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Ritual Calendar – June 2023

Please note that as of publication, the calendar for July and August is still in formation. 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, 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 *
Monday, June 12	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, June 16	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Services/Boards Installations
Saturday, June 17	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, June 19	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, June 23	6:30pm	Erev Shabbat Services (Start of the Summer Shabbat time)
Saturday, June 24	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, June 26	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, June 30	6:30pm	Erev Shabbat Services

Beach Shabbats: Find us at Jones Beach, the West End of Field 6. Take the blue Easy Access Ramp near the Rest Rooms to our Shabbat site with your chair or blanket. A Beachy Oneg will follow services!

July 2023

Friday, July 7	6:30pm	Summer Shabbat Service
Friday, July 14	6:30pm	Beach Shabbat Service at Jones Beach Field 6 ⁺
	6:30pm	Summer Shabbat Service at TBT with Rabbi Lowenberg (<i>not Streamed</i>)
Friday, July 21	6:30pm	Summer Shabbat Service
Friday, July 28	6:30pm	Lay led Summer Shabbat Service [^]

August 2023

Friday, August 4	6:30pm	Beach Shabbat Service at Jones Beach Field 6 ⁺
Friday, August 11	6:30pm	Shabbat Under the Stars Service ⁺ [^]
Friday, August 18	6:30pm	Summer Shabbat Service
Friday, August 25	6:30pm	Beach Shabbat Service at Jones Beach Field 6 ⁺

Summer Torah Study on Zoom

9:30am Saturdays in **JULY**: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 1:00pm Tuesdays in **July**: 11, 18, 25
 9:30am Saturdays in **AUG**: 5, 12, 19, 26
 1:00pm Tuesdays in **Aug**: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 9:30am **Saturdays** in **SEPT**: 2, 9 (more to come)
 1:00pm Tuesdays in **Sept**: 5 (more to come)



Shabbat Under the Stars, Friday Aug. 11, 2023

Bring your own dinner to have out on the Oakfield Lawn before Services**. Then we will stay there and have services outside "Under the Stars". Keep a watch out for more details as the date approaches!

**tables and chairs will be provided



KEY: * = Zoom Only ⁺ = Facebook Live Only [^] = Watch for further details to come

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



On Rest: The Rabbi's Sabbatical

"On the seventh day, God finished the work that had been undertaken, and God rested on the seventh day from doing any of the work. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, having ceased from all the work of creation that God had done."

These words from the first verses of the second chapter of Genesis introduce perhaps the most revolutionary idea that God and the Jewish People bring to the world: Shabbat, a day of rest. No other ancient culture considered the importance of taking a break, recharging, and focusing differently on a regular and recurrent basis. At the beginning of all things, God recognizes, legislates, and sanctifies the lack of action. The act of not doing is made holy.

Rest is a holy and necessary act. Rest is a way that we emulate the Divine. In fact, when God commands the people at Sinai to, "Remember Shabbat to keep it holy," God tells them (and us) that the reason for the rest is because God rested, as was recounted in Genesis. Rejuvenation is tinged with Divinity. Respite is Godliness. Shabbat allows us perhaps the easiest manner of *imitatio Dei*, the imitation of the Divine.

But Shabbat is not the only legislated rest in the Torah. Alongside Shabbat, the festivals and holidays also legislate that we do no work. Additionally, every seven years, the land is supposed to lay fallow. This "Sabbatical Year" allows the land to replenish itself. It allows the land to be itself, unchanged by human action, unmarked by tools for an entire year. Whatever grows naturally can be eaten, but no farm activity is allowed. Finally, every 50th year is the Jubilee, which commands yet another restful year.

It is in this spirit of the importance of rest, rejuvenation, and respite that I am excited to announce my upcoming sabbatical. As a Rabbi, the work is often all-consuming. It has been even more so in the last few years. As a community we moved from a merger to a pandemic, both requiring more than the usual work for the clergy. I am blessed that this congregation recognizes the work that has been done and understands the importance of offering some extended time for me to be away.

My sabbatical will begin this summer. I am scheduled to be away this year from July 16 until August 22. This is the first part of what will be six months away over the

next few years. In addition to my time this summer, I will look forward to time away in July and August of 2024, a few weeks in summer 2025, and then December, 2025 and January, 2026.

A Rabbi's sabbatical means that the rabbi is not available. During my time away, I will not be looking at or checking emails, and any emails received while I am away will be deleted before my return. I will not be answering my phone or responding to text messages. Though there is no requirement that I accomplish anything while away on sabbatical, I will look forward to sharing about my experiences after I return. I will also make use of them in future teaching and preaching opportunities. Currently, my plans include travel, study, rest, and opportunities to engage in artistic activities that I do not have the time for.

I am grateful to Cantor Timman, Rabbi Emeritus Lowenberg, and our staff for the work they will do to fill in while I am away. I also know that we will be looking to our congregants to help out as necessary, especially during the extended time away next summer and in the winter of '25-'26. In addition to Cantor Timman and Rabbi Lowenberg, we will work to ensure that there is always adequate clergy coverage for any emergency. We appreciate you working with us to make this possible.

I am excited for this opportunity, and I am grateful that I work with a community that recognizes that clergy need this opportunity to rest. I am grateful that I work with a congregation that understands both the uniquely taxing nature of this work, and the importance of allowing for me to recharge my mind, body, and spirit, and to rejuvenate my soul through the divine imitation that is sabbatical. I take my time away with the hope that I come back refreshed and ready to keep building TBT for the future.

I hope that this summer season allows us all to rest, rejuvenate, and refresh.

With blessings,

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

As this is the last column before the fall, I'd like to offer my deepest thanks to our outgoing Temple President, Dee Greenberg, for her support, dedication, and hard work over these last two years. I am personally and professionally grateful to Dee, and all our outgoing Officers and Trustees, and I am looking forward to working with the incoming Board and our new Temple President for the coming year.

NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Cantor Rica Timman



As our TBT year quickly comes to a close there is so much to be grateful! We have enjoyed a full year's worth of creative programming and sacred moments; all while learning, praying, singing, laughing, sharing joys and challenges, and deepening our connections to each other.

And what a year it has been! This year we celebrated full and meaningful High Holy Days and Festivals, grateful to Rabbi Emeritus Albert Lowenberg who stepped in and helped on Yom Kippur when Rabbi Bar-Nahum was under the weather. We welcomed our new Music Director, Sean Cotty who jumped in with expertise, joy, and a big heart mere weeks before the High Holy Days. We *qvelled* as our B'nai Mitzvah each led beautiful Shabbat services. We enjoyed a weekend of music for all ages with the incomparable Ellen Allard as our Resident-in-Artist. We rocked with the Shabbatoners Band at Family Services. Our Tot Shabbat services were delightful both on our *bima* and in the TBT Garden. Our Adult Choir enriched services for the High Holy Days and throughout the year with joyful song. We enjoyed two wonderful temple musicals and an abundance of programs from our temple arms. We learned together in Religious School, at Life Long Learning classes focusing on the theme of Holiness, at Shabbatons, and at Torah Study. We shared delicious, multi-generational Seders and rolled up our sleeves for Mitzvah Day. We danced the night away at Simchat Torah and a square dance. We built and dwelled in a beautiful sukkah and enjoyed a Tu B'shvat Seder Shabbat. We repaired a (new-to-us) Holocaust Torah and learned with Sofer Neil Yerman.

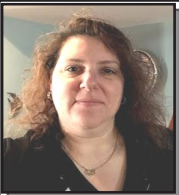
The weather held for three wonderful Beach services and a delightful Shabbat Under the Stars picnic and service accompanied by the Shabbatoners. We enjoyed Brotherhood breakfasts, sang over the glow of Chanukah lights, and got a bit silly at Purim. We celebrated important milestones with our Confirmands and our Graduates. And so much more!

We are so blessed here in our TBT community. I am grateful for the partnership of our Board of Trustees, our hard-working committees, our temple arms, and our dedicated staff. My deepest thanks to Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Executive Director, Eileen Schneyman, and Religious School Director, Sheryl Gordon, as we continue to partner daily for the sake of our sacred community. Finally, I am especially thankful to our outgoing President, Dee Greenberg for her outstanding partnership and leadership. As you complete your term as our president may you enjoy abundant blessings for your devoted work on behalf of our congregation. Relish your new role as past-president as you get to know your family again!

And now we look forward to summer (awesome beach services are back!) as we vision and plan for next year. Our calendar next year will, no doubt, fill up with meaningful and wonderful programming. But may our focus always be toward continuing to deepen sacred connections to each other as we grow our spiritual home, our Jewish community, and our TBT family.

With love and blessings,

Cantor Rica Timman



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

"A Blessing on your head", the saying goes. This past month has been full of blessings. In May, we finished our school year, shining a light on our 7th grade who moved up to our Hebrew High School, our Confirmation Class who celebrated their conclusion at a moving Erev Shavuot Service, and our 12th Grade students who beautifully led services and showed us what happens with hard work and dedication to Hebrew School. This month will be about the blessings of the future. We're cleaning classrooms, hiring and training staff, crafting a curriculum that meets the needs of our students, all while taking some much-needed time off. I'll be counting my blessings, enjoying time with my family, so that I can be refreshed and ready to count the blessings that come with a new school year. Thank you for your support this school year and I hope that it provided many blessings upon your head.

Sheryl Gordon,
Religious School Director

MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAR MITZVAH AND HIS FAMILY



June 3

Alan Singer

Steven & Heidi

My name is Alan Singer. I'm in 7th grade at Merrick Avenue Middle School (aka MAMS). I love coding, making 3d models, making 8-bit music, and playing with my friends. Some games I play are Minecraft, Roblox, Dreams, and Kirby and the Forgotten Land ("Full 3D?! Wow!"). I play the baritone/euphonium, though I used to play the cello. I'd like to thank my parents, for giving me enough love to fill the whole sun, as well as Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman, Mrs. Derwin and Mrs. Altman, for helping me with my bar mitzvah.

TEMPLE YOUTH AWARDS 2023

The Temple is very pleased to honor and congratulate all our graduates and confirmands during this season of graduations. Led by Religious School Director, Sheryl Gordon, together with Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman and Youth Director, Mark Derwin, the Temple held two special Shabbat Services to honor our students. The following awards were presented:

Steven K. Bishop Service Award
Eliza Levitt

Harvey Beller Spirit Award
Addison Baroukh

The Judy Bardavid Memorial Award
Emily Wallis

YOUTH AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

Steve Bishop Service Award

Award plaque given to recognize an outstanding youth leader.

Background: This award was originally sponsored by the Bishop Family (Legacy The Suburban Temple), in memory of Muriel, Steven and Ira Bishop. Awarded to a youth member active in the senior youth group, and a volunteer of time for BNTY, Temple, and the community.

Harvey Beller Spirit Award - Sponsored by Brotherhood

Award given to deserving Youth Group member. A plaque and stipend of \$100 is given.

Background: Harvey was an active Temple Judea member loved by everyone. He worked tirelessly with Les Richards as leaders of the Youth Group. He was an active Brotherhood member and Temple member. He contributed to all aspects of Temple life. His spirit cannot be forgotten. Harvey's widow, Mrs Susan Beller, is still a Temple member.

Judy Bardavid Award

Award given to an outstanding Confirmand. A plaque and stipend of \$100 is given.

Background: Judy Bardavid was a member of legacy Judea. She was an active Sisterhood member and a dynamic individual who enjoyed participating in sports and in Temple life. This award keeps her spirit alive.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

How do I put into words what these past two years have meant to me? How do I let you know how grateful I am that you trusted me to be President of this holy congregation? How do I express the appreciation for the devotion that this Board of Trustees has shown me?

Some of you have asked if I am happy that my term is just about up. I have very mixed feelings to be honest. My brain is looking forward to a rest, but there will be much that I will miss. The support that I have received from Rabbi and Cantor has been invaluable. I will miss our weekly meetings but appreciate that our friendship both spiritual and personal has grown and flourished. One of the greatest gifts of these past two years has been all the new friendships that I have made. Friendships that I know will last.

You have given me the opportunity to grow as a person and as a Jewish woman. You have given me the opportunity to serve and try to continue to make TBT the best it can be. I know that there have been times when we may not have agreed and I have certainly made mistakes along the way, but it was during those times that we communicated and either agreed to disagree or came to amenable terms. Those were the times when I felt most proud of being able to talk and pick each other's brains.

I believe that I have said consistently how blown away I am by the commitment of our Board of Trustees. I felt confident in continuously reaching out to any one at any time who would answer a question, or confirm a doubt I was having, or just lent an ear. You have been my rock. Without you, I could not have gotten through this and I truly love you all.

These words don't even begin to express all that I am feeling. It has been my greatest honor to have been your President. I thank you and ask that we continue to work together as one to accomplish our goals and SAY YES to the future of TBT. Holy Cow – this is hard.

With much appreciation and love,

Dee



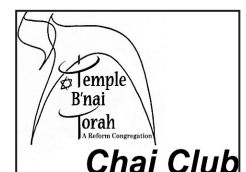
Chai Club Program: Rhonda Denet Sings Soul Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm in S/H

A Jersey City based vocalist and songwriter.
Surrender to smooth, soulful and jazzy grooves
reflecting on life, love, and gratitude.

We will also celebrate June Birthdays.
We will have a special ice cream collation.

RSVP

Call Judy at (516) 409-4958 or Janis at (516) 679-1450





BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Hello My Fellow Congregants,

Can we believe another year is in the books. This is my last article until September, which means school is out and baseball has started. The YANKEES/METS are not doing as well as we thought. But it is a long season. Summer is in the air, but not to forget the Temple's brotherhood baseball team and we hope they have a good season.

I would like to thank the Brotherhood members this past year who helped, and we are looking forward to different things next year to do. I would like to thank all of the breakfast crew for helping out and making it a good year - get your rest for September. Let's not forget about the Mitzvah Day car wash and all those who helped. I thank all of you who helped bring about another Mitzvah Day success. Not to forget May's awesome Paid-Up Membership dinner and "Man of the Year" selection. If you are not a member of Brotherhood then what is stopping you from joining? It is time to join the Brotherhood and have fun with us including dinners, comedians, spirit tastings and more things to come this year. Brotherhood will once again usher at the High Holidays.

See you in September.

Respectfully,
Eric Altman



SISTERHOOD NEWS

As the saying goes, "All good things must come to an end." This is my last column as Sisterhood President. It has been an absolute honor to be at the helm of such a dynamic and engaged group of women. I am proud of the work we have done during the pandemic and as things slowly returned to normal. We are now fully back in business and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my executive board: Emily Altman, Rita Bogatch, Joni Christie, Patti Nacht, Judy Novet, Gail Rosner, Helaine Schnall, and Caryn Suckle. I am also deeply grateful for the rest of the board: Andrea Butterweich, Jessica Katz, Ronni Fauci, Joyce Rappaport, Wendy Shatz, Jenn Schnitzer, Deanna Pasternack, Rona Kauffman, Ellice Toscano, Marly Appelt, Marla Solomon, Debbie Schlesinger, Jennifer Brown, Dana Plavin, Judy Kule, Lynne Happes, Rachelle Schnall, Barbara Gouveia, Janis Beldner, Wendy Ser, Laurel Klein, Ellen Kraut, and Carol Meyerson. All of these fabulous women, along with our membership, worked very hard to make our Temple our Home.

I am confident that Sisterhood will continue to grow and thrive under the direction of Helaine Schnall, who is the incoming President of Sisterhood.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Maryann



YOUTH GROUP

Greetings! It is impossible for me to believe that this year is just about over! It's been an incredible year filled with amazing meetings, fun events and exciting trips. I want to thank all of the kids and parents that helped to make all of this possible. The best thing about this year is that none of my BNTY kids are graduating! I hope this means that I get to keep all of them for another year.

In April we not only enjoyed our chocolate seders, but discussed Yom Hashoah. We also made creations with Perler beads. You never know what you are going to find at our meetings.

We are finishing out the year with Mitzvah Day (donations needed) and a trip to the Melting Pot for BNTY. All groups, grades 5-12, are invited to join us at Monster Golf on Sunday June 4. See flyers and email for information about that. It's going to be a great time.

Have an amazing summer. I hope to see all of you at a Youth Group meeting in the fall.

Sincerely,
Mark Derwin
Youth Director



During the month of May, Circle of Friends enjoyed a few activities. Several of our members were engaged in the Temple play – The Music Man – while the rest of the club chose various dates to see the play – Saturdays May 6 and 13 and Sundays May 7 and 14. It was a great production that we all enjoyed!

On May 21, our arm joined the rest of the Temple at Mitzvah Day from 9am to noon. Joni Christie organized a bookmark making project for those who came down in the morning to add to our book collection theme. It turned out to be a great time as well as a mitzvah for the recipients. In the afternoon, we went to Wantagh Inn for our annual membership luncheon organized by Ira and Yolanda Friedman. As usual, we ate and had a great time listening to Al and Fran Woods with their karaoke machine.

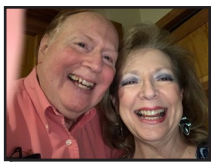
On June 10, Circle of Friends members will be seen toasting Rona and Bob Kauffman, Susan Salem and all the Garden volunteers at the Garden Party celebration. On June 11, we will be at our annual Miniature Golf event – followed by dinner. On July 23, we will join many from the Temple to help Brotherhood raise funds with its semi-annual Vendor Fair that we chair with terrific help from Brian and Joan Levy, Les Richards, Dave Schuster, Richard and Francine Tepper and others.

As the summer progresses, we attend our annual boat trip in July, our annual board brunch in August and our annual trip to the Long Island Ducks also in August. If you have any additional ideas for events for any time during the year, please let us know.

As we get ready to hand over the reigns of Circle of Friends to Esther Singer and Joni Christie, we would like to thank all our friends on the Board for all their help and guidance over the past years. We wish our new Presidents the best of luck and hope to see many more new members in the coming year.

Have a good Summer,

Sharon and Ben Cernese,
(516) 322-8126



CHAI CLUB NEWS

Chai Club celebrated THE BEATLES FROM LIVERPOOL TO ABBEY ROAD, on Monday, May 22. The presenter was the well-known musical historian, Vinnie Bruno. Just like last year the program was enjoyed by many on Zoom!

On June 26 at 7:00pm, we will be entertained in person by singing artist Rhonda Denet whose voice blends classic and contemporary favorites. Look for the flyer and please RSVP. We are planning to serve an ice cream dessert and celebrate summer birthdays.

Our next planned program is absolutely everyone's favorite, Diane Schoenberg's Trivia Night, in August! We are so lucky to have such a smart and funny woman to keep us on our toes. How does she come up with those questions??

Our Programming Committee has begun planning for next year and has a lineup of speakers, entertainers and even some outings. We hope you will join us when you can.

Even though our programs are open to all, we hope that all eligible Temple members will join our "Club." We might be "seniors", but we definitely know how to enjoy and celebrate our lives and each other.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Janis and Judy

The Garden Party, 6:00-10:30 pm, Saturday, June 10th - A Salute and Thank You to those who planned, worked and contributed to the success of the Garden at Temple B'nai Torah. If you'd like to join the celebration and attend the Garden Party or make a donation to the Garden, please call the Temple office (516-221-2370) and ask for Eileen.



The Garden Dream: A number of years ago, Rona and Bob Kauffman, were in a class with Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Father Mark Genzsler formerly of St. Francis Episcopal Church in North Bellmore. They were comparing interfaith scriptures, when the subject of the wonderful garden at St. Francis came up. Rona and Bob were very interested and were invited over to St. Francis to meet Susan Salem, the garden's creator and coordinator. There, they became regular volunteers and tried to learn as much as they could. In addition, Rabbi Bar-Nahum and Cantor Timman of TBT brought the Temple's Youth Group for a Sukkot activity at the garden and the members wondered can't we have a garden like this at our at our place?

We found a place! Temple B'nai Torah had a large playground that was no longer in use and Susan and the Kauffmans thought this could be converted into a garden where food could be grown to donate to local food pantries. In early 2020, just after COVID-19 and its restrictions closed everything down, TBT Board approval was secured. The next day, a subcommittee of Rona's talented Social Action Committee was formed. Susan came along with her expertise and experience, and with additional experienced volunteers, Pat and Leslie and the garden was begun! What were once sand boxes would become garden beds. Vegetables would be grown, and all would be donated.



Help received on several levels: The Garden team is most appreciative of a generous start up grant awarded by the National Organization Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), and the ongoing support from temple members, other community members and the generosity of the Temple's Sisterhood, without which this program could not have gotten started and would not continue to flourish.

Giving back: Using organic farming methods, it was not long before the first garden beds produced enough vegetables for the Garden to make donations to area food pantries. Each year the garden grew. This past year the Garden at TBT grew 1200 lbs. of food and with the support of Restoration Farm (Bethpage) and temple congregants who donated surplus vegetables from their gardens, it facilitated the donation over 3,000 lbs. of fresh vegetables.

Although primarily started to provide fresh healthy food for those in need, the garden has provided many opportunities for environmental and religious education, Eagle Scout projects, artistic expression, fostering an overall sense of camaraderie and has created a beautiful, meditative green space. This year it is offering a Garden Elective for our Religious School students. In addition, through its partnership with AHRC, the Garden at TBT will offer pre-vocational volunteer opportunities to a group of developmentally disabled adults.

You can usually find volunteers tending to the Garden on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Rona's husband Bob can be found working on garden tasks. He especially enjoys creating trellis systems, developing creative approaches to water delivery and troubleshooting whenever problems arise.

Temple B'nai Torah is very proud of all Rona, Bob, Susan and their dedicated team have accomplished by providing "Tzedakah" (a Hebrew word meaning justice); *specifically by doing the right things in order to help people or causes in need.*

Brian Levy, from an Interview with Rona
Temple B'nai Torah, Publicity
bellobl@gmail.com, 516-459-4450





SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

In this, our last article until September, we wish you a healthy, restorative summer full of relaxation, adventure and everything you want it to be.

Last month we held our annual Mitzvah Day, a celebration of another year of social action and community service. New and old favorite activities allowed us to provide many needed items to people of all ages who find themselves in need of support. The return of our Volunteer Fair portion of the day hopefully inspired those looking for volunteer opportunities. We are extremely grateful to our generous and hard-working committee members, representatives from each of the Temple Arms, Clergy, custodial and office staff, Religious School teachers and students - all of whom played crucial roles in making Mitzvah Day a success. How wonderful to be part of this community who supports and works so enthusiastically in the service of Tikkun Olam!

The first weekend in June is designated as **Gun Violence Prevention Weekend**. **Wear Orange June 2-4 to show your support for finding strategies for reducing gun violence.** If you would like to become more active in the important work of reducing gun violence, check out Moms Demand Action (www.momsdemandaction.org), a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. Our very own Janet Goldstein, who will be speaking at June 2 Shabbat services, can provide detailed information and help you get involved (DJAGOLD@AOL.COM). Find out what you can do and why we wear orange on this important weekend.

We are honored that TBT has chosen to recognize **The Garden at TBT** and its wonderful volunteers on June 10. Come to the **Garden Party** and celebrate its mission, mitzvot and ever growing opportunities.

Last month, we completed a Garden Elective with our Religious School students. It was such a pleasure to work and learn with this group of inquisitive, motivated and thoughtful students. Come see the colorful rainbow chard and pole beans that they started for us when you visit the garden. If you are looking for some volunteer work over the summer, consider becoming a Garden Volunteer - a green thumb is not required but you may find that after learning and growing with us, your thumbs will get a bit greener.

Last month, we also started our collaboration with AHRC, providing pre-vocational opportunities to a small group of their adult clients. These volunteers are enthusiastic, helpful and have provided the garden with needed assistance.

Harvesting has begun and runs throughout the growing season. Please do not hesitate to let Rabbi Bar-Nahum know if, due to financial difficulties, you are in need of fresh produce. The information will be kept strictly confidential and you will be able to receive periodic deliveries of harvested items.

Summer School Supplies Collection: Once again we will be collecting school supplies during the summer months to help children in need return to school well prepared and ready to learn. See flier for info.

Ongoing: Although most things wind down during the summer months, the TBT community will still be collecting **magazines** for the Meadowbrook Care Center, **non-perishable food items** for Congregation Beth Ohr and other local food parties, as well as **eyeglasses** and **toiletries** for our troops.

The SA/SJ committee will continue to meet throughout the summer to plan for ways to address the needs of our neighbors, the global community and our planet. We will post information about any summer programs or initiatives on the scroll, website and Facebook pages so stay tuned! Your input is always welcome and there is an open invitation to join the Social Action/Social Justice committee at any time. Our next SA/SJ ZOOM meeting is **Wednesday June 28 at 7 pm.**

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



PTA UPDATES

Happy Summer from PTA!

I hope everyone is relaxed and enjoying the sun.

It is my pleasure to announce the PTA Board for the 2023-2024 school year:

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

A huge THANK YOU goes to our departing board members: Treasurer, Brooke Myers and Social Action Chair, Susan Fioribello. Brooke and Sue have both served the PTA Board for several years in various capacities and will both remain active members. Thank you for all you have done as board members to serve the school and the students.

Your PTA board is hard at work planning activities and events for the 2023-2024 school year. We will update you, later in the summer, with important September dates and information.

See you around the pool,
Laurel Klein
TBT PTA

A Special Announcement about Our New Membership Pilot Program!

We are excited to announce the kick-off our new Membership Pilot Program

For new congregants up to age 36

Single or married

Low-cost annual dues

Special events and activities geared toward this age group, including on-site and off-site events, as well as Shabbat dinners and Havdalah services

Open to adult children of temple members,
as well as those not yet affiliated with our congregation

Please spread the word to family & friends

We are also looking for people who would be interested
in helping to plan these events

Contact our Membership committee for further information:

Nadine Salzman, alexacarly@aol.com

Anony Baroukh, anonymus49@yahoo.com

Lisa Shubin, LFSESL@aol.com



On Sunday, May 7th, the Cast of "The Music Man", along with Hannah & Elliot Schrier and many, many friends, gathered to honor the memory of Max Schrier, with a Leaf on the new Tree of Life. Max had been an important member of our theatre company for 35 years and is sorely missed. As an artist and a loving friend, Max added beauty to all of our lives.

Special Funds and Donations

Temple Bnai Torah would like to extend a special thank you to Caryn Bergman (Stephen Bigman Fund) and to the Irving Zuckerman family (I. Zuckerman fund). Both funds were used to finance the purchase of our Temple's Automated External Biphasic Defibrillator AED which has recently been ordered. Our Temple Board of Trustees were all in agreement to having this equipment in our temple and in the near future there will be a training class provided on how to operate the AED for Board members, Hebrew School teachers and staff and members of our congregation.

You can find a list of Special Funds and Donations both in the VOICE and online on the Temple Website "Donations." The General Fund/The Gift of Love donation goes into General Operational expenses. You will see Adult Education Funds, Drama Funds, Music Funds, Funds for Scholarships for Youth Programs, for College Students to receive gifts during specific holidays, for... the list goes on. Each VOICE provides the list of Special Funds and Donations. Several times during the year, the VOICE provides the list of funds as well as the purpose of the Fund.

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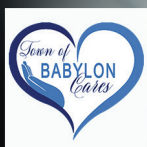
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