



The TBT VOICE



Square Dance

Saturday January 27, 2024



Hot Buffet Dinner at 6:30 pm
Catered Event/ Desserts & Coffee
Snacks & Soda all evening

Caller: Mario Fiore

Mario will call the Square Dances and include
Line Dancing throughout the evening.

\$36 per person

Raffles 50/50

Bring Your Friends! Reservations limited

Any Questions? Call Joan & Brian (516) 781-4966
Fundraising event supported by Sisterhood, Brotherhood,
Chai Club, Circle of Friends and TBT PTA

Please RSVP to Joan & Brian Levy by January 21, 2024
(516) 781-4966

sea1983jl@gmail.com, bellobl@gmail.com



Temple B'nai Torah
2900 Jerusalem Avenue
Wantagh, NY 11793

Ritual Calendar - January 2024

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, January 5	5:30pm	TOT SHABBAT
	7:15pm	Pajama Family Shabbat Service
Saturday, January 6	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, January 8	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, January 12	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service with Social Action/Social Justice, Iyyun T'fillah
Saturday, January 13	9:30am	Torah Study *
Friday, January 19	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service - BNTY Shabbat
Saturday, January 20	9:30am	Torah Study *
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Wolken
Monday, January 22	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, January 26	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service - Tu BiShevat Seder, Iyyuh T'fillah
Saturday, January 27	9:30am	Torah Study *
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Waiting
	3:30pm	5th Grade Shabbaton
Monday, January 29	12:00pm	Torah Study *

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

Mazel Tov



Go Scouts !

February 2024

Friday, February 2	5:30pm	TOT SHABBAT
	6:15pm	Soup Shabbat Dinner ^
	7:15pm	Family Shabbat Service with Scout Troops, Iyyun T'fillah
Saturday, February 3	9:30am	Torah Study *
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Alexis Levine
	3:30pm	6th Grade Shabbaton Havdallah
Monday, February 5	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, February 9	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service **
Saturday, February 10	9:30am	Torah Study *
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Brian Goldstein



**TBT
Pajama
Service
January
Fifth**



February 2, 6:15pm



Join us before services for a bowl (or two) of hot soup. Maybe you would like to make a soup to share. Bring your dinner and have a bowl. Look for information coming soon in the Scroll, Emails and Facebook.

KEY: * = on Zoom + = Hybrid/In Person and Zoom, a link will be provided ^ = Watch for more information on the Scroll, FB and flyers Details for Services can be found on the Scroll and our Website
Always check the TBT Website\ Calendar prior to Services & Events for the most up-to-date information.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



Hearing God's Call

As I'm writing this article for The Voice, I'm in the midst of preparing for my mission to Israel. Over the course of this month, I will look forward to sharing about it with you, and I will be looking forward to donating the many items we collected and making good use of the funds donated toward Israel. Thank you to all who donated for your generosity, and for all who sent notes of encouragement and wishes for a safe journey. It's really great to know that I have the community's support behind me as I proudly represent TBT on missions like this.

In my note to the congregation announcing my trip, I mentioned that I often feel God's voice calling me to places. I'd like to think that I have at least a little bit of an understanding of Abraham when he hears God's call in the book of Genesis: "*Lech lecha* / Go forth." This is, for me, not a new feeling, and also not one that I feel very often. So, when it does come about, I try to pay attention to it. Listening to the call has guided me to many of my most powerful experiences.

I felt this sense of being called to a place when I volunteered as the chef at the HUC-JIR Soup Kitchen, where every Monday we provided a hot meal for over 100 guests, many unhoused, others scraping to get by. I knew during my time working there that I could have spent my Monday afternoons doing any number of other things, as a busy seminarian. Yet, each week I knew that the right place to be, for me, was in that kitchen. Each week we welcomed young people to come and help out, as well. We taught them the importance of giving with grace and treating those in need with respect. We were able to put into action the words of the prophet Isaiah who reminds us that God prefers we feed the hungry rather than fasting or offering sacrifices. Each week, I knew I was in the right place.

In pre-COVID 2020, when we saw what was happening at the US southern border, I felt called to go see what was happening and to help. Together with a few congregants and colleagues, we visited the border, cooked food for those held in limbo in Mexico, taught some school lessons, and learned a lot about the complexities and injustices of the current immigration system. As an immigrant, and as someone whose family

benefitted from the United States's opening its doors to provide access to a better life, I felt and continue to feel strongly about allowing people into the United States who seek the same opportunities. As a Jew, we are commanded over and over again that there should be one law for citizen and stranger alike. While the commands of the Torah should not be used to make American Law, the value of welcome and allowing others to live among us prompts me to seek ways to make our nation more welcoming. Being at the border was powerful in ways I could not have foreseen and opened my eyes to so much.

Early last year, as Reform Rabbis gathered in Israel for our annual conference, I felt compelled to join my colleagues at a Demonstration for Democracy, and against the then-planned Judicial overhaul legislation in the Knesset. I believe in an Israel that strives for equality and equal treatment under the law. I believe in an Israel where the power to govern is shared so that no one person or party can dictate from the minority. I feel strongly that there is an ideal version of Israel that we will constantly work toward. I felt compelled to join these demonstrations because Israel is so important to me that I don't want to see it undermined from the inside. These last months have shown us we have enough adversaries to contend with. Standing with so many other Israelis of all stripes, advocating for a better Israel was a powerful and emotional moment for me.

This sense of God's presence in the form of a call to go somewhere first comes to Abraham, who is sent to the land of Israel. Since October 7, I'm sure many of us have felt the pull toward Israel. I'm sure many of us have been reminded of Israel's importance to the Jewish People in deep and powerful ways. I know many of us have sought ways to help from afar, and to support from afar.

I'm on the precipice of a trip to Israel unlike any other in my lifetime, and I am excited and nervous. The opportunity I have been given to be an emissary of our community is truly a blessing. I am sure that this experience will be powerful, meaningful, and difficult. It will be made all the more impactful when I get to share about it with you in the weeks ahead.

With prayers that 2024 be the year that peace will indeed come,
Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

WOULD YOU LIKE A BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, TRAVEL, etc., BLESSING?

You can arrange for a blessing for any Friday night.

Call the Temple office - 516.221.2370

NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Cantor Rica Timman



A New Year and New Hope

As I write this, Israel is fighting courageously to eradicate the Hamas terrorist organization embedded in Gaza. Approximately 137 Israelis are still in captivity and have not even been seen by the International Red Cross. We hear from those who have been released horror stories from their captivity. Our hearts are in the East and Rabbi Bar-Nahum is set to go on a rabbinic mission to Israel in just a few days.

I am so proud of our TBT Family for the generous donations to his mission. You heard the call for help and answered with needed essential winter clothing for Israelis who are displaced and for IDF soldiers. Generous monetary donations have been coming in and Rabbi will disseminate them to the organizations he works with on his mission. On this cold and dark December, we are watching and praying with Israel. I have hope that with this new year we will begin to see a light at the end of the tunnel to a very difficult, painful, and exhausting 2023.

With antisemitism all around us in our community we at TBT are holding on to each other, finding ways to stay connected,

sending messages of support to our college students, holding information sessions with congregants, and increasing security around our Temple campus. We are strengthening our temple entrances, beefing up our security for events and services, and joining in rallies and gatherings to support each other and Israel. Many of you have joined me in attending local large rallies and information sessions regarding the war and antisemitism issues. Eileen Schneyman and I also look forward to bringing home helpful tools from the URJ gathering this winter.

I have hope that we will get through every bit of this dark time together, stronger and more connected. More than ever TBT is a place of community in addition to being a place of worship. Our community is active, thriving, and continually moving forward. If you are feeling a little lost or unengaged, reach out to Rabbi Bar-Nahum or me to chat. We are here for you!

With this new secular year, my prayer is that 2024 brings renewed peace and security to Israel, a return of all the captives to their loved ones, and an end to antisemitic acts here and everywhere.

B'racha (with blessings) and hope for a peaceful and healthy New Year!

Cantor Rica Timman



*During the cold winter months
there are many who need*

Winter Coats & Accessories

November 1 - February 28

Please donate new, newly dry cleaned or very gently used winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, warm socks (new only), hand and toe warmers to help keep children, teens & adults warm this winter

Donations will be delivered to a variety of agencies including, but not limited to, LWS Advocacy Services, Family and Children's Association and the Interfaith Nutrition Network



For information contact Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com

MAZEL TOV TO OUR BET MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILY



January 20

Jessica Wolken

Brian & Deborah

My name is Jessica Wolken, and I am a 7th grader at Wantagh Middle School. I enjoy baking, painting and drawing. I love playing softball and going on bike rides. I would like to thank all of my Hebrew School teachers, and especially Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman, and Morah Emily for helping me to prepare for my Bat Mitzvah. I also appreciate my parents and my brother for all their love and support.



January 27

Jordan Waiting

Paul & Lori

My name is Jordan Waiting. I am a 7th grade student at Island Trees Memorial Middle School. My favorite activities include soccer, theater, especially participating in shows at TBT and spending time with my friends. I have enjoyed studying for my Bat Mitzvah since I have been able to focus on our strong female role models. I could not have done this without the help from Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman, Mrs. Altman and Mrs. Baram. I would also like to thank Connor, Brooke, Mom and Dad for helping make this day possible.

SISTERHOOD Presents

BEAD AWAY YOUR WINTER BLUES



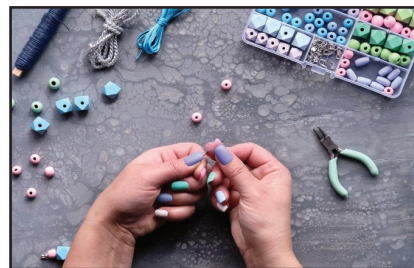
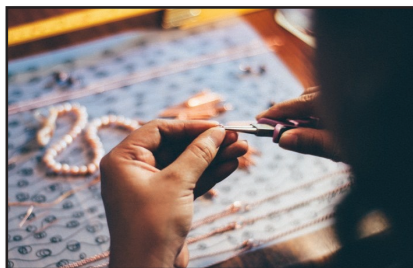
Our very own Carol Meyerson will do a workshop teaching all of us how to create a unique, one-of-a-kind memory wire wrap bracelet! Choose your own colors, style of beads, and make a 2 or 3 strand bracelet.

Date: January 8, 2024

Time: 7 - 9 pm

Temple Kiddush Lounge

Cost: \$5.00 for materials (cash)



Makes a great gift for yourself or for a friend.

Snacks will be provided.

RSVP please contact:

Joyce - joycerappaport13@gmail.com

Ronni - rfauci@gmail.com





YOUTH GROUP

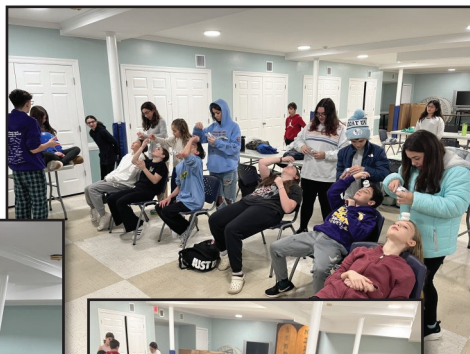
Hello and Happy New Year from BNTY! It may be cold out but our Youth Groups events are hot! MNTY and BNTY Jr put on an amazing talent show! We had singing, dancing, hula hooping and a whole lot of talent on display. Congratulations to Alexa Zim for winning first place with her fantastic floor routine. We also had a Minute-To-Win-It Chanukah party. Our members competed in tasks like cookie face and unicorn horn. A great time was had by all.

Members of BNTY have had some amazing meetings and events. We wrote letters to Israeli soldiers, competed in Family Feud, celebrated Taylor Swift, and even had a Jewish pirate meeting. You never know what you will find at a BNTY Meeting. I want to thank the members of BNTY that helped out at the Temple Chanukah brunch!

Over 35 members participated in Mystery Maccabee. I hope everyone got what they wanted for Chanukah and had fun delivering their presents.

There are plenty of great meetings and events coming in 2024. I hope to see you all at a Youth Group meeting in the coming weeks and months.

Thank you!
Mark Derwin
Youth Director



MAZEL TOV TO...

Carol & Marty Drucker on the marriage of their son Dan to Tina

Barbara Gouveia becoming a great grandmother



BROADWAY

Love Broadway Shows but Not the Price?

Learn How to Bypass Today's Economy

Learn Tips on How to See Broadway Shows for Less Than \$60

Listen to a Little History About the Broadway Playbill

Why Audiences Collect Them

Plus, Other Interesting Broadway Tidbits You Never Knew

All TBT Temple Members Welcome

Date - January 15, 2024 Time - 6:45pm – 8pm

Narrator - Theater Enthusiast Brian Stoll

Join ZOOM (only) Meeting (Click LINK below)

<https://zoom.us/j/88407718697?pwd=WEVYm2ZOU2pNdjQvT0RsbzBwVDIDQT09>

Meeting ID: 884 0771 8697 Passcode: 180108

RSVP To:

Esther Singer – esthersinger919@gmail.com

Joni Christie – lollipop@optonline.net





TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH
CASH CALENDAR

**BUY A 3-DIGIT NUMBER(S) FROM 000 TO 999 FOR ONLY \$18
FROM TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH**

**YOU GET 365 CHANCES TO WIN!
ONE CHANCE FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR!**

**EACH TIME YOUR NUMBER MATCHES THE DAILY EVENING "PICK-3" NUMBER, YOU WIN \$18.
IF YOUR NUMBER MATCHES ON ONE OF THE 4 BONUS DAYS, YOU WIN \$36:**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY - 1/1; PURIM - 3/24; FOURTH OF JULY - 7/4;
THANKSGIVING - 11/28**

**CHOOSE YOUR NUMBERS, AND WE WILL DO THE REST!
EACH NUMBER WILL ONLY BE SOLD TWICE (TO 2 PEOPLE).**

**SHOULD A NUMBER BE CHOSEN MORE THAN TWICE,
WE WILL LET YOU KNOW SO YOU CAN PICK ANOTHER NUMBER**

**TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH WILL TRACK THE WINNERS AND CHECKS WILL BE
ISSUED AFTER THE LAST CALENDAR DAY OF THE MONTH.**

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

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS TO MAIL CHECK: _____

3-DIGIT PICK-3 NUMBERS: _____

All proceeds to benefit Temple B'nai Torah

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it is very hard to believe, but it is January 2024. Another year has flown by. Half of my first year as president is over. Time has certainly gone by so quickly. The moments are slow, but the years are fast. I hope everybody has enjoyed their winter holidays and New Year's celebration.

The Gregorian calendar has one New Year at the start of the new year. The Jewish calendar has four new years throughout our secular year. The most popular and well known is Rosh Hashanah (the head of the year). The others are the first of Nissan (when the exodus story begins), the first of Elul (new year of animals), and Tu B'shevat (the new year of the trees).

As I reflect upon the New Year, I have much to celebrate and be grateful for including family, friends, community and Temple B'nai Torah. But I feel like we talked about gratitude in November, so let's move on to our resolutions for the new year.

I do not make formal resolutions anymore as I feel that it sets me up to fail, but I do make daily resolutions. I try to learn a new word every day. So, if we are talking, in a meeting, or studying together and there is a word I don't know, I will stop, ask you what it means or look it up. I try to always be learning. If I ask you a question, it is not to be contrary or obnoxious, but to really learn and understand what you mean by that or what that refers to. Let us always keep our brains in gear. There are many studies that show that keeping your mind active will keep your body young and dementia at bay.

I also resolve to be involved. I have so much good in my life so I like to share with others that are less fortunate. Volunteer! Be involved in the community that you are part of. We all know that the schools, many organizations, our Temple and the State of Israel all need our help. Do what you can. Be involved in the running of and helping non-profit organizations. Be informed about what is happening in the organizations. Be active in supporting Israel. Choose one committee and join it to know what is involved and to share your expertise, experience and time. If you cannot make a full-time commitment, then choose an activity and volunteer to help for that one activity or event.

I am so blessed to know where my next meal will come from, I can afford my medications, I can fill my car with gas and I can heat my house and keep the lights on. Not everyone can. We know that there are Temple members for who it is difficult to afford full dues. We know that the Temple operations are running at a deficit. We know that some activities need to be subsidized. If you feel that you can, consider paying above and beyond your dues level, donate to a fund that speaks to you, or to the gift of love that supports our Temple. This will help TBT continue to be up and running and a leading Reform Temple of Nassau County. We would like to continue to provide a Jewish home for those in this area. We would also like to continue our cordial relationship with our community and other religions around us.

Now for the question of the month – why does TBT have to charge for everything? TBT is a non-profit organization that is not sponsored by an archdiocese or any other organization. Our dues only cover a little over 50% of our budget. The religious school is subsidized by the Temple by approximately \$100,000, which is very typical. We must fundraise for the rest. At the minimum, we must cover our costs for events, but realistically we must fundraise to meet our operating needs and maintain our level of service to our members.

With gratitude and resolve,
Amy Neidle
President



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Well, it is a new year on the calendar – can't believe it is already 2024 – and we are halfway through our TBT year! Time is flying by!!

Sisterhood has been busy selling stuff! We spent the last Sunday of November at the Brotherhood Holiday Fair selling concessions. So many people were happy to get a hot dog and a knish...and Les Richards was grateful for the tuna sandwiches! We also had a very successful Chanukah Fair on December 3. Thank you to Joni Christie for keeping our Judaica Shop and our Fair stocked with so many wonderful items. Thanks also to all the students, parents and congregants that shopped with us for their Chanukah needs. We hope everyone enjoyed the gifts you gave.

We had a successful Rosh Chodesh program mid-month learning with Betty Ann Ross about the Women in the Joseph story. It was a great discussion and we all learned something new.

We are looking forward to our Bead Away the Winter Blues program in January with our very own Carol Meyerson. We hope that our creations turn out half as lovely as the beautiful items that she makes.

We have collected so many bras for **I support the Girls** and are making our first donation at the drop off location this month. We will continue collecting throughout the year so please bring your new or gently used (and laundered) bras to the Temple at any Sisterhood event or reach out to me for a pickup or drop off. We appreciate your ongoing support for this very worthy cause.

Although we are halfway through the year, it is never too late to join us. We have great events coming up and we hope you will join us at one of them!

See you around the Temple,
Helaine



BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Hello My Fellow Congregants,

What can I say - winter has arrived. The next Temple breakfast prepared by Brotherhood is on Sunday, January 7th. So far, the breakfast turnouts have been going well. Let's keep it going strong. The next Brotherhood dinner is on Wednesday, January 31st.

All the holidays are behind us and a new year has just begun. Unfortunately, the Jets and Giants are doing terribly. The season is almost over, and I am glad I am a Detroit Lion fan. This year we are going to do a Superbowl Party at Temple on Feb 11th. We want to see a good turnout for it. Temple members and their guests are welcome to join us for the game - more info will be given at a later date.

Brotherhood will once again, as a fundraiser, have a wine and spirits sale for Passover. As Brotherhood President, I want to wish all my Brotherhood members and Temple members a Healthy & Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,
Eric Altman
Brotherhood President



SHAVUA TOV

HAVDALAH SERVICE

We invite Young Adults to conclude Shabbat
with Rabbi Bar-Nahum
and

The TBT Young Adults 20s & 30s Group

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH AT 7:00 PM

**TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH OF WANTAGH
2900 JERUSALEM AVENUE**

Our Havdalah service will begin at **7:00**, followed by dinner & conversation with Rabbi Bar-Nahum about the current situation in Israel & responses to antisemitism.

Dinner is \$10 per person.

Please let us know of any dietary restrictions.

This event is open to anyone in the Jewish community, ages 21-36.
Temple membership is not required to attend.

RSVP by January 12 to membership@temple-bnai-torah.org



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

We had such a great past couple of months with so many friends. Joni did a wonderful job with the Axe event; people are already going back.

Military bridge was a blast; 10 people played for the first time; they will be back next year. Thanks so much to Debbie, Artie, Yolanda, Ira, Ann & Fred. The champion team was The Teppers!!! Ira won the 50/50, and we raised money for the temple

Our annual Chanukah party was full of song, laughter, fun, and gifts, in the glow of the Chanukah candles. As always Yolanda and Ira made sure it was a success.

On January 15th, we have a zoom event, "Broadway, on a Budget," open to everyone.

We hope everyone has a happy, healthy 2024. We look forward to you joining us.

Contact Laurie Chester gem15428@gmail.com

Esther & Joni





TBT PTA Presents
Pizza, Prayers & Pajamas

"PTA Cozy Cabin: Game Night Edition!"

Saturday, January 20, 2024
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm



Open to all Temple Members 5th – 12th Grade
Parents also welcome to come and play!



Younger siblings welcome, if parent is staying
(5th – 12th Graders can be dropped off if parents do not wish to stay.
Pick up promptly at 8:00pm please)

Admission is \$5 per person
RSVP by January 14th

Our cozy evening will begin with a brief Havdalah Service
Followed by Pizza Dinner, Game Night with Snacks
& Hot Cocoa Bar



Bring your favorite games or play the ones provided.
Wear your favorite PJs if you wish (Parents too!)
Catch up with old friends and make some new ones!
This will be a phone free zone - Unplug and Reconnect!



Please label all games. Please bring a sweet treat for the Dessert Table.

If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Schnitzer at
jschnitzer2276@gmail.com

RSVP via Google Form

<https://tinyurl.com/bc97c65w>

Pay at the Door – Cash or Check Accepted



Chanukah
Brunch
Fun





A Collection to “Support the Girls”



I SUPPORT THE GIRLS

This year, Sisterhood will be collecting new and very gently worn (and laundered) bras to assist **I Support the Girls** to help women experiencing homelessness, impoverishment, or distress with essential items like bras to take care of their self-esteem and personal health. Bras are more than just an everyday essential; they also provide women with dignity and protection.

Whether it digs in, rides up, chafes, gaps, or won't stay hidden under any of your clothes, everyone who wears a bra knows what it's like to have a bad one. If you don't fit into the relatively small range of sizes on offer at big retailers, they can be prohibitively expensive.

But there's no real choice. A bra is a professional, and often social, necessity for most women larger than an A cup. That includes women experiencing homelessness and other people who rely on donated or subsidized clothes. Bras are rarely given to local charities, which makes it extremely hard to find bras that fit, let alone look good under clothes (and out of clothes).

Through their affiliates, I Support the Girls collects and distributes new and gently worn bras and menstrual hygiene products around the world. The non-profit sends its donations to women and girls in homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, refugee settlement homes, foster care agencies, LGBTQ agencies, homes for pregnant teens, and more.

Bring your items when you come to Sisterhood events throughout the year (*do not leave in coat closet or lobby collection box*) and they will be brought to an affiliate's drop off site for distribution. Currently, Soma stores are serving as affiliates and drop off sites.

Questions? Contact Rona at ronakauffman@yahoo.com



FILM SCREENING "THE BARN"



With filmmaker and Holocaust Awareness
activist Rachel Kastner

THE STORY:

Rachel Kastner and her grandfather return to a remote Ukrainian town where he was hidden as a child in a bunker dug out under a farmer's barn.

Follow them as they go on a journey to be reunited with the woman who saved his life seventy years before.



DIRECTED BY PHIL BERGER, PRODUCED BY
RACHEL KASTNER, PHIL BERGER, AND
MATTHEW HILTZIK AND EXECUTIVE
PRODUCED BY NANCY SPIELBERG

SCREENING HIGHLIGHTS

Ms. Kastner will join us from Israel, via ZOOM to speak with us about:

- storytelling,
- intergenerational responsibility to remember the Holocaust,
- social-impact media work.



JANUARY
29
6:45 P.M.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



REGISTER
TO GET ZOOM LINK
<https://bit.ly/41dSvcU>

LINK TO TRAILER:



[HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/388258680](https://vimeo.com/388258680)

Questions?

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WANTAGH, NY 11793



PTA UPDATES

Happy New Year from the PTA!

Forget Resolutions—they are so last year. This year, I am really feeling it for Gratitude; grateful for what we have and knowing it's enough. In this spirit, I want to start off the first column of the year with a big old serving of the stuff for everyone who helped the PTA make Chanukah brighter:

Thank You to—

Everyone who attended the PTA's fabulous Chanukah Brunch and made it feel like the festive Place to Be
Everyone who volunteered for the Brunch in the planning, shopping, creating, cooking, and setting up and cleaning up. You are invaluable

Gregg Wallis for being the MC with the Most and the Brotherhood for donating prizes for the games
Star of David Memorial Chapel, whose generosity made it possible to purchase great prizes for the Raffle
The other Vendors who donated Brunch prizes and who will be called out by name in next month's column
Our Gingerbread Menorah purchasers/decorators, whose creations were proudly splashed all over Facebook
AND

Each one of you who shopped at Five Below and helped us raise even more of the funds that support our school enrichment

Our hearts are full.

Two big things are coming up this month that you might not want to miss. On January 20 is our Pizza, Prayers, and Pajamas Game Night for grades 5-12. R.S.V.P. via the Google form at

<https://tinyurl.com/bc97c65w> and pay at the door. On January 30—BACK BY DEMAND—the PTA Challah Bake! This is a fun-filled evening for people ages 13+ that not only provides an opportunity to perform the mitzvah of taking challah, but also an opportunity to perform-- Ta-dah! --the miracle of eating delicious carbs. Each maker will go home with 4 challahs ready to bake or freeze, a month of homemade challah for Shabbat! The flyer that is everywhere tells you how to register because Spots Are Limited and there are No Walk-Ins allowed.

Our January meeting is on Sunday, the 7th, at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. We will be making plans for February's upcoming fun—Family Bingo and the delicious Pickle Me Pete fundraiser.

See you around the synagogue,
Laurel Klein

BROTHERHOOD HOLIDAY VENDOR FAIR





SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Happy Secular New Year to you all!

While this can be a time of celebration, it can also be a difficult, stressful, lonely or sad time. Mental health professionals suggest you "try not to feel bad about experiencing negative emotions. When you allow yourself to notice your feelings without judging them, you dial down the stress and feel more in control...Think about the activities you enjoy and make time for them in your life."(nami.org) There are many healthy emotional outlets to choose from (pick what works for you) and always remember to reach out for support if needed.

Our **Winter Coat and Accessories Collection** continues through February and has already provided warmth to many! Your generosity has allowed us to provide warm weather gear to individuals and families who are homeless, and who are struggling financially,

In our last Voice article we could not yet report on the full success of our **Frozen Turkey Drive**. We are proud to report that over 45 turkeys, 145 lbs. of non-perishable food items and over \$136 in monetary donations were collected and distributed to 4 local pantries in need, as well as to the clients of the LWS Empowerment and Advocacy Center. Your generosity has allowed many, many families to celebrate their Thanksgiving holidays with full and healthy meals. In addition, our **Holiday Gift Drive** provided holiday cheer for many local children and families to help make their holidays special this year. Recipient agencies included, Family and Children's Association, the LWS Center and Ohel Children's Home and Family Services. Again, thank you!

In coordination with several crucial temple committees and administration, a Climate Action Plan was presented to the TBT Board and submitted to Adamah. Stay tuned for more information about this important work.

We are so excited to welcome our many new TBT members and were happy to include our environmentally friendly refillable TBT water bottles in their Welcome Packages!

SA/SJ Shabbat is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 12. Please join us and learn about what we do, and about some of this year's special projects. Stay tuned for information about this year's social action project taking place at that evening's oneg.

On January 29 at 6:45, we invite the entire TBT community, as well as various outside communities, an opportunity to join us as we screen the important and inspiring film "The Barn."

Filmmaker Rachel Kastner will be joining us from Israel to speak about a variety of themes illustrated in her film and to answer questions about her work. This film is appropriate for viewers from middle school through adults. Many thanks to our anonymous donor for bringing this important event to TBT and to the Chai Club for partnering in various aspects of its presentation. See the flyer in this issue for more details and to register (required)

Save the Date: We will be hosting our annual **Blood Drive** on Sunday, March 17.

Our next meeting will be **Wed. January 24 at 7:00 p.m.** We welcome your input and new members! For information contact Rona at ronakauffman@yahoo.com or Jason at jaynew4@gmail.com

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THANK YOU IN ADVANCE



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11/8	915	Rica Timman			Eileen Schneyman
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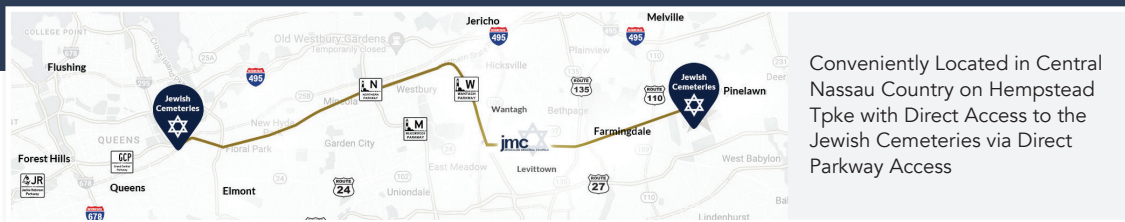


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