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THE MAINSTAGE PLAYERS PRESENT....







SHOW DATES

Saturday, May 4th
8:00 PM
Sunday, May 5th
2:00 PM
Saturday, May 11th
8:00 PM
Sunday, May 12th
2:00 PM

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For ticket information

Ritual Calendar - APRIL 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



Monday, April 1 Friday, April 5	12:00pm 5:30pm 7:15pm	Torah Study * TOT SHABBAT Family Shabbat Service, 3rd Grade Signal Study Shabbat Service Study Shabbat Service Study Shabbat Service Study Stu	yyum, lyyun T'fillah
Saturday, April 6 Monday, April 8 Friday, April 12 Saturday, April 13 Monday, April 15 Friday, April 19 Saturday, April 20 Monday, April 22 Tuesday, April 23 Friday, April 26 Saturday, April 27	9:30am 10:30am 12:00pm 7:15pm 9:30am 12:00pm 7:15pm 9:30am 9:30am Passover Eve 9:45am 6:30pm 7:15pm 9:30am	Torah Study * 4th Grade Shabbaton Torah Study * Tefillah Lab Shabbat Torah Study * Torah Study * Erev Shabbat Service with Organ Torah Study * NO Torah Study Chametz Burning in the TBT parking lot Community 2nd Seder (SH) Erev Shabbat Service Zoom only Torah Study *	~ Teffilah Lab An opportunit experience new proposed and meloo We welcome you feedback. After Service, discuss whe liked or didn't like the Clergy and R Committee. This
Sunday, April 28 Monday, April 29	6:30pm 10:30am	Yizkor Service/Memorial Plaque Dedications Festival Service with Yizkor	time to be open t experiences

~ Teffilah Lab 4/12 ~

An opportunity to experience new prayers, songs and melodies.

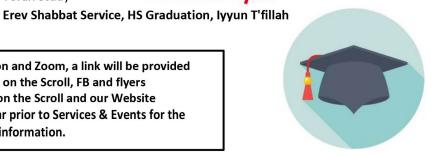
We welcome your feedback. After the Service, discuss what you liked or didn't like with the Clergy and Ritual Committee. This is the time to be open to new experiences.

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Friday, May 3	5:30pm	TOT SHABB.	AT
	7:15pm	Family Shabbat	Service, with 4th Grade Presenting Israel
Saturday, May 4	9:30am	Torah Study *	William .
	10:30am	Shabbat Service Bat	Mitzvah of Hailey Plavin
Monday, May 6	12:00pm	Torah Study *	Mite
	7:15pm	Yom HaShoah Servic	e Allina
Friday, May 10	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service	e, 7th Grade Moving Up, Iyyun T'fillah
Saturday, May 11	9:30am	Torah Study *	11-1-1
Monday, May 13	12:00pm	Torah Study *	Movin'Up!

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.

7:15pm



Friday, May 17

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



Tefillah Lab: Creativity in Prayer

Each week, Cantor Timman and I work to craft a beautiful and meaningful erev Shabbat service. A lot of time and effort goes into this each week, as we consider

many factors which inform the decisions and choices we make. What's happening in the world? Do we need to add prayers for something in the news? What are people feeling this week? Does the congregation need to lean into uplift this week? Does the congregation need a gentler mode of prayer after a tough week? These are just some of the questions we ask ourselves as we sit to plan our services.

To answer the questions that come up in our planning, we are lucky to have options of liturgy which are found in our siddur, which offer choices for each prayer in the service. In addition, with the help of our screens and projectors, we can and do add additional prayers and songs as necessary. Finally, we have the chance to consider the melodies or the settings of the prayers musically, and to think through the full scope of the service. We consider which prayers will be moments of higher energy and which are moments that call for more contemplation. None of these decisions is simple. As clergy who care about prayer, we seek to find a balance between the familiar and new. Sometimes we make a choice which will expand our and your repertoire when it comes to melodies for some of the prayers.

While we will sometimes hear comments about a service or a particular prayer, there's not really an opportunity for us to try things out and solicit feedback from the congregation. That's the impetus for our first ever Tefillah Lab, scheduled for Friday, April 12 at 7:15pm. This service will give Cantor Timman and me the opportunity to bring some cutting-edge prayer to TBT. Then, we'll look forward to hearing from you. We want to know what resonated, what you could see including regularly, and if there is anything we tried that doesn't quite work for you. It will also give the two of us as prayer leaders the opportunity to stretch our liturgical legs a little and try some new things out to see how we like them and whether or not they further our goals of prayer and meet our community's needs.

You may be wondering how prayer can be cutting edge. After all, aren't these words ancient? Of course, some of them are. At the same time, new translations and creative renditions are always popping up too. To us, an organ, piano, or guitar during worship, and screens with images accompanying prayer are commonplace. But there was a first person who tried it (and their congregants certainly had thoughts!) and thus changed the way Jews pray. The brief meditation which begins each Shabbat is now common enough throughout liberal Judaism, but there was a first time it happened. There was a first time someone thought that a moment of meditation might help get us ready to pray. So, they tried it out and shared the power of this practice with their community. We are all better for it!

In some ways, the creativity we see available in our prayer today mimics the earliest prayers and leaders in the ancient synagogues of Israel over 2000 years ago. At that time, when literacy was low, and there was no printing yet, those in attendance were entirely at the mercy of the prayer leader, who was responsible for praying on behalf of the community. The leader would follow the rubrics of prayer, which we still follow today, and would know the themes of the blessings and prayers to be recited. The leader would then, sometimes even extemporaneously, offer a prayer or a blessing on that theme. Over time, many of the blessings became standardized based on what resonated with the community. Standardization of prayer continued as the siddur was printed and literacy grew.

The Tefillah Lab this month will give us the chance to try some new things in our sanctuary. We will be bringing new melodies for many prayers, as well as new readings and some other ideas we're excited to try. We know not everything will work for everyone, but we hope that you will join us with a spirit of openness to the idea. While we do try to innovate throughout the year, this will be an opportunity to try something new for all of us that will be fun to try out. More than that, we hope that there will be some things which we will be able to bring with us into the following weeks and months to enhance our prayer life and repertoire.

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Cantor Rica Timman



As we gather around the Seder table this Pesach, we embark on a journey that transcends mere retelling of our ancestors' exodus from Egypt. Within the pages of the Haggadah and the rituals of the Seder lie hidden themes and profound messages that continue to resonate with us today. Let us strive to delve deeper into these timeless lessons that enrich our

celebration of freedom and renewal.

- 1. The Power of Redemption: At the heart of the Passover narrative lies the theme of redemption. Just as the Israelites were liberated from bondage, Passover serves as a reminder of the enduring human capacity for resilience and renewal. It inspires us to seek liberation from our own personal "Egypt" be it physical, emotional, or spiritual enslavement and to embrace the journey towards freedom with hope and courage.
- 2. The Importance of Remembering: The Haggadah repeatedly emphasizes the commandment to remember. Through the retelling of the Exodus story, we not only honor our ancestors' struggles but also affirm our collective identity as a people shaped by a history of resilience and faith. In a world filled with distractions and fleeting moments, Pesach reminds us of the significance of remembering our roots and the values that define us.
- 3. The Symbolism of Matzah: The unleavened bread, or matzah, is a central symbol of Passover, representing both the haste with which the Israelites fled Egypt and the humility that accompanies freedom. Its simplicity serves as a reminder to remain humble in the face of our own achievements and blessings, and to cultivate gratitude for the abundance in our lives.

- **4. The Concept of Renewal:** Passover marks not only the Israelites' physical liberation but also their spiritual rebirth as a nation. The Seder rituals of cleansing and renewal invite us to reflect on our own capacity for growth and transformation. It is a time to shed the old and embrace the new, to release ourselves from the constraints of the past and embrace the promise of the future.
- **5.** The Pursuit of Justice: Passover prompts us to reflect on the ongoing struggle for justice and equality. As we recall the oppression suffered by the Israelites in Egypt, we are called upon to confront injustice wherever it exists and to advocate for the rights of the marginalized and oppressed in our own time. The Seder becomes a platform for dialogue and action, challenging us to actively work towards a world free from oppression and discrimination.

This year in particular you may want to lean into one or more of these themes and spend time reflecting on those who remain in captivity in Gaza. Perhaps start by adding an empty chair to your table. Songs and texts like "Dayeinu", it would have been enough, or "Vehi Sheamda", the prayer that warns that in every generation, a new enemy will attempt to defeat the Jewish people, offer space for dialogue about how to frame the current war and antisemitism.

As we gather with loved ones to celebrate Pesach, may we be mindful of these hidden themes and messages embedded within the Haggadah and the Seder. May they inspire us to embrace freedom with gratitude, remember our past with reverence, and strive for a future illuminated by justice and renewal.

Wishing you and yours a meaningful Pesach, Cantor Rica Timman



Our 10th- and 11th-graders went to Washington DC for the L'Taken Social Justice Seminar at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism!

Our students went into sessions to learn about and practice lobbying. They also visited the Holocaust Museum and the MLK Memorial.

What true mensches and phenomenal advocates our students are, explaining their views on antisemitism and gun control to their elected officials.



The TBT Mainstage Players





Ticket Reservation Information

You have 3 ways to obtain your tickets:

Advance ticket sales, payable by <u>credit card</u>. Scan the QR Code above with your phone's camera The direct website is <u>https://tbtwantagh.seatyourself.biz</u>

---- or ----

Send your <u>check</u> to the Temple office, *Attn: Show Tickets,* along with this Ticket Form (Tickets purchased this way will be held at the door)

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Purchase tickets at the door, payable by cash or check only

*Please note, seating requests can ONLY be guaranteed through "Seat Yourself" (QR code or website)

For information, email Heather Lorenz at tbttix@temple-bnai-torah.org or call the Temple Office (516) 221-2370

May 5th	0 00 DI 6		17 & under:	\$10 each
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

With the Passover holiday coming this month, I find myself inspired by the four questions. We ask why we do all of these different things, why matzah, why do we eat bitter herbs and dip them twice, and why do we eat in a reclined fashion? The part that resonates most with me is the fact that we are encouraged to ask at all, and it is often the youngest member of the household that does the asking. So often in our lives we are just told to do things without the option to ask why. We just go through the motions, living our lives. But in the Passover seder, when we ask, we teach that it is imperative that we get that opportunity, and then, we actually hear the answer. Because we were slaves, we say. Because we were brought out of the land of Egypt. Not "Because I said so," and not even "Because God says so." We actually take the time to hear the question and receive the answer. How much better would we be if we stopped to ask the question. If we asked with the same childhood wonder, and actually answered. Let's start with one question, "How are you?" but mean it, and actually wait for an answer. Actually, answer the question.

This month is packed with opportunities to grow and learn and ask. We start the month with our 3rd Grade Siyyum, where they will show off their mastery of the Aleph Bet. We also have our 4th grade Shabbaton, where we will take a deep dive into their Hebrew Names. We close out the month with our School-wide Passover Seder and prepare for the end of the school year.

I look forward to spending time asking the hard questions, but more importantly, actually answering them.

Sheryl Gordon, Religious School Director



PARTY THROUGH THE DEGADES

""REMINDER ""

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 6:30 TO 10:30 pm

RSVP: BY APRIL 3, 2024

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR INVITATION?

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR RSVP and DONATION?

Dance to your favorite music from the 50s to the present.

Dinner, dessert, and beverages will be served. Dress up in period clothing if you choose. This will be the event of the year! Join your Temple family for a unique, fun-filled evening.





Questions? Email Joyce and Ronni at fundraising@temple-bnai-torah.com



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SELLING OF CHAMETZ

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

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

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

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

According to tradition, the remnants of our chametz (bread, cookies, food, etc.) are burned the morning before the first Seder. Since the first Seder falls on Monday evening, April 22, 2024, chametz will be burned that Monday morning, April 22nd at 9:45am. If you have any chametz you would like disposed of in this manner, please bring it to the Temple no later than Monday morning, April 22, 2024 at 9:45 am, and join us in our "*Bi-Ur chametz*," the burning of chametz.

Please return the attached coupon to the Temple office no later than 9:30 am, on Monday, April 22, 2024.

CLIP AND RETURN

I hereby authorize Daniel S. Bar-Nahum, Rabbi of Temple B'nai Torah, to sell any chametz that I own, or is in my possession (including transit goods that would be delivered to me) during the period April 22

to April 29/30, 2024, inclusive, and to rent the locality where my chametz is stored, to a non-Jew of bechoosing. The buyer has free access to the chametz acquired.			
Name:			
Address:			
Signature:			



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello April – longer days, nicer weather and closer to beach season. It is so hard to believe that a quarter of 2024 is complete. The adage about time flying by faster and faster as you get older is definitely true.

The Temple was very alive in March (as is usually the case). There were services, meetings, school, gatherings and, of course, Purim. What a fun weekend it was! Since Purim fell on a Saturday, we took full advantage and held our service and megillah reading, Purim Spiel and even an afterparty. Everyone really enjoyed themselves. Some of the costumes were very creative, although my own was not. As TBT has been known to do, we made a mitzvah out of the holiday – we used pasta groggers and then donated them to the food bank. Sisterhood also helped with mitzvah's by creating and distributing Shalach Manot bags. Did you do your own Mitzvah by drinking enough to not be able to distinguish between Mordechai and Haman? And who doesn't like a carnival. Thank you BNTY and Mark Derwin for setting up and running a carnival for our younger members. It seems all the kids had a really good time.

April is also looking to be a fun-filled month. There will be a **Through the Decades Dance Party** on April 13th. See how many of the songs you know from the selections from the 50s through the present. I know which decades I will do better with. I hope they continue with more Billy Joel music, which covers multiple decades. Then, we will get ready for Passover, as we share seders with school, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, the community and our own family and friends. I am starting my cooking very soon. In our house there are certain items that are a must have. Matzoh Brei is one of those foods. My mom still makes it for us all on the first day of Passover. We are a scrambled family, not a pancake family. Do you like Matzoh Brei with salt or sugar, jelly or peanut butter, sweet or savory?

As I walk through the building, I am excited about the cast of Annie. I look forward to seeing the performances during the first two weeks of May. The cast sounds fabulous and it looks to be a wonderful show. Hope to see you there. Even as I write this, I am amazed how we put some many activities into our schedules and our building. There is literally something for everyone. And if you don't see something on the calendar that you like, just ask and we will make it happen!

April's question of the month – what are some volunteer opportunities for me? I am so glad that you asked this question. TBT runs BINGO on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings. We are always looking for additional volunteers. It is a wonderful group of players and volunteers. If BINGO is not your thing, then run a class. If you have an area you are knowledgeable and passionate about, lifelong learning is always looking to have a volunteer run a "one-time" class that has Jewish ties. Not interested in running a class, then help with a fundraiser. If that is not your speed, then volunteer for Brotherhood, PTA or Sisterhood. Still not what interests you, then join a social justice/social action event, work in the garden, or join choir. I will say that if you volunteer for anything, you and we will enjoy the comradery.

With much appreciation to our volunteers and congregants, Amy Neidle, President

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

BROTHERHOOD OF TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH PASSOVER 2024 WINE ORDER FORM





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Kosher Wines and Spirits 750ml

Bartenura Moscato D'Asti	\$18.00	Bartenura Pinot Grigio	\$16.00	
Baron Herzog (BH) Cabernet	\$14.00	Baron Herzog (BH) Merlot	\$14.00	
BH Chardonnay	\$14.00	BH Jeunesse Black Muscat	\$16.00	
BH White Zinfandel	\$13.00	BH Jeunesse Cabernet	\$16.00	
Manischewitz Concord Grape	\$11.00	Manischewitz Cream White	\$11.00	
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SISTERHOOD NEWS

"Every Jewish family produces a unique version of the Passover seder—the big ritual meal of traditional foods, served after and amid liturgy, storytelling, and song. We're all surprised at each other's customs: 'You eat lamb? You don't sing 'Chad Gad Ya'? And yet, virtually every seder does share a few common elements. Matzoh crumbs all over the floor. Wine stains on the tablecloth. A seder plate containing the traditional symbols of the holiday..." Anita Diamant

Here at Temple B'nai Torah the same holds true! Our Women's Seder, being held this year on April 16, is open to all women, and those identifying as women, and we hope to see everyone there! It will have all the traditions you know and love, an emphasis on the roles of women and a delicious seder dinner. Please join us and bring your friends and family to our wonderful celebration.

We had a busy March with Rosh Chodesh where we learned about women's health, an evening with author Sharon Sobel who engaged and entertained us and our fabulously funny program about Carol Burnett, jointly sponsored with Chai Club. We loved participating with Brotherhood in our shared Shabbat service and appreciate all the participants and the partnership with our clergy.

Coming in May is our Mother's Day sale, dignity bags at Mitzvah Day and our big spring event on May 13 – Fashion Show, mini-auction and dinner – mark your calendars now!

Wishing everyone a sweet Pesach with family and friends! See you around the Temple,

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BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Hello My Fellow Congregants,

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

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

Brotherhood is having a Passover Wine and Spirit Sale which you will be able to find in this month's TBT Voice. Place your orders and enjoy a good glass of wine with your Passover Seder or any time. We are also looking forward to the Passover Seder at the Temple on Tuesday, April 16th. It will be good to see many of our Brotherhood members who will be returning from Florida and will be able to join us in Brotherhood and Temple activities.

Sincerely, Eric Altman, Brotherhood President



Have you heard about TBT's new Young Adult 20's & 30's Program?



- Open to members of the Jewish community, between the ages of 21-36, and their partners
- Social programming
- Low annual temple dues

Temple membership is not required to participate in our social activities

Contact our Membership Committee, <u>membership@tbtwantagh.org</u> for more information



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



Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Doors Open at 6PM Seder begins promptly at 6:15PM in the Social Hall

- · \$20 TBT Sisterhood members and daughters (age 9+)
- · \$30 for Non-Sisterhood Temple Members
- · \$36 for all other guests
- ·RSVP with slip and check by April 8, 2024
- · We Can Not Accommodate Walk-Ins



Contact Emily Altman at EmilyAltman19@gmail.com or 516-647-7123 with any questions. Return the RSVP slip below with a check made payable to:

Temple B'nai Torah Sisterhood

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

SISTERHOOD Women's Seder

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Please print all information clearly . RSVP by April 8, 2023 with check payment				
Member Name	Phone#			
\$20.00 pp for all Sisterhood Members	# of Members	Amt \$		
\$30.00 pp for Temple Members	# of Non-Members	_Amt \$		
\$36.00 pp Guests Attending	# Guests Attending_	Amt \$		
Total Amount Enclosed \$	Check # _			
I will contribute: Miriam's Cup_				
Please indicate any dietary needs, we'll make every effort to accommodate G/F, D/F,				
S/F, Nut Free				

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

As the flowers bloom and the sun is shining, we look forward to more outside activities. This month we will be having our Game Night on April 20th. This event is well attended and a great way to make new friends and learn new games. Look for the flyer soon. We also have an upcoming craft night for paint and sip. We will paint a picture and have some delicious wine and cheese. Also being planned is a trip to the Tenement Museum and lunch on Orchard Street.

The Spring will be packed with activities that you can choose from. The Circle of Friends is a group of all aged friends, where friendships continue to grow like the grass. Join us for a fun event and make new friends. Also please come see Annie in May and support the Temple and the hard work of the cast.

Have a wonderful Passover.

Hugs, Joni and Esther Co-Presidents



YOUTH GROUP

In my 40 years of running youth groups, I thought I had seen it all. Then Mandy Krauss and Jenna Giwner come up with an idea that blew me away. It was a simple concept. Show the group an iconic image and have them recreate it with limited props, poses and backgrounds. You can see examples of the teams on Facebook. The kids did such an amazing job and had so much fun! I can't wait to do it again.

BNTY also had a night of Jack box games. The entire youth group, could be found relaxing on chairs and couches in our amazing, newly redone youth lounge. We were able to easily use the Wi-Fi and hook the game system up to our beautiful TV. A great time was had by all. I must honestly thank all of the people that worked so hard to get the Youth Lounge updated. It looks amazing and is fully functional!

March is all about the Purim Carnival. BNTY and BNTY JR spend weeks getting the games together for the little kids. At this time the prizes and the obstacle course have been ordered. I will include pictures next month of what's sure to be a fantastic carnival.

Looking forward to the warm weather!!

Mark Derwin

Youth Director





Temple Seder Second Night of Passover



Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy an interactive Passover Seder led by

Cantor Rica Timman

Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024, at 6:30 pm

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

Reservations are required by April 16th.

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

Sponsored by The Chai Club of Temple B'nai Torah

Mail this form and check, payable to TBT Chai Club, 2900 Jerusalem Ave, Wantagh, NY 11793

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

April 2024, brings us Passover, one of the busiest and happiest seasons of the Jewish year. Not only does it celebrate the historical and religious meanings of liberation, freedom and the establishment of the Jewish people, but it also brings us the promise of a wonderful Spring!

Chai Club again sponsors the Second Day Passover Seder on Tuesday April 23rd. Look for details or call Brian and Joan at (516) 781-4966 to join us and make a reservation. Your family members and Non-TBT members are cordially invited to join our community. We wish you a very Happy and Sweet Passover,

Judy and Janis





PTA UPDATES

Hello, Temple B'nai Torah,

April is a quieter month for activity, with the Spring Recess comprising the Passover holiday from school, but we hope to see you at our April meeting, set for Sunday, the 7th, in the Kiddush Lounge (upstairs) at 9:15 a.m. We have a lot to discuss regarding the makeup of next year's PTA Board, May Mitzvah Day activities; details for the items mentioned below and other fun business.

Two fun volunteer opportunities:

Before we head out for Spring Recess, PTA is involved in the shopping and day-of prep for the two Religious School Model Seders that are scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 in two sessions – 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. *This is a fun activity, and you get to see your children.*

Also, we will be celebrating our fabulous faculty at our annual Teacher Appreciation Brunch, to be held later this month just after the conclusion of that Sunday morning's Religious School.

Each of these annual activities depends on supply donations and volunteer help. The links to our Sign-Up Genius forms for each are in recent PTA emails and on the TBT PTA Facebook page. You may also reach out to PTA President Ilene Hellman for more information.

And, this is technically for May, but put on your calendar to please take part in and enjoy our all-day Post-Passover Calda Fundraiser (cheers for leaven!) on Wednesday, May 1st, at all three Calda locations – Levittown, Massapequa, and Hicksville. Just mention "Temple B'nai Torah PTA" and Calda will donate 15% of the total order to PTA, which goes towards doing good things for our students. Thank you Calda for your support! You can find the flyer elsewhere in this issue of The Voice if you need more info.

See you around the synagogue,

Laurel Klein

Past President/VP of Communications





SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

We wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Inspiring Passover!

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

The Garden at TBT is back up and running. Welcome to our new and returning garden volunteers! Lots of people stopped by on opening day to help harvest our sun chokes and to learn more about them. Planting has begun and we all look forward to another successful growing season. Be sure to stop by and see how your garden grows!

<u>Kulanu - SA/SJ</u>, PTA and Religious Ed worked together to bring an important and powerful program on experiencing and coping with antisemitism to our Religious School students and parents. Many thanks to our most inspiring speaker, Sofie Glassman, an 11th grader who brought a sensitive, accessible, wise and inspiring program to our upper grades and their parents last month and will return this month for a program designed for our younger students and their parents.

Earth Day is April 22, 2024 and this year our first Passover seder will also be on April 22. How is Passover connected to caring for the Earth? Rabbi Ellen Bernstein looks for these connections in her The Promise of the Land: A Passover Haggadah. She tells us that "We could not own land, because the land has a life of its own ..." and"...We were to see ourselves as God's tenants — guests on the land."

https://evolve.reconstructingjudaism.org/celebrating-the-seder-with-the-earth-in-mind-the-promise-of-the-land-a-passover-haggadah/ In his review of Rabbi Bernstein's Haggadah, Zachary Goldberg points out that we should strive for "a reciprocal relationship in which humans receive nourishment and bounty from the land while upholding the responsibility to share and care for the soil."

https://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/articles/entry/land-passover-haggadah-ritual/

With the above in mind, we especially thank all those who prepare food in our TBT kitchen for their contributions to our garden compost system, helping to give back to the earth by turning kitchen scraps into rich, nutritious soil.

Earth Day's theme this year is *Planet vs. Plastics*, which aims to bring awareness to, and advocate for, "widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics, rapidly phase out all single use plastics, urgently push for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution, and demand an end to fast fashion." To learn more go to https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024/ We hope to provide some events/educational materials to help support this year's Earth Day theme.

Next month is **Mitzvah Day 2024 (May 19)!** —Stay tuned for more details on ways to get involved. This month we will be collecting items in support of our **To Go Snack Bags for Kids** activity - see flyer for suggested donation items

Our next meeting will be **Wed. April 17 at 7:00 p.m.** We always welcome your input and new members! For information about SA/SJ and The Garden at TBT contact

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Clear your closets and get ready to drop off your donations on Mitzvah Day



This year we will again be able to go as a TBT group on Mitzvah Day afternoon to prepare a meal for the families staying at Ronald McDonald House while their sick children are undergoing medical treatments for serious illnesses.



This mitzvah can only accommodate a total of 12 people, 16 years of age and older.

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You can also support this mitzvah by making a monetary donation to offset the cost of this meal. Any amount is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Make check payable to **Temple B'nai Torah** and include **SA/SJ RMH Mitzvah Dinner** on the check.

Checks can be dropped off at the TBT office anytime through Mitzvah Day, May 19.

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

On Mitzvah Day (May 19), we will be sorting and preparing groceries to be donated to Island Harvest. In preparation, 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. 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.

Available shifts:

Wednesday, May 15, 10 AM - 12:00 and 12:00 - 2 PM at Stop & Shop in N. Bellmore Saturday, May 18 1:00- 4:00 p.m. at King Kullen on Wantagh Ave. in Wantagh

Please contact Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com to sign-up. RSVP needed by May 8. THANK YOU!!!

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Snack bags will be donated to the young clients of the Interfaith Nutrition Network.

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

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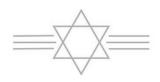
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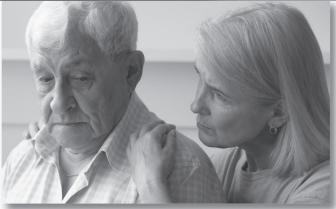
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