



# The TBT VOICE



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# **Back to Shul BBQ**

Friday, September 5, 2025

5:30-7:15 pm

On the Oakfield side lawn

**Open to current & prospective members** 

\$5 per person, 2 years old & under are free

New & Prospective Members are invited to attend as our guests

Email Nadine, <a href="mailto:membership@tbtwantagh.org">membership@tbtwantagh.org</a>, with dietary concerns and any questions

# CONCREGATION BREAKFAST & ENGAGEMENT FAIR

**Sunday, Sept 7, 2025** 

Breakfast starts at 9:30am

Engagement Fair 9:30am - 12:00pm

-JOIN US FOR A FREE BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY THE TBT ARMS -LEARN ABOUT ALL THE ARMS, COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES AT TBT

RSVP FOR THE BREAKFAST BY 9/4 AT: LESRICHARDS511@GMAIL.COM





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#### JOIN YOUR TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH ARMS TODAY!

There is something for everyone! Find membership forms, on the website, tbtwantagh.org/get-involved/ the Scroll and in the Membership Forms Mailing

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See Page 7 for more info on our Membership Engagement Fair

to be held on

Sunday, September 7th

Come and learn about our many

**Temple Arms & Committees** 

and see how you can get involved!

# TBT Presidents

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# RITUAL CALENDAR – September 2025

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

Friday, Sept 5	<b>5:30 pm</b> 5:30 pm	Back to Shul BBQ RSVP Required * TOT SHABBAT In-Person Only
	7:15 pm	Erev Family Shabbat Service
Saturday, Sept 6	10:30 am	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Heit
Friday, Sept 12	7:15 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, Sept 13	7:00 pm	Selichot Dinner RSVP Required +
	8:00 pm	Selichot Program Led by Rabbi Poticha
	9:00 pm	Havdalah & Selichot Service w/lyyun T'filah
Friday, Sept 19	7:15 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Monday, Sept 22	7:15 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
Tuesday, Sept 23	9:00 am	Rosh Hashanah Family Service
	10:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
	10:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Youth Programming K-12
Wednesday, Sept 24	10:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service
	4:30 pm	Tashlich and Shofar at Forest City Community Park
Friday, Sept 26	7:15 pm	Erev Shabbat Shuvah Service



Wednesday, Oct 1	7:00 pm	Prelude and Torah Processional
,	7:15 pm	Kol Nidre Service
Thursday, Oct 2	9:00 am	Yom Kippur Family Service
	10:30 am	Yom Kippur Morning Service
	10:30 am	Yom Kippur Youth Programming K-12
	3:30 pm	Community Yizkor
	4:30 pm	Mincha / N'eilah
Friday, Oct 3	6:30 pm	Erev Family Shabbat Service
Monday, Oct 6	6:30 pm	Erev Sukkot Service
	7:00 pm	Sukkot Dinner <sup>+</sup>
Tuesday, Oct 7	10:30 am	Sukkot Festival Service in Sukkah In-
		Person Only
	12:30 pm	Sukkot Festival Lunch + (Sukkah)
Friday, Oct 10	5:30 pm	TOT SHABBAT In Sukkah * In-Person
		Only

# **SELICHOT 9/13**

**7:00 pm Dairy Dinner** RSVP Required (No Cost for TBT Members)

**8:00 pm Program** Led by Rabbi Poticha, Analyze Art, Internalize the Message, Can art help us during the High Holy Days and beyond?

9:00 pm Havdalah and Selichot Service

+ = Watch for important information regarding Dinners & Luncheons close to their dates. # At TBT and Facebook Live.

Details for Services can be found on the Scroll and our Website.

Always check the TBT Website/Calendar prior to Services for the most up-to-date information.



# **BACK TO SHUL BBO 9/05**

Look for info in the Scroll. Flyers and FB.



### HHD PICK UP-

#### **BOOKS/TICKETS/HONEY**

Sun 9/7 9:30-11:00 am\*\* Wed 9/10 5:30-7:45 pm Mon 9/15 5:00-7:00 pm Sun 9/21 10-11:45 am (In the TBT parking lot) \*\* In the TBT lobby

# TORAH STUDY SEPTEMBER

Tue - 9/02 @ 1 pm

Sat - 9/06 @ 9:30 am

-9/13 @ 9:30 am

-9/20 @ 9:30 am

-9/27 @ 9:30 am

Mon - 9/08 @ 12 pm

-9/15 @ 12 pm

-9/29 @ 12 pm

#### **OCTOBER**

Sat - 10/04 @ 9:30 am

-10/11@9:30 am

-10/18 @ 9:30 am

- 10/25 @ 9:30 am

Mon - 10/06 @ 12 pm

-10/13 @ 12 pm

-10/20 @ 12 pm

-10/27@12 pm

All on Zoom

#### RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



Return Again

September has come and, after what I hope was an excellent summer for everyone, we are once again on the precipice of our new year. Later this month, we'll gather to celebrate Rosh HaShanah and usher in 5786! As we make our way through this last

month of the Hebrew year, the month of Elul, our tradition asks us to look back and reflect on the year that has passed. For many, it was a year marked with simchas, as babies were named, students were called to Torah, and beloveds' unions consecrated. For others, it was a year marked with sorrows, as relationships ended and loved ones were buried and mourned. For most, our year was punctuated both by moments of joy and moments of sorrow. Moments of blessing and moments of curse.

The month of Elul asks us to return to the past, not to relitigate it, but to learn from how we lived it. The month of Elul asks us to return to the previous months, not to reopen wounds, but to ask ourselves if we lived up to our highest standards, and the standards that God sets for us. It should come as no surprise to any of us to find that there were moments, probably more than we are comfortable admitting, where we missed the mark. Over this month, as we reflect on these times, we engage our souls in the work of *cheshbon hanefesh*, literally, an accounting of our souls. This is a preliminary step to the deep work of teshuvah, of repentance, to which we are called during the Ten Days of Awe, beginning on Erev Rosh HaShanah on Monday, September 22 and culminating with the last shofar blast of Yom Kippur on October 2.

This month, we have a few opportunities for this work of *cheshbon hanefesh* leading to the work of teshuvah. On the evening of Saturday, September 13 we will gather for *Selichot*, prayers of forgiveness. (See page 9.) That evening, we will learn with Rabbi Poticha about how we hold each other up through the High Holy Days. After our dinner and learning, we will gather for the Selichot service, an overture to the High Holy Days, and an opportunity to formally welcome the melodies, the words, and the meaning of the season into our souls. We will offer prayers of atonement and ask for God's forgiveness.

The Torah readings that fall in this month of Elul also offer insight into what God asks of us, and an opportunity to engage in soul work. In particular, on Shabbat on September  $20^{\text{th}}$ , we will read from a portion called Nitzavim, from near the end of the book of Deuteronomy. This section is also the reading selected

for Yom Kippur Morning in the Reform Movement (many congregations read the tale of the ancient Yom Kippur rituals). Nitzavim includes a primer for the process of repentance followed by God's highlighting the accessibility of Torah and God's messages.

In the first 10 verses of chapter 30 we read that God tells the people that in the future, they will sin and that then they will "return to the Eternal your God." (30:2) God tells the people that they and their children will heed God's commandments. God will then restore their fortunes. It's only after this vignette of return to God that we learn: "Surely, this instruction which I enjoin upon you this day is not too baffling for you, nor is it beyond reach." (30:11) God tells us that the Torah, what God asks of us, shouldn't require long journeys or sojourns to the heavens to understand. Instead, the Torah tells us it "is very close to you, in your mouth and in your heart, to do it." (30:14)

The juxtaposition of the story of return and God's revelation that Torah is not hard to find led classical commentator Rabbi Joseph Albo (Spain 15th-cen.) to conclude that Teshuvah must be very easy. Most of us know this not to be the case. Rabbi Shai Held explains the section from Nitzavim in a different way. "What is required in order for us to repent is not beyond our comprehension; although our resistance may be strong, the path is, in fact, known to us...repentance is doable. If we set our hearts to it, we can change who we are and re-engage more deeply with God. But doable and easy are decidedly not the same thing. Authentic repentance is doable, but it is far from easy." Rabbi Held's words probably resonate for most of us. We know what we have to do in this important time of year, and we know that doing it requires work, effort, and concentration.

Teshuvah is not easy, but we aren't expected to do it all at once. The gates of repentance are open now! We are called to start the accounting of our souls throughout the month of Elul and work our way through teshuvah during the High Holy Days. And when all is said and done, perhaps the world that will emerge will be one as God describes in Nitzavim, a world of togetherness, abundance, and blessing.

May it be so in 5786!

Wishing you and your family a *Shanah Tovah u'Metukah!* A sweet and joyous new year!

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

#### NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

**Cantor Rica Timman** 



As we prepare our hearts for the sacred journey of the High Holy Days, I write to you with profound gratitude and renewed spirit. This past summer, I was blessed with the opportunity to take a sabbatical in Italy—a gift made possible by your generosity, encouragement, and shared

understanding of the value of sacred rest and learning. Thank you for trusting me with this time.

My journey through Italy was both personally and spiritually enriching. While I certainly soaked in the beauty of the art, architecture, and breathtaking landscapes, I also sought to engage deeply with the Jewish story woven into Italy's past and present. That journey took me into the heart of Jewish life—both vibrant and painful—within the ancient ghettos of Rome and Venice.

Walking through the Jewish Ghetto of Venice—the world's first official ghetto, established in 1516—I felt the echoes of centuries past. The beauty of the historic synagogues, nestled above the ground-floor shops and homes, stood in poignant contrast to the restrictions, isolation, and hardship imposed on the Jewish community for generations. In Rome, the experience was similarly moving. The Jewish Ghetto there, formed under Papal decree in 1555, remains home to a proud and enduring community. Visiting the Great Synagogue of Rome, the adjacent Jewish Museum, and touring the ancient cobblestone paths of the Ghetto, I encountered not only the richness of Italian Jewish ritual and culture, but also the pain of forced marginalization, deportations, and resistance.

Confronting the complicated, often painful history of antisemitism in these places was difficult—but necessary. It reminded me that our Jewish resilience is not born from ease, but from a deep, enduring commitment to identity, faith, and community. These experiences deepened my understanding of how our tradition has survived and thrived even in the face

of prejudice, and how vital our work remains in ensuring dignity, safety, and justice for all people today.

Yet, alongside the sorrow, I also encountered beauty—traditions I had never heard before; stories of cultural preservation, and Jews in Italy today who are lovingly keeping their communities vibrant. I had the privilege of meeting with Jewish artisans in Siena, Venice, and Rome who are continuing to blend Italian Jewish traditions in their crafts. I look forward to sharing some of their stories and my experiences later this year in our Life Long Learning series.

I return home with a heart full of appreciation—for the strength of Jewish history, for the healing power of time and travel, and most of all, for this sacred community we continue to build together at TBT. I feel renewed in purpose and ready to step into this new year with you, in prayer, song, and reflection.

L'shanah tovah u'metukah—may this New Year bring sweetness, health, and deeper connection for us all.

With gratitude and harmony,

Cantor Rica Timman



Be on the lookout for your Kol Nidre mailing.

We look forward to seeing you at Temple and wish you a sweet New Year.

-The Fundraising Committee-

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS ARE COMING SOON



למר חתימה שובה!

# MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAR MITZVAH AND HIS FAMILY



September 6,, 2025 Jacob Heit Rachel & Michael

My name is Jacob Heit, and I am an 8th grader at Wantagh Middle School. I am proud to be a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, the Orchestra Club, and Early Morning Chorus. I was recently accepted to play the cello with the Long Island Youth Orchestra. I also enjoy teaching myself calculus and trigonometry, as well as playing video games with my friends. I would like to thank Morah Emily, Rabbi Bar-Nahum, and Cantor Timman for their support in helping me prepare for my Bar Mitzvah.

# Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to our 2025/5785 Confirmation Class



On June 1st, during Erev Shavuot services, TBT celebrated our Confirmation class joining Chain of Tradition. Mazel Tov to Elias Katz, Jamie Klein, Alexis Schoenfeld and Sarah Wallis. Jamie Klein was awarded the Bar David award for Outstanding Confirmand. Congratulations to all our Confirmands on reaching this important milestone!





# **TBT College Connection**

Is someone you love heading to College?

We invite you to register your college student for Temple B'nai Torah's College Connection! We will send small packages for 2-3 Jewish holidays per year plus

end of year Finals care package. All will include an appropriate prayer/message along with a small gift and/or sweet treat that corresponds to the occasion.

To participate in the 2025-26 program please complete the form and return to TBT with your check for \$42 per student by \$\text{September 10th.}\$

Find the form on the TBT Website/Scroll or reach out to llene at ilenetbt@gmail.com or call or text 917-620-7604



College Bound

#### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Welcome Back!!! I hope you had a rejuvenating summer. We've been busy planning for another wonderful year. We've cleaned and organized, prepared class lists, and revamped our curriculum. We continue to have wonderful staff members who are looking forward to getting to the task of educating our students. This year, we will be implementing Google Classroom as a way for parents and teachers to be in communication with each other. We'll be piloting it in a few grades and will eventually roll it out for the whole school. This will allow us to share important assignments, keep track of Junior Congregation assignments, and give parents a more detailed understanding of the things we are working on.

Some important dates to know:

September 5, 2025: Back To Shul BBQ. See the flyer for details.

September 7, 2025: First Day K-6. Mandatory Parent Orientation. Please plan to stay for our Congregational Breakfast and Membership Engagement Fair.

September 8 2025: First Day 7-12. Mandatory High School Orientation for Students and Parents

September 10, 2025: First Wednesday

If you haven't registered yet, there's still time! WWW.TBTWANTAGH.ORG/REGFORM

In my role as Director of Education, I am working closely with the Lifelong Learning Committee to bring you programming that meets the needs of all ages. We'll have sessions with Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman, and Rabbi Poticha about Antisemitism. We are looking to bring in speakers on Lifecycle events and are hoping to begin an Adult Confirmation Cohort. Be in touch if you want more information on how to suggest a topic or participate in our many options!

Looking forward to another successful school year! -Sheryl



Wednesday, September 24, 2025 4:30 - 5:30 pm

symbolically casting off of our sins of the previous year by tossing pieces of bread or another food into a body of water.

Forest City Park (Pond) located a stone's throw from Temple B'nai Torah

Bring your bread or another food and meet us at

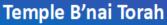
**Forest City Park** 3099 Morgan Drive, Wantagh, NY 11793

Call or email the office with any questions eschneyman@temple-bnai-torah.org

Temple B'nai Torah 2900 Jerusalem Ave, Wantagh NY 11793



# The 2025 Membership Engagement Fair—Sunday September 7th











# Want to get involved? There is something for EVERYONE here!

#### Arms of the Temple

- Brotherhood
- Chai Club
- Circle of Friends
- PTA
- Sisterhood

#### Committees to Join

- Beautification / Housing
- Communications / Publicity
- Finance
- Fundraising
- Membership
- Religious Education
- Ritual
- Social Action
- Youth Activities

#### Pursue an Interest

- Choir
- Life-Long Learning
- TBT Musical Ensemble
- Theatre

Join us in the Temple Social Hall to Find Out More Sunday, September 7 – 9:30am to 12:00pm Come enjoy a FREE breakfast at 9:30 am provided by our TBT Brotherhood, Sisterhood, PTA, Chai Club and Circle of Friends!



# **MILITARY BRIDGE**



It's not really military and it's not really bridge, and you don't have to know how to play.

Our master of ceremonies will lead us in a game of flags.

The evening begins with a delicious BUFFET CHICKEN DINNER and includes snacks, dessert, soda, coffee & Tea

Each team must have 4 people -- If you don't have a team, we will try to form one for you.

DATE - Saturday, September 20, 2025 TIME - 6:30pm—9:30pm

\$28. per person for Circle of Friends members \$33. per person for non-members

For more information regarding reservations and dinner, please see the TBT Scroll, Facebook or:

Contact: Jenn Schnitzer 516- 459-3096 Email jschnitzer2276@gmail.com

#### PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



Welcome Back to Shul! We hope you had a wonderful summer and were able to take part in some of the

exciting events here at TBT—whether it was celebrating Shabbat by the ocean at our Beach Shabbat, supporting the Brotherhood at their Vendor Fair, or cheering our TBT Softball Team on to victory!

We've spent the past two months working closely with the Board and Committee Chairs to ensure a smooth transition. While the summer may have brought a slower pace for some, the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders have been hard at work preparing for the High Holy Days.

This year, we are inviting everyone to **Find Your Why**—or as we like to say, **Find Your Lama**. Lama is the Hebrew word for "why". Finding your Lama means uncovering the deeper purpose or motivation behind your actions. In addition to finding your Lama, we encourage you to **Live Your Lama** here at TBT. There truly is something for everyone.

- Love to sing or perform? Consider joining the Mainstage Players' spring show.
- Interested in deepening your Jewish learning?
   The Clergy will be launching an Adult
   Confirmation program this fall.
- Have a green thumb? Our Giving Garden, led by the Social Action Committee, is always looking for volunteers.
- Looking to give back to the community in a fun and social way? We welcome your help at our weekly Bingo games—our Temple's biggest fundraiser—held Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings.

Whatever your passion, there is a place for you at TBT.

Leadership is never a solo act. We've asked our Board to also **Find Their** *Lama* and to join us in leading with their *Lama*. The collective strength of our individual Lamas will guide our work—helping us serve more meaningfully, grow thoughtfully, and care more deeply for our community.

Lastly, we are committed to transparency in leadership. Throughout the year, as we and the Board make decisions, we intend to clearly communicate **the "why"** behind those choices. Understanding the purpose behind our actions strengthens our trust, unity, and shared mission

We are often asked why Congregants who attend Board meetings are not permitted to speak until the Public Comment section of the meeting. It is important that the work of the Board be done in public, however, it is the work of the Board that is conducted at these meetings and it is at this time that the Board has the opportunity to ask questions and discuss in order to determine the outcome that is in the best interest of the Congregation. It is at the Committee level that Congregants have the opportunity to discuss, ask questions and have input to recommendations that are made to the Board. The dates and time for all Committee meetings are listed on the Temple Calendar, we hope to see you there.

We are deeply honored that you have entrusted us with the leadership of this sacred community. We are excited for the year ahead—and can't wait to see how each of you will Live Your *Lama*.

-Alisa and Stephanie

I would like to thank the congregation for your support during the past two years of my presidency.

I am both humbled and grateful.
- Amy Neidle



Thank you to everyone who attended the funeral service of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Martin Happes. If you contributed to a meal or paid a shiva visit or sent a condolence card or planted a tree or made a contribution to the temple beautification fund, we thank you.

- Lynn Happes and family



# High Holiday Ticket, Prayer Book & Honey Pick Up Schedule

(Note: You will receive an email if you are receiving Honey)

Friday 9/5	Honey Pick Up Only at Back to Shul BBQ 5:30pm— 7:15pm			
Sunday 9/7	9:00am—11:00am			
Wednesday 9/10	5:30pm—7:45pm			
Monday 9/15	5:00pm—7:00pm			
Sunday 9/21	Tickets & Books Only 10:00am –11:45			



Temple B'nai Torah and the TBT Junior Players are proud to invite all of our young friends ages 7-18 to join us and audition for Into the Woods Junior!

AUDITIONS!!!

Sunday, Sept 7

11:30am - 1:30pm

Monday, Sept 8

6:00pm - 9:00pm

CALL BACKS!!!

Wednesday, Sept 10

6:30pm AS CALLED

Please come prepared to sing a song from the show. Everyone gets a role!

**3 PERFORMANCES** 

Saturday, December 6 & 13

Sunday, December 7

For questions, contact our Director Alisa Baroukh or our Executive Producer Lisa Shubin.

Email: TBTJuniorplavers@tbtwantagh.org Join the Facebook Group: New TBT Jr Players



2900 Jerusalem Ave \* Wantagh NY \* 11793

Main Office: (516) 221-2370



#### **Back to Shul BBQ**

Friday, September 5, 2025 5:30-7:15 pm On the Oakfield side lawn

#### Open to current & prospective members

\$5 per person, 2 years old & under are free \*New & Prospective Members are invited to attend as our guests

Please return registration form by Friday, 8/29 so we can properly prepare

Email Nadine, membership@tbtwantagh.org, with dietary concerns

# of people attending (over the age of 2): \_\_\_\_\_

Names of all attending

I am a <u>CURRENT/ NEW\*/ PROSPECTIVE</u>\* member ( Please circle one)

Phone #

Amount enclosed \$

, for office use)

Please make checks payable to: Temple B'nai Torah (mark "BBQ" on Memo Line) Form or email reply MUST be received by 8/29 membership@tbtwantagh.org

Temple B'nai Torah...2900 Jerusalem Ave...Wantagh, NY 11793...516-221-2370



Can art help hold us during the High Holy Days and beyond? We will analyze a painting by the French artist James Jacques Tissot, considering why he depicted imagery in particular ways and how we can interpret it for our High Holy Days. Combine this with studying Biblical texts and we have the opportunity to connect it to us and our spiritual journey during the High Holy Days and beyond.

9 p.m. Services--Havdalah and Selichot

# of people at Dinner \_\_\_\_

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☆	R.S.V.P. Required for Dinner ONLY
$\stackrel{\wedge}{\omega}$	Please return the completed form by September 5.
Name_	
Phone_	
Fmail a	ddress

Questions or concerns about dietary issues? Email Nadine at membership@tbtwantagh.org.

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Temple B'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Ave., Wantagh, NY 516-221-2370

#### **BROTHERHOOD NEWS**

Did you have a nice summer? I certainly did!

Summers in retirement are similar to summers when we were going to school. (Can you remember that long ago?) Long, fun days. Fun nights. July and August last forever. Vacations! No homework!

Retirement is similar, but different from school vacation. I have new responsibilities. As President of the Brotherhood, the Summer Vendor Fair took some amount of time up to July 20th with my fellow members of the Fair Committee. Thank you to Ben and Sharon Cernese and the Vendor Fair Committee, and members of Brotherhood who helped at the Fair. Thanks also to Eileen Schneyman, our Executive Director, who arranged to provide additional security for our Vendor Fair through our affiliation with the Secure Community Network.

We held our summer BBQ with our Temple Softball Team and friends at Wantagh Park on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The food was excellent and the friendship even better! (Thanks, Anony Baroukh for organizing the BBQ and thanks to everyone who helped getting the food, cooking, and clean-up.)

Our Brotherhood belongs a group of Brotherhoods from Reform Temples in Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk called MRJ (Men of Reform Judaism). Dave Schuster represented our Brotherhood at the annual national meeting of MRJ in Detroit, Michigan. Dave brought back and shared interesting information presented at the meeting.

We held the July MRJ meeting at Temple B'nai Torah. The presenter, Ralph Pascullo, provided an engaging presentation on the events of July 31, 1997, when he and members of his NYPD Emergency Services Unit raided a Palestinian Terrorist Cell and prevented a bombing of the NY subway in Brooklyn that saved thousands of lives. Ralph is also my Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Commander, and I am proud to serve with him.

As we begin the 2025 – 2026 year, I want to congratulate our new Temple Co-Presidents Alisa Baroukh and Stephanie Giwner. Congratulations to all the new Temple Officers and Board of Trustees members and officers of our Temple ARMs including Brotherhood.

Our Welcome Back Congregation Breakfast is on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Scott Kohn for planning this! The Breakfast is free for everyone, so please join us as the breakfast coincides with the Temple Engagement Fair. We will have our first Brotherhood Dinner of the new year on September 17<sup>th</sup> at TBT.

We have many activities planned for the fall. Please join Brotherhood. You will have fun and do a Mitzvah!

Victor Wurtzel Brotherhood President







# SOFTBALL BBQ SUMMER 2025

TBT's Softball team finished the season at 14-11—their winningest season yet! Congratulations!











#### SISTERHOOD NEWS

Welcome back!! I am Joni Christie, the new President of Sisterhood. I am so happy to be returning to my sisters and starting off the year with Rosie the Riveter saying "We Can Do It!" We promise to give you a fantastic year full of programs, fundraisers, food, friendship and support when you need it.

The executive board is made up of a bunch of amazing ladies and they can do it!! Join Sisterhood today and join us at our Paid-Up Dinner on October 21st. There is no charge, and we will be featuring artwork of our members. There will also be a mini auction and you can win great prizes!

Wherever you go in the temple, you will find Sisterhood members to talk to. Our Judaica Shop is open for all your holiday needs. It features jewelry, household Judaica items and much more.

Membership forms are available in the lobby rack and on the TBT Website. A copy was also mailed out with all the Arms membership forms. We can't wait to meet you all!

Remember "WE CAN DO IT" as a team, The Sisterhood of TBT.

Love, peace and hugs, Joni Christie Sisterhood President





#### **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

As we look ahead to Rosh Hashanah 5786, we want to take a step back and thank our past Co-presidents, Esther Singer and Joni Christie, whose loving guidance led us to this season.

Circle of Friends is a group of Temple members- singles as well as couples who enjoy each other's company in social settings. We love to eat together, travel, explore, and have fun together – the way that friends should! We are so happy that Temple Sinai has joined our ever-growing community.

Our new board has hit the ground running, setting up the calendar for 2025-2026. One of our major events coming up is Military Bridge on September 20<sup>th</sup>! It's not military and it's much easier than bridge. Our Master of ceremonies will provide simple instructions at the start. A sumptuous chicken dinner is also provided before the game. See our flyer on page 7 here for reservation details.

Our other initial plans for 2025-2026 include our annual Chanukah party, Game Night, and BBQ in the Park. In the spring, we will be offering discount group tickets for our members to see **Beautiful** at the Argyle theater in Babylon. We will provide more details in next month's column.

If you haven't seen our membership flyer on the Scroll, Facebook or Website, you can receive details by emailing our Membership Vice President, Laurie Chester, Gem15428@gmail.com.

L'shanah tova! Regina White Chereskin (rtwctbt@gmail.com) & Joan Levy (sea1983jl@gmail.com) Co-presidents

#### PTA UPDATES

Welcome back to shul! We are so excited to be your PTA presidents for another year! We have a lot in store for the children of our religious school this school year! On the first day of religious school, we are excited to

provide each student with a Philly Pretzel and will be at the Engagement Fair and Congregation Welcome Back Breakfast schmoozing with all the parents!

Some of the highlights of our upcoming Fall activity schedule: providing apples & honey to all students during their religious school times (Sunday and Monday) leading up to Rosh Hashanah and our annual event, "Sleepwear in the Sukkah" for grades K-4 on October 11th where you can join us for pizza, Havdalah service and fun in the Sukkah all while wearing our PJ's. We will have a similar event for grades 5-12th in January 2026.

In the summer of 2024, the PTA funded half the classrooms (9 classrooms) with the new dry erase boards, removing the old chalk boards and supplying paint supplies to brighten up the rooms. With your continued support, we plan to have all the classrooms done as soon as the roof project is completed. PTA year is filled with exciting, fun, and enriching activities, from providing Rosh Hashanah apples and honey to the students, to our annual Chanukah Brunch and Family Bingo activities, to our fabulous spring programs and many things in between. TBT PTA supports and enriches the education of all of the Religious School students. We strongly encourage you to (re)join us officially, with a Family or Sustaining membership of just \$18. That bit of money is the key to allowing us to fund our activities and support the Religious School in many ways, including providing items and equipment not in its budget. We are excited to announce that we will be offering free PTA membership for families who are new members at TBT this year! We hope all of our new temple members take advantage of this new policy and join us for PTA meetings and events this year. On Sunday September 7, 2025 at 9 AM there will be a parent orientation in the sanctuary, followed by the Congregational Welcome Back Breakfast (free for all!) that the PTA is sponsoring along with the other fabulous arms of our temple. We hope to also see you at the Engagement Fair in the Social Hall- be sure to stop by the PTA table to hear more about the exciting plans we have for the school year. Register for membership and learn how you can get involved! Membership forms will be handed out that day and we are continuing to use a Zelle payment option this year, which is the easiest way to become a member right away! We will have a QR code available for quick access!

We hope to see you at our first PTA meeting on Sunday, September 14th at 9:15 AM in the Youth Lounge!

Looking forward to another great year!

Jessica Katz & Wendy Shatz, Co-Presidents TBT-PTA





#### **CHAICLUB**

Welcome one and all to another eventful and wonderful year at our Temple. As co-presidents of Chai Club this year, we would love to have you as a member in one of the largest and most active arms in

Temple B'nai Torah.

Our Vice President Jay Schoenberg and his committee have given much thought into selecting programs for the year. Monday, September 29 at 7pm, singer Diana Romano who appeared at the Rabbi's Gala, will be returning to do a program called "Songs You Know and Love." If you have never seen her perform, come on down and join us. You will not be disappointed! She is enjoyed by all age groups, and everyone is welcome to attend to enjoy Diana's outstanding voice.

Our Chai Club Paid Up Membership dinner will be on Monday, October 27. We are working on the details.

The programming committee is discussing other ideas for the year and if you would like to be involved, please let us know.

Your Chai Club Presidents,

Janis Beldner & Judy Kule



# TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH SISTERHOOD is now accepting orders for



### ROSH HASHANAH FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS







Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025



#### Flowers provided by PETITE FLORIST

Any questions, please call Ellie Dayton 516-785-0446.

All orders must be received no later than Friday, Septemer 12, 2025. There is a delivery charge of \$5 to: Bellmore, Merrick, Seaford and Wantagh. For deliveries to other areas, please call for pricing.

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# TBT SISTERHOOD PROGRAM BUNKO

Basket

MONDAY, September 8, 2025 from 7-9:30 PM



Like to play games??? We have the perfect night of fun for you...

Please join us for our most requested program on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 7- 9:30 PM, as we play **BUNKO**. If you have never played before – have no fear, you will be up and running in no time. All Temple members are welcome...

> No charge for Temple members Nominal \$5 charge for non-members

Please RSVP by September 1 by email, or call for further information:

**Joyce Rappaport** 516-532-8488 or joycerappaport13@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you and enjoying a fun and relaxing evening together.







# SUKKOT DINNER

Under the Stars in the TBT Sukkah

# Monday, October 6, 2025

Services will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will immediately follow (approx. 7:00 p.m.) Kosher & GF meals available, upon request

Reservations are REQUIRED. Please click this link to register/RSVP

Completed form & check, marked "Sukkot Dinner" are to be dropped off in the temple office For additional information, including dietary issues, contact Lisa Shubin, LFShubin@gmail.com

> Create Wonderful Memories with Your Family & Friends Come shake the Lulav & Etrog after services and during dinner

As always, we ask that you bring a donation of non-perishable food items whenever you attend events at Temple

# SUKKOT DINNER RESERVATION FORM Name\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ # of adults/children (13+ up) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # of children (ages 9-12) # of children (ages 5-8) @ \$10 each, for a total of \$ # of children (under 5) TOTAL GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_ Names of all attending:\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Temple B'nai Torah" & write "Sukkot Dinner" on memo line

RESPONSES ARE REQUIRED, NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, SO WE CAN ADEQUATELY PREPARE

2900 Jerusalem Ave, Wantagh, NY 11593 516-221-2370

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#### YOUTH GROUP

Shalom!

The weather may still be hot but I've got my eyes set towards Fall and a new year of Temple B'nai Torah Youth Group! I am in the process of planning meetings and offsite events. I hope that you will join us!

There are three amazing youth groups at Temple.

MNTY is for all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. We meet once a month either at Temple or at an offsite event. Our meetings include scavenger hunts, game shows, parties and sing downs. Last year our events included Q-Zar, Empire Adventure Park and bowling. We always have a great time.

BNTY JR is for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We meet one Monday night a month and are included in all offsite events. BNTY JR gets to help setup and run the Purim carnival. They have awesome meetings that are both fun and educational.

BNTY is for all high school students. BNTY meets just about every Monday. BNTY's meetings are mostly run by our board members. These meetings are always fun. Many contain important discussions. BNTY members help out at Temple events, have their own Shabbat, and develop programming skills. BNTY Board members are an amazing group that accept the responsibility of creating and running the meetings.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings. If you have any question, concerns or suggestions send me an email at <a href="mailto:mderwin@tbtwantagh.org">mderwin@tbtwantagh.org</a> or call me at 516-385-0481.

Thank you! Mark Derwin, Youth Director



Chai Club

# Chai Club Program

# Songs You Know and Love

Monday, September 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



Please join us live at the temple as we welcome back singer Diana Romano for the third time. She will sing classic songs that you know and love. If you have never seen her perform, come on down. You will not be disappointed!

Diana has also appeared at the Rabbi's Gala with her band, as well as other temple member events. She has performed all over Long Island and always gets glowing reviews.

### All Temple members are invited to this free program!

We will also celebrate September birthdays. Drinks, snacks, and desserts will be served.

Questions? Contact Jay Schoenberg at (516) 476-0989 or Email <u>jaydiane@yahoo.com</u>

Temple B'nai Torah, 2900 Jerusalem Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793



#### Social Action/Social Justice Committee

The Social Action/Social Justice Committee wishes you all a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year!

We look forward to seeing you at the Back to Shul BBQ (Sept. 5) and the Membership Engagement Fair (Sept 7)! The Membership Engagement Fair provides a great opportunity to get to know about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee and all the wonderful things we do all year in the service of Tikkun Olam. Stop by our table and say Hi, ask questions and maybe even sign up to join us! You are also welcome to come by the Garden at TBT that morning and we will provide tours for those who haven't had the opportunity to learn about our amazing space.

Thank you to all who organized, donated, and distributed school supplies this summer. These supplies go a long way to help students feel confident and prepared to take on the challenges of a new school year and allows their parents to allocate scarce resources to other needed items

This month we begin TBT's annual **High Holy Day Food Drive** (Sept. 13 - Oct. 13) on behalf of Island Harvest and Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Please pick up and fill one of the grocery bags we will provide and return it when you come to TBT for services (see flyer for details.)

Remember that after the High Holy Day drive is over, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item whenever you come to TBT. These donations help local pantries which are struggling to keep their shelves stocked given the high demand for food this Fall.

For your traditional **Tashlich** observance, (Sept. 24) consider using small pebbles, twigs or leaves instead of breadcrumbs. It is important to note that bread has been found to be harmful to ducks, geese and other waterfowl and marine life. (<a href="https://reformjudaism.org/blog/how-cast-away-your-sins-and-protect-environment">https://reformjudaism.org/blog/how-cast-away-your-sins-and-protect-environment</a> "As you participate in this ritual and begin the atonement process, think of ways you can act in the coming year to help those who are in need of food." While we may have the luxury of tossing away bread, remember that those who are food insecure do not. <a href="https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/rosh-hashanah/social-action-quide-high-holidays">https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/rosh-hashanah/social-action-quide-high-holidays</a>.

Then, on September 28, join us for TBT's 2nd annual **Reverse Tashlich Beach Clean Up.** During a regular Tashlich service we cast our sins into the water. A Reverse Tashlich asks us to *remove* our sins *from* the waterways, by clearing the area of plastics and other discarded items that are harmful to wildlife. Join us and be part of Repair the Seas' 8th annual International Jewish Waterfront Clean-up. See flier for details.

We always welcome new members! For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee or any of our projects, contact Rona Kauffman at <a href="mailto:ronakauffman@yahoo.com">ronakauffman@yahoo.com</a>, Jason Newman at <a href="mailto:jaynew4@gmail.com">jayne Krompier at jaynew4@gmail.com</a> or Jayne Krompier at <a href="mailto:jaynew4@gmail.com">jturtle54@msn.com</a>

Our next meeting will be on Sept. 10 at 7:00 p.m. (in person)

It is certainly our hope that the time will come when there are fewer people struggling with *food* insecurity.

If you, or someone you know is in need of food support, you can use Island Harvest's interactive map on their website to find a food pantry near you or text your zip code to (631) 450-3775 to get a list of nearby pantries. You can also call the SNAP Hotline at (516) 805-1642 to see if you are eligible.





# FOOD DRIVE Sept 13 - Oct 13, 2025



# FOOD PANTRIES ON LONG ISLAND NEED OUR HELP Even More this Year!

Each year we do what we can to fulfill the mitzvah of "Feeding the Hungry"

Paper bags to fill, as well as envelopes for monetary donations, will be provided during ticket/prayer book/honey pick up and at services

Bring your donations of <u>non-perishable food items</u>, including canned proteins and baby foods, anytime you come to TBT during the High Holy Days or when you drop off your High Holy Day prayer books)

Please, no glass jars.

Food items collected will be donated to **Island Harvest** 



Monetary donations can be sent to Mazon



For further information or questions, contact Jason Newman at <u>jaynew4@gmail.com</u> Or Rona Kauffman - <u>ronakauffman@yahoo.com</u>

We are also exploring more opportunities to support local pantries year round. Please let us know if your school runs a food pantry

2900 Jerusalem Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793 www.tbtwantagh.org.

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



# September Tip:

**Consider using a drying rack** whenever possible instead of throwing your clothes in the dryer. You'll save money, save energy and prolong the life of your clothes..



# Mazel Tov & Best Wishes To:

Doris Derwin on the marriage of her grandson Jacob Derwin to Beda Spindola.





# **NEEDS YOU!!**



Did you know that Bingo is our biggest fundraising effort?

The Bingo Team is looking for Volunteers for the Wednesday Afternoon and Thursday Night Games

Volunteer for an hour or two, or become a "regular."

There is a job for every level of time commitment!

For more information, reach out to Judy Kule at <a href="mailto:judykule@gmail.com">judykule@gmail.com</a> or call the TBT Office



# **Back by Popular Demand!**

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The Language of Gender- Part 2 Wednesday, Oct 22, 2025 7:00-9:00 p.m. In-person

DATE

with Juli Grey-Owens,
Executive Director, Gender Equality, NY





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#### **TBT SHOE DRIVE**

Has been extended!!!
September 15 - November15

Drop off women's men's and children's shoes at the temple. Please tell your neighbors, friends and family

From flip flops, to sandals, to shoes, to sneakers, to boots... even cleats (no skates please). We will gather, package and have them picked up. We receive money for every bag collected. Look for the collection box in the Temple lobby. If you have a pair with laces, please tie them together.

Any questions?
Please call Ellen Kraut 516
606-3677 or email at
jak3555@aol.com





Our tireless <u>AHRC Nassau</u> crew along with our garden volunteers did a wonderful job helping in our harvesting, record keeping and beautification. Another incredible milestone achieved by our dedicated community volunteers and the <u>AHRC Nassau</u>. Our exceptional AHRC crew is driving meaningful impact! They're a powerful example of uplifting growth and transformation and we appreciate them very much!



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



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

Temple membership is not required to participate in our social activities

Contact our Membership Committee, membership@tbtwantagh.org for more information

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

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





"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 occassionally 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







#### **BROTHERHOOD SUMMER VENDOR FAIR 2025**

TBT's Artisans and Collectors participate as the Vendor Fair celebrates it's 30th year!

TBT's Summer and Holiday Vendor Fairs have been seasonal favorites since 1995. Coordinated for the past 30 years by Ben and Sharon Cernese, artisans and collectors from far and wide participate and attendees leave bearing treasures you won't find at the mall or on Amazon! Many congregants have had spots at the fairs through the years. Here are the congregants who participated this summer. Mark your Calendars for the Winter Holiday Fair to be held on Sunday, November 30th. If you are interested in a spot in the fair, book before September 29th for early bird pricing. Please reach out to Vic at 516-639-9085 or brotherhood@tbtwantagh.org for more information and secure your spot today!



Thanks to **Ben & Sharon Cernese** for organizing the Vendor Fairs for the past 30 years!



When she's not creating beautiful pieces in her studio, **Ruth Lowenberg** teaches pottery at the Art League of NY.

Contact Handmade Pottery by Ruth at ruthlowenberg@gmail.com



**Brian & Joan Levy** sell beautiful and unusual coins, stamps, artwork, tickets and other collectables you'll want to add to your collections.

Contact Brian Levy bellobl@gmail.com



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# <u>Uniongrams</u>

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<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: 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: <u>ellice823@.yahoo.com</u> or 516-987-0693. Thank you as always for your continued support!

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

Bernard Deutsch Chad Summers Bevin Werner Andrea Baron Marshall Kopelman Julie Nietsch Helene Goodman Amy Kitay Rick Brandoff Paul Finkelstein Eric Altman Robert Sailor Jason Zim Harvey Feder Jaclyn Outsen Noam Bonkowski Perry Calo Jayne Krompier Bonnie Cataldo Jay Fund Steven Himelstein Lisa Levine Dava McGee Laurie Zuckerman Steven Katz Richard Swartz Alisa Baroukh Jane Oberman Michael Heit Joyce Rappaport Glenn Rosen **Edith Naps** Gwenda Berg Lori Freeman Jeff Finkel Linda Nussbaum Olivia Finkelstein Gail Levine Sandy Spielberg Shari Kantor Marty Drucker Sandy Dabrusin Riva Meyer Rachel Fullerton Leann Staines Ina Merdinger Zane Hellman Barry Block Jed Levine Neal Petrowski Rachel Minkowsky Alex Kushnir Joseph Popper Mira Kopelman Allison Friedman Amanda Mizel Judith Horowitz Roni Schneider Kathy Kliegman

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

Elina and Gregg Wallis Sharon and William Weiss Alejandra and Edward Taub Michelle and Andrew Goldstein Alyson and Noam Bonkowski Brittany and Michaerl Fama Judy and Gary Adler Sheryl and Marvin Goldstein Cindy and Bruce Fink Caryn and Stuart Suckle Randi and Alan Haber Dana and Brandon Wolk Paula and Burt Grant Jodi and Russell Luce Amie and Jeremy Gorman Sharon and Joe Schubach Jenn and David Schnitzer Stephanie and Derick Giwner Gail and Perry Calo Lisa and Jeffrey Tasch Dawn and Alan Lutz-Steiner Jessica and Neal Petrowski Karen and Phil Liebovitz Jo-Ann and Lloyd Portnoy Jill and David Grossman Michelle and Wayne Soodek Laurel and Adam Klein Judy and Les Kule Shelley and Fred Spivack Amy and Scott Eichenholz Amanda and Ronnie Bernstein Mindy and Allan Cohen Andrea and Bill Rifkin Bevin and Brian Werner Jaclyn and Shaun Weissman llene and Anthony Russo

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 SEPTEMBER 20TH, OR REQUEST CANNOT BE PROCESSED.

Number of Uniongrams @ \$1.25 each _	
Sign as:	







# **Back by Popular Demand!**

Sisterhood will continue its 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 and baby blankets for this age range (please no toys until further notice). Volunteers transform these donations into gift packages for specific sizes, which are color or theme coordinated 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 distributed to social service agencies for families in need, hospitals and immigrant families.

Love, Nana, is part of Backyard Players and Friends, which 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 donated, or if you have any questions, contact Rona Kauffman at <a href="mailto:socialaction@temple-bnai-torah.org">socialaction@temple-bnai-torah.org</a>.



#### SPECIAL FUNDS AND DONATIONS

The giving of Tzedakah for a birth, birthday, Bar/Bat 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. Some funds from all legacy congregations have been combined with Temple Board and family approval.

Adult Education Fund Funds used to sponsor Adult Ed. Programs.

Adult Library and the Rabbi Deanna Pasternack Children's Library Fund

Funds used for purchases for our library.

**Beautification Fund** Funds used for the upkeep

of the building & grounds.

Bishop Family B'nai Mitzvah/Religious School Fund

Funds used for Bar/Bat Mitzvah and school programs Funds used for the Temple Show (E. Solomon oversees)

**Blau (Matthew) Drama Fund Blumenkranz (Fred) Fund Funds used for the Temple Show (E.**Funds used for the eternal light
Funds used by the mitzvah makers.

**Chapel Fund** Funds used to beautify/maintain our sanctuary

**College Fund** Funds used for our college students to

celebrate Jewish holidays via mailings and gifts.

Floral Fund
Funds used for sanctuary flowers.
Friedman Stage Fund
Funds used for the upkeep of the stage.
Funds used for the running of our temple.

Goldblatt Fund for the Disabled

Funds used for adaptive equipment for physically

challenged

**Holocaust Education** 

*Memorial Fund* Funds used to maintain our memorial and Holocaust

section of the library and provide special youth

scholarships

**Lowell Golden Center Fund** Funds used for mailroom equipment

Music Fund in Memory of Cantor Walter Lewis

Funds used for special musical events.

**Past President's Fund** Funds used to purchase plaques for past presidents.

**Prayer Book Fund** Funds used to purchase new prayer books.

Rabbi Raab FundFunds for youth programs.School EnrichmentFunds used for Jewish education

Social Action /Social Justice Rosenheck Memorial Fund: Note specific donations to the

Garden in your memo line

Funds used to promote social action and justice

Tallit Fund Funds used to clean tallit

**Torah Fund** Funds used to pay for repair of religious articles

Tot Shabbat Fund Funds used for our tiny tots' program

**Tzedakah Fund** Funds used for Tzedukah.

Youth Activities Com. Fund
Weinstein (Bernard) Fund
Funds used for our temple youth.
Funds used for Youth/Conclave.

#### **Special Memorial Funds**

Judy Bardavid Fund (Gift is given to worthy confirmand)

Stephen Bigman Fund

Harvey Beller Fund (Administered by Brotherhood-award to student with most spirit and subsidizes students' confirmation trips to Religious Action Center div URJ)

Harvey Cohen Fund (Temple supplies at the discretion of the Cohen Family)

Steven Cohen Fund (Temple supplies at the discretion of the Cohen Family)

Doris and Ed Kliegman Adult Education Fund (Fund used for adult education programs)

Dr. Pat Kussoy Fund (Fund used for youth camps, particularly the disabled)

Rose Mandel Holocaust Fund

Rabbi Raab Fund (Fund used for summer camp scholarships)

Scherzer Fund-Youth Fund

Yucht Scholarship Fund (Funds used for a gift for a deserving confirmand)

Zelman Fund

#### Temple B'nai Torah DONATION FORM (Include with your donation.)

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The following is a list of the children who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat/Bet Mitzvah September, 2025 through December 30, 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, Temple B'nai Torah 2900 Jerusalem Ave. Wantagh, N.Y. 11793 at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

	<u>DATE</u>	CHILD'S NAME	<b>PARENTS</b>	
Sept.	6	Jacob Heit	Michael & Rachel	
Oct.	25	Nathaniel Broder	Jason & Carrie Ann	
Nov.	15	Ava Greenberg	Elliott & Marina	
Nov.	22	Arielle Minkowsky	Jeffrey & Rachel	
		Uniongrams @ 1.25each		
		PLEASE PRINT		

PLEASE NOTE: All uniongrams requested must be sumitted <u>TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE</u>, either by mail or left in the Uniongram box in the Temple office. <u>PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CASH IN THE MAILBOX</u>. We cannot be responsible for lost money.



#### TBT SISTERHOOD

Presents

# The Story of Robin Williams

As told by Sal St. George MONDAY, October 20,2025, at 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us as we learn and laugh with Sal St. George and the wonderful Robin Williams.



He started out in San Francisco as a street performer and evolved into an alien named Mork, Popeye, Peter Pan, and a mischievous Genie. His motion picture career included Good Morning Vietnam, Dead Poets Society, The Fisher King, Birdcage, Hook, Mrs. Doubtfire, and Good Will Hunting for which he won the Academy Award. This affectionate remembrance of one of our most gifted entertainers will touch your heart and tickle your funny bone. (Various clips depicting highlights of William's dynamic career included.)



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# **CASH CALENDAR WINNERS**

# **MAY**

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•	514	Emily Goldman	5/15	617	Judy Novet
5/3	625	Mindy Cohen		617	Anne & Ed Paley
•	625	Rabbi Discretionary Fund	5/16	225	Janet Walter
•		from A. Smith	5/17	22	Mark Herbert
5/7	120	Emily Finkelstein	5/25	912	Anne & Ed Paley
5/11	611	Avery Binder	5/28	468	Roz Walowitz
•		<u>JUNE</u>			<u>JULY</u>
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