



The TBT VOICE



2021 - 5782 A Year with Choices at TBT So Many Options!! What Shall I Choose?

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JOIN A COMMITTEE!



Many Options!!

This & More
call the office, go to our website;
tbtwantagh.org or visit a committee
meeting for additional information



RITUAL CALENDAR

Ritual Calendar - October 2021

(Please note that as conditions improve, we will begin making use of the Sanctuary. This comes with mask restrictions and constant updates. Check the weekly Scroll and watch for emails with the most up-to-date information!)



Friday, 10/01	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:15pm	Back to Shul Family Shabbat Service & 6th Grade Siddur Ceremony **
Saturday, 10/02	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Logan Litvack **
	1:00pm	Blessing of the Animals - on TBT Oakfield Lawn
Friday, 10/08	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service **
Friday, 10/15	6:30pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, 10/16	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Pazos **
Friday, 10/22	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service with <u>Circle of Friends & Chai Club</u> **
Saturday, 10/23	10:30am	Shabbaton - 3rd Grade
Friday, 10/29	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service **
Saturday, 10/30	10:30am	Shabbaton -5th Grade **



November



Friday, 11/05	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:15pm	Family Shabbat Service with <u>PTA, New Members</u> **
Saturday, 11/06	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Rose Fioribello **
Friday, 11/12	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service, Veterans participation **
Saturday, 11/13	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Madelyn Rothstein **



KEY: * = on Zoom ** = at TBT (Masks Required) & Streamed (details on Scroll and Website)
 # =To Be Determined † = Jones Beach, Field 6, West end, along the handicap ramp ^ See HDD Calendar
Always check the TBT Website\ Calendar prior to Services & Events for the most up-to-date information.

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INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



Announcing our Learning Theme: Tzedakah

Beginning at this month, our Lifelong Learning season kicks into high gear. Our Adult B'nai Mitzvah students will resume their regular study looking forward to their service. In addition, our learning theme for the year, the meaning of Tzedakah, begins with a course on the history of the term and how it was used in the Bible and in Rabbinic Literature.

Tzedakah is a term we all use; and often when we do, we mean charity. We “give tzedakah” when we put a coin in a tzedakah box or make a donation, or plant a tree in Israel. This is all correct and good. Having just concluded our High Holy Days, we still have ringing in our ears the line from the *Unetaneh Tokef*, that repentance, prayer, and charity will temper judgment’s severe decree. The Hebrew word translated as charity in our machzor is tzedakah. But is charity, as we understand it, what our tradition asks of us? As with so much in Judaism, our understanding of a term or a practice is but one facet of the breadth and depth of that term, and how it has been understood throughout the generations.

To begin, the root of the Hebrew word is more closely associated with the term’s righteousness and justice. For example, the first use of the root in the Bible is in the book of Genesis when the Torah describes Noah as an “*ish Tzadik*,” as a righteous man. Later, we see the root in the commandment in Deuteronomy: “*tzedeq, tzedeq tirdof!* justice, justice shall you pursue!”

We will come to understand how the term tzedakah evolved into how we understand it today. And, through an exploration of texts and studying the various meanings of tzedakah over the generations, we’ll come to some more complete understandings of what we are commanded by God to do when it comes to Tzedakah.

In the winter, our study will become more hands on and practical as we shift our focus from texts about charity to acts of justice and righteousness. We’ll spend a little time reviewing what Judaism, particularly the Prophetic tradition, understands tzedek to mean, and then we will work to create projects that will put those prophetic calls into action.

It will be a great year of learning, and I’m excited to share it with you! The sessions for the text course will begin on Sunday, October 31 at 10:00 am, and will take place on Sundays through December. The winter course will begin early 2022. (I’d put more information here, but we all know that it will most likely change; so please keep an eye on your email for more details and specifics!)

I’d like to take some space here to offer my gratitude. More personal thanks will be forthcoming, but first, I’d like to offer a huge thanks to our amazing Office and Maintenance staff. They each worked so hard under very trying circumstances to ensure the smooth running of the High Holy Days in so many ways. In addition, thank you to the many, many Temple members who volunteered their time, energies, and talents over the High Holy Days and their lead up. This was truly a year unlike any we have experienced, with many complications and changes as the pandemic evolved.

Through some creativity and a lot of hard work, we were able to bring back many of our beloved traditions this year, even if not as we have always been able to. Through it all, and thanks to so much hard work from so many, we were able to offer beautiful and meaningful services and programming in a multi-access format. I am proud of what we were able to accomplish together and am excited about the year ahead!

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



Resilience: the ability to recover from difficulties; hardiness.

As I write this, we have just completed an incredible second year of High Holy Days during a pandemic! As I have said many times, I am waiting for this Covid-19 Movie to end already, but we are still working through it all; yes, with a bit of fatigue, but also with a heaping dose of resilience. I have never been more proud to be a part of our TBT family. As we mentioned at High Holy Day services, it took a tremendous amount of work from a lot of very dedicated folks to begin this year on the right foot. So many volunteered to help with every aspect of this New Year. We offer our deepest gratitude to our staff, our lay leadership, and all who made our services seamless and meaningful through their remarkable efforts over months of planning, substituting, and then pivoting.

Resilience: pliability.

We learned to use new tech systems in order to embrace being a multi-access community. I am thrilled that we can stream to those who can then be with us from their homes. With beautiful new retractable screens and projectors in our Sanctuary, Social Hall, and Kiddush Lounge, we are able to offer Visual T'fillah (cutting down on the use of paper), show videos, images, and use power point, utilize Zoom for meetings and programs, and offer a nice upgrade to the imaging used to run our Bingo programming. We have poised ourselves to be a community embracing cutting edge technology.

Resilience: strength.

Whether we are in person or virtual, we continue to celebrate Shabbat, the holidays, the milestones, and the life cycle events of our Temple family. This month we will start up our Fall Lifelong Learning classes, our TBT players will be rehearsing for a new show, we will enjoy programming from our Chai Club, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Circle of Friends, Youth Group, and our PTA. Our Religious School students, under Sheryl Gordon's watch, will continue to learn from their dedicated teachers. Our B'nai Mitzvah will keep preparing to lead their services with their hard-earned expertise. And during this time of harvest, our gardeners will continue to glean and donate the rest of the bounty from our productive and delightful TBT Garden.

Resilience: durability.

Join us! As I have said many times, our beloved TBT continues to thrive despite the challenges of gathering because we are a deeply caring and connected community. Both Rabbi Bar-Nahum and I are always just a call or email away. If you are feeling disconnected, please let us know. Our Temple community continues to be here for each of us with so many ways to be involved. Now that we have begun our year, renewed with the High Holy Days and clarion call of the Shofar, we remain resilient and dedicated to inspiring our generations, creating community, and connecting our families.

B'avaha (with love),
Cantor Rica Timman



MAZEL TOV TO...

Norman & Sheila Konsker on the birth of their great-grandson



MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES



October 2

Logan Litvack

Scott & Eileen

My name is Logan Litvack, and I am an honor roll eighth-grade student at Woodland Middle School in East Meadow. I enjoy playing video games and spending time with my friends, my parents, and my sister, Erin. I would like to thank Morah Emily, Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for helping me prepare for my Bar Mitzvah.



October 16

Aaron Pazos

Joseph & Carri

Hi, my name is Aaron Pazos. I'm 13 years old, in the 8th grade and attend Plainedge Middle School. I like to spend my time playing basketball, football and video games. My favorite subject in school is science. I live with my mom, dad, grandma and older sister, Sam. The best thing that happened to me this past year was getting my dog, Lincoln. He is so cute and so much fun to play with.



Chai Club



THE PAUL JOSEPH TRIO

**THE CHAI CLUB
PRESENTS ITS INAUGURAL PROGRAM**

VIA ZOOM MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 7:30 P.M.

**Performing "Rhapsody in Blue"
And Other Gershwin Favorites
ALL WELCOME**

We will be celebrating our members'
September and October Birthdays

Contact Joan or Brian at Bellobl@gmail.com for the link.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Nothing like hitting the ground running – that was the tone as new officers of Temple began their term and my presidency. Priorities were hiring an Executive Director and a Bookkeeper. Crucial positions in our temple. Crucial to our everyday operation. WOW – what a start.

Why do I mention this? Because everywhere I turned congregants were offering their help. “Whatever I can do”– “Call me if you need me” – “I can come in and do whatever you need me to do.” This is what I was hearing. Unfortunately, due to the confidentiality of information in the office I had to turn down many offers, BUT volunteering to answer the phones – COVERED! Volunteering to stuff envelopes for mailings –COVERED!

This is a congregation of doers. I am learning that very quickly. Outstretched hands, outstretched hearts and a concern for what needs to be done. A support system that obviously links this congregation to each other. Don't you worry, we'll find something for everyone to help with!!

October has always been one of my favorite months as I love to watch all the changes nature has to offer. The landscape of the autumn colors is truly a miracle. The crispness in the air is so refreshing and invigorating. It makes you feel alive.

We come together to celebrate Sukkot, the beautiful harvest festival. Our Temple sukkah has taken on new meaning for us. It has truly been the “temporary booth” that is was meant to be. Throughout the past year and a half our sukkah has been an extension of our home, allowing us to find ways to be together. Allowing us the opportunity to visit, catch up and worship together. We are all so grateful for that. We thank all who construct and maintain our sukkah. It has proven to be a lifeline for us.

We end the month celebrating Simchat Torah with candy apples, marching and singing songs of gratitude. All in all a good month. Celebrations with traditions, cool fresh air and emerging colors of fall. Have a wonderful month everyone.

Remember to say YES to something new in temple.

With much appreciation,
Dee

To All my friends in Chai Club and Circle of Friends – this one's for you. In my speech on Rosh Hashanah morning I talked about all the wonderful things we have here at TBT. Well – in the middle of night, I realized that I may have left you out – OH NO! I woke up Wednesday morning, checked the printed speech, and sure enough it was not there. During my editing and printing of the speech something must have happened to delete that line – which was the first thing I had planned to mention.

I hope that, at this time of forgiveness, you can forgive me for the omission. It was absolutely not intentional. Both of these clubs promote membership retention and offer so many wonderful opportunities to be together! They are vital to this congregation and add another notch on our belt of wonderful offerings here at TBT.

Again, my apologies,
Dee



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



I don't know about you, but I love October.

There's a crisp in the air, the smell of cinnamon wafts through everything, and we are fully engrossed in classes.

The High Holy Days came in with praying and contemplation on Rosh Hashannah and left us singing and dancing with the Torah on Simchat Torah. Our halls have been filled with laughter and learning. The students have all settled into their routines, and we are looking forward to spending quality time outside in the TBT Garden learning about the fall and what we can do to share the bountiful harvest.

This year, the theme of the congregation is Tzedakah. The kids are learning about how their generosity can change lives. They've also learned that generosity doesn't always come from their wallets; it comes from their hearts and their time. Come on down and check out our Tzedakah Tally Bulletin Boards so you can see what charities our kids chose and the total amount our Religious School has already accumulated. The Madrichim are settling into their new roles as leaders and are always working to set a good example to those in their charge. The Hebrew High School students are working on creating a program that fits their needs and makes them take ownership of their learning.

If you have a special talent, like crocheting, debating, or woodworking, please let me know; as we'd love to have you work with our students. Thank you all who have helped make this transition back to school a smooth and rewarding one.

Sheryl Gordon
Religious School Director

BINGO BUSINESS - REOPENED SEPTEMBER 22ND AND 23RD

Bingo finally started again after a year of being closed. Every year TBT budgets and pays a very significant amount in operating bills from Bingo income. Even last year, when Bingo was closed, thank goodness there was still money in the Bingo checking account to use. The projected shortfall in last year's budget was due in large part to the cancellation of Bingo. It is our hope that the income from this year's Bingo will eventually be as good as it has been for the past 50 years. This was the very first time we had to cancel the games due to a pandemic or national health crisis.

About 70 volunteers work Bingo each week. We need help for kitchen, selling the admissions and paper, calling the numbers, ball pickers and making sure machines are running properly. At the end of the games, we restock the papers and prepare for the next game. If anyone, would like to help, call one of us to set up a day and time.

Bingo is our largest fundraiser, by far. The income from bingo allows us to keep our dues at a reasonable amount and reduces the need for us to access reserves when unexpected emergencies arise.

Everyone; workers and players, must wear a mask and proof of vaccinations will be required. Please call Judy to register.

Be well, and we look forward to seeing you.

Rita 785-5827 and Judy 409-4958

PS - Please try not to schedule any program or event on any Thursday night so as not to interfere with the Bingo game and its many dedicated workers. We truly appreciate your understanding.





SISTERHOOD



Dear Women of Temple B'nai Torah,

We cordially invite you to become a member of our Temple Sisterhood for 2021-2022. Our monthly meetings present opportunities to socialize, learn, and network. Joining Sisterhood will certainly enable you to establish a connection with **OUR** temple. If you are a **new** temple member this year, we welcome you with a **complimentary** Sisterhood membership. Moms of **new** Religious School students in K-2 are also **complimentary** for the first year. We are pleased to continue offering **FREE** membership to 13 - 18 year-olds, post-Bat Mitzvah daughters of Paid-Up Members. In addition, any unmarried daughter of a Temple B'nai Torah member, ages 18 to 26, living at home, may become a dues-paying Sisterhood member.

You can join Sisterhood by sending a check for \$40.00, payable to "**Temple B'nai Torah Sisterhood,**" and completing all sections of the tear-off below so that we may keep you informed of all of our activities. The check and tear-off should be mailed to the temple and addressed to the attention of AMY HERMAN. You may also drop off your check and tear-off in the envelope on the temple's bulletin board in the office. **Cash is not accepted.** We encourage you to join Sisterhood, as we are certain you will enjoy what we have to offer! Your membership fee includes the **Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner which is currently scheduled for October 12, 2021; however, this date may be subject to change.** All teen members attending will be seated at their own special table.

Questions? Call or e-mail Financial Secretary: AMY HERMAN 516-652-3170, amyamy555@aol.com; Membership Vice-President: PATTI NACHT, prn512@aol.com or Membership Chair: ANDREA BUTTERWEICH, prekteacher108@gmail.com

Sisterhood Membership Return Slip - PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Cell Phone () _____ Landline () _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail _____ Birthday: MM/DD _____ / _____

Select all that apply: Returning member - I have enclosed a check for \$40 for my yearly dues (includes the annual paid up dinner) Check # _____ I am a NEW Temple Member (complimentary first year membership) I am a Mom of a NEW Religious School students in K-2 (complimentary first year membership) I am a Teen member DOB _____ / _____ / _____ (Complimentary)

★ Sisterhood Parent Name _____ Teen Member Name _____

Teen Member Phone _____ Teen Member email _____



SISTERHOOD



Greetings from Sisterhood!

Wishing you all a healthy and sweet new year. As we embark on the year 5782, our Sisterhood is working very hard to provide inspiring, fun and educational programming. In September, we had a joint Sisterhood program with WRJ listening to Sarah Hurwitz describe her Jewish journey. We are planning Rosh Chodesh and other programs through the year, so keep your eyes on the Voice, Scroll, and our Facebook page for details. Our book club is reading *The Damage* by Caitlin Wahrer. Join them via Zoom for a lively discussion.

Sisterhood has a wonderful paid-up membership event planned for October 12. In lieu of the traditional dinner we will be meeting virtually and creating a craft together. We would love to see you, so please join us!

Yours in Sisterhood,
Maryann



An Evening of Music with Singer/Entertainer Les Degen

**A TBT ZOOM Fundraiser
\$36 per ZOOM Link
November 20, 2021 at 7:30pm
Zoom doors open at 7:15
Limited to first 100 Zoom Links**



Les will lead us on a fun-filled, entertaining, interactive, and engaging musical trip down Memory Lane by performing some of the greatest standards and showtunes from the 20's -70's including hits by Sinatra, Darin, Bubl , Elton John, & Van Morrison. Broadway tunes include *Almost Like Being in Love* from *Brigadoon*, *Feeling Good* from *Roar of the Greasepaint*, and *If I Were a Rich Man* from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Price of \$36 per Zoom link **includes a chance to win fabulous door prizes.**

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**Mail To: TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH - Les Degen Show
2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793
November 20, 2021
RSVP cut-off is Nov. 7, 2021**

First Name(s) _____ Last Name _____

Email Address to Receive ZOOM LINK _____

Please Enclosed \$36 per ZOOM Link Requested _____ Ck # _____ - _____

Questions? Brian Levy at 516-781-4966



BROTHERHOOD / MEN'S CLUB



Hello Fellow Congregants,

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and had fun; did things you could not do because of the pandemic. We are all hoping to see everybody at the temple for the Holidays. Remember that the Brotherhood members will be ushering for the Holidays, and I want to thank them.

Which brings me to my next subject – the Brotherhood breakfast on Sunday, October 3rd, which is a free breakfast for all Temple members. Please come down and socialize with fellow Congregants in the Social Hall, see friends and make new friends which I have done throughout my years attending the breakfasts.

For all you men out there, you still have time to sign up in Brotherhood. Please sign up and join us for our paid up (free) dinner on Wednesday, October 20th. It is a nice time to enjoy socializing at the dinner.

The next thing to talk about is that the Brotherhood/Men's Club is doing a fundraiser and will be selling wine for the Thanksgiving and Hanukkah Holidays coming up. The Holidays come early this year, so please be on the lookout for the flyer or through the TBT Scroll, TBT Website and TBT Voice for the wine sale. Hope all had a Happy and Healthy New Year and an easy Fast.

Thank you,

Eric Altman
President TBT Brotherhood/Men's Club



BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP

The Temple B'nai Torah Brotherhood/Men's Club is looking forward to a great 2021-2022. Dues are \$45 for the year and entitle you to attend monthly dinners (followed by entertainment), breakfasts on designated Sunday mornings, dances, bowling and socialization. Please join us at our get-togethers and keep the Brotherhood /Men's Club a strong and viable arm of the Temple.

Make your check out for \$45 to Temple B'nai Torah Brotherhood and mail it to Brotherhood, Temple B'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793 or drop it off at the Temple office. For more information call Les Richards at (516) 753-4060 or E-mail him at: lesrichards@verizon.net

BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE – Home _____ Cell _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____



SOCIAL ACTION



Are you looking for a way to make a difference and to participate in Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World)?

We invite you to join us and be part of the

Social Action/Social Justice Committee of TBT.



Here you will find opportunities to help those in our community who are in need, and to learn about and work to support social justice issues that are important to Reform Judaism.



Help out at our **Garden at TBT** where we grow vegetables to donate to local food pantries and are creating an inviting meditative green space for all ages to enjoy.

Share your ideas with **TEVA**, our Temple Environmental Vision and Action group.

Participate in civic engagement, educational opportunities, advocacy efforts and much more...

If you would like to sign up to join the **Social Action/Social Justice Committee**, or if you are curious but not sure yet, please send your name, email address and phone number to

Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com so we can keep you informed of any upcoming meetings and events.

Check the TBT calendar for SA/SJ and TEVA meeting dates.

We look forward to meeting and working with you all!





CHAI CLUB



We hope you and your extended families enjoyed the High Holy days and had an easy fast. Joan and I thank everyone who joined us so far this year, as the membership has gone over 130 people! We know these are trying times and the Chai Club appreciates your support. Thank you to the entire Chai Club Board and the Membership Committee: Harvey Drucker, Tessa Kean, Jayne Kromprier, Sarita Keyser, Sharon and Ben Cernese.

Thank you also to those who attended the Chai Club Program, August 30th discussing the history of the noted Long Island Planner, Robert Moses. Mr. Moses certainly had a substantial impact on Long Island growth. We appreciate all the work of the Chai Club Communications Committee; Sharon and Ben Cernese and Judy Kule, who set up both our Program and Board Meeting Zoom Communications. We also would like to thank our membership who has taken the time to learn the ins and outs of Zoom.

Due to the High Holy Day schedule, we did not have a program in September, but we hope this article reaches you before Monday, October 4th for our Zoom Paul Joseph Jazz Trio Program. We will listen to the Music of George Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue and other favorites.

Come dine with your fellow Chai Club members at our annual Membership Dinner, 6:00 P.M., Monday, November 15th. Have a sumptuous meal at Domenico's Italian Restaurant in Levittown: 3270A Hempstead Tpke. Chairs Rita Hofer and Tessa Kean are promising an entertaining evening. Dinner includes: Appetizers, choice of salad, choice of 5 different entrees, unlimited soda, coffee, tea and a special occasion cake. Cost is \$27 for Chai Club members, \$38 for guests. Call Rita, 516-785-5827 or Tessa, 516-504-0012 to make a reservation. November Birthdays will also be celebrated.

Save the Date: December 20th !!

Diane and Jay Schoenberg will be coordinating our entertaining Trivia contest, Monday, December 20th, at 7:30 P.M., At this time we do not know if we will be back in the Social Hall or on Zoom. Watch your TBT Scroll for the latest information.

L'Shanah Tovah!

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



Housing Committee Highlights

So much has been happening to spruce up and repair our Temple home, even during the pandemic. When you walk through our Temple building, you can see all of the hard work of our TBT Housing Committee volunteers, custodians and outside vendors who have been working together to improve our building. The new floors in our Social Hall make the room look so much brighter! Thank you to our custodians, Anthony and Steve, for changing the light fixtures in the Youth Lounge and lobby display cases. Caulking and painting of our stained-glass windows facing Jerusalem Avenue has been done by a professional painting company. Check out the windows when you are on Jerusalem Avenue. Our beautiful Sanctuary has new spotlights as well as screens and video equipment to update our services both in our Temple and for those viewing streamed services. Lastly, look for our new PVC fence coming this fall.

TBT's Housing Committee welcomes new members at our meetings to help us keep our home away from home beautiful and in great condition. Our next two meetings are scheduled for October 18 and November 29 at 7 pm. If you would like to attend the Housing Committee meetings, please contact Jayne for the Zoom link. If you see something that needs attention, please contact one of the House Committee Co-Chairs: Debbie Saunders at RandLsmom1@aol.com or Jayne Kromprier at jturtle54@msn.com. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom.



SOCIAL ACTION



Social Action/Social Justice Committee

Last month we held our **Annual High Holy Day Food Drive**. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we were able to help fill many of the local pantry shelves that rely on Island Harvest distribution. Food insecurity is not, unfortunately, a once-a-year problem. With this in mind we are encouraging year-round food donations at TBT. Whenever you attend a TBT event or service, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item. Kosher items will be delivered to the Kosher Food Pantry at Congregation Beth Ohr, and non-kosher items will be delivered throughout the year to local community food pantries such as the ones at the Wisdom Lane School and McVey Elementary School. *Please let us know if your school district runs other pantries that we might be able to add to our rotating list of recipients.*

Civic Engagement: This November, Nassau County residents will be asked to vote for candidates running for various county positions. *To see the list of candidates, go to:* <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/34193/2021-Candidate-List---Updated-08302021?bidId=>

Residents of NYS will also be asked to consider several ballot propositions concerning redistricting, environmental rights, absentee voting, tower registration. *For detailed information about each ballot measure and what they mean for NYS, please go to:* https://ballotpedia.org/New_York_2021_ballot_measures. Or

Download the League of Women Voter's voter guide at: <https://my.lww.org/sites/default/files/leagues/nassau-county-inter-league-organization/voterguidepartii.pdf>

Important Dates Regarding: General Election November 2, 2021

Oct. 8 – last day to postmark voter registration form or register in person at Board of Elections (BOE)

Oct. 23 – early voting is available through Oct. 31

Oct. 26 – last day to postmark application for absentee ballot

Oct. 31 – early voting ends

Nov. 1 – last day to apply in person for absentee ballot

Nov. 2 – last day to postmark ballot for general election

Nov. 2 – last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to BOE

The Garden at TBT is still harvesting and donating crops twice a week. As of this writing we have far surpassed the amount grown as compared with this time last year and we have donated almost 1200 lbs. of produce to those in need! By the time you read this, the numbers will be even higher! Our Bouquets of Cheer from the Garden have been a big success and will continue as long as the flower supply permits. TBT's Mazel Tots are back in the garden joining us for their wonderful programming and using the garden resources to make connections between Judaism and the natural world. Religious School classes will also be joining us as the weather and their scheduling permit. *Stay tuned for information about this year's brand-new Note Cards from the Garden!*

As we return to more regular and in-person programming, **TEVA** (Temple Environmental Vision and Action) will be sharing our recommendations for more sustainable practices at TBT. Initial recommendations include reducing our purchases of single-use items, recycling paper goods and encouraging congregants to bring re-usable mugs and water bottles with them when they come to TBT. Stay tuned for more information about each of these recommendations.

*Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m.** Please note that instead of separate TEVA meetings, TEVA related concerns will now be part of our regularly scheduled SA/SJ meetings.*

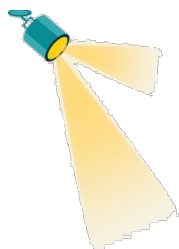
We always welcome new members! *For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, the Garden at TBT, TEVA, or any of our projects, contact Rona Kauffman at:* ronakauffman@yahoo.com



OUR COMMUNITY

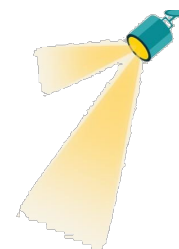
Dear Temple B'nai Torah Family,

To help us get to know each other better, the Membership committee will be spotlighting a different congregant each month. Our goal is to tell you things you might otherwise never know. We hope this will be an exciting way to learn more about each other!



For our first Spotlight Interview, let's start at the top...

Our President,
Dee Greenberg



It's a wonderful feeling to follow in your parent's footsteps...

A special memory Dee has from her youth was walking into the sanctuary in her synagogue in Lakewood, New Jersey for her Consecration service at the age of 5, wearing her beautiful white dress. That was the temple her parents were actively involved in, as the Presidents of Sisterhood and Men's Club. Both instilled a love of Judaism into their children, Dee and Barry.

You might ask, "So how did Dee get to where she is today?" In 1980, a friend from Camp Sequoia introduced Dee to her friend, David Greenberg and love blossomed. For 18 months, they learned the route from Long Island to New Jersey. It must have been LOVE (if any of you have traveled the Belt "Parking Lot" you would agree). Dee and David married in 1982 and started their life together in a house in Wantagh. Their oldest, Jeffrey, attended Suburban Nursery School (talk about full circle). When they were ready to expand their family, a larger house was needed and that's how they ended up in East Meadow. Dee and David joined Temple Emanu-El when Jeffrey was in kindergarten and Ethan was in preschool. So, where's the part about walking in her parent's footsteps and getting involved? We can thank her friends Ellen and Joyce for bringing her into Hadassah. If you want to learn how to work together, just join that group. At Temple, Dee heard they were going to put on a show, "Guys and Dolls." Could this be true? Dee had played Adelaide in that show at camp! She auditioned and, low and behold, she got the part! Many of her new friends from the show were active Sisterhood members and they helped her make a connection with that Arm of the temple. Sisterhood President? Sure, she eventually took on that role, as well. Even now, her mom, at 88, was just honored at her Lakewood Temple for over 60 years of service. I guess you would say this giving spirit is in Dee's DNA.

Dee feels that what has always kept her connected to the temple is her "temple family," as well as the desire to set an example for her children and give them the same link her parents gave her. A fond memory is from the evening before David was to have a minor procedure and their boys were young, Jeffrey told Dee not to worry because he had recited the Shema for David. What could be more proof of instilling a connection than that?! Now Jeffrey is 35 and lives in Plainview with his wife, Ali. Ethan is 31 and lives in Boulder Colorado.

The Presidency, what can she say? The timing was right because Dee just recently retired from her job as a Pre-K teacher, after 26 years and now, with support from David, is able to devote so much of her time to temple. Dee has
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learned some important lessons that she will use while in this position. During her many years at sleep away camp one of her take-aways was: *"If you make a mistake, ADMIT IT, say you're sorry and move on with the mindset that you will do better next time. Everyone is human and we all make mistakes, learning from them is key!"* Dee recognizes that anyone in a leadership role needs to try not to take things personally. One thing for sure, Dee says she will always listen and try to be fair. If you notice her being nervous before she speaks at an event or runs a function, know that she is human and once she gets started, she will be fine and the event will be wonderful!

Dee has a few goals for us, as a temple community...Please **SAY YES** to something new in Temple (a committee, a Lifelong Learning class, an event,...) you might like it. Remember, each time you do something, you learn to do it better for the next time. Know that if you have any desire to be a part of something at temple, just ask and we can get you to the right person to make it happen.

One of Dee's finest days was the day we marched the Torahs from Temple Emanu-El in East Meadow to our new home at Temple B'nai Torah, in Wantagh. The people from the three Legacy Synagogues might not have all known each other on that day, but we are all connected now. That walk was the beginning of our future together.

Her final thoughts are as follows: *"Before the merger, it was said we were joining an active, vital Temple. I could have left it at that and just watched, but in order to get something out of it you must jump into it! Don't limit the connections you have and make more. Join all you can, to at least give it a try, make that connection. You never know, you may really like it and, one day, you too, can become President!"*

In closing Dee would like to say, *"Our legacies brought us together in order to create a future legacy...let's look ahead, not behind."*





CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



Welcome to a new year.

Circle of Friends is a group of Temple members – singles as well as couples - who enjoy each other's company in purely social settings. We love to eat together, travel together, explore together, and have fun together – the way that friends should and do! Membership Dues - \$18 pp. We are a growing group of members who realize that life sometimes throws us curves but no matter what our status – single or couple (married or not), young or not-so-young, Jewish or not – we need our Circle of Friends.

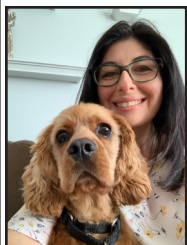
During the month of October, we will be celebrating Shabbat with a service on October 22 in conjunction with Chai Club. This service, like other services, will be both in person and streamed on Facebook. We hope to “see” you there. On October 13, we will be attending a fun activity at Old Bethpage Restoration called Pumpkin Blaze - more than 7,000 hand carved Jack-o'-lanterns and pumpkin sculptures at this walk-through experience. New displays this year include an 80-foot circus train, a nod to the 146-year run of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus at the nearby Nassau Coliseum, a sea monster and many new creative creatures from under the ocean.

This year, obviously, has not been normal. Hopefully this finds you and yours in good health. In these trying times, we are all looking for the human “touch” – even if that has come to mean different things today. We have been and will continue to do our activities on Zoom for the safety and convenience of our members. Psychologists say that people need people. We have instituted a weekly Zoom event on Monday afternoons. These events give our friends the opportunity to see one another and to talk about anything on their minds. In addition, we have been engaging in Trivia or fun “Space” & jokes or any other fun ideas that our friends recommend. Come check us out. These Zoom gatherings are FREE!

We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.
Sharon & Ben Cernese, Co-Presidents



PTA UPDATES



Happy New Year from the PTA!
By Rachel Minkowsky

It's hard to believe that October is really here! Our apples and honey have been eaten, our sukkah has been taken down, and our Religious School is well underway!

Our PTA exists to support the Hebrew school teaching staff and all our students. You'll see us in the background during all the religious school events. That will still be true, whether the events are online or in-person. But we need you, too! Membership is critical to our continued success. Membership forms are available in the office. All membership fees go directly to programming and materials for all our religious school children. If you'd like to get involved, our next meeting is on Sunday, October 3 at 11:30 am in room 104.

We have some wonderful events coming up soon! October 9 at 7pm will be our first “Paint and Pour” evening. Meredith Rothstein will lead us in creating beautiful artwork. Stay tuned for more information!

October 16 will be our annual Pizza Prayer and Pajamas event. Our synagogue youth (and their families!) are invited to participate in a Havdalah service and a fun get together afterwards. Again, keep an eye on the PTA page for registration links!



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UNIONGRAMS

The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah **SEPTEMBER 25, 2021** through **December 4, 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.

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Oct. 2	(M) Logan Litvack	Scott & Eileen
Oct. 16	(M) Aaron Pazos	Joseph & Carri
Nov. 6	(F) Rose Fiorbello	Michael & Susan
Nov. 13	(F) Madelyn Rothstein	Howard & Meredith
Dec. 4	(M) Jason Goldstein	Michael & Elise

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- 7/9 #630 Allison Keane
- 7/15 #017 Rabbi Bar-Nahum
- 7/24 #563 Claudia Shavelson
- #563 Lisa Shubin
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- 7/28 #321 Claudia Shavelson
- #321 Stan Brosowsky

August Winners!!! 2021 Cash Calendar

- 8/3 #290 David Goldstein
- 8/8 #782 Mindy Cohen
- 8/11 #107 Sara Grossman
- #107 David Shuster
- 8/17 #915 Jayne Krompier
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Mission Statement

Temple B'nai Torah is a diverse caring congregation that embraces a progressive and inclusive vision of Reform Judaism through worship, study of Torah and righteous deeds. We are creating a multi-generational home in our region by staying connected to our roots, as well as offering spiritual enrichment, Jewish education and community engagement.

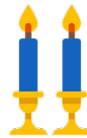


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