



The TBT VOICE



PARTY THROUGH THE DECADES

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

6:30 TO 10:30 pm

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. Everything goes!

This will be the event of the year!

All adults - young and not so young!

Join your Temple family for a unique, fun-filled evening.

Invitation to follow.

SAVE THE DATE!



Ritual Calendar - MARCH 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, March 1	5:30pm 7:15pm	TOT SHABBAT Family Shabbat Service, 5th Grade Midrash
Saturday, March 2	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * 3rd Grade Shabbaton
Monday, March 4	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, March 8	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, March 9	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Hollie Werner
Monday, March 11	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, March 15	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service with Choir, Sisterhood & Brotherhood, Iyyun T'fillah
Saturday, March 16	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Macey Cataldo
Monday, March 18	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, March 22	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, March 23	9:30am 6:00pm 8:00pm	Torah Study * Purim Service and Spiel, Iyyun T'fillah "Purim After Party" ^
Sunday, March 26	10:30am	Purim Carnival
Monday, March 25	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, March 29	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, March 30	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Snyder



After the Spiel and the Service, we will all have lots more fun ... get creative with your costumes (did we say Costume Contests?) for the *Purim After Party* starting right after services. Music, Persian-inspired snacks and plenty of Hamantaschen! A fun evening for all ages.

Don't forget to bring a Macaroni Box Grogger, then donate it to the food pantry!



APRIL

Monday, April 1	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, April 5	5:30pm 7:15pm	TOT SHABBAT Family Shabbat Service, 3rd Grade Siyyum, Iyyun T'fillah
Saturday, April 6	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * 4th Grade Shabbaton

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



Erasing the Names of our Enemies

Certainly, one of the most fun holidays on our calendar is the Festival of Purim. This year, we look forward to celebrating together on Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24 (see pp. 5 for all the details). This is a holiday, like many

spring holidays across cultures, which allows us to let loose, have fun, and shake off the doldrums of the winter that has mostly passed by the 14th of Adar. (In a leap-year like 5784, Purim falls in the second Adar.) We dress up, we are supposed to come together as a community to eat, since eating as a group leads to more merriment. We are encouraged to drink irresponsibly until we can't tell the difference between Mordecai and Haman.

While we may have tempered the intoxication rituals, we maintain the customs of reading the story and especially of blotting out the name of Haman. We often accomplish the task of blotting out Haman's name by using a grogger or a noise maker. But where does this custom come from? The biblical book of Esther does not mention a grogger. Haman is hanged as are his ten sons. His property and his progeny are wiped out. But why the noise? Why the groggers?

The answer requires that we look to a couple of different sources in addition to the Book of Esther. The book of Deuteronomy, the book of Samuel, and then to a medieval Christian tradition. To begin, Haman is described in Esther 3 as an Agagite. In I Samuel 15, we meet Agag, who is king of the Amalekites. The Amalekites are an ancient enemy of Israel, who attacked the Israelites on their journeys in the wilderness. The Torah, in Deuteronomy 25 commands us to: "blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven. Do not forget." We are commanded not to forget to erase the name from our memories. The commandment is clearly contradictory. In order to remember to blot out the name, we have to remember the name! Regardless of the complications of the commandment from Deuteronomy, the reasoning is that if Agag is an Amalekite and Haman is an Agagite, Haman is thus a descendant of Amalek, and therefore his name should be blotted out.

Taking this custom literally dates back to at least the 13th century. French Rabbis understood the commandment to blot out to mean even to erase the name from wood and stone. This interpretation led, within about a century, to the custom of children in France writing Haman on pieces of wood or stone and banging them together when Haman's name was recited in the Megillah. A separate custom involved writing Haman's name on the soles of one's shoes in chalk, and then

stomping on the ground when the name was read. This blotted out the sound of the name and, by the end of the Megillah, the name had faded from the shoe as well. Thus, the custom of noisy megillah readings was born!

Within 100 more years, there is evidence cited by Rabbi David Abudraham of Jews breaking pots and banging on tables on Purim. By the 1500s, noise making had been codified into the *Shulchan Aruch*, the great compendium of Jewish Law which still serves as the foundation for Jewish practice today. In the 1600s, gunpowder's availability led to firecrackers in the synagogue on Purim, which was still a custom as late as the 1930s in Tel Aviv.

The grogger, as a noisemaker, dates from ancient Greece. Medieval Christians used them to scare away demons during weddings and to call for worship on days when bells were not to be rung. Groggers were used by police in Boston before the invention of whistles. Their liturgical use probably stems from an Easter custom, where children would spin their groggers during an often anti-Jewish ceremony highlighted by burning Judas in effigy. Some Jewish communities had a practice of burning Haman in effigy. They may have been influenced by the groggers used by their Christian neighbors. By the 1700s there is evidence of groggers at Purim both in Europe and the New World. Today, almost no Purim is complete without a grogger, and no megillah reading occurs without raucous noise and derision aimed at Haman.

I've been thinking a lot about how we remember our enemies as Jews, in this time when an enemy has arisen seeking our destruction. Like our people's ancient enemies, we may wish to forget them, and to blot their names from history. But as Jews we know better. We know the importance of remembering those who sought our destruction. We learn the lessons of the past to keep us safe in the future. Though God commands we blot out their names, the command is coupled with another not to forget to do so. We remember our enemies. When it comes to Haman, we remember him with ridicule, not even allowing the sound of his name to hit our eardrums.

It is my hope and prayer that, just as we drown out the sound of the vanquished Haman's name while always remembering what he had hoped to do to us, one day we will all do the same with Hamas. May we never forget what they did. May we blot out their name from our ears and our minds after defeating them. And may our people be saved from their violence and their genocidal desires and move on to live in peace.

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Cantor Rica Timman



Purim, a joyous festival, commemorates the survival of the Jewish people in ancient Persia. While traditionally a time of revelry and merriment, it is not uncommon for the celebration to coincide with challenging circumstances. Today, we have the juxtaposition of possibly celebrating Purim while hostages remain in captivity, Israel is

at war, and so many of our Israeli brothers and sisters remain displaced.

The Purim story revolves around the plot to annihilate the Jewish people orchestrated by the villainous Haman. Through the courage of Queen Esther, the Jewish people were saved. The holiday is marked by festive gatherings, feasting, the reading of the Megillah (emphasizing the triumph of good over evil), and giving *shaloch manot*, gifts of food and treats to family and friends.

The dissonance between our joyous festivities and the somber plight of those who are suffering raises profound questions about the nature of celebration in the face of adversity. It prompts us to reflect on the resilience of the human spirit and the ability to find hope even in the darkest of times. The Purim narrative itself underscores the strength to persevere through challenges, inspiring individuals to face hardships with **determination and courage**.

The hope embedded in the Purim story can serve as a guiding light, encouraging us to maintain optimism and faith in the face of uncertainty. By our celebrations, we perform a symbolic act of defiance against despair, affirming the belief that liberation and salvation are possible even in the darkest moments.

Celebrating Purim during these challenging times also highlights the importance of solidarity and compassion. Our joyous festivities include giving gifts, *shaloch manot* and *tzedakah*, serving as a reminder that, even in times of celebration, we are encouraged to think of others. This year our hearts are with our Israeli sisters and brothers. Perhaps you'll consider sending *shaloch manot* to a displaced family in Israel, or sending Israeli gift baskets to local friends as part of your celebration.

May our Purim this year, mixed with joy and sorrow, celebration and reflection, also be an opportunity to delve into the depth of human resilience, the power of hope, and the importance of solidarity. May we find meaning in celebration and, in doing so, contribute to a world where the light of hope shines even in the darkest corners.

I look forward to celebrating Purim with you at TBT on Saturday night, March 23rd!

B'vracha (with blessings), Cantor Rica Timman



Lifelong Learning Spring 2024 Classes Sunday mornings, 10 - 11:30 am

**The Music of the Prophets
with Cantor Timman
March 3 and March 17
In the Kiddush Lounge & on Zoom**

A selection of creative musical settings inspired by prophetic texts. The two sessions will cover snippets of many beautiful settings from our tradition and by contemporary composers.

If you have any questions, please contact the Lifelong Learning Committee at lifelonglearning@temple-bnai-torah.org



MAZEL TOV TO OUR BET MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES



March 9

Hollie Werner

Brian & Bevin

I am a seventh grader at Wisdom Lane Middle School. I'm an honor's student and a member of the Science Olympiad Team. Since the age of seven, I've been a competition dancer. I would like to thank Morah Emily, Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for helping me prepare for my Bat Mitzvah. Special thank you to my mother, father, and brother for all of their support.



March 16

Macey Cataldo

Rob & Bonnie

My name is Macey Cataldo. I am currently a seventh-grade honor roll student at Grand Avenue Middle School. When not in the classroom, you'll find me doing gymnastics somewhere. I love reading and playing soccer. I also love camping, sketching, and the beach. You might have watched me perform with TBT Juniors and Mainstage Players. It's been a rewarding experience attending religious school at TBT, and I appreciate all the support from my friends and family to achieve this milestone. I would especially like to thank Morah Emily, Cantor Timman, and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for helping me prepare for my Bat Mitzvah.



March 30

Hannah Snyder

Jonathan & Melissa

My name is Hannah Snyder. I am in seventh grade at Grand Avenue Middle School. I like playing travel softball with my friends. I also play on a soccer team. This year I played on my school's volleyball team and I really enjoyed that too. When I am not playing sports, I like being with my friends and my family. I would like to thank all of the TBT staff for helping me throughout the years, but specifically Mrs. Altman, Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for all of their help throughout my Bat Mitzvah training.



Temple B'nai Torah's

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 24, 2024

10:30 - Mazel Tots, K, 1st, 2nd

11:00 - 12:30 - Open To Everyone

Children 10 and under must have a parent with them.

Unlimited Games, Obstacle Course and Prizes

**\$5 Admission
Food and Drinks for sale**



After the "Shushan State of Mind" Spiel

Let's Turn The Lights Back On

At the **PURIM AFTER PARTY**



Saturday, March 23 8:00-10:00pm

Following the Service and Spiel

Music, Dancing, Games & Persian-Inspired Snacks,
Beverages for ALL ages! Oh and Hamantaschen!

Come in Costume. Be part of the Parade & Contests

RSPV by March 16 so we can plan!

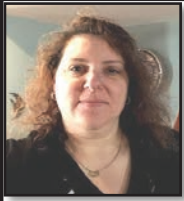
Stephanie.giwner@gmail.com

Bring a box of Macaroni to use as your

Grogger during the Spiel, then donate it
to the food pantry! (see pg. 20)

TBT 2900 Jerusalem Ave, Wantagh





RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

In case you don't know me by now, you should know that I can be *Shameless*. This month, we'll be learning from our 5th grade about Midrash and our long history with storytelling. They know that whether it's Moshe or Moredechai, *It's Still Rock and Roll to Me*. Our 3rd grade will *Keep the Faith* as they take a deep dive into the 10 commandments at their Shabbaton.

In a world where the news feels like a never-ending version of a *Worse Comes to Worst* serenade, and our daily grind in Religious School feels like a *Pressure*-filled endeavor, sometimes you just need to get yourself in a little *New York State of Mind*. Picture this: a modern-day Shushan, where King Ahasuerus reigns supreme, rocking his royal robes like a *Big Shot* while Queen Vashti throws shade like an *Angry Young Man*. Enter Esther, our unsuspecting heroine, whose ascent to queenhood is like *Entertainer* on the big stage.

Didn't get enough Billy Joel references? Join us on March 23 for our Purim Service and *spiel*. The students are working on learning the importance of the Whole Megillah. They are building groggers with an eye towards upcycling, because *You May be Right* and we should be considerate of the environment. If you aren't tired after watching the *spiel* and seeing our students participate in the reading, and if you aren't singing a *Lullaby* while saying *Goodnight My Angel* join us for a Dance/Costume Party where you'll say that *The Night is Still Young* deep into the evening. Before you are *Movin' Out*, make sure to come to the Carnival with the whole family on Sunday. Our BNTY groups work hard to build and staff the games, they carefully decide on prizes, and there are plenty of other *Surprises!*

Sheryl Gordon,
Religious School Director



CELEBRATING OUR STORIES: ROMANCE NOVELS, SISTERHOOD and the WRJ with Sharon Sobel

Monday, March 18, 2024 7:30 - 9:30 pm

We are pleased to welcome Sharon Sobel to TBT. Sharon is a romance writer, a past president of the Northeast District of the WRJ and is a professor of English at both University of Connecticut and Norwalk Community College.

She is most interested in the empowerment of women, and she weaves this into both her writing and the work she does with the WRJ. These are not "your mother's romance novels" and "not our parents' Judaism," says Sharon.

Join us for a lively discussion with Sharon covering her writing, the genre she has chosen, why we should read romance novels, and where authors get their ideas.

If you would like to check out Sharon's writing in advance of the program, **The Hermitage** is available on Kindle or Amazon.

ALL ARE WELCOME - NO-CHARGE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

RSVP by March 6 by email or for more information:

Ronni Fauci - rfauci@gmail.com

Joyce Rappaport - joycerappaport13@gmail.com



Chocolate Works



Be A Master Chocolatier
Choose From An Assortment Of Designs
To Mold And Decorate
Take Home Your Own Unique Creation

(maximum 25 people / first 25 to send in checks)

Children of all ages welcome.

(Due To Possible Traces Of Nuts, It Is Advised That You Do Not Attend If You Have A Nut Allergy)



Event Will Take About 1 to 1½ Hours



Cost - \$25 per person **Date** - Sunday, March 10, 2024 **Time** - 1:00 pm

Place - 2350 Merrick Rd., Bellmore, N.Y. 11710

Tentative Plans For Dinner Will Be Discussed At A Later Date



Make checks payable to: TBT Circle of Friends
Mail to : Temple B'nai Torah Circle of Friends
2900 Jerusalem Ave., Wantagh, N.Y. 11793



Please call – Debbie Schlesinger 516-998-8083 or email – debartie@optonline.net

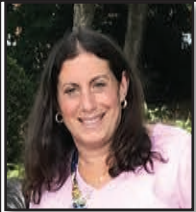
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SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 9TH FOR OUR WALK-A-THON

Do you have any shoes/sneakers that you no longer wear? Please start saving any gently used shoes and sneakers - the Fundraising Committee will be collecting them in the coming months.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to March! I am looking forward to seeing our Not Yet Ready for Purim Players during the Purim Spiel. It will be a fun night for all on March 23rd. Come in costume and maybe win a prize or bragging rights! Rumor has it that we will be having a grand oneg after the spiel. I also look forward to my shalach manos bag and all the special treats. It feels good for Dan and I to give treats to others, and also to receive the treats.

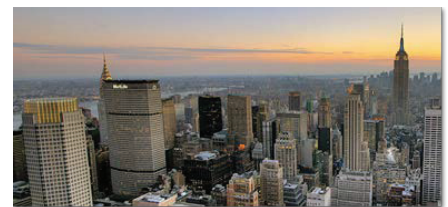
I am excited to write about a pilot program that the membership committee spearheaded and the board approved. The young adult group consists of adults between the ages of 21 and 36. They pay nominal dues for the first year and the next two years and become a member of our Temple Community. This new group can run their own events and participate in any Temple events that they would like. It would be great to have some of the members of the young adults become leaders and help run an event or two. The Temple is here to support this group and to facilitate their functions or whatever they need. If you or someone you know is in this age group who may be interested in becoming involved in and benefit from the Temple Community, please feel free to reach out and let them know that they can contact the membership committee at membership@temple-bnai-torah.org.

In anticipation of the upcoming annual congregation meeting later this year, our committees are working on updating our constitution and putting together the budget for next year, amongst the other work and responsibilities of our committees. I encourage you to attend an open meeting of these committees so that you can address all your questions and have your thoughts heard early in the process. See the weekly scroll for who to contact and when the next meeting will be held.

Now for the question of the month – why did we have a security assessment; what period does it cover; what does it pay for? Unfortunately, increasing security was an unbudgeted item that became necessary because of the climate we are in since October 7th. The assessment is for the current fiscal year through June 30, 2024. The need for an assessment in the future will be discussed in the finance meetings and will be brought to the board, and then the congregation, if it is necessary. The assessment covers the additional security guards that we had to hire. In addition, we have been able to use government grants to fund certain infrastructure security improvements.

We all appreciate those congregants who were able to contribute toward the assessment at the requested level, as well as those that generously contributed above and beyond the assessed amount. I really appreciate all the positive responses regarding the security assessment.

With wishes that our hostages come home now,
Amy Neidle
President



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The Garden at TBT announces its 2024 Growing Season Opening Sunday March, 24th, 2024! 9:30 - 11:30 AM



Back by popular demand, our opening day activity will be harvesting sunchokes (aka Jerusalem Artichokes)!

- ~ Join us and find out what they are, why we harvest them in March, and how they are prepared.

There are many ways to support and be a part of the Garden at TBT.

- ~ **Join us** and be part of the joy of caring for the garden and growing food for those in need. No experience or “green thumb” required.



- ~ Do you have a talent that you think would work well in the garden? Are you a photographer? artist? carpenter? Do you have good computer skills?

- ~ We need helpers of all ages and abilities.

- ~ **If you have garden supplies/tools** or furniture that you no longer need and would like to donate, please let us know.

- ~ **If you want to make a monetary donation** make a check payable to Temple B’nai Torah and put “SA/SJ Fund - Garden” in the memo so it gets properly assigned.

Let us know how you would like to be involved - send an email to Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com and someone will get back to you shortly.

NOTICE

Please be aware that there will be a discussion on the upcoming proposed Constitutional amendments at our March 26th Board of Trustees meeting at 7:30 PM. This will be an informational question and answer presentation in advance of the Congregational Meeting, where the proposed amendments will be presented for a Yes or No vote.



SISTERHOOD NEWS

We are so close to spring – you can almost feel it in the air! I spent time reflecting during the winter months about how so many congregants are not aware of all the things Sisterhood does for the Jewish community and for the community at large. Sure, everyone knows that we provide food for the Onegs, and for many other events, but did you know that we also donate to many worthy Jewish organizations to help them further their goals? We are particularly focused on organizations that support children who are disadvantaged in various ways, as well as organizations that work to further Israel and Judaism in the US and around the world. Always glad to chat with anyone about the groups to which we donate and of course open to hearing about causes that might be near and dear to you.

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The following week, on March 25, we are proud to join with Chai Club to present The Carol Burnett Story as told by Sal St. George. Come and hear about Carol's illustrious movie career, plus learn of her personal triumphs and tragedies. Along the way, you will revisit her most memorable characters including Mama and Eunice, Mr. Tutball and Mrs. Wiggins and others. This will be an evening of learning and laughter.

Hope to see you at one of these programs!
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BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Hello My Fellow Congregants,

Winter is still with us, but we still have Brotherhood dinners and Congregant breakfasts. Nice to go to Temple on Sunday, drop off the kids and have breakfast with fellow Congregants and friends.

Thank you to all the Brotherhood members who wake up early to come to the Temple and prepare the breakfast. Our next Congregant breakfast is on Sunday, March 10th at 9:30 AM.

Before you know it, baseball season will be here and you can root for the Mets and Yankees. Passover is coming soon and Brotherhood will have a wine and spirits fundraiser. Watch for the wine and spirits information that will be coming soon.

Stay warm.
Brotherhood President
Eric Altman



SAVE THE DATE:

NY Blood Center Blood Drive

March 17, 2024

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

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Stay tuned for
details**



BROTHERHOOD OF TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH PASSOVER

2024 WINE ORDER FORM



Kosher Wines and Spirits 750ml

_____ Bartenura Moscato D'Asti	\$18.00	Bartenura Pinot Grigi	\$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	_____
_____ Barkan Classic Pinot Noir	\$15.00	Barkan Classic Chardonnay	\$15.00	_____
_____ Barkan Classic Cabernet	\$15.00	Kedem Malaga	\$10.00	_____

Name _____ E-mail address _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

TOTAL BOTTLES TOTAL COST

Circle the wine you select and enter the number of bottles next to each wine. Enter your name, e-mail, address, and phone in the space provided above.

Place your totals on the lines: TOTAL BOTTLES AND TOTAL COST.

Make your check made payable to: TBT Brotherhood.
Enclose your check and order form in an envelope addressed to Brotherhood Wine Sale, Temple B'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Ave., Wantagh, N.Y. 11793. Put your envelope in the Brotherhood Box in the Temple Office by **April 5th**. Wine will be delivered at the Temple on **April 14th - 9am-11am**.

If you are not available on April 14th, please call Eric Altman at 516-351-3279 or Vic Wurtzel at 516-639-9085 to arrange to pick up your wine.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Winter hasn't stopped all the fun! We had a Rooting Tooting great time at the Square Dance. Great cooperation from all the arms. We knew everyone could use a few laughs - The Brokerage Comedy Club was the laughter.

Circle of Friends has many more exciting events each month. Joni and I would like to thank our great board for all their help.

Our prayers are with all the hostages. We hope they are all home soon.

Joni and Esther
Co-presidents



YOUTH GROUP

Greeting from Youth Group! What a month it has been. We had an amazing BNTY Shabbat. There was a fantastic turnout. Our members did such a nice job and all of our seniors spoke from the heart. It was a very emotional evening. These teens are so talented and have done so much. It's wonderful that they all feel so at home at Temple B'nai Torah. We will miss them all when they go to college.

Our offsite event was ice skating. 20 of our members had a great time at Newbridge Arena. We had members that were experts and others that were beginners. It was nice seeing the more experienced skaters helping the beginners. I do think that others were just there for the snacks and hot chocolate!

BNTY had a great time baking, decorating and eating cupcakes. We had some very colorful creations.

I hope everyone is enjoying the Youth Group pajama pants. If you haven't yet received yours please contact me or come to the next Youth Group meeting.

Thank you!
Mark Derwin
Youth Director



BNTY Challah Baking



BNTY Ice Skating



BNTY Shabbat

Coming soon, Annie, on stage at Temple B'nai Torah!

It's a "Hard Knock Life" in the 1930's for Annie, played by Alyssa Abrons, and the children of the New York City Municipal Orphanage, while Miss Hannigan (Alisa Baroukh) works hard to make their lives even more difficult. Annie's positive outlook makes her sure that "The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow". Annie is helped by warm-hearted Grace (Gail Elis) and billionaire Oliver Warbucks (Paul Waiting) as she searches for the parents who left her at the orphanage years earlier.

Mark your calendars to be sure to join us on May 4th, 5th, 11th or 12th and show your support to our cast of over 40 of your fellow congregants.



The TBT Mainstage Players Present...



Ticket Reservation Information

You have 3 ways to obtain your tickets:

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

----- or -----

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

----- or -----

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 tbtix@temple-bnai-torah.org
or call the Temple Office (516) 221-2370

Enclosed is check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for tickets indicated below:

Saturday,	May 4th	8:00 PM	_____	adults:	\$20 each
			_____	seniors (65 & over):	\$15 each
			_____	17 & under:	\$10 each
Sunday,	May 5th	2:00 PM	_____	adults:	\$20 each
			_____	seniors (65 & over):	\$15 each
			_____	17 & under:	\$10 each
Saturday,	May 11th	8:00 PM	_____	adults:	\$20 each
			_____	seniors (65 & over):	\$15 each
			_____	17 & under:	\$10 each
Sunday,	May 12th	2:00 PM	_____	adults:	\$20 each
			_____	seniors (65 & over):	\$15 each
			_____	17 & under:	\$10 each

Print Name _____

Phone # _____ Email address _____

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CHAI CLUB NEWS

WELCOME MARCH!!! It is Women's History Month, since 1982 which is an annual celebration of womens' contributions to our history, culture and society from Abigail Adams to Rosa Parks to Sandra Day O'Connor. Join the Chai Club and Sisterhood, as we observe Women's History Month on Monday, March 25th at 7pm with a program presented by Sal St. George on CAROL BURNETT, groundbreaking comedian, actress and singer. Refreshments will be served. RSVP requested or for additional information, please contact Harriet Ostroff - hnostroff@gmail.com.

Chai Club sponsors the Community Seder led by Cantor Timman, second night of Passover on Tuesday, April 23rd. All family, friends and neighbors are invited. Details will follow.

Judy and Janis

Our series on emotional health, self-care continues:

MINDFULNESS

STOP!!! Right now. Stop everything you are doing, and take a few moments to simply be. How was it? Mindfulness is about being completely in the moment. Not thinking about the past or worrying about the future, but simply being in the here and now. And it's not always as easy as it sounds. We all think about the tasks, deadlines, and endless to-do lists, so pausing to focus on the present may take a bit of practice.



If the idea of training your mind to be more focused on the present seems a little daunting, try this simple meditation to help quiet your thoughts and bring your attention to the now.

Sit comfortably in a chair with your back straight. Let your hands rest in your lap.

Close your eyes and relax your facial muscles. Concentrate on your breathing.

Allow thoughts to come and go, but try not to dwell. Return to focusing on the breath if you feel your mind wandering.

Stay here for as long as you feel comfortable, enjoying the clarity this simple exercise can bring.

Mindfulness can help us feel calmer and more focused. It can help us find joy in mundane tasks, teach us to be less judgmental, and allow us to channel negative emotions. And the real beauty is that it can be practiced anywhere with no expense or equipment. Training your mind to be concerned with nothing more than this very second can have the most wonderful effect on your sense of wellbeing - try it and see for yourself!

Edward I. Paley, LCSW, ACSW, BCD

Remember to do your monthly mental health check and to reach out if you need support. If needed, you can dial 988 (Suicide & Crisis hotline) or 516-679-1111 (L.I. Crisis Center), 24/7





Winter project ? ... Spring cleaning?

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Any questions Please call Ellen Kraut 516 606-3677
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More details will be forthcoming



PTA UPDATES

Hello, Temple B'nai Torah Families,

March roars in like a lion (of Judah), we are told, so let's get to the excitement:

This month's meeting is Sunday, March 3, at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. One of the important things we will be discussing is the makeup of next year's PTA Board. There are several interesting and gratifying ways to be involved with PTA, and if you are interested in exploring a board position, please reach out to Ilene Hellman.

Our Family Bingo turnout was amazing! We need to especially shout out our new Bingo chair people, Aviva Jiran and Robin Freed, who really rocked it, and the Bingo Callers, Diane and Jay Schoenberg, who kept things entertaining and moving, and to Sisterhood, who both offered a generous financial donation and helped with the delicious concessions.

If you participated in the Pickle Me Pete Fundraiser, we hope you are loving your pickles, olives, and other assorted marinated vegetables.

Thank you to everyone who purchased pickles or who showed up for Bingo—your support is everything to us and our mission of enriching the Religious School curriculum.

Here's a peek at what's coming up in April:

- Our April meeting is on Sunday, the 7th, in the Kiddush Lounge (upstairs) at 9:15 a.m.
- Religious School Model Seders are taking place on 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. ***This is a great volunteer opportunity, including pre-event shopping and day-of prep.***
- Our annual post-Passover Calda Pizza Fundraiser
- Teacher Appreciation

See you around the synagogue,

Laurel Klein

Past President/VP of Communications



PIZZA, PAJAMAS & PRAYERS GAMENIGHT



SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Last month we completed our Winter Coats and Accessories Collection. Many, thanks to all who participated and donated! Your generosity made it possible for many children and adults to have appropriate clothing to wear during the cold winter months. Our members made deliveries to the Interfaith Nutrition Network, the LWS Advocacy and Empowerment Center, Family and Children's Services, The Little Shop of Kindness and more! All of the recipient agencies were so appreciative and were particularly grateful that our volunteers took the time to sort the items before delivering them. Thanks to all who made that possible!

Chag Purim Samaech! This month we will be celebrating Purim! Purim is often associated with themes of social action and social justice - speaking truth to power, being an upstander, fighting anti-semitism. "Purim commemorates the survival and tenacity of the Jewish people and reminds us to have the courage to stand up to injustice. (ajws.org)" We are taught to include the giving of *matanot la-eyyonim* (gifts for the poor) and *tzedakah* in our Purim celebrations (reformjudaism.org)

Pasta as Groggers for Purim allows us to build food donation directly into our Purim festivities (see flier in this issue). To learn more about the many social justice connections to the Purim story visit :

<https://rac.org/blog/purim-5776-incorporating-social-justice-your-celebrations>.

If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed by the many difficulties facing the world these days, take a look at reformjudaism.org's article offering three Jewish reminders to help us maintain our ability to confront the challenges of *tikkun olam*,

<https://reformjudaism.org/beliefs-practices/spirituality/3-jewish-reminders-when-world-seems-overwhelming>

On March 17, we will be hosting our annual Blood Drive at TBT - see the flier in this month's issue of the Voice and schedule a convenient appointment now - walk-ins will be accepted, but if you have time constraints an appointment can help.

The Garden at TBT will be reopening on March 24. Consider joining us as a garden volunteer. Green thumbs are not needed - only an interest in supporting our mission of growing food for those in need, learning to care for our environment and creating a peaceful space for all to enjoy. We have lots of jobs for those who would like to be part of the process but may have those pesky bad knees or backs getting in the way. Just come down and see us or email Rona, and we will find what is just right for you.

We have provided a collection bin and instructions so that those preparing food in the TBT kitchen can save appropriate kitchen scraps to be used in our garden compost system. Turning food waste into rich, nutritious soil and keeping it out of landfills benefits the environment and saves money.

Mitzvah Day 2023 (May19) is coming soon. Over the next few months, we will be collecting items in support of our various Mitzvah Day activities. These collections will allow us to have the supplies needed to complete our many activities Mitzvah Day.

March: Bags of Cheer and Dignity Bag Items (see flier for needed items)

April and May: TBD

Our next meeting will be Wed. March 27 at 7:00 p.m. We welcome your input and new members! For information about SA/SJ, The Garden at TBT or Mitzvah Day contact Rona at ronakauffman@yahoo.com or Jason at jaynew4@gmail.com



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**Doris Derwin on the engagement of her grandson
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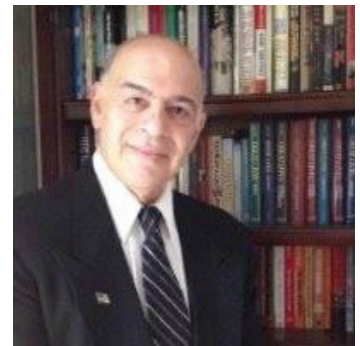
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Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024, at 6:30 pm

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 9th.

Questions? Scott Kohn – TBTScottkohn@gmail.com,

Ivy & James LoNigro – 516-524-1535 or Joan & Brian Levy - 516-459-4450.

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**Need further info?
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The Ritual Committee urgently needs the assistance of congregants who would like to help organize Temple services and celebrations.

Our next one is Saturday, March 23 – Purim Service and Post-Spiel Celebration, but there will be opportunities to assist at other times.

We are looking for help planning and coordinating the details. You do not need to be a member of the Ritual Committee, just have a desire to contribute.

We have many roles available.

Interested?

Contact: Wendy Ser: 516-502-5539,
Laurel Klein: 516-884-6507, or
Jan Friedman: 516-662-3549.



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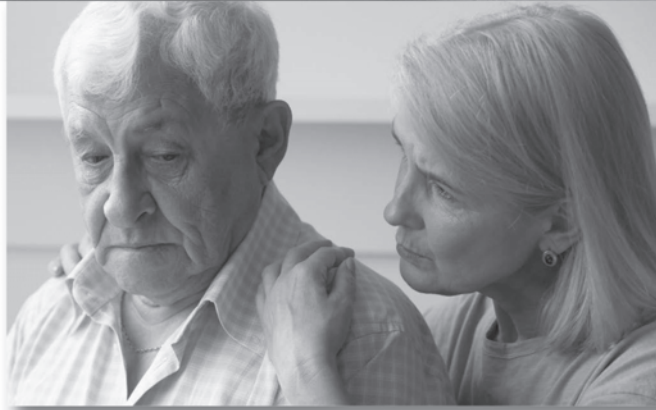
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Temple B'nai Torah is a diverse caring congregation that embraces a progressive and inclusive vision of Reform Judaism through worship, study of Torah and righteous deeds. We are creating a multi-generational home in our region by staying connected to our roots, as well as offering spiritual enrichment, Jewish education and community engagement.



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Candle Lighting



March, 2024

March	1	5:30 pm
March	8	5:38 pm
March	15	6:45 pm
March	22	6:53 pm
March	29	7:00 pm

Be a hand that reaches out.
Be a smile for those who have no
reason to smile.
Be a light for those who live in
darkness.
Show them what it means to
truly love.

