequa. I have proudly received the Office of the New York State Comptroller Achievement Award, and I am maintaining Principal's Honor Roll. I am on a baseball team in Massapequa. I enjoy riding my quad and watching NASCAR. When I grow up I want to be a professional NASCAR driver. I enjoy playing Minecraft with my friends. I enjoy being an active volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House baking and cooking dinner for the residents. I am thankful for my brother Jake and my parents for all of their love and support. A special

thanks to Mrs. Altman, Cantor Timman and Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum for all the support and help preparing me for my Bar Mitzvah.



April 17 Harrison lan Haber Alan & Randi

Harrison is a 7th grade Honor Roll student in all Honors classes at Woodland Middle School. Harrison loves sports and is currently playing on the Woodland Volleyball Team. In addition, he has played for the East Meadow Baseball League since he was 5 years old and on the EM Baseball Travel team for the past 5 years. Harrison is also an active Basketball player and is in his 5th year playing on a Travel team. Harrison is a kind-hearted boy, outgoing, funny and a loyal friend. He loves hanging out with his friends, playing sports and spending time with extended family on the holidays - which he has

We are so proud of Harrison for all his accomplishments so far and we look forward to seeing where his future takes him. Mazel Toy on your Bar Mitzvah – we love you!

Xoxo, Mom, Dad, Evan & Shawn



Mark & Dana Marisa Plavin

Marisa has always been a kind, compassionate and loving older sister to Hailey and would do anything she could to help her out. Marisa is currently in seventh grade at Plainedge Middle School and is on the High Honor Roll. She loves drawing and creating custom houses on the computer. After school, she is an active member of her school's Drama and SADD clubs, a member of the Jazz Band, and will be participating in this year's NYSSMA festival in April by playing her clarinet. Because of her outstanding grades and performances in music, she hopes to be inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society. At the end of the school year, she is hoping to become a member in the National Junior Honor Society as well. Her

favorite activities include skiing, basketball and spending time with her friends and family. A VERY special thank you to Mrs. Altman, Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman for all their help in preparing her for her Bat Mitzvah. We are so proud of all of her accomplishments and the beautiful young lady she is becoming. We love you, Ris!



February Winners!!! 2021 Cash Calendar

2/5	#456	Phyllis Biernick
2/6	#357	Amy Weiner
2/7	#519	Allison Mainhart
2/12	#129	Susan Hantverk
2/12	#129	Mindy Cohen
2/21	#290	David Goldstein
2/28	#189	Laurie Zuckerman



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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



can't believe it's been just slightly over one year since we were all thrown into pandemic mode by Covid-19. Overnight our lives changed drastically. People were sick, some even died. Doctors, nurses and first responders were working around the clock to help people; everything was shutting down, except supermarkets – but they had no toilet paper or sanitizing products and some shortages on meat and chicken. Even religious institutions, including our beloved TBT, were forced to close down. It was very hard under such terrible circumstances not to be able to seek solace and speak to G-d in the comforts of our sanctuary.

Fast forward one year to now. It's spring – the season of new beginnings. Looking around you will see daffodils, tulips and crocuses blooming, the trees budding, the grass turning green and lots of birds and squirrels flitting around - happy winter is over. Thanks to the Covid vaccines that are becoming available we will all be shedding the year long "winter" we experienced and heading to our season of new beginnings. Schools, businesses, stores, restaurants and entertainment and sports venues will all slowly begin to fully reopen and return to normal (only safer, we hope).

Here at TBT, we are also looking for a season of new beginnings. We are all looking forward to returning to Temple life as it was pre -Covid when the building was buzzing all week - day and night. The process of reopening is going to be slow - and hopefully steady. Our wonderful Temple Reopening Committee is very busy keeping up with all of the federal, state and local guidelines and continually updating the guidelines they have drawn up specifically for our Temple. When it seems as if the re-opening process is too slow or not in step with what is happening on the federal, state or local levels, just remember that the Temple Reopening Committee "answers to a higher authority".

A few things that we are doing are erecting our Sukkah (with a roof until Sukkot) right after Passover so we can safely have more gatherings, services and classes outdoors; constantly monitoring what a safe number is for our Bar and Bat Mitzvah Services and monitoring how and when we can open the sanctuary for Friday night Shabbat services. The Temple Garden is also opening soon and all are welcome to sign up for times to come and assist with the gardening chores.

Thank you all for staying the course and remaining congregants here at TBT. We are looking forward to the day when we can see all of you face to face.

L'Shalom. Karen Friedlander, Co-President Joni Christie, Co-President

2021 CASH CALENDAR NUMBERS STILL AVAILABLE!!!

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

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!

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Name:	Phone:				
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3– digit Pick 3 numbers:		YOU MUST BE IN IT			
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Thank goodness, the weather is starting to warm. I'm always thankful for this, but this year, I am especially so. It's around this time of year that I always remember how I love being able to open windows, feel sunshine pour inside my home, and watch as the sun sets a little later every day. This year, however, it feels even more special.

This year with the springtime, with the open windows and the later-setting sun also comes the ability to do... more. The Religious School and Youth Activities are going to be able to meet for a longer amount of time, to bring music back to TBT, to have in-person events. All this because we can do it outside. We have more

space and that space is safer. We can see each other in person more often and we can bring more laughter and learning back to the walls of our beloved synagogue. We can return to a feeling of familiarity.

Last month, I wrote to you about how I was beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel and I have to tell you: the plans we have for the spring time are making that light grow brighter and feel closer. It is the greatest feeling to watch as the students gather in a space and are just so thankful to be with each other and be in their temple home. I am looking forward to continuing to create those opportunities this spring.

As we conclude the Passover season, we all have many things to be thankful for, but for me, this is what brings me the most joy. Although we have been apart for a year. I feel us getting that much closer together.

> Meredith Lubin. TBT Director of Education & Youth Activities



The 2021 Earth Day Theme is Restore Our Earth

Come to the TBT Garden and learn how to restore the earth through Composting.



Sunday April 25 at the TBT Garden: Learn about Composting, and how it Restores our Soil, with our Master Gardener, Susan Salem

To comply with social distancing requirements, preregistration is required and attendance is limited.

There will be two sessions:

11:00 - 11:45 am

12:00 - 12:45 pm

Pre-Registration required. To register, email Rona at ronakauffman@yahoo.com and indicate which session you prefer and how many people will attend. Please RSVP by April 23 so that we can confirm your available spot and make appropriate arrangements.

If you are interested in becoming a TBT Garden volunteer? Contact Rona at the email above.

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SISTERHOOD SHMOOZING



Hebrew Union College is offering some incredible programing. You can contact onlinelearning@huc.edu to sign up for any of these programs or to have any questions answered. April 6th is The Qu'ran and the Jews presented by Dr. Reuven Firestone, professor of Medieval Judaism and Islam at HUC/Los Angeles.

May 27th Pilgrims and Prisoners: Jews on the High Seas – Medieval Jews braving pirates to pursue their religious communal and business interests.

June 1st Creative Thinking as our Compass: Navigating uncertainty with optimism – we have as a people used creative thinking as a tool for adaption and survival. This discussion will explore how we refuel

recharge and hold on to optimism in these unusual times.

I want to thank Ronni and Harriet for bringing us the Singing Bowls program. I think we all felt relaxed and reiuvenated afterwards.

Please look at the scroll for information about our Rosh Chodesh program featuring our own Religious School teacher, Jill Kaplan. In addition to being an incredible teacher Jill is also a master scribe!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Passover. In my home we hoped in addition to "next year in Jerusalem" we hoped for "next year in person."

Wishing everyone health and happiness.

Emily Altman

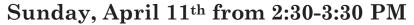
Sisterhood President



Please join us for our second



"TBT LIVING ROOM CHAT"





One of the hardest parts of this pandemic is not having the opportunity to chat with friends at temple events, meetings & services.

Your Membership Committee would like to give you the chance to connect, from the comfort & safety of your home.

We'll gather on Zoom to say hello and then break up into randomly assigned Breakout Rooms, where we can chat in small groups.

You must register in advance for this event:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlld-yvqz4tHdaNJF7-uxv5FWUtM6GITEtv (This link can be found on the online Scroll or on our website)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you need help registering, please contact Lisa Shubin, LFSESL@aol.com for assistance.

Space is limited to the first 100 participants who pre-register



BROTHERHOOD / MEN'S CLUB



As we enter the month of April, I hope that everyone has enjoyed a joyous Passover holiday. The month of March was a busy one for the Brotherhood/Men's Club of Temple B'nai Torah. April will also be filled with several events which we are looking forward to.

During March we ran a successful Passover wine fundraiser. Thank you to all of you in our congregation who purchased your holiday wine from us. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you too, to Vic Wurtzel and Eric Altman for coordinating the wine sale and to the members of our board who were at the temple on Sunday, March 21st to distribute the bottles to all who had purchased wine. That involved carrying a great many bottles!

Our March Dinner Meeting, via Zoom and minus the Dinner, featured a presentation by Nancy Levy, Senior

Director of Donor Relations for Operation Gratitude. She provided us with information on the ways in which Operation Gratitude supports our Troops deployed overseas, first responders, and new recruits. She certainly gave us with a greater appreciation of their work. God Bless our Troops!

Also in March, our members enjoyed our annual Brotherhood Seder. This year, our Seder was celebrated via Zoom. Thank you, Rabbi Bar-Nahum for leading our Seder and helping to make the experience so meaningful to all of us during these difficult

Our featured speaker for our Dinner Meeting on April 21st, via Zoom and still minus the Dinner, will be Steve Schuster. Steve is the son of our longtime member and former Brotherhood Co-President, Dave Schuster. April is the month when we traditionally turn our attention to the upcoming Baseball season. Steve is a professional Play by Play Broadcaster for the Winnipeg Goldeyes, a minor league team in Canada. He will provide us with insight from the broadcasting booth! This meeting is open to all TBT members and we look forward to seeing many TBT faces in our audience.

We will end the month of April with our joint Brotherhood/Men's Club - Sisterhood Shabbat. We in Brotherhood/Men's Club are looking forward to sharing this Shabbat with the members of Sisterhood. Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman will be creating a service with participation by both arms and the result will be a meaningful service for all of us. Please join us for this special service.

Regards,

Richard Tepper, President TBT Brotherhood/Men's Club

PTA



Shalom From the PTA! By Rachel Minkowsky

Happy Spring! We hope you and your family had a beautiful Pesach.

Our Family Bingo event was a huge success! There were many TBT families playing Bingo from the comfort of their homes. It was lovely to do something together even if we're miles apart.

Mitzvah Day is almost here! The PTA plans to have several tables for different service opportunities. Stay tuned for more updates!

We're planning ahead and looking forward to more events this fall. On our to-do list: a "paint-pour" project, challah bake, and holiday events. We look forward to seeing you there!

May everyone stay safe an healthy.





We hope everyone enjoyed our joint March program with Sisterhood, celebrating Women's History Month, "Rosie The Riveter" by Sally Drucker. Rosie was a fictional character during World War II who provided women of all ages a sense of pride that they, too, as well as the men, were contributing to the war effort. Chai Club will continue to provide our temple with interesting and informative programs for the rest of the year.

Coming up in April, May and June

Monday, April 19th, at 7:30pm, Chai Club will sponsor the ZOOM program, "Broadway- The Jewish Legacy." See Film clips of popular Broadway Shows and the Jewish influence behind and in front of the curtain. Watch the Scroll for detailed Zoom information. and see the flyer in this issue on page 13.

We have signed up Singer Bonnie Rapp to perform for us, Monday, May 24th at 7:30pm. Bonnie provides a sweet selection of Broadway Show tunes. Watch for more information as we get closer to the event.

We will close out our 2020-2021 year with Susan and Art Zuckerman who will provide priceless video and comedy of our old-time favorites, with their show: New York City by Comedy. Please join us June 21st at 7:30pm. Details to follow.

Social Action/SJ and Chai Club have restarted 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.

We want to share one of Brotherhood/Men's Club Social Action/Social Justice projects: **Sending Care packages to US Troops Overseas.** This is accomplished through the volunteer group, Adapt-A-Battalion, who does the packaging and pays for the postage to send care packages to our troops. Brotherhood/Men's Club provides the troop donation box in the Temple Lobby. They are asking temple members to donate the following: Personal items for men and women, nonperishable snacks, pens and note pads, puzzle magazines and playing cards and small games. For further information, please email us at the address below.

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

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Overall height is 5.5" and width from nose to ear is 5.25"



SOCIAL ACTION

Social Action Justice

MITZVAH DAY IS COMING!

Sunday May 23, 2021

Due to continuing covid-19 related restrictions, this year's Mitzvah Day will combine outdoor, at-home and do-ahead activities options.

Step 1: Come to the TBT Parking lot on <u>MAY 16th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm</u> and pick up your <u>Mitzvah Day in a Bag</u>. In it you will find suggestions, information, instructions and even some supplies. Work on your favorite projects at home, gather items for our collections and Step 2: Return them on <u>Mitzvah Day</u>, <u>Sunday May 23rd 9:00 am - 2:00 pm</u>. We will arrange for your finished projects to be delivered to their recipient agencies.



Step 3: If you are comfortable doing so, join us on *Mitzvah Day, Sunday May* 23rd 9:00 am - 2:00 pm for some outdoor in-person events (social distancing requirements will be followed)

On-Site Activities (May 23) 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



Grocery Sorting - prepare food donations for Island Harvest Flower Pot Decorating and Planting - prepare plants for The Arbors Assisted Living (Westbury)

Create Remembrance Stones

Collect and Sort donated items - prepare items and projects for delivery (non-perishable food for Island Harvest; new and gently used books for The Book Fairies;

pet supplies, and blankets for local Animal Shelters.

Off-Site Activities (May 23): Times TBD

Beach Clean-Up

Nassau Haven with outdoor repairs



WATCH FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS IN THE MAY VOICE

Circle of Friends
Seal Watching Group
at Jones Beach Field 10
March 12, 2021





SOCIAL ACTION



Social Action/Social Justice Committee

Last month we joined more than 260 congregations nationwide in observing HIAS'

National Refugee Shabbat. Marti Michael provided an inspiring overview of the plight of the asylum seekers at our southern border, an update on recent policy changes and suggestions for ways to assist in fulfilling our responsibility to Welcome the Stranger. Our clergy provided a moving and very special Refugee Shabbat

Service and HIAS treated us to Havdalah, music and additional learning opportunities about global refugee issues. We hope that you were inspired to continue to learn about these issues and to advocate for those who continue to be in great need. Let us not forget that we too were once strangers.

The Garden at TBT is once again open for the season. Sign up to be a garden volunteer and take part in the multitude of mitzvot made available there. Email Rona at ronakauffman@yahoo.com for more information. In keeping with his year's theme for Earth Day, "Restore Our Earth," the Garden at TBT will offer an information session on Composting. Two separate sessions will be offered to allow for social distancing. See the flyer in this issue of the Voice for registration info.

Civic Engagement Updates

RAC-NY (the NY areas chapter of the Religious Action Center of URJ) continues to work with NYS legislators in their support of the Less is More Bill through their 2021 legislative campaign. This campaign focuses on racial justice as it relates to the justice system, specifically as it relates to the NYS parole system. For more info see https://www.lessismoreny.org/

JCAN-NY (the Jewish Climate Action Network of NY) is joining NY-Renews in lending its support to the Climate and Community Investment Act which aims to raise the money necessary to reach the climate goals established in the Climate and Community Protection Act passed earlier in NYS, fund green jobs, invest in communities hardest hit by climate change and build a renewable economy in NYS. To learn more about this bill go to https://www.nyrenews.org/ccia

SAVE THE DATE! Mitzvah Day is Sunday, May 23. Since we will not be able to have an indoor

Mitzvah Day, we are planning outdoor activities as well as do-ahead activities that can be completed at home and brought to TBT on Mitzvah Day. Come to TBT on Sunday, May 17 and pick up your Mitzvah Day in a Bag. It will include information, suggestions, directions and even some supplies. See details in this issue of the Voice.

Other ongoing activities at TBT: Brotherhood's eyeglass collection (Lion's club) and personal care items (Adopt-A-Battalion); Chai **Club's** continuing **kosher food** collection for the kosher pantry at Congregation Beth Ohr.

Your input is always welcome and there is an open invitation to join the Social Action/Social Justice committee. Our next SA/SJ ZOOM meeting is April, 13th 7-8 pm, 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



MAZEL TOV TO...

Tom & Ellice Toscano on the birth of their granddaughter, Mila Alessandra Toscano



OUR COMMUNITY

Come join us as our Sisterhood Presents.... Anne Hutchinson

Anne Hutchinson. How many times have you driven up and down the Hutchinson River Parkway, or over the Bridge, or even

gazed at the River itself? Ever wonder about the woman - yes, woman - for whom these landmarks are named?? We'll discover what makes her worthy of such an honor as well as her connection to this area and to the Jewish people.



Sunday, April 18 at 12:30 PM

Jill Kaplan, Jewish Educator & TBT 7th Grade Holocaust Teacher will be leading the session on ZOOM, info to follow. RSVP to Patti Nacht at prn512@aol.com by April 15, 2021.





PROGRAM MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2021 7:30 PM

This film explores the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists in the creation of the modern American musical. Featuring interviews and conversations with some of the greatest composers and writers of the Broadway stage.

As seen on PBS.



Questions? Call Brian at (516) 781-4966

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3780366300?pwd=dXVKcE9yRzIHQk5ZVExgeUFnTmgvZz09

Or call +1 646 876 9923

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A Celebration In Honor Of Our Three Marvelous Matriarchs



Let's start with Jan Friedman's words, "If you are on a committee, you WORK!" Jan listens to what is needed to be done and volunteers to DO IT! If you need a PLAN just call JAN... our very organized and dedicated matriarch. Jan joined our Temple in November of 1963, and immediately became active after going to her first Sisterhood meeting. There is not much Jan has not been involved in. She was President. Vice-President and trustee for Sisterhood. She was also President, Vice-President and Treasurer of The Suburban Temple. Some of her other leadership roles were serving on YAC, Ritual, Budget, Search Committees (Rabbinic and Cantor), Youth Group

Chair, and Scholarship Committee with Rita Hofer and Janis Beldner.

So, what does she do now? Get ready... Ritual, Fundraising, Sunshine, YAC, Reopening Task Force, Mitzvah Makers/Caring Committee, Sisterhood (has done Bingo kitchen for years and now serves as chair) and Scholarship Committee. As part of the Ritual Committee, Jan gets volunteers to light candles, and give speeches to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah children on Friday night. She worked on transferring out gender-based prayer books to substitute non-gender prayer books.

Don't forget dessert! She was chair of desserts for many fundraisers. She even co-chaired the Stained-Glass Window Committee. So, does she do anything else? She served outside the temple as District Treasurer, and sat on the board of Women of Reform Judaism.

Jan got great satisfaction when Rabbi Raab would tell her, "Great Shabbat service," as she was the one who made sure all was in place and the service ran smoothly. Thank you, Jan, one of our most treasured matriarchs, for still keeping your eyes on the pulse of our Temple and its community of congregants.

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



Gail Grossman - one of our Temple Matriarchs - and you can say that again. Do you need dinner for 150 of your closest friends - eggplant parmigiana, perogies, mushroom barley, or coleslaw? Just call Gail. Let's see, how did it all begin? She joined when her son, Gregg was five years old, 42 years ago. Did she just automatically become active? Do any of us? It all began when her friend, Roz Walowitz, became Sisterhood President. It went like this. "I have a favor to ask." "Sure, why not, our kids are the same age." Roz asked Gail to join the Sisterhood Board. The funny thing is Gail wasn't even a Sisterhood member at the time. Of course, she said yes, and a couple of years later she became active on the Sisterhood board, then four years later, she became

President. After that, she was on the Board of Trustees and then Temple President. That's why we should not hesitate to ask people to be a part of our committee or team. As with Gail, sometimes all you need to do is ask. Gail has held Executive Board positions including Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Vice President and of course President.

Gail states that her most active positions have been in Fundraising and Membership, Schalach Manos, Mitzvah Makers, Shabbat Shuttle, and Family Fun Night - just a few of her many kindnesses. Now you can still see her on the BOT and Fundraising, Constitution and the Policy Committees, and don't ever forget if anything needs to be cooked in the kitchen, Gail will most definitely be there!

After her Adult B'nai Mitzvah, Gail was in the first Adult Confirmation Class at Temple Emanu-El.

Most rewarding to Gail was her Adult B'nai Mitzvah group and the Mitzvah Makers. Gail starts with a G and so does Giving!!! This is why we would like to now Give back to Gail our warmest Gratitude for all she has done for all of us...



B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O, AND RITA IS HER NAME OH... is Rita Hofer the winning prize for our Temple? What can we say about this VERY SPECIAL MATRIARCH? She joined The Suburban Temple in 1965 and became active shortly after. She started as Co-chair of Bingo, and here she is 49 years later. She took over as lead person in charge of Bingo. She's brought in millions of dollars. over her many years of leadership. It's not all about calling numbers - she is in charge of licensing, payment of bills, expenses, and organizing the work schedule for 70 workers.

That is certainly not all she has done in her 56 years of membership. She helped make dinners for the first graders in religious school. She worked on dinners for the Children's Choir before services. Before we had a washer and dryer, she brought home the tablecloths after Friday night services and washed and dried them.

Some of Rita's leadership roles: she's been on the Sisterhood board for 29 years (president for 4 years and VP three times), she served on the Temple board, she was Vice President many times, and President of the congregation. She hasn't left the board in 29 years. Rita served on many committees: Rabbi Raab Scholarship, Budget, Ritual, Housing, Education, and Purchasing. She served as president of Chai Club, and is now serving on Chai Nominating Committee, Chai Constitution Committee, Chai Budget Committee. Number 18 and 29 seem like her numbers! Dinners you ask? Rita has

personally chaired on dinner committees organizing workers, shopping for the dinners, cooking for the dinners for crowds of up to 200. What's dinner without dessert? Don't worry, she was there assisting Jan Friedman with desserts for various fundraisers.

Could there be more? She housed Cantor Reynolds for one year because of lack of local housing during 9/11. Rita served as The Suburban Temple's liaison for the Suburban/Judea merger, Co-chairing that committee with

So, what is she doing now you might ask, after all these years? Now she is the Bingo trustee on the Temple board, volunteers wherever needed, chairs the Chai Club Constitution Revision Committee, chairs membership dinners for Chai Club, Chai Club Budget Committee, organizes luncheons for Bingo workers in recognition of their work, and during this pandemic she is on the Reopening Task Force Committee. Is there anything Rita doesn't do? We don't think so, and that is why we are so thrilled to recognize her as we honor these three VERY SPECIAL LADIES.

One of her humble attributes, when asked what her most rewarding part of her Temple work was she says, "Meeting Tessa and making friends with others in the Temple and being part of the Temple Family." We are so thankful that she is indeed part of our Temple community and a dear friend to so many of us.

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We're Listening...Just Ask!

Your Membership committee is dedicated to making your connection to TBT a fulfilling one. We want all our congregants to know that we're **here** for you and we do **hear** you.

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You may be wondering:

How do I...?

Who do I talk to about ...?

Where do I go for ...?

Why is this done...?

We'll publish questions and responses in this space in "The Voice" or, if it's a more personal question, we'll reply directly to you. Questions can be emailed to bstcls512@aol.com, or mailed to temple, "Attn: Membership Committee Questions". You're welcome to either identify yourself or remain anonymous. Our goal is to make everyone feel comfortable in our temple home!

Snow: A Family Saga: For my Dad Al Litwin

By Joyce Litwin Zimmerman

I loved the sand and the sun of summer but snow was another joyous force of nature in my childhood.

During the 1960's my parents and I lived in an apartment on affluent Long Island while all my classmates lived in private homes. I remember walking by myself to meet my 4th grade best friend to spend countless Saturday hours gleefully sledding on packed, iced-up terrain of the long declining slope on her neighbor's front property. I also recall joining my friend Penny and her two sisters around the corner to create an igloo in their back yard that was big enough to fit two of us! In middle school I tried skiing and I hoped for more. Surprise! Through what seemed like magic, a pair of serviceable wooden skis appeared in our living room which my Dad had picked up from his first cousin; after a phone call Mac said he remembered they were in his basement abandoned by his younger daughter. That night -- after dinner - Dad announced he would take me to the ski store to buy other items to make the sport more affordable.

"Abe" was a first generation American born in 1920 who dropped out of high school during the "Great Depression" to support his family. This Bronxite never envisioned that a child of his would participate in an expensive, elite sport like skiing. He – and my mother-- ran a retail greeting card/stationery store and often worked 7 days a week. We had departed the Bronx in 1957.

It may not have seemed like a "big deal" to the rich kids whose parents already had money, but in retrospect I see that it meant as much to my dad as it did for me to go skiing. I think he knew his parents Bessie and Morris would have been proud that he had continued our journey from the "Old Country". We had traveled so far from Vitebsk, Russia to the lower East Side....to Harlem... up to the Bronx. And then to Long Island. Even if it was as shopkeepers. Even if it was as apartment dwellers.

My dad gave me so much more than he had growing up. He lives on in his grandchildren and his great- grandchildren; I am hopeful that I can help 7-year-old Caryn locate where Vitebsk is on her globe -- a Hanukkah gift to her -- whenever she is ready to hear our family's immigration story.

Do you like snow? What childhood memories do you have? Who will you share this with? Maybe nobody else? Or maybe just yourself?

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah UNIONGRAMS

The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah Apr. 10, 2021 through June 19, 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 <u>TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH SISTERHOOD</u> and <u>MAIL</u> to Laurel Klein, 2390 Penatiquit Ave., Seaford, NY 11783, at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

<u>DATE</u>	CHILD'S NAME	<u>PARENTS</u>
Apr. 10	(M) Shawn Hillkewicz	Todd & Elana
Apr. 17	(F) Marisa Plavin	Mark & Dana
	(M) Harrison Ian Haber	Alan & Randi
May 8	(M) Brady Wolken	Brian & Deborah
May 15	(F) Sydney Melnick	David & Elisha
June 5	(F) Sarah Scotch	John & Kimberly
June. 12	(M) Kason Ladd	David & Tiffany
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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 go to 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!



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Marcia Kirschner, member

Seymour Evans, father of David Evans

Irwin Okon, husband of Lucille Okon





Simcha (Hebrew: שְׁמְהַה ˈsimn̄āʰ; Hebrew pronunciation: [simˈχa], Yiddish pronunciation: ['sɪmχə]) is a Hebrew word that means gladness, or joy, and is often used as a given name.

Have you recently celebrated a simcha...

A life event; engagement, marriage, the birth of a child or a grandchild, there are so many celebrations. Anything that has brought happiness and joy; graduation, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, the list is endless! Share your news with your Temple B'nai Torah fellow congregants. Everyone loves exciting news!

You can email the TBT voice at jport1029@gmail.com, and we will share the news!!



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and gifts.

Floral Fund Funds used for sanctuary flowers.

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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

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Funds used for special musical events.

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Matthew Klein Fund

Dr. Pat Kussoy Fund (Fund used for youth camps, particularly the disabled)

Rose Lowenberg Fund

Rose Mandel Holocaust Fund

Ellen Paley Fund

Rabbi Raab Fund (Fund used for summer camp scholarships)

Scherzer Fund-Youth Fund

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