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Friday, February 14, 2025, 6:30 p.m. \sim in-person at TBT only \sim

> **RSVP BY 2/7/25** TO LAUREL KLEIN AT TBTLAUREL@GMAIL.COM

THIS IS A HIGHLY ATTENDED INTERACTIVE SEDER AND RSVPS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENSURE FOOD AND SPACE FOR ALL

Square & Line Dance

Saturday, February 8, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Hot Buffet Dinner, Desserts & Coffee, Snacks & Soda all evening.

Only\$40 pp

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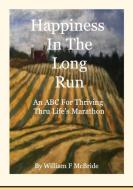
TBT SISTERHOOD PRESENTS

A ROSH CHODESH **EVENT**

JOIN US FOR A LECTURE WITH AUTHOR WILLIAM F. MCBRIDE AND HIS WIFE, CANTOR IRENE FOGELBOGEN. AS HE DISCUSSES HIS BOOK ABOUT HOW TO TAKE LIFE IN STRIDE AND CHOOSE THE BEST STEPS FOR AN ILLUSTRIOUS FUTURE. COUPLED WITH IRENE PERFORMING AND TEACHING ABOUT MUSIC TO HELP CLEAR YOUR MIND











MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025 7PM-9PM

RSVP to Heather Lorenz via email by 2/1/2025 TBTHeatherLorenz@gmail.com

2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793 516-221-2370

TBT SOUP SHABBAT

February 28, 2025 at 6:15pm, Followed by Shabbat Service at 7:15pm

We'll provide a choice of soups, you can bring your dinner,* *if you'd like*.

RSVP required by February 21st to Wendy, wendy.m.ser.57@gmail.com

*All soups will be meat or pareve. Please remember to bring a Kosher style dinner, no dairy, shellfish, or pork.

Have a soup you'd like to share? Contact Lisa Shubin by February 18 LFShubin@gmail.com



TBT Brotherhood Congregation Breakfast

Happy Groundhog's Day !!!

Sunday, February 2nd, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Email reservations to lesrichards511@gmail.com

Ritual Calendar - February 2025

Please check the Weekly Scroll and the Temple Calendar for the most up-to-date information!

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6:15 pm

7:15 pm

All services, unless otherwise noted, will be in-person and streamed.

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Saturday, rebruary 1	9.50 am	Toran Study	
Monday, February 3	12:00 pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, February 7	5:30 pm	TOT SHABBAT (In-Person O	nly)
	7:15 pm	Shabbat Shirah Service with Adult &	
		B'nai Shir Choirs	(1)
Saturday, February 8	9:30 am	Torah Study *	
Monday, February 10	12:00 pm	Torah Study *	
Friday, February 14	6:30 pm	Family Shabbat Service with Tu Bis	Shvat Seder /Sco
		at TBT only #	
Saturday, February 15	9:30 am	Torah Study *	Tu BiShvat is a
Friday, February 21	7:15 pm	Erev Shabbat Service	interactive
Saturday, February 22	9:30 am	Torah Study *	Seder/Service
Monday, February 24	12:00 pm	Torah Study *	and will be an



d will be an in-person event at TBT in the Social Hall.

The Service requires

an RSVP so that we can be prepared for all participants (see Flyers, FB & Scroll Posts)

TBT SOUP SMABBAT 2/28

We'll provide a choice of soups, you can bring your dinner,* if you'd like. RSVP is Required to Wendy

wendy.m.ser.57@gmail.com

Soup/Dinner @ 6:15, Erev Shabbat Service @ 7:15



Friday, February 28

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Have a soup you'd like to share? Contact Lisa Shubin by February 18 LFShubin@gmail.com

Soup Shabbat +

Erev Shabbat Service, Iyyun T'filah

*All soups will be meat or pareve. Your dinner should be as well.



March

Saturday, March 1 Torah Study * 9:30 am 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Beatrice Assa

Monday, March 3 12:00 pm Torah Study *

Friday, March 7 5:30 pm TOT SHABBAT (In-Person Only)

> 7:15 pm Family Shabbat Service - 5th Grade Midrash Presentation

KEY: * = on Zoom + Watch for important information regarding Dinners & Luncheons close to their dates. ** more information to come. Details for Services can be found on the Scroll and our Website # In Person Only Always check the TBT Website\ Calendar prior to Services & Events for the most up-to-date information.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



Reflecting on a Bar Mitzvah

By now, I hope you've seen the announcement that the Congregation's leadership has chosen to honor me to celebrate the 13th year of my rabbinate – my "Bar Mitzvah" of being a rabbi, as it were. First let me say that I am honored and

humbled by the selection. There are many people worthy of honoring, and I'm grateful to be given this opportunity to help celebrate where we are as a community honor all our hard work, and help sustain our future. This May will mark 13 years since my Ordination as a Rabbi, and I cannot imagine things having gone any differently.

This occasion of recognizing 13 years in this holy work has given me the chance to reflect a little bit on my own Bar Mitzvah, when I was 13, in the late years of the last century. The anniversary of that date, on the Hebrew calendar, falls this month as we read the Torah's powerful recounting of the parting of the Sea of Reeds. That Shabbat's Torah portion, known as *Beshallah*, signifies that we also celebrate *Shabbat Shirah*, the Sabbath of Song, in honor of the song the Israelites sang, with Moses and Miriam, after their escape from Pharaoh. Join us on Friday, February 7 at 7:15 for a beautiful service including Torah reading and our choirs to honor this special Shabbat.

At the age of 13, I didn't know a whole lot about what the Torah portion contained, as the majority of my studies were focused on learning the longest-of-the-year Haftarah that also is chanted on that Shabbat. What I remember most from that process, other than the first few verses of that 20-minute-long Haftarah, is the many months of preparation and the payoff, the many decisions that I got to make in a grown-up way to plan for that special day, and the joy within my family. I remember the feeling of accomplishment when I was done with the service, and I remember the sound of the Jordan Almonds clacking while I ducked behind the lectern as my family celebrated the sweetness of the day when I finished my part. (This quasi-traumatic moment is why we only allow soft candies in the Sanctuary.)

I also remember the Thursday before when we took photos on the Bima of the Sanctuary. Since this was a Conservative synagogue, we had to do photos earlier in the week, and not on Shabbat. I had a chance recently to look at

that album, and I was reminded of the pride and honor of that day. I was reminded of my grandmother, the only family member from Israel who braved the Chicago winter.

If you asked me then what it means to become Bar Mitzvah, I wouldn't have been able to answer you. As wonderful as my Jewish education was at that Synagogue, they didn't spend a lot of time on why we were doing any of the things we were doing. As a school, we gathered for prayer and we learned the melodies, but no one explained the why to us. No one took time to teach us about the history of the ceremony and the relevance of it. No one spoke to us of responsibilities. What we knew is that after the Bar Mitzvah, we could be pulled out of Hebrew School to help make the evening minyan, since we were now counted as adults. We all wanted to be pulled to the minyan, not because we were devoted to prayer, but because we wanted to get out of class. We were 13, after all! Oh, also, we had to fast on Yom Kippur.

Looking back on these experiences helps me to understand why it's so important to me as a rabbi today, 13 years in, to be sure that our young people and our families know why they are asked to do things. We try hard in our school to ensure that our students know why we ask so much of them, and what it means. We focus our learning with our families on the meaning of the day and the new responsibilities and opportunities that come from it. It's not enough to know what to do, we have to understand why we do it. As Reform Jews, we are supposed to make informed choices, not just follow directions blindly.

The rabbis of old understood that the age of 13 allowed a person to be responsible for themselves. They saw 13 as the age of majority because by then, we all should know right and wrong. By then, we should have had enough examples before us of what it takes to live a life of meaning. 13 years into my rabbinate, I have a similar sense that I finally have a sense of what it takes to do this work, and also why I do this work. I have a sense of the meaning that comes from it and the ways in which it can help me to help others and to walk in God's ways. I've been blessed to work with this community in its various iterations over the 13 years of my rabbinate and I look forward to celebrating this milestone with you and the community!

With blessings, Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

* "Thank you to the TBT community for all your prayers and good wishes during * my recovery from knee surgery." Joan Levy.

NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Cantor Rica Timman



This month we will enjoy a few very special Shabbats together: *Shabbat Shirah* on February 7th, *Tu BiShvat* on February 14th, and Soup Shabbat on February 28th.

Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song is marked by the text in Torah when Moses and Miriam lead the Israelites in singing the

Song of the Sea, rejoicing at the miracle of crossing the Sea of Reeds. This year we will celebrate with a special service featuring music from both our Adult and *B'nai Shir* Youth Choirs. We will also be treated to the chanting of the special Torah portion called the *Shirah*. It is Moses' song praising Adonai and it has its own melody and traditions of call and response from the congregation. One of our amazing teens, Jordan Waiting, will chant for us this exceptional portion as she did at her Bat Mitzvah a year ago. You won't want to miss this wonderful musical Shabbat!

Then on February 14th we will hold our annual *Tu BiShvat* Seder and Family Shabbat service (*lyyun T'fillah*) in our Social Hall. This interactive service includes a seder celebrating the birthday of the trees and all the different types of fruits and grains that

grow in Israel. We will also celebrate scouting at this service as we invite scouts from our local troops to join us. This popular evening will take place only in person and will not be streamed. In order to make sure we have enough seder foods and seating for everyone we ask for RSVPs please. See the flyer for reservation information.

Finally at the end of the month we will hold our annual Soup Shabbat dinner before our Service (*Iyyun T'fillah*). Homemade soups and breads will warm us up as we dream about spring. If you would like to make a soup (meat or *parve*) please reach out to Lisa Shubin and look for more information about the evening in the Scroll.

At TBT we are so fortunate to enjoy uniquely wonderful Shabbat evenings. This cold month of February promises to feed our souls with beautiful music and unique Torah traditions, and our tummies with delicious Seders and homemade soups!

Looking forward to sharing it all with you! *B'shira* (In song), Cantor Rica Timman

SISTERHOOD Presents

BEAD AWAY YOUR WINTER BLUES



Thank you for your interest in this beading program, but we are sorry we no longer have any spots open.
Hopefully, we can do it again next year.

Save the Date



Honoring
Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum
on his 13 years of
Torah & Tradition

Join your Temple B'nai Torah family for a Gala Bar Mitzvah celebration

Saturday, April 5, 2025 @ 7:45 pm



Sisterhood lights the outdoor menorah on Night 6!!



MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAT MITZVAH AND HER FAMILY



March 1,2025 Beatrice Assa Shana & Jacob

My name is Beatrice Assa, and I am a 7th grade honor roll student at Woodland Middle School. I am a member of the girls' tennis team, track team, and Tri -M. I enjoy doing art and playing clarinet and have done NYSSMA for the past 3 years. I love hanging out with friends, listening to music, and travelling. Thank you so much to my parents and family who have always supported and encouraged me. A special thank you to Morah Emily. Cantor Timman and Rabbi Bar-Nahum for their help in preparing me for my Bat Mitzvah.

Fundraising Committee News January, 2025

The TBT Fundraising Committee wishes you all a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year!

Most importantly, we thank all of you who have supported TBT Fundraising events, which directly support the financial health of our Temple.

In the current fiscal year (July 2024 – June, 2025), we are proud to report we have raised a total of \$80,643.

That number consists of the following TBT Fundraising events:

Kol Nidre\$ 48,727Book of Remembrance\$ 15,484New Year's Cards\$ 2,950

Cash Calendar \$ 3,726 (in 2024)

Honey \$ 8,831

Junior Players * Final numbers not in as yet

Collectible Show \$ 925

While we still have 6 months to go, we are happy to report that we have already exceeded our goal for the first half of the year!

Please note that it is not too late to contribute donations to our Kol Nidre fundraiser. This can be made via check, or online payment, via our website or by calling our TBT office staff.

Website: https://tbtwantagh.org
Telephone number – 516/221-2370

Once again, we thank all of you for your continued support of our Temple family.

With gratitude,

Ronni Fauci and Joyce Rappaport, Co-chairs

Jenn Brown, Officer for Fundraising

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

I am still riding the high from our annual high school trip to DC. This year, 11 students in 10th through 12th grade traveled to Washington, DC for L'taken, an advocacy seminar sponsored by the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism. They learned about the roots of food insecurity, social justice, and the art of political lobbying. The weekend ended with the students presenting position pieces to staffers for their senators and representatives. It is amazing to watch the students transform into self-assured adults who are aware and able to make a difference in their communities. Each year that I am lucky enough to participate in this, I am in awe of their wisdom and poise. I hope you have an opportunity to learn from these wonderful students.

February is full of activities as well. We will welcome our Kindergarten, first, and second grade students to their Shabbaton where we will learn with them about the Friday night rituals. Our sixth grade will begin the Bet mitzvah process at their first Shabbaton of the year. Our third grade will have their Shabbaton as well, where they will learn all about the ten commandments, and what they mean to their modern lives. It's also Tu BiShvat, so our students will gather for their seder, celebrating the coming of spring. It's a short month, but it's jam

packed.

Wishing you a month of joy, of peace, and most of all, I hope it gives you an opportunity to seek out justice, wherever it may be.

-Sheryl Gordon



Watch out DC—Here we come!! Rabbi, Sheryl and Hebrew High School students heading to L'taken weekend on January 10th



Temple B'nai Torah Judaica Shop

Open every <u>Sunday</u>

For more information and hours contact

Joni Christie

at Lollipop@optonline.net



SISTERHOOD SHALACH MANOT PURIM BAGS!!

Everyone at Temple has been mailed the PURIM 2025 ORDER FORM. Copies are available in the rack in the Temple lobby.

Send a beautiful gift bag of Purim treats to fellow congregants, Temple staff and clergy for \$4 EACH

Additional bags to give out to family and friends will be offered at a cost of \$12 each.



Extra bags MUST BE picked up at Temple.

Mail the order form AND circled list to Jenn Schnitzer
TO: 1744 Auburn Rd, Wantagh, NY 11793
OR leave in the folder on the wall in the Temple Office.

ORDER FORMS AND PAYMENT DUE 2/21/25

QUESTIONS? CONTACT Jenn and Rachelle 516-459-3096

EMAIL: teacherrachelle@verizon.net OR jschnitzer2276@gmail.com



Temple B'nai Torah

2900 Jerusalem Ave Wantagh, New York 11793 516-221-2370

TBT MainStage Players Present



SHOWBILL CONTRACT

	Rate Schedule
Sponsor (prin	ne placement of color ad)\$300
Full Page (bl	ack & white) \$150
1/2 Page (blace	ck & white) \$ 90
1/4 Page (b/w)	Business card size)\$ 55
Advertiser	Email
Address	Phone
The undersigned encloses, in ad-	vance, the sum of \$ for a page size advertisement to appear in
the "Mary Poppins" Showb	ill. Checks should be made payable to Temple B'nai Torah. Ads will be
	tributed on the dates of the performances: May 3, 4, 10 & 11.
	eyond our control prevent us from performing our show, electronic copies of our our congregation and supporters.
	Deadline for ads is April 4th
Ads can only b	be accepted after this date with prior approval
Signed	Title
Ad taken by	(Cast/Crew Member)
	Office use only Check # Amount \$ Recv'd by Name on ck, if diff from contract:



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to February. TBT extends a big welcome to members from Temple Sinai of Massapequa, as well as our other

new members. Please make everyone feel welcome and included, as we always do.

As Chanukah concluded in January, I am reminded that each day we light the menorah, we are adding more light and increased brightness. Speaking of Chanukah, it was wonderful to see our "outside" menorah lit for all the community to see. Each night of Chanukah there was a gathering of Temple members to sing/say the blessings and light the menorah. Some days were rainy, some were windy and some were cold, but it was very special to be together to light the candles. In February, each day is getting longer and daylight is increasing. But the length of the daylight does not stop Temple B'nai Torah from providing activities and chances to gather for all our members throughout the month. There are Shabbat services weekly that are attended in person and on Zoom and Facebook live. There are arms meetings, religious school, programs, the square dance, play rehearsals, choir rehearsals..... you name it and we have it.

Tu BiShvat will be celebrated in the middle of February. Come join with our community as we celebrate the birthday of the trees with a seder. This holiday also marks the beginning of spring. At the seder we will sample foods from different species including wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates. We share four cups of wine (grape juice) representing the four seasons. In modern times, Tu BiShvat has become a symbol of both Zionist attachment to the land of Israel as well as an example of Jewish sensitivity to the environment.

Let's remind ourselves of all that we can do for Israel and for our own environment and ecology.

In January our high school students had the opportunity to attend the Religious Action Center's (RAC) trip to Washington DC. Here our students learn about activism and advocacy. They learned about themselves, how to be a bit more independent and how they can help repair the world. This helps them grow and mature as young adults. This is a wonderful opportunity. I look forward to hearing the students tell us about the trip. For the first time, RAC has opened this opportunity up to adults. TBT has a cohort of approximately eight adults on the trip the first weekend of February. I believe that it will be a moving experience for our adults as well.

Question of the month: As I am thinking about possibly making charitable donations in my will or through a trust, how can I leave a donation to Temple B'nai Torah? Anyone is allowed to leave a bequest to charitable organizations through their will. Once the will is probated, the donation will be provided to This donation can be comprised of cash, the donees. stocks, bonds and any other valuables. We have created a small committee at Temple B'nai Torah to assist with potential charitable bequests. Please reach out to me and I will help provide you with whatever information is needed. You may want to advise the charitable donees in advance of your bequest. It is very important to include your attorney and advisors in the conversation so your will and other documents can be properly executed in accordance with your wishes. We can help.

With more light and inspiration,

Amy Neidle



Chai Club lights our outdoor menorah on Night 7- New Years Eve

BROTHERHOOD OF TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH 2025 PASSOVER KOSHER WINE ORDER FORM







OUR PRICES ARE THE SAME AS 2024!!!

TOTAL BO	OTTLES	TOTAL COST		
Address		Phone #		
Name		E-mail address		
Barkan Classic Chardonnay	\$15.00	Barkan Classic Cabernet	\$15.00	
 Manischewitz Grape 1.5L	\$16.00	Barkan Classic Pinot Noir	\$15.00	
 _ Kedem Malaga 1.5L	\$14.00	Manischewitz Grape 750ML	\$11.00	
 BH White Zinfandel	\$13.00	Kedem Malaga 750ML	\$10.00	
 BH Chardonnay	\$14.00	BH Chenin Blanc	\$14.00	
Baron Herzog (BH) Cabernet	\$14.00	Baron Herzog (BH) Merlot	\$14.00	
 Bartenura Moscato D'Asti	\$18.00	Bartenura Pinot Grigi	\$16.00	

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

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 and put your envelope in the Brotherhood Box in the Temple Office by March 28th.

Wine will be delivered at the Temple on April 6th - 9am-11am. If you are not available on April 6th, please call Eric Altman at 516-351-3279 or Vic Wurtzel at 516-639-9085 to arrange to pick up your wine at Temple.

Brotherhood of Temple B'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Ave., Wantagh, New York 11793

Earth Sustainability Tip Series: Help Our Planet Every Month!



February Tip:

Replacing your shower head with a low flow shower head can save water for years to come, and it has the bonus of lowering your water bill.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

I have never liked February. It's cold. It's often snowy. It's still mostly dark. People always get sick in February. Plans always get cancelled in February. The only redeeming trait it has is that it is short! My younger daughter was born in February, so she gets annoyed when I say these things – I always tell her she's the only good thing that ever happened in February!

But February this year is action packed, around the Temple and for Sisterhood, so I'm hoping it changes my perspective. We will all be putting on our Western finest and supporting the Square Dance on February 8th – hope to dance with all of you! Later that week we will be at the congregational Tu BiShvat seder on February 14, celebrating the new year of the trees and hoping that means spring is on its way!

On February 10 we are hosting a Rosh Chodesh program, a lecture with author William F. McBride and his wife, Cantor Irene Fogelbogen, as he discusses his book about how to take life in stride and choose the best steps for an illustrious future, coupled with Irene performing and teaching about music to help clear your mind. This is open to all, please RSVP and join us for a special evening.

February 24 is our very popular Beading event with our very own Carol Meyerson. We can only have 25 people for this and absolutely no walk-ins. Be sure to send in your payment ASAP if you want to participate.

Hoping all this excitement will make the month fly by!

See you around the Temple, Helaine Schnall





Mitzvah Day is Coming! May 18, 2025

In support of the Mitzvah Day project,

"Greeting Cards and Bags of Cheer" for Homebound Seniors

Please donate any of the following items: February 1 - February 28

- New Brushes, combs, hair accessories, toothbrushes (individually wrapped), toothpaste
- Hand cream, body lotion, men's shave cream or gel (small sizes)
- Greeting Cards (Birthday, Thinking of You, Thank You, Get Well, Sympathy) - do not fill out, donate blank

Bags assembled on Mitzvah Day will be distributed to the clients of the Family and Children's Association's Friendly Visiting Program



PTA UPDATES

Hello from TBT PTA! We can't believe we are already a month into 2025! Although PTA is still reminiscing on the largest Chanukah brunch we've had in history, we had a great month in January planning for this year's events. Just recently on January 25, we held our Pizza, Prayers, and Pajamas Game Night for our Tweens and Teens grades 5-12, who all took part in a lovely Havdalah service led by our clergy before having a fun game night while dressed in their comfy best. Our Pickle me Pete fundraiser is already underway (since January 13th) and can still be ordered through Monday, February 3rd at midnight. The pick-up date for these delicious pickles, olives and other pickled items is Wednesday, February 5th from 4:30-8:30 PM at the temple by the parking lot entrance. Don't forget to order these yummy treats before your Super Bowl party!

We look forward to the religious school Tu BiShvat seders on Wednesday, February 12th from 4:30-8 PM. We are looking for PTA volunteers to help with this fun and educational event from 4:45-5:45 PM (3rd and 4th graders) and 6:45-7:45 PM (5th and 6th graders) to accommodate both religious school sessions. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with purchasing food items, set up and/or clean up while getting to see your children during this meaningful service led by our clergy.

Last month, we promised that we'd have a list of the other generous vendors that donated gift cards and other prizes for the Chanukah Brunch Raffles. We want to send a big thank you to our Diamond sponsor, **Star of David Memorial Chapels**, for their very generous donation. Star of David's donation allowed us to purchase many of our non-donated auction prizes, and we thank them for their continued support of our PTA. Here are our other generous sponsors.

Mercedes Benz of Rockville Center Hofstra Summer Camps

Studio One United Skates
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All American Gymnastics 1/2 Off Cards Wantagh

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CM Performing Arts Center Color Flies
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Argyle Theater

We are so grateful to Amanda Bernstein for being so instrumental in reaching out to all these sponsors! If you have a chance to patronize these businesses, please do, and let them know their generosity was greatly appreciated. It helps so much if they see it repaid by our community.

Please join us at our next PTA meeting on Sunday, February 2nd at 9:15 AM in the Youth Lounge as we discuss Tu BiShvat seders and our highly anticipated TBT PTA Family Bingo being held after religious school on Sunday, March 9, 2025! Check the temple website, Scroll, Voice and social media platforms for the flyer with more details! Please mark your calendars for this fun event filled with food and prizes! Bring your family and friends!

Can't believe it is almost February recess! See you around the temple!

Wendy Shatz & Jessica Katz TBT PTA Co-Presidents





PTA lighting the outdoor menorah on Night 5!





Brotherhood has no place for Road Rage.

(AKA: I need to read this before I drive. Every time!)

There is one place on earth that eats humans with Brotherhood spirit and spits them out as raging lunatics. A nefarious place to be avoided at all cost. That place, oh that unholy place, are the streets of New York City during the Holidays. Ayeeeeeeee!

On a rainy and overall miserable December 28th night, just three days after Christmas and during Chanukah and Kwanza, I offered to drive my son Adam to New York City to start production on New Year's Rockin' Eve. This was Adam's 9th year as a producer on the show and my 9th time driving him into New York City. Every one of these trips has been a nail biting adventure.

On this trip, traffic slowed to a crawl once we got through the tunnel and into crosstown traffic in the city. However, the real horror began once I made the uptown turn onto 6th Avenue. Thousands of cars, trucks, rickshaws, bikes, and pedestrians trying to occupy the same space at the same time and getting nowhere fast. Inching along, people honking, making obscene gestures at each other, someone banged their hand on my hood! (I felt like I was in a Seinfeld episode.)

I reached 45th street and managed to pull over on the left side of the street to let Adam out. Then the horror began anew. Inching, forcing my way back into traffic and trying to get to the other side of 6th Avenue to make a right turn took 45 minutes of yelling, screaming, honking, car pinball until I got to 48th street to go East. Two hours later, I finally got home exhausted but unharmed, with my car undamaged from the ordeal.

There is a moral to this story: You (and I) need to keep our cool in these situations. It is easy to get frustrated and start cursing

and gesturing to the other drivers who are just trying to get to the same place you are. All that does is make you more frustrated and does nothing to make you get there faster. I advise everyone (most of all me!), in the spirit of Brotherhood (and Sisterhood) to drive defensively with patience and to work hard to actively suppress road rage. Both we and our passengers depend on us. Stay safe!

In other news... I was really impressed with the excellent work that our Brotherhood Team did in preparing for the January Congregation Breakfast. David Kaminsky, Scott Kohn, Les Richards, and our volunteers helped prepare breakfast in the kitchen on January 5th. Few realize the amount of planning, publicizing, purchasing, and preparation that goes into making the Congregation Breakfast a success. I urge all of you to join me at our upcoming breakfasts to enjoy the delicious meal, enjoy the company of your fellow congregants, and to thank the team for the work they do.

We start February with our Congregation Breakfast on Sunday February 2nd. Our Sunday, March 2nd Congregation Breakfast will welcome our new Temple members from Temple Sinai. Please come on March 2nd to help welcome our new congregants.

Brotherhood's annual wine sale is kicking off in February as well. Join us for a wine tasting in March. Wine pick-up will be at Temple on Sunday morning April 6th, a week before Passover starts.

Brotherhood will have our quarterly dinner on March 19th. Mark Chester will be cooking his renowned meatloaf dinner for us. Please join us for a delicious and memorable evening!

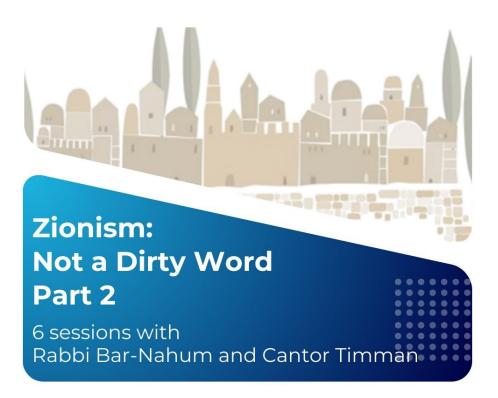
Your Brotherhood President, Vic Wurtzel



Brotherhood had the honor of lighting the outdoor menorah on Night 1 and Night Eight. (pictured) Thanks to all who came our in all weather conditions to keep the lamp lit!









Zionism after 1948



In the aftermath of the creation of the State of Israel, the understanding of Zionism changes among Jews and in the world's opinion. Together we'll explore this history and seek understanding of the current state of Zionism.



Music of Israel

Join Cantor Timman for 2 sessions (March 23 and 30) for conversations on the music of Israel.



Program Information

No experience necessary. All texts will be studied in English.

Classes will be in the Kiddush Lounge and on Zoom. For Zoom link, recordings of previous sessions, and other information, email Caryn: Caryn@suckle.net

Sundays, 10:00am - 11:30 am

January 26, 2025

February 2, 2025

February 9, 2025

March 2, 2025

March 23, 2025

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YOUTH GROUP

Shalom – Another year is upon us! I hope that 2025 is already shaping up to be a great year! December was an amazing month for BNTY and that momentum surely carried over into January! At our Chanukah party everyone received their new BNTY t-shirt. Don't worry if you didn't get yours yet, every youth group member gets one! We played Hollywood Game Night with all three youth groups. Many of you really impressed me with your puzzle solving skills. Some of you just wanted to play dreidel. Everyone had a great time.

In December we also held an auction to raise money for a great cause on Long Island. There will be more information about that very soon. Shout out to Jamie Klein and Levi Schuyler for running an awesome meeting. Thanks again to everyone that donated and participated.

We had 50 members participate in our yearly Mystery Maccabee event. Thank you to all that posted pictures on our Facebook Youth Activities page. I hope that everyone enjoyed their presents!

BNTY lead Shabbat services. The teens in BNTY lead very busy lives so it was wonderful to see almost the entire group participate.

We are ending January with a trip to Q-Zar! Flyers and information can be found on the youth group bulletin board. Or you can just send me an email. Remember that all participants must sign a waiver on the Q-Zar website before the event. See you all soon!

Mark Derwin Youth Director



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Circle of Friends ended 2024 with a fantastic Chanukah party and everyone is looking forward to the next one. 2025 started with friends playing games, eating, drinking and laughing at Game Night!

Lots of great activities are coming up so make sure to keep up with all the flyers on the Scroll!

TBT Square Dance is on February 8th at 6:30pm. If you haven't signed up yet, please get in touch with Brian Levy or Joni Christie. On February 11th, Circle of Friends is happy to bring you a nighttime zoom event - Yoga at Home. It's a great way to get some stretching in on a cold winter night.

On March 1st we bring you Ballroom Dance Lessons, in the Social Hall, thanks to Debbie Schlesinger. And don't forget the Purim Spiel on March 15th.

Joni and I hope everyone has a great 2025, and partakes in everything that is offered. If you haven't joined our membership yet you still can. Events are open to all temple members, but many are discounted for Circle of Friends members.



May the hostages come home, Esther & Joni

Would you Like a Birthday, Anniversary, Travel, etc., Blessing?

You can arrange for a blessing for any Friday night.

Call the Temple office at 516-221-2370



Social Action/Social Justice Committee

Although February is a relatively short month, there is much to celebrate and to do in the service of Tikkun Olam. This month we will celebrate Tu BiShvat, the New Year of the Trees! Take some time to consider the important role that trees play in our lives. They bring beauty, food, habitat, building materials and medicines. They purify our air and help slow climate change. So, how can we show our gratitude? There are lots of family activities to explore at https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/tu-bishvat/tu-bishvat-activities-do-home.

Save paper! It not only saves trees, it also prevents burning fossil fuels in transportation and processing. When the weather permits, plant a tree! Or, purchase one from through the Jewish National Fund or One Tree Planted.

Remember to plant some parsley seeds on Tu BiShvat and it should be ready for your Passover seder!

This month is also HIAS' (<u>HIAS.org</u>) annual Refugee Shabbat (14-15). Check out their website for programming over that weekend and find ways throughout the year to "welcome the stranger".

Our **Winter Coat and Accessories Collection** is ending on February 15, so if you were considering any donations, please get them to us soon.

Our **Climate Action Plan** for 2025 has been presented to the TBT Board and submitted to ADAMAH. During this year, TBT will be installing programmable thermostats, including environmental and climate related curriculum in the Religious School's electives, working to conduct an energy audit of our building as well as an evaluation of our electric grid, and will be exploring other ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Happily, our planned new roof is described as a "white" roof, which limits the use of air conditioning by reflecting heat and cooling the building during hot weather. This saves money and at the same time helps to reduce our output of greenhouse gases emissions.

Last month's **SA/SJ Shabbat** was a wonderful celebration of our work in the service of Tikkun Olam. Thank you to the Clergy, the Ritual Committee, the participating committee members and to everyone who contributed to creating such a meaningful service. Thank you to all those who helped us complete our Oneg Action Project. We created 50 Shower Rolls for the unhoused clients who visit the Interfaith Nutritional Network and are welcomed to use one of their showers.

The Garden at TBT held its mid-Winter meeting last month. We reviewed last year's procedures and outcomes and discussed plans for the upcoming growing season. The Garden reopens next month! If you are interested in helping in any way, let us know.

This month we begin our collections in support of our upcoming **Mitzvah Day** (May 18) activities. First up, during the month of February we will be collecting items for our **Greeting Cards and Bags of Cheer** for the Friendly Visitors program for Homebound Seniors run by Family and Children Association. See the flier in this issue for a list of needed items.

Next month we will be hosting our annual **Blood Drive** on Sunday **March 23**. Stay tuned for details and contact info for making appointments for donations - appointments are encouraged to cut down on wait time, but are not required.

We always welcome new members and welcome your input! Our next meeting will be

Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. (on ZOOM.) For information about SA/SJ, the Garden at TBT, or any of our projects, contact Rona at: ronakauffman@yahoo.com, Jason at jaynew4@gmail.com or Jayne at jturtle54@msn.com



During the cold winter months, there are many who need

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Bring items to collection box in the temple lobby









Circle of Friends celebrated Chanukah with dinner from Ben's, music, a gift exchange and lots of laughs! Everyone was happy Joan Levy was able to join in the fun after knee surgery and delighted to welcome new member Penny Katz.

-Esther Singer

Circle of Friends Chanukah Party December 22, 2024











Mikey Kushnir!!! Winner of Grand Raffle Prize: a Meta Quest VR headset!



Family Chanukah Brunch Hosted by PTA December 15, 2024



PTA Brunch Committee Volunteers lead by Committee Chairs Robin Golub & Heather Lorenz and "Mr. TBT" MC Gregg Wallis

TBT Shines Bright at Chanukah!!

Photos by Robert Kauffman and Ilene Hellman

Temple B'nai Torah was a festival of lights all December long! Highlights included the Sisterhood Chanukah Fair giving the Religious School students the chance to shop for loved ones, Youth Activities Mystery Maccabees gift exchange, lighting of our outdoor menorah each night, Circle of Friends Chanukah Party and the Family Chanukah Brunch hosted by PTA. The brightest night was December 27th, the night of the TBT Menorah Lighting and Erev Shabbat service with music by Jeff Minkowsky and Brooke Myers filling in for Cantor Timman. Toda Raba to our fire marshals for making sure the candles burned safely and to the Ritual Committee and Sisterhood for the extra festive oneg and gift bags for the kids.





















Musical Chairs has become a Brunch Highlight!
Pictured are winners Ilana Golub (Jr Division)
with her dad Matthew and Emily Wallis (Senior
Division) with Elijah Baroukh



Rabbi Bar -Nahum kicked off the festivities with candle blessing and motzi



Chai Club Program



"Make "Em Laugh": A History of Movie Comedy from Charlie Chaplin to Mel Brooks

Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm on ZOOM





Join us as Brian Rose tells us how, since the beginning of motion pictures, making audiences laugh has been one of the film industry's chief box office attractions. Skilled acrobatic comedians like Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd, and Charlie Chaplin were enormously popular in the silent era, as were their talking picture successors the Marx Brothers and W.C. Fields. Comedy exploded once movies could talk, from screwball to romance to social satire to musicals, and in recent decades dozens of new variations have appeared from over-the top dark comedy to gross-out teen comedy. This program will look at the major highlights of screen comedy over the last 125 years, illustrated with more than 40 examples from Hollywood's funniest films. This is a 60-minute program.

We will also celebrate February birthdays.

Delicious desserts will be served (at your own home).

Questions? Call Jay Schoenberg at (516) 476-0989 or email him at <u>Jaydiane@yahoo.com</u> https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3780366300?pwd=dXVKcE9yRzlH Qk5ZVExqeUFnTmgvZz09

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How to Help Victims of Natural Disasters: Updated 1/13/25 re California Fires

Below is a list of agencies that have specifically noted on their website that they are **currently providing assistance to the victims of the fires in California** This is not an exhaustive list.

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The following is a list of the children who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat/Bet Mitzvah Jan. 25, 2025 through March 29, 2025. Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations and PRINT your name and SHORT sentiment as you want it to appear on the Uniongrams. Please return the list promptly with \$1.25 for each Uniongram made payable to TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH SISTERHOOD and MAIL. to Marlyn Appelt, 31 Hark Lane, Westbury, NY 11590 at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

<u>DATE</u>	CHILD'S NAME	<u>PARENTS</u>
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Mar. 15	Miranda Feder	Luke & Jamie
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Mar. 29	Jacob Taffel	Jeremy & Carissa
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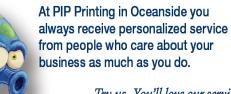


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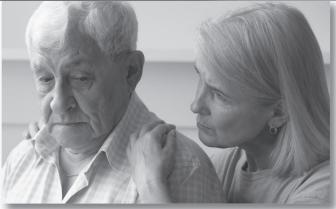
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