



The TBT VOICE



Celebrate!!!



A TBT Garden Party Celebration

**Saturday, June 10, 2023
6:00 - 10:30pm**

Join us for a wonderful evening
of hors d'oeuvres, cocktails,
dinner and dancing to the music
of the SOBeeZ.

**Keep an eye out in your mailbox
for the invitation.**

*Proceeds from this event will go to Temple B'nai Torah.
A portion will be donated to the Garden at TBT
for needed upgrades.*



Ritual Calendar - MAY 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.



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
Monday, May 8	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, May 12	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Services/7th Grade MOVING UP/Iyyun Tefillah **
Saturday, May 13	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, May 15	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, May 19	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Services/HS GRADUATION/Iyyun Tefillah **
Saturday, May 20	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, May 22	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Thursday, May 25	6:30pm	Erev Shavuot/Confirmation/Yizkor/Iyyun Tefillah **
Friday, May 26	10:30am	Shavuot Festival Service/Yizkor **
	6:30pm	Erev Shabbat Services **
Saturday, May 27	9:30am	Torah Study *



JUNE

Friday, June 2	5:30pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:15pm	Family Shabbat Service **
Saturday, June 3	9:30am	Torah Study +
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Alan Singer **
Monday, June 5	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, June 9	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Services - Memorial Plaque Dedication **
Saturday, June 10	9:30am	Torah Study *



* = 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



Each May is an opportunity to celebrate so much learning in our community, and I'm glad to say that this year is no different! Join us throughout the month as we celebrate learning achievements from so many of our

students.

The Family Shabbat on Friday May 5th will be an opportunity for our 3rd-graders to join us on the Bima for a celebration of their completing their study of the Aleph Bet, the Hebrew alphabet. We will celebrate this achievement and honor the work they have done in order to be able to keep on learning in future years.

May also allows us to celebrate our 7th-graders as they officially move up from Religious School to our Hebrew High School program. We honor them at services on Friday, May 12th. Then, on Friday, May 19th, we will honor two students as they complete their studies with us in the 12th-grade. These two students will help us to lead our service, and we will offer them blessings and gifts as we celebrate their achievements and honor the many years of connection to our congregation.

The following week, on Thursday, May 25th, we will gather for Erev Shavuot and Confirmation. Each year, we honor our 10th-grade students who participate in a special year of learning, focusing on theology and their relationship to God. Students will help us to lead the festival service, which includes a reading of the 10 Commandments from the Torah and a retelling of the story of Ruth. All of this happens on the holiday on which we commemorate receiving Torah from Sinai, an apt opportunity to join and celebrate learning and connection to God. Shavuot Morning services will take place on Friday, May 26th at 10:30.

In this period leading up to Shavuot, Jews around the world join in counting the days between Passover and the onset of the festival. The counting period is known as the Omer, and it gets its name from the ancient word for a sheaf of

wheat or grain, which was called an Omer. Each of the days between Passover and Shavuot, we literally count the days, until we get to seven weeks of seven days. Then on the 50th day we celebrate Shavuot.

It was one week after the Exodus that the Israelites crossed the parted waters of the Sea of Reeds. Only six weeks later, God decided that the Israelites were ready to receive the commandments and the instructions for how to live in God's community, and how to become a holy people, chosen for special purpose by God. When the people, at Sinai, hear God's commandments, they say to God that they will obey and that they will heed God's word. That agreement, forged at Sinai, connects the people to God's covenant. It is the same covenant that Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel, and Leah forge with God many generations earlier.

Shavuot is the culmination of the Exodus narrative, even if it will be another 40 years before the Israelites set foot in the Promised Land. Sinai and the receiving of Torah binds us to God in a new way and forever, through the commandments which teach us how to live lives of righteousness and dedication to God. Sinai represents the apex for a free people, choosing to be in covenant with God. Though there are conflicting stories, one Midrash teaches that God took the Torah to all the nations and it was only Israel who were willing to abide by its laws.

The period of the Omer is a period meant to reconnect us with God and the mitzvot. One of the central mitzvot for our people, heard daily in the V'ahavta prayer, is to teach the Torah to our children. This month allows us to show that not only do we uphold this commandment in our community, but we do it with joy, celebration, and honor for the deep learning and connection that is forged in our school.

We hope to see you as we celebrate all our students throughout this month.

With Blessings,

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Cantor Rica Timman



May is all about counting. Some of us are counting the days until a child graduates or finishes another year of school. Some of us are counting down to summer plans and celebrations. But in the Jewish world we are *counting* the days leading up to Shavuot, the festival in which we received the Torah at Mount Sinai. We call it “*S’firat HaOmer*,” the counting of the *Omer*.

The period of the *Omer* begins on the second night of Passover and continues until Shavuot. Literally translated, *Omer* means “a sheaf.” It refers to the measure of grain that was offered at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Torah commanded that seven weeks be counted for the *Omer*, (Leviticus 23:15-21). It says:

“From the day on which you bring the sheaf of elevation offering the day after the Sabbath, you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete. You must count until the day after the seventh week - fifty days; then you shall bring an offering of new grain to *Adonai*. You shall bring from your settlements two loaves of bread as an elevation offering; each shall be made of two-tenths of a measure of choice flour, baked after leavening, as first fruits to *Adonai*...On that same day you shall hold a celebration; it shall be a sacred occasion for you; you shall not work at your occupations. This is a law for all time in all your settlements, throughout the ages.”

Shavuot in the Bible was not connected with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, as it is now. It was an agricultural festival. And its focus was the Temple in Jerusalem. Since the Temple no longer stands, and most of us are no longer involved

in agriculture, what’s the point of counting the *Omer* today?

While there is no longer a Temple or an *Omer* offering, our ancient sages declared that we should still count the days between Passover and Shavuot. The *Kabbalists* (mystics) saw the *Omer* period as a spiritual preparation for receiving the Torah on Mount Sinai. Our tradition also teaches that we all were present at Mount Sinai. “Didn’t I see you at Mount Sinai?” Each day we take one more step away from the impurities of Egypt that have remained within us as we march toward Mount Sinai and Shavuot.

For us today, counting the *Omer* can be a time of meditation where we renew our spirits. *Mitzrayim* means both “Egypt” and “a narrow place.” We can use the image of counting our days to account for our actions, to rejoice in our freedoms, and let go of our own *Mitzrayim*, narrow places. What a gift it is to count daily and also be present to our own *cheshbon hanefesh*, an accounting of our souls. I encourage you to join me counting this month and include in each counting the gift of self awareness, of introspection, or of self improvement. Am I in a narrow place right now? What did I do today to make my life a little better? What did I do today to make someone’s life a little better? How was I accountable today? Was I present today for someone? Was I present today for myself? Each evening of the *Omer* can be another opportunity for us to be present. I encourage each of us to take the opportunity to pause, reflect and refocus as we count our way to Shavuot. And whatever else you are counting this month, we here at TBT look forward to greeting you on May 25th and 26th at Mount Sinai!

B’shira, Cantor Rica Timman



Mitzvah Day



Beverage Bottle and Can Collection

We are collecting:

clean beverage bottles and clean beverage cans on Mitzvah Day

May 21, 2023 10 AM – 12 PM.

Please bring your rinsed and ready to recycle beverage cans and bottles to the social hall the morning of Mitzvah Day.

We will be redeeming these bottles and cans and funds generated will be used for Social Action/Social Justice projects

For additional information or for any questions please contact:

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MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAT MITZVAH AND HER FAMILY



May 6

Clara Taffel

Jeremy & Carissa

My name is Clara Taffel, and I am in seventh grade at Woodland Middle School in East Meadow. I love playing softball. I am on two different teams and spend a lot of time at softball games and tournaments. I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, and I really like to bake for them. In the summers, I love to spend time at the beach and traveling with my family, especially when we travel to England and Florida to see family! I am thankful for all of the support I have had in preparing for my bat mitzvah. A special thanks to Mrs. Altman, Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for their patience in helping me prepare for my bat mitzvah.

We Are
MOVING UP!

Join us for our
7th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
where we will honor all of the
hard work and celebrate their
Moving Up to Hebrew High School

Friday, May 12, 2023
Services begin at 7:15 PM
Festive Oneg to follow

Join us to Celebrate our Graduates:

*Addison Baroukh
&
Nicole Nietsch*

Friday, May 19, 2023 Services begin at 7:15 PM
Festive Oneg to follow

PLEASE JOIN US
AS WITH GREAT JOY AND CELEBRATION
WE CONFIRM OUR STUDENTS

**Aaron Angel
Judah Baroukh
Nathan Hellman
Zachary Sirof
Emily Wallis**

INTO THE CHAIN OF TRADITION
EREV SHAVUOT, 5783- THURSDAY MAY 25, 2023
7:15PM

2900 JERUSALEM AVE, WANTAGH, NY 11793
WWW.TBTWANTAGH.ORG/STREAMING-SERVICE-ACCESS
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Over the past couple of months Temple B'Nai Torah has had many opportunities to evaluate and reevaluate our goals, progress, and the way we run this temple.

First we asked you all to participate in our Benchmarking Survey. This was an opportunity for all of you to express your feelings about our sacred space. About 40% of our congregants completed the survey. We certainly would have liked 100% but we will be anxious to hear back from the URJ with results. With those results will come suggestions that can guide us in making TBT the best it can be.

Following the Benchmarking Survey the Board of Trustees completed a Board Self-Assessment. We divided up into groups and each group was given a topic to evaluate. We came together at the end to share our results. As a board we are proud of the fact that we are transparent and that we give you, our congregants, the opportunity to attend board meetings and read minutes each month. We only hope that you take advantage of that and try to stay in the know.

Our Long Range Planning Committee followed that with Focus Groups. Once again we were giving each of you the chance to vent, compliment, question... We are proud of the fact that we are enabling such interaction!

Now is the time of year when our Finance Committee begins to put together our budget for next year. Hard decisions need to be made and realities understood. We will inform you of all you need to know prior to our Congregational Meeting on June 4th so you can cast an educated vote. More to come on that subject!

So----- I am wondering DO YOU KNOW...

Anyone can attend a Board Meeting and speak during our Public Commentary portion of the meeting.

Minutes from each Board Meeting are available to you by request through Brooke Myers, our Secretary.

You may attend any committee meetings – ZOOM links are included in our Weekly Scroll.

There is a monthly email that goes out that includes all the flyers for events and programs for that month. You can print out whatever you need.

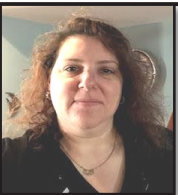
There is a bookcase in our lobby with copies of flyers for all upcoming events.

If you become a Bingo volunteer you will receive credit that goes towards your dues.

Have you read our Mission Statement? It is on the back cover of every VOICE.

As my Presidency begins to wind down, I am filled with many emotions – but I will save that for my last article.

With appreciation, Dee Greenberg, President



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

May is always a time for flowers and rejuvenations. But here at TBT, it's a time for closings and endings. We're cleaning offices, closing up classrooms, and organizing closets. This is the time for planning and prepping. I'm working on curriculums and class lists. But it's also a time for promotions and growth. Our seventh grade has their moving up ceremony on May 12, where, regardless of what their public school says, they join our Hebrew High School. Our twelfth grade will be graduating on May 19, where they will give presentations looking back on their years at TBT. As I come to the end of my second year, I am looking forward to another year of building relationships, creating memories, and forging a path that will continue to see beginnings and endings.

Sheryl Gordon,
Religious School Director



BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Hello My Fellow Congregants,

The month of May is the start of baseball season – let's go Mets and Yankees – summer is not far behind. Don't forget the Temple Brotherhood baseball team and we hope they have a good season. Brotherhood will be hosting a car wash in the front of the Temple on Mitzvah Day, May 21st. I want to thank the dedicated breakfast crew for helping and serving wonderful breakfasts this past year. A special thanks to the Rabbi for explaining the reasons why some alcohols and grains are approved for Passover at the Brotherhood Passover Dinner. If you were not a member of Brotherhood this past year, think about joining our Brotherhood and have fun with us, including dinners, breakfasts, Temple events, guest comedians and more things to come.

Respectfully,
Eric Altman,



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Welcome to the merry month of May! The flowers are blooming and the weather is nice.

Sisterhood is having our annual Mother's Day sale in the temple lobby during school hours on May 7th. Please make sure you send your student in with some cash so that they can buys something special for their special someone.

On May 16 we will have our Sisterhood end of year dinner. Please join us all for food and friendship. Please see the flyer in the scroll.

Join us for Mitzvah Day on May 21st 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.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Maryann



YOUTH GROUP

Happy Spring! Things really move fast this time of year. Purim, then Passover and then the year is over! We try to get in as much fun and events as possible.

Purim ended with BNTY doing an online hamantaschen bake. Once done creating standard chocolate, apricot and berry varieties, we tried Oreo and sour patch kid fillings. The Oreo hamantaschen were amazing. We will bump it to the top of the list next year.

Sixteen of our members bounced around SkyZone. The kids jumped, slid and flew through the air. A great time was had by all. I am in the process of booking our end year event at Monster Golf in Garden City.

Other fun meetings included a traditional Jewish wedding, Jackbox video games and crafts made with Perler beads. You never know what activities will happen at youth group.

The Chocolate seder was a huge success. Members of our 4th grade joined MNTY for their seder. I hope these kids are excited to join youth group next year.

Mitzvah day is in May. We are asking for donations so we can create the "Birthday in a Box." We need cake mix, frosting, and wrapping paper. Any donations can be brought down to the Youth Group office.

Thanks again!
Mark Derwin
Youth Director



The characteristics that one finds when one delves into the people of Circle of Friends are many. We deeply care for one another. We are involved with each other. We are a growing arm of the temple, whose mission is to provide its members with camaraderie, so you'll never walk alone!

Obviously, the last few years have placed a stressful burden on our congregation, but Circle of Friends has successfully been there to alleviate that stress. Some of our members have made it their job to try to relieve the stress by sending out daily enjoyable information. One way or the other, we have made it our business to keep in touch and to make sure that all our members are safe and happy.

You will find our members in every phase of Temple life: on the TBT Board; running and helping out at Bingo; at TBT Fundraising meetings and events; at Sisterhood and Brotherhood and Chai Club meetings and functions. Our members are found at Services as members of the congregation and many are members of the adult choir.

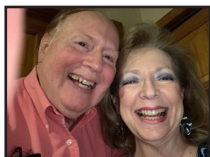
Our membership is also varied – different ages, marital statuses, different backgrounds and religions. The club's events are varied as well – providing something for everyone's taste. Hopefully, the future will provide many ways for our friends to get together. Please take advantage of these opportunities to get to know us and discover for yourselves the great spirit of **Circle of Friends**. We would like to share this feeling with all TBT members.

Last month we joined many from the Temple to help Sisterhood raise funds with its annual Auction run by our members Joni and Steve Christie. This month will find us at the TBT play watching our talented members Deborah and Arthur Schlesinger and others performing in Music Man. We will also join many from the congregation as we volunteer at Mitzvah Day activities led by our caring members Ronni Fauci and Joyce Rappaport. Then we go on to eat at our annual Membership Luncheon led by Yolanda & Ira Friedman and entertained by Fran and Al Woods. On July 23rd, we will join many from the Temple to help Brotherhood raise funds with its semi-annual Vendor Fair run by our members Ben and Sharon Cernese with terrific help from Brian and Joan Levy, Les Richards, Dave Schuster, Richard and Francine Tepper and others.

As the weather gets warmer, our late spring and summer activities find us outside enjoying miniature golf and dinner led by Marty and Vicki Goldberger, a fantastic boat ride and dinner led by Yolanda & Ira Friedman, and a trip to see the Long Island Ducks play and dinner led by Marty and Vicki Goldberger. (Think we like to eat?!)

Circle of Friends is always looking for new ideas and new members. Gather your friends together and join us! Just call our Membership Vice President Esther Singer at (516) 826-9538.

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



Art Exhibit with Focus on Social Action/Social Justice

by Joyce Litwin Zimmerman

Want to spend an enjoyable hour or so close to home? Head over to nearby Hofstra University. Even if you don't love museums or art, the current exhibit When We All Stand, is fun and informative. The powerful exhibit at the Emily Lowe Gallery combines visual entertainment with the aim of using art to inspire public service and societal change. Multimedia contemporary artists use a variety of art forms to bring attention to problematic societal issues, including voting rights, racial bias and basic human freedoms.

Colorful, eye-catching vintage pocketbooks are utilized to highlight women's rights. A photo of a kite over the Washington Monument is pleasing to the eye -- and draws attention to the mission of the Dreamers (the children of illegal aliens). Don't miss the animated depiction of the history of slavery in the United States. A painting of a Black man is the center of a work which is bordered with fabrics from Africa. How is that piece of sculpture standing up in mid-air?

The exhibit is especially relevant to the work of our Social Action/Social Justice Committee which seeks to serve the local community beyond our own membership; the focus extends to global social action/social justice issues, as well.

For further information:

<https://www.hofstra.edu/museum/when-we-all-stand.html> through July 28th; Phone: 516-463-5672

Sisterhood Women's Seder & Dinner





CHAI CLUB NEWS

MUSIC - MUSIC- MUSIC MAKES THE HEART SING!!!!!!

Join us for our Zoom program, THE BEATLES FROM LIVERPOOL TO ABBEY ROAD, on Monday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The presenter is the well-known musician historian, Vinnie Bruno. His program last year on The Beach Boys was so well received we are bringing him back for an encore performance!

MORE MUSIC...

On June 26th at 7:00 p.m, we will be entertained in person by virtuoso artist Rhonda Denet whose voice blends classic and contemporary favorites. Look for the flyer.

This past March we celebrated Women's History Month with Sisterhood by featuring James Coll who enlightened us with information on the women who have served or currently serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. He presented their individual roads to nomination. We look forward to having James Coll back next year.

Chai Club also sponsored a second-day Community Seder on Thursday, April 6th. Over 70 people attended, both TBT members and non-members, all part of our extended community. Brian and Joan Levy once again organized this memorable evening for which we thank them. Thank you also to James and Ivy LoNigro and Scott Kohn for joining the 2nd Night Seder Committee and Cantor Timman for leading the Seder each year, as well.

Our Programming Committee has started planning for next year and we look forward to bringing you speakers and entertainers who enrich our community. We hope you will join us when you can.

Janis and Judy







SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Mitzvah Day is here!!! Mitzvah Day 2023 is being held on **Sunday, May 21st**. We have activities for all ages and abilities planned, so please join us. Celebrate another year of working on behalf of Tikkun Olam and enjoy the camaraderie of working together to help make others' lives a little better. There are details in this issue of the Voice describing all of our on and off site events and collections. We hope to see you all there!

Shavuot and Social Justice: This month we celebrate Shavuot, commemorating when God gave the nation of Israel the Torah on Mt. Sinai. In reading about Shavuot, one learns its many connections to social justice. In Reform Judaism's Shavuot Social Action Guide, Shavuot is described as a time to re-engage with Torah: "It has been said that the entire Torah exists to establish justice. Thus, through the study of Torah and other Jewish texts, Shavuot offers us an opportunity to recommit ourselves to Tikkun Olam, the repair of the world." (<https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/shavuot/shavuot-social-action-guide>)

Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum describes the Book of Ruth, read on Shavuot, as "a story of immigrant women struggling to survive in times of economic and political insecurity...it begins as a famine forces a family to leave one country for another in the search for economic security and basic means for survival." (https://ajws.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/cc_shavuot_5775.pdf) She reminds us that so many of the most vulnerable women and girls today are immigrants like Ruth and Naomi who need to be treated with lovingkindness and generosity.

The Garden at TBT: Come visit and see what's "up" at the garden. Some of our crops are already being harvested and being delivered to our recipient agencies/pantries. With recent cuts to SNAP benefits, it has been especially difficult for those struggling with food insecurity to get healthy, fresh produce for their families. We are proud to be able to assist them. Consider joining our wonderful group of garden volunteers. There are tasks for all ages and abilities! No "green thumb" required. This year we are proud to be partnering with AHRC to provide pre-vocational volunteer opportunities for a small group of their adult clients with special needs.

COMING UP: Every year the first weekend in June is designated as Gun Violence Prevention Weekend. **Wear Orange June 2-4 to show your support for finding ways to reduce gun violence.** Consider contacting your elected officials to encourage them to support common sense gun legislation.

Your input is always welcome and there is an open invitation to join the Social Action/Social Justice committee. Our next SA/SJ ZOOM meeting is **May 17th 7pm**. For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, or any of our projects, contact Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com or Jason Newman at jaynew4@gmail.com

SEE YOU ON MITZVAH DAY!!!

I have been attending East Meadow School District Board of Education meetings for the past 4 years on a monthly basis. Typically, it has been a place where I've felt alone, with many others in the room. I went to support our board, our schools and our academic community after, once again, witnessing verbal attacks at previous meetings.

At the board meeting on April 19th, I was overwhelmed to see many of my fellow congregants in attendance to show their support for our academic community. Thank you for standing up to the hate and prejudices of others. I couldn't have been prouder to stand with you.

~ Janet Goldstein



PTA UPDATES

Hello from the PTA--

It's May, which is almost June, and the end of June brings the end of the fiscal year here at TBT, and with that, everything starts over again on July 1st...so I'd like to announce the proposed slate of PTA officers we'll be voting to approve at this month's meeting, which is on Sunday, May 7th, at 9:15 a.m.

For 2023-24

President: Ilene Hellman

Executive Vice President: Jessica Katz

Treasurer: Heather Lorenz

Recording Secretary: Morgan Kushnir

Vice President Membership: Wendy Shatz

Vice President Fundraising: Robin Golub

Vice President Communications: Laurel Klein

Vice President Social Action/Social Justice: vacant

We have a few thank yous to hand out:

It was so nice to celebrate our hardworking Religious School teachers on April 23rd. We appreciate all the PTA families who donated the delicious luncheon items and the volunteers who worked to set everything up so beautifully.

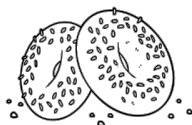
Thank you to everyone at B'nai Torah who participated in our post-Passover Calda Restaurant fundraiser. Your desire for delicious Italian food puts us that much closer to installing dry erase boards into all the classrooms.

Thank you all for a very happy and successful year together. Whether you have a child in the Religious School, or you are just one of our fantastic Sustaining Members, we really, REALLY are grateful for your support. You make the doing possible.

This month, we look forward to celebrating our Graduates and Confirmants at their respective ceremonies/services. We hope that you will join us at Mitzvah Day, on May 21st, the last day of Religious School. In addition to all the family activities our Temple Arms will be conducting, the PTA will be holding its annual collections of gently used books for Book Fairies and new pet supplies for a local shelter. Look for details coming to your inbox soon.

Since this is my last PTA column of the school year, I will just wish you all a wonderful summer.

See you at the beach,
Laurel Klein, TBT PTA



Brotherhood of Temple B'nai Torah Temple Members' Sunday Breakfast Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 9:30 AM



This Breakfast is compliments of TBT Brotherhood. There is no charge !!!

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. The Kids aren't in school, bring them down. Come enjoy some good food and good company!

**** Are you starring in the Music Man? Come have a hearty breakfast before the show starts ****

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

Space will be limited so please make a reservation soon. Email reservations to TBTScottKohn@gmail.com by Thursday, May 5th, 2023. Please indicate how many will attend.



MITZVAH DAY IS HERE!!

SUNDAY MAY 21, 2023

On-site projects - 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon

Car Wash - 8:30 a.m.-12 noon

Off-site activities beginning 1:00 p.m.

Mitzvah Day provides opportunities for congregants of **ALL AGES** to participate in a day of caring and service. Activities designed and supervised by The Social Action/Social Justice Committee, the Temple Arms, and more. **Come join us and be part of the "action" in Social Action!**

On-site Activities

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

Snack Bags for Kids - Decorate paper lunch bags and pack with snacks, for the young clients of the **INN**

Bags of Cheer & Cards for homebound seniors of Family & Children's Assoc.'s Friendly Visitors Service

Welcome Packages - Assemble packages of most needed items for TEAM TLC to distribute to asylum seekers arriving at Port Authority

Flowers for Seniors - Plant decorated flowerpots for residents of The Arbors Assisted Living Facility.

Grocery Sorting - Organize and box non-perishable foods for Island Harvest

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

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

Bookmarks - Create bookmarks to encourage a love of reading

Advocacy Table - Learn about TBT's participation in the Jewish Climate Leadership Coalition

- Learn about TBT's efforts to "go green"

- Learn about the RAC's 2023 Climate Justice campaign and how you can help

Car Wash - Bring your car in for a cleaning. All proceeds will be donated to a charity (to be decided)

Volunteer Fair - Meet representatives from local service organizations and learn about volunteer opportunities

Items for Sale - Re-usable water-bottles, Note Cards from the Garden

Collections: Things to bring on Mitzvah Day

Books for The Book Fairies - new or gently used books and no books older than 20 years please

Non-perishable food items - for our food collection on behalf of Island Harvest

Animal Care Supplies - details will be provided by PTA

Rinsed and Empty Beverage Bottles and Cans for Redeeming - proceeds to go to SA/SJ projects

Your Enthusiasm!

Afternoon Off-Site Activities

South Shore Estuary Reserve Beach Clean Up - Learn about the threats to our waterways and do your part to keep the garbage from harming marine life. Open to all ages - children must be accompanied by adult. 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Pre-registration suggested for planning purposes: Contact Carol Drucker cdruicker22@gmail.com

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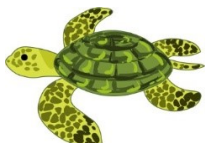
Questions about Mitzvah Day? Contact Rona at: ronakauffman@yahoo.com

TBT's Mitzvah Day Beach Clean-Up

Do you LOVE a clean beach?

Do you love and appreciate the ocean and its wildlife?

Would you like to help clean-up a beach?



- Who:** You (and, of course, a parent or guardian if you're a kid!)
And your friends and relatives
- What:** Clean-up the beach to the left of the Jones Beach Fishing Piers at Field 10 - Jones Beach
To engage in an activity that will help us in our efforts for Tikkun Olam
- When:** 1:00 PM Sunday, May 21, 2023
- Where:** Field 10, Jones Beach (Fishing Piers/Bait Station/Seal Walk)
Meet on the beach to the left of the parking lot
- Why:** To help our Long Island waterways
To do our part to keep garbage from harming marine life
- How:** Contact Carol at cdruicker22@gmail.com or call or text at 516-359-3943 to register and for more info.

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

Sally, a representative from the NYS South Shore Estuary Reserve (the SSER), should be joining us as we clean up the beach!

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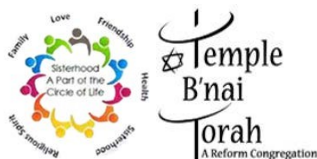
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03/24	23	Rowena Melman

The following is a list of **May 19, Class of 2023 Graduates & May 25, Class of 2023 Confirmands**. Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations, PRINT your name 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 send to **Marlyn Appelt, 31 Hark Lane, Westbury, NY 11590, at least 2 weeks prior to the event.**

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Gregg & Elina Wallis

Bar & Bat Mitzvah Uniongrams

The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah **May 6, 2023 through June 3, 2023**. 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.**

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CHILD'S NAME

PARENTS

May 6

(F) Clara Taffel

Jeremy & Carissa

June 3

(M) Alan Singer

Steven & Heidi

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The Mitzvah Makers committee is looking for volunteers to help our members in many varied ways: from rides to phone calls to shopping to bringing cheer. Make a new year's resolution to help others and become part of our team of helpers!

We are here to lend an ear, provide cheer, and help where there is a need!

If you are in need of a ride, a phone call or some shopping, we are here for you!

Please contact Mitzvah Makers through
 Amy Neidle at agneidle@gmail.com
 or 917-734-2575

Help Needed: Please Sign Up for Supermarket Food Collection in Preparation for Mitzvah Day

On Mitzvah Day (May 21), we will be sorting and preparing groceries to be donated to Island Harvest. In preparation for this needed contribution, we need to supplement our congregants' donations by collecting items donated by patrons of neighborhood supermarkets.

Please sign up for a shift and help us collect needed groceries for our Long Island neighbors facing food insecurity and hunger. We will need 2-3 people per shift. This is a wonderful opportunity for a family mitzvah event. In fact, over the years we have found that children are the most successful at securing food donations from supermarket patrons.

This year, we will have one collection at King Kullen at 1340 Wantagh Avenue in Wantagh and another at Stop and Shop on Jerusalem Avenue in N. Bellmore. Detailed instructions and everything you need will be provided (they are super easy!).

Available shifts:

Wednesday, May 17, 10 a.m. -12:00 and 12:00 - 2 p.m. at King Kullen (**Also needed:** people to bring collected items to TBT at the end of each of these shifts.

Saturday, May 20, 1:00- 3:00 p.m. at Stop and Shop (If someone can bring the items collected home and then bring them to Mitzvah Day the next day, that would be terrific!)

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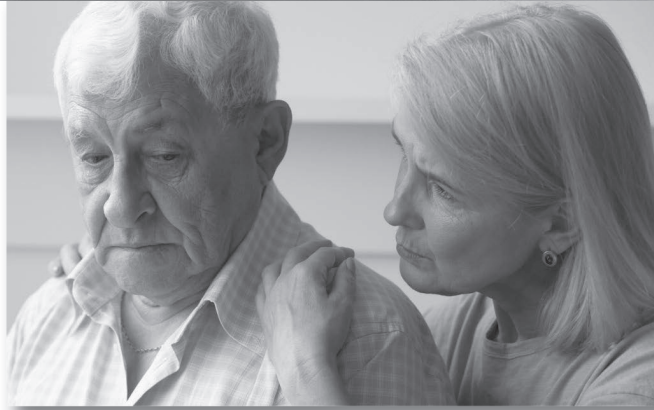
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