



Join the Zoom Festivities
A Celebration
in Honor of
Our Marvellous Matriarchs

Jan Friedman
Gail Grossman
Rita Hofer

Join us on June 6, 2021 at 11:00 am
as we celebrate
these amazing women
for their hard work, dedication and
contributions to our congregation
and communities

Temple B'nai Torah
A Reform Congregation

R.S.V.P. by
May 19th



You can help us honor Our Marvellous
Matriarchs with the following levels of giving

- \$ 36 Eve, the first woman on Earth
- \$ 72 Sarah, who showed that G-d
Keeps promises
- \$118 Rebekah, who showed modesty
and hospitality
- \$180 Leah and her unwavering faith
- \$250 Rachel and her immeasurable patience
- \$500 Miriam, the prophetess
- \$1000 Esther and her courage
- \$1800 Ruth and her absolute loyalty
& commitment



RITUAL COMMITTEE



Ritual Calendar - May 2021

(Please note that as the weather improves, we will begin making use of our outdoor prayer space. Check the weekly Scroll and watch for emails with the most up to date information!)

Monday, May 03	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, May 07	5:30pm 7:15pm	Tot Shabbat + Erev Shabbat Family Service/3rd Grade Siyyum #	
Saturday, May 08	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Brady Wolken **	
Monday, May 10	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, May 14	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service, 7th Grade Moving Up Ceremony #	
Saturday, May 15	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study on Zoom Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Melnick **	
Sunday, May 16	7:15pm	Erev Shavuot Service with Confirmation #	
Monday, May 17	10:30am	Shavuot Festival Morning Service/Yizkor #	
Friday, May 21	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service/H.S. Graduation #	
Saturday, May 22	9:30am	Torah Study *	
Monday, May 24	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, May 28	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service #	
Saturday, May 29	9:30am	Torah Study *	
June			
Friday, June 4	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service #	
Saturday, June 5	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Scotch **	

KEY: * = 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.



INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



Eager Anticipation

The period on the Jewish calendar which begins our month of May is known as the Omer. In the Torah, we read that God commands us to count the days between Passover and the festival of Shavuot (May 16-17), seven weeks of seven days. Shavuot, literally translated as the festival of the weeks, commemorates our ancestors receiving Torah at Mt. Sinai in the wilderness after the Exodus from Egypt. Our calendar teaches us that it was on the 50th day after leaving Egypt that God gave the Torah to Moses to bring down to the people waiting eagerly at the foot of the mountain.

I have been giving Shavuot a lot of thought lately; but not only thinking about Torah, or our relationship with God, or the great group of students we will Confirm this year. Rather, thinking about our ancestors down below the mountain of God, waiting, eagerly anticipating something powerful coming, if only they could be patient. They have seen the power of God through the plagues and the miracle of parting the Sea of Reeds. They have seen God destroy the Egyptian army. And they know that the deal was that God would redeem them from bondage and in return they, and we, would worship the One God. And so, at the bottom of the mountain they wait. For weeks, they wait. Moses ascends almost as soon as they get there, and for weeks, they do not hear from him. All this build up, we can understand why they got antsy.

Like our ancestors, we've been in a period of deep anticipation. I think that right now we can all understand our ancestors' emotions. We've been eagerly anticipating an end to the pandemic restrictions, businesses reopening, and life beginning to go back to normal. We want to see our children learning in person and we want to be able to do everything we did before we had to begin socially distancing. And yet, it's not here yet. Summer is on the horizon, and we can sense the potential for the end of the constraints on our behavior. The constraints which, while difficult, served to save as many people from illness and death as possible.

But woe unto us if we relent too soon! We know what impatience can lead to. Our ancestors in the desert do indeed ultimately accept the Torah, but before that happens, the people regress, give into their anxiety and impulsiveness, and build an idol out of gold to replace God. In response, God sends a plague to wipe out the perpetrators of this great sin. Ultimately this will keep the entire generation of Egypt out of the Promised Land. Our ancestors waited generations for freedom and couldn't hold it together for another 40 days. Perhaps the taste of independence got to their heads.

If we want to reach our Promised Land of a full reopening, particularly at our beloved Temple, we are going to need to be patient and prudent. We need to take things one step at a time while listening to the advice of experts so that we can be sure that no calamity will befall us. We may not be able to do everything we want as soon as we might, but we are going to do everything we can to open up prudently and smartly. As much as you, I long for the day when we can all sit alongside one another again. I also know that if we move too quickly, and act on our impatience, we could end up delaying the thing we hope for the most, being back together.

I anticipate that even when we do get to a stage when we feel we can fully reopen, not everything will be the same, and that's probably also a good thing. It would be difficult not to be changed by this difficult time in our lives. The staff and volunteers working toward reopening have the same goals we all do: to reopen our Temple to our members and guests as soon as we can. And, most importantly, to do so as safely as possible: minimizing risk to life and health. We've done so well for so long, let us learn from our ancestors and anticipate eagerly, yet with the understanding that sometimes a little more patience is required.

With blessings that we will be together again safely and soon,

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



A few months ago, I wrote about how our community is so much more than the walls of our building. We have been gathering on ZOOM in great numbers for services, programs, social gatherings, and of course, to support each other through difficult times. Our Facebook pages, Website and Scroll continue to allow us to stay on top of our events and stay connected to each other.

Now we are celebrating as we start to see more of our TBT family vaccinated! The end is in sight! Starting this month, we will begin to use our outdoor Sukkah for services, Religious School classes, and programming whenever possible (weather permitting). It will allow us to gather outdoors safely in larger numbers.

Speaking of our campus, have you seen our beautiful TBT Gardens? The vegetable garden has had a few upgrades this spring with the help of so many dedicated volunteers. What is more beautiful than spring plantings sprouting in the vegetable patches and around the temple grounds?

We will also be able to begin to offer select services in our Sanctuary (with limited numbers and reservations). B'nai Mitzvah already take place in the Sanctuary with strict protocols. As the numbers continue to steady, we will hopefully also begin to hold some Friday night and Festival services indoors this month. Although we can only have limited, spaced seating, our awesome streaming ability will allow us to share all our services (indoors and outdoors) with those who are at home.

Yes, we are more than the brick walls. And yes, we have been a resilient community, holding on through a year like no other. Now we have much to celebrate! Join us this month (virtually or in person with a reservation) as we hold our awesome **Lawn Chair Auction** on May 2nd; as we hold our first **Tot Shabbat** in person on May 7th; as we celebrate our **3rd grade class Siyyum** at the Family Shabbat on May 7th; as we hold **Havdalah** in the Sukkah on May 8th; as we invite our **7th grade class to 'move up'** at the Shabbat service on May 14th; as we celebrate with our **10th grade Confirmands** at the evening Shavuot/Confirmation service on May 16th; as we hold **Shavuot Festival and Yizkor** morning services on May 17th; as we celebrate our **12th grade Graduates** at the May 21st Shabbat service; and finally, as we **picnic together** (weather permitting) at our Memorial Day weekend Shabbat service on May 28th. Look for the latest information, our reopening protocols, and [reservation options](#) in the Scroll and upcoming emails...and as we start to safely gather, let's celebrate being together at our TBT campus!

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu, laz'man hazeh. Blessed are You Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this moment!

B'vracha (with blessings),

Cantor Rica Timman



MAZEL TOV TO...

- * Nadine and Ira Salzman on the engagement of their daughter, Carly to Tyler Shatesky!
- * Tom & Ellice Toscano on the birth of their granddaughter, Mila Alessandra Toscano!
- * Joni and Steven Christie on the birth of their grandson, Cameron Foster Christie!



MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES

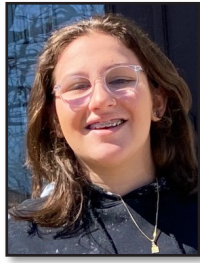


May 8

Brady Wolken

Brian & Deborah

Brady is a seventh-grade student at Wantagh Middle School. He is an avid reader, and he plays percussion in the school's Jazz Band. He enjoys playing basketball and kickball with his friends, listening to music, and watching movies. Brady is a black belt in Taekwondo. As a staff member he enjoys having the opportunity to help out the younger students. Brady is a good person and a terrific big brother to his sister, Jessica. We are so proud of him! A special thank you to Morah Emily, Cantor Timman, and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for helping him to prepare for his Bar Mitzvah.



May 15

Sydney Melnik

David & Elisha

My name is Sydney Melnick. I am in seventh grade at Grand Avenue Middle School. I enjoy listening to music and drawing. I also like to play basketball and volleyball. I really like to hang out with my friends. I am thankful for the support of my family. A special thanks to Ms. Altman, Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for all their help preparing me for my Bat Mitzvah.



JEWES – THE PEOPLE OF MANY QUESTIONS

Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 10:30 AM

ON ZOOM - LOOK FOR THE LINK IN THE WEEKLY SCROLL

Facilitator: Rabbi Deanna Pasternak

We often hear Jews described as “the people of the book”. I believe that a more accurate description of our people is that we are “the people of many questions”.

On May 16th we begin the holiday of Shavuot when it is our practice to engage in a night long learning and study session. We will start this tradition early by engaging in a morning workshop that will explore some of the timeless questions that exist in our world. Today’s unsettling and distressful times can make asking questions and finding answers within our Jewish tradition both relevant and hopefully, comforting.



Rabbi Deanna Pasternak has had a love for Judaism and the Jewish religion since childhood on the Lower East Side. She is the epitome of the Jewish force to never stop learning, and to then use that learning in positive ways to help improve the world. As an educator of children and adults, her 36 year plus career has seen her teach at local Temples as a Family Education and Hebrew teacher, as well as the Director of Religious Education right here at Temple B’nai Torah. She is excited to be part of Lifelong Learning at Temple B’nai Torah. The Lifelong Learning Committee is dedicated to bringing a variety of diverse and engaging programs to enhance the philosophy of Bet Midrash, the academic role that the synagogue plays in the life of a Jewish person.

Material will be emailed prior to the program. Please contact Amy Neidle at agneidle@gmail.com; 917-734-2575 or Caryn Suckle at caryn@suckle.net; 516-794-1041 if you plan to attend, and for more information.





PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



As the seasons are changing, so are the restrictions of Covid. We at Temple are happy we will begin to see one another again and hope to return, eventually, to regular Temple life. We will continue to wear masks and keep social distance, but the presence of one another will be welcomed.

To bring you up to date, we have a search committee presently looking for a new Religious School Director. The slate and budget are being prepared for next year. The auction will be a memory and the end of year events are being planned. The garden is being planted ready for a fruitful harvest. The wonderful event in June will be on its way to celebrate three wonderful

women. Policies are being written and the Constitution is being revisited.

Only good things for all our temple family.

Since Karen and I switch writing this article each month this is my last one as President. I can only say that working with Karen was a joy in my life. I have found a forever friend. I also want to thank the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees for their support and devotion to their temple. Thank you to the Clergy for their hard work and partnership this year. I know it was a hard year, but we did it! Thank you to Meredith, Joann, office staff and custodians. Sue-Ellen, thanks for always being there for me. These were unpredictable times and our Temple family came through.

We must wish Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms in our temple. Your love and devotion to your families shine through. Be proud of the love you give. Enjoy your families.

Peace and love to all.

Joni Christie

Karen Friedlander



The TBT Confirmation Class of 2021

will be confirmed on

May 16, 2021 at 7:15 PM.

Addison Baroukh, Danielle Galardi,

Tyler Gershengoren, Noah Grossbard,

Nicole Nietsch, & Shawna Walsh

cordially invite you to attend their service.





RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



May is one of my favorite months at Religious School. While yes, things are winding down, we often have an abundance of things to celebrate and this year is no exception. I hope this congregation is ready to attend a lot of Shabbat services, because almost each one of them this month will be celebrating the accomplishments of our students.

We'll kick off the Shabbat celebrations on Friday, May 7th, with the 3rd Grade Siyyum. What is "siyyum?" In English, it means completion. I know it may seem strange to celebrate a completion with 3rd Grade students when it feels like they're just getting started, but what we are celebrating is the completion of their very first Hebrew book. We are always incredibly proud of our students, but being able to write and decode in Hebrew is for sure something to celebrate! Each child will receive a special gift and will take a few moments to show us what they have learned.

On May 14th, we celebrate with our 7th Grade students as they "move up" to our high school program. 7th Grade is a busy year for our students, who in addition to continuing to come to school twice per week, also spend a large part of the year studying for their B'nai Mitzvah. That they have made it this far, and will hopefully continue their studies, is for sure something to be recognized and congratulated!

On May 16th (okay, this one isn't Shabbat, but it is Shavuot, so it's still a pretty big deal) our 10th Grade students will celebrate their Confirmation. They have been working hard all year with Rabbi Bar-Nahum learning about theology and examining their own beliefs. I am extremely excited to see these students lead our Erev Shavuot service, and confirm their Judaism in front of our congregation!

Finally, on Friday evening, May 21st, our 12th Grade students will graduate from Religious School. This service is always bittersweet. We are so proud of those who have completed their course of study with us, and everything they have and will accomplish. And yet, still, we are always sad to see them go.

I sincerely hope that you will join us for all of these celebrations of achievement throughout this month. It is always such a joy to rejoice in our fabulous youth, and encourage them to keep being the amazing people that they are!

Meredith Lubin,
TBT Director of Education & Youth Activities

 * Spring 2021 -- For my mom Barbara Litwin *
 * By Joyce Litwin Zimmerman *
 * I hear birds chirp as the sun rises. The sky goes from dark blue to grey. There are streaks of magenta that fade to deep pink. I look out *
 * the upstairs window over one-family houses. At 10pm from the same vantage point I see a round, white moon against a blackened *
 * backdrop. So, the days go. And they go quickly. *
 * I have looked forward all winter --as I felt hemmed in by foot-and-a-half snow falls -- to seeing yellow crocuses that line the Meadowbrook *
 * Parkway. As the freezing temperatures of an almost Artic-like winter ease, *my* granddaughter notices little buds forming on some shrubs *
 * outside our house. To me Spring also means the reappearance of daffodils my older daughter and I planted about 25 years ago. In my *
 * mind, at that time, this was just another Saturday; my mother was visiting from Queens. Janine and I dug holes while Grandma Bobbie *
 * observed from a lawn chair while reading the newspaper. *
 * Spring is the bridge between winter and summer. Isn't it amazing that during the winter these flowers were under frozen ground just been *
 * waiting to reappear? This season importantly means viewing the deep rose-colored flowers on the azalea bushes in front of our picture *
 * window. When they fully bloom it means it is "Mother's Day" --and this has been the background for many annual family pictures, *
 * including those with my mom; she would have been 100 years old on the day I am writing this. *
 * As my husband Lewis and I become the older generation, these demarcations of nature are lasting reminders of the people who raised *
 * me. For all their love. For doing the best they could. With greater appreciation for what they experienced as they aged. *
 * That is how I know there is God --or some force greater than us humans. That is what I try to hold on to. During yet another uncertain *
 * season, after a year of this deadly Covid virus infestation, when things do not go according to plan, I seek faith. When fear sets in, I look *
 * up to the sky and see seagulls flying in a miraculous formation. *



SISTERHOOD SHMOOZING



May 23rd is Mitzvah Day at TBT. It is a time for all of us to reflect on how we can all take time out and do our part in the work of tikkun olam, repairing the world.

Women of Reform Judaism, for over 100 years, has been at the forefront of helping to make this world a little better off because of our dedication for social justice.

In this article I would like to highlight some of the amazing work our WRJ sisters have accomplished and hope to accomplish.

WRJ has led a movement towards racial equality, LGBTQ equality, rights of those with disabilities, public education and gun violence prevention.

WRJ takes pride in advocating for the most vulnerable among us. Our tradition compels us to work to end hunger, homelessness, poverty, and to encourage short- and long-term solutions to economic injustice.

As Jewish women we heed our tradition's teachings to cherish the earth. We as Jewish women are committed to safeguarding our natural resources, supporting research to repair damage from the past and finding solutions for a sustainable future.

Lastly, on March 21, 2021, the U.S. House of Representatives voted in a bipartisan bill to renew the Violence against Woman Act. This bill addresses victims (women as well as men) of sexual and domestic violence and the reality of survivor's lives.

Yours in sisterhood,

Emily Altman
President

PTA



Shalom From the PTA!

By Rachel Minkowsky

Well, we made it! Our unique school year has come to a close. The PTA is still here for our students. We need you to get involved! Come help out for a single event or participate in a committee. It's rewarding and fun.

Congratulations to all our confirmands and graduates. We are all so proud of you! Persevering though this year's hardships is an incredible accomplishment. Yasher koach!

Mitzvah Day is almost here! The PTA is sponsoring several events. There will be a book drop off. All donations will be given to Book Fairies. Additionally, we'll be collecting specific pet supplies. Families that want to contribute can sign up to bring items via Sign Up Genius. The PTA will bring the supplies directly to the shelter. Attention artists: we'll also be hosting a painting activity. All art supplies will be provided, so just bring your talent.

See you in September!



BROTHERHOOD / MEN'S CLUB



The month of May was a busy one for the Brotherhood/Men's Club of Temple B'nai Torah, and we are looking forward to an equally fulfilling month of June.

Steve Schuster, son of our member Dave Schuster, was our featured speaker at the April Dinner Meeting, minus the dinner. Steve is a professional play-by-play announcer with the Winnipeg Goldeyes minor league team in Winnipeg, Canada. He provided us with many insights into the world of Baseball, as it occurs on the playing field.

On April 30th, our members joined the members of the TBT Sisterhood for a joint Brotherhood/Sisterhood service with participation by members of both arms. Thank you, Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman for helping us share a meaningful Shabbat service.

The Mitzvah Day project selected by Brotherhood/Men's Club, the Porch Project, entails the refurbishment of the porch on a local group home. This requires scraping off the old paint chips where necessary, and the repainting of the porch and back stairs. Our member, Richard Epler, has been coordinating the project for us. He arranged for local Scout Troops 186 and 189 to help with the initial scraping stage allowing them to opportunity to earn service credits. This was done in April. The painting will be done this month. Thanks, too to JJ Scotch, Troop 186 for helping us coordinate with the troops. Thanks too, to Andrea Sternlieb, Scoutmaster of Troop 189 and, of course to the Scouts for their hard work and to our members for all of their efforts.

Brotherhood/Men's Club will be placing a collection box in the temple lobby to facilitate the collection of new or gently "loved" beanie babies and small stuffed animals. As mentioned in last month's article, the animals will be sent by Operation Gratitude to our troops to provide a bit of cheer.

Earlier in the year, Brotherhood/Men's Club held an online Poker tournament for our members allowing them to measure their skills against those of their fellow members. This was a great success and, at the suggestion of our members, another tournament is scheduled for May 5th. This is open to all Brotherhood/Men's Club members.

With the return of Springtime, the TBT Softball team will once again be returning to the playing fields. Brotherhood/Men's Club has been proud to be a sponsor of the team, providing them with assistance and support. All TBT members are welcome to watch them play and root for the TBT Team. We wish them a fun filled season!

Regards,

Richard Tepper

President TBT Brotherhood/Men's Club

Operation Gratitude Beanie Babies or small stuffed animals



Do you have a collection of new or gently used Beanie Babies, or small plush toys and are wondering what to do with them? As a Mitzvah project of Brotherhood/Men's Club, we are collecting them in a box by the Temple office and will send all of them to Operation Gratitude. They in turn will send them as care packages to our deployed Troops to provide them with some comfort and a smile.

Richard Tepper



CHAI CLUB



On April 19th, we all enjoyed our Chai Club sponsored film, "Broadway- The Jewish Legacy." Together with clips of many popular Broadway Shows, the film explored the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists in creation on the modern American Musical. The Chai Club will continue to provide our temple with interesting and informative programs for the rest of the year.

Coming up in May and June

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. We will also present our 2021-2022 Slate of Officers and Trustees and approve our Budget. May Birthdays will also be celebrated. See our flyer on this page for details including, ZOOM information. Details will also be placed on the TBT Scroll.

For our June program, we will enjoy speakers Susan and Art Zuckerman. They 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 in next month's Voice and TBT Scroll.

Membership-Social Action

During Passover, the Chai Club joined with Circle of Friends supporting the TBT Membership Committee in their Seder Meals for the needy Drive. Special thanks to Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Lisa Shubin and The Membership Committee for organizing the program.

Mitzvah Day/SA/SJ, May 23: Please continue to bring to the temple kosher food products and place in the box near the coat room.

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



Chai Club

THE TIMELESS SONGS of BROADWAY WITH BONNIE RAPP

Monday, May 24, 2021, 7:30 p.m. Live on Zoom

Join Bonnie as she takes you on a journey through the timeless songs of Broadway.

Bonnie Rapp had the honor of playing the lead role of Christine Daaé in the National Tour/San Francisco Company of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*. Some of Bonnie's favorite roles include Maria in *The Sound of Music*, Kate in *Kiss Me, Kate*, Cinderella in *Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella*, Louise in *Gypsy* and Sister Amnesia and Sister Leo in *Nunsense, Nunsense II and Nunsense Jamboree*. In addition, Bonnie has appeared in numerous galas, fundraisers, and Broadway concerts, including performances at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall.



We will celebrate May birthdays. Questions? Call Joan at (516) 781-4966

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SOCIAL ACTION



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The following is a list of *May 16, Class of 2021 Confirmands & May 21, Class of 2021 Graduates*. Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations and PRINT your name as you want it to appear on the Uniongrams Please return the list promptly with \$1.25 for each Uniongram made payable to **Temple B'nai Torah Sisterhood** and send to **Laurel Klein, 2390 Penatquit Ave. Seaford, NY 11783**

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2021

<u>CONFIRMANDS</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>	<u>CONFIRMANDS</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
Addison Baroukh	Alisa & Anony Baroukh	Noah Grossbard	Stacy & Bruce Grossbard
Danielle Galardi	Robin & Joe Galardi	Nicole Nietsch	Julie & Brian Nietsch
Tyler Gershengoren	Irina & Albert Gershengoren	Shawna Walsh	Alaina & John Walsh

GRADUATION CLASS 2021

<u>GRADUATES</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>	<u>GRADUATES</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
David DeRienzo	Holly & John DeRienzo	Michele Spiller	Jeff Spiller
Jacob Scotch	Kimberly & John Scotch	Russell Taustine	Lucie & Michael Taustine
Rebecca Sirof	Melanie & Steven Sirof		

_____ Uniongrams @ 1.25each _____

PLEASE PRINT _____

PLEASE NOTE: All uniongrams requested must be submitted TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE, either by mail or left in the Uniongram box in the Temple office. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CASH IN THE MAILBOX. We cannot be responsible for lost money.



Social Action/Social Justice Committee

Spring has sprung and much is happening!

The Garden at TBT Updates: We held our first Composting Information Session in honor of Earth Day and in honor of our newly installed compost system. The sessions were informative and well attended. We will be offering more opportunities to learn how to minimize waste, renew the earth and make our own “living” soil. If you are interested in any other types of information sessions, please let us know and we will try to arrange for them. Come visit the garden and see “what’s up” - Some congregants have asked *how they can donate to the garden*. There are a few ways; 1) ask Rona about any items on our “wish list,” 2) monetary donations are always appreciated and should be made out to Temple B’nai Torah with SA/SJ Garden in the memo, 3) our Notes from the Garden fundraiser was very successful, so keep your eyes open for, and support, other fundraising activities in the future, 4) donate your time by volunteering at the garden. Thank you for your interest and support.

Much gratitude to David DeRienzo, whose Eagle Scout Project brought us 6 inches more in our main planting beds, waist high planters and benches for the garden. This will allow us to plant root vegetables this year, improve our yield, allow congregants to tend to garden beds with minimal bending and to sit and contemplate all that the garden holds. Thank you, David, and congratulations on your Eagle Scout achievement!

Mitzvah Day is finally here. Since we are still not 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 16th 9a.m.-12 p.m.** and pick up your **Mitzvah Day in a Bag**. It will include information, suggestions, directions and even some supplies. See lots of details in this issue of the Voice.

Upcoming Activities

The first weekend in June is designated as Gun Violence Prevention Weekend. **Wear Orange June 4-6 to show your support for finding solutions to reducing gun violence.** Then, on June 22 join us as Mothers Demand Action offer an important Be SMART presentation which aims to bring together parents, grandparents and all adults concerned about kids, guns and safety. See flyer in this issue for details.

Civic Engagement Opportunity The League of Women Voters is conducting a 6-session interactive workshop that encourages diverse opinions and perspectives, effective listening designed to promote civil discourse and is open to all. For info: <https://my.lwv.org/new-york/port-washington-manhasset/event/listening-guided-tour-2>

Other ongoing social action activities at TBT: Sisterhood’s **sanitary supplies for women**, 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, non-kosher food received will be distributed to local food pantries..

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 **May 11th 7-9pm. There will be no TEVA meeting scheduled as we will be preparing for Mitzvah Day.** For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, TEVA, or any of our projects contact Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com



OUR COMMUNITY

Life Long Learning at Temple B'nai Torah

Robin Wexler

"Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it."

Albert Einstein

In Judaism, Bet Midrash (house of learning) is the academic role that the synagogue plays in the life of a Jewish person. During this year of social distancing and zooming and isolation, the Life Long Learning Committee has worked very hard to provide diverse and engaging programs to our TBT community. Classes are taught by a variety of knowledgeable individuals, including our clergy, temple members, guest speakers and artists.

We are proud to introduce the new changes to our website. Take a moment and browse through the other tabs within the Lifelong Learning page on the website. These tabs include:

RESOURCES has selected links to organizations that provide educational opportunities including classes, Judaic libraries and research, museums and virtual trips.

CULTURAL INFORMATION provides links for information including but not limited to museums and cultural organizations offering Jewish experiences

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH- info on the Adult B'nai Mitzvah program that is in progress.

TORAH STUDY Torah Study is also part of lifelong learning at TBT. Customarily, Jews seldom study Torah alone. The study of Torah is, more often than not, a social and even communal activity.

PROGRAMS gives the latest information on upcoming lifelong learning events as well as videos that can be accessed on our website.

CALENDAR tab links to the TBT calendar of events. This calendar is the most up-to-date information available for temple events

Are you interested in teaching something under the umbrella of Life Long Learning? It can be a class, on zoom, or a video.

For more information on the Lifelong Learning Committee please contact

Amy Neidle agneidle@gmail.com 917-734-2575 VP

Caryn Suckle Caryn@Suckle.net 516-794-1041 Chair

Hi fellow congregants!

One of the projects that we make each year during **Mitzvah Day** is No Sew Fleece Blankets for the Bethany House, a woman and children's homeless shelter in Nassau County.



When a woman or woman with children come to stay at the homeless shelter, they're given a blanket to sleep with. When they are able to leave the shelter and live independently, they are allowed to take this blanket with them as it may have brought them comfort in a difficult time. When I go monthly to cook and serve a meal, someone always comes up to me and calls me the blanket lady. They are very appreciative.

If you are interested in completing one with your family, as part of our **Mitzvah Day** activities, please let me know. Kits are available on a first come first serve basis, as I only have 15 kits.

If interested, please email me at djagold@aol.com or call or text me at (516)353-2010. I will have the kit ready for you when you come for your **Mitzvah Day in a Bag on Sunday, May 16**. I will include written directions and send you via email, a short video, showing how it's done. You can bring back the finished blanket on **Mitzvah Day, Sunday May 23**.

Stay safe,
Janet Goldstein



OUR COMMUNITY



IF IT'S MAY, IT MEANS MITZVAH DAY IS ALMOST HERE!

Mitzvah Day in a Bag Pick Up - Sunday May 16

Mitzvah Day outdoors, onsite - Sunday May 23

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

Sunday May 16th 9:00-12:00 Mitzvah Day in a Bag pick up Work on your favorite projects at home, gather items for our collections and **Mitzvah Day, Sunday May 23rd 9:00-2:00** return your completed and collected items. If you are comfortable doing so, join us for some outdoor in-person events

To keep everyone comfortable and safe on Mitzvah Day and to encourage proper social distancing we request the following:

- 1) **Please pre-register** so we can plan properly for the number of participants attending (email Rona Kauffman by May 18 ronakauffman@yahoo.com)
- 2) **Please consider** staggered arrival time, reserving 10:00 - 11:30 for arriving Religious School students and parents
- 3) Wear your masks, sign in at each activity table, number of participants at each activity will be limited
- 4) All Covid-19 related precautions are subject to change pending our Re-opening Committee's assessment of local statistics.



Each year on **Mitzvah Day** we prepare a meal for the families staying at **Ronald McDonald House** while their sick children are undergoing medical treatments for serious illnesses. Due to covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to go to Ronald McDonald House to prepare those meals. However, we do have a way to perform a **"double mitzvah"** this year.

RMHC This year we will be providing a meal or two (one on Mitzvah Day itself), and we will be purchasing the meal from a local restaurant. Support a local business struggling due to covid related restrictions, and bring a healthy, comforting meal to families so they can focus all of their attention on their child's medical care.

If you would like to support this "double mitzvah" by helping to offset the cost of these meals, please consider writing a monetary donation payable to **Temple B'nai Torah** and include **S/SJ RMH Mitzvah Dinner** on the check.

Checks can be dropped off at the TBT office anytime through Mitzvah Day, May 23. Any amount is welcome and greatly appreciated.

For information contact Lisa Shubin at LFSESL@aol.com





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On-Site Activities (May 23) 9:00-2:00

Flower Pot Decorating and Planting - prepare plants for The Arbors Assisted Living (Westbury)



Create Remembrance Stones

Birthday in a Box - Assemble birthday kits for children in need

To Go Bags - Assemble healthy snack and supply bags for clients of the INN

Greeting Cards and Bags of Cheer for Homebound Seniors

Help Collect and Sort donated items -

Non-Perishable food for Island Harvest and the Kosher Food Pantry
Women's personal care items

New and gently used books for The Book Fairies

Pet supplies, towels, blankets for local Animal Shelters

New and gently used Beanie Babies for Operation Gratitude (for deployed troops)

And More...

Off-Site Activities (registration required)

South Shore Estuary Reserve Beach Clean-Up: 1:00-3:00 PM
Jones Beach FIELD 10

- Learn about the threats to our waterways and do your part to keep the garbage from harming marine life. Open to all ages – children must be accompanied by adult

Contact Carol Drucker (cdrucker22@gmail.com) to register

Nassau Haven porch repair project: Taking place over several days prior to Mitzvah Day

Contact Richard Epler (richard.epler@gmail.com) to register and for project details

We have a **very** limited number of MITZVAH DAY T-SHIRTS and GARDEN NOTE CARDS that will be available for sale.



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TBT Membership Committee

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.

Each month, we'll ask you to let us know of any concerns, questions or issues that you have, related to temple life, but may not know who to ask. We can help you get the answers to all the "who's", "how's", "where's" and "why's" of TBT regarding committees, rituals, ways to get involved, etc.

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!*

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
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
June 19	(M) Noah Brandoff (M) Everett Gabel	Rick & Lisa Ivan & Tracey

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SISTERHOOD and THE SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



Request your support in their ongoing collection of personal care items for women who are homeless, in residences or otherwise in need.

Many women are lucky. Each month, if they need sanitary products, they simply order them online or go to the nearest drugstore or supermarket to purchase what they need. But, what do you do if you are homeless, you have financial struggles or you are in a residence that controls your purchases?

Menstrual health products are ineligible for purchases made with public benefits (WIC or SNAP), they are not always readily available in our public spaces such as schools, workplaces or government buildings, and are often not available in shelters, crisis centers, jails or prisons. Some women regularly skip school or work because they don't have adequate personal care items. Some use socks, newspapers, rags, whatever they can find.

Let's treat these women with dignity. These health products are a necessity, not a luxury.

Beginning Mitzvah Day, May 23, 2021 please donate women's personal care items such as: individually wrapped sanitary pads, tampons, panti-liners, wipes, bar soap, washcloths, deodorant and other women's personal care items.

Please bring donations to Mitzvah Day and then continue to bring whatever items you can, whenever you can, to TBT.

Any donations donated after Mitzvah Day can be brought to the collection box in the TBT coatroom.

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



YAHARZEITS



Miguel St. George from Yolanda & Ira Friedman
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Ada Resnick from Joan Wisset
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Betty Kussoy from Doris Kussoy
Leiv Deitch from Doris Kussoy
Bernard Feldman from Dan Feldman
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Joel Horowitz from Edward Horowitz
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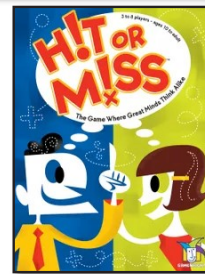
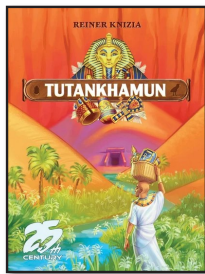
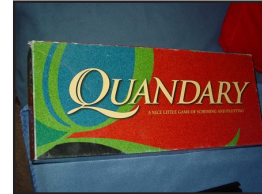
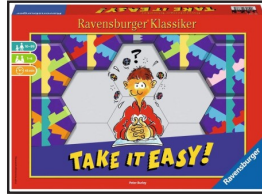
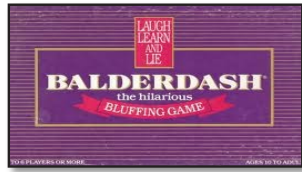
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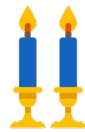


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