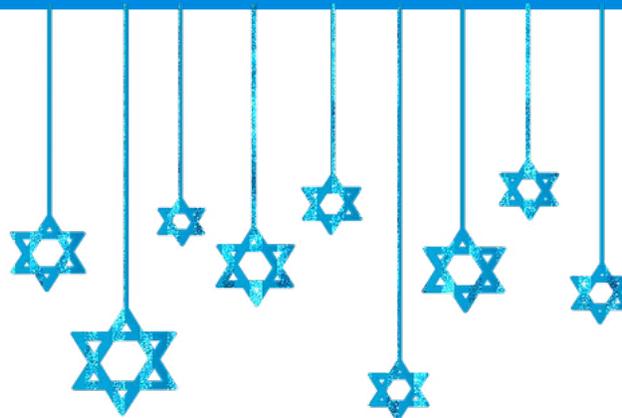




Happy  
Hanukkah



*Chanukah Brunch  
December 5*



*November 29  
to December 6  
(1st Candle 11/28)*



## Holiday Gift Drive

**November 14 - December 20, 2021**

Donations made by November 21  
will be delivered in time for Hanukkah Gift Giving



### *Ways to Donate:*

- Unwrapped donations can be dropped off in the collection box in the TBT Lobby
- Gift cards in envelopes labeled SA/SJ Holiday Gift Drive can be mailed to TBT, or be brought to the TBT office during office hours

Donations will be delivered to a variety of local agencies serving the needs of children, adolescents and families.  
Stay tuned for further information about specific "wish list" items.

For information, contact Carol Drucker, at [cdruker22@gmail.com](mailto:cdruker22@gmail.com)

*The Social Action/Social Justice Committee of Temple B'nai Torah*



# RITUAL CALENDAR

## Ritual Calendar - November 2021

(The use of the Sanctuary comes with mask requirements and constant updates. Check the weekly Scroll and watch for emails with the most up-to-date information!)



Monday, 11/01	12:00pm	Torah Study * on Zoom	
Friday, 11/05	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat **	
	7:15pm	Family Shabbat Service <i>Iyyun Tefillah</i> with <u>PTA and New Member Welcome</u> **	
<b>Saturday, 11/06</b>	9:30am	Torah Study *	
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Rose Fioribello **</b>	
Sunday, 11/07	10:00am	Lifelong Learning Course: The Meaning of Tzedakah*	
Monday, 11/08	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, 11/12	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service <i>Iyyun Tefillah</i> , <u>Veterans Participation</u> **	
<b>Saturday, 11/13</b>	9:30am	Torah Study *	
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Madelyn Rothstein **</b>	
Sunday, 11/14	10:00am	Lifelong Learning Course: The Meaning of Tzedakah*	
Monday, 11/15	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, 11/19	6:30pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service **	<b>HAPPY Bat Mitzvah</b>
Saturday, 11/20	9:30am	Torah Study *	
	10:00am	Shabbaton - 4th Grade	
Sunday, 11/21	10:00am	Lifelong Learning Course: The Meaning of Tzedakah*	
Monday, 11/22	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, 11/26	6:30pm	Erev Shabbat Service (Thanksgiving) **	
Saturday, 11/27	9:30am	Torah Study *	
<b>Sunday, 11/28</b>		<b>First Night of Chanukah</b>	 Welcoming the First Night
Monday, 11/29	12:00pm	Torah Study *	



# HAPPY Bat Mitzvah



## December

<b>Friday, 12/03</b>	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat
	<b>7:15pm</b>	<b>Family Chanukah Shabbat Service **</b>
<b>Saturday, 12/04</b>	9:30am	Torah Study *
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Jason Goldstein **</b>

● On Friday, Dec. 3, the 6<sup>th</sup> night of Chanukah, Bring your Menorah and 7 Candles for the Big Menorah Light-Up!

**KEY:** \* = on Zoom \*\* = at TBT (Masks Required) & Streamed (details on Scroll & Website)  
# = To Be Determined Always check the TBT Website\Calendar for the most up-to-date information.



## INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



### About the Hebrew Calendar

There are a lot of parts of Judaism which can be confusing. Among them is the ever-changing calendar. This year, for example, Chanukah begins on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>! This holiday most often falls somewhere in mid-December and sometimes even carries on into January! What is the reason for this and why is our calendar so complicated? This month, I'd like to share with you some answers to a couple of commonly asked questions about the Hebrew Calendar and share some information that will help you to, hopefully, better understand how Jews keep track of our sacred times.

Why do we start all our holidays at night? Western understandings have the day begin in the morning, whereas Judaism understands that it begins in the evening. On the Hebrew Calendar, the new day begins at sundown, not at midnight, based on the verses from the creation story in Genesis: "there was evening, there was morning, a first day," etc. All our holidays begin in the evening because that's when the day begins on our calendar.

Why do the holidays move around so much? The simple answer is that the Hebrew Calendar and the Gregorian Calendar don't match up. To understand this in more detail, first it's important to remember that no matter when a holiday falls on the Gregorian Calendar, it's always the same date on the Hebrew Calendar. Rosh HaShanah is always the first of the Hebrew month of Tishrei. We light the first candle for Chanukah on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Kislev every year, whether November or December (or in a very rare case, even January). Each holiday has its official date, whether set by the Torah, the Rabbis of old, or the modern state of Israel.

The Hebrew Calendar and the Gregorian Calendar have similarities and differences. Both have 12 months. Both divide a week into 7 days. Both make use of the Earth's relationship to the sun. Both have leap years. But that's about where the similarities end. The Gregorian Calendar's months have between 28 and 31 days adding up to 365¼ days. The Hebrew Calendar's months contain either 29 or 30 days, based on the moon. This means that a Hebrew year can end up with either 353, 354, or 355 days.

A simple subtraction shows us that the Hebrew Calendar is about 11 days shorter than the Gregorian Calendar. The Hebrew Calendar is also, in many ways, based on the sun, when it comes to harvests and seasons. If nothing was done to adjust for the shortfall of days, the autumn harvest festival of Sukkot, for example, would begin to move earlier and earlier in the year until it was in the summer well before harvest season. We'd be saying the prayers for rain at the wrong season! (As an aside, the Muslim lunar calendar does not make up for this shortfall, which is why Ramadan is sometimes in the summer and sometimes in the winter.)

So, the rabbis of old did a lot of math and determined that every few years, to remedy the potential issue of holidays falling too early or too late, a leap year is necessary. Unlike the Gregorian leap year which adds a day, the Hebrew leap year adds an entire month. Just over one out of three years is a Hebrew leap year. This year, 5782, with Rosh HaShanah having fallen in early September, we will see two months of Adar to prevent Rosh HaShanah from falling in mid-August next year. The leap month is technically the month of Adar I. Then Adar II, when we will celebrate Purim, follows. Yahrzeits which fall in a leap month are commemorated in the singular Adar during non-leap years.

The math is complicated. As it turns out, the cycle that is required to keep the two calendars lined up is 19 years. Seven out of those 19 years will be leap years with the extra month. Basically, the holidays shift back on the Gregorian calendar about 11 days a year. Before they get too early, the leap month kicks in to push them 29 or 30 days forward to keep everything in the proper season.

We like to say that the High Holy Days are never early or late, they are right on time. The Hebrew Calendar makes sure that this is always the case, even if the Gregorian Calendar doesn't always seem to agree!

With Blessings,  
Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



## NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



This month we move one more step toward normal at TBT! After a year of remote learning and prayers, we are reinstating our *Iyyun T'fillah* service attendance program for our 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. *Iyyun T'fillah* (from the *Eilu D'varim* liturgy) means 'to study or pay attention to prayer'. We teach the prayers in Religious School and conduct a Sunday morning Junior Congregation service with our 3-6<sup>th</sup> graders. By attending regular services, we complete this process. We want to help our younger congregants to engage with prayer, to deepen their skills, to find relevance and meaning, and to feel comfortable with our rituals, melodies, and customs.

Throughout the pandemic we suspended this program while services were not in person and life was complicated enough. Service attendance has always been an important part of our Religious School program and now, as our families are beginning to be able to join us in person, we look forward to welcoming back our students and helping them deepen their Jewish identity by joining together in sacred community as service-attending congregants.

You might notice in our calendar that only select evenings throughout the year are listed as *Iyyun T'fillah* services. This allows for a variety of experiences including Shabbat, Holiday, Life Cycle, guest speakers, and guest musical artists. Our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders are also expected to attend a select number of Shabbat morning services in preparation for their own Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

The first *Iyyun T'fillah* service will be November 5<sup>th</sup> when we also warmly welcome all our newest members and the PTA at our November Family Shabbat. Our evening will begin with our delightful Tot Shabbat at 5:30pm, followed by a yummy Shabbat dinner (RSVP required) at 6:15pm, and our Family Shabbat service at 7:15pm.

Although only our 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade families are part of the *Iyyun T'fillah* program, we look forward to welcoming back any and all our families to our beautiful Sanctuary! Of course, we will continue to always stream our services. There are so many in our community (and beyond) who will continue to benefit from our multi-access capabilities and our exciting new technology. Our 'new normal' at TBT includes a much bigger tent of welcome!

As we look toward Thanksgiving later this month, I am deeply grateful for our TBT family. I look forward to getting to know our newest members and introduce them to our very special family of families!

With blessings,  
Cantor Rica Timman

### Gingerbread Menorah Kits A Delicious TBT PTA Chanukah Tradition



***Make great family memories AND great gifts too!***  
***Kits include white icing and candy. Supplied candy varies.***

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Gingerbread Menorah Kit(s) at the prepaid price of \$30.00 each.  
Please return completed form with check made out to *TBT PTA* or pay via Venmo.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number & email: \_\_\_\_\_

Orders must be received in the Temple office by **Tuesday, November 2, 2021**. **Late orders may not be accepted.** Menorahs will arrive in time for Chanukah.

Questions? Contact Laurel Klein at [TBTLaurel@gmail.com](mailto:TBTLaurel@gmail.com)





## MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAT MITZVAH AND HER FAMILY



November 6

Rose Fiorbello

Michael & Susan

I am an eighth grade Honor Roll student at Wantagh Middle School, where I am in the chorus. I also play both the violin and piano. As a Girl Scout, I earned the Bronze Award and am working towards the Silver Award. As a member of BSA Troop 186, I enjoy working on merit badges and participating in camping trips. I would like to thank Emily Altman, Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for all their help and guidance in preparing for my bat mitzvah and my parents, grandparents and siblings for supporting me all the way.



### Join Lifelong Learning for our Sunday morning classes with the clergy.

### This year we will learn about

## The Meaning of Tzedakah



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. 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. Together, we will come to understand how the term tzedakah evolved into how we understand it today. All texts will be provided in English. No previous experience necessary!



All classes will be on Zoom for the foreseeable future.

The classes will take place on the following Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:30am  
October 31, November 7, 14, 21,  
December 5, 12, 19



Please contact Caryn Suckle: [caryn@suckle.net](mailto:caryn@suckle.net) or 516-456-6325



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Did you know that William Bradford, who is considered to be the leader of the Pilgrims, was obsessed with the Hebrew language? Bradford was a member of the Separatists, a Protestant Christian sect that broke away from the Church of England and believed that the bible would be better understood, if read in its original language, Hebrew. Hebrew, being the holy ancient tongue, held a great interest to Bradford, who knew hundreds of Hebrew words and began study groups to teach the sacred language. He even left a Hebrew inscription on his gravestone that translates to "God is my strength." Interesting – right?

I have also come to learn that the Pilgrims' journey on the Mayflower has been compared to the Israelites' pilgrimage to the Promised Land. All were searching for religious freedom. Their journeys, although quite physical, were of the spiritual nature as well, searching for that piece of heaven on earth.

This year, when we sit around our Thanksgiving tables, whether that is a table of 2 or 22, we will be sharing a little piece of heaven on earth with our friends and families and those friends that are family! The word "thankful" means something different to each of us. It certainly has many meanings.

For me, especially this year, I am thankful to the many volunteers who make Temple B'nai Torah thrive. Bingo is back – and that was no easy task. A tremendous thank you to Rita Hofer, Judy Kule, and all of our volunteers (over 70 in all) who dedicate themselves to Temple's largest fundraiser. It has been a long road for sure, but we hope that with protocols in place, Bingo will once again succeed. Not to mention how happy the Bingo players are!

And just a reminder that if you have not said YES to our Kol Nidre pledge it is not too late. Whether by check or by pushing the DONATE button on our website you can make the decision to say YES to the perfect gift! We need you.

Here at Temple B'nai Torah we are most thankful for YOU, our congregants. All efforts lead back to you. Worshiping, celebrating, singing and dancing, and learning together – it's all about YOU, the congregation. We are nothing without you.

From my home to yours wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving with those you love.

Dee Greenberg,  
President Temple B'nai Torah



November is a time to be thankful.

It's a time to reflect on the past year and wonder if you can cram a year's worth of joy and gratitude before the end of December. I love the quiet hustle of November, sitting right between the Jewish High Holidays/New Year's festivities and the Hanukkah/Christmas/New Year's craziness. It's full of rustling leaves and warm cider. It's filled with pumpkin pie and crisp air.

Our Religious School has settled into its routine. There's serious learning, and equally serious laughter, filling the hallways. We've celebrated with Shabbatons, we've traveled deep into the Torah for inspiration. Like Jacob, our patriarch, we dream of a ladder to heaven. We dream of climbing higher, of reaching far beyond our wildest dreams.

This November, I hope you stay grounded, feeling the leaves crunch beneath your feet, while also climbing your own ladder, reaching for everything your heart desires.

L'shalom,  
Sheryl Gordon  
Religious School Director



## OUR COMMUNITY



### **6th Grade Siddur Service**

The students receive their Siddur which they will use for their Bnai Mitzvah and beyond.

**TBT BROTHERHOOD / MEN'S CLUB FUNDRAISER**  
**Tuesday - November 16, 2021 - 4 to 8pm**

### **Take Out, Delivery or Dine In**

A percentage of all sales during the 4 to 8pm time period will go to TBT's Brotherhood/Men's Club.

Enjoy a good hot meal - a no cooking night - and help us raise funds.  
Encourage family and friends to enjoy a pizza night, too!!

#### **Menu and restaurant information:**

##### **Big Joe's Pizzeria**

344 Newbridge Road, East Meadow, NY • (516) 785-8555

[www.bigjoespizzeria.com](http://www.bigjoespizzeria.com)

If you need more information or clarification contact Scott at [tbtscottkohn@gmail.com](mailto:tbtscottkohn@gmail.com)





**BROTHERHOOD / MEN'S CLUB  
THANKSGIVING / CHANUKAH KOSHER WINE SALE**



*Fill your table with kosher wine for the holidays!*

**Circle the wine selected and put the number of bottles in box left of each wine. Add up the total cost and place that amount on the line "YOUR TOTAL COST."**

**All wine 750ml size**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bartenura Moscato D'Asti     | \$17.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Bartenura Pinot Grigio    | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baron Herzog Cabernet        | \$13.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Baron Herzog Merlot       | \$13.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baron Herzog Chardonnay      | \$13.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Baron Herzog Chenin Blanc | \$13.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baron Herzog White Zinfandel | \$12.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Kedem Malaga              | \$ 9.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manischewitz Concord Grape   | \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Manischewitz Cream White  | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barkan Classic Pinot Noir    | \$14.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Barkan Classic Chardonnay | \$14.00 |

**ORDER FORM**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR TOTAL COST** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: TBT Brotherhood / Men's Club**

**Enclose your order form with your check in a envelope addressed to:  
Brotherhood, Eric Altman**

**Wine order must be into the Temple Office no later than November 10.**

**Wine will be delivered at the Temple on Sunday, November 21 - 9am - 11am**

**If you are not available on November 21, please call Eric Altman at 516-351-3279 or  
Vic Wurtzel at 516-639-9085 to arrange to pick up your wine.**

*Social Action Food Project: Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item whenever you travel to Temple.*



## SISTERHOOD



Yours in Sisterhood,  
Maryann  
President

Autumn brings cooler temperatures, the leaves changing into an explosion of color, pumpkin spice everything, and the Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership event! This year, in lieu of a traditional dinner, we are having a live virtual craft class. Join us in camaraderie and craftiness as we create a collage project appropriate for all. Why is it appropriate for all? Glad you asked. You will receive a supply kit that you can then supplement with your own photos and imagination. This event is being planned for November 2. So I hope you all pay your membership dues and join us for what promises to be a fun evening.

In other Sisterhood news: the Judaica Shop is open for business so please contact Joni Christie or Emily Altman for all your Judaica needs. The Sisterhood Chanukah Fair is being planned for November 21, so be on the lookout for the flyer. Wishing everyone a joyous Thanksgiving.



The Social Action/Social Justice Committee  
of  
Temple B'nai Torah  
is proud to announce our



### Thanksgiving



**Sunday, November 14, 2021  
8:45 AM-11:30 AM**

Please donate a  
**FROZEN turkey or FROZEN turkey breast**

Also gratefully accepted:  
**Store gift cards**

**Monetary Donations - *delivered to TBT by Nov. 11***  
make checks out to **Temple B'nai Torah** with  
**"SA/SJ Turkey Drive"** in memo section

Donations will be distributed to various local pantries/agencies including the Wisdom Lane & McVey School Pantries, Nassau Haven/Walkabout and Island Harvest. If you are a congregant in need of support for the Thanksgiving Holiday, please contact the TBT Mitzvah Makers ([tbtmitzvahmakers@gmail.com](mailto:tbtmitzvahmakers@gmail.com)) and arrangements will be made confidentially.

For information, contact Lisa Shubin at [LFSESL@aol.com](mailto:LFSESL@aol.com)



## BROTHERHOOD / MEN'S CLUB



My Fellow Congregants,

Let me first say a belated happy and healthy new year, and for those who fasted, I hope you had any easy fast. I would like to thank the Brotherhood / Men's Club for a great job at the Community Yizkor Service. I, also, would like to thank the Brotherhood / Men's Club, congregants, teachers, teachers' helpers and students for a job, well done, decorating the Sukkah.

Now, that we are getting into fall, we are watching the leaves turn color, seeing a change in the the weather, and have been enjoying football. More importantly, we joined together for the paid-up Brotherhood / Men's Club dinner which happened on October 20th. The dinner was very nice, and included kosher Chinese food, good company, and the Brotherhood / Men's band playing music. Another success was the Brotherhood / Men's Club breakfast with a very strong turnout by the membership. Please, keep it going, and tell your friends to join you for breakfast. Moving forward, in November, we are starting a fundraiser for Thanksgiving and Chanukkah - selling kosher wines. So, please look for our ads, and order as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Eric Altman  
Brotherhood Men's club President



### **CONGREGATION BREAKFAST** by the **BROTHERHOOD/MEN'S CLUB** **The next best thing to "Breakfast in Bed"**



**Sundays, November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM**

**Brotherhood will once again prepare a delicious breakfast on Sunday mornings, when Religious School is in session.**

**Coffee (decaf too!), eggs, assorted omelets, bagels, desserts & more!  
A donation of a nominal \$5 is appreciated.**

**\*\* You must be fully vaccinated and wear a mask. \*\***

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR the November 7<sup>th</sup> Breakfast by Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, AND RESERVATIONS FOR the November 21<sup>st</sup> Breakfast by Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.**



**NO WALK-INS**

**PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR RSVP to LES RICHARDS AT:  
[lesrichards@verizon.net](mailto:lesrichards@verizon.net)**



**Social Action Food Project: Don't forget to bring a non- perishable Food item whenever you travel to Temple!**



## Back by Popular Demand Fresh from The Garden at TBT 2nd Edition



Note Cards with new photos taken at the Garden  
10 cards per pack (5 different images).

*Purchase these beautiful note cards and support The Garden at TBT in its mission to provide healthy, fresh produce to local food pantries and families in need. The Garden also provides an educational, inspiring and serene green space reflecting Jewish values and respect for our environment; in the service of Tikkun Olam.*

Order by November 10<sup>th</sup> to receive in time for Chanukah gift giving.

Pick up at TBT on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00  
All orders due by December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pick up at TBT on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00

Complete the information below and return, with payment, to Rona Kauffman, c/o Temple B'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. Questions? Contact Rona at [ronakauffman@yahoo.com](mailto:ronakauffman@yahoo.com) or Jo-Ann Portnoy at [jport1029@gmail.com](mailto:jport1029@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of packs: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18 each

Make checks payable to Temple B'nai Torah and write "for SA/SJ Garden" in the memo on the check

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



## CHAI CLUB



**Membership Dinner:** Come dine with your fellow Chai Club members at our annual Paid-Up Membership Dinner, 6:00 P.M., Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Have a sumptuous meal at Domenico's Italian Restaurant in Levittown: 3270A Hempstead TPK. 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. A donation of \$27 for Chai Club members, \$38 for guests is requested. Call Rita, 516-785-5827 or Tessa, 516-504-0012 to make a reservation. November Birthday's will also be celebrated.

Thanks to all who joined our Zoom. **Paul Joseph Jazz Trio** program, Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The group entertained us with their Gershwin Jazz program with favorites such as "Rhapsody in Blue," "Summertime," and "Embraceable You." Everyone had a wonderful time.

**Next month** Diane Schoenberg will be orchestrating our entertaining Trivia contest, Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm. Diane is a natural at creating fun questions that are not difficult, and we hope to be BACK in the Temple's Social Hall for Diane's program. Watch the TBT Scroll and the Chai Club E-mail blasts for further information.

This month we would like to spotlight some of our Board Members who work tirelessly with Rona Kauffman's Temple Social Action/ Social Justice Committee: Iris Kelmelson, Janis Beldner, Harriet Ostroff and Phyllis Biernick. Iris attends all the meetings and reports back so Chai Club can participate in SA/SJ programs such as Mitzvah Day and Voting programs. Janis coordinates the Kosher Food donation deliveries to Congregation Beth Ohr in Bellmore. Harriet and Phyllis ran the Mitzvah Day handwriting campaign.

Special thanks to all of you for a fantastic job!

All the best,  
Joan and Brian, sea1983jl@gmail.com, bellobl@gmail.com  
Co-Presidents



### *An Evening of Music with Singer/Entertainer Les Degen*

A TBT ZOOM Fundraiser  
\$36 per ZOOM Link  
November 20, 2021 at 7:30 pm  
Zoom doors open at 7:15 pm  
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, Bublé, 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.**  
email : Brian Levy, bellobl@gmail.com for further information



## SOCIAL ACTION



### Social Action/Social Justice Committee

The month of November includes Election Day, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving, and this year, Hannukah. Each of these holidays provide us with an opportunity to reflect on the many things we are thankful for and to consider ways to "give back."

Election Day reminds us to be grateful for the right to vote. Last month we led a Get Out the Vote post carding activity. Thanks to our congregation's participation, 500 postcards were written and mailed to help make this program successful. Nov. 2 is Election Day. There is still time to learn about the ballot initiatives we will be asked to consider here in Nassau County and NYS. *For detailed information about each ballot measure and what they mean see the League of Women Voter's voter guide at: <https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/nassau-county-inter-league-organization/voterguidepartii.pdf>*

Veteran's Day reminds us to be grateful for those who have served and protected our country. There are many veterans who still struggle to obtain adequate housing, with job and food insecurity and with physical or mental health issues. To find Veteran's service programs in Nassau County visit [https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/3328/Veterans\\_Services](https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/3328/Veterans_Services), and (<https://www.unitedwayli.org/search/node?keys=veterans%20programs>). Support TBT Brotherhood/Men's Club's ongoing collection of personal care items for Adopt-A-Battalion or Mazon's advocacy efforts to strengthen the food security of our veterans ([https://mazon.org/news/mazon\\_statements/new-mazon-report-hungry-in-the-military/](https://mazon.org/news/mazon_statements/new-mazon-report-hungry-in-the-military/))

At Thanksgiving dinners across the country people take timeout to consider what they are grateful for. The Haudenosaunee Native Americans recite a Thanksgiving Address before and after any social, cultural or or political assembly. This ritual giving of thanks and greeting to the natural world includes gratitude to the smallest components of the soil up through to the stars. (<https://indigenousvalues.org/haudenosaunee-values/thanksgiving-address-ganonhanyonh/> and [https://americanindian.si.edu/environment/pdf/01\\_02\\_Thanksgiving\\_Address.pdf](https://americanindian.si.edu/environment/pdf/01_02_Thanksgiving_Address.pdf)). It acknowledges the ongoing impact of these forces on human lives and illustrates our dependence on its many levels. In the midst of all there is to be grateful for, we know that many people struggle. Consider "giving back" on various levels. Consider bringing a non-perishable food item whenever you come to temple, protect our environment, advocate for policies that will improve conditions for others that we would not tolerate for ourselves. Participate in our upcoming Thanksgiving and Holiday Gift Drives (see flyers in this issue of the Voice)

Hannukah, our Holiday of Lights, provides so many opportunities and inspirations for gratitude..... "We know that each soul is like a flame which is brought down into this world from God (Proverbs 20:27). Each of us is a shamash. Each of us have the potential to light up the life of another human being. A simple smile, a kind word, and caring touch – all of these can make a difference." (Rabbi Fred Klein, Mishkan Miami)

**The Garden at TBT** is starting to pack things up for the winter but we are already planning for the spring growing season. Our most recent numbers are close to 780 lbs. grown and 1500 lbs. donated. The garden has been used by our Mazel Tots and Religious School, it hosted a Tot Shabbat in the garden provided a Sukkot Harvest basket and coral arrangements for celebrations and congregants needing a bit of cheer. We are so thankful for our Garden Volunteers and for the support of our TBT congregation! Our Note Cards from the Garden are back with brand new pictures taken in the garden. We hope you will again support the garden by purchasing sets for ourselves and for gift giving. (see flyer in this issue of the Voice)

*Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.** 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](mailto:ronakauffman@yahoo.com) Check out the SA/SJ section of the TBT website. There you will find lots of resources and information about what we do.*



## 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 November Spotlight Interview, we present...*

### ***Iris Kelmenson***

She is beautiful, inside and out, as are her paintings. She is Iris Kelmenson. If you have had the pleasure to meet her, you will agree that Iris is someone VERY SPECIAL, someone who strives to bring beauty into people's lives.

Iris is quite humble. So of course, when asked to be interviewed she said, "*There are certainly other people more interesting and worthy than I.*" She doesn't even realize how wonderful she is and what an AMAZING story she has!

Believe it or not, without cell phones, computers or Facebook, Iris was able to go to college, become a teacher, get married, raise three children and become a magnificent artist. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Brooklyn at age sixteen and a half and then attended Brooklyn College. That's quite incredible and Iris boldly states that it was a difficult time, as she was prepared academically, but not emotionally.

Here's another phenomenon that Millennials might not believe...Iris met her husband on a blind double date during her second year of college. The funny thing is that Daniel Kelmenson wasn't her date, his brother was! After that first date, Danny called her to ask for a date, but she thought it was his brother because their names rhymed! This worked out because Iris was actually attracted to Danny, not his brother, and so began their courtship. In the beginning of their relationship, they could only go on dates every other week, since Danny's allowance was just \$5! With that money, he had to pay for his transportation to dental school, his lunches, train and bus fare to Iris' house and their date!

"So," you say, "*they lived happily ever AFTER.*" The key word is "AFTER." Danny enlisted and fought in the Korean War. Yes, he enlisted. They married and he left for Germany AFTER a ten-day honeymoon in Manhattan. Iris followed six months later, AFTER she graduated. She was just nineteen and a half! Iris left as a poor girl from Brooklyn and became the wife of an officer in the U.S. Army. Thankfully, Danny did not experience any action in the war. Rather, he was a dentist stationed at the 98<sup>th</sup> General Hospital in Munich and was eventually promoted to captain with the many perks that came with it: Rosenthal China, Meissen porcelain dishes, silver services, Damask tablecloths and parties with non-stop liquor. The young couple traveled all over Europe in their little four-horse powered Fiat. Many times, they had to push it over an incline to continue on their way! Together, they visited Germany, France, Italy and Holland. Iris also traveled to England, on her own. Iris taught English to GI's who were working toward their GED's. Those soldiers were all several years older than she was.



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After returning to the U.S., Iris briefly taught first grade, started a family and began her serious pursuit to become an artist. Who says we can't juggle if we want something very much? Iris spent two years studying with accomplished artist John Murray and eight years studying with Paul Margin, all while raising three children, daughters Lee and Carolyn and son Larry. She also attended Hofstra at night for five years, receiving a master's degree in Reading. At that point in her life, Iris was raising the children, helping her husband at his dental practice, holding down her own professional career as a Reading Specialist at Wantagh Elementary School (where she taught for 20 years) and was also pursuing her artistic ambitions. She managed it all and even found time to attend painting workshops across the country in Scottsdale, Provincetown, Montauk and many other areas.

Iris studied painting & drawing for ten years at the Art Students League of NY and was a fifteen-year member of the now closed Chrysalis Gallery in South Hampton, where her flower paintings were extremely popular and sold very well. AFTER leaving The Art League, Iris continued painting independently. If you wish, you can view her paintings at [iriskelmenson.net](http://iriskelmenson.net). "One of my greatest satisfactions," said Iris, "is knowing that my work has given people pleasure. It's a small contribution, that one I am very proud of." Iris is active on Facebook, where she usually posts one of her paintings every week.

Iris's journey of exploring her faith began well AFTER the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Larry, at Temple Judea in Massapequa. At that time, Iris left the synagogue and didn't return until she realized that there was so much that she didn't know about Judaism. She was intensely proud of being Jewish, so she decided to return. She joined Rabbi Kramer's Torah study group and she was hooked. She started going to services and quickly realized that she needed to study Hebrew, so she could recite the prayers. She joined a beginner's group, started from scratch, and eventually became an adult Bat Mitzvah and a Confirmand.

Iris is fascinated with the study of Torah and the beauty and depth of our Jewish history. Iris states, "I intend to study Torah for the rest of my life." I know many will echo me in saying we hope that does indeed happen with us, here at Temple B'nai Torah, for many more years to come...AMEN.





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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](mailto: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!



### November update from the PTA!

By Rachel Minkowsky

It's hard to believe that November is really here! It's my favorite season – time to enjoy chicken soup, autumn leaves, and warm cider. The school year 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. 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. Look for Zoom meeting links on the Facebook PTA page. We look forward to seeing you there!

Though it feels like we just took down our sukkah, it's time to stock up on all things Hanukkah. The PTA's annual Gingerbread Menorah sale is coming up fast! The Hanukkah Brunch is also back. Look out for order forms and registration information.



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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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November 5	5:29 pm
November 12	4:22 pm
November 19	4:16 pm
November 26	4:13 pm

*May the light fill your soul with love & peace!*  
*Shabbat Shalom!*



## Sisterhood Judaica Shop

**Chanukah Sale**  
**Sunday, November 21**  
**8 am - 12 pm**

*See our new selection of merchandise  
for your holiday needs.*

**Contact Joni at 516-996-0948 for prices and pickup.**