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### **Square Dance**

Saturday April 23, 2022

Hot Buffet Dinner at 6:30PM Catered event/ Desserts & Coffee Snacks & Soda all evening

Caller: Mario Fiore

Country Western & Partner Dancing during breaks
Donate \$36 pp and enjoy the Square Dance

Raffles 50/50

Bring Your Friends! Reservations limited

Any Questions? Call Joan & Brian (516) 781-4966

All current Temple protocols must be followed.

Fundraising event supported by Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Chai Club, Circle of Friends and TBT PTA

Please RSVP to Joan & Brian Levy by April 11, 2022 (516) 781-4966

sea1983jl@gmail.com, bellobl@gmail.com

#### RITUAL CALENDAR



#### **April 2022**

The use of the Sanctuary comes with constant updates. At this time, Mask wearing is a personal choice (as per new guidelines) Check the weekly Scroll and watch for emails with the most up-to-date information!



Friday, April 1	5:30pm	TOT SHABBAT	J A
	6:15pm	Shabbat Dinner (info to come)	
	7:15pm	Family Shabbat Service with 3rd Grade **	
Saturday, April 2	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * Shabbaton (K-2nd Grade)	The second of th
Monday, April 4	12:00pm	Torah Study *	•
Friday, April 8	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service **	
Saturday, April 9	9:30am <b>10:30am</b>	Torah Study * Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Addiso	n Gottlieb *
Monday, April 11	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, April 15	9:45am No Shabbat	Chametz burning in the TBT parking lot Service - A Zissen Pesach to All	
Saturday April 16	6:00nm	Community 2nd Seder (S/H)	111,00

Saturday, April 16 6:00pm Community 2nd Seder (S/H) Torah Study \* 12:00pm Monday, April 18 Passover Yizkor Service \*\* Thursday, April 21 7:15pm Friday, April 22 10:30am Passover Festival Service & Yizkor \*\* Erev Shabbat Service (Holiday Weekend) \*\* 6:30pm

9:30am Torah Study \* Saturday, April 23 Torah Study \* Monday, April 25 12:00pm Wednesday, April 27 Yom HaShoah Commemoration with 7th Grade \*\* 7:15pm

Erev Shabbat Service with Sisterhood and Friday, April 29 7:15pm

Brotherhood (lyyun T'fillah) \*\*

Saturday, April 30 9:30am Torah Study \*

**May 2022** 

Monday, May 2 Torah Study \* 12:00pm Friday, May 6 TOT SHABBAT 5:30pm Family Shabbat Dinner 6:15pm

Family Shabbat Service with 4th Grade \*\* 7:15pm



#### INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI



Welcoming Our New Neighbors

The idea of neighborliness is inherent in Judaism. The most important of the commandments, according to the sage Rabbi Akiva, is to love our neighbors as ourselves, as we are taught in Leviticus. Jewish Law codifies the rules of building so that neighbors' dwellings allow for the appropriate balance of connection and privacy. We are taught to help our neighbors if they or their animals need, and to challenge our neighbors with reproof, if they need that. In short, our tradition understands that neighbors are a part of our daily lives, and therefore, gives us some direction for how to interact with them.

I have all of this in mind as I share with you exciting news about new neighbors for us here at TBT! You may have noticed that there has been some work going on at the small church that sits across Oakfield from TBT. Many trees have been cleared from the lot, and there have been workers inside the small facility. A few months ago, we heard rumors that a group had bought the church property but could not find any information about it.

Fast forward to the beginning of March when on Friday the 4th, our Executive Director Eileen and I noticed that there was some work going on at the building and decided this would be a good opportunity to go meet our new neighbors and introduce ourselves to them. Eileen and I went over with our cards hoping to shake a hand and learn who our new neighbors were. What we didn't expect, was that March 4 would be the first day that our new neighbors were coming together to pray in their brand-new mosque.

To say that the new mosque's members were moved by our presence is an understatement! What was to be a short hello blossomed into our being welcomed for their first ever prayer service as a new community. We were invited to introduce ourselves to the small number who had gathered, and shared brief remarks of welcome and salaam. On our way out, we were laden with gifts of food to take with us. They refused to let us go away empty handed! In return, we then delivered them a special *Shalach Manot* bag as is our custom at Purim.

The renovated interior is beautiful, with newly stained and polished wood, carpets that help line the members up for prayer in the appropriate direction, and golden models of sacred sites. Our new neighbors are Shia Muslim, primarily from Pakistan. This means that they are a minority in their own nation since Pakistan is majority Sunni Muslim. The differences in Muslim sects stem from ancient disagreements about who was to take over after the Prophet Muhammed's death. As we observed the small prayer gathering, we listened to the words of the Imam, their prayer leader, as he described Islam as being against violence and for peace.

Our neighbors were indeed touched that we made the effort to come by and say hello. They mentioned that they had hoped to stop by to say hello themselves, but that they had been so busy getting ready. Their desire to get their mosque ready makes sense looking at the calendar. This month, on April 2, we will welcome the new month of Nissan. In Exodus, God tells us Nissan shall be the first of the months, since it is in this month of Passover and therefore the month of redemption. This year, the Hebrew month of Nissan corresponds with Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting from sunrise to sunset and prayer. This means we will expect to see additional traffic to the mosque throughout April, especially on Fridays and after sunset. Both of our communities will be celebrating major holidays in April. Noting that Easter also falls in the midst of this month means that all the children of Abraham will be celebrating important moments of faith in short succession.

We are very excited to begin a little corner of co-existence here on the Bellmore/Wantagh border! We will look forward in the coming months to many more conversations about how our two communities can work together and share resources. We are hopeful that what began with a small gesture of neighborliness can grow into our two communities working together in many ways. We will never agree on everything, but complete agreement is never a prerequisite for being a good neighbor. What is? Kindness, compassion, empathy, and spreading God's peace.

May we have occasion to demonstrate all of these and more as we seek to foster a neighborly relationship between our two communities.

L'Shalom, Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



#### NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR



Pesach is around the corner (beginning Friday night, April 15<sup>th</sup>), and chances are that many of us are focused on planning the Seder meal, busy prepping our kitchens for a week of freedom from chametz, gathering recipes, shopping and stocking up on Passover pantry items. Haggadot are pulled off the shelf, and a beloved elder is lined up to lead the Seder. This year, we are especially excited that we can gather again, hopeful that our Covid plague has passed us over.

Traditions are handed down from generation to generation through the years. They help root us in our place in Jewish history. Gathering for the Seder meal and reading the Haggadah is a unique family tradition connecting

the generations. The Haggadah reminds us that we are to tell the story of the Exodus each year to our children.

Pesach is the only festival we celebrate around our own dinner tables instead of at Temple. However, here at TBT, we have wonderful opportunities to prepare, renew, and celebrate Pesach with our congregational family. As the pandemic seems to be retreating, and as we watch brave Ukrainians fight for their country, it is particularly significant to be able to gather and acknowledge some of the important themes of Pesach; rebirth, renewal, social justice, and especially the celebration of our freedoms.

In anticipation of our festival please consider joining us at Temple for our Sisterhood Women's Seder or Brotherhood Men's Seder on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. And then join us for the second night of Pesach for our Community Seder on Saturday, April 16<sup>st</sup>. RSVP deadlines are approaching so please look for our flyers to register.

During Religious School this month, our students will be learning both traditional and new songs for the Seder table. They will come home ready to participate and add to the Seder! I love helping our children deepen their Pesach experience by adding some of the many contemporary settings our movement offers.

As Pesach reminds us of the rebirth of our people and of the land, may our celebrations also be renewed with a modern telling of our redemption, inspiring the next generation and bringing new layers of tradition and meaning to our family celebrations.

Wishing you and yours a Chag Sameach!
Cantor Rica Timman



Simcha (Hebrew: שַׁמְחָה ; 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!!

WOULD YOU LIKE A
BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY,
TRAVEL, etc., BLESSING?

You can arrangement for a blessing for any Friday night.

Call the Temple office - 516.221.2370



#### MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAT MITZVAH AND HER FAMILY

# April 9 Hi! My soccer,

#### **Addison Gottlieb**

Adam & Lori

Hi! My name is Addison Gottlieb. I am a seventh grader at Wantagh Middle School. I love to dance, play soccer, lacrosse, and volleyball. In my free time I enjoy being with my friends and family.

A special thank you to Mrs. Baram for teaching me how to read Hebrew during the pandemic. I also want to thank Mrs. Altman, Mrs. Derwin, Cantor Timman, and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for all of their help preparing me for my Bat Mitzvah. I couldn't have done any of this without the support of my parents, my brother, Aaron and my sister. Alexa.

# Sternood A Part of the Circle of Life

#### Join Us For Our Annual Sisterhood Women's Seder and Dinner Welcoming All Moms, Daughters, Grandmothers



Tuesday, April 12, 2022, Doors Open at 6PM Seder begins promptly at 6:15PM in the Social Hall

- \$18 TBT Sisterhood members and daughters (age 9+)
- \$30 for Non-Sisterhood Temple Members
- \$35 for all other guests
- We Can Not Accommodate Walk-Ins
- All current Temple protocol must be followed

Contact Emily Altman at EmilyAltman19@gmail.com to RSVP or with any questions.

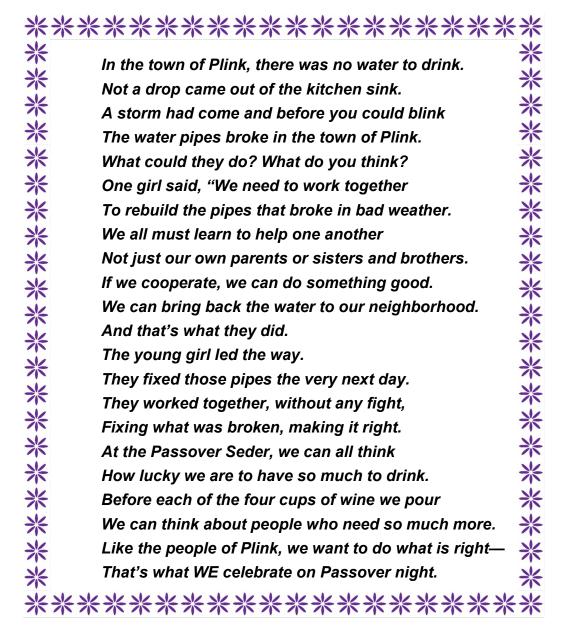




#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A little Passover story from the American Jewish World Service...



Wishing you, your family and friends a Passover with full cups, loved ones close by, continued traditions, and prayers for those who need it most. Here at TBT we have worked together making things right, maintaining our neighborhood. We will never be thirsty!

A Zissen Pesach to you all, Dee Greenberg, President



#### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

The Torah portions over the next few weeks, Tazria, Metsora, and Acharei Mot, spend a lot of time talking about rules and laws pertaining to those afflicted with disease. I don't know about you, but I am certainly tired of talking about diseases, quarantines, and who can and cannot be let back in the village. But I also notice that talking about diseases has become commonplace. We speak of COVID with a matter-of-fact tone, which is vastly different from how it began. We no longer shudder at the thought of it, heaven forbid someone find out you had it, or worse, spread it. But what is most important is the lesson of redemption. While we no longer perform sacrifices, there's something to be said about the separation from the ailment and to a return to normalcy.

I think about how the Torah has given me the tools to mark the day after the quarantine has been lifted. A more modern twist would be crossing the threshold of your own home and entering the supermarket, or, \*gasp\* the diner. And it's over. Like the offering of sacrifices, it's not mentioned again. You don't dwell on the affliction, you just go back to life as normal.

This month, we will all gather for Passover, something many of us have not done for 2 years. When you sit at your seder table, take a moment to realize that we have come out of the desert, we have crossed the Red Sea unscathed. Many of us have been afflicted, but we are all welcome back to the community.

I wish you a Zissen Pesach, a Passover filled with family, friends, food, and above all, a lack of disease.

L'Shalom,

Sheryl Gordon, Religious School Director

#### SISTERHOOD



April is a very busy month for Sisterhood! Please join us for the following:

The Women's Seder is on April 12. Doors open at 6 pm and the sedar begins at 6:15 pm in the Social Hall. Cost is \$18 per Sisterhood member and daughters (age 9+), \$30 for non-Sisterhood Temple members, \$35 for all other guests. RSVP with info and check by March 30. There will be an envelope in the Temple office. Please direct any questions to <a href="mailto:EmilyAltman19@gmail.com">EmilyAltman19@gmail.com</a>.

Book club is meeting via zoom on April 18 at 7:30 pm to discuss <u>The House in the Cerulean Sea</u>by TJ Klune. We hope you can join us.

We look forward to seeing you at the Sisterhood/Brotherhood service on April 29. We will have a guest speaker from Sharsheret talking about genetic cancers.

Sisterhood is also now accepting orders for Passover Flower Arrangements. Flowers will be provided by Petite Florist. All orders must be received by Monday, April 4. Please contact Ellie Dayton at <a href="mailto:edayton@totaltravelmgmt.com">edayton@totaltravelmgmt.com</a> or call 516-785-0466

Don't forget to sign up for the Mah Jongg Tournament in Memory of Gail Grossman by May 1! For more info, please contact Ellen Kraut 516-606-3677.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy Passover season. Yours in Sisterhood, Maryann





#### **BROTHERHOOD**



Hello my fellow congregants,

Let's start off by saying spring is around the corner. I can't wait to scrap my winter clothes.

I hope everyone enjoyed Rhonda Denet, the singer who joined the Brotherhood's ZOOM dinner on February 23rd. I heard from a lot of people, and they had a great time. Brotherhood had another Texas Hold-em tournament and all had a good time. The Brotherhood breakfast had a good turnout. The more people we get, the merrier it is.

Our Brotherhood dinner on March 23rd was a great success, and we had a nice turnout.

The Seder dinner will take place on April 12th with Rabbi Bar-Nahum officiating.

Sincerely,

Eric Altman

Brotherhood/Men's Club President





## CONGREGATION BREAKFAST by the BROTHERHOOD

The next best thing to "Breakfast in Bed"



#### Sunday, April 10th

NO WALK-INS - You must RSVP by Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> for this breakfast. Please indicate how many people will attend.

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 show vaccination proof and wear a mask.



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



#### Temple B'nai Torah of Wantagh

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TBT Mainstage Players presents

# The Wizard of Oz

#### PLAYBILL CONTRACT

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#### CHAI CLUB

We were so happy to see so many Zoom links filled for our March 28th joint Women's History month program with Sisterhood. We were entertained by Sally Drucker's portrayal of Emma Goldman, renowned lecturer on women's rights and social issues.

#### Chai Club Sponsored Community Second Seder, Saturday, April 16, 6:00pm

It's not too late to RSVP for the Community Second Seder. Tickets are only \$40 for adults and children 5-13, \$25, while under 5 are free. Cantor Timman will lead the Seder once again along with her beautiful, special Passover songs. The Seder will be catered by Alfie's Kosher Foods - East Meadow, complete with matzoh ball soup, gefilte fish, brisket, roasted chicken, sides and desserts. Call Amy Neidle 917-743-2575 or Brian Levy 516-459-4450 to RSVP.

#### Chai Club "Wizard of Oz" Dinner and Show, May 1, 2pm

Come to the *Wizard of Oz* show and enjoy a delightful Asian dinner at Kwong Ming in Wantagh at 6:30pm. (Separate dinner checks will be provided) Contact Jayne Krompier, **jturtle54@msn.com**, 516-850-8544, for dinner reservations. See flyer on page 13 for show ticket details.

#### Chai Club Mitzvah Day Project, Sunday, May 22, 10am

Last year, Chai Club led the congregation writing letters to the managers and associates of our local supermarkets thanking the stock personnel, check-out associates and managers for keeping our food supply in place during the height of the 2021 Covid pandemic. This year, working with Rona Kauffman's Social Action/Social Justice Committee, and our own Chai Club Chairperson, Iris Kelmenson, our letter writing campaign will be directed to the staff and educators of our local schools. Please forward us the principal's name and address of a school you feel should receive our thanks and we'll add it to our list. Send to Iris at kelmensoniris@aol.com

#### Chai Club Program, "The Betty White Story," Monday, May 23rd. 7:00pm

Mark your calendars for the enlightening Betty White life story. See the flyer in next month's issue. Thanks again,

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









#### Community Seder Second Night of Passover



Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy an Interactive Passover Seder led by

#### **Cantor Rica Timman**

#### Saturday, April 16th, 2022 at 6:00 pm

The Seder will have familiar passages and songs in both English and Hebrew. Families with children, singles, couples, seniors, and unaffiliated members of our community are all invited and welcome. The meal will be catered by Nassau Kosher Meats and will include matzah ball soup, brisket, chicken, salad, sides and desserts.

Reservations are required, by April 9th.

Questions? Call Amy at (516) 579-6311 or Brian at (516) 459-4450.

Proof of vaccination and other protocols may be required
as determined by then-current Covid-19 protocols

Sponsored by The Chai Club of Temple B'nai Torah
Mail this form and check, payable to TBT Chai Club, 2900 Jerusalem Ave, Wantagh, NY 11793

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#### **SOCIAL ACTION**





#### Social Action/Social Justice Committee

We wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Inspiring Passover! Passover incorporates many social action and social justice related themes. If you are interested in including some new ones in your observances this year, check out Reform Judaism's <a href="https://www.reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/passover/passover-social-action-guide">https://www.reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/passover/passover-social-action-guide</a>, HIAS' <a href="https://www.hias.org/passover">https://www.hias.org/passover</a> or American Jewish World Service's <a href="https://ajws.org/who-we-are/resources/holiday-resources/passover/global-justice-haggadah/">https://ajws.org/who-we-are/resources/holiday-resources/passover/global-justice-haggadah/</a> for ideas.

Last month we joined with congregations nationwide in observing **HIAS' National Refugee Shabbat**. Our clergy offered a family- friendly look at what it means to leave your home and have to resettle in a new country. It highlighted how welcoming the stranger can transform tragic experiences into ones of acceptance, security and hope. Thank you to all who planned the inspiring service and to all who participated. We also provided resources for our adult congregants who wanted to learn more about the challenges facing refugees and asylum seekers. We hope that you found some resources that were instructive, and that you were inspired to continue to learn about these issues and advocate for those who continue to be in great need. As of this writing, Afghan refugees, whose lives were in danger in Afghanistan, were still in the process of being resettled, and then Russia invaded Ukraine, leading to the rapid displacement over 1,000,000 people. We also did not know how or when this tragedy was going to end. Hopefully, by the time this article is read, there will be peace in Ukraine and people will have been able to return to their homes. If not, let us not forget that we too were once strangers, and find ways to assist and welcome those who come here seeking safety.

The theme for <u>Earth Day 2022 - April 22</u> is <u>Invest in Our Planet</u>. It will take a concerted effort on everyone's part - government, businesses and individuals - to do whatever we can to improve the state of our planet. RAC-NY (<a href="https://rac.org/take-action/rac-your-state/rac-ny">https://rac.org/take-action/rac-your-state/rac-ny</a> has recently launched its *Climate Covenant: A RAC-NY Campaign to Combat Climate Change*. They urge Reform Jews to join with others across lines of race, faith, and class in joint action to end our dependence on fossil fuels and stop climate change. TBT also has opportunities for you to participate in the effort to Invest in Our Planet. Purchase SA/SJ's reusable metal water bottles and help reduce the use of single use plastics, support TBT's efforts to install a water bottle filling station, purchase insulated bags from Sisterhood and reduce the need for of single use bags. Follow legislative initiatives and become involved in the decision making whenever possible. Invest your time and energy in the Garden at TBT and become a volunteer. Encourage your workplaces to take on more environmentally sustainable and responsible practices. Visit <a href="https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2022/">https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2022/</a> for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE! Mitzvah Day is Sunday, May 22**. As of this writing, things are looking good for an in-person Mitzvah Day. We will have some "old favorite" activities as well as some new ones, so please clear your calendars to allow you to be with us and to participate in this celebration of the year-long work we do at TBT in the service of Tikkun Olam.

Other ongoing social action activities at TBT: Sisterhood's sanitary supplies for women, Brotherhood's eyeglass collection (Lion's club) and personal care items (Adopt-A-Battalion); Chai Club's continuing kosher food collection for the kosher pantry at Congregation Beth Ohr (all non-kosher food received will be distributed to local food pantries), SA/SJ collection of magazines and puzzles for the residents of the Meadowbrook Care Center.

Your input is always welcome and there is an open invitation to join the Social Action/Social Justice committee. Our next SA/SJ meeting is **April 19** at **7-9pm.** For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, TEVA, or any of our projects contact Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com.

# The TBT Mainstage Players Present...



# The Wizard of Oz

#### **Ticket Reservation Form**

Indicate below, the number of tickets needed. Please enclose a check payable to *Temple B'nai Torah* and mail to:

2900 Jerusalem Ave, Wantagh, NY 11793 Attn: Show Tickets
For information, email Lisa Shubin at mainstageplayers@tbtwantagh.org
or call the Temple Office (516) 221-2370.

Enclosed is my c	heck in the a	amount of \$ _		_for tickets indicate	ed below.
Saturday,	April 30th	8:00 PM		adults: seniors (over 62) 13 & under:	14 each
Sunday,	May 1st	3:00 PM		adults: seniors (over 62) 13 & under:	14 each
Saturday,	May 7th	8:00 PM		adults: seniors (over 62) 13 & under:	14 each
Sunday,	May 8th	3:00 PM	<u></u>	adults: seniors (over 62) 13 & under:	
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#### PTA UPDATES



Hello from the PTA! By Rachel Minkowsky

Spring has sprung!

The TBT PTA is still here for everyone, too. Our PTA exists to support the Hebrew school teaching staff and all our students. It's a place to meet other families like yours, ask questions, and learn new things. Membership is critical to our continued success. All proceeds go directly to programming and materials for all our religious school children. Get involved today! Our Zoom meeting links are posted in the temple calendar and on Facebook.

Our in-person Family Bingo event was a huge hit! Attendees had a lot of fun. Thank you to Wendy Shatz and committee for your dedication and hard work!

Stay tuned for Mitzvah Day flyers! The PTA has several ways to help get involved with meaningful causes. We look forward to celebrating together!

#### YOUTH GROUP



Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Mark Derwin, and I am the new Youth Director. Over the past years, I have been the advisor at Temple Isaiah of Stony Brook, Temple Emanu-El of East Meadow and Temple Beth Am of Merrick. I was very active in NFTY / LIFTY and spent many summers at Eisner Camp. I am so excited to be part of the Temple B'nai Torah family.

Temple B'nai Torah has three amazing Youth Groups:

BNTY - for grades 9 – 12, led by President Sam Darr

BNTY Jr - for grades 7 – 8 MNTY - for grades 5 -6

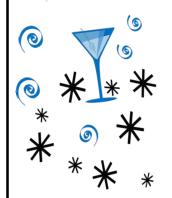
I've set up email lists for each group. If you are not getting emails from me, please send me a note at <a href="MDerwin@TBTWantagh.org">MDerwin@TBTWantagh.org</a>
Besides email, monthly events are posted on the bulletin board outside the school office and on the TBT Youth Activities Facebook page.

March was a very busy month with both the Purim carnival and BNTY Shabbat. The kids that ran these events are amazing and full of energy. I also want to thank the members of BNTY Jr that helped with setting up and running the carnival.

My goal is to encourage all eligible Temple members to come to youth group meetings. If you have an idea for a meeting or an event, just let me know. I look forward to getting to know you all.

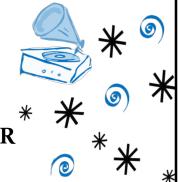
Thank You,

Mark Derwin Youth Director



# A DINNER DANCE CELEBRATION

HONORING
RITA & HARVEY DRUCKER
JOAN & BRIAN LEVY



Celebrate with your TBT Family and help us honor these dedicated couples

May 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm \$60 per person

Help support our Temple Family with a donation to our Scroll of Honor, whether you can join us for this wonderful evening or are unable to be with us.

Adam & Eve \$1800 Jacob & Rachel \$360 Moses & Tzipporah \$118

Abraham & Sarah \$1000 Jacob & Leah \$250 David & Jonathan \$72

Isaac & Rebecca \$540 Amram & Yocheved \$180 Ruth & Naomi \$36

If you haven't received your invitation yet, please contact
Sharon & Ben Cernese - (516) 322-8126 - <a href="mailto:bencernese@gmail.com">bencernese@gmail.com</a>

We look forward to celebrating with you!









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 April Spotlight Interview, we present...

#### Rona and Bob Kauffman

When you open your copy of The TBT VOICE or mailed flyers from Temple, you will inevitably see a page full of information and updates from the Social Action/Social Justice Committee (SA/SJ), headed by Rona Kauffman. You might be learning about upcoming collections for food, clothing or school supplies, Civic Engagement information or updates from the League of Woman Voters. Have you visited the TBT Garden? Bringing a giving garden to TBT was the vision of Rona, her husband Bob, members of BNTY and Rabbi Bar-Nahum. Rabbi has provided a great deal of inspiration, guidance and support to all SA/SJ projects.

Rona and Bob met at Queens College in the Psychology Lab. Bob came to the lab to visit his friend while Rona and her group ran learning experiments. Bob graduated with a degree in English, becoming an English teacher. He later earned a degree at Adelphi as a Reading Teacher. Rona graduated with a degree in Psychology and continued her education at Queens College, earning a Master's Degree in School Psychology. She then completed her Doctoral Degree in Counseling Psychology at NYU. Rona worked for 40 years at The Lowell High School in Flushing, a non-profit special education high school providing educational and support services to special needs students. Bob worked for 40 years for the Board of Education at Jamaica Queens' GED High School program. Both Rona and Bob are now retired. After 42 years of marriage, happiness for them is being together, taking long quiet walks, getting out on a quiet lake in their canoes and enjoying the great outdoors.

Rona and Bob joined Temple Emanu-El when their son, Michael, was in first grade. They felt it was important for their son to be in Hebrew School, being one of just a few Jewish children at his public school. They both wanted their son to have a Jewish education. Rona had worked with Helen Green (of blessed memory) who encouraged Rona to Join TEEM. Before they were married, they both were members of different synagogues.

Rona and Bob became involved with TEEM's show production when their son, Michael, joined the cast. They both appreciated the show for its "intergenerational experience" and feel that the Temple show "helped raise Michael." Rona and Bob got involved behind the scenes, Bob helping with building sets and "doing whatever was needed." Michael is now the Technical Director at the Argyle Theater in Babylon and teaches Theater Tech at a local college. His interest was sparked by his theatre experiences at Temple Emanu-El and Bard College.

Rona joined TEEM's Sisterhood and served on the Sisterhood Board. She later served on the Sisterhood and Temple Nominating committees as well as on the Temple Board. Bob stayed in the "background" but continued to help in any way he could. Rona became involved with Social Action at TEEM and after a few years, became the Co-Chair of the committee. Her commitment has never faltered.

Rona had decided that she wanted to become an adult Bat Mitzvah. She completed her studies and read Torah at her B'nai Mitzvah on 01/02/2010, along with a group of 12 others.

Bob enjoys cycling, riding up to 3 times a week, and between 30-100 miles each time he goes out! For the past 10 years, Bob has volunteered his time with the Long Island Greenbelt helping to maintain walking paths which stretch from the Massapequa Preserves to Cold Spring Harbor.

The Garden at TBT is a work of love and commitment for both Rona and Bob, which, they point out, could not exist without its faithful garden volunteers and "garden guru" Susan Salem. The Garden started with Rabbi Bar-Nahum's Lifelong Learning Course focusing on an interfaith exploration of scripture. This course was co-taught by Father Mark Genzler, then of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Bellmore. A successful community vegetable garden was thriving at his church. At that time, the SA/SJ Committee was looking for an activity for Mitzvah Day and



Sukkot. Father Mark suggested they check out St. Francis' Garden. Not only did they get to arrange the SA/SJ activities, Rona and Bob became volunteers for the garden and worked there for over a year. When it became possible to start the Garden at TBT, Susan Salem and other St. Francis volunteers offered to help with the layout and implementation to get the Garden up and running. The volunteers have now been with the Garden for over two years, maintaining and improving it. Rona and Bob are always learning and the more they learn, the more they want to do for the Garden at TBT. This year, the Garden grew 975 pounds of produce. In total, 1,819 pounds of produce were donated with TBT's crops and a TBT partnership with Restoration Farm, an organic farm in Old Bethpage.

Besides their work at the Garden, Rona and Bob traveled to the border of Mexico in February 2020, to assist with asylum seeking immigrants. They traveled with a friend Martha "Marti" Michael and Rabbi Bar-Nahum. Their aim was to welcome strangers and to treat people in a humane way. They also went to bear witness to what was taking place and not just what was seen on television, to provide humanitarian aid to asylum seekers in the tent city, prepare food with World Kitchen and bring donated school supplies to children in the camps. The people being helped were inspiring. Both Rona and Bob shared that this was a truly profound, moving and uplifting experience. Rona felt that this volunteer trip was so important on so many levels. This trip, Rona shared, "really changed us."

Rona and Bob support "Grannies Respond," a grass roots organization which assists asylum seekers. This group meets the buses and provides the immigrants with much needed supplies as they travel to meet up with their sponsors at their new locations. The Kauffmans also support Team Brownsville, which is the organization they volunteered with at the Texas-Mexican border.

Rona and Bob volunteer at WFUV (the Voice of Fordham University radio station) and they enjoy attending folk festivals and jazz concerts. Continuing to learn and caring about others is what makes Rona and Bob who they are.

Temple provides Rona and Bob with a strong feeling of community. They both feel that there is a certain sense of "feeling at home and welcome." Through their SA/SJ Committee, Rona and Bob have experienced people working together for a purpose and a willingness to get things done in the Garden. Both Rona and Bob credit each other for their roles in getting the Garden up and running. Rona, with doing research and planning, and Bob with implementing Rona's visions. In this Garden, there is a sense of working together among members of all three Legacy congregations, with a true sense of "oneness." The local Boy Scouts are also very helpful in working with the committee to build, schlep and assist.

Rona and Bob's shared interests include hiking and kayaking on quiet waters, both locally and upstate and throughout the country. They enjoy canoeing in their lightweight canoes, explaining that being on the calm water is somewhat of a spiritual experience for them both. They have traveled to Israel with a group of congregants and the clergy from Temple Emanu-El, and have traveled throughout Europe, living on a houseboat with Rona's sister and brother-in-law, as well as boating along English canals. They have traveled back roads in Scotland, Italy, Peru, and experienced a 10-day musical tour through Ireland's pubs and hotels!

Their calm, gentle ways, they both explained, come from their parents with such advice as, "You get more flies with honey than vinegar," and "Don't do anything to anyone you would not want done to you." Aside from their shared love of travel, Bob loves working at his computer and Rona loves reading and, of course, their work at the Garden.

Rona and Bob bring calm, caring, community commitment, learning and sharing to a whole different and positive level.

Interviewed by Jayne Krompier







#### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



March was a busy month for Circle of Friends. We played Military Bridge – at the Temple – finally! A sizable group from our club had dinner and a very good time.

Circle of Friends We also celebrated our membership with a luncheon at Wantagh Inn. Many thanks to Yolanda & Ira Friedman for all your hard work, and to Fran & Al

Woods for the great karaoke.

In April, Circle of Friends will be joining the Chai Club at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Seder led by Cantor Timman on April 16. The next week we will join the entire congregation at the annual Temple Square Dance. Hope to see you there!

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:

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#### 13 Drivers' Licenses Exhibition

On May 9th, we welcome a speaker from the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center of Westchester. The exhibit will remain on premises throughout the week for additional viewing.



Come join us as Lisa Salko, a descendant of the Marx and Oppenheimer families, discusses some of these thirteen families and stories.

#### Walk through the exhibit:

May 9th from 4:30 pm until Lisa's presentation, at 7:30 pm

May 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 3:00 pm May 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 - 7:30 pm

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Greeting Cards and Bags of Cheer - for Homebound Seniors Birthday in a Box - for children in need

Letters of Gratitude - for Local Educators

Dignity Bags - create personal care bags for women in need

Postcarding - an exercise in Civic Engagement - Details to follow

**Remembrance Stones** - create one of a kind remembrance stones



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New and gently used books for The Book Fairies - details to follow Pet supplies for local Animal Shelters - details to follow



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**Cantor Emerita:** 

**Cantor Ellen Weinberg** 

#### **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 multigenerational home in our region by staying connected to our roots, as well as offering spiritual enrichment, Jewish education and community engagement.



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# Candle Lighting April 2022



April 1 April 8 April 15 April 22	7:03 pm 7:10 pm 7:17 pm 7:25 pm	
April 29	7:32 pm	

May the light fill your soul with love & peace!

Shabbat Shalom!

HELP WANTED

Be a part of the MAGIC of *The Wizard of Oz*!!

Help is needed in the following areas

for our Spring Musical at TBT:

Volunteer for as much or as little time as you'd like.

Scenery \* Make-UpCostumes \* Lighting

\* Painting \* Sound

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