

Volume 5, Issue 3 Cheshvan/Kislev 5783

# Participate in Writing a Torah



Proceeds from this event will go to Temple B'nai Torah.

A portion will be used for Torah restoration and to upgrade the Ark.

# Ritual Calendar - November 2022

Please check the Weekly Scroll and the Temple Calendar for the most up-to-date information! All services, unless otherwise noted, will be in-person and streamed.



Friday, November 4	5:30pm	TOT SHAPPAT**			
	7 :15pm	Family Shabbat Service with PTA & New TBT Members			
Saturday, November 5	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Alexis Schoenfeld			
Monday, November 7	12:00pm	Torah Study * On 11/4 We Welcome Our New Members to TBT!			
Friday, November 11	6:30pm	Erev Shabbat Services/Veteran's Recognition/			
		Kristallnacht Remembrance			
Saturday, November 12	9:30am	Torah Study *			
Monday, November 14	12:00pm	Torah Study *			
Friday, November 18	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Services/Sisterhood			
		& Brotherhood (with Choir)			
Saturday, November 19	9:30am	Torah Study *			
Monday, November 21	12:00pm	Torah Study *			
Friday, November 25	6:30pm	Erev Shabbat Services			
Saturday, November 26	9:30am	Torah Study * GIVE thanks! SISTERHOOD & BROTHERHOOD			
Monday, November 28	12:00pm	Torah Study *			
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Friday, December 2	5:30pm	tot shappat **			
	6:00pm	Shabbat Dinner ##			
	7:15pm	Family Shabbat Service/BNTY Shabbat			
Saturday, December 3	9:30am	Torah Study *			
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Bachman			

#### Temple B'nai Torah Presents the Torah Restoration Weekend - December 2-4

This weekend is all about connecting to the Torah in a physical and spiritual manner. Writing a letter or a word in a *sefer* Torah is a way for us to experience words of Torah in a physical way. Through this writing, we participate in an action of loving God with our hearts, souls, and might, in a spiritual way.

The weekend holds events for all members of your family. See the center spread of the TBT Voice for more information and the outline of the weekend. Keep an eye out for flyers and emails discussing the weekend's events. Space is limited in the Restoration Sessions, and Dinner so make your reservations promptly.

\* = On Zoom \*\* = At TBT ## - To Be Determined/Watch for updates and more information.

Please see the temple website for the most current Mask Protocols when at TBT.

Always check the TBT Website\ Calendar prior to Services & Events for the most up-to-date information.

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



Much of this issue of The Voice is dedicated to our upcoming Torah Restoration Weekend, which will take place on December 2-4. You can find details on pages (14-15). The goal of the weekend is to ensure that we have the funds to care for our many Torah Scrolls over the next

number of years. Much like a car or your home, a Torah requires constant upkeep to maintain its status as fit for use for public reading. We're very much looking forward to the weekend and hope that you will plan to join us for some or all of the weekend's festivities and events. Our Fundraising Committee has been hard at work for months to plan a meaningful weekend dedicated to our holy scrolls. Mark your calendars now!

Throughout our weekend, our Torah Scribe, known as a Sofer, Neil Yerman will be with us to guide and teach us about the writing of holy words. Sofer Yerman will be with us for a special Torah themed Tot Shabbat. After Shabbat dinner, we'll join for a special Family Shabbat Service, led by our Senior Youth Group, BNTY. At that service, Sofer Yerman will teach us about and then help us to welcome our new Holocaust Scroll. We will be welcoming a scroll that was rescued from Europe and which has been repaired for our use. We will look forward to reading from it that evening as well.

On Saturday morning, all are welcome to a special Torah Study with the Sofer. At the Torah study, we will take a break from the usual study, to learn about the texts related to scribing a Torah and other sacred works. Sofer Yerman will be able to explain about the differences between scribing a Torah and a *Megillat Esther*, for example. He will go in more depth about the methods of scribing and the traditions of the scribes, which have been passed down for generations.

On Sunday, our Sofer will be with us for Jr. Congregation to teach our students about the Torah. This will be followed by the

main event of the weekend. Everyone who would like to, will be welcome to help repair one of our scrolls by writing in the Torah itself. Sofer Yerman will guide your hand to do exactly what you need to. You can't make a mistake, and you won't ruin the Torah. I promise! After scribing in the Torah, you will be welcomed to the bima for a special blessing to commemorate the moment. If you've never had the opportunity to write in a Torah before, I highly encourage you to participate. All ages are welcome to be a part of this.

Together, we'll be scribing in what we've come to call our community scroll, because our Sofer has informed us, that much like a community, this scroll comes from a variety of places and times. We have scrolls that are written by one scribe. This one is a tapestry, bringing together pieces from other scrolls spanning multiple centuries and communities. Like any holy community, we all come together to make it work. This Torah has been repaired by members of our community before, most recently by our Adult B'nai Mitzvah who met with Sofer Yerman and scribed in the section that they chanted for us this past Shavuot. We look forward to keeping this community scroll as a sacred member of our community, and knowing that we all had a part in its scribing and upkeep makes it all the more special for us!

There are many ways to participate over the weekend. Through the work we will do, we can be sure that our sacred Torah Scrolls will be always fit for our use. More than just helping us to fund their upkeep, the weekend will allow you to actively participate in that upkeep as well. How powerful to participate in the writing of holy words, words that have been handed down to us for millennia, since Sinai! I hope you will join us for this powerful opportunity and important occasion for our community.

L'Shalom Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

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

You can arrange for a blessing for any Friday night.

Call the Temple office - 516.221.2370

# **NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR**

**Cantor Rica Timman** 



Following our TBT theme for this year of holiness, I would like to focus on our *kehillah kedosha*, our sacred and holy community. A couple of years of pandemic and partial isolation has sadly torn apart other communities. But our TBT family has proven over and over that our bonds to each other are deep and lasting. Our

Temple offers many ways to form caring relationships, to stay connected, and to deepen our Judaism together. Our bonds are what create a holy community, through our services and prayers together, and by what we do beyond our beautiful Sanctuary.

TBT's community is enhanced by many vibrant groups and arms. We form friendships with each other based on common ideals and goals. Social groups like the Chai Club, BNTY, or Circle of Friends, learning opportunities through our Religious School, Torah Study, Lifelong Learning and Book Club, music and performance ensembles like the Choirs, Shabbatones, Show, and Jr. Players, and mitzvah-based groups like the Social Action/Social Justice committee and our TBT Gardeners. Our team of dedicated Bingo workers helps raise funds for the Temple. Our leadership, Board, and many committees support the vision and health of our community. Each group enhances

and strengthens our kehillah kedosha.

This month we will have an opportunity to celebrate two of our beloved arms: the Sisterhood and the Brotherhood. Both these groups do so much for our *kehillah kedosha*. They provide multigenerational opportunities to be connected whether through the Rosh Chodesh program, the softball team, the Craft Fair, or the Gift Shop to name a few. Our Sisterhood sponsors important improvements to our campus, and our Brotherhood builds our Sukkah and offers delightful breakfasts so we can be together on Sunday mornings. Please join us on Friday, November 18th for our joint Sisterhood/Brotherhood Men's Club Shabbat Service as these two dedicated groups help lead our service. Our Adult Choir will sing that evening and it will be a beautiful evening to be together as a holy community.

As always, may our TBT family, our *kehillah kedosha*, continue to be strengthened by our bonds to each other.

With blessings,

Cantor Rica Timman

# Temple B'nai Torah of Wantagh 2023 Gail Grossman Memorial Cash Calendar

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## MAZEL TOV TO...

- Heather & Lou Gottfried on the marriage of their daughter,
   Teri to Eric Kaggan
- \* **Jo-Ann & Lloyd Portnoy** on the engagement of their daughter, Lori to Michael Gardiner
- \* **Debra & Rob Saunders** on the marriage of their daughter, Lauren to Ben Call

# MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAT MITZVAH AND HER FAMILY



November 5 Alexis Schoenfeld

Stuart & Laurie

My name is Alexis Schoenfeld, and I am an 8th grader at Wantagh Middle School. I enjoy swimming, roller coasters, and watching horror movies. I am in the drama club and drama class. I love to play the violin, play with my cat, go to concerts, and hang out with my friends and family. In school, I take French, cooking, and hydroponics. I am very grateful for my loving parents, who do so much for me. A special thanks to Mrs. Altman, Cantor Timman, and Rabbi Bar–Nahum for helping me prepare for my bat mitzvah.



# Lifelong Learning Sunday Morning Classes with Rabbi Bar-Nahum

#### Divrei Kedushah: The Texts of Holiness

What is holiness? Together we will delve deeply into the origins of this word, in Hebrew: Kedushah, in our Sacred Texts and in the rabbinic and modern understanding. How does our tradition use this term and how does it affect how we understand our lives as Jews and as humans in community? All texts will be provided in English. No text experience necessary.

We are excited to offer these classes on ZOOM and in person in the Kiddush Lounge.

Classes will be held on October 23, November 6, November 13, November 20 and December 11, all classes begin at 10:00 am

We look forward to learning and studying with you.

Please RSVP to Caryn Suckle at caryn@suckle.net or at 516-456-6325 and let us know if you will be joining us on Zoom or in person



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Our Congregation is sending warm thanks to Iris Kelmenson for the beautiful artwork she created for this year's High Holy Day Greeting Cards.

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Thank you for sharing your amazing talent with all of us.



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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you know that the Hebrew word for Thanksgiving is *hodaya* – which is not too dissimilar to the Hebrew word for turkey – *hoda*? There have been questions over the years as to whether Jewish people should celebrate

Thanksgiving. Jewish gratitude is common throughout our history and a part of every holiday we celebrate so it is therefore quite appropriate for Jews to celebrate Thanksgiving. As a matter of fact it is said that the Pilgrims modeled Thanksgiving after Sukkot – a harvest festival of gratitude.

Certain Jewish expressions like *Nachas*, *Yasher Koach*, *Todah* Rabah and Mitzvahs all have their origins in either thanking or appreciating what someone has done or accomplished. Appreciating the kindness of others or performing acts of kindness can all be celebrated on Thanksgiving.

As I have said before, when we write out articles, we write a month ahead – so even though you will be reading this in November, I am now giving thanks for those who helped to make our High Holidays warm and meaningful for us all. I am giving thanks for our Ritual Committee and High Holy Days Sub-Committee for their dedication to the standards that we have set for ourselves. I am thankful to our clergy, who I am told were "rock stars" throughout the holidays, always giving 200% of themselves. I am thankful to Eileen, Anthony and the entire staff for making sure everything was ready for us! I am thankful for Phyllis and Marilyn and their dedication to professionalism. Our choir, along with Sean were truly a blessing and for that I am also thankful.

David and I are grateful to have just become 1st time grandparents. Our little Emma Rose was born on Sept. 14th, and I felt a very strong pull to acknowledge her first Rosh Hashanah in some way. We did go over for a short visit with apples and honey and recited some prayers and helped to introduce Emma to her heritage. Although she's too young to know what was going on, it was the beginning of handing down traditions to the next generation and for that we are extremely thankful. I feel a tremendous responsibility to teach her all that lies ahead. I told her we will be making matzah balls soon!!!

On this Thanksgiving we can be grateful for our amazing Temple family whose bond grows stronger each time we are together.

Holy Cow, I am so thankful for all of you!!! Dee Greenberg, President

## Our Brotherhood preparing breakfast for Our Arms & Committees Fair.







#### **BROTHERHOOD NEWS**

Happy New Year to all my fellow Congregants.

First, I would like to say thank you to the Brotherhood members who stepped up to help usher on the Holidays and for handling the Kol Nidre Service. They did an awesome job.

We appreciate the Brotherhood members who helped erect the Sukkah for the Holidays. We had a large turnout for the October breakfast and a big thanks to the Brotherhood members who got up early on Sunday morning to set up and cook for the 60 people who showed up.

Our Brotherhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner was a great success with delicious catered food and music provided by Gary Adler and Jeff Brody. I look forward to the breakfasts provided by Brotherhood for all Temple members at which they get a chance to eat delicious food and socialize with Temple members.

Sincerely, Eric Altman, President





#### SISTERHOOD NEWS

Shalom!

After a very fun Bunko night in September and our wonderful paid-up dinner in October, Sisterhood is very proud to present our first Rosh Chodesh Workshop for this year. On November 20, at 12 noon, please join us via Zoom as Jill Kaplan presents The Humble Sewing Machine: A Not-So-Perfectly-Stitched Story. How did we get from wrapping ourselves in freshly-killed animal skins to wrapping ourselves in mass-produced designer clothes and comfy loungewear? See how technology – old and new – inspired some to the heights of creativity, and others to the lowest behavior.

Please RSVP to Deanna Pasternak at <u>morah123@aol.com</u> no later than November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sisterhood is also doing a pie fundraiser in time for Thanksgiving. Be on the lookout for a flyer with all the details.

Yours in Sisterhood, Maryann





#### WELCOME TO OUR CIRCLE!

Hello again! Hard to believe it's already November, and the year is moving forward as quickly as it is. We've all been busy, of course, with personal and family matters, with the holidays, and with a host of TBT activities as well. So what can I say, but "Let's keep it going!"

Our new Board of Directors held its first meeting of the year on September 18. We are pleased to thank those who have served us well in the past, and to welcome several new Board members. We look forward to their involvement and enthusiasm and suggestions to keep our group interesting and on the go. Our Board meetings are open to the general Circle of Friends membership. Our next one will be on Sunday, November 12, in the TBT Social Hall starting at 10 a.m. Won't you join us?

Our Board is working hard to come up with ideas for activities that will keep everyone interested. We had a wonderful time at the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze at Old Bethpage Village Restoration for Halloween, and celebrating Oktoberfest at the Oak Chalet in Bellmore. (By the way, if you've never experienced the "Blaze" at Old Bethpage Village, put it on your calendars for Halloween next year. It's really a hoot!) We're looking forward to lots and lots of chocolate (stay tuned!), to getting a theatre party together, and to holidays at the end of the year: Chanukah and New Year's Eve. We're tossing around other ideas as well, such as a visit to the Vanderbilt Planetarium. If you're a member, be sure to watch your e-mails for news of what's coming. What I can promise you is that you'll have a great time together with friends old and new.

And speaking of friends, we send all our love and best wishes to Ira Friedman as he recovers: Can't wait to see him back with us soon!

Be sure to contact me with any ideas you might have: We'd love to make those ideas happen! And thanks, as always, for your support and enthusiasm. Couldn't do it without you!

Vicki Goldberger President

# Temple Members' Breakfast Sunday



Sunday
November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

**COME JOIN US!!** 

There is a minimal charge of \$5.00 Email reservations to: lesrichards@verizon.net and TBTscottkohn@gmail.com





#### CHAI CLUB NEWS

JOIN US!! It's not too late to renew or become a member of the largest ARM at TBT. We are a vibrant and active group involved in all aspects of

our Temple. If you are over 50, we invite you to be a member of the Chai Club. If you are not, you are still welcome to attend our monthly programs. To our many members joining Chai Club for the first time, we are very glad to have you aboard.

Our first program of the year was our Trivia Night in September, hosted by our very own, wonderful, Diane Schoenberg. Fun was had by all as we laughed and strategized together. We celebrated some birthdays, shared some refreshments, and celebrated with the winning team. Thank you again, Diane, for all the time and thoughtfulness you put into this program every year.

Next up was a fascinating program in October, THE MAKING OF YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN presented by the always, interesting Sal St George. This ZOOM program was held just before Halloween to get us in a spooky mood.

Our annual MEMBERSHIP DINNER is Monday, November 7th at a local restaurant with surprise entertainment. It will be a fun evening to get reacquainted or meet new friends. There's no place better to bond than over a good meal. We hope to see you there!

Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

Janis and Judy

#### From the New Year's Card Committee: Rita Drucker, Fran Harelick, Tessa Kean, Sarita Keyser, Robin Wexler ~

Thank you to all who participated in the successful New Year's Card Fundraiser.
Your good wishes to others are appreciated.
May we be blessed with a good year.

From the Second Day Rosh Hashanah Luncheon Committee: Joni Christie, Tessa Kean, Sarita Keyser ~

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the Second Day Rosh Hashanah Luncheon. We enjoyed good food, good talk, good camaraderie.

May we join together again.



#### PTA UPDATES

Hello from the PTA!

What a lovely fall season we've had, and how terrific it has been to be more in-person at TBT.

In October we had our *Sleepwear in the Sukkah* craft and Havdalah event for grades K-4<sup>th</sup> and their siblings. It was a fun afternoon and a lovely way to say "So Long!" to Shabbat.

Here's what we are looking forward to:

Our PTA-led Friday night Family Service is November 4. We hope to see many Religious School families there. Led by our Clergy, TBT's family services are always suffused with warmth and meaning, but this one has the bonus of PTA parents participating in running the service. Come and see how we do!

Our annual Gingerbread Menorah sale is in full swing! These delicious kits — complete with icing and candy — are made fresh and hand-cut just for us. They make terrific gifts for the *kinderlach*, and also those hard-to-buy-for loved ones. Whether you choose to eat it or not is up to you—but everyone has fun creating their own holiday work of art. Look for the order form in your email, the Scroll, and in the synagogue lobby. The deadline to order is December 1.

And coming up in December is the annual Chanukah Brunch on December 18, the first night of Chanukah. Don't forget to add it to your calendar! Each year it's a treat-filled two hours of holiday party fun for our Temple families and *their* extended families. If you'd like to be more involved in our activities, helping PTA prepare for the party is a fun and easy way to start. Just let any PTA member know you're interested.

Be well, Laurel Klein TBT PTA

# Annual Square & Line Dance

Save the Date
Saturday, January 28, 2023
Flyer and Info Next Month!



## Dear Chai Club Members.

Come dine with your fellow Chai Club members at the ANNUAL CHAI CLUB MEMBERSHIP DINNER



Chai Club

## Domenico's

3270A Hempstead Turnpike Levittown, NY 11756

Monday, November 7th, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M. (Please use the rear parking lot entrance which includes a handicap ramp)

Cost is \$28 for Chai Club members and \$40 for their guests.

Make checks to TBT Chai Club. Mail your check and the form below to be received in the temple by Friday, **October 28**th or place in the envelope provided in the office. Call Joan or Brian, 516-781-4966, with any questions. We all look forward to a delightful evening. (Eligible non-Chai Club Members may join by also enclosing their \$18 Dues)

I (WE) will attend the Chai Club Di	inner on Monday, 6:00pm, <b>Nov. 7</b> th.
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#### **YOUTH GROUP**

The new year of BNTY is going strong. Our first meeting, Cookie Wars had over 20 attendees! Members decorated cookies with frosting, candy, marshmallows and licorice. We got some real masterpieces and a couple of awesome self-portraits. Of course, they were all eaten before I could get too many pictures.

I am in the process of planning meetings for the rest of the 2022 – 2023 school year. I hope you can join me at our meetings / events. All information can be found on the Facebook page TBT Youth Activities, on the bulletin board in the school wing, and in emails from me. If you are not receiving emails please send me a note and I will add you to the list.

Also, do you have any ideas for our offsite events? We are always looking for great places to go and great activities to do. Want to go rock climbing? Escape a room? Bowl? Just let me know.

I hope to hear from you, and see you at an upcoming meeting!

Sincerely,

Mark Derwin



### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

November is a time for giving thanks, for being grateful for the abundance we have. But I want to challenge you to not only be aware of your abundance, but to share it. This month, take the time to share your wealth. Donate to your favorite charity, give your time to an organization of your choosing. Share your joy, spread it around. It's ok, you can't run out of it. The Religious school will be donating our Tzedakah money to a variety of charities this year. Each month we've chosen a different group to receive our donations. But that's not enough. Many groups are struggling for time. So, give of yourself. This month, in honor of Veterans Day, we are donating to TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors), an organization near to my heart as well as many of our congregants.

All of these charities are wonderful. But right here at home, you can do more. Share a smile, a kind word. Someone in your life could use the abundance you have. Come down to the school office to find out more about the charities we are donating to and how you can give your time or money.

Sheryl Gordon, Religious School Director As we think of giving thanks this month; I'd be remiss if I didn't mention how grateful I am (once again) for Pasquale, the owner of Pat's Farms.

In case you did not hear, he donated all of the produce for our salads and fruit at our Back to Shul BBQ. He discounted all of the fruit for Selichot Dinner, and this week he gave us a 20% discount on our bales of hay, cornstalks, gourds and fruit for our Sukkah and Dinner. He has been my goto person/business for so many events over the years.

My best wishes to all of you and your loved ones from me and mine and of course to all of the other local businesses that have been gracious to us as well!

Nadine Salzman

### THE BROTHERHOOD OF TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH

SPONSORS ITS 27th ANNUAL WINTER FUNDRAISER



## HOLIDAY VENDOR FAIR





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## **Introducing our TBT HUB!**

We have a new and exciting way to share information about our awesome Temple. Click and explore <u>THE HUB</u>. The Hub will be regularly updated so check back for the latest flyers, forms, and links. Questions? Reach out to Jeff Minkowsky at <u>iminkowsky@gmail.com</u> if you need any help at all.

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UPCOMING EVENTS	RITUAL & SERVICES	CALENDAR & FORMS	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	TECH RESOURCES & ZOOM LINKS	TBT LEADERSHIP	BINGO & SPECIAL EVENTS
Back to Shul BBQ	Next Beach Shabbat - AUG 19!!!	This Month's Calendar	2022-2023 Registration Forms	TBT Webpage	Meet Our President	Bingo is BACK!!!
NEW!!! TBT College Connection	Ritual Calendar	Issues of the Voice	Parent Handbook	Streaming Services Live	Meet Our Executive Board	Hosting a Simcha? Let the Sisterhood help!
Wish Your Friends a Happy New Year!	Streaming Services Live	Ads - TBT Voice		Shabbat Torah Study	Board of Trustees	Annual Holiday Vendor Fair
Book of Remembrance 2022	Meet Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum	Sign Up to Receive the Scroll		Weekday Torah Study	Want to Join a Committee?	Annual Fair Contract Form
Rosh Hashana Flower Arrangements	Meet Cantor Rica Timman	Contact Us! We'd Love to Hear from You!		Directions	Want to Attend a Board Meeting?	Wizard of Oz Photos

# 2022 ARMS & COMMITTEE FAIR



# **BUILDING OUR SUKKAH**





#### SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Last month we completed our **Annual High Holy Day Food Drive**. Although I do not have the final numbers as of this writing, I can tell you that there were many, many bags filled with donated food. Thanks to all who prepared, organized, publicized and donated to this very important endeavor on behalf of Island Harvest and Mazon. Please note that we will continue to collect and deliver food for various local pantries throughout the year and hope that you will consider bringing a non-perishable food item with you whenever you come to TBT.

We were so happy to participate in the Arms and Committees Fair last month. It is always a pleasure to share what we do with the congregation, to find out what issues are important to our community and to encourage others to join us in helping others.

Representatives of the League of Women Voters came to offer Voter Registration, Absentee Ballot, Early Voting and Environmental Bond Proposal information last month. It is always our pleasure to have them help us understand the voting process and help us be sure we are signed up and ready to **VOTE**.

**Election Day is Nov. 8**. There are also a few more days for Early Voting opportunities. **Your Vote is Your Voice. Be sure it is heard.** Plan ahead so you will be sure to have a way of getting to your poling place. Let us know if you have any questions or need any assistance with any part of the voting process.

There are local and state candidates as well as an Environmental Bond Proposal on this year's ballot. To view the Ballot proposal and all candidates running in your area, go to <a href="https://ballotpedia.org/Sample\_Ballot\_Lookup">www.Vote411.org</a> or to <a href="https://ballotpedia.org/Sample\_Ballot\_Lookup">https://ballotpedia.org/Sample\_Ballot\_Lookup</a>

#### Important Dates Regarding: General Election November 8, 2022

Early Voting continues through Nov. 6 - To see early voting sites/dates/times go to:

https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/37720/FINAL-Nassau-Early-Voting-Flyer-NOVEMBER-2022-5 26 22?bidld=

Nov 7 – last day to apply in person for absentee ballot

Nov. 8 – *last day to postmark ballot* for general election

Nov. 8 – last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to BOE

#### This month there will be many ways you can help those need.

- We will be starting our **Winter Coat/Accessories Drive**. We are starting earlier than usual to allow those who are in need of protection from the cold to be have necessary items in time for the cold weather. This collection will run through February ( see Flyer in this Voice)
- We will be holding our **Annual Frozen Turkey Drive** on November 20. This year we will also be collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving related side items (See Flyer in this Voice)
- We will also be starting or **Holiday Gift Drive** this month in order to allow time to get specifically requested/needed items.

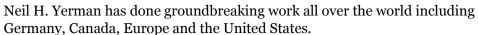
**The Garden at TBT** will be selling garden themed items during the **Vendors Fair on Nov. 27** to raise money for the garden. Come visit our table and pick up a holiday gift or a gift for your own garden.

We always welcome new members and welcome your input! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.. (on ZOOM).

For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, the Garden at TBT, or any of our projects, contact Rona Kauffman at: ronakauffman@yahoo.com or Jason Newman at jaynew4@gmail.com

## Neil H. Yerman

Sofer, Artist, Master Teacher, Scholar.



As a Sofer he has restored ten Sifrei Torah at Temple Sinai of Roslyn and written a new Sefer Torah commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Congregation Emanu-El in New York.

Sofer Yerman enjoys sharing his passion for the preservation and understanding of the physical Torah scrolls and the wisdom and importance of each letter. He enjoys teaching and working with congregants of all ages. Congregants of our legacy temples have had the privilege of learning from him.

Neil utilizes his extensive knowledge in the art of Gematria (Jewish numerology) and uses this technique and its Kabbalistic underpinnings which opens up new worlds of meaning and understanding of the Torah, Jewish life, living and the concepts of peace, justice and tikkun olam.

Born in Brooklyn, Sofer Yerman is an accomplished clarinetist and now resides in New York City with his wife Rabbi Jo David.

Please visit www.neilyerman.com for more information.



# Why participate in writing a Torah? From Rabbi Bar-Nahum

Words of Torah are usually in our mouths. We chant the words of Shema and V'ahavta at every service. These words come from the fifth book of the Torah, Deuteronomy. With these words, God tells us how we're supposed to interact with the words of Torah. We are to place them on our hearts. In doing this we show that we love God with all our hearts, souls, and might. Rabbi Abraham Ibn Ezra, who lived in Spain in the 12th century, explains that loving God with our hearts really means loving God with all the knowledge we have, since the heart was the source of knowledge for our ancestors.

One way to increase our knowledge is to participate in an action: to experience. Writing a letter or a word in a sefer Torah is a way for us to experience words of Torah in a physical way. So often for us, words of Torah are ephemeral – ideas passed through generations, lessons we learned as children, or a story of people from long, long ago. Our Tree of Life can be hard to grasp, sometimes.

Writing in the Torah can help us connect not just to the specific scroll we'll be repairing, but to Torah as a whole, and to the idea that as Jews it's not just about the words we learn, but about ensuring that, as the V'ahavta reminds us, we teach these words diligently to our children. In scribing in a Torah, we are participating in an action of l'dor vador, from generation to generation.

Through this writing, we participate in an action of loving God with our hearts, souls, and might: an action borne of the covenant with God. If we follow the Torah, God will bless us. There is great power in our holy words and our holy scroll, but we know that it's not the letters themselves that lead to holiness in our midst; it's our actions that do that. In writing these letters, which the midrash refers to as "black fire on white fire", we commit to action. We say that we know that these words require that we look after them, that we make sure they are clear and bright and legible for the next generation. And in doing so, we reaffirm our connection with all the words in the scroll. By dedicating ourselves to the act of keeping our Torah scrolls in excellent condition, we dedicate ourselves to the act of keeping God's call.



# Temple B'nai Torah Torah Restoration Weekend December 2-4, 2022

# Levels of Giving to be listed on our Torah Restoration Scroll

Books of the Torah \$2500 Children of Jacob \$360 Patriarchs & Matriarchs \$1800 Letters of the Alphabet \$180 Torah Portions \$720 Scribes \$72

Name					
			people in your group		
Level of Giving \$	evel of Giving \$ from list above, as a donation to Torah Restoration				
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adults at \$20	0 per person	children at	\$10 per person		
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Return the form and your check to the Temple office no later than November 21, 2022

For questions or more information, please contact: Ronni Fauci at 516-650-1508, rfauci@gmail.com or Joyce Rappaport at 516-532-8488, joycerappaport13@gmail.com

Proceeds from this event will go to Temple B'nai Torah A portion will be used for Torah restoration and to upgrade the Ark







Temple B'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Ave. Wantagh, N. Y. 11793 Tel. (516) 221-2370

## SHOW DATES:

December 10th & 17th 2022 @ 8:00pm December 11th 2022 @ 3:00pm

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has been mailed out and you can find it on the Scroll and the website.

Deadline November 17, 2022

# **Annual Thanksgiving Frozen Turkey Drive**



Sunday, November 20 2021 8:45 AM-11:30 AM

Please donate a **FROZEN turkey or <u>FROZEN</u> turkey breast** or any nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving (ex. Stuffing mix, canned yams, cranberry sauce, veggies.)

Also gratefully accepted: **Store gift cards** 

Monetary Donations - delivered to TBT by Nov. 16 make checks out to Temple B'nai Torah with "SA/SJ Turkey Drive" in memo section

Donations will be distributed to various local pantries/agencies including the Wisdom Lane & McVey School Pantries, and Island Harvest

If you are a congregant in need of support for the Thanksgiving Holiday please contact the TBT Mitzvah Makers (<a href="mailto:tbtmitzvahmakers@gmail.com">tbtmitzvahmakers@gmail.com</a>) and arrangements will be made confidentially

For information, contact Jason Newman at jaynew4@gmail.com



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For information, contact Adrienne Robb-Fund at fundzone@aol.com

The Social Action/Social Justice Committee of Temple B'nai Torah announce our annual



## **Holiday Gift Drive**

November 21 - December 21, 2022

Donations made by Dec. 18

will be delivered in time for Hanukkah Gift Giving





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

Gift cards in envelopes labelled SA/SJ Holiday Gift Drive can be mailed to TBT or brought to the TBT office during office hours

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Stay tuned for further information about specific "wish list items." For information, contact Carol Drucker at cdrucker22@gmail.com











## September Winners - 2022 Cash Calendar

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9/7	417	Caryn Bergman Bigman			Karen Friedlander
9/11	412	Anony Baroukh	9/17	785	William Keats
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9/13	519	Ali Mainhart			Beth Levin
		Beth Levin	9/19	926	Lila Diamond
			9/30	610	Cindy Talisman

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For either the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund or Cantor's Discretionary Fund or any of the Endowment Funds, please make your check payable to the fund; for all other fund donations, please make your check payable to TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH, 2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793-2025.

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