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The TBT Mainstage Players Present...



May 6th & 7th,
May 13th & 14th
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ticket information

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COME TO THE GARDEN PARTY
SATURDAY NIGHT, JUNE 10, 2023

Cocktail party in the garden followed by a casual dinner,
entertainment and dancing provided by the SOBeeZ.

Join us in celebrating our TBT Garden and all the mitzvot
it provides.

More information to follow...

Ritual Calendar - APRIL 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 31	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:15pm	Pre-Passover Family Shabbat Service - 4th Grade **
Saturday, April 1	9:30am	Torah Study *
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Kohn **
Monday, April 3	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Wednesday, April 5	9:45am	Chometz Burning
Thursday, April 6	6:30pm	Community 2nd Seder (SH)
Friday, April 7	6:30pm	Erev Shabbat Services on Zoom and FB only
Saturday, April 8	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, April 10	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Tuesday, April 11	6:30pm	Yizkor Service **
Wednesday, April 12	10:30am	Passover/Yizkor Service **
Friday, April 14	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Services **
Saturday, April 15	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, April 17	12:00pm	Torah Study *
	7:15pm	Yom Hashoah Service
Friday, April 21	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Services/Israel Composers Shabbat /Iyyun Tefillah **
		Torah Study *
Saturday, April 22	9:30am	
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Georgia Levitt **
Monday, April 24	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, April 28	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Services **
Saturday, April 29	9:30am	Torah Study *



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Monday, May 1	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, May 5	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:15pm	Family Shabbat Service - 3rd Grade **
Saturday, May 6	9:30am	Torah Study +
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Clara Taffel

Community Seder, Thursday April 6, Second Night of Passover

Led by Cantor Timman, 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.

Sponsored by The Chai Club of Temple B'nai Torah

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

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



Bigger and Bigger, a Passover Teaching

As I write this, we're putting the finishing touches on our celebrations for Purim, a holiday which tradition teaches us is meant to increase our happiness. We are reminded, "מי שנכנס אדר מרבין בשמחה" when [the month of] Adar arrives, our joy increases." The entire month of Adar is a time of joy and celebration as the spring arrives. And it seems like as soon as we finish our last hamentashen, we turn our attention toward Passover, our celebration and reenactment of freedom. This year, Passover begins with our Chametz Burning on Wednesday, morning, April 5. That evening is the first seder. Interestingly, just as we increase our joy in Adar, Passover calls on us to increase as well.

Early in the story of Exodus, we read of the Pharaoh's decree against the Israelites, and the rationale he gives. The Pharaoh wants to deal shrewdly with the large in number Israelites "פן-ירבה *pen yirbeh* lest they increase." The Pharaoh has a paranoid vision of the Israelites growing in number and joining the army of a potential future enemy, or maybe rising up against him. Yet, in the face of the decrees and oppression, the Torah tells us of the Israelites "ירבה *ken yirbeh*, they certainly increased." The Torah in this subtle play on words shows us early that Pharaoh's own words will be used against him later in the story. At the beginning of the story, we have allusions to the idea of increasing and growing bigger. It was the Israelites' increasing that caused the Pharaoh so much consternation.

The story starts with increase and the Haggadah then rewards an increase. Many of us are familiar with the singing of *Avadim Hayinu*, we were slaves in Egypt, during the early parts of the seder, right after the four questions. The end of that paragraph in the Haggadah often gets overlooked, as we make our way into the stories of the rabbis' seders of old. The end of the *Avadim Hayinu* paragraph reads: "And even if we were all sages, all discerning, all elders, all knowledgeable about the Torah, it would be a commandment upon us to tell the story of the exodus from Egypt. *וְכֹל הַמְרַבֵּה לִסְפֹּר* *lisaper* And anyone who increases in telling the story of the exodus from Egypt, behold they are praiseworthy."

First, we read that no matter our level of learning, we

are supposed to tell the story. Then, we read that by increasing the telling of the story, we gain extra points. What does it mean to increase the telling of the story? On one level, it means to do whatever we can to make the story exciting and interesting. We come back to the same story every year, so we have to find ways to make it exciting and interesting. It could be something silly and fun for the kids like puppets or masks of the 10 plagues, to keep their attention and teach them in fun ways. It could look more like a discussion about what freedom really means to each of us with teenagers. It could be a discussion among adults and making a donation to an organization that works toward freedom, in whatever way you understand that. The Seder is supposed to increase our thinking and acting as much as our remembering.

Increasing the telling of the story is often understood to mean speaking at length. But the increase is debated, and there is a dispute about how long the Seder should continue. Should we go on, like the rabbis in B'nei Brak, until morning? Is that what it means to be free? Ultimately, the rabbis say that going on for too long is not ideal either. A seder should keep our attention, and remind us of the price and importance of freedom, and the empathy we are called to as we see ourselves in the shoes of the Israelites in their escape. It shouldn't take all night. As we increase our telling, we increase our connection.

Increasing our discussion and interest in the seder is but one positive result of the work of increase. According to the *Ephod Bad*, a 19th century Polish commentary on the Haggadah, "Those who speak at length about the Exodus come to perceive divine guidance in all things." If we find ourselves able to talk about and discuss our redemption epic, we will come to see God's role in world in a new way. In delving deeper, finding the fun and joy, and retelling the story to the next generation, we will come to open ourselves up to the divine in the world. When we allow for the wonder and joy and praise of freedom, then we allow for God's presence to increase in our lives and then the work of Passover will be made all the more complete. For a holiday that seeks to get rid of the leaven, there's so much we can increase!

Wishing you a Chag Pessach Sameach, a very Happy Passover!

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

~HAVE YOU READ TEMPLE'S MISSION STATEMENT~

~DID YOU KNOW WE HAD A MISSION STATEMENT~

HERE IT IS FOR YOU TO READ, IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE VALUES THAT OUR HOLY CONGREGATION HOLDS IN HIGH ESTEEM.

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.

NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Cantor Rica Timman



Pesach is here! It is a celebration that is predominantly home-based. For weeks we have been cleaning our pantries, shopping for special Pesach foods, collecting new recipes, learning new songs and practicing old ones, and inviting our Seder guests. But one aspect of Pesach preparation that should not be overlooked is reviewing the

haggadah tucked away on a shelf.

In the Torah we read the epic story of our freedom from slavery. We are then also commanded in Torah to celebrate the festival of Pesach and retell the story of our redemption to our children each year. Every haggadah edition contains the basic structure and order of the 'telling' and there are many interesting variations in print. Nevertheless, we can each tailor the ancient story (and our personal stash of haggadot) to include modern day elements.

Relevance is vital to keeping Judaism alive, especially for our children. By adding and explaining newer Seder symbols like the orange or Miriam's cup, or adding modern plagues to the

ten plagues discussion, we deepen the ritual and create a more significant family tradition. One way to update the haggadah is to consider looking at the themes of social justice throughout the story and create questions for discussion around the Seder table. Last year I added both sunflower seeds to my Seder plate and a special prayer for the Ukrainian people and their current struggle from war and persecution. Sunflower seeds will be added to my Seder plate again this year.

After our Seders are completed we will join as a community for Yizkor and final day Festival services. Please note that we will hold our evening Yizkor on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30pm and a final day Pesach Festival Morning Service, Yizkor, and luncheon on Wednesday, April 12th at 10:30am. Please check our Ritual Calendar for more details.

May the festival of Pesach be meaningful, joyful and sweet as we gather together! As we celebrate the ancient story of freedom and renewal, may we also be inspired to bring new depth and relevance to our own Jewish journey.

Chag Sameach!
Cantor Rica Timman



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello friends,

Spring is almost upon us. Although we can't complain about the type of winter we had this year, spring always brings a freshness, flowers, longer days and Passover! Passover is my favorite holiday. I love the foods, the traditions and yes, the preparation. This is a holiday of renewal and rebirth. It is a holiday of freedom. We remember Miriam dancing with her timbrels as we love to do at our Annual Women's Seder. I am so happy that our synagogue gives us many opportunities to celebrate with our Brotherhood Seder, Community Second Night Seder, our Religious School Seders and of course our Women's Seder.

Spring is also a very busy time at TBT. Our nominating committees are busy interviewing for our upcoming boards. Our performers are rehearsing feverishly for "The Music Man," and we are making plans for our fundraiser honoring The TBT Garden and our Social Action/ Social Justice Committee. Our Bingo numbers are growing and we have much to look forward to.

It is also at this time of year that our Finance Committee is in high gear, working on our 2023-2024 Budget. Oy vey, not an easy task at all. The Finance Committee will be reaching out to all our Vice President's and Committee Chairs to talk about projections for next year. We will give everyone detailed information about our budget prior to our Congregational meeting in June, just as we did last year.

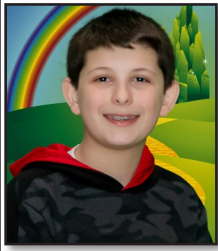
Our Long Range Planning Committee has been meeting weekly. They are forming focus groups which will give you, our congregants, the opportunity to give feedback on our temple life.

So you see, we have a very busy spring ahead. It seems that every season is a busy season here at TBT and that is a very good thing!

The essential message of Passover is one of perseverance. I am certainly glad that we are on this journey together. I say YES to perseverance and the bright future of TBT.

From my home to yours, wishes for a wonderful Passover,
Dee Greenberg, President

MAZEL TOV TO OUR B'NAI MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES



April 1

Alexander Kohn

Scott

My name is Alexander Kohn, and I am currently a 7th grader at Salk Middle School. I really enjoy playing video games with my friends and watching Star Wars with my dad. I also love to attend services and functions at Temple B'nai Torah. Thank you so much to Morah Sheryl, Rabbi Bar-Nachum, Cantor Timman, Mrs. Altman, and all the great teachers I have had over the years in getting ready for my Bar Mitzvah.



April 22

Georgia Levitt

Dave & Carrie

Hello! My name is Georgia Levitt. I am a 7th grade student at Berner Middle School. My favorite hobby is softball. I am a first baseman and I play on the travel team, Chiefs. In preparation for becoming a Bat Mitzvah, my favorite part was writing my speech. I loved being able to explain my Torah portion while adding my own creative aspects. I want to thank all of my family and friends for supporting me on this journey because I would not have been able to do it without them. Thank you to Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman and Morah Emily for helping me to achieve this milestone and making it an exciting experience.



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 at 516-456-6325 and let us know if you will be joining us on Zoom or in person



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YOUTH GROUP

March was an amazing month! More than 125 kids attended the Purim carnival. There were so many happy painted faces running around. It takes a lot of planning and a lot of people to make this happen. I want to thank the members of BNTY and BNTY Jr. who prepped and ran the games. You all did an amazing job.

I want to thank the members of the YAC who purchased and sold the food. I need to thank both the Brotherhood and Sisterhood for their generous donations that allow us to get amazing prizes and rent the inflatable obstacle course. A special thanks to Daniella, the Temple art teacher, who asked if she could help and painted so many faces. Additionally, thanks to all of the parents who helped schlep games up and then back down to the youth lounge. A final thanks to Mark Plavin who brought up the popcorn maker, brought all the supplies, and dished out over 75 bags of popcorn.

The Oreo Taste test turned out to be a sugar rush for members of our youth groups. Congratulations to Lean McGee for getting the most correct.

We also had our remote hamantaschen bake and an awesome trip to Sky Zone. Pictures to follow.

We are already starting to gear up for the Chocolate seder in April and Mitzvah day in May. Be on the lookout for a flyer asking for donations so we can create the "Birthday in a Box."

Thanks again!
Mark Derwin
Youth Director



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Spring is here! Sisterhood has some great programs and events happening.

Come to the April 22 Auction! TONS of great prizes! Zorn's is catering and it promises to be a really good time. Please see our flyer in the scroll and online for more details.

Come to the Mother's Day sale in the temple lobby during school hours on May 7. Please make sure you send the children in with some cash.

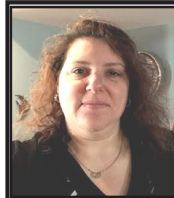
On May 16 we will have our Sisterhood end of year dinner. Please join us all for food and friendship. Details will be forthcoming.

Join us for Mitzvah Day on May 21 as we create dignity bags for women living in shelters.

As always, you can sponsor an oneg to celebrate a special occasion. Please see Eileen in the office for details.

I look forward to seeing you!

Yours in Sisterhood,
Maryann



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

What is the meaning of the Passover Festival? For some, it's about frantically cleaning the house, for others, it's about sitting up all night learning about our journey from slavery to freedom. For me, it's a combination of those two themes, in addition to several others. It's about sharing the seder meal with loved ones, planning a whole week of menus to include all of my favorites, while inviting everyone over to partake. While I am peeling potatoes and chopping onions, I like to encourage my guests to imagine who our ancestors were in Egypt, slaves looking for redemption. While watching my matzah balls float to the top, I wonder about the journey my more recent ancestors took to get to the United States. But most importantly, Passover to me is a story about becoming who I am meant to be, each and every year. Each year I challenge myself to try a new recipe, read about a new topic. Its redemption from slavery, it's redemption from the old me. Who I am is also about my connections. So come in, bring me your family recipes, share your family stories, and recommend a good book about redemption. Let's learn what the Passover Festival is together.

Sheryl Gordon,
Religious School Director

Hello, I'm Elliott Greenberg, your Temple B'nai Torah Treasurer.

Two years ago, I was asked if I would run for the position, and needless to say, I was unaware of all that job entailed.

As the treasurer, I work with the Finance Committee to prepare a budget and help manage the temple's finances. It's quite the task. There are many people who do a lot to support the work that allows us to run effectively.

When I began my term, we were in the midst of Covid and there were many uncertainties.

We survived Covid! We continue to "re-open" and provide the kinds of fun and meaningful events we've all grown accustomed to as we continue to face a challenging economic environment.

The temple's finances are funded primarily by four (4) income streams:
Dues, Contributions, Bingo, Investment income

As everyone is aware, we increased dues last year after not having raised dues for 5 years. The increase was long overdue and has provided a boost in our due's income. Our Bingo revenue has been slow to return to pre Covid levels, but continues to trend in the right direction.

I'm sure I don't need to tell you about the investment environment. Not good is an under-statement, but we know, over time, things will improve.

Lastly, the constant kindness of our congregation is truly a blessing. Our fundraising efforts continue to bring in meaningful donations that help close the income gap.

The Finance Committee and I are committed to running a balanced budget. Under the current model we are failing to meet our goal.

With the help of the Long-Range Planning Committee, the Finance Committee is focused on presenting a budget and a 5-year capital improvement plan that will give the temple the financial stability required.

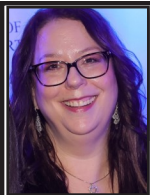
As we work to present a plan, there are 3 ways we will work to close the budget gap. Most synagogues operating under a loss, are faced with either an increase in cost (dues) and/or a reduction of services. We are fortunate to have an additional option, our investment funds.

While we are wary of dipping into our "savings", it's obvious it must be a consideration.

All options are being discussed.

I invite you to get involved with the finance committee and look forward to speaking to you at our congregational town hall on Sunday, June 4th.

Respectfully,
EG



PTA UPDATES

We hope your family had a great time at our Family BINGO event last month. Our volunteers did a wonderful job setting up and running the games and selling the delicious concessions. I can honestly say we'd be nowhere without them.

It's Spring! Finally! And you know what that means...Passover! (And with it: less driving. No Religious School 4/5-13.). But even better? The PTA Calda fundraiser that comes immediately AFTER Passover on Monday, April 17! After all the creative meal-making you had to do during the holiday, take the day off and order from any Calda restaurant. Mention TBT PTA—just *mention* us—and we will get a portion of your sale. Doesn't matter whether it's dine-in or take-out—you can do some good by eating well. And you don't even have to show a flyer. But speaking of flyers...ours will have all the details, so look for it wherever you get your TBT news.

On April 23 we will be holding our annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. This is one of our favorite activities, since it gives us a chance to remind the teaching staff how much we value their work. Watch for our email detailing how you can help make this a lovely afternoon for them. If your child would like to participate by providing a card or drawing for their teacher, please encourage them to do it, and then send it in to the PTA mailbox in the Office. It will get displayed during the party, and you know hearts will just melt.

Please come to our Zoom meeting on Sunday, April 2 at 9:30 a.m., where, in addition to the things I've mentioned above, we'll be discussing end-of-the-year events such as the 10th grade confirmation and High School class graduation gifts, and Mitzvah Day activities on the last day of Religious School, 5/21.

See you around the Synagogue,
Laurel Klein
TBT PTA



February and March were busy months for Circle of Friends. We began by joining the Chai Club for our annual Game Night and dinner. Thanks to our Activities Vice Presidents – Deborah & Art Schlesinger and Yolanda & Ira Friedman – for all their hard work. The evening was a delight except for the noise level! Next year we will meet in the Social Hall so that we can hear!!

We also celebrated Purim with the Temple. The Spiel was great – as it always is. What a festive way to celebrate this holiday!

On Saturday March 11, 2023 some of our members joined the Temple Fundraising Committee for the Fun-raising Event - Murder, Mystery & Magic. They had a great time.

On Saturday March 18, 2023 Circle of Friends went to dinner and then to the theater to see Guys and Dolls. What a terrific time led by Deb & Art.

We joined the entire congregation at our annual Joint Circle of Friends & Chai Club Erev Shabbat Service on Friday March 24, 2023. In attendance were our Choir members who just loved performing. Thanks to Steve Block for coordinating this event.

Looking forward to our many Temple events:

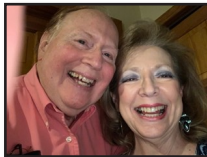
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| • April 22 | SH Auction |
| • May 6, 7, 13 & 4 | The Music Man |
| • May 21 9am | Mitzvah Day |
| • May 21 Noon | Circle of Friends Membership Luncheon |

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.

We hope that this finds you happy and most of all, healthy.

A Zissen Pesach to all.

Sharon & Ben Cernese, Co-Presidents
(516) 322-8126



SELLING OF CHAMETZ

According to tradition, Jews are not allowed to have in their possession any chametz (leaven) during Passover. Literally, this means that before Passover, we must throw out all breads, cakes, cookies, dishes, pots, pans, anything that was used during the year, and any foods not permitted during Passover.

Recognizing the financial burden this would create, the Rabbis instituted the tradition of "*m'chirat chametz* – selling of the chametz". By observing this tradition, a Jew can symbolically sell all their chametz to a non-Jew for the period of Passover, and thus, technically, not own any chametz.

According to tradition, during our preparation for Passover, we place all our chametz (dishes and food) in a closet or cabinet that is not opened during the holiday. However, we still technically own the chametz. Therefore, on the morning before Passover, it is customary for us to symbolically sell our chametz. You may fulfill the obligation of selling your chametz by filling in the coupon below, clipping it, and returning it to the Temple office. Your name will be added to the document that legally (in terms of tradition) relieves you of chametz ownership. You will have then fulfilled your obligation.

Please include at least one dollar with the coupon. This dollar will be passed on to the non-Jew buying the chametz in keeping with the tradition of paying the non-Jew for the service they are rendering. Their deposit for the purchase of the chametz will be paid to the Rabbi.

According to tradition, the remnants of our chametz (bread, cookies, food, etc.) are burned the morning before the first Seder. Since the first Seder falls on Wednesday evening, April 5, 2023, chametz will be burned that Wednesday morning, April 5th at 9:45am. If you have any chametz you would like disposed of in this manner, please bring it to the Temple no later than Wednesday morning, April 5, 2023 at 9:45 am, and join us in our "*Bi-Ur chametz*", the burning of chametz.

Please return the attached coupon to the Temple office no later than 9:30 am, on Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

CLIP AND RETURN

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I hereby authorize Daniel S. Bar-Nahum, Rabbi of Temple B'nai Torah, to sell any chametz that I own, or is in my possession (including transit goods that would be delivered to me during the period April 5 to April 12/13, 2022, inclusive), and to rent the locality where my chametz is stored, to a non-Jew of his choosing. The buyer has free access to the chametz acquired by him/her.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____



CHAI CLUB NEWS

In late February, Chai Club was invited to join the Circle of Friends for a Game Night. Over 40 people attended and had a very enjoyable social evening. We thank them for including us again this year.

As Passover approaches, we extend our wishes to you for a sweet and happy holiday. Our Chai Club sponsors a Community Seder on the second night of Passover led by Cantor Rica Timman. This year that will be Thursday, April 6th. Everyone is invited. Bring your family. Tell your neighbors. Everyone is welcome. Contact Brian Levy at 516-781-4966 for details.

May promises to be memorable. Our program on Monday May 22 is THE BEATLES FROM LIVERPOOL TO ABBEY ROAD on Zoom. The wonderful Vinny Bruno zooms from Florida and is not to be missed. Vinny gave us the Beach Boys last June and the program just rocked!!!! Check the scroll for details.

Shalom,

Janis Beldner and Judy Kule (Co-Presidents)



BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Hello My Fellow Congregants,

First, I would like to say good bye winter, hello spring time. With that being said, let's go Mets or Yankees whichever New York team you prefer, or if you like a different team.

I want to thank the Rabbi for leading us in the Brotherhood Passover Seder – a great job. Thank you to Sisterhood for preparing and setting up the Seder plate and all the delicious food. Hopefully, everybody had a great Passover and I hope those who celebrate Easter have a Happy Easter.

Thanks to the Temple members for attending the Sunday breakfasts and the Brotherhood members who show up early on Sunday mornings to help prepare and serve the food.

Next on the agenda is the Brotherhood April dinner with a comedian. I hope to see a lot of Brotherhood members at this dinner.

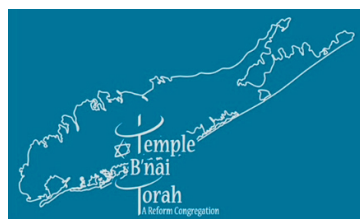
Brotherhood President,
Eric Altman



Revised Flyer

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ABSOLUTE DEADLINE - APRIL 14, 2023

Contact: Joyce Rappaport, joycerappaport13@gmail.com or Ronni Fauci, rfauci@gmail.com



SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

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

Last month, we hosted a Blood Drive at TBT on behalf of the NY Blood Center. Thank you to all who helped to organize this important event and especially to all who came to donate this crucial gift of life.

The Garden at TBT is back up and running. Welcome to our new and returning garden volunteers! Our garlic has gotten a wonderful start over the winter and it will only be a few months before it is ready to harvest and donate. Be sure to stop by and see how your garden grows!

The theme for **Earth Day 2022 - April 22** is again, **Invest in Our Planet**. It will take a concerted effort on everyone's part - government, businesses and individuals - to do whatever we can to improve the state of our planet. [EarthDay.org](https://www.earthday.org/) suggests the following actions that each of us can take:

- Support climate and environmental education in schools
- Break free from single-use plastics
- Plant trees or donate to organizations devoted to tree planting and re-forestation
- Use your voting power to protect our environment
- Participate in cleaning up our local communities, parks, beaches, trails, rivers, etc. as part of broader Global Clean Up efforts

TEVA (Temple Environmental Vision and Action) has been exploring the resources that Hazon (hazon.org, an organization whose mission is to help weave "sustainability into the fabric of Jewish life, in order to create a healthier, more sustainable, and more equitable world for all") has to offer our community. We will share what we learn from them as we move forward.

We are hoping to find ways to develop convenient procedures to reduce our use of single-use plastics, recycle bottles and cans, reduce food waste and make sustainable energy choices. Our maintenance staff has already agreed to donate the used coffee grounds to the Garden at TBT's compost system, which will greatly enhance the quality of the soil it helps create.

Next month is **Mitzvah Day 2023 (May 21)!** —Stay tuned for more details on ways to get involved. This month we will be collecting items in support of our **Greeting Cards and Bags of Cheer for Homebound Seniors** project.

Our next meeting will be **Wed. April 26 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 ronakauffman@yahoo.com or Jason at jaynew4@gmail.com



MAZEL TOV TO...

- * *Micky & Ed Alterman on the engagement of their son Joey to N'Dea Johnson*
- * *Barbara Gouveia on the marriage of her grandson, Ross to Karene Kennedy*



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For any questions, please call Joni Christie at 516-996-0948

Sisterhood Auction Reservation Form

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Admission \$ _____ Raffle Sheets \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Total Number of Adults: _____ Total \$ _____



Mitzvah Day is Coming!
May 21, 2023
Help us Get Ready!
April 1 - April 30

**In support of the Mitzvah Day project,
“Bags of Cheer and Greeting Cards
For Homebound Seniors”**

Please donate any of the following items:

- ~ Brushes, hair accessories
- ~ Hand cream, men’s shave cream or gel (small sizes)
- ~ Scarves (all types), costume jewelry
- ~ Greeting Cards (Birthday, Thinking of You, Thank You, Get Well, Sympathy) - do not fill out, donate blank

Donation box in Temple Lobby

**Bags assembled on Mitzvah Day
will be distributed to the clients of the Family and Children’s
Association’s Friendly Visiting Program**

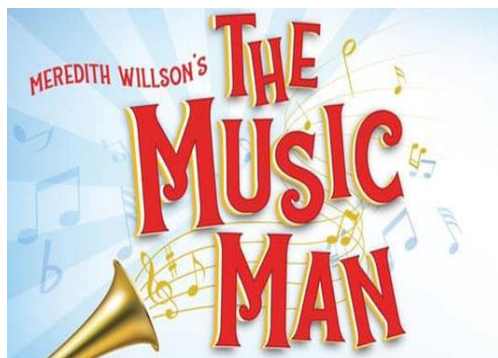


Monetary donations to offset the costs of Mitzvah Day also gratefully accepted. Make checks payable to Temple B’nai Torah with “Mitzvah Day” in the memo section

For more info: Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com

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Saturday,	May 6th	8:00 PM	_____	adults:	\$20 each
			_____	seniors (over 62):	\$15 each
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Sunday,	May 7th	2:00 PM	_____	adults:	\$20 each
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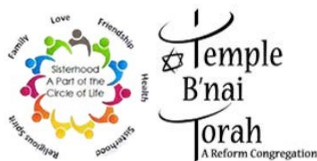
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02/10	321	Stan Brosowsky
		Susan Weiss
02/15	101	Dee Greenberg
		Mindy Cohen
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Greeting:

Closing:

Sender Name(s):

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Bar & Bat Mitzvah Uniongrams

The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah **Apr.9,2022** through **June 18, 2022**. Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations, PRINT your name and PRINT a SHORT sentiment as you want it to appear on the Uniongrams. Please return the list promptly with **\$1.25** for each Uniongram made payable to: **TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH SISTERHOOD** and **MAIL** to to **Marlyn Appelt, 31 Hark Lane, Westbury, NY 11590, at least 2 weeks prior to the event.**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
Apr. 1	(M) Alexander Kohn	Scott
Apr. 22	(F) Georgia Levitt	Dave & Carrie
May 6	(F) Clara Taffel	Jeremy & Carissa
June 3	(M) Alan Singer	Steven & Heidi

_____ Uniongrams @ \$1.25each _____

PLEASE PRINT _____

PLEASE NOTE: All uniongrams requested must be submitted **TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE**, either by mail or left in the Uniongram box in the Temple office. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CASH IN MAIL BOX.** We cannot be responsible for lost money.



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<i>Caring/Mitzvah Makers Fund</i>	Funds used by the mitzvah makers.
<i>Chapel Fund</i>	Funds used to beautify/maintain our sanctuary.
<i>College Fund</i>	Funds used for our college students to celebrate Jewish holidays via mailings and gifts.
<i>Floral Fund</i>	Funds used for sanctuary flowers.
<i>Friedman Stage Fund</i>	Funds used for the upkeep of the stage.
<i>General Fund/Gift of Love</i>	Funds used for the running of our temple.
<i>Goldblatt Fund for the Disabled</i>	Funds used for adaptive equipment for physically challenged.
<i>Holocaust Education Memorial Fund</i>	Funds used to maintain our memorial and Holocaust section of the library and provide special youth scholarships.
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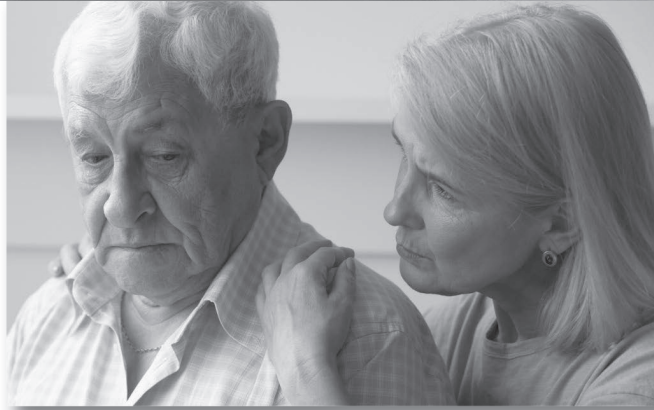
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Mission Statement

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 April 2023



April	5	7:07 pm
(Erev Pesach)		
April	6	8:07 pm
(2nd night of Pesach)		
April	7	7:07 pm
April	11	7:13 pm
(6th night of Pesach)		
April	12	8:14 pm
(7th night of Pesach)		
April	14	7:16 pm
April	21	7:23 pm
April	28	7:31 pm

May the light fill your soul with love & peace!

Shabbat Shalom!



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