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### **RITUAL CALENDAR**

## Ritual Calendar - December 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!)



| Wednesday, 12/01                 | Chanukah -   | Fourth Night   |  |
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|                                  | 5:00pm<br>7:00pm   | RS Chanukah Candle Lighting **<br>RS Chanukah Candle Lighting **   | On Friday, Dec. 3, the<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Night of Chanukah,   |
| Friday, 12/03<br>Saturday, 12/04 | Chanukah       -         5:30pm       -         7:15pm       -         Chanukah       -         9:30am       -         10:30am       - | Sixth Night<br>Tot Shabbat<br>Family Chanukah Shabbat Service **<br>Seventh Night<br>Torah Study *<br>Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Jason | Bring your Menorah and<br>7 Candles for the<br>Big TBT Menorah Light-Up<br>with games and desserts!! |
| Sunday, 12/05                    | 12:00pm  | <b>PTA Chanukah Brunch: 12-2pm</b> , RSVPs required – Open to TBT<br>Members & their guests Fun, Food & Raffles!!!                         |  |
| Friday, 12/10                    | 7:15pm   | Erev Shabbat Service & Plaque Dedica   | ations (Iyyun T'fillah) **   |
| Saturday, 12/11                  | 9:30am   | Torah Study *  | the la   |
| Friday, 12/17                    | 6:30pm   | Kabbalat Shabbat Service **  | the still  |
| Saturday, 12/18                  | 9:30am   | Torah Study *  | aller.   |
| Friday, 12/24                    | 6:30pm   | Erev Shabbat Service (Holiday weeken   | d) ** 🤳  |
| Saturday, 12/25                  | 9:30am   | Torah Study *  | 2  |
| Friday, 12/31                    | New Year's Ev<br>6:30pm  | <b>/e</b><br>Erev Shabbat Service (Holiday weeken  | d) **  |

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| Saturday, 01/01  | New Year's Da         |  |
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|                  | 9:30am                | Torah Study *  |
| Friday, 01/07    | 5:30pm                | Tot Shabbat  |
|                  | 7:15pm                | Family Shabbat Service **  |
| Saturday, 01/08  | 9:30am                | Torah Study *  |
| Wednesday, 01/12 | <b>Religious Scho</b> | ol Tu Bishvat Seders # (TBD)                                     |
| Friday, 01/14    | 7:15pm                | Social Action/Social Justice Shabbat Service (lyyun T'fillah) ** |

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



#### **INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI**



On Friday, December 10, we will hold the first of what will become a semi-annual tradition of dedicating the newly endowed memorial plaques. We have not had occasion to dedicate any plaques since Yom Kippur 2019, when we dedicated all the new Memorial Boards in the Sanctuary after their upgrade. This ritual will give us an opportunity to recall our loved ones of blessed memory, whose names are now forever engraved on the walls of our Sanctuary.

At the Erev Shabbat Service on December 10, we will offer some special prayers of memory and honor our loved ones by reciting their names before we offer a special memorial prayer and dedicatory blessing. This

is not a traditional custom, but it is one which offers another opportunity to honor a loved one's memory.

Like a stone at a cemetery, a memorial plaque serves as an opportunity to recall the name of a loved one, and ensure the name is recalled in perpetuity. Though we find names of donors adorning even ancient synagogues, the beginning of the custom of placing a loved one's name in a dedicated section of a synagogue is hard to pin down exactly. Dedicating ritual objects in memory of a loved one is probably a much older custom, and it is possible that a memorial board was a natural evolution. What is clear is that as Jews moved away from where their loved ones were buried, particularly in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in America, the custom grew, potentially as a stand-in for the now-distant cemetery. These days, almost all synagogues have – whether in their sanctuaries, hallways, or dedicated gardens – an area for memorial boards. As you may recall, our new boards were the product of much discussion, debate, and a lot of hard work from many folks, all in the service of properly honoring the memories of those so dear to our congregants.

The custom of adding a light alongside the plaque grows out of the custom to light a candle on the evening of the *yahrzeit* (Yiddish/ German: year-time) itself. These small candles burn for 24 hours, the duration of the date of the anniversary. These yearly customs grow out of difficult days for our people in the Middle Ages. But the difficult origins of the custom should not prevent us from finding meaning and comfort in them. It was seeking meaning and comfort which called to generations of the past to create these customs to begin with.

We think about lighting candles so much this month, as we bask in the glow of the chanukiah. The purpose of the yahrzeit candle is to spark our memories. The small flame glowing in the corner, catches our eye. The flicker of the flame spurs us to recognize how the anniversary of a loved one's death is a day that is different than all others. On a day that can feel overwhelming with darkness and sadness, the candle adds for us the light of memory. The yahrzeit is a day we add an additional praise of God and God's call to life through the words of Mourner's Kaddish. It's a day that calls us to recall our loved one with purpose, to miss them, and to commit to recalling the best in who they were so that we ensure that their memory is forever a blessing.

A loved one's name in the Sanctuary can do the same for us: call us to recall our loved ones for blessing. Memory is a critical component of what it means to be Jewish. For us, memory has a divine connection. The Torah describes God as remembering. Our prayers to God call upon God to recall our ancestors and because of their merit to be gracious to us. When we remember those who came before us, we channel a little bit of divine energy through our souls. Memory is indeed a powerful force.

On December 10, we will have occasion to offer special prayers to recall those whose names are now forever a part of our congregation. We will be planning to hold this special dedication twice a year moving forward.

If you are interested in dedicating a plaque to a loved one, please be in touch with our Temple Office.

With blessings, Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



#### NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



Get ready! Like all our Jewish holidays this year, Chanukah is here early! Actually, it only feels early on the Gregorian calendar, with the first candle on November 28<sup>th</sup> and then continuing through December 6<sup>th</sup>, but it is always on time in the Jewish calendar, starting on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of *Kislev* through the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of *Tevet*.

We at TBT are excited for the return of our music-filled and light-filled Chanukah Family Shabbat on December 3<sup>rd</sup>! Our Chanukah Tot Shabbat begins the evening at 5:30pm followed by our Family Dinner (latkes anyone?) at 6:15pm. Please look out for information on dinner reservations. We will begin the Family Shabbat service at

7:15pm gathering together with our Chanukiot and lighting candles for the 6<sup>th</sup> night of Chanukah. We encourage everyone to dress for the holiday (in our Sanctuary and at home by stream), by wearing your favorite Chanukah sweater or something fun and colorful. Prep seven candles along with a *chanukiah*, and join in the music and light of our delightful Chanukah Shabbat.

Although we are not yet at a point where we can safely include our awesome choir voices live at services, Chanukah is especially a time when music takes center stage at our celebration. We have been safely rehearsing and recording with our Adult Choir who will join us for a special musical treat through video. You won't want to miss it! And it goes without saying that we look forward to the day when Covid rates drop and our children are all vaccinated. May that day come soon so that the Adult and B'nai Shir (children and youth) Choirs, can start singing live again at services.

In the meantime, look out for several new videos we have created of our Adult Choir singing for Chanukah and beyond. Many thanks to our Choir for their beautiful voices along with expert tech help from our video guru, Dennis Cashton and the new TBT Tech Committee.

Finally, please look out for information on our other celebrations for Chanukah including daily candle lighting ceremonies, a special URJ Chanukah video, and the return of the delightful PTA Chanukah Brunch on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

May December's long nights be filled with our beautiful flickering candle lights and joyful songs of Chanukah, as we gather together (both virtually and in person) to celebrate!

Chag Urim Sameach! Cantor Rica Timman





## MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAR MITZVAH AND HIS FAMILY



#### Jason Goldstein

#### Michael & Elise

My name is Jason Goldstein. I am an eighth grader at the Island Trees Middle School. I love stories about history, especially studying the ancient Roman and Greek gods. I am a member of my school's Lego Robotic Engineering Team, the RoboDawgs. In my spare time, I love to create and share board games. I also build video games using Roblox. I enjoy spending time in my art studio where I paint, use pastels and draw. I want to thank my parents for helping me with my studies, my brother for helping me procrastinate, and my teachers

for preparing me for my upcoming bar mitzvah.

**December 4** 



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



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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 December 5, 12, 19



Please contact Caryn Suckle: caryn.suckle.net or 516-456-6325

Thank you everyone for your kind and thoughtful good wishes on my birthday.

~Ruth Sussman





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Chanukah – The Festival of Lights!! Happy Chanukah to you and all your friends and family. It is amazing that we have reached this time once again. The months fly by and then, the year comes to an end. Incredible.

Let's talk for a moment about what "light" is. The dictionary definition says "brightness, the natural agent that stimulates sight and makes things visible." Light is the main source of energy for all living organisms.

I have a neighbor who goes all out as far as decorating their home for the holidays and they begin with Thanksgiving! Their display is computerized so along with the amazing lights there is music being played. I

look out my kitchen window and see the lights. I am always disappointed when the holidays end and their house is dark once again outside. I miss the light!

When we light our menorahs, our home glows and a feeling of belonging comes over us. We are following tradition, we are bringing spiritual and physical light into our homes. Light that is a symbol of life. Light, the symbol of Chanukah, reminds us that good is possible even in the most challenging times. We have certainly proved that these past two years. Light is illumination of the mind and spirit and light radiates through us, especially at Chanukah as we celebrate freedom and those who fought so hard for our religious freedom.

There is also our inner light, being a light to others by responding with kindness and understanding. We certainly see this over and over in our temple life. When we are generous and selfless our inner light shines. During the winter months that will shortly come upon us, we will crave the light as the days get shorter. This is the perfect time to reach out and keep in touch with temple friends. Whether on ZOOM or in person, keep those connections going. Attend a meeting, attend an event, come to a Brotherhood breakfast, you will be so happy you did. You will be energized by the light that shines through from our friendships. That I can promise you.

As 2021 comes to an end, we have come far. Many wonderful projects and goals are being accomplished by our amazing staff and volunteers as well as our Religious School teachers. I cannot say enough about how hard everyone is working. Your light shines each and every day. Will there always be dark spots along the way- absolutely, but that is not stopping any of us from realizing that the light sparkles more with each task we take on and each goal that is achieved.

From my home to yours we wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year as 2022 approaches.

May the light from your menorahs shine brightly on you and all your loved ones!

With Appreciation, Dee Greenberg



#### MAZEL TOV TO...

- \* Sheree Frank on the engagement of her son, Jeffrey to Jessica Newman!
- \* Sheree Frank on her son Jeffrey's admissions to the New York and Connecticut Bar!
- \* Ben & Sharon Cernese on the birth of their granddaughter, Juliette Schnitzer.



## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**



I can't believe we are already in December. It feels like just yesterday we were gearing up for the High Holy Days, and yet here we are in the middle of Chanukah. Time sure flies when we are busy.

The lights on the chanukiah, the menorah used only on Chanukah, are lit one by one. I am reminded of a story of our ancestors, the great Jewish Philosophers Hillel and Shamai. Shamai believed that since there are 8 days of the holiday, we should light 8 candles on the first day and light one less until the last night, where we light only one. Hillel argued that we should start with 1 and count up to 8. Ultimately, Hillel won the argument, and we light in an incremental fashion, increasing the light as the week progresses. Hillel

felt that it is our duty to increase our holiness, never to decrease it.

It's our holy obligation to increase our joy, to celebrate the lights in our lives by adding to them, not by taking them away. Every time we bring light into each other's lives we increase our own joy. Each time we do good, each time we bring kindness, we increase our joy and our holiness. I challenge you, this Chanukah, to increase your joy, to spread the light.

Chag Sameach, Happy Hanukkah to you and your families.

L'shalom, Sheryl Gordon Religious School Director

### PTA UPDATES



Shalom From the PTA! By Rachel Minkowsky

Winter is here! This school year is flying by!

The TBT PTA is still here for everyone, too. Our PTA exists to support the Hebrew School teaching staff and all our students. You've seen 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. All proceeds go directly to programming and materials for all our Religious School children.

Just a reminder that our Chanukah Brunch will be held on December 5! Families must RSVP in order to attend the event. Look for the pictures in next month's issue.

Our Gingerbread Menorah sale was a huge success! Cookies always make Holidays more fun, and Chanukah is no exception. We hope everyone has fun decorating (and eating!) their tasty creations.

Chag Chanukah Sameach!



## SISTERHOOD



December is always a good time to reflect on the past year and plan for the next.

2021 was just as challenging as 2020. The global pandemic is still among us, and that had made planning inperson events challenging. We have all worked hard to bring fun events and interesting programming to all Sisterhood members, and are delighted to see new faces among us – even if it's only on Zoom!

Our Membership kick-off event was a zoom craft that was held in lieu of the annual Welcome Back dinner. It was a lot of fun and the credit goes to Patti Nacht and Andrea Butterweich. Their hard work enabled many of our members to enjoy a creative evening making new memories.

We have several programming, Rosh Chodesh and book club meetings planned for the new year. Keep an eye out on the calendar.

We are hoping to have the Women's Seder and End-of-Year dinner in-person, and I am looking forward to those events. So stay tuned!

Yours in Sisterhood,

Maryann

## Thank You From the Fund Raising Committee

Thank you to all who participated in the Les Degen Fundraiser, Saturday November 20, 2021, Special thanks to those that contributed Door prizes. Thanks also to Rabbi Bar-Nahum & Cantor Timman who drew the winning prizes.

Door prizes for Les Degen Show

- Handmade pottery bowl Ruth Lowenberg
- Framed signed painting Iris Kelmenson
- 2 hand painted tiles mounted on easels Robin Wexler
- Handmade necklace and bracelet Marla Solomon
- Mezuzah, man's yarmulke, ladies beaded kippah donated by Ronni Fauci and Joyce Rappaport
- 2 gift cards worth \$20.00 each donated by Joni Christie
- Assorted Paparazzi jewelry donated by Christine Altman

thank you





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.

There's still time to purchase Note Cards.

Pick up / Purchase 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 TempleB'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. Questions? Contact Rona at ronakauffman@yahoo.com or Jo-Ann Portnoy at jport1029@gmail.com

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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\_\_\_\_\_

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My Fellow Congregants,

Let me reiterate, I would like to thank the Brotherhood/Men's Club, congregants, teachers, teachers helpers and students for a job well done decorating the Sukkah. It's been taken down for the year, so thank you to the Brotherhood/Men's Club on a job well done. Now we are in fall, watching the leaves turn color, and my fig tree getting bigger, and snow is on the horizon.

The Brotherhood/ Men's club dinner on November 17<sup>th</sup> was very nice. We had deli sandwiches, 2 comedians and good company. Another success has been the Brotherhood Men's Club breakfasts with, might I say, a good turnout, but we need more people to attend these delicious breakfasts. For \$5 dollars per person you get bagels cream cheese or butter and eggs, potatoes, coffee, juice, and most importantly gathering around with your

friends and making new ones. So, after you drop off the kids for school, plan to stop in for breakfast. Don't forget to R.S.V.P.

Moving forward - in December we are having a champagne fundraiser for New Year's - see the flyer in the TBT Scroll, TBT Voice and on the TBT Website.

Sincerely, Eric Altman Brotherhood/Men's Club President





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

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|                  | You get 365 chances to win!<br>One chance for every day of the year<br>ach time your Pick 3 number matches the<br>NYS Evening Lotto Pick 3, you win \$18!  |
|                  | ld be a \$36 winner on these 5 Special Bonus Days:<br>7, Israeli Independence Day 5/5, Shavuot 6/5, Rosh<br>Hashanah 9/26 and Chanukah 12/18   |
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## CHAI CLUB



It is always a special time when Thanksgiving and Chanukah fall at the same time of year! We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving dinners and wish everyone the blessings of each Chanukah night.

**Membership Dinner**: A wonderful time was had by all at last month's Chai Club Membership Dinner at Domenico's in Levittown. Congratulations to Co-chairs Rita Hofer and Tessa Kean who planned and organized the event including a special Tribute for our Veteran's. The Jewish War Veterans Post

Commander, Gary Glick, gave a presentation and a United States Flag to each of our Veterans. November Birthdays were also celebrated.

The Chai Club is Back in the Temple's Social Hall, 7:00 pm, Monday, December 20! Please join us for this special evening as Diane Schoenberg orchestrates our entertaining Trivia contest. Diane is a natural at creating fun questions that are not that difficult. As an Arm of the Temple, we will be following the Temple's guidelines from the Reopening Committee. Masks will be required (except while noshing), and adults must be on record or show their proof of vaccination information. Please see the flyer below for RSVP information.

This month, we would like to spotlight our Chai Club Board members who volunteer at the Wednesday and Thursday Bingo Fundraiser. Co-Chairs Rita Hofer and Judy Kule lead a fantastic array of workers. Our other (Board) Bingo volunteers include, Janis Beldner, Barbara Gouveia, Pearl Sutz, Sarita Keyser, Harvey Drucker, Vicki Deutsch, Joan & Brian Levy, Tessa Kean, Allan Itzkowitz, Iris Kelmenson, Joyce Ogrodnick, Jay Schoenberg, Shelly Spivack and Stan Friedman.

All good health and happiness for the New Year!

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



## TRIVIA NIGHT MONDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm IN THE TEMPLE SOCIAL HALL

Please join us for this special evening as Diane

Schoenberg orchestrates our entertaining Trivia contest. Diane is a natural at creating fun questions that are not that difficult.

December Birthdays will be Celebrated!

#### A COLLATION WILL BE PROVIDED WITH PRE-WRAPPED SNACKS

As an Arm of the Temple, we will be following the Temple's guidelines from the Reopening Committee. **Masks will be required (except while noshing), and adults must be on record or show their proof of vaccination information.** 

LIMIT OF 8 PEOPLE PER TABLE; RSVP IS REQUIRED

Please RSVP by December 13<sup>th</sup> with seating choices to Joan or Brian at bellobl@gmail.com

Chai Club



## **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

# Temple B'nai Torah

During the month of October, we celebrated Shabbat with a service on October 22 in conjunction with Chai Club. This service, like other Circle of Friends services, was both in-person and streamed on Facebook. We hope you got to "see" it. On October 13, some of our members attended 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.



November found us back in the Temple for Game Night following all the Temple regulations! We had a great time, nevertheless!!

Later in the month, we participated in a TBT fundraising event entitled, "An evening of music with Singer/Entertainer Les Degen" on Zoom.

This month, we look forward to our annual Chanukah party this year at Ben's Kosher Deli in Greenvale. If you haven't yet responded, there is still time to join in the festivities.

We hope to see everyone on our weekly Monday Zoom events. See the Scroll for details.

We wish everyone a Chag Sameach Chanukah!! Sharon & Ben Cernese, Co-Presidents



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#### \* WE DID IT!

st When we first began the 2021 growing season, we reviewed what we had done \* the past year -- 650 lbs. donated -- we were amazed at what we had

\* accomplished.

\* Rabbi Bar-Nahum wondered if we could reach 1800 lbs. this season. What? That \* number sounded impossible!

X And yet, with the hard work of our Garden Volunteers, the generosity of our

\* congregants, and the steadfast wisdom and commitment to the Garden at TBT of

\* Susan Salem, our "Garden Guru," today was the day we reached that goal!

K Garden Volunteers Adam and Doriz were on hand for the today's calculation reveal. \*

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Wishing you and your families a very Happy Chanukah!

Chanukah provides many themes for reflection and inspiration. In the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's *Sustaining the Light: A Social Justice Program Guide for Chanukah* we read, "By returning to and reclaiming the Temple, the Maccabees recommitted themselves to a Jewish way of life, to all that they held dear. Thus, Chanukah asks us to rededicate ourselves not only to our Judaism, but to the values we place at the center of our faith. In particular, <u>Chanukah</u> can be a time when we rededicate ourselves to the work of tikkun olam, repair of the world." If you are still looking for ways to make Chanukah meaningful and full of social justice opportunities, check out the Program Guide

(https://www.rac.org/sites/default/files/Chanukah%20Guide%20May%2025.pdf) which includes sections on the environment, economic justice, children's issues and religious liberty. You may also want to consider celebrating with a sixth night Ner Shel Tzedakah: Candle of Righteousness (https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/hanukkah/ner-shel-tzedakah-candle-righteousness). Ner Shel Tzedakah is a project in which families and individuals devote the sixth night of Chanukah to learning about the problem of poverty. They donate the value of the gifts (or the gifts themselves) that they would otherwise exchange on that night to organizations that assist the poor.

Last month, our focus on Civic Engagement included a program run by the League of Women Voters to help our congregants increase their awareness of the ballot proposals we were asked to vote on, on Election Day. Even though some of the propositions remained confusing, we knew what they were, their pros and cons and where to find additional information to help us make informed choices at the ballot box. Many thanks to Barbara Epstein and the League of Women Voters of East Nassau for always making themselves available to us as we attempt to increase our civic engagement.

Last month, we also held our annual Frozen Turkey Drive. Thank you all for your generous support of this important effort to help our neighbors meet their nutritional needs and ability to celebrate along with others during the holidays. Turkeys collected were donated to Nassau Haven and Walkabout Residences, Wisdom Lane School Pantry and Island Harvest.

We are currently running our Holiday Gift Drive and hope to provide needed and "wished for" items for local children, adolescents and families who may not have otherwise been able to make their holidays special this year. If you are a congregant in need at this time, please contact Rabbi Bar-Nahum or the Mitzvah Makers, and we will make *strictly confidential* arrangements for you.

We are still selling Note Cards from the Garden and will continue to do so as long as we have them available. Thank you again for showing the garden your support!

Our committee is also busy working to arrange programming for the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend (1/14-1/17), beginning with Social Action/Social Justice Shabbat on Friday, January 14. Stay tuned for details on a variety of opportunities to learn, discuss and volunteer, and to make the weekend a meaningful tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.

*Our next meeting will be on* **Tuesday, December 21 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: <u>ronakauffman@yahoo.com</u> Check out the SA/SJ section of the TBT website. There you will find lots of resources and information about what we do.

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Dear Temple B'nai Torah Family,

To help us get to know each other better, the Membership committee is 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 December Spotlight Interview, we present...

#### Ellice Toscano: One in a Million

Each month, you receive a list of TBT members who will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the coming month, and if you want to send a Uniongram to one of those Congregants, you send your request to Ellice Toscano. Have you wondered who Ellice is, who has done this for years? Now, you will find out about this person who has been touching so many lives since the days of Legacy Suburban Temple.

When a young child, Ellice's parents joined The Suburban Temple, and she was brought to services every Friday night. She not only attended services but was educated in the Religious School and was in a Confirmation class of 72 students! Prior to her teens Ellice's mother became very ill and she became her mother's primary caregiver until her death when Ellice was 21. This set the tone for her life and is her guide to this day about how she embraces life, along with its challenges. Ellice's mother taught her that you should do what your heart dictates and trust your gut. A strong belief of Ellice's is "Don't judge a book by its cover," and "It's just as easy to put a smile on your face as it is a frown." She used her mother's philosophy as a guide later, when she was her in-laws' caregiver.

Ellice met Tom Toscano on a blind date at 19 and they have been married for 42 years. They have three sons, Matthew, Ryne and Reed, 2 "daughters"- in-law, Joanne & Simone and two granddaughters, Gabriella & Mila. Being an interfaith couple hasn't stopped Tom and Ellice from accepting one another's beliefs and differences, and his respecting Ellice's desire to remain active in Temple life. Tom has even helped with building the outdoor sukkah. A tradition that Tom's family had was to be together every Sunday at 2:00 o'clock for Italian Sunday dinner. Ellice continues this tradition at least twice a month, bringing her entire family together. When it came to joining a temple, Ellice wanted a place where Tom and his family would be comfortable. They turned to The Suburban Temple; the temple Ellice attended with her parents.

Most do not know that Ellice was an engineer in a time when there were very few female engineers in the field of aviation. Her father was an engineer and she wanted to follow in his footsteps. She worked at Fairchild Republic which built the A-10 fighter bomber, which is still used today. In a primarily male dominated field, Ellice was often mistaken for a secretary/



assistant. It was not uncommon for an Air Force pilot to ask her to "fetch" him a cup of coffee. Needless to say, he fetched his own!!. Ellice later went into graphic design, and when Matthew was born, she was able to do free-lance work, as well as be a stay- at -home mom.

Sisterhood is Ellice's heart and the temple is her second home. She served in many different capacities in Sisterhood and was on the Temple Board of Trustees. Most important to her was her time as Sisterhood President. During that period, she felt reconnected to her mom, especially when holding the Torah on the High Holidays for the first time. She truly felt the Sisterhood spirituality. Attending services on Shabbos and holidays are very important to Ellice. She feels a certain peace when she is in the sanctuary, as well as a connection to the Congregation. On Yom Kippur, she feels uplifted, a feeling of renewal, especially at the closing service and then breaking the Fast with people she loves.

Ellice was honored by the Temple Brotherhood with the Chautauqua Award, along with her friend, Steve Bishop. Chautauqua is an Interfaith-based education program, now under the auspices of Men of Reform Judaism, since merging with URJ. This award is bestowed on someone who gives their time to their synagogue and educates their community on interfaith relations. This award truly touched her, especially being honored with Steve, a friend she truly admired who passed away just one month before this honor. Other milestones at Temple which were very important to Ellice were the Bar Mitzvahs of her sons and the Naming of her first granddaughter.

Ellice is a very special person and if you ever have the pleasure to speak with her, it will be worthwhile as you will be speaking to one of the loveliest and most dedicated members of our family at TBT. She is truly, "One in a Million."

Interviewed by Regina White-Chereskin











## <u>Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Program</u> <u>MONDAY – JANUARY 31, 2022</u> <u>7:30 – 9PM on Zoom (info to follow)</u>

**OUR COMMUNITY** 

Please join Sisterhood for an exciting and very pertinent Rosh Chodesh program given by Dr. Sharon Curry. This program will help to bring calm, peace, understanding and how to find joy during stressful times.

#### JOY AND HEALING

The month of Adar (beginning January 31, 2022) focuses on joy and the revelation of hidden miracles. Sharon Curry discusses the impact of emotional, physical and relational stressors on women and leads a discussion on healing and finding joy.

Please RSVP to:

Ronni Fauci rfauci@gmail.com - no later than January 24<sup>th</sup>.





#### UNIONGRAMS

The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah 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 **Marlyn Appelt, 31 Hark Lane. Westbury, NY 11590, at least 2** 

weeks prior to the event.

| DATE    | CHILD'S NAME   |
|---------|--|
| Dec. 4  | (M) Jason Goldstein                                      |
| Jan. 22 | <ul><li>(M) Ryan Laibach</li><li>(M) Seth Nevo</li></ul> |
| Jan. 29 | (F) Alexandra Manashirov                                 |

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#### **Housing Committee Highlights**

As I write this, the beautiful autumn leaves are falling from the trees. Our vibrant Temple Community members will be called to action to grab their rakes and gather those leaves, which will be composted in our TBT Garden.

The Housing Committee is working to address the needs of our congregants. Sheryl, our Religious School Director, brought to our attention, the desire for plug-in air purifiers for the classrooms and various offices in the building.

Just as your home has many needs, so does our Temple home. Repairs and upkeep of the Temple include fixing an oven and HVAC repairs for cooling as well as heating. Thank you to our custodians for the parking lot clean-up and maintaining our building.

Our next Housing Committee meeting is on January 19, 2022, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Jayne Krompier for Zoom information (<u>Jturtle54@msn.com</u>).

Jayne Krompier Housing Committee Co-Chair







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November 14 - December 20, 2021

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# Unwrapped donations can be dropped off in the collection box in the TBT Lobby.

# Gift cards in envelopes labelled SA/SJ Holiday Gift Drive can mailed to TBT or 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.

If you are a congregant in need of support for Chanukah, please contact the TBT Mitzvah

Makers (tbtmitzvahmakers@gmail.com) or Rabbi Bar-Nahum and strictly confidential

arrangements will be made.

This year's suggested/requested items include:

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Saturday Evening April 23, 2022

For those who normally attend the Temple Square Dance in January each year: Due to the current Covid protocols, the Square Dance has be moved to Saturday evening, April 23, 2022.

Please hold the date!