



Temple B'nai Torah's  
Family Chanukah Brunch  
Sunday, December 18, 2022

12:00pm - 2:00pm

*Hosted by the TBT PTA*

**Games, Crafts, Food & Raffle Baskets**

\$18 Adults/\$10 Children 5-13 yrs. old (*under 5 yrs. are free*)

Open to all Temple members and their guests

See page 9 for further details.

For more information, contact Brooke Myers  
at [TBTBrookeM@gmail.com](mailto:TBTBrookeM@gmail.com)



**Temple B'nai Torah of Wantagh**

**2023 Gail Grossman**

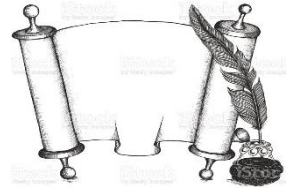
**Memorial Cash Calendar**

(See page 11 for more information)



# Ritual Calendar - December 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.



<b>Friday, December 2</b>	5:30pm	<b>TOT SHABBAT</b>
	6:00pm	Shabbat Dinner # (RSVP Required)
	7:15pm	<b>Family Shabbat Service led by BNTY with Special Guest Sofer Neil Yerman</b>
<b>Saturday, December 3</b>	9:30am	<b>Torah Study with Special Guest Sofer Neil Yerman (Hybrid)**</b>
	10:30am	<b>Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Bachman</b>
<b>Sunday, December 4</b>	10:15am	<b>Torah Restoration Sessions Begin</b>
Monday, December 5	12:00pm	Torah Study *
<b>Friday, December 9</b>	7:15pm	<b>Erev Shabbat Service/Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Falletta</b>
Saturday, December 10	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, December 12	12:00pm	Torah Study *
<b>Friday, December 16</b>	7:15pm	<b>Erev Shabbat Service/Chanukah Music Fest with Choirs</b>
Saturday, December 17	9:30am	Torah Study *
Sunday, December 18	12:00pm	PTA Chanukah Brunch (see page 9)
Monday, December 19	12:00pm	Torah Study *
<b>Friday, December 23</b>	6:30pm	<b>Erev Shabbat Services/Chanukiah Lighting and Games</b>
Saturday, December 24	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, December 26	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, December 30	6:30pm	Erev Shabbat Services on Zoom & FB only*
Saturday, December 31	9:30am	Torah Study *



## Friday, Dec 23, 6:30pm

Bring your Menorah and 7 Candles and we will all light them at the same time. This is the BIG TBT Chanukiah Lighting!!!

After services there will be a Holiday Oneg and Family Dreidel Games^^



## January *happy new year* 2023

Monday, January 2	12:00pm	No Torah Study
<b>Friday, January 6</b>	5:30pm	<b>TOT SHABBAT</b>
	7:15pm	<b>Family Shabbat Service/5th Grade Midrash Presentation</b>
Saturday, January 7	9:30am	Torah Study *

\* = On Zoom \*\* = Hybrid/In Person and Zoom, a link will be provided for the (Torah Restoration) Torah Study # - Prior RSVP is required to attend the Dinner. ^^Be on the look-out for additional information about our Chanukah Celebrations. Please see the temple website for the most current Mask Protocols when at TBT.

# RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



## On the *Shamash*

Almost every *Chanukiah* I have ever seen has nine spots for candles. The beautiful ones we use here at the Temple, the ones I have at home, and even the ones our students make in Art during Religious School all have 8 spots plus one. One for each of the eight nights of the holiday, and one extra, the *shamash*. The term *shamash* means servant, and it comes from the Hebrew root which means to make use of or to serve. This makes sense, because for most of us, this is the candle that we use to light the other candles. But this extra slot in the *Chanukiah* also comes with some dispute as to its purpose and as to how it is meant to be used.

As we all know, as the nights of Chanukah progress, we increase the number of candles. After a debate in the Talmud, Rabbi Hillel's argument that we increase in light as we ought to increase in holiness wins out over Rabbi Shammai's opinion that as the oil would have burned down and faded over the 8 days, so should the light of the Menorah. This year, on Sunday, December 18, we will light the *shamash* as well as the candle for the first night. On Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, we add a candle for the second night, and also light the *shamash*. And so on, until the *Chanukiah* is filled, radiating light from its 9 candles. But that *shamash*, do we need it? And, once it's done lighting the other candles, why do we keep it lit? The answer to that question has a lot to do with the debate about the 9<sup>th</sup> candle and its purpose.

According to the Talmud, in tractate Shabbat, the lights of the Chanukah lamp are special and have special purpose. In lighting them, we fulfill a Divine commandment. Because the lights are meant to be used for the fulfillment of the commandment, we are not permitted to make use of the light emanating from the Menorah for anything else. That means that we're not supposed to read by them or use them to illuminate our homes.

Because of the prohibition of making use of the lights, there is also a dispute amongst the rabbis of old about whether or not we can transfer the light directly from one lamp (or candle) to another. This argument is, in turn, based on a dispute about the Menorah in the Temple in Jerusalem. If you

recall, it was that Menorah in the Temple which was lit on that very first Chanukah and which was the beneficiary of the miracle of the eight-day-lasting oil.

Both because of this dispute and because of the prohibition of use of the lights of the *Chanukiah*, it has become custom in most communities to add an additional light source near the *Chanukiah* in order to officially make use of that light and not the lights on the *Chanukiah*. Hence the name *shamash*, because we make use of its light. This is also why the *Shamash* is often situated at a different height than the others. Some rabbis say the *shamash* must be higher than the others, even, in part because the eight *shamashes* that we use over the holiday represent a higher level of holiness, akin to the Priests of the Temple whose responsibility it was to kindle the lamp. Others say that as long as it is distinct from the eight, the placement is not important.

Because there is no obligation to use the candle for lighting as the additional light, some communities have the custom of using an additional candle, or flame, above and beyond the nine, to light the *shamash* for the purpose of the light, as well as the flames for the nights of Chanukah in order to fulfill the mitzvah. This custom is more prevalent in the *Sepharadic* world. Most of us are used to taking the one candle and making use of it to light the others, and then making use of its light.

No matter how you choose to light your *Chanukiah*, this year, as we bask in its light, let us remember that 9<sup>th</sup> spot, and make use of the light of the *shamash* to inspire us to continue to spread God's light, especially at this darkest time of our year!

Remember to bring your *Chanukiah* with you to our Chanukah Candle Lighting Shabbat service on Friday, December 23 at 6:30pm. On that night, the sixth of the holiday, we will all need 6 candles for the night and one candle as the *shamash*. I'll leave it up to you to decide if you'd prefer to bring even one more candle to use as the lighter candle for all seven.

Wishing you and your family a very happy Chanukah!  
May the lights of this season brighten our hearts and our souls!

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



As the days grow shorter, we know that Chanukah is around the corner. The traditions we shared as children we pass on to our young ones each year. Chanukiot are lit at night and blessings and songs are sung retelling the story of bravery, miracles and freedom. Perhaps a game of dreidel and a plate of freshly made latkes will fill the house with laughter and our bellies with special treats. And then there are the presents. Do you follow the custom of giving gelt or giving presents each night?

A colleague of mine shared with me a new 'tradition' one of his congregants added to their family Chanukah celebration. Here is the concept: Instead of eight nights of receiving presents how about introducing four nights of receiving and four nights of giving? Our children seem to lack for nothing, thank goodness, and the commercialization of the season only adds to that notion. As our kids enjoy their presents, we can use this opportunity to remind them that there are also those who are in desperate need.

Tzedakah and mitzvot come in many forms. Perhaps one night we might allocate a portion of the gelt to make an online donation to [Mazon](#) or another favorite charity. Another night, collect the winning pot of the dreidel game and buy bulk socks at Costco or BJs to donate to a local shelter. A third night could

include collecting gently used coats to bring to temple for our annual collection. With Chanukah falling during Christmas, how about volunteering to help at a soup kitchen on Christmas when regular volunteers would like to be home with their families? (My mom and I did that for several years when I was young.) You get the idea. Let the choice of tzedakah or mitzvah be a family discussion so that everyone is included.

We all know that this time of year, there is a greater need than ever for compassion. We hear daily of food pantries that are running low on supplies, soup kitchens that have long lines, and shelters that are overflowing. Instead of celebrating only excesses, let us use the Chanukah message of miracles to create a couple of our own for those who are so less fortunate than us. What a wonderful message we then offer our children. Perhaps a new 'tradition' might take hold this year in your family? Let me know if you try it out.

*Chag Urim Sameach!* May the Festival of Lights bring you and yours warmth and light and may we find ways to spread that warmth and light to others.

*B'vracha* (with blessings),  
Cantor Rica Timman

## ***Celebrate Chanukah at Temple B'nai Torah***

**Friday December 16, 7:15 pm**

**Erev Shabbat Service and Music Fest**

**Join the Adult Choir and B'nai Shir Youth Choir  
in Holiday Songs-Along**



**Friday, December 23, 6:30 pm**

**Erev Shabbat Service and**

**The Big TBT Chanukiah Lighting Event**

**Bring your Menorah and 7 candles for the big group  
lighting, then stay for a delicious Holiday Oneg,  
Dreidel Games and more!**



## MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES



**December 3**

**Ryan Bachman**

**Daniel & Dale**

My name is Ryan Bachman. I'm a seventh grader at Grand Avenue Middle School where I play clarinet in both band and jazz band, as well as being a member of student council. Training in karate is one my favorite activities, especially since I started training for brown belt. Over the summer, I'm a volunteer camper-worker where I help take care of younger campers and perform in the musical. I've really enjoyed the process of becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Thank you, Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman, and Emily Altman, for preparing me for my special day.



**December 10**

**Benjamin Falletta**

**Rachel**

My name is Ben, and I am an 8th grader at Seaford Middle School. I love playing Fortnite with my friends, video games with my dad as well as anything that has to do with Jurassic Park/World or dinosaurs. I hope to become a paleontologist. I have really enjoyed learning more about my Jewish heritage during my preparation for my Bar Mitzvah. In my project, I concentrated on doing things for others. Thank you to Mrs. Altman, Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for helping me get ready for this special moment in my life.



### **Lifelong Learning Sunday Morning Classes with Rabbi Bar-Nahum**

#### ***Divrei Kedushah: The Texts of Holiness***

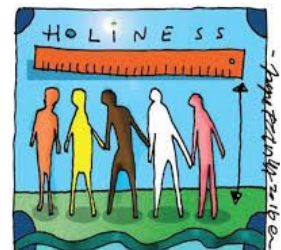
What is holiness? Together we will delve deeply into the origins of this word, in Hebrew: Kedushah, in our Sacred Texts and in the rabbinic and modern understanding. How does our tradition use this term and how does it affect how we understand our lives as Jews and as humans in community? All texts will 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](mailto: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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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### ARE YOU LIKE A MACCABEE?

There is a book that I shared with my Pre-K students each year at Chanukah called "Like a Maccabee" by Raymond Zwerin. There was much to be learned from this book that I would like to share with you.

The book delves into the characteristics of being a good Maccabee, which I feel we all carry with us each and every day. For instance, are you a leader like the Maccabees? We all have leadership qualities that show our strengths. Each of us shine in our own special way.

Are you brave like a Maccabee? Facing day-to-day problems and challenges would make each one of us brave for sure. No act of bravery is too small.

Are you determined like a Maccabee? When our passions guide us and help us to accomplish our goals, we are absolutely determined.

Are you a problem-solver like a Maccabee? We try to define a problem, the cause of the problem and then try to come up with alternatives to a solution. What would a day be like without having to solve some sort of problem?

Are you proud like a Maccabee? I say an overwhelming YES! Whether it be in our personal or professional lives we should be proud of every accomplishment, every act of bravery and every goal we achieve.

The Maccabees used all of these qualities and were victorious even with their small little army. I think our TBT family is like a small little army determined to achieve our goals and work together to problem solve and pool our leadership skills and determination.

I wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Chanukah! May your latkes be crispy, may your apple sauce be sweet and may your candles shine brightly!

Holy Cow – I love this holiday!

With appreciation,  
Dee Greenberg, President



## SISTERHOOD NEWS

Happy December!

It's the end of the year and Sisterhood would like to let you all know about the Chanukah sale on December 11 during Hebrew School in the Lobby. Please make sure your students are sent in with some cash so that they can purchase gifts for loved ones – and possibly a treat for themselves. Then the next day on December 12, come join us for line dancing. You don't need to know how to dance; just wear some comfortable shoes. See the scroll for the flyer, and we hope to see you then!

If you are celebrating a special occasion, birthday, or anniversary you can sponsor an Oneg (see page 18) and share your special event with the congregation. To find out more, please see our flyer in the scroll.

Happy new year everyone!

Yours in Sisterhood,  
Maryann



## BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Hello my fellow Congregants,

Let's start off by saying that the October 26<sup>th</sup> Paid-Up Membership dinner was a success, 47 Brotherhood Members, awesome. We were fortunate enough to have Gary Adler and Jeff Brody play music throughout the dinner – a great job and a BIG thank you to them.

The Brotherhood members that helped set up and dismantle the Sukkah deserve a big thanks also. What else can I say? Thank you to the Brotherhood members who get up early on Sunday mornings to prepare and serve the delicious breakfasts. They do a great job and are rewarded with a large turnout of happy Temple members who enjoy the breakfasts.

A big thanks to Ben & Sharon Cernese for a successful Flea Market with the help of many Brotherhood members.

Please remember that we are having a fundraiser for kosher wines for Passover.

Our condolences to the family of Herb Price, a long time Brotherhood member.

Sincerely,  
Eric Altman, President





## 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

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

## TBT Bowling Fun-Raiser

November 13, 2022

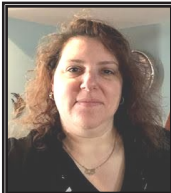


What an awesome turnout for  
this wonderful "Fun-raiser!"

Close to 75 friends including  
members from over 28 families  
joined us today!

Sponsored by Jeff Minkowsky  
and our  
Fundraising Committee!





## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

It's the most wonderful time of the year! We've got latkes and dreidels and donuts. We give gifts of chocolate. We light candles to increase our joy as *Chanukah* continues. It truly is a magical time. But why do we light candles from 1-8 when it would seem appropriate to light them so the light runs out, like the original miracle? Hillel and Shamai, noted rabbis of old, argued this very point. Shamai argued that we should replicate the miracle and light 8 candles on the first night, 7 on the second, and so on. Hillel argued that by doing so we are having less and less light and we should never decrease our joy. We should always strive to increase our holiness.

This month, let's strive to increase our joy, find ways to expand our holiness, and continually spread the light. Chag urim sameach, wishing you all a happy festival of light.

Sheryl Gordon,  
Religious School Director



## WELCOME TO OUR CIRCLE!

How quickly time flies! The summer is long gone, and fall is making its way along, with winter just around the corner. As I write this, I glance at my winter jacket, and know that I will need it before too long. Sometimes the quick passage of time is a scary thing, but I try to look back on the good times we've all had, and the good times to come.

In October, Marty and I with Circle of Friends enjoyed the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze at Old Bethpage Village Restoration. As I've mentioned before, if you've never been to the Blaze, be sure to check the C of F calendar for next year, and put the date for this on your calendars. You will have a (spooky!) great time!

Many thanks to all who made our Military Bridge night (October 22) a big success, with special thanks to Debbie and Artie Schlesinger for everything. (By the way, Debbie is working on a "Chocolate Works" field trip for us. Stay tuned for more information!) Military Bridge night has come to be one of C of F's most popular events, and we hope to see many more of you when it rolls around on our calendar next year. Many thanks as well to Sharon and Ben Cernese, who manned a C of F table at TBT's "Arms & Committees" event on October 2, and to those C of F members who volunteered at the TBT "Back to Shul" BBQ on September 2. We all appreciate your efforts!

What a great time we had at "Oktoberfest" on October 19 at Oak Chalet in Bellmore. Several members from Circle of Friends enjoyed a wonderful, authentic German-style meal, and even better, we sang along to the music of the accordionist for most of the evening. It was so much fun!

We'll be having a Chanukah Party luncheon on December 11 at Ben's Deli in Greenvale. Arrangements for the party were handled by Ira and Yolanda Friedman; since Ira is still on the mend, please RSVP to me ([vgoldberger@gmail.com](mailto:vgoldberger@gmail.com)) if you'd like to join us. I'll be happy to fill you in on the details.

Our second C of F Board meeting for 2022-23 was held on November 6. (Minutes are available from our Secretary, Ann Dinstell.) Many thanks to Laurie Chester, who substituted for Ann as Secretary on the previous meeting and recorded the minutes. Our next meeting will be on December 11, 2022 (via ZOOM) at 10 a.m. We encourage all interested TBT members to attend. Please let Ann know if you'd like to join us, so she can send you the ZOOM link. FYI, the dates of our other meetings in 2023 are January 8, February 5, March 19, April 23, and June 4.

I want to take another opportunity to thank the hard-working members of the C of F Board. I am so grateful for all that they have done and will be doing as we move along this year. It really does take a village – and not just to raise a child!

Hope to see you soon!

Vicki Goldberger





All proceeds go toward enriching our Religious School!

Temple B'nai Torah's Family Chanukah Brunch



Sunday, December 18, 2022 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Hosted by the TBT PTA

Games, Crafts, Food & Raffle Baskets

\$18 Adults/\$10 Children 5-13 yrs. old (under 5 yrs. are free)

Children MUST be accompanied by an adult



RSVP by December 4th

Late RSVPs cannot be accommodated.



Open to all Temple members and their guests

Please bring donations of nonperishable food or new, unwrapped toys to help families in our community

RSVP required by December 4th

Return form and payment to Temple office (516-221-2370)

For more information, contact Brooke Myers at TBTBrookeM@gmail.com

Tables will be set up for 8-10 guests, so you will be seated accordingly. If you would like to request to be seated with other guests, please put their names on the back of this form and we will try our best. □

Guest Names \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_ # Children under 5 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Make checks payable to TBT PTA)



Temple B'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Ave.  
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SHOW DATES:

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

December 11th 2022 @ 3:00pm

PLAYBILL AD ORDER FORM

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

*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 Chanukah Gift Giving**



**Ways to Donate:**

**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**

**Want to contribute but cannot shop? Send in a check (made payable to TBT with SA/SJ Holiday Gifts in the memo section) by Dec. 10 and we will shop for you**

Donations will be delivered to a variety of local agencies serving the needs of children, adolescents and families.

For general information and info about wish list items for Bethany House residents.  
contact Carol Drucker at [cdrucker22@gmail.com](mailto:cdrucker22@gmail.com).

**Temple B'nai Torah of Wantagh  
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Memorial Cash Calendar**



**BUY A 3-DIGIT NUMBER(S) FROM  
000 TO 999 FOR ONLY \$18**

**You get 365 chances to win!  
One chance for every day of the year.  
Each time your Pick 3 number matches the  
NYS Evening Lotto Pick 3, you win \$18!**

You could be a \$36 winner on these **5 Special Bonus Days:**  
Purim 3/7, Israeli Independence Day 4/26, Shavuot 5/26,  
Rosh Hashanah 9/15, Chanukah 12/8

Choose your numbers and we will do the rest!  
Temple B'nai Torah will track the winners, and checks will be issued  
after the last calendar day of the month.

Checks will be mailed to the address provided by each participant.

Each number will be sold only twice

You have 12 months in which to win

**Cash Calendars make great holiday gifts**

Let's honor **Gail's** memory and sell all 1000 numbers!

Send your numbers and payment to:

Temple B'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Ave, Wantagh 11793



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for prize checks: \_\_\_\_\_

3-digit Pick 3 numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

We will notify you if any of your numbers are not available  
Call Caryn Suckle at 516-456-6325 or  
Amy Neidle at 917-734-2575 with any questions



**All proceeds to benefit Temple B'nai Torah of Wantagh**



## YOUTH GROUP

Shalom!

The BEST part about being a Youth Director is when you plan a program that you think is pretty great, and the kids come and have an amazing time! This was the case with BNTY Heroes! Twenty members from all three groups attended and became super heroes! Capes and masks were decorated. Identities, powers and weaknesses were learned. Feats of agility and strength were performed. Snacks were eaten! Truly a great time was had by all. Thank you to all that participated.



We also had a great time solving puzzles and building structures at our team building event. Thanks to our President Jae for leading such a fun meeting.

Thank you to all that helped decorate and take the decorations down from the Sukkah.

We have some amazing programs and events coming in the winter. If you have yet to pay your yearly dues, please do so ASAP so you can be included in things like Mystery Maccabee and our Chanukah party. Hope to see you all at upcoming meetings!



Sincerely,  
Mark Derwin



## PTA UPDATES

Hello from the PTA!

We were so filled with gratitude at the lovely turnout for the PTA/New Member Shabbat. Thank you to everyone who participated and to our wonderful Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman for working to create such a warm, inclusive service.

There are just a few PTA-related things to remind you about for this month:

If you ordered our delicious and fun Gingerbread Menorah kits, you will be contacted about pickup at the synagogue on Sunday, December 18, which is the first night of Chanukah. (18 feels like a special date, yes?)

The 18th is also the date of PTA's fantastic annual Chanukah Brunch! How awesome is that? It's thrilling to me that our special fundraising event kicks off the eight-day celebration in real style. Starting just after religious school, the Brunch is a fun two-hour whirlwind of food and fun for everyone.

Also, if you shop at Five Below in Levittown (that store only), don't forget to bring along our PTA flyer for that fundraiser. Shop as you normally would, but show the flyer or mention Temple B'nai Torah PTA at checkout and we will get a portion of those sales. Every penny we raise goes towards enrichment for our religious school children.

Best wishes for a meaningful holiday and a wonderful school break,

Laurel Klein

TBT PTA

~TBT SISTERHOOD LINE DANCING ~



COME DANCE WITH US  
Monday, December 12, 2022 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
TBT Social Hall  
LEARN HOW TO LINE DANCE  
With Suzanne D'Ambrosio

Suzanne is a line dancer. Before learning to line dance, Suzanne felt like she had two left feet. After she began taking some line dancing classes, she found comfort and confidence. Her worries, disappeared as she concentrated on the counting and steps. She has been line dancing for over 5 years and is comfortable with well over 200 dances.

**No partner necessary**, just a desire to learn and have a good time. In addition, this year's TBT Square Dance in January will be including line dancing. **Men welcome as well.**

**Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a rip-roaring good time!**



**Contact:**

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Ronni Fauci [rfauci@gmail.com](mailto:rfauci@gmail.com)



**Brotherhood of Temple B'nai Torah**

**Temple Members' Sunday Breakfast**

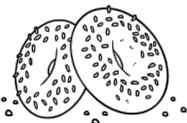
**Happy New Year!!!!**

**Sunday, January 8th, 2023 at 9:30 AM**

The Brotherhood of TBT will prepare a delicious breakfast. This breakfast is open to all members of Temple B'nai Torah while Religious School is in session. Drop off the kids and enjoy breakfast with us.

Email reservations to [lesrichards@verizon.net](mailto:lesrichards@verizon.net) and [TBTScottKohn@gmail.com](mailto:TBTScottKohn@gmail.com) by Thursday, January 5th.

Please indicate how many will attend.





## CHAI CLUB NEWS

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 80 members of the Chai Club joined together for their Annual Paid-Up Membership dinner at Domenico's Restaurant. The evening was unusually warm for November, and everyone was happy to be out with their friends. The food was delicious, the company was fantastic, conversations were lighthearted, and everyone had a wonderful time. The evening started with a blessing before the meal. We welcomed some new members to Chai Club, and then celebrated the November birthdays of Vicki Deutch, Esther Singer and Regina White-Chereskin. There was a moment of silence in memory of our recently passed member Herb Price. We even enjoyed a sing-along during dessert with Artie Schlesinger on guitar, accompanying his singing friends including his wife Debbie, Marty Solomon, Rita Drucker, Fred Spivack, Anne Dinstell and Steve Block. Thank you to Brian and Joan Levy, the immediate past co-presidents of Chai Club for putting together such a wonderful evening. You certainly thought of everything.

As we all left Domenico's to head home, there was a definite change in temperature. Fall had arrived, while we were enjoying the warmth of friendship and camaraderie with our fellow Chai Club members.

Our next scheduled program is a presentation by Howard Kerner on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00pm on Zoom. The topic is Heroes of the Holocaust, Priests and Nuns. Last year Kerner gave us a presentation on Teenage Rescuers of the Holocaust which was very interesting and well received. Please watch for the flyer and join us if you can.

We hope that your Thanksgiving was full of blessings and that your Chanukah is filled with light and hope.

Shalom,

Judy and Janis





## SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

### Social Action/Social Justice Committee

The entire Social Action/Social Justice Committee wishes you and your families a very Happy Chanukah!

Chanukah provides many themes for reflection and inspiration. The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's *Sustaining the Light: A Social Justice Program Guide for Chanukah* (<https://www.rac.org/sites/default/files/Chanukah%20Guide%20May%202025.pdf>) illustrates the connection between Chanukah and a variety of current social justice issues. For example, "because of its theme of light in the midst of winter, Chanukah lends itself to thoughts of energy conservation. Energy conservation not only helps to ensure the wise use of our natural resources, it also helps to reduce pollution and slow global climate change" One day's worth of oil lasted for eight days - now that's energy conservation! Gift-giving has become a big part of the Chanukah celebration. The guide suggests that "we can become excited not only about the great gifts we'll receive, but also about the ways we can use our blessings and our gifts – by making monetary donations, material donations, volunteering, and participating in advocacy– to ensure the well-being of all..." Chanukah has certainly become a children's holiday. When we work for social justice in any or the many areas that need attention, we also ensure the wellbeing of all children and future generations. In the time of King Antiochus many Jews (led by those whom we know as the Maccabees) needed to stand up for their beliefs and to fight to be able to practice their religion freely. Consider that preserving the separation of church and state protects against the dangers of government interference with religious practice and learn about how to protect that freedom.

Last month we started our **Winter Coat and Accessories Collection**, which will continue through February to allow us to reach as many people in need as possible. Your generosity has already helped many adults and children keep warm this winter and we will continue to distribute items to help meet their needs.

Last month we also held our annual **Frozen Turkey Drive**. Turkeys and shelf stable sides were distributed to several agencies that requested assistance this year. Please know that your generosity was much appreciated and allowed our neighbors to meet their nutritional needs and to celebrate along with others during the holidays.

We have recently begun our **Holiday Gift Drive** and hope to provide needed and "wished for" items for local children and families who may not have otherwise been able to make their holidays special this year.

If you are a congregant in need at this time, please contact Rabbi Bar-Nahum or the Mitzvah Makers and we will make *strictly confidential* arrangements for you.

This month we are beginning a new project relating to the history of our **Holocaust Memorial Garden** in the front of the building. If you were involved in any way in the original development of this special place, please email Jason Newman (email below)

Our next meeting will be Wed. Nov. 30 at 7:00 p.m. We welcome your input and new members!

For information contact Rona at [ronakauffman@yahoo.com](mailto:ronakauffman@yahoo.com) or Jason at [jaynew4@gmail.com](mailto:jaynew4@gmail.com)



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### Mission Statement

Temple B'nai Torah is a diverse caring congregation that embraces a progressive and inclusive vision of Reform Judaism through worship, study of Torah and righteous deeds. We are creating a multi-generational home in our region by staying connected to our roots, as well as offering spiritual enrichment, Jewish education and community engagement.



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## Candle Lighting December 2022



December	2	4:11 pm
December	9	4:10 pm
December	16	4:11 pm
December	23	4:15 pm
December	30	4:19 pm

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