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Sukkot Services

Monday, October 6, 2025

Erev Sukkot Services—6:30pm Followed by Dinner in Sukkah (advanced reservation required)

Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Festival Service in the Sukkah
10:30am



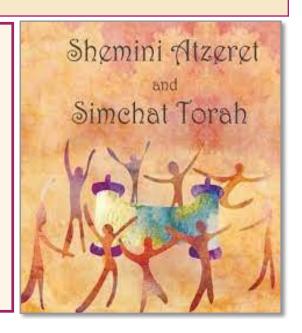
Erev Simchat Torah Service & Consecration of New Students

Monday, October 13, 2025 Yiskor - 5:45 pm

-6:30 pm

Shemini Atzret/Simchat Torah/Yiskor Service

Tuesday, October 14 - 10:30 am Followed by Lunch in the Sukkah see Website for more details



RITUAL CALENDAR – October 2025

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

	7.00	D
Wednesday, October 1	7:00 pm	Prelude and Torah Processional
	7:15 pm	Kol Nidre Service
Thursday, October 2	9:00 am	Yom Kippur Family Service
	10:30 am	Yom Kippur Morning Service
	10:30 am	Yom Kippur Youth Program/Service
	3:30 pm	Community Yizkor
	4:30 pm	Mincha/N'eilah
Friday, October 3	6:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Monday, October 6	6:30 pm	Erev Sukkot Service
	7:00 pm	Sukkot Dinner
Tuesday, October 7	10:30 am	Sukkot Festival Service in Sukkah + In-Person Only
	12:30 pm	Sukkot Festival Lunch + (Sukkah)
Friday, October 10	5:30 pm	TOT SHABBAT in Sukkah + In-Person Only
	7:15 pm	9amily Shabbat Service
Monday, October 13	5:45 pm	Yizkor Service
	6:30 pm	Erev Simchat Torah Service with Consecration of New
		Students with lyyun T'filah
Tuesday, October 14	10:30 am	Atzeret Festival Morning Service & Yizkor
	12:30 pm	Festival Luncheon in Sukkah ⁺
Friday, October 17	7:15 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Friday, October 24	7:15 pm	Erev Shabbat Service with 6th Grade Siddur Ceremony
Saturday, October 25	10:30 am	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah of Nathaniel Broder
Friday, October 31	7:15 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
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November



Friday, November 7 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat

our New TBT Members

Friday, November 14 7:15 pm Erev Shabbat Service with Circle of Friends Club/Chai

Club/Honoring our Veterans/Remembering Kristalnacht

with lyyun T'filah

Saturday, November 15 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah of Ava Greenberg

KRISTALNACHT "Night of Broken Glass" when Nazi thugs targeted Jewish cities and towns across Germany and Austria. Over 1,000 Synagogues were attacked, most beyond repair or burnt to the ground. Stores owned by Jews had their windows smashed and their goods, contrary to orders, looted. Jewish homes were burnt down, and Jewish schools, hospitals, and cemeteries were vandalized. The events are a reminder of the dangers of hate and the importance of standing against injustice.

KEY: * = On Zoom + = 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.



Jewish festival of giving thanks for the fall harvest. It is a festival with an explicit commandment to rejoice, representing a time to give thanks for the bounty of the earth during the fall harvest.

Simchat Torah

meaning "Rejoicing with the Torah," is a lively celebration. It marks the completion of the annual Torah reading cycle and the beginning of a new one. Celebrated at the conclusion of Sukkot, it is filled with dancing, singing, and a deep sense of connection to the Torah.

Honoring Our

Veterans We honor any and all U.S. veterans who served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or any other part of the U.S. Armed Forces in any capacity.

TORAH STUDY *

October

Saturdays @ 9:30 am - 10/11, 10/18, 10/25

Mondays @ 12:00 pm - 10/06, 10/20, 10/27

November

Saturdays @ 9:30 am
- 11/01, 11/08, 11/15,
11/22, 11/29

Mondays @ 12:00 pm - 11/03, 11/10, 11/17,

- 11/03, 11/10, 11/17 11/24, 11/29

* ALL on Zoom

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum



Commemorating October 7 in Important Ways

We open this month with the Sabbath of Sabbaths, as we gather for Yom Kippur. Just a few days later, we will celebrate Sukkot with its messages of gratitude and welcome, and its reminders of the role of time's passing. As

we gather for Sukkot this year we will do so on October 7, two years later, though in some ways it feels as if that day has never ended, even as time has passed. It's hard to believe that Israel has been engaged in this war for two years. It's hard to believe we've been praying for the release of our captives for two years. As I write this, I pray that by the time you read it, they will have all come home.

As we reach the anniversary on October 7, we cannot help but think about all that has happened in these last two years for Israel and Israelis, for the people of Gaza, for Jews around the world, and for us here in South Central Nassau. October 7 was a pivotal day in Jewish history, and these last two years have shown us a lot about the Jewish people, the Israeli people, and those around us. For those of us who have always kept a closer eye on Israel, much of these last two years is not surprising in form as much as it is in severity. Each skirmish with Hamas over the last 20 years has involved some amount of pushback, including protests, boycotts, and resolutions. What is so jarring is the level of the vitriol and the extreme nature of much of the conversation this time around. Unfortunately for antizionists, the extreme nature of their hate for Israel only makes Israel's necessity all the more evident to us.

This month, we have many opportunities to commemorate October 7 and reflect on its impacts two years on. To begin, our Yom Kippur Morning service on October 1 will include, as last year, prayers for the hostages (should they remain captive) and reflections about some of those lost in the conflict in the last year. We will allow our sadness and our grief to the forefront. Then, as we gather for Sukkot, we will honor the many lost on that hard day and since as we mark the anniversary. Sukkot closes with Simchat Torah, our Celebration of Torah, as we read its concluding verses and its opening

verses. We begin our cycle of reading and study again on a day that celebrates endings and beginnings. As you recall, it was on Simchat Torah that Hamas attacked in 2023.

The attacks of October 7 spawned from an ideology that seeks the elimination of Jews and Judaism. We can respond to that by continuing to live our Judaism with joy, with purpose, and with a sense of determination for a Jewish future. Simchat Torah, one of the most joyous days on our calendar, does all of that in one night. We sing and dance with the Torahs and with our community, urged along by our stellar band including talented guest musicians. We celebrate our newest learners through Consecration blessings at the Ark. We break our teeth on candy apples. This year, we will be honoring the elders of our community and the newest adults in our community with blessing our sacred story.

The Torah will be fully unrolled around the Sanctuary, enveloping us with God's word, and encircling us with commandments toward holiness, community, and life. It's an evening not to be missed! Join us on Monday, October 13 at 6:30pm for our annual celebration.

Toward the end of the month, we offer one more opportunity to honor and reflect on these last two years. Rabbi Poticha has been planning and organizing a screening of the documentary film *Torn, including a Q&A with the filmmaker, Nir Shapira. This film documents the "poster war" on the streets of Manhattan. In the immediate aftermath of October 7, posters of the hostages were hung in solidarity, and then quickly defaced with, "Zionist propaganda," among other slurs. The posters sought to remind people of the plight of innocents being held against their will. Instead, they became another flashpoint in the conflict. Co-Sponsored by many of our Arms, this film screening will allow us to deepen our understanding of the aftermath of October 7. Join us on Monday, October 27 at 7:00pm. More information can be found (on page 5 and in the weekly Scroll).*

We will look forward to seeing you at these events and more throughout the month. Please note as well that due to the holiday schedule, our Family Shabbat and Tot Shabbat will move from the first Friday and instead take place on the 10th, so we can celebrate in our beautiful Sukkah.

With blessings, Rabbi Daniel Bar-Nahum

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

NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

Cantor Rica Timman



Notes from the Cantor

This October, as we journey from Yom Kippur through Simchat Torah, music becomes our spiritual companion,, guiding us through deep introspection, heartfelt prayer, and ultimately, joyful celebration. From the solemn strains of *Kol Nidre* to

the exuberant dancing, instruments, and music of *Simchat Torah*, we travel together not only through sacred time but also through a rich tapestry of musical emotion and expression.

Kol Nidre opens Yom Kippur with a haunting and ancient melody that resonates across generations. Its Aramaic text is a legal formula, but the music elevates it to a moment of deep spiritual reckoning. The plaintive, almost mournful tune heard first on the cello and then on the viola and voice, reflects the gravity of standing before the Divine, seeking forgiveness. It is a melody that bypasses logic and speaks directly to the soul. For many, hearing Kol Nidre is the moment they truly enter Yom Kippur. It is one of the most humbling and sacred moments of the year as we feel the shared emotional vulnerability together in our Sanctuary.

Throughout Yom Kippur, the music continues to mirror our inner landscape. The melodies are more restrained, the tempo slower, the keys often minor. These choices help create a space for reflection and repentance. But even amidst the solemnity, there are moments of uplift — the communal strength in singing *Avinu Malkeinu*, the gentle yearning of *Brosh Hashana*, and the growing intensity as we reach *Ne'ilah*, the closing service.

Ne'ilah is musically unique. As the gates metaphorically begin to close, the key often shifts from minor to major, symbolizing

hope and divine compassion. The final *Avinu Malkeinu* is no longer a whisper but a passionate cry, and when we chant the *Shema*, declare *Adonai Hu HaElohim* seven times together, and hear the long last shofar blast, our music and voices build to a spiritual crescendo that can leave the Sanctuary vibrating with emotion.

Then, almost before we've had a chance to fully digest the experience, we are commanded to *rejoice*. Sukkot arrives just five days later. The transition is swift — from fasting to feasting, from confession to celebration. And with it, the music changes entirely.

Sukkot is marked by melodies that are lighter, rhythmic, and communal. We sing *Hallel* with joy. In the Sukkah, the songs are full of gratitude for the harvest and for the blessings of life. The mood is one of inclusion and hospitality — and the music reflects that warmth.

Finally, we arrive at Simchat Torah, a day of unbounded joy. Here, music is not only heard but felt in our very bodies as we dance with the Torah. There are instruments, dancing, singing, and a celebration that lifts us, quite literally, off our feet. It is music as liberation, as pure *simchah* (joy).

Through this arc — from Kol Nidre to Simchat Torah— music carries us. It opens our hearts when words fall short, and it unites us across generations and traditions. May the music of this season continue to uplift, inspire, and connect us to each other and to the sacred.

L'shanah tovah tikatevu v'tichatemu, may you be inscribed and sealed for a good year!

Cantor Rica Timman



The **Shabbatones** joined Cantor Timman and Sean Cotty for a joyful Family Erev Shabbat Service on Friday, September 5th. From front left: Emily Altman, Jeff Minkowsky, Sue Weber, Cantor Timman, Dan Rosner and Sean Cotty

MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAR MITZVAH AND HIS FAMILY



October 25, 2025

Nathaniel Broder

Carrie Ann & Jason

My name is Nathaniel Broder and I am an 8th grader at Berner Middle School. I am a member of the cross country and wrestling teams, and I play travel baseball. I love to play wiffle ball with my friends, watch all sports, try new foods, and travel all over the world with my family. Thank you to my parents, my brother Ethan, and my family, who have always loved and supported me. A special thank you to Rabbi Bar-Nahum, Cantor Timman, Morah Emily, and all my teachers for helping me prepare for my Bar Mitzvah.



Antisemitism: Past and Present

Lifelong Learning has two special programs planned for this coming year connecting to our focus:

In Commemoration of October 7th

Monday, October 27th, 7:00 pm

Screening of the film "Torn" with the producer.

An expose about post October 7 and tearing
down of hostage posters in New York City



Please contact us with any questions: lifelonglearning@ tbt.org In commemoration of International Holocaust Memorial Day
Monday, January 26th (details TBD)



Earth Sustainability Tip Series: Help Our Planet Every Month!



October Tip:

Opt for reusable cotton pads. Most makeup remover wipes are made from synthetic materials and harmful microplastics that are detrimental to marine life when they are broken down (and your skin for that matter).

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

One Month Done!

We had a wildly successful opening session and our Religious School is busting at the seams. Our hallways are bustling with happy students, our parents are milling about, making friends and learning about our school. We welcomed in many new students and we'll be honoring them at Consecration on Simchat Torah. We've learned about the High Holy Days and got to enjoy Apples and Honey, sponsored by our PTA.

We're excited for October for the reminder of the Holy Days, where the students will have class in our Sukkah on the lawn, and will dance around the sanctuary carrying Torahs and reading from the holy scrolls.

I hope you have a wonderful New Year, filled with happiness, health, and prosperity.

~Sheryl



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Shanah Tova!

As we enter 5786, we wish each of you a sweet and healthy new year.

This season invites us to reflect on what truly matters, including our community. At Temple B'nai Torah, we believe that one of the most powerful ways to nurture those connections is through in-person interaction.

Over the past five years, we've all become more comfortable with virtual gatherings. Technology has helped us stay connected when we needed it most. We are thankful for the technology that kept our community thriving during one of the scariest times in recent history. But as we returned to our sanctuary, classrooms, and social spaces, we were reminded of the unique magic that happens when we are physically together.

There is something deeply meaningful about being present: sharing a prayer, a song, a conversation, or even a quiet moment with someone sitting beside you. These experiences build bonds that can't be replicated on a screen, or from behind a screen. They remind us that we are part of something larger than ourselves: a living, breathing, caring community. The spirit

of Judaism is built on this premise. For instance, Tshuva (atonement) through a graphic posted on FaceBook simply cannot truly capture the meaning behind those days between Rosh Hoshanah and Yom Kippur. Doing so undermines the very nature of any posted apology. True atonement requires face to face presence, together in conversation, prayer, or even a hug, Community is built through togetherness and that is sacred.

With that in mind, we encourage you to show up. Come to services. Join a committee. Attend a class.

Volunteer. Celebrate holidays and milestones with us. Your presence matters, not just for your own spiritual growth, but for the strength and vitality of our entire congregation. When we gather in person, we create a space for joy, healing, learning, and belonging. We support one another through life's ups and downs.

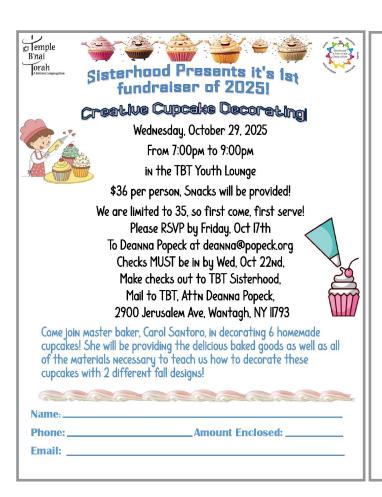
We pass on our traditions to the next generation. And we affirm that Judaism is not just something we practice, rather it's something we live, together.

-Alisa and Stephanie

Yom Kippur is the one day of the year you don't have to lie to your calorie tracking app.













The Temple B'nai Torah PTA Presents:

Sleepwear in the Sukkah!

Saturday, October 11th 2025 4:45 p.m. in the Sukkah

R.S.V.P. by October 4th

Our children will meet in the Sukkah* to hear a story, make a holiday craft, enjoy some delicious pizza, and participate in a Havdalah service. Everyone is welcome to don their favorite pajamas (if they wish).

*In case of inclement weather, the activities will be moved inside.

Open to TBT religious school students grades K-4 and their siblings \$5 per child for current PTA members, \$8 for non-members

Each child/sibling group must be accompanied by 1 parent. No drop-offs.

Advance registration necessary. Please complete the Google Form: https://tinyurl.com/TBTPTA-SLEEPWEARINSUKKAH

Checks and cash will be accepted at the door.

(Check made payable to TBT PTA)

Or Zelle to pta@temple-bnai-torah.org
(put event name in notes)

Questions? Email Morgan Kushnir (mommk22@gmail.com)
Questions about membership? Email Robin Freed (Robin.stolar@gmail.com)

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Selichot Dinner, Program & Service

Selichot is traditionally observed on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah and serves as an opportunity to reflect on the changes we wish to make in ourselves prior to the High Holy Days. TBT's program on September 13th started with a dairy dinner, followed by a program called "Analyze Art, Internalize the Message" and culminated with Selichot prayers, calling for forgiveness. A meaningful night to all who attended.





BROTHERHOOD NEWS

As we begin the new year of 5786, it is depressing to read the daily reports from Secure Community Network (The organization monitoring and protecting against threats to Jewish and other religious institutions and individuals). I reminisce about the heady days in the summer of 1968. We believed we could wipe out hate and injustice by simply spreading the word of embracing love and understanding across the world.

The Rascals sang, "People Got to Be Free."

You should see What a lovely, lovely world this 'd be Everyone learned to live together, ah hah Seems to me Such an easy, easy thing it should be Why can't you and me learn to love one another?

I wish we could get a little bit of the spirit of love from the 1960's back in our current world. When we do something good, however small, I believe that it brings us closer to God. One person at a time. I want to thank everyone who did something good in kicking off our new year in Brotherhood:

Thanks to Ed Paley for organizing our Day of Service at Ronald McDonald House on August 24th. Ed, Mark Chasen, Eric Altman, David Kaminsky, and I worked with other volunteers to prepare breakfast for the staff and families. After, we toured the House.

Thanks to David Kaminsky, Alex Kushnir (who cooked every burger), Ira Salzman, Barry Block, Scott Kohn, Anony Baroukh and other members of Brotherhood, Sisterhood, our ARMs, and Temple members for helping at the Welcome Back to ShulBBQ on September 5 th, under the direction of Nadine Salzman.

We had a hugely successful Congregation Breakfast this year on September 7th! Thanks to Scott Kohn (event organizer) and David Kaminsky (our Chef) and our kitchen staff of Mickey Horwitz, Mark Chasen, Eric Altman, Rob Meyerson, Cory Azriliant, Les Richards and many others. Anony Baroukh managed the successful 50/50 raffle during breakfast.

Thanks to Evan Katz, Mark Plavin, and other Brotherhood members who helped at the Temple's annual member engagement fair during and after our breakfast, under the direction of Jeff Minkowsky.

Thanks to David Kaminsky for managing the food for our first Brotherhood dinner on September 17, with a presentation on Jewish Heroes.

You guys are a great team and keep our organization together and effective!

Victor Wurtzel Brotherhood President





Left: Brotherhood members at the Ronald McDonald House on August 24th, where we worked with other volunteers to prepare breakfast for the staff and families.

Right: Brotherhood member Richard Tepper presented his award winning bloom at the Dahlia Show at the Planting Fields Abortorium on August 31st. Congratulations Rich!





SISTERHOOD NEWS

The leaves are falling, and the air is getting cooler, and Sisterhood is preparing for a season full of friendship, exciting events, fun, creating and learning.

Sisterhood is a group who devotes time to the temple; promotes causes to help others, provides money to help the temple grow and a loving group growing in friendship and support.

October 20 is our Robin Williams program. We will learn about his career and his life. October 21 is our free paid-up dinner with a cocktail party first. We are so lucky to have our talented Sisterhood members showing off their creative abilities with crafts in all forms. There will also be a small auction to win some great prizes.

Our month concludes with a fundraiser. We will have cupcake decorating from 6:30-10:00. Please sign up early, as there is a limited number allowed in this event.

Welcome the harvest with a great month of events. Please join us and become a member so you can party with us at our dinner.

Thank you to the board for all the support and time they give. Can't wait to see you and meet our new members.

Have a great month and appreciate this beautiful season filled with fruits and vegetables.

Love, peace and hugs, Joni Christie, Sisterhood President





CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Editor's Note: At the time of this writing, we are sad to report the passing of Regina White-Chereskin's brother. Stephen Mandel:

Thank you everyone who set up the Breakfast and Temple Membership Engagement Fair, Sunday, Sept 7th. We all felt a special sense of cooperation that morning. We appreciate all who stopped by at our Circle of Friends table to say hello. Thanks also to our Board members who volunteered their time that morning, Laurie Chester, Esther Singer, Fran Woods, and Ann Dinstell.

On Saturday night, September 20th, we hosted our annual Military Bridge Game. We enjoyed a sumptuous chicken dinner (from Zorns) before our Master of Ceremonies, Arthur Schlesinger, led us in an enjoyable fun evening playing the game. Special thanks to Vice President, Jenn Schnitzer and her committee (Artie and Debbie Schlesinger and Fred & Dinstell) who coordinated the dinner and desserts

Now that the fall season has approached, we have planned a beautiful luncheon on October 26th at the historic Milleridge Inn. After lunch, we will explore the quaint village shoppes, fall events and tasty desserts. We have negotiated a wonderful luncheon price - \$30 for Members; \$35 -non-Members; and \$15 for children under 12. See flyer on page 15 for more information.

Our other plans for 2025-2026 include our annual Chanukah party, (Save the Date: 2PM, Sunday, December 21, 2025, Game night, and BBQ in the Park. In the spring, we will be offering more discount group tickets for our members to see Beautiful at the Argyle theater in Babylon. All Circle of Friends Members can now reserve their tickets after October1 by sending us a \$10 (refundable) check. Full price Orchestra tickets are \$95. Our price is \$76, a discount of \$19. Don't forget our membership flyer on the Scroll, Facebook or Website, or US Mail: you can also 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

Hello PTA Families! We hope you are enjoying the fall season so far and had a nice Rosh Hashanah with your families. As always, we have lots going on with the PTA. We began our time at religious school in

September with warm "welcome back" pretzels on the first day to all students and ended the month distributing apples & honey to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. We hope you stopped by the Engagement Fair on the first day of religious school to see what our wonderful Temple has to offer, but especially to our PTA table where you filled out your 2025-2026 membership form or scanned the QR code on our poster! If you have not yet joined, don't worry-there's plenty of time to join! Check out the TBT PTA Facebook page, the Scroll and other social media platforms for the flyer and/or google form to join, but just in case, here's the link: https://forms.gle/UZTtn23X27R4d7dVA

We are happy to announce that the PTA was once again able to sponsor the Staff Development teacher dinner prior to the start of religious school to show our appreciation to our teaching staff as they embark on the new year!

Our next meeting is on October 5th at 9:15 am in the Youth Lounge (basement level of the school wing). Come and hear about the wonderful events we will be offering to our religious school students and all the ways you can get involved! Our annual Sleepwear in the Sukkah is quickly approaching on Saturday, October 11th at 4:45 PM under the sukkah on the Oakfield lawn (weather permitting) for children in Grades K-4. Siblings are allowed but this is not a drop off event. Check the TBT website for flyer and google form. We will be having an exciting event for children in Grades 5-12 in January. Thank you for making these things possible with your continued support as a valued member of the PTA.

We will continue to keep in touch about our fun and delicious fundraisers and upcoming events, but in a pinch, reach out to any of our board members:

Jessica Katz & Wendy Shatz - Co-Presidents Morgan Kushnir & Robin Golub- Co-Vice Presidents Heather Lorenz-Treasurer Robin Freed - Membership Amanda Bernstein-Fundraising Shari Kantor-Secretary

Hope you have an easy fast! L'shana Tovah!

Wendy Shatz & Jessica Katz TBT PTA Co-Presidents





CHAI CLUB

To semi quote the Union of Reform Judaism, "Our 5786 mission: reflect, repent, renew and reimagine ourselves to change, this Jewish New Year."

Chai Club members form a community - one that seeks knowledge, connections as well as entertainment from our scheduled programs. The friendships between our members form a lasting commitment to our Temple as well as to each other and to Israel. Thank you to Diane for such a wonderful Trivia Night. We were excited to see so many new faces among the large turnout. Please join us on Monday, October 27 for the documentary film TORN at our Temple. We were all emotionally affected by the October 7 horror of two years ago and this documentary promises to explore what occurred afterward around the world. A question -and-answer period will follow the film. Please look for the flyer for more details.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy Shana Tova and an easy fast for those who are able.

And, as always, we send prayers for Shalom, Peace, Janis and Judy



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 - ronakauffman@yahoo.com

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.



High Holy Day Book Return Schedule

If you Borrowed a Prayer Book please be sure to returnat one of the following drop offtimes

Monday, October 6th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 8th from 4:00pm to 6:15pm

Sunday, October 19th from 9:00am to 11:00am

Please note the above dates have been corrected.

We apologize for the error.







Social Action/Social Justice Committee

Thank you to those who represented the Social Action/Social Justice Committee at the **Membership Engagement Fair** last month and to all who stopped by our table to learn more about us and the work we do!

Thank you also to those who organized and participated in last month's **Reverse Tashlich**. We pulled many of our "sins" from the bay side of Jones Beach and made the waterway safer for the birds and marine life living there.

Our **High Holy Day Food Drive** continues through October 13. To add to the relevance of the Yom Kippur fast, consider donating the amount of food you might have consumed that day or the amount of money you would have spent to feed yourself and your family during the day. Thank you once again to Elijah Baroukh for his most inspiring words during our Rosh Hashanah services.

This month we are pleased to be able to present, along with our co-sponsors, PTA, the Language of Gender Part 2 Back in June, Juli Grey-Owens, The Executive Director of Gender Equality, NY came to TBT and helped provide a deeper understanding of the transgender and gender-expansive community. Juli's presentation was filled with facts, research findings and personal experiences. Juli welcomes all questions and open discussion. On Oct. 22 she will be back with us to continue and expand on that first presentation. Please join us! You do not need to have been to part 1 to attend part 2. Adult congregants, friends and relatives are all welcome. Please rsvp to socialaction@temple-bnai-torah.com so we can plan properly. Light refreshments will be provided.

Next month is Election Day. **Local Elections are extremely important.** Their outcomes effect us in very direct ways. Zoning laws, policing policies, water safety, property taxes are all local decisions. These decisions are often made with little public oversight, largely because of low voter turnout. Learn about your local candidates and issues and vote in the upcoming election.

Important information, dates and deadlines regarding the upcoming General Election:

Check that your registration is active/accurate: https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/

Request and Absentee Ballot if you need one: https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/567/Absentee-Ballot-Application (application must be received by Oct. 25 but better to send it earlier).

There is also an option of an Early Mail Ballot. To request one and to learn about Accessible Ballots for those with print disabilities such as low vision, dyslexia, dysgraphia, physical disabilities, etc.: https://elections.ny.gov/request-ballot

Early Voting (In-person) will be Oct. 25 - Nov. 2. For times/locations:

https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/49987/Nassau-Early-Voting-Flyer-General-Election-2025-v3

We always welcome new members! For information about the Social Action/Social Justice Committee or any of our projects, contact Rona Kauffman at ronakauffman@yahoo.com, Jason Newman at jaynew4@gmail.com or Jayne Krompier at iturtle54@msn.com

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. (ZOOM)



Tot Shabbat in the TBT Garden September 2025

Photo Credit: Sheryl Gordon

YOUTH GROUP

Greetings From BNTY, BNTY JR and MNTY!

It's finally here! A new season of Temple B'nai Torah's youth groups! I am so happy to get out of the house and see all of the wonderful smiling faces! I hope you are as excited as I am! I have updated my contacts so everyone should be getting monthly youth group emails. If you are not, please contact me at MDerwin@TBTWantagh.org.

BNTY's opening meeting had almost 20 members attend! Rose and Jamie ran a fantastic event. Everyone was so happy to see their friends. I know that our numbers are only going to grow. If you are in 9th-12th grade, come check us out. You will be glad you did. BNTY meets just about every Monday that is not a holiday.

BNTY JR, for 7th & 8th graders, started with a bang! This is an amazing group of young people that bring so much energy to meetings. This group meets about once a month. I hope you can all attend.

MNTY, for 5th & 6th graders, has an amazing event at Activate. This interactive game room has so many fun activities. I hope you can all attend. I am always looking for fun offsite ideas. I am already planning an ice skating event. Please let me know if you have an ideas! Meeting dates and information can always be found on the Temple website and the Youth Group bulletin board outside of the art room. Also, please follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/702751280360141

Sincerely, Mark Derwin

BNTY kicked off the 2025-2026 TBT Youth Season on Monday, September 9th with a rousing game of BNTY Trivial Pursuit led by President Rose Fioribello and VP of Programing Jamie Klein. Come on down to the Youth Lounge on Monday nights to join the fun!



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Join us and become a member of the I found a Quilted Heart Community, as we all make a quilted heart to leave anonymously for someone to find. In doing so, we can brighten up the finder's day and hope that they pay it forward.

Our own Carol Meyerson will be teaching us how to construct the hearts and fill out the tags. We will provide the fabric and stuffing, all you need to bring is a needle and thread, as well as any adornments you wish to put on the heart.

The program is free and open to all of our congregation.

Monday, November 3rd from 7-9pm. Please RSVP by October 27th to: Joyce Rappaport

- joycerappaport13@gmail.com







Antisemitism: Past and Present

During these sessions, Rabbi Bar Nahum will lead us in taking a closer look at the history of antisemitism and seek to pay special attention to how it manifests in the world today. We will study primary sources to understand the origins of "the world's longest hatred" and learn how it has evolved into its modern form. We cannot confront it if we don't know what it is.

Rabbi Poticha will offer sessions about modern manifestations of antisemitism and attempts to combat it



Classes with Rabbi Bar Nahum November 2

November 9 November 16 November 23

Please contact us with any questions: lifelonglearning@ tbt.org



Back to Shul BBQ — September 5th

The 2025-2026 TBT Year kicked off with our annual Back to Shul BBQ! A wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones! Thanks to Nadine Salzman, Lisa Shubin and the Membership Committee for this warm and welcoming event.



































Engagement Fair & **Congregation Breakfast** September 7th

What new Committee will you try this year? Thanks to Jeff Minkowsky for organizing the fair and all the Arms for the delicious breakfast.





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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



Juli Grey-Owens Executive Director. Gender Equality, NY

The Language of **Gender-Part 2**

Continue our learning about, and understanding of, the transgender and gender expansive community. Learn about the issues they face and how to create more caring and welcoming communities.



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IIII October 22, 2025



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	606	Jaime Binder
8/28	431	Tara & Mike Siudy
8/31	308	Derek Mainhart



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."

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TBT SHOE DRIVE

Has been extended!!! September 15 - November 15

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. Please tie the laces together if there are.

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





Chai Club Trivia Night — August 25th

Chai Club members had the opportunity to show off their knowledge on a wide variety of topics. Thanks to Diane Schoenberg for leading this fun filled night of competition! Ken Jennings better watch out!







Sisterhood Bunko — September 8th

The dice were flying as was Bucky the Mini Bunko Beaver! Thanks to Joyce Rappaport for organizing and Ellen Kraut for orchestrating this fun, fast paced evening!



First Day of School—September 7th A capacity crowd filled the Sanctuary! Can you spot the doppelgangers?









Uniongrams

Sisterhood of Single of Life

<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!

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

Membership@temple-bnai-torah.org













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 socialaction@temple-bnai-torah.org.



The following is a list of the children who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat/Bet Mitzvah October 1, 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, NY 11793 at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

	<u>DATE</u>	CHILD'S NAME	<u>PARENTS</u>
Oct.	25	Nathaniel Broder	Jason & Carrie Ann
Nov.	15	Ava Greenberg	Elliott & Marina
Nov.	22	Arielle Minkowsky	Jeffrey & Rachel
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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.

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October, 2025

October	3	6:16 pm
October	10	6:05 pm
October	17	5:54 pm
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You are cordially invited to dine with your fellow members at the

ANNUAL CHAI CLUB MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Elisa's Ristorante

2754 N. Jerusalem Road, Bellmore, NY 11710

Sunday, November 2, 2025 - 12:30 - 4:00 P.M.

(Please use the parking lot entrance)

Your lunch will include: Choice of Salad: Garden or Caesar Choice of Pasta. Choice of Entrées Served with Asparagus & Red Bliss Potato Coffee, Tea, Occasion Cake & Unlimited Soda, Included Cash Bar Entertainment after Lunch

The cost is \$41 for Chai Club members, \$50 for non-members.

********* Make checks payable to TBT Chai Club. Mail your check and the form below to be received in the temple by Friday, October 21st or place it in the Chai Club mailbox in the office.

Call Sharon, 516-322-8126, or email Ben, bencernese@gmail.com, with any questions.

(Please add \$18 to your remittance if you haven't paid your 2025-2026 Chai Club dues)

I (WE) will attend the Chai Club Luncheon on Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 12:30pm

NAME(s)	
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Please sit me (us) with*:	*(we will do our best with the seating requests)
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