

Chai Club

Come join us as our Sisterhood Presents.... A Rosh Chodesh Program! Deep Dive into Purim With Jill Kaplan

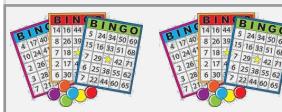
Monday, February 21, 2022 7:30-9:30 pm

Zoom info to follow via email

RSVP to Ronni Fauci at rfauci@gmail.com

by no later than February 9th





BINGO WILL BE CLOSED ALL OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 2022

WE HOPE TO REOPEN MARCH 2, 2022

Have a safe winter.

Chai Club Program Movie Night

The "Rat Pack" Collection Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm on Zoom

This is where **Cool** starts (and ends, brother!)

Admired by the famous, the not-so-famous, and the infamous, *Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin & Sammy Davis, Jr.* worked the room like no one before or since.

Now, for the first time ever, SEE as well as HEAR their swaggering on-stage brew of comic camaraderie and vocal bravado with **Live and Swingin': The Ultimate Rat Pack Collection**.

ALL WELCOME – NO CHARGE We will also celebrate February Birthdays Questions? Call Joan or Brian at (516) 781-4966 <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3780366300?pwd=dXV</u> <u>KcE9yRzIH Qk5ZVExqeUFnTmgvZz09</u> Meeting ID: 378 036 6300 Password: 465021





RITUAL CALENDAR

February 2022

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!



Friday, February 4	5:30pm	TOT SHABBAT	Of CIT A Reform Congregation
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Saturday, February 5	9:30am	Torah Study * (Zoom)	
	10:30am	Shabbat Service B'not Mitzvah of Macker	zie Goldman
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<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>

When attending an event or just coming to the Temple, please consider bringing a Non-Perishable Food Item(s) that will be sent to a food pantry. The collection box is always in the lobby near the Coat Room



INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



How Many Torahs Does One Temple Need?

Just before the COVID Pandemic, we had started the process of determining what we were going to do with all of our Torah scrolls. Unfortunately, the lockdown and quarantine put a pause on these conversations. Over the last number of months, we have picked up that conversation again. Though I am writing this before the January meeting of our Board of Trustees, by the time you read this, there will have been a presentation and a vote as to the disposition of some of our Torah scrolls. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you what was presented to the Board.

First, some history about our scrolls. After the mergers, TBT has been blessed to be the keepers of 15 Torah Scrolls. These scrolls represent all the legacy congregations and represent many years of dedication. What we do know is that a congregation our size does not need 15 scrolls. In fact, I can't think of what sized congregation *would* need that many. Truthfully, a Jewish community does not need a Torah scroll to function or even to keep up with the cycle of Torah reading. For many communities, funding even one scroll is a difficult and sometimes years-long process. We also know that some of our scrolls have reached the end of their lifespan. Finally, some of our scrolls do not belong to us, rather we are guardians of them.

With all of this in our minds, the Torah committee set to work to first call upon our Sofer (Torah scribe) Neil Yerman, who has been in to assess and document our scrolls. His expertise allows us to know whether a scroll is in useable order, what we would call kosher for reading, or if it is beyond repair and shouldn't be used ritually – what we call *passul*. Sofer Yerman also lets us know what work might need to be done to repair and maintain our scrolls to keep them kosher for reading.

After the assessment and with the input of our Sofer, we are recommending that after all is said and done, TBT hold on to at least seven scrolls, including those that are lightest, easiest to read, and which have been used most by our congregants in their life cycle celebrations. These will all be maintained to keep them kosher for reading, and we have funds set aside for just this purpose. In the short term, the proposal will first reduce the number of scrolls in our building from 15 to 10.

Of our 15 scrolls, three belong <u>not</u> to TBT, but to the Memorial Scrolls Trust, which maintains a collection of scrolls rescued after WWII, to be housed as memorials and witnesses in congregations around the world. Per the rules of the Trust, any congregation is only allowed to hold one at a time. We have already returned one to the Trust, and we will look to return the other two and receive from the Trust a new-to-us scroll that can be read and used. Rather than keep these memorial scrolls in a case, the Trust urges congregations to maintain them, use them and keep them alive, which we hope to do.

At least two of the scrolls in our Arks are beyond reasonable repair. Sofer Yerman is looking into whether these scrolls might be donated to a school for scribal arts, so that new scribes may use them for practice and to learn how to do their sacred work. If this is not possible, the Torah committee will recommend the scrolls be buried with the appropriate rituals. A third scroll may also ultimately end up in this category.

Two of our scrolls are in good enough condition that allows them to be sold to a congregation that is in need of a scroll. Sofer Yerman is helping us to connect with communities and has a congregation ready for one scroll immediately, should the Board approve. The proceeds of these sales will be earmarked for future Torah repairs and maintenance.

Of the 10 remaining, three of our scrolls are currently in an in-between status. Sofer Yerman will be taking them for mold remediation and drying out at his studio, after which we will assess what the next steps might be.

The Torah scrolls are important and sacred items for our community and congregation. Thank you to our dedicated Torah Committee and our Board who has taken much time to understand the many facets of this project and who has approached these questions with care and consideration for the best needs of our Congregation.

Please be on the lookout for more communication with follow-up once decisions have been made.

With Blessings, Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



I write this the day after the frightening events that took place in a sister Reform congregation in Colleyville, Texas. A colleague, held hostage with three congregants who were praying at Shabbat services, were most thankfully rescued unharmed after almost twelve hours of a frightening assault on their synagogue. I cannot imagine the terror they felt and the fright their families and loved ones dealt with while waiting all those hours. We all watched in horror and then immense relief as the news of their safe release was broadcast. In the days that follow I am sure we will understand better the motives of the hostage taker, the way he was able to enter the synagogue, and most importantly, we will hear how best this can be avoided in the future.

But among my emotions, I am mostly angry that this is not a unique incident. We still have fresh in our memories other awful and tragic attacks on houses of worship and on fellow Jews and people of faith. When will it end? When will gathering in peace to be in community, to study together, to pray together, be just that?

Praying in synagogue on a Shabbat morning should be a normal and joyful event. Our congregation and our daily work should be able to happen without the fear of being attacked. As a base line, our TBT campus must be a safe place to gather, and our beloved congregation seen as a beacon of peace, not a target for hate acts. To that end I am most heartened to see that today's news also included this message from President Biden:

"To help ensure that everyone can practice their faith without fear, my Administration has implemented increased funding for the Department of Homeland Security's Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which makes funding available to threatened nonprofits – including houses of worship and other religious affiliated entities-to improve their safety and security. I also signed the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, which included the Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act to provide tools that we know are effective in preventing and prosecuting hate crimes. We must constantly affirm that hate has no safe harbor in America."

In the days and months ahead, I know our leadership and staff, in partnership with Rabbi Bar-Nahum and I, will work on how our TBT campus can do better to be a safe place for gathering. We will move forward on all fronts including grants we have available, to help ensure our corner of the world is a little bit safer and peaceful. May we then be able to sing with full and easy hearts: *Hineh ma tov umanaim, shevet achim gam yachad...*how good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together.

L'shalom, Cantor Rica Timman



MAZEL TOV TO...

Mindy & Allan Cohen on the engagement of their son, Russell to Angela Pitto Heather & Lou Gottfried on the engagement of their daughter, Teri to Eric Kaggen Nadine & Ira Salzman on the marriage of their daughter, Alexa to Nick Konya

MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NOT MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES



Mackenzie Goldman

Mark & Melissa

My name is Mackenzie Samantha Goldman. February 5th, the day I become a Bat Mitzvah, is also my actual 13th birthday. I attend Weldon E. Howitt Middle School. I'm interested in the 'usual' teenage activities. I enjoy making and watching Tik Toks; being able to sleep-in; and the Photography Club. Making friends in Hebrew School has been a bonus as well.

I share the achievement of my Bat Mitzvah with Mrs. Altman. I wouldn't have learned the prayers and Haftarah that I need for my service without her. She has guided me in my thirteen mitzvot. I thank Mrs. Derwin and again, Mrs. Altman for the years that have prepared me. Of course, many thanks to Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman for their support.



February 5

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Erica Simone

Michael & Rebecca

My name is Erica Simone and I'm a seventh grader at Seaford Middle School. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and am always eager to help others. This year I started playing volleyball and have quickly learned a love of the game and play both for my school team and a club team. I also enjoy swimming and singing and am a member of a competitive glee club. I am so grateful to Mrs. Altman, Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum in helping me to prepare for my Bat Mitzvah and to my parents and siblings for always supporting me.



February 12

Nina Myers

Lorne & Brooke

My name is Nina Myers and I am a seventh grader at Wantagh Middle School. I'm an active member of my school's Student Council and was selected to serve as a Student Ambassador to help my school be a warm, inviting environment for all. I also play viola in the school orchestra. I love playing volleyball, hanging out with my friends, and spending my summers at Camp Lindenmere. I am thankful for the support of my parents and little sister, Leah. A special thanks to Mrs. Altman, Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman for helping me prepare for my Bat Mitzvah.



"13 Drivers' Licenses" Exhibition

SAVE THE DATE - May 9, 2022

In February 2017, a cache of 13 driver's licenses, confiscated by Nazi authorities from Jewish citizens in 1938, was found in an envelope in a government office. A group of history students meticulously investigated the names on the licenses in an attempt to find and contact possible descendants. They were able to locate relatives for many of these individuals, in the U.S., Israel and Argentina, who assisted in filling in missing details. **"13 Drivers' Licenses"** is a portable exhibit that relates the individual stories of Jewish citizens of the small Bavarian village of Lichtenfels.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

LONG RANGE PLANNING - WHAT IS IT, HOW CAN WE BENEFIT FROM IT AND HOW CAN YOU HELP?

"Failing to plan...is a plan to fail!" This is the first line of an article I recently read pertaining to the positive effects of long range planning for temples. We now have a newly formed Long Range Planning Committee and they have a huge task in front of them. I believe they are up to the challenge and, with the help and input from all of our congregants, we will set our vision for the future.

I think we all know that when planning for anything, different opinions and different strategies come into play.

The road to long range planning may be bumpy, so we need a road map. We wouldn't embark on a road trip without a map, and so it's the same with any planning.

We do not want to be so focused on today that we miss the major changes or trends that may bring us new opportunities. We need to think about who we are now, what we want to be in the future and how we can get there. What I have been learning is that we cannot rely on our past successes because that is not a guarantee for the future.

This is our temple's 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.

Our statement refers to the ultimate results we expect from long range planning. We will be looking to you, our congregants, and will be forming focus groups along with possible open forums in order to pick your brains as to what you see for the future of this holy congregation. We will be looking into our past and previous annual reports and financial statements. We will look at the demographics of the area and the community.

Let's look ahead to only three years from now **IF** nothing changes. Dues and fundraising are essential to assess as well as our physical building. Good ideas usually cost money, this we know. Our job will be to determine how much our ideas will cost.

Where do you want this temple to be in terms of professional and lay leadership, education, programming and spirituality? I am asking you, my fellow congregants, to really think about our future and feel free to share your long range plans with myself or our committee which includes:

Karen Friedlander – Co-chair Les Kule – Co-chair Alisa Baroukh Jeff Brodsky Jennifer Brown Joni Christie Stephanie Giwner Jeff Kraut Adam Pobliner Rob Saunders Sam Star Jack Zuckerman

As challenging as this is, it is also exciting to know that we are not going anywhere and we are planning for Temple B'nai Torah to be here for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren!!!!! I absolutely say YES to that!

With appreciation, Dee Greenberg, President





RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



February has always been a time of introspection for me. We honor our Founding Fathers, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, whose birthdays fall in this month. These men were trailblazers. Like Abraham and Moses, their lives and their legacies are remembered and honored. We have so revered these men, that we have stories about them, that live outside of the texts, called Midrash. We talk of Washington and the Cherry Tree, of Moses having a lisp caused by burning coals. There's no basis in fact but they have become so storied and so famous that we are certain we've read them somewhere.

I look at my ancestors, and I hear stories of their youth, and I keep telling their tales so that they will continue to live on in our hearts and minds. I wonder what have I done in my lifetime that would make a memorable story.

Will I be honored with a federal holiday in a hundred years? Will people tell stories of me chopping down a cherry tree or smashing idols in my father's storefront? I hope I comport myself in a way that will make me memorable, even if it's only to those who actually know me.

Watch your weekly emails for all of the wonderful activities we have planned this month. We have a week off, surrounding President's Day. Take that time to think of your legacy, think of the stories people will tell of you one day.

L'Shalom,

Sheryl Gordon, Religious School Director

SISTERHOOD



Sisterhood is about connecting women with our community and faith. Although we may have to work a little harder these days to stay connected, Sisterhood is still bringing programs to our members via zoom until it is safe for us all to meet in person. Purim is coming soon and when we celebrate this holiday, we are reminded that Esther, a Jewish woman, proclaimed her faith and saved her people. This month our Rosh Chodesh program is brought to us by our own Jill Kaplan. *Deep Dive into Purim* will be presented February 21 at 7:30 pm via Zoom. This program will help us rediscover stories and rituals connected to the holiday and maybe we will learn something new.

Please RSVP to Ronni Fauci – <u>rfauci@gmail.com</u> by February 9 to receive the Zoom link. Yours in Sisterhood, Maryann



Simcha (Hebrew: שָׁמְחָה ; Hebrew pronunciation: (simcha), Yiddish pronunciation: (simcha) is a Hebrew word that means gladness, or joy, and is often used as a given name.

Have you recently celebrated a simcha...

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

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



BROTHERHOOD



Dear Congregants,

COVID, COVID, COVID - What can I say?

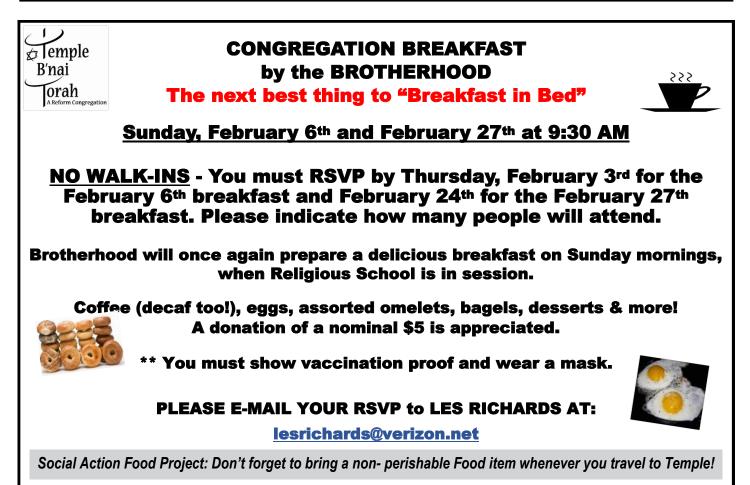
Brotherhood was prepared to do so many things which we cannot do now because of COVID. We have been put on hold due to Temple's decision to stop all activities for now. It makes you appreciate the time we spend together as very important.

We look forward to - and appreciate - all the things we will be able to do when Temple reopens, like the Brotherhood breakfasts which we hope will have larger turn-outs in the future, and our Brotherhood dinners which have been having a nice turnout, lately.

So, while we may start the New Year off on a down note, as an organization we will prevail. Thank you all – have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely, Eric Altman Brotherhood President









During the cold winter months, there are many who need

Winter Coats & Accessories



Please donate new, newly dry cleaned or <u>very gently</u> used winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, warm socks (new only), hand and toe warmers for children, teens and adults

January 1 - February 28

Donations will be delivered to a variety of agencies including LWS Advocacy Services, Community Solidarity, veteran's groups, and the Interfaith Nutrition Network

Collection Box will be in TBT Lobby

For information, contact Ed Paley at <u>edpaley617@gmail.com</u>. Or David Rifkind at <u>drifkind1@gmail.com</u>



A Líttle Jewísh Humor...

Yankel Kolowitz applied for a job as a lumberjack.

- "Wait a minute, Kolowitz," said the foreman. "You really don't look like you're cut out for this job. Are you sure you're a lumberjack?"
- "Yes," he replied.
- "I don't know. You're such a little guy. Let's see. Chop down that tree over there."
- Yankel felled it in one stroke. "Hmmm. Pretty impressive, Kolowitz. Where'd you learn your trade anyway?"
- "Well," replied Kolowitz, "for many years I worked in the Sahara Forest."
- "You mean the Sahara Desert?"
- "Sure... now."

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CHAI CLUB



We can't believe it's already February! On one-hand the February 13th Super Bowl - LVI (56) will be marking the completion of this winter's Football season, but we also have a sign that Spring will be here very soon as Major League pitchers and catchers will be reporting to Baseball's Spring Training in a few weeks.

Speaking of positive things: We are so happy to see so many Zoom links filled for our January 24th Chai Club Program, "Goodness Knows No Age, Teenage Heroes of the Holocaust." Professor Howard Kerner presented the touching story about the astonishing number of brave young people who risked their lives to

save Jews and obstruct the Nazis. Thanks to Religious School Director, Sheryl Gordon, who added the program as part our Religious School's 7th grade's curriculum. It was so nice to have the youth of our Temple join us. Special thanks also to the Program Committee, Sharon & Ben Cernese, Jay Schoenberg, Tessa Kean, Gloria Glick and Freyda Kolinsky.

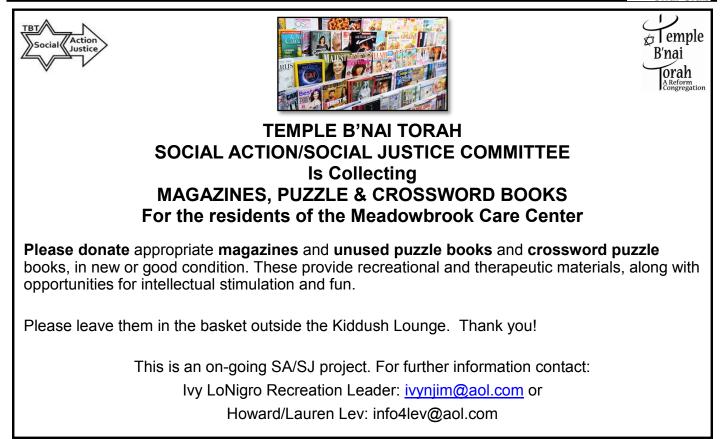
Our February Zoom Program will feature a special treat from Ben's Movie Library, "*The Rat Pack*" Collection, Monday, February 28th at 7:00 PM. Admired by all, join us as **Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr**. work the room like no one before or since. We will enjoy their swaggering on-stage comic camaraderie. We will also celebrate February Birthdays. See flyer on the cover.

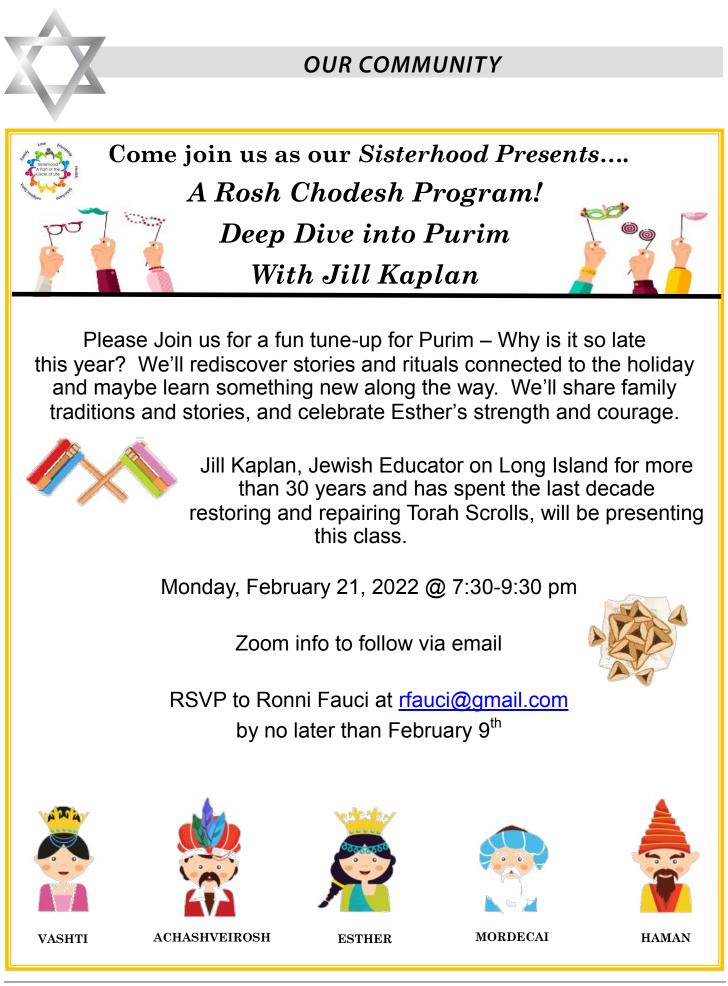
On Monday, March 28- we will join Sisterhood for Women's History Month and be entertained by Sally Drucker's portrayal of Emma Goldman, renowned lecturer on women's rights and social issues. Emma was an anarchist political activist and writer. She played a pivotal role in the development of political philosophy in North America in the first half of the 20th century. Watch for more details of this Zoom Program in our flyer in next month's issue of the Voice and TBT Scroll.

Thanks again,

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







Visit tbtwantagh.org for the latest information



SOCIAL ACTION

Social Action Justice

Social Action/Social Justice Committee

I certainly hope that by the time you are all reading this we are back to in-person events at TBT! Although February is the shortest month of the year, there are plenty of opportunities for you to help with social action and social justice endeavors.

Last month we welcomed Syd Mandelbaum, founder of the anti-poverty Think Tank Rock and Wrap it Up! to our very special Social Action/Social Justice Shabbat. As those who participated learned, Syd has spearheaded a number of anti-poverty programs, successful legislative campaigns aimed at cutting food waste and has lent his science background to the development of a host of measurement tools that can be used to help people understand the impact their efforts can make on improving the food-insecurity landscape. We look forward to finding ways to partner with Syd and his efforts. Thank you to Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman for a most meaningful service.

Last month we also hosted a ZOOM presentation of Mazon's This Is Hunger. Originally part of a traveling exhibit, this digital experience, facilitated by Mazon educators, helped those who participated learn more about the root causes of food insecurity. They focused on the human experience of worrying that there will not be enough to put food on the table and pointed us in a direction as to how we might help.

We are still collecting new, newly dry cleaned or gently used winter coats and accessories for those in our community who need them this winter. The need has been great and several agencies are ready to accept them on behalf of their clients. Thank you in advance for your generosity! And thank you to David Rifkind and Ed Paley for heading up this important collection.

The Garden at TBT will be re-opening for the growing season on March 27th. If you are interested in joining us as a Garden Volunteer, please sign up (see flyer in this month's Voice). Of course, you are always welcome to come visit and enjoy the garden even if you are not part of the work crew - it's your garden!

Looking ahead, believe it or not, we are already busy planning this year's Mitzvah Day (May 22). We will revisit some of our old favorite activities and add some new ones for this year. Stay tuned for details.

We would like to make you aware of a number of ongoing collections at TBT:

- Brotherhood is collecting eyeglasses (Lion's Club) and personal care items to send to our troops (Adopt a Battalion)
- Sisterhood is collecting Women's Sanitary Supplies for clients at various local agencies

- Ongoing collection of non-perishable food items - Bring a donation whenever you come to TBT for an event or for services. Chai Club will deliver Kosher Food items to Congregation Beth Ohr's food pantry; Social Action/Social Justice will distribute the non-kosher items to various local other pantries.

- SA/SJ is collecting new and like-new magazines and puzzle books for the residents of the Meadowbrook Care Center

If there are other collections, please let us know so we can help support them.

As always, we would like to extend an invitation to all congregants who might be interested in joining the Social Action/Social Justice committee. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.** 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



In Honor of Alexis Zayas

Sunday, March 20, 2022 9:00am-3:00pm Temple B'nai Torah 2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh

Click on link below to schedule an appointment: https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/288034

or scan the QR code:

or call 1 800-933-BLOOD



For more information, please contact Ava Jacobs 516-477-9123 or Amy Neidle 917-734-2575

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. Masks are required for all donors regardless of vaccination status. For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit nybc.org/coronavirus.



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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



We would like to notify everyone that Circle of Friends is respecting the temple policy in reference to Covid-19 pandemic.

Therefore, we have cancelled or postponed a majority of our functions. Most of the club's functions involve eating and going out to do things together. Until things improve (please G-d, may it be soon), we are very

limited to what we can do together.

We have been doing, and will continue to do, ZOOM functions on Monday afternoons – one week is Trivia and Jokes, and the next week is SPACE (our own version of Bingo). You are welcome to join us regardless of whether you are a member of C of F or not.

The Zoom information remains the same each week:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3780366300?pwd=dXVKcE9yRzIHQk5ZVExqeUFnTmgvZz09

Meeting ID: 378 036 6300 - Passcode: 465021

We hope that this finds you happy and most of all, healthy.

No mask required!

Sharon & Ben Cernese

(516) 322-8126



PTA UPDATES

Shalom from the PTA! By Laurel Klein, PTA President

This is a quiet time for PTA. We're deep in the middle of winter and everyone is eagerly anticipating the long February schoolbreak coming up.

Please join us for our general meeting on Sunday, February 6, at 11:45 a.m. This is one of the later meetings we hold each year to accommodate the attendance of our religious school teachers, and it's an opportunity to hear what they might say about our involvement with the religious school. I hope to see you there—PJs and bedhead are not just fine, but welcome.

While we're staying warm under throw blankets, we are also planning our upcoming spring activities.

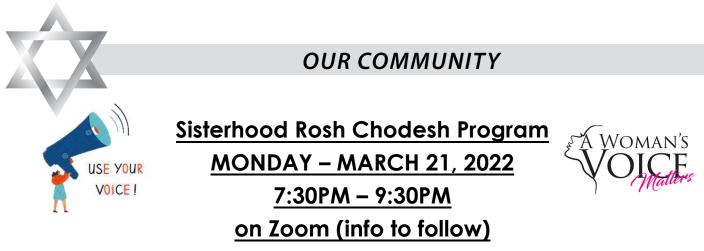
Keep a look-out for information on our upcoming:

Family Bingo event in March. With fingers crossed, we are busy getting everything set just so for our in-person Family bingo fun, set for Sunday, March 27, in the afternoon post-religious school. Out of caution, this year we won't be promoting this to the larger community, but your friends and family that are in accordance with the Temple's COVID protocols will all be welcome. Look for details on our coming flyer (soon to be distributed everywhere we can), through emails, and on our Facebook page.

Spring Enrichment Event (April) Post-Passover Fundraiser

It's too soon to release details on the last two, but we are working to dot the "i"s and cross the "t"s to make them both possible.

In the meantime, stay warm, stay healthy, and thank you for supporting the PTA's mission.



Please join us for an exciting and informational workshop which will be facilitated by Rabbi Deanna Pasternak. Deanna Pasternak has been an educator of children and adults for over 36 years. She taught at Temple Emanu-El as a Family Educator and Hebrew School teacher. She was Director of the Religious School for 19 years at Suburban Temple/Temple B'nai Torah. Rabbi Pasternak has had the pleasure of developing and presenting many workshops for congregants, teachers, and families which encourages the Jewish ideal of lifelong learning both for the workshop participants and herself.

Kol Isha – A Woman's Voice



In our sacred texts, the rabbis wrote midrashim (stories) to explain parts of the Torah text that aren't clear. These midrashim were written by men from their viewpoints and their life experiences. This meant that the experiences of half the human population, our half – the women, are mainly absent from the official record of the Jewish people. To remedy this imbalance, in the 1970's, women began to create their own midrashim by retelling the biblical stories from the perspective of the female Biblical characters.

Please join us as we, the female rabbis, scholars, and learners of

the 21st century bring a woman's voice to the Torah. Today we will add to and create Herstory rather than history!

Please RSVP to: Ronni Fauci rfauci@gmail.com -

no later than March 9th.







SPOTLIGHT



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...

Regina White-Chereskin

Do you know how legacy Suburban Temple formed and how it got its name? Regina White-Chereskin proudly shares this history with us...

Regina was born at Bellevue Hospital, where her father was the Administrative Superintendent of the hospital. The family lived in an apartment that was built for them on a floor of the Nurses' Quarters. Three years later, they moved to Welfare Island, which is now called Roosevelt Island. The family consisted of her parents, two older brothers and one younger brother. There was a row of houses for Superintendents, where the family lived. When she started school, Regina had to go over the Queensborough Bridge to New York City each day, carpooling with neighbors from the island. The family also regularly traveled into New York City to attend services at Central Synagogue and for Regina and her younger brother to attend Religious School. Unfortunately, Regina's father died at age 55 when she was just 11 ¹/₂ and her mother moved the family out to Wantagh. Her mother had opened an Early American furniture store, called "The Ivy Barn," as a hobby with two partners, shortly before her father's death. Regina, at the age of twelve, worked as a salesperson at the store. One of the first things Regina's mother did when they moved to Wantagh was to contact the new Reform temple to become a member of this new congregation, The Suburban Temple. Originally, the Temple held services in a church and later moved to a converted bar and grill on Merrick Road in Wantagh before moving to its present location on Jerusalem Avenue. It was named "Suburban" because it was in the suburbs. At first, Regina did not want any part of this new synagogue and spoke with the Rabbi at Central Synagogue who convinced her to help build a temple that she one day would be proud of. Regina followed his wise advice and studied for her Bat Mitzvah with Rabbi David Hachen, the Temple's first full-time Rabbi. On November 6, 1954, Regina became the 1st Bat Mitzvah at Suburban Temple. She still recalls that her Torah portion was Lech L'cha, and she remembers proudly marching into the Sanctuary with the Torah and the temple choir singing. The following year, Rabbi Hachen helped form a junior youth group of which Regina became president.

Regina had a very interesting career and family life. She met her first husband, Steve White in 1961, when her best friend from college married. Steve was a cousin of the bride and was at the wedding. In 1968, their twin boys, Norman and Mark, were born. At that time the family lived in Seaford, and she was teaching Social Studies in Seaford as well. Both of her boys attended Suburban, where they were named and attended school from nursery school all the way to Confirmation and High School. In fact, eight members of her family were Confirmed at Suburban/TBT, including her brother, three nieces and a

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nephew! Regina earned her Doctorate in Education, was an active member of the Board of Trustees for 29 years and served as President, all while raising her two sons, teaching, and becoming a school administrator. She also gave Learning Style workshops at many of the Long Island Religious School Educator conferences. In addition to her sons, Regina now has 4 grandchildren and even one great-granddaughter!

Later, in 1988, Regina moved to New Jersey where she was a Middle School Principal. In 1995, she moved to Rhinebeck where she served as a Middle School Principal, Special Education and Curriculum Director. Regina joined Temple Emanuel in Kingston and within two years was elected President. Throughout this time, she maintained her membership at Suburban as an Associate Member and participated in Confirmation Services each year, conducting the "Chain of Tradition" ceremony.

Regina returned to Long Island in 1999 when she retired from Rhinebeck and Public Education. Her niece, who was Religious School Principal at Temple Beth Abraham in Tarrytown, talked her into teaching Religious School, again. The Rabbi there was David Holtz, who grew up at Suburban Temple. Another member of Suburban Temple, Victor Breitberg, a Holocaust Survivor, insisted that she had to become the Education Director at the Holocaust Center in Glen Cove, a position she held for ten years. In 2008 she met her second husband, Jerome Chereskin. They were married until his death in 2018. The 31 days that Jerome was hospitalized was one of the most difficult periods of her life. Regina traveled back and forth to Long Island Jewish Hospital, every day, to be with him until his passing.

Temple B'nai Torah is very important to Regina, and she is extremely proud to be a Past President. She is now active in studying Torah and is involved with the Ritual and Membership Committees. Sage advice from Regina is to "*Be an active temple member*" and "*Treat people of different ethnicities equally*".



Interviewed by Andrea Baron

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Born in Kaunas, Russian Empire (now Lithuania), to a Jewish family, Goldman emigrated to the United States in 1885. Attracted to anarchism after the Chicago Haymarket affair, Goldman became a writer and a renowned lecturer on anarchist philosophy, women's rights, and social issues,

"Emma" is Dr. Sally Ann Drucker, an Associate Professor at Nassau Community College teaching in the Department of English and Women's Studies Program.

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Saturday Evening April 23, 2022

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Please hold the date!



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The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah through March 26, 2022. Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations, and PRINT your name and SHORT sentiment as you want it to appear on the Uniongrams. Please return the list promptly with \$1.25 for each Uniongram made payable to <u>TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH SISTERHOOD</u> and <u>MAIL</u> to Marlyn Appelt, 31 Hark Lane. Westbury, NY 11590, at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PARENTS
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Feb. 12	(F) Nina Myers	Lorne & Brooke
Mar. 12	(M) Matthew Goodman	Eric & Heather
Mar. 19	(F) Jamie Klein	Adam & Laurel
Mar. 26	(M) Eric Bodzin (M) Michael Bodzin	Mark & Mindy Mark & Mindy

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Bishop Family B'nai Mitzvah/Relig	ious School Fund	
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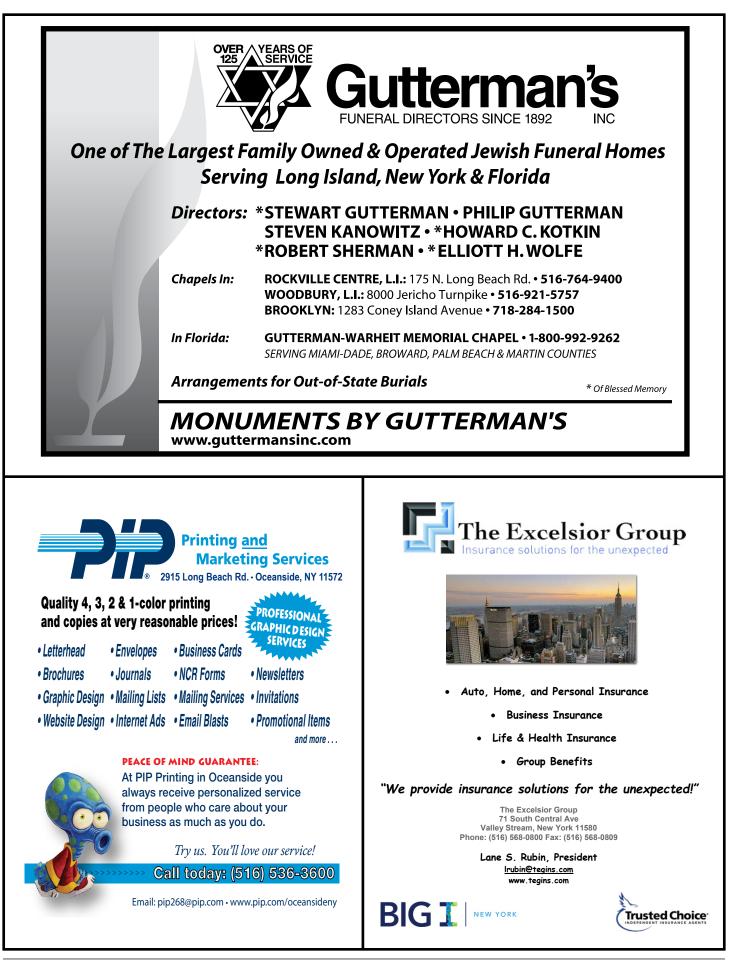


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