



# The TBT VOICE





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Join us on May 21, 2022, at our Dinner Dance Celebration Honoring Rita & Harvey Drucker Joan & Brian Levy



# RITUAL CALENDAR

# **May 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!



Monday, May 2	12:00pm	Torah Study * FAMILY TOT SHABBAT
Friday, May 6	5:30pm	TOT SHABBAT
	6:15pm	Family Shabbat Dinner
	7:15pm	Family Shabbat Service with 4th Grade **
Saturday, May 7	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, May 9	12:00pm	Torah Study * Movin Up!
Friday, May 13	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service & 7th Grade Moving Up  Ceremony (lyyun T'fillah) **
Saturday, May 14	9:30am	Torah Study *
	10:30am	Shabbat Service B'nai Mitzvah of Rachel Hellman & Elias Katz **
Monday, May 16	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Thursday, May 19		Lag BaOmer B'nai Mitzvah!
Friday, May 20	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat HS Graduation Service (Iyyun T'fillah) **
Saturday, May 21	9:30am	Torah Study *
Sunday, May 22	Mitzvah Day	
Monday, May 23	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, May 27	6:30pm	Shabbat Service and Aufruf of Louis Pollenz & Kayla McGrath **
Saturday, May 28	9:30am	Torah Study *
<b>June 2022</b>		March Tour

TOT SHABBAT Friday, June 3 5:30pm Family Shabbat Dinner 6:15pm Family Shabbat Service (Spirit Shabbat) \*\* 7:15pm Torah Study \* Saturday, June 4 9:30am 7:15pm Erev Shavuot Confirmation Service (Iyyun T'fillah) \*\*

KEY: \* = on Zoom \*\* = at TBT & Streamed (details on Scroll & Website)

# =To Be Determined Always check the TBT Website\Calendar for the most up-to-date information.



# INSPIRATION FROM OUR RABBI

The month of May on our calendars is an opportunity for us to highlight so many of the various aspects of what's going on in our congregation; and we're bustling! Here's some highlights of what's coming up this month, so mark your calendars and plan to join us for these important events!

In terms of our Religious School, the month of May marks the end of our year of formal learning. This is why we will be highlighting two of our classes at special services to celebrate milestones.

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, we honor our 12<sup>th</sup>-graders at our annual Graduation Ceremony. This is always a powerful service, as we hear from our most dedicated students about the ways that TBT has made an impact on them and what they plan to carry with them as they emerge into early adulthood. I'm especially excited that we'll be able to celebrate these students in this way this year. As you can imagine, these students missed out on a lot over the last couple of years of the pandemic, and yet they remained committed to our community and their Jewish Education. These students are deserving of our praise and worthy of our emulation! I hope that you will plan to join us for this special service.

Earlier in the month, on May 6 at 7:15pm, we'll welcome our 4<sup>th</sup>-graders to share a little bit about what they've learned about Israel with us from the Bima at a special Israel-themed family Shabbat. Then, the following week, on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm, we honor our 7<sup>th</sup>-graders in their Moving Up Ceremony, which helps to transition them to our High School program. We will celebrate this transition with prayer and blessing.

On Saturday, May 21, we'll join together to honor two important couples in our congregation - Harvey and Rita Drucker and Brian and Joan Levy, at our Temple Gala. This is an important event for us, not only because we get to honor members who have dedicated themselves to our community, it's important because it gives us all a chance to show our dedication to our congregation by honoring the Levys and the Druckers with a donation to the Temple. Fundraising events like this help us to ensure that we can continue to provide the excellent programming, events, learning and worship that we do. Your tzedakah helps us to keep TBT solvent and able to be the community you want us to be for you.

This month also marks our annual Mitzvah Day. We're excited to be mostly back in person, and we know that on Sunday, May 22, the Temple will be rocking with many opportunities to participate in, making our Temple and our corner of the world better. While we hope that we are all doing the work of *tikkun olam*; repairing the world as often as possible, we are excited to have this opportunity to do so as a community. Thanks to our Social Action/Social Justice committee for planning such great activities and opportunities for us to help so many in such varied and different ways! I'm excited to participate, and I hope to see you there.

Finally, May will be when the work of our Garden really gets underway. Volunteers will be working to ensure that our congregation continues to grow and donate healthy, organic produce to those in need in our community. I'm looking forward to being out with them this spring and summer when I can, and I hope you'll consider joining so as well.

With so many important events going on, it feels like you could spend all month here with us at TBT! We know that we're just one part of your very busy schedules, but I do hope that these important moments will make their way onto your family calendar so that you can join us and celebrate all the wonderful ways we honor and celebrate our community, and the ways we work to make it better!

Wishing you May flowers! L'Shalom, Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



# **NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR**



Music has an extraordinary way of enhancing our experiences, deepening our prayers, and feeding our souls. Here, at Temple B'nai Torah we pride ourselves in offering a beautiful musical tapestry of programming with the help of our talented volunteer choirs, instrumental ensembles, and guest artists all under the direction of our Music Director, Dr. Anna Vinnitsky and myself.

In recent years, we have enjoyed guest artists comprising of world-class virtuosos including: New York Philharmonic clarinetist Pavel Vinnitsky, Klezmer and Jazz saxaphonist Marty Laskin, Jazz violinist Joe Deninzon, pianist James Rensink, and cellist Ann Kim. It has been a few years since we have hosted an Artist-

in-Residence weekend; so, I am excited to announce that this next year, we are looking forward to welcoming award-winning singer/songwriter Ellen Allard to TBT. Ellen was originally scheduled to be with us just as the pandemic hit, back in 2020, and we are delighted that she will now be joining us as our Artist-in-Residence this next February during *Shabbat Shira*, the Sabbath of Song.

Truth be told, our musical ensembles have been mostly dormant for the past couple of years due to Covid restrictions. Now we are very hopeful that we can begin to bring back some, if not all, our musical programming this next year. I know that this fall our children will be biting at the bit to sing together again at Family services in our awesome B'nai Shir Youth Choir. Our Adult Choir is looking forward to helping us with the magnificent music of the High Holy Days and beyond. Our rocking Shabbatones Band looks forward to returning to Family services. Our TBT Ensemble will join us for a Simchat Torah Festival service filled with *ruach* (spirit) and celebration. In addition, to welcoming Ellen Allard next winter, we also look forward, as always, to planning musical guest artists to enhance our High Holy Days, Simchat Torah, and Shabbat services.

Of course, we cannot dream big without you! All our musical programming at TBT is supported by the Music Fund in memory of Cantor Walter Lewis. Our Music Fund is exclusively funded from donations of all sizes. If you would like to help support our ensembles and grow and sustain our musical programming, please consider making a donation to the Music Fund. We really look forward to shaking off the past two years of pandemic restrictions and bringing back our volunteer ensembles and guest artists, beginning to once again enjoy the beautiful tapestry of music at TBT!

B'Shira (In Song), Cantor Rica Timman

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!!

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 B'NAI MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES



### May 14 Rachel Hellman Zane & Ilene

My name is Rachel Hellman, and I am a seventh grader at Berner Middle School in Massapequa. I enjoy cheerleading for the Massapequa Mustangs, playing basketball with my brother and shopping and hanging out with my friends. I love helping animals and hope to be a veterinarian one day. Thank you to Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman and Morah Emily Altman for helping me prepare for this special day. I also wish to thank Mrs. Derwin and all my religious school teachers through the years.



# May 14 Elias Katz Evan & Jessica

My name is Elias Katz, and I'm a seventh grader at Grand Avenue Middle School. I enjoy coding, video games, and playing trombone in the school band. I earned my second-degree black belt in Taekwondo. For one of my Bar Mitzvah projects, I have been collecting donations for the cats at Last Hope Animal Shelter. I chose this shelter since three of my four cats were adopted from there. Thank you to Morah Emily, Cantor Timman, and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for helping me prepare for my special day.

#### **OUR GRADUATES**

(not pictured - Emma Cullen)



Ashley Altman, Emma Cullen, Samantha Darr, Daniel Ferrara Hannah Herman, Branden Sattler, Daniel Kussman

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

I have been sitting in front of my computer trying to figure out how to begin this article and how to convey my message to you. What is my message – well, it's about a budget that we will be voting on at our Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, May 31st. So, I communicate to you some of what I have learned and hope I can help you understand what this temple needs.

First and foremost we must all appreciate the fact that our annual dues have not been raised in four years. When the merger occurred dues were not only reduced, but then frozen for three years. Taking into

consideration the hardships that so many were experiencing during the pandemic, we decided to freeze dues for one more year. As our Membership Committee so eloquently put it – this was a "thank you" for sticking with us through the pandemic.

Here's the question though – has the cost of living gone up in four years? We all know the answer to that. Well, Temple B'nai Torah is our home away from home. Our costs have gone up, and we need to realize what it takes to maintain our home and preserve the high standards of teaching, learning and worshipping that we pride ourselves in. We have been told many times that our expenses are in line with where they should be for a congregation our size. The problem is with our income. We lost a tremendous amount of income when we had to close Bingo. We are hoping for a comeback but it is slow.

Our dues cover only a portion of our expenses, it takes more than dues to run our temple. Did you know that the average tuition for each Religious School student is \$620 and yet the cost of educating each student is \$1320? Our temple budget is subsidizing the rest. Will you understand if the budget reflects a raise in fees? Will you heed the call during the coming year when we share the different ways that we can all give back such as purchasing leaves on our beautiful Tree of Life, making contributions to our General Fund, purchasing Memorial Plaques, and adding Bricks to our front walk? Giving beyond dues.

The Board of Trustees along with their committees are going to do whatever they can to do more with less and to creatively bring revenue into Temple and try to take a bit of the pressure off of you. Let's rent out our Social Hall for events. It's a great room and Sisterhood can cater, which helps them continue to support Temple financially. Let's all think outside the box for ways to innovatively bring income into temple.

We have already made the commitment to TBT by being current members. We're in it for the long haul. We love each other, we love seeing each other, we love working side by side, our children thrive here, and yes, we love kvetching to each other. We need to come to the realization that our dues are going to be raised. This is necessary to sustain us. There will be input from our Membership Committee as well as Finance. Our Long Term Planning Committee is also looking at our future. The Board of Trustees will discuss, debate and swap opinions. This will ultimately lead to a budget that we will present to you for your approval. Months of research, looking at dues of surrounding temples, as well as salaries and Religious School costs, have been carefully studied. I cannot say enough about our Finance Committee who have left no stone unturned.

Let's once again, come together as a family and say YES to our future.

Thank you! Dee Greenberg, President

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP

If there has been a death in your family of which Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman should be aware, or if there is the need for a hospital visit for a Temple member, do not assume that "they know" without you having informed the Office.

Please call the Office at 516-221-2370 and provide us with the information so we can keep them informed.



## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**



Sheryl Gordon, Religious School Director

At our last family services, the third graders learn their Aleph-Bet.



# **SISTERHOOD**



May is here and with it comes all the beautiful garden blooms and Sisterhood events!

Sisterhood is having their annual Mother's Day sale in the lobby during Religious School on May 1. Many items are available. Please remember to send your student in with some money.

The Sisterhood end-of-year dinner is scheduled for May 10. It will be live and in-person in the Social Hall! Please rsvp and attend this wonderful end-of-year event.

Finally, Sisterhood will be at Mitzvah Day. Stop by our table and help us fill Dignity Bags.

Yours in Sisterhood, Maryann





## **BROTHERHOOD**



Fellow Congregants,

Let me start by saying spring is officially here, and we can all start off by taking a nice walk around the block, school track, park or beach and breathe in that fresh air. Baseball is back on track. Let's go Mets and Yankees. The Brotherhood softball is back in action; good luck men. If you are interested, please contact me to join the team and also become a member of the Brotherhood.

Hopefully everybody had a nice Passover. Thank you Rabbi Bar-Nahum for doing a wonderful job leading the Brotherhood Seder. We look forward to next year.

How does it feel to go into Temple not wearing a mask? It is great, and you can actually see the faces of people you are talking to. Let's all keep praying that Covid does not come back and stays dormant for a very long time.

Also, the Brotherhood breakfasts are terrific. Come down and have a nice breakfast and speak to your fellow congregants

Sincerely,

Eric Altman

Brotherhood/Men's Club President





# CONGREGATION BREAKFAST by the BROTHERHOOD

The next best thing to "Breakfast in Bed"



# Sunday, May 1st & May 15th

NO WALK-INS - You must RSVP by Thursday, April 28th for the May 1st breakfast and RSVP by May 12th for the May 15th 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.

#### PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR RSVP to LES RICHARDS AT:

lesrichards@verizon.net

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

# 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.

Sa	iturday,	April 30th	8:00 PM		adults: seniors (over 62)	
					13 & under:	
Sı	ınday,	May 1st	3:00 PM		adults:	\$18 each
					seniors (over 62)	14 each
					13 & under:	
Sa	iturday,	May 7th	8:00 PM		adults:	\$18 each
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Sı	ınday,	May 8th	3:00 PM		adults:	\$18 each
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# CHAI CLUB



A warm thank you to Cantor Timman and Choir Director Anna Vinnitsky who lead our Chai Club Sponsored Community Second Seder, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Over 65 participants including 10 members from the Hofstra Hillel, enjoyed the Seder and Cantor Timman's beautiful Passover songs. Special thanks to Co-Chair Amy Neidle, along with committee members, Jay Schoenberg, Tessa Kean, Rita Hofer, Sarita Keyser and Shelly Spivack, who assisted.

#### Chai Club Wizard of Oz Dinner and Show, May 1, 3pm

Come to the *Wizard of Oz* show and enjoy a delightful Asian dinner at Kwong Ming in Wantagh at 6:30. (Separate dinner checks will be provided) Contact Brian for dinner reservations. See flyer on page 9 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 ZOOM Program, "The Betty White Story", Monday, May 23rd. 7:00pm

Mark your calendars for the enlightening Betty White life story. See the flyer in in the TBT Scroll.

Thanks again,

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



#### HOUSING COMMITTEE

Is asking for Volunteers on Mitzvah Day May 22, 2022

from 9 am to 1 pm

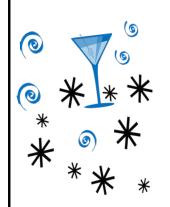
Help spruce up the outside of our temple lawn and parking lot. Bring your rakes, gardening gloves, and a water bottle.

Contact Jayne Krompier at 516-850-8544

Or

Email <u>Jturtle54@msn.com</u> with your availability to help





# 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!







## PTA UPDATES



Hello from the PTA! By Rachel Minkowsky

Happy spring! We hope you all had a lovely Passover!

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

Mitzvah Day is almost here. On May 22, all congregants will have opportunities to participate in multiple mitzvot. Books will be collected for Book Fairies. Families will also have an opportunity to paint "remembrance rocks" for TBT's memorial garden.

#### **FAMILY BINGO**





















# YOUTH GROUP



These past few months have been a blur! We did so much in March. The Youth Group, with the help of the Youth Committee, Brotherhood and Sisterhood, ran a tremendously successful Purim carnival. About 150 kids played games, had their faces painted and ran through the obstacle course. The little kids, and the big ones had an amazing time! Also, a group of 20 kids (along with a couple of adults) played Q-Zar in Carle Place. Hours of laser tag and video games. So much fun. BNTY even had their Youth Group Shabbat, led by Eliza Levitt. We ended the month by making ice cream from scratch, led by Hannah Herman.

You would think it would be quieter in April, but no! We had over thirty members attend a chocolate seder. Everything on the traditional seder plate is replaced with chocolate, except the charoset which is replaced by marshmallows. We ended that meeting with a raucous sing down.

There is so much more to come before the year ends in June. If these activities sound like fun, and you are in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade you should come to Youth Group meetings. Monthly events are always posted on the bulletin board on the school wing and posted on the TBT Youth Activities Facebook group. You could also send me a note at <a href="MDerwin@TBTWantagh.org">MDerwin@TBTWantagh.org</a>.

Sincerely,

Mark Derwin







On March 26<sup>th</sup>, we had a wonderful fundraising event – **The Mentalist.** This was our first inperson event since COVID, and it was great for all to be able to be together. Everyone in attendance had a great time and were amazed by his performance.

Thank you to our Sub-Committee, Jayne Krompier, Joyce Star, Joyce Rappaport, Ronni Fauci, Jan Friedman, Caryn Suckle, Nadine Salzman, Beverly Diamond and Lisa Shubin who worked so hard to make this event so successful.

Thank you as well to Pat's Farms, who was so generous and donated all of the fruit and vegetables, and also to those who baked the delicious desserts for the event.

~ Fundraising Committee

# MITZVAH DAY IS HERE!!! SUNDAY MAY 22, 2022 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Mitzvah Day provides opportunities for congregants of ALL AGES to participate in a day of caring and service. Activities designed and supervised by the Social Action/ Social Justice Committee, Sisterhood, PTA, Brotherhood/Men's Club, Chai Club, Circle of Friends, BNTY and others! Come join us and be part of the "action" in Social Action!

#### **Activities**

**No-Sew Fleece Blankets –** Create beautiful, cozy blankets to be donated to clients of **Bethany House**.

"To Go" Bags – Decorate paper lunch bags and pack with snacks, and needed items for the clients of the INN.

Bags of Cheer and Greeting Cards for homebound seniors of the FCA's (Family & Children Association) Friendly Visitors Service.

Letters of Gratitude – Write letters of thanks and support to our educational professionals.

**Grocery Sorting –** Organize and box non-perishable foods for **Island Harvest** and the Congregation Beth Ohr Kosher Food Pantry.

**Birthday-in-a-Box** - Everything needed for a birthday celebration for children in **FCA** high-risk programs.

Remembrance Stones - Decorate stones in memory of loved ones.

**Dignity Bags** - Create "gift packages" of personal care items for women in need.

Flowerpot planting - plant flowers for residents of the Arbors Senior Care Center.

**Advocacy Table –** Learn about and participate in the RAC (Religious Action Center)-NYs Climate Covenant Campaign;

- Email elected officials; send Get Out the Vote Post Cards.
- Voter registration will be available with the **League of Women Voters**.
- Learn about the status of Afghan and Ukrainian resettlement in the area

**Car Wash –** Bring your car in for a cleaning. All proceeds will be donated to a **TBD** charity.

#### **Collections:**

Things to bring on Mitzvah Day

**Books** for **The Book Fairies** - new or gently used books and no books older than 20 years please. **Non-perishable food** - for Island Harvest.

Animal Care Supplies - Use this link to learn what items are being requested Pet Supply Collection!

#### Your Enthusiasm!

#### Items for Sale on Mitzvah Day at the SA/SJ Table

Re-usable water-bottles (SA/SJ), Insulated tote bags (Sisterhood), Note Cards from the Garden (Garden).

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## **OUR COMMUNITY**

#### **MITZVAH DAY Continues!**

#### **Off Site Afternoon Activities**

**South Shore Estuary Reserve Beach Clean Up –** Learn about the threats to our waterways and do your part to keep the garbage from harming marine life. Open to all ages – children must be accompanied by adult. 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Preregistration suggested for planning purposes:

Contact Carol Drucker <a href="mailto:cdrucker22@gmail.com">cdrucker22@gmail.com</a>

Ronald McDonald House Dinner - will again be prepared and delivered by Joe's Pizzeria see flyer for details on how you can support this event.

TBT's theater company will perform a review of The Wizard of Oz for the residents of a local senior care center,

TBD (open to show actors only) TBD

The SOBees will perform for a local assisted living center TBD

#### MITZVAH DAY ITEMS NEEDED

Although we will provide most of the Mitzvah Day supplies, we would be grateful for donations of the following items to help complete some of the activities planned for Mitzvah Day:

<u>Bags of Cheer and Greeting Cards</u>: Blank birthday, thank you, get well, sympathy, thinking of you cards, hand cream, hair clips, costume jewelry (bracelets or necklaces), men's hairbrushes, combs, individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste.

Dignity Bags: Individually wrapped sanitary pads, tampons, panty liners, wipes

<u>Birthday in a Box</u>: Cake mixes (no egg required please), box of frosting (the kind that needs no refrigeration), birthday candles, party decoration, party themed paper goods and perhaps a small stuffed animal, toy, journal or art supplies.

Please bring these items to the collection box in the TBT lobby throughout the month of May.

Questions about Mitzvah Day? contact: Rona at: ronakauffman@yahoo.com



# **SOCIAL ACTION**

# Social Action/Social Justice Committee

<u>Mitzvah Day is finally here!!!</u> As of this writing, Mitzvah Day 2022 will be an in-person, indoor event! We have activities for all ages and abilities planned, so please join us. Celebrate another year of working on behalf of Tikkun Olam and enjoy the camaraderie of working together to help make others' lives a little better. There are details in this issue of the Voice. Consider donating some of the items needed to complete our projects or making a monetary contribution to offset the cost of the items purchased.

Representatives from the League of Women Voters will once again be with us on Mitzvah Day to assist with new voter registration and to answer any questions you may have about voting; the re-districting process, absentee ballots, etc.

The RAC-NY, the arm of the Religious Action Center that focuses on issues of importance to New York State and Reform Jewish values, has launched its Climate Covenant Campaign, a multi-year effort to address climate change issues and advocate for NY legislation that can help reach responsible climate goals.

Those who are interested in learning more about the campaign and participating in it will have many opportunities over the next few years, beginning with an opportunity to voice your concerns directly to elected officials through simple emailing during Mitzvah Day. Stay tuned for further information.

Speaking of environmental concerns, we are so happy that TBT will be providing us all with the opportunity to save hundreds of single use plastic water bottles from being put into landfills through the use of a new water-bottle filling station. Refillable TBT water bottles can be purchased to further help you reduce your plastic consumption and protect our environment.

Over the past week we had our first Fast and Furious Flash Used Shoe Collection. Even though we only had a week, many, many pairs of unwanted, used shoes, boots and sneakers were saved from the landfill and will soon be on their way to having their component parts recycled or refurbished for thrift sales. Thank you for your participation!

<u>The Garden at TBT:</u> Come visit and see what's "up" at the garden. Consider joining our wonderful group of garden volunteers. There are tasks for *all* ages and abilities!

<u>Ukraine Relief:</u> SA/SJ has made several donations to organizations providing help to the people of Ukraine. Over the past few months donations have been made to HIAS (<u>hias.org</u>), World Central Kitchen (<u>wck.org</u>) and Doctors Without Borders (<u>doctorswithoutborders.org</u>) A list of organizations providing assistance to the people of Ukraine is in this issue, the scroll, and FB and will be periodically updated as new information becomes available.

<u>COMING UP:</u> Every year the first weekend in June is designated as Gun Violence Prevention Weekend. Wear Orange June 3-5 to show your support for finding solutions to reducing gun violence.

Your input is always welcome and there is an open invitation to join the Social Action/Social Justice committee. Our next SA/SJ ZOOM meeting is **May 17th 7pm.** For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, or any of our projects, contact Rona Kauffman at <a href="mailto:ronakauffman@yahoo.com">ronakauffman@yahoo.com</a>

#### SEE YOU ON MITZVAH DAY!!!



# Mitzvah Day Beach Clean-Up

Do you LOVE a clean beach? Do you love and appreciate the ocean and its wildlife Would you like to help clean-up a beach?











You (and, of course, a parent or guardian if you're a child)

What: Clean-up the beach to the left of the Jones Beach

Fishing Piers at Field 10 Jones Beach When: Sunday, May 22, 2022, 1:00 PM

Where: Field 10, Jones Beach

(Fishing Piers/Bait Station/ Seal Walk)

Meet on the beach to the left of the parking lot

To engage in an activity that will help us in our efforts for Tikkun Olam. Why:

To help our Long Island waterways

To do our part to keep garbage from harming marine life Please contact Carol Drucker at cdrucker22@gmail.com

or at 516-796-7430 to sign up.

# Reservations for this Mitzvah Day activity is recommended!

\*\*\*Gloves and Trash Bags will be provided for us by N.Y.S. for this activity\*\*\*

© Can't wait to join together for this Mitzvah! ©



How:

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#### **CONFIRMATION CLASS 2022**

<u>CONFIRMANDS</u> <u>PARENTS</u>

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Jaime Axelrod Audrey Neuhaus & Alan Axelrod

#### **GRADUATION CLASS 2022**

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Ashley Altman	Eric & Christine Altman	Hannah Herman	Robert & Amy Herman	
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#### **How to Help the People of Ukraine (Updated)**

This is a collection of agencies identified as providing help the people of Ukraine. We cannot make any specific recommendations and hope that you will research whichever agency is of interest to you. We will periodically update this list as we learn more.

**UNICEF** supports health, nutrition, HIV prevention, education, safe drinking water, sanitation and protection for children and families caught in the conflict in Ukraine.

World Central Kitchen (<a href="https://wck.org">https://wck.org</a>) has served millions of meals already to those fleeing and remaining in Ukraine and will continue to do so as necessary.

**Doctors Without Borders** (<u>doctorswithoutborders.org</u>) runs a range of activities in Ukraine working with local volunteers, organizations, health care professionals and authorities to help people travel to health care facilities and access prescribed medications.

**Afya Foundation** (<a href="https://afyafoundation.org/">https://afyafoundation.org/</a>) delivers collected and donated medical supplies to underserved or compromised health systems globally. Currently shipping supplies to support those fleeing or remaining in Ukraine

JCC Kraków (https://www.friendsofjcckrakow.org/ukraine) Operating in Krakow, on the Ukrainian sine of the Ukraine-Poland border, JCC Krakow is a key provider of services and a strategic partner. They have already helped many thousands of Ukrainians directly and via their partners

**International Committee of the Red Cross** (<u>icrc.org</u>) is aiming to help people affected by the conflict and support the work of the Ukrainian Red Cross.

**UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) (unhcr.org)** The international organization <u>aims to provide emergency assistance to families in Ukraine — providing aid such as cash assistance and opportunities for resettlement in the U.S.</u>

CARE (<u>care.org</u>) is raising money for its Ukraine Crisis Fund, which will provide immediate aid including food, water, hygiene kits, support services and direct cash assistance.

International Medical Corps (<a href="https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/">https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/</a>) This global nonprofit has been delivering primary health care and mental health services in eastern Ukraine since 2014, and is raising funds to expand those services for people affected by the latest conflict.

Time Magazine's List of how to help Ukrainian (<a href="https://time.com/6151353/how-to-help-ukraine-people/">https://time.com/6151353/how-to-help-ukraine-people/</a>)
Provides a list of agencies in Ukraine providing relief, rescue and support services

Support Ukrainian Journalists - consider supporting international organizations like <u>Free Press Unlimited</u> and the <u>International Press Institute</u>, both of which are devoted to protecting journalists and journalism more generally on an international scale. You can also donate directly to Ukrainian publications like the <u>Kyiv Independent</u> and the <u>Ukraine</u> Crisis Media Center.

**UJA Federation (ujany.org)** is sending support to the Jewish Community remaining in Ukraine

World Union for Progressive Judaism's Ukraine Crisis Fund ( <a href="www.wupj.org/give/ukraine">wupj.org/give/ukraine</a>) are asking people from all over the world to make donations towards the support of the Ukrainian Jewish community.

**HIAS** (<u>HIAS.org</u>) in addition to direct support in Ukraine, they are partnering with Jewish community organizations and others in neighboring countries to provide assistance to those who flee.



#### **UNIONGRAMS**

The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah through **June 18, 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

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<u>DATE</u>	CHILD'S NAME	<u>PARENTS</u>
May 14	(F) Rachel Hellman	Zane & Ilene
•	(M) Elias Katz	Evan & Jessica
June 18	(M) Spencer Sanoff-Wiener	Robert & Melissa
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3/3 117 Cindy Talisman

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**Helaine Schnall** 

3/26 626 Mindy Cohen

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Some follow-up information from Syd Mandelbaum's Rock and Wrap it Up Presentation

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Do you have more questions? Here is a link to information about the Good Samaritan Act that protects individual donors and non-profits who donate food. Good Samaritan Act Provides

<u>Liability Protection For Food Donations.</u>

For more information on how to set this up for your next catered event, contact Rock and Wrap It Up at 1-877-691-FOOD



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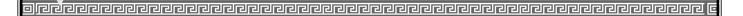
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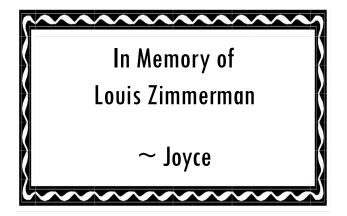
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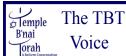
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# SQUARE DANCE, 2022 THANK YOU

Thanks to all those who attended the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Square Dance.

After a two-year pandemic hiatus, 70 congregants and friends were back in the Temple - Yee Haw! As Temple President, Dee Greenberg said, "We once again gave people the opportunity to be out and have fun."

A warm thank you to the entire Fundraising Committee; including VP Lisa Shubin and Co-Chairs Ronni Fauci and Joyce Rappaport. Special thanks to our caller Mario Fiore and to the entire Square Dance Sub Committee, Joan and Brian Levy, Ben and Sharon Cernese and Joni Christie.

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