



## Square & Line Dance

**Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6:30 pm**

Hot Buffet Dinner, Desserts & Coffee

Snacks & Soda all evening

Only \$40 pp

Caller: Mario Fiore

Square and Line Dance Instruction will be provided throughout the evening.

+Raffles \* +50/50

Bring Your Friends

**Couples and Singles Welcome** -- Groups of 8 (Full Table)

Any Questions?

Call Joni (516) 996-0948 or Brian (516) 781-4966

E-mail: Brian: bellobl@gmail.com

**Please return tear-off by Friday, January 31, 2025**

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please write names & e-mail addresses of all attendees on the back of this form.

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ # Dancing? \_\_\_\_\_

Try to seat us with \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed, find check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (made out to Temple B'nai Torah)

Send to: Square & Line Dance, Temple B'nai Torah Attn: Brian  
2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793



# Ritual Calendar - January 2025

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



<b>Friday, January 3</b>	5:30 pm 7:15 pm	<b>TOT SHABBAT</b> (In Person Only) Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, January 4	9:30 am	Torah Study *
Monday, January 6	12:00 pm	Torah Study *
<b>Friday, January 10</b>	<b>7:15 pm</b>	<i>Family Shabbat Service with Double Iyyun T'filah (yes Double Service Credit!!!)</i>
Saturday, January 11	9:30am	Torah Study *
Monday, January 13	12:00pm	Torah Study *
<b>Friday, January 17</b>	<b>7:15pm</b>	<b>Erev Shabbat Service with Social Action/Social Justice, Iyyun T'filah</b>
Saturday, January 18	9:30am	Torah Study *
Friday, January 24	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service
<b>Saturday, January 25</b>	9:30am 10:30am	Torah Study * <b>Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Sean Summers</b>
Monday, January 27	12:00pm	Torah Study *
Friday, January 31	7:15pm	Erev Shabbat Service



## February

<b>Friday, February 7</b>	5:30 pm 7:15 pm	<b>TOT SHABBAT</b> (In Person Only) <b>Shabbat Shira Service with Adult &amp; B'nai Shir Choirs</b>
<b>Friday, February 14</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<i>Family Shabbat Service with Tu Bi Shvat Seder/Scouts Service &amp; Iyyun T'filah at TBT only #.</i>



Tu Bi Shvat is a hands-on, interactive Seder/Service and 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, Facebook & Scroll Posts)*

**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



Each year, one of the most powerful experiences for members of our congregation is the opportunity for our 10<sup>th</sup>-graders, as a part of the Confirmation curriculum, to travel to Washington, DC and attend the L'Taken Seminar at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, affectionately known as "The RAC." This year, we are very excited that not only will our 10<sup>th</sup>-graders (and also our 11<sup>th</sup>- and 12<sup>th</sup>-graders!) be in Washington on the weekend of January 10-13, but for the first time, a cohort of adults from our community will be attending the seminar over the weekend of January 31-February 3. This is the first year that the RAC has invited adults as participants and not just as chaperones, and we're excited to hear about the experience from them! It's our largest teen delegation, and we are excited to be sending eight members as our first adult cohort

Washington, DC is always interesting, and often unpredictable in terms of whom we might meet. This year, our teens, Morah Sheryl, and I will be heading down shortly after the new Congress will be inaugurated, but before the Presidential inauguration. Our adults will be there after the Presidential transition. What that means is that we will be getting in on the ground floor with the new Congress. No matter who is in charge in the White House or who our local Representative might be in any given year, our responsibility as citizens and Jews remains to make our voices heard by our leaders. We seek to ensure that the values we hold dear are at least a part of the conversation, even if we know that it is not always the case that a bill, we advocate for will become law. This experience reminds us also that there is a place for voices like ours, Jewish voices in particular, in the public square.

After a campaign season of so much division and strife, and with an electorate and a government that is less and less trusting of folks across the aisle, this opportunity to learn how government works reminds us of the common ideals of our representative democracy. As citizens or residents, we don't get to vote on any bills ourselves. One blessing of America is that regardless of background, anyone has the right to advocate directly to their representatives. Each of us can pick up the phone or write a letter or send an email to try and influence the direction of this nation. Does it always work? Of

course not. That can be hard for young people, especially, to wrap their heads around.

What we also know, however, is that without advocacy, there is no chance of change whatsoever. A small chance of making this nation live up to its highest ideals is better than no chance. And so, we go every year, and we advocate for what matters to our young people: gun control, reproductive rights, LGBTQ rights, anti-bias legislation, support for Israel, economic justice, and a host of other issues. When a new Congress begins, all previous bills under consideration must begin from scratch, with new writing and a new bill number. Coming to Congress so soon after inauguration in January means we will be asking our leaders to co-sponsor and sign on to bills that are under consideration.

While in DC, we also tour the Holocaust Museum, the Smithsonian, the National Mall, some of the memorials, and Georgetown. The experience of being together with hundreds of other Reform Jewish teens, gathering for prayer, making new friends from across the country, and finding commonality only heightens the power of the weekend. It is my hope that the adult cohort will find similar power in their experience and make new connections and friends.

These weekends are important for so many reasons. All of the above and all that I don't even have space to write about here helps to explain why I am such an advocate of participation in this program. I hope that this year's adult cohort will inspire others to join us next year and, in the years to come.

Mark your calendars for our Shabbat with Social Action/Social Justice, on Friday, January 17, when we hope that some of our teens, having just returned from Washington, will share the issue papers they presented on Capitol Hill. We'll look forward to an opportunity to hear from our adult cohort after they return, as well.

With blessings for a 2025 of peace and goodness,  
Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

# NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Cantor Rica Timman



January is known among cantors and songleaders as “Jewish Music Month” because *Shabbat Shira*, the Shabbat of Song almost always happens in January. Not so this year where all our holidays happen a bit later in the secular calendar! This year Shabbat Shira falls on February 7<sup>th</sup> when the Torah portion includes Moses’

epic song celebrating the miracle of the parting of the Sea of Reeds and the safe crossing of the entire Israelite community. We at TBT will celebrate with both our Adult and B’nai Shir Youth Choirs singing special music that Friday night. Although our choirs’ year is at the midpoint, this January rehearsals for Shabbat Shira are starting up and it’s an awesome time to jump in! Need more inspiration? Check out some of my favorite benefits of being in a choir:

**Musicality:** *Singing in a choir improves the way you hear music. It draws out your innate musical abilities and intensifies your appreciation of harmony.*

**Confidence:** *Singing together in a choir gives you permission to make a joyful noise as part of a group, building confidence and singing as leaders of our congregation.*

**Physical:** *Singing in choir is a great workout for your lungs! Breathing deeply opens up the diaphragm and oxygenates the blood, strengthening the whole body. Singing helps with posture and tones your stomach muscles.*

**Mental Health:** *Studies show that choral singing benefits brain function, reinforced feelings of togetherness, and the release of endorphins and oxytocin resulting in reduced stress.*

**Belonging:** *Being together in a choir creates community and a feeling of belonging. We have fun together and learn some of the best contemporary and traditional settings of our Reform tradition. We forge social bonds, support each other and make new friends!*

**About our Adult Choir:** Our choir of congregants partner with Rabbi Bar-Nahum, our Music Director, Sean Cotty, and me to help make the High Holy Days meaningful and beautiful for our sacred community. During the year they continue to rehearse and sing at select Shabbat services.

**About B’nai Shir Choir:** Co-led by Emily Altman and me, B’nai Shir Junior Choir (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older) participates at Family Services and special events (like Shabbat Shira this year).

**Please be in touch with me for more information about our choirs and to sign up.** Bring your voices and enjoy creating beautiful musical moments at our services...and make new musical friends! We are kicking off the secular New Year and Jewish Music Month rehearsing wonderful settings to celebrate Shabbat Shira on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Come join us!

B’shira,  
Cantor Rica Timman

## DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR TBT’S FUTURE! WANT TO BE PART OF THAT FUTURE?

We are always looking for new board members with new and fresh ideas. We would love for you to consider becoming part of our board for the 2025-2026 year.

Anyone who is interested, please email a short bio touching on your talents, prior temple committees you have served on, and any other temple involvement.

WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

You can send the email by January 15<sup>th</sup> to:

[nominating@temple-bnai-torah.org](mailto:nominating@temple-bnai-torah.org)

Thank you,  
Dee Greenberg



## MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAR MITZVAHS AND THEIR FAMILIES



January 25

Sean Summers

Chad & Hope

My name is Sean Summers. I am a 7th grade student at Woodland Middle School. My favorite sports are basketball and baseball, but I also play flag football and I ran cross-country for my school this past fall. One of my favorite things to do, when I'm not playing sports, is to visit the horses my dad trains. Thank you to Cantor Timman, Rabbi Bar- Nahum, and Morah Emily for all of their help in preparing me for my bar mitzvah. I would also like to thank my family for always being there to support me. I'm looking forward to my bar mitzvah, and can't wait to celebrate with everyone!



**TBT's Young Adults "Cooking Through The Calendar": Part 1**



### VODKAS AND LATKES

**Chanukah is over, but the fun isn't! Start the year off with a Havdalah Service followed by Games, Latkes, and Snacks! (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be served)**



**Who: Temple members and non-members, ages 21-36 and their guest(s).**

**\*\*RSVPs are REQUIRED in order to attend.\*\***

**Where? Temple B'nai Torah**



**When: Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 7:00pm - 10:00pm**

**Cost: \$10 per person**

**[Click here to RSVP by January 3, 2025](#)**



**Questions? Text or Email Heather Lorenz  
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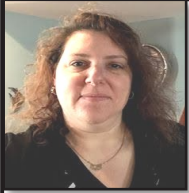


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**Mazel Tov & Best Wishes To:**

**Doris Derwin on the birth of her great-grandson Joel Allen Baruch.**



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The secular New Year is a great time to make resolutions. It's a great chance to look back at the last few months and see what we've accomplished since Rosh Hashanah. It's an opportunity to do *Teshuva*, the act of repentance, and analyze your *tzedakah*, your generosity towards others. *Teshuva* is about consciously walking a better path. Have you made better choices when given the opportunity, have you worked specifically to repair the relationships around you? When given the chance, do you apologize and actually mean it? *Tzedakah* encompasses more than just giving to charity, which I highly recommend. It involves caring for the planet, *Tikun Olam*, as well as *Hachnas Orchim*, welcoming the stranger. Our students have shown this past year that these principles are second nature. When called on, their generosity has filled our *Tzedakah* boxes, as well as our clothing and food bins. We've made a point to spend time in our garden, even using our compost bin to help out. You'd be hard pressed to notice who in our school started this year, or even mid-year. Welcoming others is something we take pride in. For our students and their families, these aren't resolutions that are made, they are lived already. We are nearly 5 months into the Hebrew Year, so now is a great time to take stock. Can you take better care of the earth, and the people who inhabit it? Can you be more welcoming, kinder, gentler, more accepting of others?

This month our Confirmation and Post-Confirmation students will be traveling to DC to learn about advocacy work. They'll learn about food and housing insecurity. They will learn how to advocate for themselves and others, while meeting and reuniting with hundreds of Jewish teens from around the country. Their trip ends with a presentation to their Senators and Representatives. It's an opportunity for them to give back, to take stock of their place in the world.

Happy New Year. I hope it brings you health, happiness, and an opportunity to put more good into the world.

-Sheryl



### Join us for a **Tu BiShvat Seder** and Scout Shabbat Service



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



**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**



# Chai Club Program American Heroes of the Holocaust

Monday, January 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm on ZOOM

Back by popular demand is Howard Kerner, who has given us presentations on "Priests and Nuns" and "Teenage Rescuers of the Holocaust."

Through the years, the Israeli Holocaust Center, Yad Vashem, has awarded some 27,000 Holocaust rescuers around the world the title of "Righteous Among the Nations." These men, women, and couples saved many Jews. Some European countries have thousands of such rescuers awarded; the U.S. has only five such designees. We will learn about nine brave Americans who displayed courage and compassion during some of history's darkest days.



Retired professor Howard Kerner's passion project is recognizing and celebrating human goodness, even during the Holocaust. He finds it sad that we always know the names and deeds of history's villains but not the names and deeds of the heroes. *This is a 60-minute program.*

We will also celebrate January birthdays.

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

Questions? Call Jay Schoenberg at (516) 476-0989 or email him at [Jaydiane@yahoo.com](mailto:Jaydiane@yahoo.com)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3780366300?pwd=dXVKcE9yRzlhQk5ZVExqeUFnTmgvZz09>

Meeting ID: 378 036 6300

Password: 465021



**Brotherhood Vendor Fair  
December 1, 2024**

**Thanks to all the vendors  
and enthusiastic shoppers! A  
fabulous way to kick off the  
Holiday Season!**





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy secular New Year to all.

I hope that 2025 brings peace, health and happiness to us all.

I am writing this article just after Thanksgiving, even though it is for the January Voice, so in that spirit, I am most appreciative for our wonderful board, our professionals and staff, and you, our congregants!

Thank you to those who made the Chanukah brunch happen. It was wonderful and wonderful to celebrate with our extended community. An added benefit is that this time, my Grandson joined us and had a ball! Speaking of Chanukah, the Chanukah Shabbat is one of my favorites of the year. I think it is beautiful to see each family light their own chanukiah among the sea of every other family. In these trying times, seeing the light of Chanukah is so important and so moving. It is heartwarming to see that we are still proud American Jews who can light our menorahs in public.

As of the writing of this article, I am very close to having 100% Board(s) participation in our Kol Nidre pledge drive. It is so important to me to be able to reach this goal. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I hope it makes your heart feel good too, knowing that you helped Temple to meet its financial needs and help to keep our doors open for all those that need and want a Temple in our community. The ethics of giving are strong within Temple B'nai Torah.

Question of the month: I want to spend some time in this article answering the question, or multiple versions of the question, why have we chosen this year to honor Rabbi Bar-Nahum at our spring gala? The short answer is: Temple B'nai Torah is very fortunate to have a Rabbi who takes his job seriously and is involved with our community so deeply. But I also know that many of us may not understand what is involved in being the Rabbi of a congregation. Let me share with you a sampling of the areas where our Rabbi focuses his energies.

When I joined a Temple, I thought that the Rabbi ran services and was involved in life cycle events. Services repeat each Shabbat and each year, so I did not have any appreciation for what is involved on a day-to-day basis. As I became active in the religious school and other committees, then the Board, then a Rabbi search committee, then the executive committee and finally as President of the Temple, I learned what is really involved with being the Rabbi of a congregation, and how blessed we are with Rabbi Bar-Nahum.

Though we may only see the end results, much of Rabbi's time is spent preparing for communal events. Rabbi is an important

presence at many of our Temple's committees and on the Board. He works in close partnership with Cantor Timman, Morah Sheryl, and Eileen to create a cohesive, professional leadership team that gets along (which is not always a given) and that has brought our community to new heights. Through mergers and the uncertainty Covid, Rabbi Bar-Nahum's leadership has ensured that we are a stronger congregation today and that we are working toward our vision of being a congregation of excellence, and a regional hub for Reform Judaism.

Every Shabbat, holiday and life cycle event can be the same, but at TBT every Shabbat, holiday, and life cycle includes thought and preparation to run smoothly and to ensure that they are meaningful and appropriately beautiful. When members of the community participate on the bima, whether as a representative of an Arm or as Bet Mitzvah, additional preparation is required, and Rabbi is always available to guide.

Speaking of Bet Mitzvah, Rabbi Bar-Nahum spends more time with each student than many rabbis. He facilitates parent and family education, helps each student choose their verses of Torah and Haftarah and works one-on-one with each child on their D'var Torah and thank yous. He also runs a final full rehearsal with each family and works to be available at this important time. And, as some of you know, Torah isn't all Rabbi Bar-Nahum teaches. He helps our students learn how to shake hands and share appropriate greetings.

Rabbi spends time with our High Schoolers; teaching 10th-grade Confirmation and chaperoning our students on the RAC seminar in Washington, DC where they learn to be good citizens and involved in social action/social justice. There is not a student who has come back from RAC that is unchanged. They mature in that short weekend and are more confident of themselves. They also come home with a deeper relationship with Rabbi, having shared in the powerful experience together.

When someone suffers a loss, Rabbi is available and a comforting presence throughout the funeral and grieving process. If you suffer devastating news or illness, he will be there to help you through this difficult time. When someone is planning a wedding, Rabbi offers full pre-marital counseling, even if he's not officiating at the wedding, helping the couple begin their relationship on the right foot. When a new young one is to be named, Rabbi works to help pick a name and craft a meaningful service. For every event, much time and energy is put into the planning.

Rabbi teaches lifelong learning classes. As a phenomenal, exuberant, knowledgeable teacher, Rabbi always prepares



(President's Message cont'd)

materials, readings, and slides in preparation for the classes. He is always ready with answers; and if he doesn't know the answer, he will spend time researching it and let you know. Rabbi is also involved with making sure the curriculum in our school is great, relevant and current; and also evaluating that what is taught is also what is learned.

I am pleased to say that Rabbi has an open-door policy with the children and young adults (older adults too – but they should make an appointment). Our children know that if they have any issues at school, public school, or in the community, or a personal issue, they can come speak with him. He will spend time with them and help them come up with a solution. He is always willing to meet with a prospective member,

helping our congregation to grow.

On top of all of that, Rabbi also troubleshoots tech issues for us; will record services and classes and distribute the recording, and will assist when needed. Rabbi is the face of TBT, participating in community activities as a representative of TBT.

And we know that I am only touching the surface of what Rabbi Bar-Nahum does for each and all of us at Temple B'nai Torah. The real question should be, given all the above, how can we not honor him?! I hope you will save the date of April 5 for our spring Gala and that you will join us in celebrating Rabbi Bar-Nahum for all he does for our community.

Stay warm and healthy,  
Amy Neidle

Save the Date

RDBN

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**

**The Communications Committee **thanks you** for completing the Communication Survey! Your thoughtful feedback will be used for future plans regarding TBT Communications procedures.**



## SISTERHOOD NEWS

Happy new year (the calendar one)!

Hard to believe we are turning the page to a new year and that we are halfway through our Temple year. As you read this, it may still be the tail end of Hanukkah, the first time I remember it extending into January. I hope the holiday brought you much light and love.

Sisterhood held a successful Hanukkah fair in December. The religious school students are always so excited to do their holiday shopping at this event and many of the parents enjoy all the wonderful items at our Judaica shop. Please remember that the Judaica shop is open almost every Sunday or by appointment. There is new merchandise all the time and special orders are accepted.

January is a quieter month for us, though we do look forward to being part of the Square Dance with all the other arms. We continue to collect baby items for our yearlong social action project with Love, Nana. Please watch for all our exciting programs and activities.

Stay warm and stay involved!  
See you around the Temple,  
Helaine



## PTA UPDATES

Happy New Year from the PTA!

Looking back on the past year, we are really feeling grateful; grateful for what we have and thankful for this new year ahead full of opportunity. In this spirit, we want to start off the first column of the year with gratitude for everyone who helped the PTA make Chanukah brighter. Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA's fabulous Chanukah Brunch and made it feel like the festive place to be; to everyone who volunteered for the brunch in the planning, shopping, creating, cooking, setting up and cleaning up. Thank you to the invaluable Gregg Wallis for being a fabulous MC. Thank you to the Brotherhood for donating prizes for the games and for Circle of Friends' generous donation. Thank you to Star of David Memorial Chapel and Mercedes Benz of Rockville Centre, whose generosity made it possible to purchase spectacular prizes for the raffle. Thank you to Nadine for your tireless efforts! Thank you to those that created raffle baskets and who asked vendors in our community for their generous donations. Thank you to our gingerbread menorah purchasers/decorators, whose creations will be (if they haven't already) proudly displayed all over Facebook AND thank you to each one of you who shopped at Five Below and helped us raise even more of the funds that support our school enrichment! Our hearts are full.

We are excited for our next fun event to kick off the new year! On January 25, we will host Pizza, Prayers, and Pajamas Game Night for grades 5-12. It is sure to be a fun night!

Our next meeting is on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 am in the Youth Lounge. We will be making plans for February's upcoming events - our delicious Pickle Me Pete fundraiser and starting to plan for Family Bingo, held in March. Stay tuned for details! See you around the temple!

Wendy Shatz & Jessica Katz  
TBT PTA Co-Presidents





# Temple B'nai Torah

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TBT MainStage Players Present

# MARY POPPINS

## SHOWBILL CONTRACT

### Rate Schedule

Sponsor (prime placement of <i>color ad</i> ) .....	\$300
Full Page (black & white) .....	\$150
1/2 Page (black & white) .....	\$ 90
1/4 Page (b/w, Business card size) .....	\$ 55

Advertiser \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned encloses, in advance, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ page size advertisement to appear in the **“Mary Poppins”** Showbill. Checks should be made payable to *Temple B'nai Torah*. Ads will be printed in the Showbill to be distributed on the dates of the performances: May 3, 4, 10 & 11.

Ad copy is to be submitted, as a jpg, along with this contract, to [mainstageplayers@tbtwantagh.org](mailto:mainstageplayers@tbtwantagh.org) or mailed the above address, Attn: “Showbill”.

If you wish for us to create your ad copy, the request must be submitted by email no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.

*In the event that circumstances beyond our control prevent us from performing our show, electronic copies of our Showbill will be made available to our congregation and supporters.*

**Deadline for ads is April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Ads can only be accepted after this date with prior approval\***

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Ad taken by \_\_\_\_\_ (Cast/Crew Member)

<u>Office use only</u>		
Check # _____	Amount \$ _____	Recv'd by _____
Name on ck, if diff from contract:		



## BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Happy New Year!

When I was a new manager early in my career, I prided myself that I could carry a project on my back using my technical skill and work ethic. I did this several times on complex computer system upgrades, until a more senior manager took me aside to give me valuable advice that I have taken with me throughout my career.

That manager told me that the most important aspect of managing people is to work through them to get the job done. She said that a manager is but one person, but a team is many people working to accomplish the same objective. As a manager you never abdicate responsibility for the outcome of the project, but you provide advice and guidance to bring your team together, so that your team improves their skills and delivers outstanding work.

That was great advice that I took to heart in the remainder of my career as a manager. I also believe that it is an important way to engage our membership in Brotherhood.

Brotherhood's mission is to provide fellowship, support Brotherhood, support our Temple, and support Judaism. Brotherhood is successful only when we have an active and involved membership working as a team together. I must thank all the members of Brotherhood who have contributed to making our organization and events successful this past year. I could not do it without you. THANK YOU!

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, we held our annual Holiday Vendor Fair at Temple. Thanks to everyone who helped with planning the fair and handling vendor payments – especially Ben and Sharon Cernese. Thanks also to Nadine Salzman, Brian Levy, Eileen Schneyman, Jeff Minkowsky, and others who helped with publicity and/or placing signs in the area to advertise the fair. Thanks to Anthony and our custodial staff for getting the fair set-up and running smoothly.

We ran a food concession at the Vendor fair. Special thanks to Scott Kohn for doing the shopping for the concession, donating home-made brownies, and managing the concession for Brotherhood. Thanks to Dave Schuster for shopping for our bagels and helping at our concession. Thanks also to Mark Chasen, Eric Altman, Mickey Horwitz, Richard Tepper, Dave Schuster, Jeff Kraut, Dan Feldman, and Alex Kushner for working the concession with us. Thanks to Les Richards for walking around the fair with his microphone, bringing customers to our food concession. I also want to thank the members of our congregation who came to the fair to browse and shop.

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, we attended Jewish Heritage Night at UBS Area. The Islanders played the Buffalo Sabres. We had a fun night and came away with a Jewish Heritage Night wool hat.

In 2025, we will have Congregation Breakfasts on January 5<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Please be sure to RSVP ahead of each breakfast, as we need to know how much food to prepare.

We are planning a night-time event on March 8<sup>th</sup> with Sisterhood at Temple – more information will be provided next month. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have our next Brotherhood dinner with a special meal prepared by our very own Mark Chester. We will also hold our annual Passover Wine Sale.

In the spring, we are planning to have a tennis tournament, a day of pickle ball, a BBQ with bocce ball, corn hole tournaments, and maybe a family touch football game.

I look forward to seeing you at our events in 2025!

Vic Wurtzel, Brotherhood President



Membership Dinner - November 20, 2024





## CASH CALENDAR

**BUY 3-DIGIT NUMBER(S) (ex 123, 497, 103)  
FOR ONLY \$18 EACH**

**365 CHANCES TO WIN!  
THAT'S ONE CHANCE FOR EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR!**

**YOU WIN \$18  
EACH TIME YOUR NUMBER MATCHES  
THE NYS EVENING DAILY "PICK-3" NUMBER**

**YOU WIN \$36  
IF YOUR NUMBER MATCHES ON ONE OF THE 4 BONUS DAYS!  
MOTHER'S DAY - 5/11, FATHER'S DAY - 6/15  
LABOR DAY - 9/1, CHANUKAH - 12/14**

**CHOOSE YOUR NUMBERS,  
TBT WILL DO THE REST!**

*Checks will be mailed to the address provided by each participant  
after the last calendar day of the month*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for prize checks: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_ #'s @ \$18 each = \_\_\_\_ . Check number: \_\_\_\_

3-digit Pick 3 numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

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## YOUTH GROUP

Greetings from Youth Group! Happy Chanukah! Happy New Year!

By now we have had our Chanukah parties, given out our Mystery Maccabee gifts, and enjoyed some new Youth Group swag. I hope everyone enjoyed their time off and is ready to jump right in to 2025!

We have had amazing attendance at our meetings. This is a fantastic problem to have. Typically, keeping 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders involved is difficult. We have over 20! Same with BNTY! We have 15 paid high school students. I'm so happy that kids are not leaving and continue to attend year after year.

I want to give a special thank you to Sam Brown and Maddie Rothstein. Whenever I need help running a meeting or am asked to have a member volunteer for a task, they are always the first to jump in. Both have led meetings combined with BNTY JR. They have helped out at MNTY meetings. One may have even dressed up as a turkey to remind families to donate turkeys at the Temple's turkey drive. These teens have many things going on in their lives but they choose to be at Temple. I have tremendous respect for them and want their parents to know what an amazing job they have done.

Youth Group reached out to the community to see if there were youth group aged kids in the community that would be interested in coming to meetings. Three came in November. Hopefully this outreach can lead to more families joining the Temple and being involved.

Stay warm, eat latkes, and happy 2025!

Sincerely,  
Mark Derwin  
Youth Director



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Happy New Year!

May all your dreams come true.

Circle of Friends is so excited to start a new year with new exciting events to share.

What means the most to us is friendship. Having our temple friends around us to worship together, socialize together and be there for each other.

This month, we have our game night. You can play various games or bring your own. Come join us for dinner, snacks and games.

In February we are all heading to the ranch for some Square and Line dancing. Put on your cowboy hats and join the fun.

Many online activities will follow for the winter months. Stay warm and be safe!!!

Joni and Esther



**Would you Like a  
Birthday, Anniversary, Travel, etc., Blessing?  
You can arrange for a blessing for any Friday night.**

**Call the Temple office  
516-221-2370**



## Social Action/Social Justice Committee

### Happy Secular New Year from the Social Action/Social Justice Committee!

Our **Winter Coat and Accessories Collection** continues through February 15 and has already provided warmth to many who are in dire need during the winter months!

For those wondering about our November Frozen Turkey Drive we are happy to report that 32 frozen turkeys, an SUV full of non-perishable Thanksgiving related food and \$470 in monetary donations (primarily in the form of grocery store gift cards) were collected and delivered to Wisdom Lane School Pantry, the Interfaith Nutrition Network and the LWS Advocacy Center. Yasher Koach to everyone who helped publicize, collect, deliver and especially to all those who so generously donated!!! A special thank you to Sam Brown, who went above and beyond as the Turkey Drive mascot and generated so much interest and enthusiasm for the collection!

Our **Holiday Gift Drive** provided holiday cheer for many local children and families and helped make their holidays special this year. Recipient agencies included, Family and Children's Association, the LWS Center and Ohel Children's Home and Family Services. Again, thank you!

Our **Climate Action Plan** for 2025 is being developed with input from various temple committees. We have moved forward on some of the items specified last year and will be adding new initiatives to this year's Plan. An application for a matching grant (approx. \$6k) from Adamah, NY was filed in November to help defray the cost of programmable thermostats. Stay tuned for updates as they become available.

**The Garden at TBT** is closed for the winter but we are busy planning and ordering for our 6th growing season! If you think you might be interested in helping when we re-open, join us in-person, at TBT, on Sunday, Jan. 26th at 12:00-2:00 pm

This year's **SA/SJ Shabbat** is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 17. Please join us and learn about what we do. Stay tuned for information about this year's social action project taking place at that evening's oneg.

This year, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism will be offering an adult cohort to participate in their **L'Taken Seminar** in Washington, D.C. (Jan. 31-Feb. 3) This seminar is similar to the one our 10th grade confirmation class has attended each year. Along with staff from the RAC, we will learn about important issues here in the U.S. and how these issues are understood by the Reform Movement. We will then have an opportunity to share our opinions/concerns with our elected officials in Congress. Happily, SA/SJ will be represented at this seminar and will report back on highlights of the weekend.

Our **Kulanu** planning with PTA and Religious School continues this year. Stay tuned for programming that will be made available to the congregation.

**Save the Date:** We will be hosting our annual **Blood Drive** on Sunday, March 23.

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

**Wednesday, January 22 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](mailto:ronakauffman@yahoo.com), Jason at [jaynew4@gmail.com](mailto:jaynew4@gmail.com) or Jayne at [jturtle54@msn.com](mailto:jturtle54@msn.com)

~HAVE YOU READ TEMPLE'S MISSION STATEMENT?~

~DID YOU KNOW WE HAD A MISSION STATEMENT?~

**HERE IT IS FOR YOU TO READ, IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE VALUES THAT OUR HOLY CONGREGATION HOLDS IN HIGH ESTEEM.**

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.



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

## **Winter Coats & Accessories** *November 1 - February 15*

### **Suggested Items to Donate**

New, newly dry cleaned or very gently used winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, sweatshirts, warm socks (new only), hand and toe warmers, children's winter pajamas

### **Where to Donate**

Bring items to collection box in the temple lobby

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

For information contact Jason Newman at [jaynew4@gmail.com](mailto:jaynew4@gmail.com)



## ***Temple B'nai Torah Judaica Shop***

*Open every Sunday  
for your Holiday needs!*

*For more information  
and hours contact*

*Joni Christie  
at [Lollipop@optonline.net](mailto:Lollipop@optonline.net)*



## **How to Help Victims of Natural Disasters**

The following organizations provide relief services and supplies to victims of natural disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. As always, research organizations before donating. Agencies that have specifically noted on their website that they are currently providing assistance to the victims of Hurricane Helene are designated with an asterisk (\*)

\***Convoy of Hope** - "a faith-based, humanitarian organization whose driving passion to feed the world delivers hope where it's needed most." <https://convoyofhope.org/>

\***World Central Kitchen** - "provides fresh meals to those in need during crises" [www.wck.org](http://www.wck.org)

\***Heart to Heart International** - "provides health care access in medically under-resourced communities and in disaster situations." [www.hearttoheart.org](http://www.hearttoheart.org)

\***Direct Relief** - "equips doctors and nurses with lifesaving medical resources." [directrelief.org](http://directrelief.org)

\***American Red Cross** - "provides a variety of services when disasters strike" [redcross.org](http://redcross.org)

\***Americares** - delivers "medicine, medical supplies and mental health support to those impacted by poverty and disaster" [americares.org](http://americares.org)

\***CARE** - "humanitarian organization fighting global poverty and world hunger by working alongside women and girls." [care.org](http://care.org)

\***All Hands and Hearts** - addresses "the immediate and long-term needs of communities impacted by disasters" <https://give.allhandsandhearts.org/>

**The World Food Program** - uses food assistance to build a pathway to peace, stability and prosperity, for people recovering from conflict, disasters and the impact of climate change."

<https://www.wfpusa.org/programs>

### **Local agencies currently providing relief to victims of Hurricane Helene and Milton include:**

**Asheville Humane Society**

<https://www.ashevillehumane.org/>

**Mutual Aid Disaster Relief Inc.**

<https://mutualaiddisasterrelief.org/>

**United Way of North Carolina** <https://www.unitedwaync.org/>

**Florida Disaster Fund**

<https://www.volunteerflorida.org/donatefdf/>

You can access information about them on Charity Navigator <https://www.charitynavigator.org/> or on their individual websites



Would you like the opportunity  
to be involved in musical theatre,  
behind the curtain?

The TBT MainStage Players theatre group  
is looking for the following help:

Stage Crew	Art Crew
Props	Costumes (sewing machine req'd)
Make Up	General Production Assistants

Contact Lisa Shubin at  
[MainStagePlayers@TBTWantagh.org](mailto:MainStagePlayers@TBTWantagh.org)

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## Brotherhood of Temple B'nai Torah

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Happy New Year !!!

**Congregation Breakfast**  
**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:30 AM**



The Brotherhood of TBT will prepare a delicious breakfast and is open to all members of Temple B'nai Torah while Religious School is in session. Drop off the kids and enjoy breakfast with us. If the Kids don't have class, bring them to breakfast. Come enjoy good food and good company.

**\*\*\*Having a committee meeting? Come join us.**

**We will set up a private table for you. Let us do all the work. \*\*\***

**Coffee, tea, juice, eggs, fresh bread, potatoes, pancakes & dessert will be served.**  
**There is a minimal charge of \$5.00 per person.**

Reservations help us accurately order the appropriate amount of food. Email reservations to [lesrichards511@gmail.com](mailto:lesrichards511@gmail.com) by Thurs, January 2, 2025. Please indicate how many will attend.

Please bring a non-perishable food item whenever you travel to the Temple. Thank you!

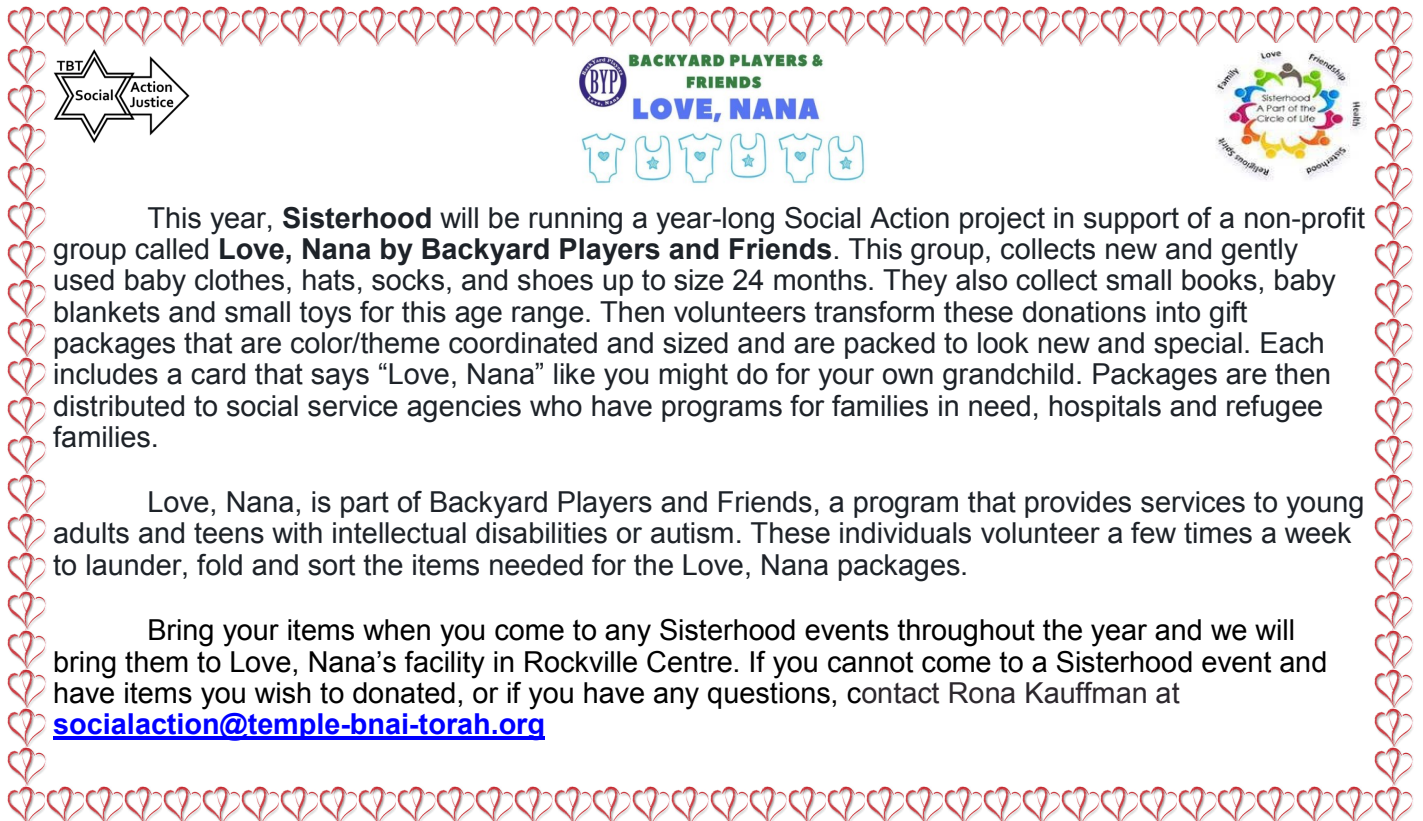
The following is a list of the children who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat/Bet Mitzvah **Jan. 25, 2025** through **March 29, 2025**. Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations and PRINT your name and SHORT sentiment as you want it to appear on the Uniongrams. Please return 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>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
Jan. 25	Sean Summers	Chad & Hope
Mar. 1	Beatrice Assa	Jacob & Shana
Mar. 15	Miranda Feder	Luke & Jamie
Mar. 22	Benjamin Fioribello Joseph Fioribello	Michael & Susan Michael & Susan
Mar. 29	Jacob Taffel	Jeremy & Carissa

\_\_\_\_\_ Uniongrams @ 1.25each \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: All Uniongrams requested must be submitted TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE, either by mail or left in the Uniongram box in the Temple office. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CASH IN MAIL BOX. We cannot be responsible for lost money.**



This year, **Sisterhood** will be running a year-long Social Action project in support of a non-profit group called **Love, Nana by Backyard Players and Friends**. This group, collects new and gently used baby clothes, hats, socks, and shoes up to size 24 months. They also collect small books, baby blankets and small toys for this age range. Then volunteers transform these donations into gift packages that are color/theme coordinated and sized and are packed to look new and special. Each includes a card that says "Love, Nana" like you might do for your own grandchild. Packages are then distributed to social service agencies who have programs for families in need, hospitals and refugee families.

Love, Nana, is part of Backyard Players and Friends, a program that provides services to young adults and teens with intellectual disabilities or autism. These individuals volunteer a few times a week to launder, fold and sort the items needed for the Love, Nana packages.

Bring your items when you come to any Sisterhood events throughout the year and we will bring them to Love, Nana's facility in Rockville Centre. If you cannot come to a Sisterhood event and have items you wish to donate, or if you have any questions, contact Rona Kauffman at [socialaction@temple-bnai-torah.org](mailto:socialaction@temple-bnai-torah.org)

# SISTERHOOD

Presents

## BEAD AWAY YOUR WINTER BLUES



By popular request, our very own Carol Meyerson will do a workshop teaching all of us how to create a unique, one-of-a-kind sun catcher! Choose your own colors, style of beads, and make a beautiful piece to display.

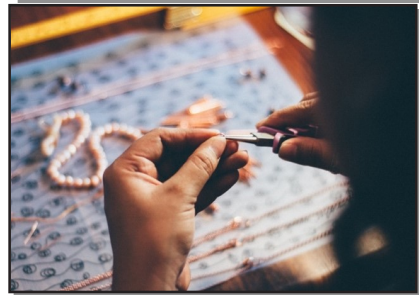
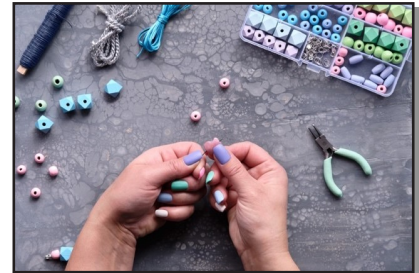
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025

Time: 7 - 9 pm

Temple Kiddush Lounge

Cost: \$8.00 for materials

Makes a great gift for yourself or a friend.  
Snacks will be provided.



RSVP please by Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Joyce - [joycerappaport13@gmail.com](mailto:joycerappaport13@gmail.com)

Ronni - [rfauci@gmail.com](mailto:rfauci@gmail.com)

Due to popular demand, we must limit the amount of people participating to 25. Attendance will be first come, first served. **NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!**

Please send your RSVP and your NON-REFUNDABLE \$8.00 check to the office ASAP. Please mark your check memo "Beading Program" so we can purchase supplies. This is a firm deadline and anyone after will be put on a waiting list.

## Earth Sustainability Tip Series: Help Our Planet Every Month!



January Tip:

Use green-certified cleaning products! Better yet, make your own from household items like baking soda and vinegar.

**DO YOU LOVE BEING A  
TBT MEMBER?**

**DO YOU WANT TO SHARE THAT  
FEELING WITH OTHERS?**

**SIGN UP TO BE A  
TBT B'NAI BUDDY!**

"How much time will this require?", you might ask...  
As much or as little as you'd like!

Call to introduce yourself to your B'nai Buddy (a new member) and then periodically remind your buddy when different events are happening at the temple that they might be interested in attending. Reach out occasionally to check in and see how your buddy's first year is going.

**CONTACT THE  
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
FOR INFO AND TO SIGN UP!**

Membership@temple-bnai-torah.org



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- ◆ Social programming
- ◆ Low annual temple dues

*Temple membership is not required to participate in our social activities*

Contact our Membership Committee,  
[membership@tbtwantagh.org](mailto:membership@tbtwantagh.org)  
for more information

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**CASH CALENDAR  
WINNERS  
NOVEMBER**

11/1	911	Tom Reilly
11/5	315	Neal Friedman
11/5	315`	Daniel Bar-Nahum
11/7	333	Caryn Bergman
11/25	510	Marla Solomon

**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 [gdrozner25@gmail.com](mailto:gdrozner25@gmail.com) or call her at 516-642-6900 to set this up. We'd appreciate 2 weeks notice.



THANK YOU IN ADVANCE



# Uniongrams



**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to privacy concerns, Uniongrams published on the Scroll, in the Voice or in the lobby flyer rack will no longer carry birth or anniversary dates. Any concerns, please reach out to Ellice at: [ellice823@yahoo.com](mailto:ellice823@yahoo.com) or 516-987-0693. Thank you as always for your continued support!

## JOIN US IN WISHING A FEBRUARY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- |                     |                    |                   |                  |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Tessa Kean          | Sharon Forman      | Andrea Parker     | Alex Friedman    |
| Sandee Horowitz     | Jennifer Yorek     | Linda Pollack     | Alan Smith       |
| Phyllis Lubell      | Elliot Baron       | Elise Rosen       | Tracey Ament     |
| Lisa Steinberg      | Anthony Russo      | Maureen Dominguez | Brandon Weinberg |
| Dan Neidle          | Michelle Goldstein | Mark Steinberg    | Rachel Falletta  |
| Evan Katz           | Rachelle Schnall   | Marc Weiser       | Bernice Albert   |
| Jeff Minkowsky      | Harvey Albert      | Steven Sirof      | Ann Dinstell     |
| Helen Schnee Giller | Joseph Rubinstein  | Joan Swartz       | Morgan Warach    |
| Seymour Klein       | Ellen LeNoble      | Howard Rothstein  | Susan Fioribello |
| Edward Taub         | Marc Weiner        | Cheryl B. Gorman  | Sharon Chernoff  |
| Jason Altman        | Neil Gross         | Marc Weisel       | Stacey Weisel    |
| Deanna Popeck       | Tyler Shatesky     | Debra Rosenfeld   | Harvey Consor    |
| Beth Levin          | Barry Friedlander  | Evren Ledbetter   | Ira Friedman     |
| Eric Hoffman        | Hope Summers       | Joshua Levin      | Brad Zomick      |
| Pamela Sabel        | Norman Ostroff     | Carly Salzman     | Laura Siegel     |
| Gregg Wallis        | Beth Cohen         | Sandra Caracciolo | Rich Tepper      |

## JOIN US IN WISHING A FEBRUARY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- |                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Yvette and Harvey Consor | Ilene and Zane Hellman        |
| Jodi and Luigi Iannucci  | Lori and Paul Waiting         |
| Amy and Marc Weiner      | Manny Kay and Leslie Ashinoff |
| Vicki and Bernie Deutsch | Lisa and Mark Steinberg       |
| Jennifer and Allan Yorek | Amy and Matt McGrath          |
| Marsha and Allan Seftel  | Melissa and Steven Epstein    |
| Deanna and Howard Popeck |                               |

To send your wishes, circle the names of those you wish to send a Uniongram. Please sign greeting as you would like it to appear. Leave list in the temple office box designated “**UNIONGRAMS**”, or mail to: Ellice Toscano @ 3655 Woodbine Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. Make check payable to: **TBT SISTERHOOD**.

**ALL LISTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 20TH, OR REQUEST CANNOT BE PROCESSED.**

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Sign as: \_\_\_\_\_

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# TZEDAKAH



## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of:

**Robert** from Joyce Zimmerman

**Beth Rifkin** from Andrea & Bill Rifkin

In appreciation of:

**Funeral for Allan Itzkowitz** the Itzkowitz Family

**Second Bat Mitzvah** from Regina White-Chereskin

**High Holy Day Aliyah** from Neil & Arlene Gross

## THE LIBRARY FUND

In memory of:

**Bertram Elgot** from Ruth Sussman

## GIFT OF LOVE

In honor of:

**Regina White-Chereskin** from Dee & David Greenberg

In memory of:

**Rich Ament** from Robert & Marilyn Wigodner

**Karen Ginger Weinstein** from Joyce & Sam Star

## ROSE MANDEL HOLOCAUST FUND:

In honor of:

**Regina White -Chereskin** from Brian & Joan Levy

**Regina White-Chereskin** from Barbara Held

**Regina White-Chereskin** from Gail Groll

## SOCIAL ACTION FUND & GARDEN FUND

In memory of:

**Robert Deutsch** from Tom & Ellice Toscano & Family

In honor of:

**Rich Epler's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday** from Heather & Lou Gottfried

## HARVEY BELLER FUND

In memory of:

**Irwin Walowitz** from Howard Walowitz

## PRAYER BOOK FUND

In memory of

**Iris Brosowsky** from Stan Brosowsky

## STEPHEN BIGMAN MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of:

**Dani Bergman Chudnow** from Caryn Bergman

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In memory of:

**Bruce Bergman** from Caryn Bergman

**Stephen Bigman** from Caryn Bergman

**Bryce Logan Bergman Chadnow** from Caryn Bergman

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In memory of:

**Hannah Feldman** from George & Harriet Bernstein

**Allan Itzkowitz** from George & Harriet Bernstein

**Robert Deutsch** from Richard & Francine Tepper

In honor of:

**Janis & Jim Beldner's grandson Sam** from Tom & Ellice Toscano

## SCHOOL ENRICHMENT FUND/ BISHOP FAMILY FUND

In honor of:

**Regina White-Chereskin** from Nadine & Ira Salzman

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In memory of:

**Frances Kimmelblatt** from Martin & Barbara Kimmelblatt

In honor of:

**Regina White-Chereskin** from Carol & Rob Meyerson, Debbie & Art Schlesinger & Joni & Steve Christie

**Rich Epler's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday** from Barbara Gouveia

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In memory of:

**Robert Deutsch** from Brian & Joan Levy

**Robert Deutsch** from Ellen & Jeff Kraut

## ONEG SHABBAT & FLOWER FUND

**Bar Mitzvah of Sean Summers** from Chad & Hope Summers

## YISKOR ELOHIM:

**Robert Deutsch**, brother of Bernard Deutsch

**Karen (Ginger) Weinstein**, mother of Todd Weinstein



Hebrew: שמחה ; Hebrew pronunciation: (simcha), Yiddish pronunciation: (simcha) is a Hebrew word that means gladness, or joy, and is often used as a given name.

Have you recently celebrated a simcha...A life event; engagement, marriage, the birth of a child or a grandchild, there are so many celebrations. Anything that has brought happiness and joy; graduation, Bet Mitzvah, the list is endless! Share your news with your Temple B'nai Torah fellow congregants. Everyone loves exciting news!

You can email the TBT voice at [jport1029@gmail.com](mailto:jport1029@gmail.com), and we will share the news!!



## SPECIAL FUNDS AND DONATIONS

The giving of Tzedakah for a birth, birthday, Bet Mitzvah, wedding, anniversary, or death is part of our heritage. Your generosity provides for Temple B'nai Torah to sustain programs for our members. An inscribed card is mailed to the person named, acknowledging your gift. We thank you for your donation.

For either the *Rabbi's Discretionary Fund* or *Cantor's Discretionary Fund* or any of the Endowment Funds, please make your check payable to the fund; for all other fund donations, please make your check payable to **TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH, 2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793-2025.**

Below is an up-to-date list of temple funds:

<i>Adult Education Fund</i> <i>/Lifelong Learning</i>	Funds used to sponsor Adult Ed. Programs
<i>Adult Library &amp; the Rabbi</i> <i>Deanna Pasternack &amp;</i> <i>Children's Library Fund</i>	Funds used for purchases for our library
<i>Beautification Fund</i>	Funds used for the upkeep of our building and grounds
<i>Bishop Family B'nai Mitzvah</i> <i>/Religious School Fund</i>	Funds used for Bet Mitzvah and school programs
<i>Blau (Matthew) Drama Fund</i>	Funds used for the Temple Show (V.P. oversees)
<i>Caring/Mitzvah Makers Fund</i>	Funds used by the mitzvah makers
<i>Chapel Fund</i>	Funds used to beautify/maintain our sanctuary
<i>College Fund</i>	Funds used for our college students to celebrate Jewish holidays via mailings and gifts
<i>Floral Fund</i>	Funds used for sanctuary flowers
<i>Friedman Stage Fund</i>	Funds used for the upkeep of the stage
<i>General Fund/Gift of Love</i>	Funds used for the running of our temple
<i>Goldblatt Fund for</i> <i>the Disabled</i>	Funds used for adaptive equipment for physically challenged
<i>Holocaust Education</i> <i>Memorial Fund</i>	Funds used to maintain our memorial and Holocaust section of the library and provide special youth scholarships
<i>Lowell Golden Center Fund</i>	Funds used for mailroom equipment
<i>Music Fund in Memory of</i> <i>Cantor Walter Lewis</i>	Funds used for special musical events
<i>Past President's Fund</i>	Funds used to purchase plaques for past presidents
<i>Prayer Book Fund</i>	Funds used to purchase new prayer books
<i>School Enrichment</i>	Funds used for Jewish education.
<i>Social Action /Social</i> <i>Rosenheck Memorial Fund</i>	Funds used to promote social action and justice
<i>Tallit Fund</i>	Funds used to clean tallit
<i>Torah Fund</i>	Funds used to pay for religious articles
<i>Tot Shabbat Fund</i>	Funds used for programs for our preschoolers
<i>Tzedakah Fund</i>	Funds used for Tzedakah.



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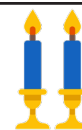
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