

Community Seder Second Night of Passover



Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy an Interactive Passover Seder led by **Cantor Rica Timman**

> Thursday, April 6th, 2023 at 6:30 pm (See details on page 13)

Ritual Calendar - March 2023

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, March 3	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat	A Reform Congregation
	7:15pm	Family Shabbat Service **	,
Saturday, March 4	9:30am	Torah Study ⁺	
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Branc	lon Bombardier **
Monday, March 6	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
	6:45pm	Purim Service/Spiel/Iyyun Tefillah **	
Friday, March 10	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Services - <u>A Classical Reform Service</u> /Iyyun Tefillah **	
Saturday, March 11	9:30am	Torah Study ⁺	
Monday, March 13	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, March 17	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Services **	
Saturday, March 18	9:30am	Torah Study ⁺	
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Jordy	n Kaplan**
Monday, March 20	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, March 24	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Services - COF & Chai Clu	ub with our Adult Choir**
Saturday, March 25	9:30am	Torah Study *	
Monday, March 27	12:00pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, March 31	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat	
	7:15pm	Pre-Passover Family Shabbat Servic	e - 4th Grade **
April —			-

Torah Study + Saturday, April 1 9:30am Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Kohn** 10:30am Wednesday, April 5 9:45am Chometz Burning in the TBT parking lot **Community 2nd Seder (SH)** Thursday, April 6 6:30pm Erev Shabbat Services on Zoom and FB only Friday, April 7 6:30pm Tuesday, April 11 6:30pm Yizkor Service - ## Wednesday, April 12 10:30am Passover/Yizkor Service - ##



March 6, 2023, 6:45pm

"THE GREATEST HAMAN"

A Purim Spiel presented by *The TBT Not Ready for Purim Players* Featuring parodies of music from *"The Greatest Showman"*

*** Bring a new box of Macaroni (not spaghetti) to use as a Grogger *** (then donate it to the food pantry!!!!) What is a Classical Reform Service?

It will take us back to an earlier era in Reform Judaism with the use of the Organ and prayers from the Union Prayer Book

* = On Zoom ** = At TBT, Streamed & Facebook Live. SH/S = Social Hall & Sanctuary + = KL/Zoom ## = Sanctuary/Streamed

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



This month, our liturgical calendar has lots of interesting and fun opportunities to recognize the variety of worship that is offered here at TBT. We open the month with a fun, joyous holiday, take time to honor the traditions of our past, welcome members to the bima to help lead our service, and

then have a rare second Family Shabbat to end the month.

We will begin our month with celebrations and fun around the holiday of Purim. The March Family Shabbat and Tot Shabbat on March 3 will include elements and learnings about Purim, the spring holiday celebrating Queen Esther standing up for the Jewish people in the face of a genocidal regime. Though that summary of the story of Purim doesn't sound like it fits with a carnival the holiday calls for silliness, raucousness, humor, and fun, as a way to remember that sometimes the best way to defeat our enemies is to be reminded of and celebrate their defeat with joy, adding to the undermining of their plans for our people. We blot out Haman's name with shouts, we dress up, we play games, all to make the point that we are still here and Haman is not. Join us for our carnival on Sunday March 5 and our Purim Service with Spiel on Monday, March 6 at 6:45pm. Details can be found on page 4.

Soon after Purim concludes, we will be celebrating a new style of Shabbat Worship on our calendar, which we have titled "Classical Reform Shabbat." This is an opportunity for us to harken back to the days of the Union Prayer Book. We will look back at the way Reform prayer looked and sounded for much of the 20th century, until the printing of Gates of Prayer. We will hear liturgical pieces sung with the Organ, wear our rabbinic and cantorial robes, and make use of prayers from the Union Prayer Book. It will be a nostalgic and beautiful experience. If you've never attended a service like this, I encourage you to join us for the opportunity to see where we've come from as Reform Jews as relates to our liturgy. Liturgical styles have always been in flux, no matter which Jewish Community, and the evolution of our prayer practices can teach us about the evolution of our understanding of our relationship with our Judaism, our traditions, and ultimately God. This service is scheduled for Friday March 10 at 7:15pm

Then, a couple of weeks later, on March 24 at 7:15pm we will look forward to welcoming members of our Chai Club and Circle of Friends to join us on the Bima to participate in our services. We always appreciate the opportunities to welcome members to lead our congregation in prayer, and as every year, we look forward to a beautiful service, with members of our Adult Choir adding special musical selections for this special evening. We will also look forward to hearing words of Torah that evening.

Finally, on March 31, we have a rare occasion to celebrate a second Family Shabbat of the month. Due to April's first Shabbat Falling during the Passover recess, we have moved the April Family Shabbat to March 31. At those services, we'll get ourselves ready for our festival of Freedom and prepare ourselves to relive our great redemption. Our Men's and Women's Seders are scheduled for Tuesday, March 28. Our students will have a chance to learn about the Passover Seder at the Religious School Seders on Wednesday, March 29. Be on the lookout for more information about all of these opportunities to get ready for Passover.

This month, as every month, we've got great opportunities to participate in prayer in varied and meaningful ways. We hope to see you often and hope that these offerings will be meaningful for you, and bring some new perspective to the way we pray today.

With Blessings,

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



This time of year, we go from celebrating the silliness of the holiday of Purim followed by weeks preparing and then celebrating the festival of Pesach. No connection between the two, right? Wrong! Purim and Pesach have all kinds of connections.

Pesach always comes exactly thirty days

after Purim. In fact, Purim is the last holiday of the year, occurring on the fourteenth of *Adar*, exactly two weeks before *Rosh Chodesh Nissan*, the beginning of the month of *Nissan*. Pesach is the first holiday of the year occurring exactly two weeks after the beginning of *Nissan*. As a result, on both holidays the moon is shining full at its brightest.

Both stories celebrate our redemption. Both stories are about how we were oppressed, how we were almost wiped out and finally how we survived and flourished. The stories are very different of course, but with parallels. In the Purim *Megillah*, Esther and Mordechai save the Jewish people without mention of God. God is 'hidden' in the story. In the Pesach *Haggadah*, God saves the Jewish people without mention of Moses. Moses is 'hidden' in the story.

Historically, Pesach and the redemption from Egypt is a story of our infancy as a people. We rely on God's miracles to save us, to redeem us from slavery. In the calendar, we are at the beginning of the year with the first month of *Nissan* and the rebirth of spring. With the story of Purim, eight hundred years later, we are mature adults, ready to redeem ourselves without an overt miracle from God. And we are at the end of the year, in *Adar* and the end of winter.

With the celebration of Purim, we begin the preparation for Pesach. The Talmud instructs that thirty days before Pesach the laws of Pesach take precedence over the study of Torah. In fact, in the weeks leading up to Pesach we read special Shabbat *Haftarot* on themes of redemption and preparation for Pesach. We spend the thirty days cleaning out the *chametz* in our homes and hopefully the *chametz* in our hearts. We offer *tzedakah* and gifts of *mishloach manot* on Purim, and then on the practical side, clean our kitchen pantries, shop, cook and prepare our homes for a festive Seder.

And one final connection: on Purim we work and on Pesach we relax. On Purim we begin the spiritual and physical work throughout the month to finally relax and celebrate our freedom on Pesach.

May the happiness of *Adar*, Purim and the end of winter bring us all to the rebirth of spring, Pesach and the beauty of our Seder gatherings.

B'Shira, Cantor Rica Timman



MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES



Brandon Bombardier

George & Holli

My name is Brandon Bombardier, and I am in seventh grade at Seaford Middle School. I enjoy playing football, singing, acting and performing in plays. I currently have one of the leads in my school play, The Little Mermaid, as Prince Eric. I also participate in a competitive musical group. I am in chorus, band, jazz band and drama club at my school. I also enjoy bike riding and hanging out with my friends and family. I am grateful for the support and dedication from my parents, grandmother and sister, Lena. I also want to give a special thanks to Cantor Timman, Morah Emily and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for helping me prepare for my Bar Mitzvah.



March 18

March 4

Jordyn Kaplan

Matthew & Michelle

I am a seventh-grader at Merrick Avenue Middle School, where I play drums and percussion in the Jazz Band and concert band, and I participate in the History Club and Builder's Club. I swim for the Maria Regina Sea Angels and play for the Sacred Heart seventh grade Volleyball team. I also enjoy hanging out, riding bikes, and ice skating with my friends, as well as listening to rock and roll. I want to thank Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman, Mrs. Altman, Janet Baram, and my parents and sister for all of their guidance and patience helping me prepare for my big day!



Lifelong Learning Sunday Morning Classes with Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman

The Liturgy of Holiness

Holiness is a key element in Jewish Prayer. The prayers of Kedushah, Kaddish, and Kiddush are all focused on ideas of sanctification.

Together we will focus on the origin of these prayers, their meaning, Reform and modern adaptation from the traditional, and the musical settings and how they enhance our sense of holiness. No Hebrew or previous experience required. All texts will be studied in English.

Three sessions are planned with Rabbi on the liturgy: March 12, March 19 and March 26.

We will have one session with Cantor on the musical settings – April 2. Classes will be in person in the Kiddush Lounge, as well as on ZOOM.

All classes begin at 10 AM.

Join us for one or all of these sessions.

We look forward to learning and studying with you.



Please RSVP to Caryn Suckle at caryn@suckle.net or 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Temple Runs on Volunteer Hours!!!

Dear Friends.

I would like to share some information with you.

Each member of our Board of Trustees, on average, month volunteers 14 hours each attending committee meetings, BOT meetings, plus set-up and cleanup for each event that is planned. That is lowballing it for sure.

There are 32 members on the Board of Trustees, which equals 448 hours per month. NY State minimum wage is \$14.20 per hour which would add up to \$6,361.60 a month in volunteer pay! Multiply that by 12 months and that would cost us \$76,339.20 a year.

On average, there are 20 Bingo workers that volunteer either on Wed. or Thurs., for an average of 3 hours per week. That would equal \$852 a week. A year's total of \$42,600 (as we are closed a couple of times a year).

Add those totals and we get \$118,939.20 which we are saving in volunteer hours.

I did not even figure in the hours that Sisterhood volunteers for catering luncheons and parties. I did not figure in the hours that our "show people" volunteer. I also did not figure in the hours that our PTA volunteers put in to run amazing functions. We can't forget our beautiful choirs. OH, and how about Brotherhood's volunteers who build our sukkah each year and run our Vendor Fair – hours and hours. I could go on and on, but I think you get my point.

Temple runs on Volunteer Hours! WE NEED YOU! We need you to volunteer for Bingo or help with our shows, or help on a committee. Are you engaged with temple? Do you read the VOICE and our SCROLL? Are you keeping up with our events calendar? Are you aware of all the committees that could use your help? Don't wait for the next guy - find something that interests you and take the leap. I promise you will be happy that you did. SAY YES AND VOLUNTEER!

Happy Spring, Dee Greenberg. President





SISTERHOOD NEWS

Happy Purim! Shalach Manot bags can be picked up on March 5 at 10:30 am during the

Purim Carnival.

Come join us for our Women's Seder on Tuesday, March 28! You don't have to be a member of Sisterhood to come. It's always a very special event celebrating the women in our lives. We'd love to have you all. Look for the flyer in the Voice and Scroll. Please return the filled-out flyer with your check to the temple office (envelope on the bulletin board) or mail to the temple office by March 14.

You can sponsor an Oneg. Please consider sponsoring if you have a special occasion that you would like celebrated. Please see Eileen in the office for details.

Sisterhood also caters luncheons. If you are planning a party at the temple and would like Sisterhood catering, please contact Laurel Klein for information and pricing. Laurel can be reached at tbtlaurel@gmail.com.

Yours in Sisterhood, Maryann



BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

In Memory of Alexis Zayas Sunday, March 19, 2023 9:00am-3:00pm Temple B'nai Torah

2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh Click on link below to schedule an appointment:

https://donate.nvbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/301343

or scan the QR code: or call 1 800-933-BLOOD

New York Blood Center



For more information, please contact Ava Jacobs 516-477-9123 or Joni Christie 516-996-0948 Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permit Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and phot Masks are optional for all donors and staff. For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit nybc.org/coronavirus. e and photo

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Why Fundraising Matters

By Stephanie Giwner, Ronni Fauci, Joyce Rappaport Fundraising Committee

We are often asked why the Temple does so much fundraising. Fundraising is one of the most important aspects of our Temple's success. Unlike events sponsored by Temple Arms and other Temple committees, all profits raised from our fundraising events go directly to the Temple's bottom line. As such, these funds help pay for the Temple's expenses and overhead costs, develop educational programs, and make improvements that will benefit the future of our Temple and its members. Monies brought in from our fundraising events also help our Board keep our dues as manageable as possible.

Not only does fundraising help to ensure the Temple's financial viability, it also brings community members and congregants together for a good cause. Our Fundraising Committee has been working diligently to create fun and meaningful events to raise funds, such as our Torah Restoration Weekend. During that event, our congregants had the opportunity to help repair one of our community Torahs with the assistance of the Sofer. A portion of the funds raised were contributed to the Temple's Torah Restoration Fund, which will be used to maintain our Torahs and Ark.

Our fundraising events are not just about the money, They're also about fun!!! We have several FUN-raising events throughout the year, where our congregants can come together and have some fun with their Temple Family. Our family bowling event in November was a huge success. Over 100 people joined us in January for our annual Square Dance. A ton of fun was had and money was raised for our Temple as well. Join us on March 11 for Murder, Mystery & Magic – an evening with the Mentalist. A great time is guaranteed.

Fundraising also allows our organization to fund its mission. Our Garden at TBT grows vegetables that are donated to local food pantries as well as being a meditative green space for all ages to enjoy. Our Spring Fundraiser, a Garden Party, will be to celebrate the important work of the Garden and its volunteers as well as to raise additional funds for the Temple's general fund. We hope to see you there on June 10. Information to follow.

In addition to donating through monetary contributions at our various events, you might also consider a Gift in Kind. Gifts in kind, also referred to as in-kind donations, are a kind of charitable giving in which, instead of giving money to buy needed goods and services, the goods and services themselves are given. If you are interested or would like to know about our Temple needs and how you can help, please let us know or reach out to our Executive Director Eileen Schneyman.

Fundraising acts as a glue for different project areas, unifying the team and its different project goals into one holistic mission. Fundraising provides us with supplemental funds that address some of our Temple's needs and provides alternative financial opportunities. So when a fundraiser is announced, please participate as often as possible.

The success of our Temple depends on all of us.





January and February were very busy around here, so let's start off by thanking everyone who helped make our Pizza, Prayer and Pajamas Game Night such a fun evening, and supported PTA through our Pickle Me Pete fundraiser. We hope you are enjoying the pickles and olives, all in such wonderful traditional and inventive flavors. Did you make a vase or canvas you are especially proud of at our adults-only Paint Pour evening? Please send us your photos!

Do you have something you'd like to see PTA do with the Religious School? Do you have a question about the way something works? We'd love to hear from you. **Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 5, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom.** This will give everyone dropping their children off an opportunity to get home and grab something to drink (your choice, we would never judge) before we start. Or, as some of our more intrepid members do, join us on your phone while you are grocery shopping. We will be discussing all sorts of wonderful plans, such as our delicious and labor-saving Calda Restaurant fundraiser in April, volunteer opportunities for planning and assisting with the Religious School seders on March 29th, and brainstorming ideas for Teacher Appreciation Day (April 23rd) and the PTA table at Mitzvah Day (May 21st).

Don't forget to plan to attend our annual Family Bingo event on Sunday, March 12, from 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m. If you especially enjoyed our Chanukah Brunch, you will certainly want to bring your children and grandchildren to this. Details and registration info can be found on the flyers posted on Facebook, the TBT Scroll, and the TBT Website. (And it's a well-known secret... everyone goes home with prizes.)

Once again, we would like to mention the wonderful vendors who support PTA and encourage you to patronize them--a little mention goes a long way toward making them feel their donation has real impact in our community.

East Meadow: The Bagel Place Big Joes Pizza La Novella Grand Stage Diner Texas Road House

<u>Old Bethpage</u> Bottle Values Wantagh 1/2 Off Cards of Wantagh Circle M Diner

<u>Massapequa</u> Zona Leonardo's Pizza

See you around the Synagogue, Laurel Klein TBT PTA



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



Tuesday, March 28, 2023 Doors Open at 6PM Seder begins promptly at 6:15PM in the Social Hall

- \$20 TBT Sisterhood members and daughters (age 9+)
- \$30 for Non-Sisterhood Temple Members
- \$36 for all other guests
- \bullet RSVP with slip and check by March 14, 2023
- <u>We Can Not Accommodate Walk-Ins</u>

Contact Emily Altman at Emily Altman
19@gmail.com or 516-647-7123 with any questions.

Return the RVSP slip below with a check made payable to:

Temple B'nai Torah Sisterhood

Leave it in the envelope on the bulletin board in the Temple Office <u>or</u> mail to: **Temple B'nai Torah**, 2900 Jerusalem Ave, Wantagh, NY 11793 <u>Attn</u>: Sisterhood Seder

SISTERHOOD Women's Seder			
Please print all information clearly	RSVP by March 14	4, 2023 with check payment	
Member Name	Phone#		
\$20.00 pp for all Sisterhood Membe	ers # of Members	Amt \$	
\$30.00 pp for Temple Members	# of Non-Members	Amt \$	
\$36.00 pp Guests Attending	# Guests Attending	Amt \$	
Total Amount Enclosed To	tal Amount Enclosed \$	Check #	
I will contribute: Miriam's Cup			
Please indicate any dietary needs,	we'll make every effort to acc	ommodate: G/F, D/F, S/F,	
Nut Free.			



Thank you to Sharon and Ben Cernese and our Circle of Friends for including the Chai Club in its February Game Night. I'm sure everyone who attended had fun.

March will be a very special month for Chai Club and TBT. In honor of National Women's Month, we are having a joint program with our Sisterhood on Monday, March 27 at 7pm in our Sanctuary. Topic will be Madam Justice: Women of the Supreme Court presented by James Coll. Mr. Coll is a very knowledgeable speaker and professor of the US Constitution and our government and very interesting. The subject is ideal for National Women's Month! As always, the program is free, all are invited. We have even invited the high school students to join us. Desserts and coffee will be served afterwards.

Join us Thursday, April 6 at 6:30pm for our annual Community Seder - Second Night of Passover. Watch for the flyer for details!!! Families, singles, couples, and unaffiliated members of our community are cordially invited.

Shalom,

Janis Beldner and Judy Kule (Co-Presidents)





TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH

Jointly Celebrate



Women's History Month in the TBT Sanctuary Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:00pm Madam Justice: Women of the Supreme Court

A "We The People Lecture" by James Coll

"I urge the Senate's swift bipartisan confirmation so that as soon as possible she may take her place on the Court and her place in history." Since President Ronald Reagan spoke these words at the appointment of Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court in 1981, three other women have been nominated and serve on the Highest Court in the land. In this lecture, we will discuss the lives of the Madam Justices and their impact on our understanding of the Constitution, the law and our nation.

Come & Enjoy with Your Friends ALL WELCOME – NO CHARGE Delicious Desserts We will also celebrate March birthdays.



Questions? Call Ben at (516) 322-8130 or Ronni at (516) 650-1508



BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Hello My Fellow Congregants,

So far so good. We are all surviving the winter as yet. I say that because of the awesome turnout at the breakfasts.

Thank you to all the Brotherhood members who prepare the food and to you the Congregants who make this possible.

I would also like to acknowledge the children of Brotherhood members who the Brotherhood helped sponsor for the Washington L'Taken trip. What makes it sweeter is to hear the stories they bring back to share with their friends and families.

Not to forget about the dinner, which too was a success. The dinner was good deli, and the speaker was the former owner of Golds mustard, horseradish etc.

More things on the horizon coming up - cornhole family day in June and a cornhole tournament also. We are looking forward to Mitzvah Day. The Brotherhood is doing a carwash so don't forget to bring your car in. The Brotherhood Seder is just around the corner and don't forget about the Brotherhood wine and spirits fundraiser.

All the information is on the TBT Scroll.

Brotherhood President, Eric Altman





YOUTH GROUP

Shalom!

It's been a busy winter for the Temple B'nai Torah youth groups.

We started out with our Chanukah party and Mystery Maccabees. I hope that all the participants enjoyed both the giving and the receiving of gifts.

We had an amazing time at the Chanukah scavenger hunt, running around the Temple, finding clues and solving puzzles.

All members left with new TBT Youth Group T-shirts. I once again must thank Jan Friedman for her gracious donation to the Youth Group fund. The T-shirts were her gift to all of us.

We also had a meeting where our amazing members taught and learned ASL. Jenna did a great job leading. We welcomed alumni Ashley and Hannah back from college.

We now have our eyes set firmly on Purim! We are planning the Carnival and hamantaschen baking kits.

We will get all the information out on these activities as soon as we have the details.

Stay Warm! Mark Derwin Youth Director



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Purim is upon us, my friends. It's known as a holiday of merriment, of joy, and of baked goods, but it's also a tale of survival against the odds. In a time where it is often hard to be openly and publicly Jewish, I am reminded of the

courage of Queen Esther. Under penalty of death for herself and her people, Esther refused to deny her faith, and instead, proclaimed it loudly for any and all to hear. Mordechai, her uncle, refused to accept evil. He fought back against the ruling authority that demanded he bow down to Haman, the most wicked. He knew that he could die for this transgression, and yet he stood tall, knowing that he was doing the right thing. This year, our Not Ready for Purim Players will put on a spiel loosely based on the movie The Greatest Showman, which is also, very loosely based on the life of PT Barnum. In the movie, (we will ignore the real-life story of Barnum), PT Barnum fights for the underdog. He doesn't shy away from what society at the time called the undesirables. What could have been his professional, and even personal demise, became his biggest strength. This Is Me, the bearded lady proclaimed. This Is Me, Mordechai proclaimed. This is Me; I will proclaim. Join me in being the most authentic self you can be. Loudly proclaim your Judaism in any way that makes you feel comfortable. Be proud of anything that makes you unique. Love and support those around you who proclaim their own minority status. Find details in this issue for details of the Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel.

Sheryl Gordon, Religious School Director

Circle of FriendsThe past couple of months have beenCircle of Friendsvery busy for our club.Circle of FriendsFriends Trip to Bellmore Chocolate Factory



New Members Carol and Rob Meyerson enjoying their delicious chocolate creations.



Co-Chair Debbie Schlesinger knows everyone is happy!



Circle of Friends Group enjoying the day.



Co-Presidents Sharon & Ben Cernese: Another great Excursion

Pictures From Circle of Friends Bowling Dinner to Jani's



Think we like to eat? Any member of the Temple who likes to eat and have fun can join us. Just call our membership VP Esther Singer at (516) 826-9538.

Some of our members have been under the weather lately, and we wish them all speedy recoveries.

We hope that this finds you happy and most of all, healthy. Sharon & Ben Cernese, Co-Presidents (516) 322-8126



Volunteers needed to help cook a special dinner

for families staying at the *Ronald McDonald House of New Hyde Park* on **Mitzvah Day**, Sunday, May 21st from 3:00-6:30 pm Volunteers must be age 16+

If interested, please contact Lisa Shubin at LFSESL@aol.com





Community Seder Second Night of Passover



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

Saturday, April 6th, 2023 at 6:30 pm

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

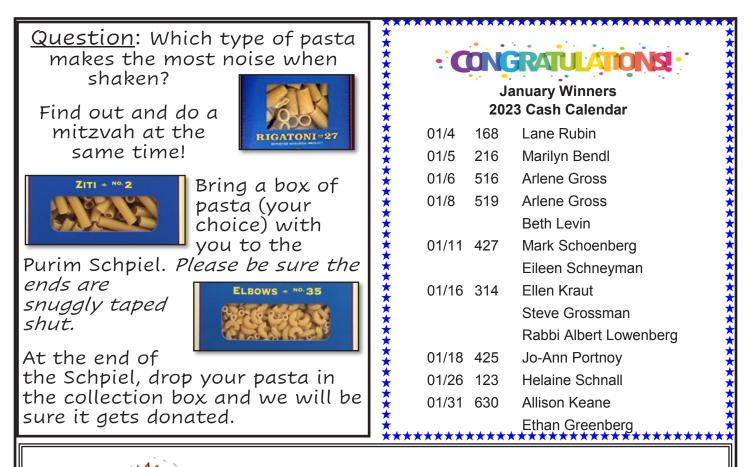
Reservations are required, by March 23rd.

Questions? Contact: Scott Kohn - TBTScottkohn@gmail.com, Ivy & James LoNigro – 516-524-1535 or Joan & Brian Levy at (516) 459-4450.

Sponsored by The Chai Club of Temple B'nai Torah

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Mail this form and check, payable to TBT Chai Club, 2900 Jerusalem Ave, Wantagh,	NY 117	'93

Name	
E-mail	Telephone ()
(Please include e-mails of al	l participants on the back of this form)
I (We) wish to be seated with:	
Number of adults	Temple Members @ \$50
	Non-Temple Members @ \$65
Number of children (age 5-13)	@ \$25 =
Number of children (under 5)	Free
Total of check	



Did you miss The Music Man on Broadway?

If so, fear not! The TBT MainStage Players, with a cast of 50 actors, will be performing



The Music Man live, on stage, at TBT on May 6,7, 13 and 14!



Volunteers

With a cast of 50, we can use your help. Our production takes an enormous amount of volunteer hours. If you can sew, shop for supplies, paint, are good with tools or can work with make-up, please contact Lisa Shubin at <u>LFSESL@aol.com</u>.

If you'd like to volunteer, but aren't sure how you can help, get in touch and we'll find something for you!

Costumes

Please check your closets to see if you have any of the following items, which you'd be willing to donate:

women's high-necked or lacy blouses and long dresses (white, ecru, pastel or small print), girl's dresses (either knee length or mid-calf), men's 2- or 3-piece suits (especially in a loud plaid) suspenders

It's a win – win, you get more space in your closet and we get a great costume! Please contact Karen Friedlander <u>tbtkfriedla@aol.com</u> if you have any costume donations.



SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Last month, we completed our **Winter Coats and Accessories Collection**. Many, many thanks to all who participated! Our responsive delivery team made it possible for our recipient agencies to receive and quickly distribute the clothing donated to children, teens and adults who were in need of warm clothing throughout the winter months.

Chag Purim Samaech! This month we will be celebrating Purim! The American Jewish World Service points out that "Purim commemorates the survival and tenacity of the Jewish people and reminds us to have the courage to stand up to injustice. (<u>ajws.org</u>)" and <u>reformjudaism.org</u> reminds us that "The commandments to eat, drink, and be merry are accompanied by the *mitzvah* of giving *matanot la-evyonim* and *tzedakah.*" Their social action guides offers suggestions if you are looking for ways to bring more social action to your holiday observances <u>https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/purim/purim-social-action-guide</u> Social justice themes abound in the Purim story - the importance of advocacy, of being an up stander, and of fighting antisemitism. To learn more about these and other social justice connections to the Purim story, visit <u>https://rac.org/blog/purim-5776-incorporating-social-justice-your-celebrations</u>

This month we will also be hosting a **Blood Drive at TBT - please note the date change to Sunday, March 19.** Please check TBT'S various communication platforms for details.

The Garden at TBT will be reopening this month. Consider joining us as a garden volunteer. Green thumbs are not needed - only an interest in supporting our mission of growing food for those in need, learning to care for our environment and creating a peaceful space for all to enjoy. We have lots of jobs for those who would like to be part of the process but may have those pesky bad knees or backs getting in the way. Just come down and see us and we will find what is just right for you.

With our return to more and more in person activities, **TEVA** (Temple Environmental Vision and Action) has been exploring ways to help TBT increase its awareness of its environmental impact and of sustainable options.

Mitzvah Day 2023 (May 21) is coming soon. This month we will be collecting items in support of our Snack Bags for the children who are clients of the Interfaith Nutrition Network. This collection will allow us to have the supplies needed to get those snack bags filled and ready for donation on Mitzvah Day. And, this year marks the return of the **Volunteer Fair** where you can learn about a variety of volunteer opportunities in the area. Stay tuned for more details on ways to get involved and on collections in support of our activities.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday**, **March 22 at 7:00 p.m.** We welcome your input and new members! For information about SA/SJ, The Garden at TBT or TEVA contact Rona at <u>ronakauffman@yahoo.com</u> or Jason at <u>jaynew4@gmail.com</u>





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*** Having a committee meeting? Come join us. We will set up a private table for you. Let us do all the work. ***

Coffee, tea, juice, eggs, fresh bread, potatoes, dessert & something special will be served.

There is a minimal charge of \$5.00 per person.

Reservations will help us accurately order the appropriate amount of food. Email reservations to <u>TBTScottKohn@gmail.com</u> by Thursday, March 23rd. Please indicate how many will attend.

Mitzvah Day is Coming! May 21, 2023 Help us Get Ready!

March 1- March 31



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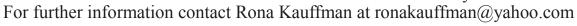
On Mitzvah Day, we will be creating snack bags to donate to the Interfaith Nutrition Network. This year, at their requests, they will be for the kids who are INN clients.

Monetary donations to offset the costs of Mitzvah Day also gratefully accepted. Make checks payable to Temple B'nai Torah with Mitzvah Day in the memo section.





The collection box will be in the lobby.





TBT Happenings in Pictures



Our 10th and 12th Graders at the Religious Action Center's *L'taken* Advocacy Seminar. At this annual program, students from all over the country learned about food insecurity, economic inequality as well as learning about drafting position papers. Our students spoke to their senators and representatives about gun violence, antisemitism, and mental health in the hopes that they vote for the proposed bills.

Our Artist in Residence weekend in February, with the extraordinary Ellen Allard, was a wonderful celebration of Shabbat Shira! Ellen joined our clergy on Friday night for Tot Shabbat and the Family service with the Shabbatones Band and B'nai Shir choir, led our K-2 Shabbaton and Jr. Congregation. She popped into Mazel Tots, held a "lunch and learn" program with our entire faculty, and treated us to an awesome Family concert. It was a wall-to-wall musical weekend that included her world premiere of "Holy Holy," written for TBT (text chosen by our clergy) in honor of our year-long theme exploring holiness. We are still humming her amazing songs!







Welcome Back to the The Garden at TBT! Re-opening on March 26th, 2023



Our opening day activity will be harvesting sunchokes!

Join us and find out what they are, why we harvest them in March, and how they are prepared.

There are many ways to support and be a part of the Garden at TBT.

Join us and be part of the joy of caring for the garden and growing food for those in need. No experience or "green thumb" required.

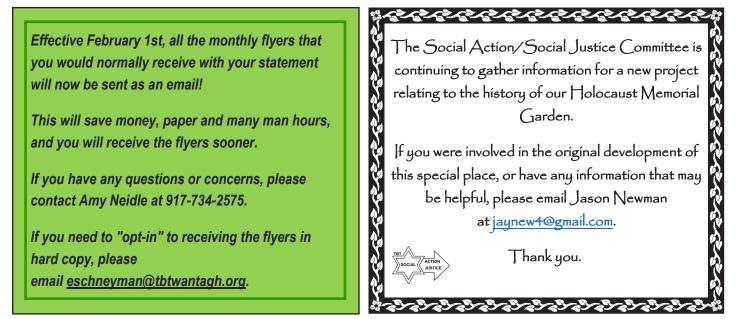
Sign up to **volunteer** for the new growing season at the Garden! We need helpers of all ages and abilities.

If you have garden supplies/tools or furniture that you no longer need and would like to donate, please let us know.

If you want to make a monetary donation make a check payable to Temple B'nai Torah and put SA/SJ Fund - Garden in the memo so it gets properly assigned.

Do you have a talent that you think would work well in the garden? Are you a photographer? artist? carpenter?

Let us know how you would like to be involved, send an email to Rona Kauffman at <u>ronakauffman@yahoo.com</u> and someone will get back to you shortly.







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If you're interested in getting in on the ground floor, they will pick it all up again next week with Genesis 1:1, Saturday at 9:30am.

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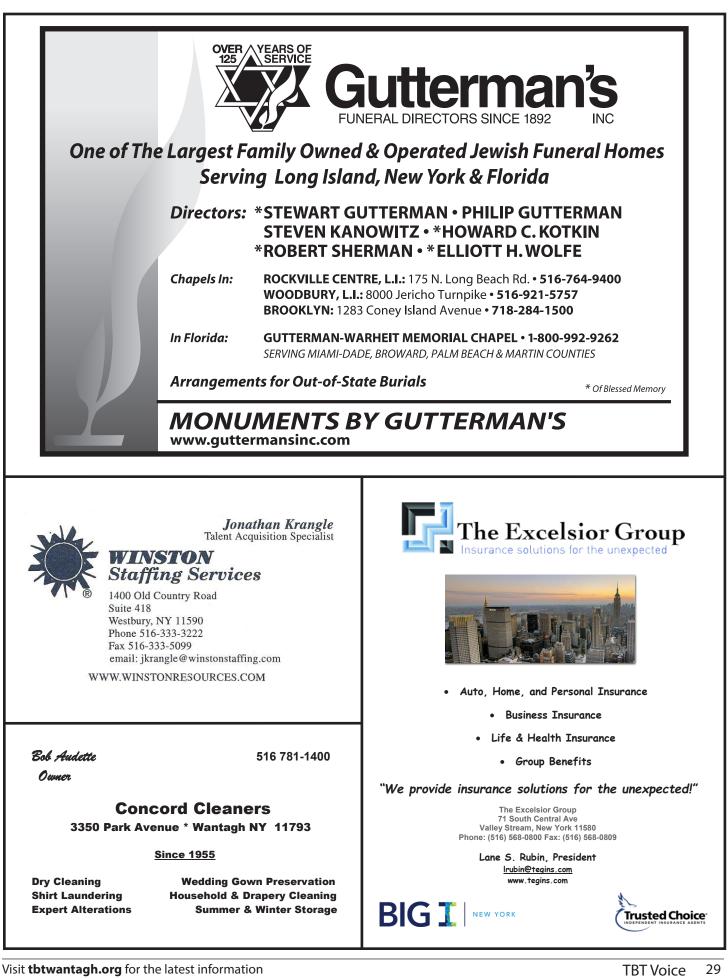
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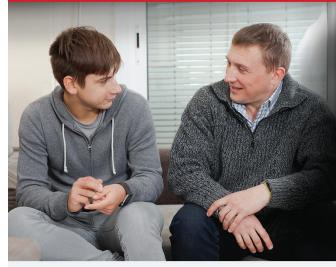


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