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TBT PAST PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH



Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 Time: 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM \$30/adult, \$15/child (3-12) under 3 Free At Temple B'nai Torah 2900 Jerusalem Ave, Wantagh

To be President of a Temple is a most daunting task,
But each of our leaders did more than we asked.
From merger, through COVID, major stress it would seem,
But Lane/Les and Joni/Karen conquered as cohesive teams
Then Dee led us out in her own special way,
That opened the doors to where we are today.
So let us say thank you, and honor this bunch,
Won't you please celebrate them at our President's brunch.

Please bring or mail RSVP with payment to the Temple		
Names of Attendees		
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Total Enclosed	\$ Check #	
RSVP by June 14 with payment		
Any questions Ple	Pase call Joyce Star (516) 857-8607	

or email at Starway3@aol.com

Ritual Calendar - June 2024

Please note that as of publication, the calendar for July and August is still in formation. Please check the Weekly Scroll and the Temple Calendar for the most up-to-date information! All services, unless otherwise noted, will be in-person and streamed

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Beach Shabbats:

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Beach, the West End

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Rest Rooms to our Shabbat site

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BEACH

Saturday, June 1	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Elijah Baroukh A Reform Congregation
Monday, June 3	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, June 7	5:30pm 7:15pm	TOT SHABBAT Spirit Family Shabbat Service, with Camp Blessings (Wear you TBT Spirit Gear, Camp Shirts, or make your own!) Bay
Saturday, June 8	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Brian Lorenz Mitziak
Saturday, June 10	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, June 10	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Tuesday, June 11	6:30pm	Shavuot Eve/Festival Service w/ Yizkor & Confirmation, Iyyun T'filah
Wednesday, June 12	10:30am	Shavuot Festival Service with Yizkor
	12:00pm	Festival Luncheon ^
Friday, June 14	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service Nazel Tov

Saturday, June 15 9:30am Torah Study * Shabbat Service Bet Mitzvah of Ash Katz 10:30am Torah Study * Monday, June 17 12:00pm Friday, June 21 7:15pm Erev Shabbat Service, TBT Boards Installation

Saturday, June 22 9:30am Torah Study * Monday, June 24 Torah Study * 12:00pm

Friday, June 28 6:30pm Summer Shabbat Service (Early start time!)

July 2024

Friday, July 5 6:30pm Summer Shabbat Service Summer Shabbat Service Friday, July 12 6:30pm Beach Shabbat Service at Jones Beach Field 6 + Friday, July 19 6:30pm Lay led Summer Shabbat Service (at TBT only) 6:30pm Friday, July 26 6:30pm **Summer Shabbat Service**

August 2024

Friday, August 2 6:30pm Beach Shabbat Service at Jones Beach Field 6 + Summer Shabbat Service Friday, August 9 6:30pm Shabbat Under the Stars Service + ^ Friday, August 16 6:30pm Beach Shabbat Service at Jones Beach Field 6 + Friday, August 23 6:30pm Lay led Summer Shabbat Service (at TBT only) Friday, August 30 6:30pm



Shabbat Under the Stars, Friday Aug. 16, 2024 Bring your own dinner to have out on the Oakfield Lawn before Services**. Then we will stay there and have services outside "Under the Stars". Keep a watch out

for more details as the date approaches! **tables and chairs will be provided

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

Summer Torah Study on Zoom

JULY: 9:30am Saturdays - 6, 13, 20, 27 1:00pm Tuesdays - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

AUG: 9:30am Saturdays - 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 1:00pm Tuesdays - 6, 13, 20, 27

SEPT: 9:30am <u>Saturdays</u> - 7, 14 (more to come) 1:00pm Tuesday - 3 (last Tuesday!) 12:00 pm Monday - 9 (more to come)

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



Reflecting on Being a Jew in 2024

This summer, I am excited to be taking the second section of my sabbatical. I will be out of the office, traveling, studying, and resting for the months of July and August. If last summer's sojourn in the Pacific Northwest was an opportunity to see

new places and experience different light and air, and get out of my comfort zone, this summer's plans are more about heritage and meditating on the state of the Jewish world in 2024.

My plan this summer is to make my way to Europe, in particular Germany and Lithuania, to see the places my father's family came from. I'm interested to get a sense, as much as possible, of how it came to pass that the prominent and well-established Jewish communities in these places were so casually wiped out in the Holocaust. I don't expect to find any remnants of my family. Being there, however, will serve as an opportunity to offer gratitude for my grandparents' survival. I'm looking forward to being in the places where my family lived, worked, and thrived until the Nazi onslaught. This summer, I think it will be a good opportunity for us all to ask ourselves what it means to be a Jew today, and how that may have changed in the last number of years, if at all.

As I'm writing this in early May, the news has been focused on the many pro-Palestinian "encampments" at universities around the country; we are about to commemorate Yom HaShoah. On our screens, we have watched as this purportedly student-run movement has grown both is size and in violent and racist rhetoric. These encampments are populated not only with students, but evidence has shown, also with outside influencers and agitators who don't seek a peaceful resolution to anything. In fact, the chaos is part of the design. These encampments are not organic, they are not grass-roots, and they are not interested in history, facts, or reality. Rather, they are interested in promoting a vision of a world where Jews are the cause of all the evils in the world, and where Zionist is used as a slur. They are largely funded by national groups who, reporting has indicated, may have ties to Hamas, Iran, Qatar and other terrorist actors and supporters.

I'm thinking about these encampments as I plan my summer because we have seen many examples of protestors blocking Jewish students' and professors' access to their campus. We have seen many examples of Jews being harassed and heckled, and in a few cases attacked physically. This is reminiscent of some of the first steps in Europe's descent into the Nazi inferno. First Jews were blocked from

attending certain schools, then certain professions, then certain neighborhoods. These campus protestors are not passing laws to this effect, but the impulse is the same: separate the Jews and make them the other, so that it's ultimately easier to attack them. The keffiyah has become the new brownshirt, a symbol not of liberation for a people, but of seeking to oppress and destroy Jews.

If you're still confused as to whether these groups are espousing a deep antisemitism, all you need to know is that at UCSC the protestors' demands include that the college divest from Hillel. While Hillel has ties to Israel, its primary purpose is to be a place on campus for Jews to gather for prayer, holiday celebration, and tikkun olam. This patently anti-Jewish request is akin to asking the college to divest from Campus Catholic Ministries. The protestors don't see it that way, because they have been convinced that Jews are the enemy and that Jews are nefarious actors in the world, oppressors, colonialists, white interlopers in the brown middle east. None of this is true, but antisemitism has never been predicated on truth.

When I travel to Germany and take time to visit the many memorials and historical sites dedicated to remembering the crimes against the Jewish People, I will have at the forefront of my mind the rhymes we're hearing between history and today. I'll have on my mind the seemingly quick descent from openness, artistic expression, and liberalism to totalitarianism, groupthink, and mass murder. My journey won't solve the issues, but it will hopefully give me some insight that I can use to make sense of the world as we're living in it. I've found myself asking the question more and more often: "Did my grandfather feel the way I'm feeling when he read news of the rising hatred?" Sadly, he passed when I was a boy, and so I'll never be able to ask him. I hope to channel some of his memory as I travel this summer.

After Europe, I hope to plan to take a few weeks in Israel to study something new, find opportunities to volunteer, if needed, and to live there and support the economy and the people by my presence. It will be a fitting ending to the journey of memory, as my grandparents ultimately made their way to Israel. I'll be excited to report back on what I've learned, especially as we seek to deepen our understanding of Zionism next year.

As I mentioned, I'll be away for all of July and August. Cantor Timman and Rabbi Emeritus Lowenberg are available. I'll look forward to seeing you this month before my travels and then again in September.

With Blessings, Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Cantor Rica Timman



Looking back on this year, we did our best to create meaningful and diverse worship in a very different kind of year. Last September, we welcomed back Rabbi Bar-Nahum from his Sabbatical travels and held High Holy Days that included our Choir back in full, adding so much to our services. We sailed through Sukkot and Simchat Torah

with the Shabbatones Band and celebration of our huge Consecration class.

And then we woke up the next morning to shock and the unfolding terror of the October 7th attacks in Israel. Simchat Torah services were somber as we collected ourselves and began to understand the horrific events happening in our homeland.

It seems that everything changed from that moment. And yet, our children needed our strength and sensitivity. We needed to find normalcy somehow. Shortly after holding our own Solidarity Shabbat we welcomed Rabbi Barbara Symons as our weekend Scholar-in-Resident to help us understand the Prophets in new ways and through different voices. We held our first 7th grade Shabbaton with Rabbi Symons. Our Bet Mitzvah class became the first students across the country to add a study of the Haftarah to their Bet Mitzvah program which included alternative texts from sages beyond the prophetic readings. It is a program that has been successful in its first year and several colleagues across the country are now reaching out to me to explore adding it to their Bet Mitzvah studies.

As the year unfolded, Rabbi set out on a mission to Israel to witness and to volunteer with colleagues. His insight after the mission helped us all ground ourselves in a better understanding of Israel's complicated history and situation with her neighbors. It gave us an opportunity to send donations of clothing and money to Israel and feel like we are contributing in whatever way we could.

As our services evolved we began to include weekly prayers and music for the captives and for Israel. It was important to continue to celebrate our holidays with meaning and with joy. And so we celebrated Chanukah in song and community, sharing our light and praying for peace to return to our world. We held beautiful Tu Bishvat Seders for our students and our community. Our Purim spiel and service was Billy Joel themed and everyone used his iconic roster of songs to let loose for a wonderful evening. Rabbi and I held our first T'fillah Lab, stepping out of our siddur, our main Sanctuary, and our most beloved melodies to experiment with new modalities and music. Our temple Pesach Seders were warm and familiar but the message of freedom from bondage felt so close to the bone. We added prayers and texts to our Passover Seders and services to reflect our need to recognize that things are not normal, that ancient miracles are needed now so that our Jewish community can live free of antisemitism, so that Israelis can be reunited with their loved ones held in captivity, and so that Israelis in from the south and the north can return to their homes and live in security and peace.

We now set our sights on June and the Confirmation of our 10th graders, Shavuot, our Board Installation, and completing a complicated year. Rabbi will spend his summer on his second Sabbatical travels, and I will be heading to Israel on a mission to witness, volunteer, and comfort. We pray that this year ends with better news from Israel and for the Jewish people. May we at Temple B'nai Torah strive to continue to be connected through our prayers and our hearts. Our TBT family is strong and loving. I wish us all a summer of rejuvenation, renewal, health, and especially peace.

B'vracha, Cantor Rica Timman

The Fundraising Committee

appreciates all of your continued support!!

Have a wonderful Summer

and keep your eye out for our Kol Nidre mailing.



MAZEL TOV TO OUR BET MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILY



June 1 Elijah Baroukh

Anony & Alisa

My name is Elijah Baroukh and I'm a 7th grade honor roll student at Woodland Middle School in East Meadow. I really enjoy performing. I'm active in the TBT Junior and Main Stage productions, as well as the drama club at Woodland. I am also in chorus and Vocal Jazz in school. I want to thank Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman, Morah Emily, and all of my Religious School teachers for helping me reach this point in my Jewish journey. I would also like to thank my mom, dad, brother and sister for all of their support.



June 8 Brian Lorenz

Adam & Heather

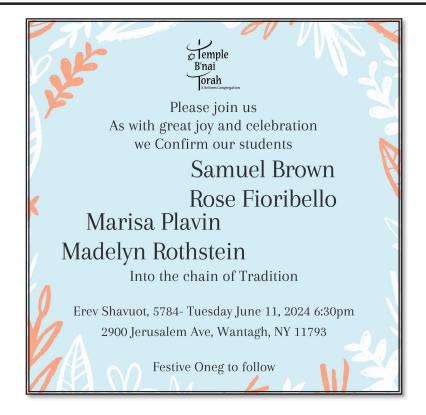
My name is Brian Lorenz. I am a seventh grader at Woodland Middle School in East Meadow. Some of my favorite activities outside of school include playing board games with my family, video games with my friends and tennis. I also enjoy cooking and baking. As the only vegetarian in my house (since I was 5!), I've learned to put together different combinations of non-meat ingredients to create yummy meals for myself. Studying for my Bar Mitzvah has been really difficult, but I'd like to thank Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman, and Morah Emily for helping to make it a little easier for me. Also, a big thank you to my mom and dad and sister, Sophia, for supporting and encouraging me.



June 15 Ash Katz

Evan & Jessica

My name is Ash Katz, and I'm a seventh-grade honor roll student at Grand Avenue Middle School. I enjoy theater, dancing and singing. I performed in my first play with Grand Avenue Drama Club. I am also part of TBT Mainstage Players and TBT Junior Players. I would like to thank Morah Emily, Cantor Timman, and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for helping me prepare for my special day.

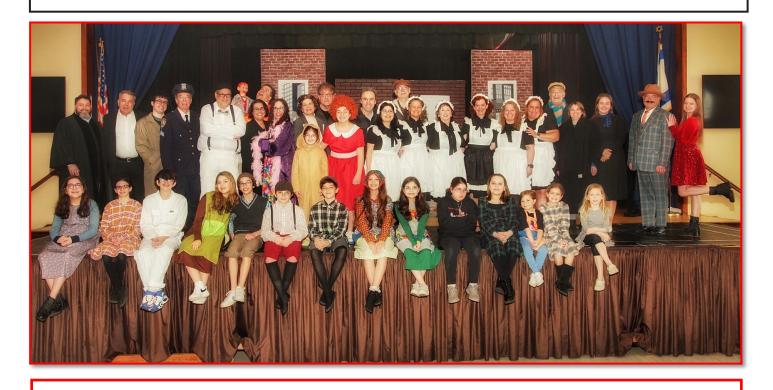


RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

It's amazing how fast the school year went. Through twists and turns, we managed to get to the end. I am immensely proud of our students who worked hard and had fun. I'm lucky to have talented teachers who were able to turn on a dime, to change course to accommodate the ever changing world around us. No one expected to start the year with an attack on our homeland, or end it with a crisis on our college campuses. We made space to listen to our students words and respond to their subtle cues. We tackled the rise in antisemitism in our own backyard. But in true Jewish fashion, we persevered. We found joy in the mundane, predictable activities. Each grade had a shabbaton where they learned with their families. Our third through sixth grades lead services and presented what they learned. Our students lead and participated in Junior Congregation each week. We celebrated milestones with each and every student. We grew in ways that are both immeasurable and concrete.

This summer, as I reflect on the past year, I will be crafting a curriculum that continually meets the needs of our growing student population. We'll continue to raise the bar, making sure that we are meeting and exceeding expectations. I look forward to greeting our families in the fall, rejuvenated and refreshed, ready to work hard for each and every student and their families.

Sheryl Gordon, Religious School Director



On May 4th, 5th, 11th & 12th the TBT MainStage Players performed "Annie" to sold out crowds!

Each of the 4 performances were smash hits!



Back to Shul BBQ

Open to current & prospective members

Join us to catch up with old friends and to help us welcome new members

Watch for details on date, time & cost in The Scroll, Facebook & our website

New & prospective members are invited to attend as our guests

For more information, please email membership@tbtwantagh.org

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wear: sneakers, dress shoes, flip-flops, boots, even cleats! Everything but Skates! Men's, Women's and Kids

> Now Through June 15th! **Look for Collection Box in** Temple Lobby!



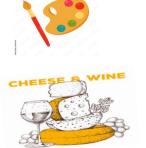




PAINT-N-SIP

Take Home Your Own Masterpiece Pinot Palette Of East Meadow Will Provide You With Supplies & A Paint Lesson

> Meet New People, Paint With Friends, **Enjoy Wine And Cheese**



Welcome All Temple Members June 17, 2024 -- 7:00pm \$38 per person

Where -- Temple B'nai Torah

Checks must be in by June 10, 2024

Make check out to: TBT Circle of Friends

Mail to: Temple B'nai Torah Circle Of Friends, 2900 Jerusalem Ave. Wantagh, N.Y. 11793

Questions? Call Debbie Schlesinger 516-998-8083 debartie@optonline.net

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! The summer edition is here already, so hard to believe. Time really does fly by!

First, I want to remind everyone that the Congregation meeting is scheduled for June 4th at 6:30 PM. I really hope that everyone will be able to be there as we will be presenting the slate for the Board of Trustees, the budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025, proposed Constitutional amendments and proposed changes to the Investment Policy Statement. We will have an update to where we stand as a Temple, all we have accomplished and what we hope to accomplish in the near future. In addition to voting at the congregation meeting, voting will continue on June 5th and June 9th.

Temple B'nai Torah has been lucky enough to be provided some hours under a grant from UJA. The grant hours cover a professional company helping us develop our donors. As you are already aware, the Temple budget is again in a deficit position for 2023/24 and you will hear that we are in a deficit position for 2024/25. In addition, our dues and tuition charges cover less than 50% of our operating expenses. The remainder of the money comes from fundraising, investment income and other sources to the extent possible. Over the next few years, our engineer's report has shown us that we also need money for capital improvements. Just as in our own homes, as our homes age, they must be maintained – HVAC units replaced, items cleaned and maintained, roofs replaced etc. This money is above and beyond what we have what we provided for in our annual budget or available in our capital accounts. We might need to either go to our congregants or to our accumulated funds or a combination of both.

May was another busy month for the Temple. There were four performances, on two weekends, of our Mainstage production of Annie. I am still trying to figure out if the theatre people or the audience enjoyed it more. What a terrific job everyone did - from actors, to producers, to directors, to stage crew, to scenery, to makeup. On May 10th our seventh graders moved up to high school. They did an amazing job. We are looking forward to their confirmation in three years. May 17th was graduation. Alec did a fantastic job as he completed his years at TBT's religious school. We wish him the best, and feel that he is prepared to take on the world of college. Hopefully what he has learned here will help him navigate the world and then come back home and feel just as comfortable. Yasher Koach to all! I am very much looking forward to confirmation on erev Shavuot on June 11th.

June's question of the month – how is it being President? Are you sorry you ran? My answer is that I am not at all sorry that I was elected president. I am actually very grateful to be able to serve our Temple family. Hopefully I am getting things done to enable the successful day to day operations and for the long-term benefit of our Temple home and family. Some days are tough, I will not lie, but, all in all, it is very gratifying when I see all the good that Temple does for our congregation as a whole and its individuals.

See you in the water and in the pews, Amy Neidle, President



Do you enjoy being a part of our **TBT Family?**

Remember that warm, welcoming feeling you had when you first joined our congregation?

Would you love a way to "Pay it Forward"?

Sign up to be a TBT Buddy to a new member!

"How much time will this require?" you may ask.

As much or as little as you'd like!

After calling, to introduce yourself, all we'd ask is that you contact your Buddy to let them know when things of interest are happening at Temple and also to check in periodically.

Contact the Membership Committee for more info or to sign up Membership@temple-bnai-torah.org.



************************************* ******* SPONSOR AN ONEG

Do you have a special event coming up, like a birthday, anniversary or other simcha you would like to celebrate at Friday Night Shabbat Services?

If so, why not sponsor the ONEG.

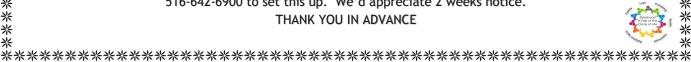
For your \$125 donation to Sisterhood, we will buy you a special occasion cake with other yummy goodies in your honor to share with the congregation.

Your name will be read from the bimah and listed on the Temple Scroll.

What a wonderful way to share with your community!

If interested, please email Gail Rosner at gdrosner25@gmail.com or call her at 516-642-6900 to set this up. We'd appreciate 2 weeks notice.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE



Visit **tbtwantagh.org** for the latest information

SISTERHOOD NEWS

We made it to summer! Things tend to slow down a bit (hopefully) and we can take the time to reflect on all that has happened since the start of the year. As I wrap up my first year as Sisterhood president, I am proud of all that we have done, but I know we can do even more next year!

May was a busy, busy month for us! We had our lovely End of Year dinner on May 7 at Piccolos and a nice evening was had by all. We followed up 6 days later with our Spring Fling – a fashion show by Chicos (modeled by our own Sisterhood members), dinner and a mini auction. We had lots of fun, won great prizes, and made some money. And 6 days after that we were active participants on Mitzvah Day with all of our fellow congregants.

In June we welcome our new Board members at our Board dinner, and everyone is officially installed, with the Temple Board and all the other Arms Boards, at the end of this month.

I want to thank my Vice Presidents, the Executive Board, the full Board, and all our members for all the hard work and support throughout the year. Sisterhood only works if everyone is in it together. Summer is the time for us to regroup and plan for the coming year. If you have any great ideas for programs, fundraisers or causes for us to support, please reach out at any time. If somehow you were not able to join us this past year, next year will be here before you know it – we will welcome you with open arms.

Have a safe summer! Helaine



WOMEN'S PASSOVER SEDER





BROTHERHOOD NEWS

To All My Fellow Congregants,

First, I would like to say that this will be my last article in the TBT Voice as Brotherhood President. What can I say? I have mixed feelings, similar to a roller coaster ride - bittersweet and emotional. As I step away from my three- year term as Brotherhood President I reflect on the profound impact the Brotherhood has had on me and my family. It has been a journey marked by trust and good times for us and I can't help feeling a bit sentimental.

Being entrusted with leadership by so many good men has been an honor. The bonds created during early Sunday morning breakfasts and shared dinners are good memories. I remember how much I liked these things before being President and I am glad I could be part of them.

Thank you to the Brotherhood for allowing me to be President for so long. The support I have received has helped me along this journey. As I am leaving this position I am proud of what we've accomplished together. The privilege of collaborating with such dedicated individuals has left an indelible mark. As I bid farewell to the presidency, I am filled with gratitude for the connections made, the challenges overcome and the growth we have experienced collectively. I want to wish good luck to Victor Wurtzel the 2024-2025 Brotherhood President and the Brotherhood Board.

Sincerely. Eric Altman – Brotherhood President





CHAI CLUB NEWS

The end of my term as co-president for Chai Club is approaching. It has been a memorable and rewarding journey.

I sincerely thank the Nominating Committee for pairing Judy Kule and I, two women who really didn't know each other. We approached the position with common goals -each of us with certain strengths eager to work together with the Chai Club Board. It has been a great pleasure to work with Judy.

Annually, Chai Club sponsors a Second Day Passover Seder. Joan and Brian worked tirelessly to organize and coordinate the evening and have done so for many years. This year over 70 people attended. Judy and I thank them both for spearheading this

To everyone, I wish you and yours continued good health.

Janis Beldner



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

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Well the sunshine and warmth have finally come and the wonderful holiday of Shavuot is upon us!

We had a great time together for Mitzvah Day. Thanks to all who participated. Our Membership Dinner was fun for all: great food, company and music by Fran & Al Woods.

Our Circle has many events planned for the summer months. On June 17th, we hope you join us for a fun Paint and Sip night. We are also planning a picnic in the park, a trip to the polo races, pickleball lessons and a NYC museum walk - great for everyone that likes to take a stroll in the city!

We are so proud of all our board accomplished this year and next year will only get better. Welcome to the new additions to our board. We would like to thank Yolanda and Ira Friedman, for their many years of tireless service on the Circle of Friends Board. They will still be members and have lots of fun.

We hope you will all join Circle of Friends in the fall. Keep on the lookout for our membership and event flyers.

May all the hostages be released.

Esther & Joni





YOUTH GROUP

Shalom from Youth Group! How can it be that the 2023 – 2024 is coming to a close? It truly feels like I just sat down with my new board yesterday only to now be saying goodbye to 5 of them! I was lucky. I got to spend almost three years with the Seniors who are graduating. They will truly be missed. To Eliza Levitt, Mandy Krauss, Alec Spar, Jenna Giwiner and Jae Fioribello I say thank you for your time and devotion to BNTY. I am sure that all of you will do amazing things in the future. Know that you can always call on me for advice, a reference or just to share news. Please remember to visit BNTY meetings!

Our Chocolate Seders welcomed almost 40 members including more than ten 4th graders. I hope everyone had fun and the 4th graders will join MNTY starting in the fall.

Thank you to all of the families that donated to the Youth Group's Birthday in a Box for Mitzvah Day. Know that your contributions added to the happiness of the children that received the present.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend!

Sincerely.

Mark Derwin

Youth Director

PTA UPDATES

Hello Temple B'nai Torah,

As a change of pace for this summer issue of The Voice, I'm taking a turn writing the PTA column before our new co-presidents, Wendy Shatz and Jessica Katz, take over for the September issue.

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your PTA President for the last 2 years. Being a PTA member since 2014 has been a very important part of my Temple B'nai Torah experience. I joined seeking a spiritual home base and a place for my kids to learn, make Jewish friends, and to one day have their Bet Mitzvahs. Little did I know it would become the source of so many important friendships and connections in my life as well.

My wish is that you also have those experiences and find satisfaction in being a part of our TBT community. Leading the way for PTA in 2024-2025 is our newly elected board of doers, who are already hard at work planning a wonderful calendar of activities:

• Co-presidents: Jessica Katz and Wendy Shatz

• Treasurer: Heather Lorenz

• Recording Secretary: Morgan Kushnir

Fundraising: Robin GolubVP of Membership: Evan Katz

• Immediate Past President: llene Helman

Thank you to Laurel Klein who is leaving the PTA board after serving for many years, including serving as President and, most recently, as VP of Publicity and writer of this column. We thank you for all you have given to PTA and to the religious school families and look forward to working with you as an active member for years to come.

So many people contributed to making up what has been a great year, and we hope no one was left out of being properly thanked throughout. We appreciate you all! In May, we participated in Mitzvah Day, and we are grateful to everyone who visited the PTA table, and to the Social Action/Social Justice Committee for putting together another beautiful day of service and *Tikkun Olam*. It was so wonderful to see the kids so excited about doing good for our communities!

Although it's summertime, keep on the lookout for emails and Facebook posts for a few activities, including the opportunity to be a part of our Constitution Committee, which will be meeting to update our governing constitution, and for some information on a late summer "Mix and Mingle" event, where we can see some friendly faces and make new friends before the first day of Religious School.

I look forward to working with the new board on exciting events and programs for 2024-2025!

Have a wonderful summer,

Ilene Hellman Immediate Past President, TBT PTA







SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

We wish you a healthy, restorative summer full of relaxation, adventure and fun. Be mindful of the wonders around you and find ways to care for your emotional and physical health.

Last month's <u>Mitzvah Day was amazing!!!</u> Everyone was busy in the service of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, one Mitzvah at a time! Thank you to everyone who planned, donated, shopped, schlepped, ran activities, delivered and, of course to all who came out to participate! We couldn't have gotten it done without each and every one of you.

The **first weekend in June** is Gun Violence Prevention Weekend. Wear Orange June 7-9 to show your support for finding ways to reduce gun violence. Consider contacting your elected officials to encourage them to support common sense gun legislation. If you would like to get more involved, contact Moms Demand Action (https://momsdemandaction.org/). Our very own Janet Goldstein (djagold@aol.com) can provide information about this wonderful organization.

Stay tuned for information about a Mom's Demand Action presentation at TBT in the fall.

The Garden at TBT and its wonderful volunteers will be working through the summer providing fresh, healthy produce to those in need. If you are looking for some volunteer work over the summer, consider becoming a Garden Volunteer - no experience required - our volunteers often happily report that they learn something new each time they come.

Last month, we resumed our collaboration with AHRC, providing pre-vocational opportunities to a small group of their adult clients. These volunteers are enthusiastic, capable and helpful. We are so happy to have them working beside us again!

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

<u>Upcoming:</u> In early September we will host another **Get Out The Vote** post card writing activity. See flier in this issue of the Voice for details.

Summer School Supplies Collection: We will again be collecting school supplies during the summer months to help children in need return to school well prepared and ready to learn.

We are also planning for our next High Holiday Food Drive, which will run from Selichot through the end of Sukkot.

Ongoing: The TBT community will continue to collect and distribute magazines for the Meadowbrook Care Center, non-perishable food items for Congregation Beth Ohr (kosher items) and other local food parties, as well as eyeglasses and toiletries for our troops throughout the summer months.

The SA/SJ committee will continue to meet throughout the summer to plan for ways to address the needs of our neighbors, the global community and our planet. We will post information about any summer programs or initiatives on the scroll, website and Facebook pages so stay tuned!

Our next SA/SJ ZOOM meeting is **June 26 at 7:00 p.m.** For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, or any of our projects, contact Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com or Jason Newman at jaynew4@gmail.com



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School Supply Collection

July 1 - August 15



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<u>DATE</u>	CHILD'S NAME	PARENTS
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Autumn Tankleff