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November marked the occasion of our daughter, Adina’s bat mitzvah. It is hard to put into words the vast range of emotions that accompany such a simcha. Who among our loved ones lived to experience this sacred moment? Who did not? After so many chapters and stages of growth, what gifts is our child bringing into the world? In what significant ways does she still need to grow? What kind of world awaits her? How much have things changed since Meir and I were called to Temple Beth-El so many years ago? As with any major life cycle event, our hearts are filled both with poignant questions and with profound joy.

I now consider, not only as a rabbi but also as a mother, the blessing that—in the traditionally observant world—a father offers his son on the morning of his bar mitzvah: Baruch sheptarani me’onsho shel zeh. Literally, “Blessed is the one who frees me from the penalties due to this one.” In other words, from this moment forward, the responsibilities and consequences of my child’s actions/choices, are his own—no longer “on me.” A radical statement, perhaps even harsh, and certainly out of sync with our modern day reality, in which we manage, fund, weigh in on and control our children’s lives long after their bar or bat mitzvah has passed. Still, I am fascinated by how our tradition consistently and eternally nudges us towards individual accountability and self-determination. Our mystics teach that, at the beginning of time, God’s first act of creation was tzimtzum, self-contraction. In other words, God had to become smaller in order to make space for us, for creation, for that which is not God to blossom and flourish into its full self. The “set up” in the Garden follows the same pattern. After all, God would only put the Tree of Knowledge smack dab in the center of the Garden of Eden if God’s intent was for humanity to see it, be tempted, eat of its fruit and then to find ourselves ejected into the moral freedom and self-sufficiency of life outside the Garden. Allowing such freedom must not have been easy for God, but it was and is—I believe—a profound gift of love.

Whether or not we agree with or have even heard the traditional blessing Baruch sheptarani me’onsho at a bar mitzvah, its emphasis on personal accountability is powerful in light of our modern-day culture of victimization. In the model expressed by this blessing, we are to challenge our children to take responsibility for their own decisions, whatever the circumstances in which they find themselves, and also to give them enough freedom to fail. Never an easy thing! This, of course, is not only about child-rearing, it’s about how we walk in the world, who we are as friends, life partners, co-workers, citizens… and Jews. As a rabbi, it is my highest aspiration that each of us at Temple Beth-El knows that we have the sacred opportunity to claim responsibility for our own spiritual journey—whether through cooking a meal for working poor families here in Great Neck through the Great-Full project, learning from fellow congregants at our Master Class Series program, chanting Torah, bringing supplies to New York City’s homeless on a Midnight Run, showing up for morning minyan on Tuesdays and Thursdays to say kaddish for a loved one, joining Brotherhood, Sisterhood or a Small Group… Whatever inspires us, may 5778 be a year of responding to that call!

And thank you for joining us for Adina’s bat mitzvah on Saturday, November 11th. We are honored and humbled by all your love!

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1 God was in this Place and I Did Not Know, by Lawrence Kushner
During these winter months, I find myself feeling grateful for a roof over my head and a warm place to live. As the weather gets colder, and the days get shorter, I feel blessed to have enough: enough food to be full, enough clothing to be warm, and enough money to pay for heat. While these should not be luxuries, with so many in need, they truly are.

This January, we’ll read from Parashat Beshalach, which contains Shirat HaYam, the Song of the Sea. In this famous passage from the Torah, we look on as Moses leads the Israelites through the sea, from slavery to redemption. As they walk through the water, the sea splits and becomes dry land! It’s miraculous. It’s also a very long walk, and the Israelites get hungry on their journey.

We learn in Midrash Rabbah that the Israelites were able to eat, even as they walked through the walls of water. Rabbi Nehorai said in a discourse: The daughters of Israel passed through the sea holding their children with their hand; and when these cried, they would stretch out their hands and pluck an apple or a pomegranate from the sea and give it to them, for it says, “And God led them through the depths, as through a wilderness” (Psalm 26:9). Just as they lacked nothing in the wilderness, so also in the depths they lacked nothing. This is what Moses said to them: “these 40 years the Lord your God has been with you; and you have lacked nothing” (Deut 2:7). They were never in need of anything; they had only to mention a thing and it was immediately created for them. Rabbi Simeon said, “They did not find it even necessary to utter a word; they had only to think of anything, and it was immediately fulfilled, as it says, ‘And they tried God in their heart by asking for food for their craving’ (Psalm 78:18).”

Wow. Can you imagine just thinking about being hungry, and then receiving just the right amount of food to fill you up? Generosity was so great that the mothers were able to reach their hands into the walls of water, reach between the reeds, and pull forth sweet fruits for their children to snack on. The Israelites did not even have to ask out loud to have their needs met: they simply thought about something, and their craving was fulfilled.

Today, we don’t experience miracles this way. Instead, we have an obligation to make sure that all those who are hungry have enough to eat. Today, we are the ones who work hard so that people have enough; we need to share our bounty.

Please help support the work of our TBE Brotherhood, who have committed to keep the food pantry at St. Al’s stocked all year round. Please help support the work of our youth group, JTC, whose work with Midnight Run brings food and warm clothing to people who are homeless in NYC. Please help support our Great-Full projects throughout the year, working to feed the local hungry. And please, share your bounty. We know that hunger is a pervasive problem, and that people right here in Great Neck don’t have enough to eat. Let us be inspired by the miracles in the Sea of Reeds and work hard to make sure that, just as we have enough to eat, so too will everyone.
It was the spring of 2011, and I was a few months from completing my first year of cantorial studies in Jerusalem. As I was looking for an empty area in which to practice, I came into a room where my friend Benjamin, a rabbinical-student at the time (and now a rabbi at the Leo Baeck Temple in Los Angeles) was staring at a computer with tears in his eyes. He invited me to sit next to him and share in his emotions. He was watching the “I Have a Dream” speech delivered by The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the March on Washington in 1963. We sat there watching, and re-watching the speech. I didn't need to ask Benjamin why he was watching the speech. It was pretty clear from hearing the first strains of Dr. King's voice. It was a moment that was so powerful, and so Jewish.

The last time that I had heard or studied the speech was in middle school, and, while I certainly knew the power of the mighty words, I never heard the speech in full again until that moment in Jerusalem with Benjamin. And, so we sat there, listened, and wept. The words that were delivered over 50 years ago were (and are) still resonant in our troubling contemporary times. Dr. King's message of equality, justice and peace needs to be heard and taught today. In a 2013 New York Times article about the lasting power of the “I Have a Dream” speech, Michiko Kakutani wrote, “Why does Dr. King’s ‘Dream’ speech exert such a potent hold on people around the world and across the generations? Part of its resonance resides in Dr. King's moral imagination. Part of it resides in his masterly oratory and gift for connecting with his audience—he they on the Mall that day in the sun or watching the speech on television or, decades later, viewing it online. And part of it resides in his ability, developed over a lifetime, to convey the urgency of his arguments through language richly layered with biblical and historical meanings.”

Temple Beth-El of Great Neck is built on a Jewish foundation where social justice is at the forefront; we don’t just study Dr. King’s message—we try our best to live it. Beginning with the Black-Jewish dialogue over 25 years ago, and continuing today with collaborations between TBE, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Congregational Church of South Hempstead, and the Islamic Center of Long Island, TBE is working on becoming a center of dialogue, learning and action.

Last year, I had the privilege to experience, and help lead, the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Shabbat service. The service, held in our beautiful sanctuary, is an annual expression of Dr. King's enduring vision of an America of equality, economic justice and mutual understanding. Last year’s service featured stirring speeches by The Rev. Dr. Patrick Duggan and New York's Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. Along with the guest speakers, we had soulful music from our interfaith gospel choir and soloists. As part of my preparation for the service last year, I sat in my office and watched Dr. King deliver the “I Have a Dream” speech. I watched, and I wept. In moments when I need inspiration, in times when I lose hope, I still think back to that room in Jerusalem where Benjamin taught me that we can still turn to Dr. King for hope and courage. We need his voice, we need your voice…and we need it today more than ever before.

I hope that you would join us for our annual MLK Shabbat Service on Friday, January 12 at 7:00pm. And, if you’re looking for me before the service, you know how I’ll be preparing.

To read the entire speech, please visit: https://www.archives.gov/files/press/exhibits/dream-speech.pdf
WITH GRATITUDE AND EXCITEMENT...

The Hebrew word for Sabbatical is, Shabbaton, a period of Shabbat—professional, intellectual and spiritual renewal, inspiration and rest. We are incredibly excited to be kicking off our next decade here at Temple Beth-El with such a precious opportunity. Our Sabbatical will begin on December 20 when we will depart, with 40 Beth-El members, for a 10 day Israel experience. We will travel the country, interface with progressive Israeli thinkers, celebrate a wonderful group of Beth-El b’nei mitzvah at the Western Wall and more. After the conclusion of our congregational Israel trip, we Feldmans will remain in Jerusalem, as a family, through mid-March. During that two and a half month period, our dynamic, capable and talented clergy team—Rabbi Muhlbaum and Cantor Lapin, will be serving the Beth-El community. They will be supported in fulfilling life cycle, Shabbat, holiday and teaching responsibilities by Cantor Hest, Rabbi Van Thyn, Rabbi Davidson along with other beloved and other highly-regarded colleagues and lay leaders.

Starting mid-March through June, one of us (either Meir or Tara) will be back in Great Neck and one will remain in Israel. We will each return to Great Neck twice from Mid-March through June. We look forward with joy to reporting back on our studies at the Shalom Hartman Institute, where both of our children will be enrolled, and sharing with you our insights and growth from our Sabbatical adventures.

With each passing year, our sense of gratitude for serving the Temple Beth-El family only grows.

May we be blessed with the opportunity to support one another and to celebrate life’s many adventures for years to come.

Tara & Meir

CANTOR VLADIMIR LAPIN’S SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

We celebrated with Cantor Lapin at a Service of Installation and a festive Oneg on September 15. Special invitees included: Cantor Lapin’s family; Cantor Steven Weiss, President, American Conference of Cantors; and Joyce Rosenzweig, Artist-in-Residence, Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music and Music Director, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah.
DEAR RABBI,

Rabbi, whenever we sing Mi Chamochah, I have the same question: why is it that we say “Mi Chamochah” and then “Mi Kamochah”? Why does the “ch-” turn into a “k-”?

I love any question that allows me explain biblical grammar!

If you’ve ever looked in a Torah scroll, then you’ve seen only consonants. The Torah scroll text does not include any vowels, punctuation, or other markings. Between the 6th and 10th centuries CE, scholars worked to assemble and codify the written text of the Hebrew Bible. Wanting to ensure that each subsequent generation would be able to pronounce the text correctly, the Masoretes added markings, which we call trope, in addition to adding vowels to the text. The trope markings are a symbolic code, telling us about the grammar of the verses, and helping us understand what the text means.

There are two main categories of trope: ta’am m’chabeir and ta’am mafsiq. A ta’am m’chabeir is a trope that connects two words together. A ta’am mafsiq is a trope that is disjunctive and creates a pause. The ta’am mafsiq might function like a semicolon or a period, while the ta’am m’chabeir would work more like a hyphen, connecting words together so they flow one into the other.

Now, it just so happens that these tropes do more than impact how we read the syntax of a sentence; they even impact the vowels and pronunciations used in the text itself!

If you look at Exodus 15:11, you’ll find Mi Chamochah. Transliterated, the verse reads, “Mi-chamochah ba’ eilim Adonai; Mi Kamochah nedor baqodesh; Nora’ t’hilot ‘oseh fele’ “

In Hebrew, there are certain letters that change their pronunciation if they’re at the beginning of a word, because they receive a dageish, the little dot inside: ת”פכדגב are the letters that receive a dageish, but in modern pronunciation only פ’כב change their pronunciation. ב is B at the beginning of a word but V without a dageish, כ is K at the beginning of a word but a guttural “Ch” without a dageish, and פ is P at the beginning of a word but F without a dageish.

In our case, we find the first phrase, “Mi-Chamochah,” with a ta’am m’chabeir, a connective trope mark. Thus, the כ at the beginning of the word does not actually receive a dageish, and so it is pronounced gutturally. But in the second phrase, we read “Mi Kamochah” because the כ is at the beginning of a word following a ta’am mafsiq, a disjunctive trope mark, so it receives a dageish.

I hope that solves the mystery! If you want to learn more about biblical grammar, or are interested in learning the way our trope tradition works, or if you have absolutely no idea what I’m talking about but want to learn more, please contact me at emuhlbaum@tbegreatneck.org. Thanks!

Do you have a question for our rabbis? Email Rabbi Muhlbaum at emuhlbaum@tbegreatneck.org.
ADULT EDUCATION

This next crop of Adult Learning classes provides us with opportunities to explore some fascinating and varied topics, all led by enthusiastic experts in their fields. December 7 is the first of two classes with Dr. Ingrid E. Hecker-Perry, exploring Jewish Views of the Afterlife, an intriguing but rarely discussed topic.

Our Master Series continues with several new classes presented by our talented congregants. Don’t miss three Sunday mornings this winter, when historian Ken Pearl will show compelling films that focus on The Shoah, and lead discussions afterward. For a change of pace, Steve Hope and Stan Levine will introduce us to up-to-the minute innovations in home construction, and Stuart Lubert will shed new light on our stained glass windows. Then Bob Kessler will explore the light that modern archaeology sheds on the origins of ancient Israel, and Erica Groschen will share perspectives on our government and the nature of leadership, that she gained while working in DC as Commissioner of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Obama administration.

See below for dates, times, and further details. Come join us and feed your curiosity, engage with fellow congregants, and have fun at TBE College!

JEWISH VIEWS OF THE AFTERLIFE
Led by Dr. Ingrid E. Hecker-Perry
Two Thursday Evenings: December 7, December 14
7:30 PM
West Multipurpose Room

What does Judaism say about life after death? We often hear about immortality as the perpetuation of the memory of the departed among the living. But what is the biblical view of the afterlife and, specifically, does the Torah acknowledge the immortality of the soul? What does Judaism say about resurrection of the dead? What is Sheol, Gehenna? What is Gan Eden?

We will examine these and other questions, such as the meaning of Jewish mourning rituals as they relate to immortality. Join us as we learn how Jewish views of the afterlife can provide meaning and comfort as well as nurture spirituality for the living.

Ingrid E. Hecker-Perry, Ph.D., a dear friend of the Rabbis Feldman, served as Head of Sociology Department, Universidad Diego Portales, in Santiago, Chile and earned her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Liverpool, England.

RSVP: cohros@yahoo.com

MODERN HEBREW POETRY
Led by Rabbi Muhlbaum
Thursday, January 4 at 7:30 PM

Join Rabbi Muhlbaum for an exploration of one of her favorite things in all of literature: Modern Hebrew Poetry! We’ll do some in-depth study of some engaging and challenging poems. People of all Hebrew levels welcome! No Hebrew reading skills required.

RSVP: rs@tbegreatneck.org

FILM SERIES ON THE SHOAH: THREE PERSPECTIVES ON EUROPEAN COMPLICIT
Led by Ken Pearl
Three Sunday Mornings: January 28, February 11, Date TBA
10:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Social Hall

Over three sessions we will watch and discuss films: The Garden of the Finzi-Continis (1970), Monsieur Klein (1977) and The Shop on Main Street(1966) that are important not only as works of cinema art, but were also essential in leading to greater awareness of the role played by nations other than Germany (in these examples, Italy, France and Czechoslovakia) in the Shoah. All three films also deal with the role of outside witnesses – those who saw the tragic fate of European Jewry about to unfold and then must make deeply personal decisions regarding their own actions. Each film will be introduced with a short lecture placing the films within their historical context and afterward there will be an opportunity for general discussion.

RSVP: cohros@yahoo.com

THE GARDEN OF THE FINZI-CONTINIS (95 min.) This Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Film deals with a group of young friends who must contend with the increasing tide of antisemitism enveloping their lives in Mussolini’s Italy. As antisemitism closes in around them, they find a temporary respite in the luxurious surroundings of the walled estate owned by the Finzi-Continis, a fabulously wealthy and sophisticated Jewish family.
SHOP ON MAIN STREET (128 min.) Part of the innovative Czechoslovak New Wave cinema of the 1960s, this Academy Award winning film involves Tőno, a poor carpenter who during the war stands to benefit from the confiscation of a shop owned by a Jewish woman, who because she is elderly and deaf does not understand the increasing dangers around her. A caring relationship develops until Tőno must decide whether he is willing to put himself at risk to protect Mrs. Lautmannová.

MONSIEUR KLEIN (123 min.) Starring the great French film star Alain Delon and directed by Joseph Losey, an American who had to make films in France because of the Hollywood Blacklist, this film forced French film audiences to deal for the first time with the role played by their own countrymen in the roundup of French Jews in 1942. Delon plays Robert Klein, a Catholic art dealer who is doing a booming business buying art from Jews who are desperate to sell their art collections to get to safety. Klein ultimately gets mistaken for a Jewish man with the same name and tries with increasing desperation to prove he isn't Jewish.

JEWS WITH TOOLS: SHARK BITES, PURPLE BOARDS, AND MORE!
Led by Steven Hope and Stan Levine
Thursday, January 11 at 7:30 PM
West Multipurpose Room
Solderless plumbing? Mold resistant drywall? Get up to speed with the latest innovations in home construction. Keep your nest in tiptop shape with valuable tips on plumbing, insulation, and carpentry.
RSVP: steven@parkrow.com or stan@tsiny.net

LIGHT, COLOR, AND THE RUDIN CHAPEL’S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS
Led by Stuart Lubert
Thursday, January 25 at 7:30 PM
Rudin Chapel
Ever marvel at the beauty of the Rudin Chapel and how the stained glass windows enhance our experience of the space? Stuart Lubert, Ed.D., retired physics teacher, will explain the physics behind light, color, and the illumination of the Chapel’s stained glass windows. Stuart and Sandy Lubert and Judi and Elliot Rosenzweig provided for the windows’ illumination.
RSVP: slubert@gmail.com

WHERE DID THE HEBREW CHILDREN REALLY COME FROM? MODERN ARCHAEOLOGY & THE FOUR-ROOM HOUSE HYPOTHESIS
Led by Bob Kessler
Thursday, February 1 at 7:30 PM
West Multipurpose Room
Where did the ancient Israelites come really come from? What is the Four-Room House Hypothesis, and what does the archaeological record reveal about the foundations of early Israelite culture and identity prior to the Babylonian exile?
RSVP: rekessler1@aol.com

ERICA GOES TO WASHINGTON: WHAT I LEARNED IN DC
Led by Erica Groshen
Thursday, February 8 at 7:30 PM
West Multipurpose Room
From January 2013 to January 2017, Erica served as the 14th Commissioner of the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), commuting down from Great Neck to DC each week. The BLS is the principal federal statistical agency responsible for measuring labor market activity, working conditions and inflation in the US economy. With a budget of about $600 million and employment of about 2,400, it produces the monthly jobs report and a wide range of economic indicators that are used by businesses, policymakers and private citizens to make some of their most important decisions. In her talk, Erica will tell stories and share insights into how our government works, the importance of reliable data, and the role of a leader.
RSVP: egroshen@yahoo.com

JEWISH ANGELS AND DEMONS
Led by Rabbi Muhlbaum
Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 PM
Have you ever wondered if we have angels or demons in the Jewish tradition? Join Rabbi Muhlbaum on February 15th for a chance to explore some of our textual and story-based traditions. You may be surprised to find out what our traditions hold!

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Family Services this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur! We want to especially thank our wonderful ushers for these services. On Rosh Hashanah, we entered into our new year with Maurice Policar, David Berkowitz, and Judi Rosenzweig. On Yom Kippur, we prepared for the Day of Atonement with Grant and Nicole Toch, Kim Schader, and Joanne and Paul Davis. Thank you for welcoming our families into the Rudin Chapel! Your presence makes an enormous difference. If you’re interested in ushering for future Family Services, please contact Joy Allen (rs@tbegreatneck.org).

We are grateful to everyone who came and filled up the Rudin Chapel with their prayers and songs, including our musician, Chris Mason, and our wonderful shofar sounder, Josh Davis (7th grade). Thanks also to everyone who helped decorate our beautiful new Sukkah and danced with the Torah during Simchat Torah!

It was a moving High Holy Day season and we wish everyone a sweet and healthy 5778!

Thank you to our Holiday Volunteers
By Rabbi Elle Muhlbaum

Our new Merkaz Ivrit program is in full swing! Merkaz Ivrit is the Religious School’s new weekly Hebrew program that supplements the Hebrew skills being taught on Tuesdays. The programs model is based on small group learning as well as each student’s Hebrew level. The progress thus far has proven beyond successful and we can not wait to see where the year takes us!

“Lilah loves the balance between taking turns to read and playing games! That’s awesome engagement.” Sharon Freeman

“Merkaz Ivrit has been a transformative experience for my children. Their entire Religious School experience has been enhanced!” Nicole Toch

“Todah rabah | Thank you very much”
Be a Light for Justice

This summer, the Union for Reform Judaism presented all of its members with an important call: to be a light for justice. Our Religious School is using this sacred calling as our guiding light for the year.

Religious School & Youth Upcoming Events

Friday November 3
K-3 FACEtime

Tuesday November 7
No Religious School

Saturday November 11
Midnight Run for 9th-12th graders

Friday November 17th
4-6th Grade FACEtime

Friday December 1
K-3 FACEtime

Friday December 15
Chanukah Celebration (with Play!) and Consecration for all new students in our community

December 24-January 11
Religious School Closed

January 5-8
10th Grade Trip to the RAC
Every year, nearly 2,000 high school-aged students from local synagogues and across the United States participate in the Religious Action Center’s L’Taken Seminar in Washington, D.C. The program is designed to expose students to a variety of public policy issues, explore the Jewish values surrounding these issues and teach the skills of an effective advocate. Open to 10th Grade students.

Interested in going? Reach out to Rachel Barnehama for more information

Monday January 15
MLK Day, No Merkaz Ivrit

Tuesday January 16
Religious School Resumes

Friday January 19
4-6th Grade FACEtime

Friday February 2
K-3 FACEtime

Friday February 9-10
6th Grade Retreat

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WHY JEWISH YOGA?

Our mission is to create a vibrant, welcoming and inspiring sanctuary for spiritual growth through Jewish Yoga and Jewish meditation. We examine primary Jewish texts, prayers and philosophy. We have created programming focusing on the morning and evening prayers, Jewish holidays and Mussar attributes; we draw inspiration from Jewish scholars and thought leaders.

Through posture, meditation and Hebrew chant, we offer a bridge to delve deeper into an embodied, emotionally engaged experience of Jewish prayer. The Jewish Yoga School’s intention or “kavanah” is to strengthen our Jewish roots, identity and community.

The Jewish Yoga School offers classes, trainings and workshops here at Temple Beth El of Great Neck. We partner with other Jewish institutions such as the JCC, the UJA-Federation, Hillel, and Limmud. We are available to travel and visit synagogues and schools for the purpose of trainings and workshops. This winter at Temple Beth El of Great Neck, the Jewish Yoga School will continue to offer the popular Awaken with Yoga series on Tuesday mornings. Additionally, we are happy to now offer a Restorative Yoga Series on Friday mornings.

Restorative yoga is a series of passive poses supported by different combination of props to help the body relax deeply. This is a class for everyone, even for those who say they cannot do yoga. Restorative yoga will give your body and mind a break from the daily stress routine that we face everyday.

AWAKEN WITH YOGA
with Sharon Epstein & Rabbi Tara Feldman
Fall Session through December 19.
Tuesdays, 9:30-10:45AM
Winter session will resume
January 2-March 27.

RESTORATIVE YOGA
with Raquel Weinberg
Fall Session through December 15
Fridays, 9:30-10:45AM
Drop in fee for members: $20 per class
Guests: $25 per class
Series package rates are available.

Yoga is not a religion, but other religions may use it in their system of practice because of the benefits of it: body, mind and spirit!
HUNGRY FOR SOMETHING MORE? Join the Jewish Cooking School for festive and delicious learning! Each class offers in-depth learning of different dishes, focusing on specialty ingredients and culinary techniques.

Sign up now to learn, laugh, and of course, eat! Register in the TBE office or online at www.jewishcookingschool.org

ITALY OR EAT-ALY?
Wednesday, November 29
7:00-9:00pm
Led by Chef Adam Echawadi from Great Neck Caterers

Learn to prepare a three-course gourmet Italian meal (appetizer, main dish and dessert). Of course, we will taste everything along the way...

$10 TBE Members / $36 non-member

LATKES—MORE THAN POTATOES!
Thursday, December 14
6:30–8:30pm
Led by our talented latke squad volunteers and staff

Learn to make traditional latkes, as well as nouveau-style Chanukah appetizers and desserts – from zucchini to sweet potato to chocolate chip.

We will also make lots of latkes for TBE’s Chanukah celebration the next night!

FREE TBE Members / $18 non-members

KIDS CUISINE—BUFFALO POPCORN STYLE!
Wednesday, January 17
7:00-8:30pm
Led by Stu Botwinick, TBE Executive Director

Learn to make delicious and fun meal including buffalo popcorn chicken and cauliflower plus a sweet dessert.

For kids 10 and up

$10 TBE Members / $36 non-members
SMALL GROUPS WITH PURPOSE:
PREPARING FOR A YEAR OF POTENTIAL, GROWTH AND POSSIBILITY

We kicked off this fall season with a Small Groups with Purpose gathering. I was thrilled to welcome both experienced and newly-trained Small Group Leaders and Mentors into my home. Reflecting on the month of Elul and Rosh Hashanah within a Small Group atmosphere, propelled me into the New Year in a peaceful, constructive and meditative way. Our gathering allowed me to experience, in real time, the rituals that define a Small Group: sharing, learning, giving of ourselves and a closing ritual, in which we had the sacred opportunity to share one another’s blessings. I, along with Rabbi Tara and the Vision Team (Judi Linden, Sepi Djavaheri), embrace this New Year with excitement, knowing it is filled with the potential for our Small Groups vision to continue to evolve and thrive…

Now, as the winter begins, with a few months serving as the “Small Groups Purpose Project Coordinator” under my belt, I am eager to share my knowledge and excitement with any and all T.B.E. members who are interested in this joyful, accessible and impactful community-building initiative. Please feel free to reach out to me in order to learn more about how you can participate in Small Groups. Through our Five Mitzvot (socializing, learning, praying, caring for each other and tikkun olam), we are activating tools that are already deep within us. Each Small Group is unique. Some have a strong Tikkun Olam focus, others emphasize the social, others— learning. One thing is for sure— Wherever your Small Group chooses to go, your efforts will be rewarded exponentially as your relationships to other Beth-El members grow. Let me, Rabbi Tara and the Vision Team, guide you in ever-growing path towards greater connectivity and meaning. Making a small commitment to a small group can yield great results! I am ready to inspire any and every Small Groups in its formation, facilitating its goals and assisting Rabbi Tara and our Vision Team in leading each and every Small Group, which needs a sounding board, a watchful eye or just a good push to get motivated from time to time. My resource bank is filled with helpful tools to inspire both new and existing leaders and mentors of Small Groups!! If we haven’t met, let’s meet soon! My office hours are as follows: Tuesday, 3-5pm and Thursday, 10-12pm.

Best,

Tracy Feldman
Purpose Project Coordinator
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“Rosh Chodesh”: Does the Name Scare You?
By Ina Kupferberg & Judi Rosenzweig

“What is it, anyway?” “What do I have to know to participate?” “I’ve heard the word but don’t know anything about it.” Do these questions reflect your understanding of Rosh Chodesh? Well, here’s a short tutorial: Rosh Chodesh means “new moon,” and it is a (very minor) monthly Jewish holiday set aside for women. (According to tradition, women receive this honor because they refused to give Aaron their gold jewelry to build the golden calf.) Throughout the ages, women have had a particular tie to Rosh Chodesh. At TBE, Sisterhood has monthly Rosh Chodesh gatherings, on or near the actual Rosh Chodesh date, offering the women of our congregation the opportunity to celebrate, study, and grow in spirituality and friendship together.

Sisterhood usually holds these gatherings at members’ homes, and our topics are of interest to women. We have book discussions three times annually, with advance notice to allow time to read the selected book. The quarterly Shema will include a brief overview with dates and Sisterhood will email details for each evening publicize them in TBE e-blasts. Prior knowledge of or connection to Sisterhood is unnecessary; just a desire to learn with our clergy and each other. Join us each month, or as often as you can. We welcome your participation! Meetings begin at 7:45 PM with dessert and schmoozing, and our program begins at 8 PM.

For those new to our TBE community, or for those feeling an inclination to do something for yourself, Sisterhood offers a wonderful opportunity to meet other women in a more intimate group setting. The $50 annual dues support our programming and TBE. As of October 1st, we featured over one-hundred seventy-five paid members.

Please send all to our email address, and Judi will get back to you. If you would like a ride, let us know via email (sisterhoodtbegn@gmail.com) and we’ll arrange it! We hope this will be the year that YOU join us.

The GLIC (Gay and Lesbian Inclusion Committee) Annual Toy Drive benefits children infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS. Last year we filled a truck with the generosity of Temple Beth-El members and delivered them to the Infectious Disease Department at North Shore Hospital. The Toy Drive will begin right after Thanksgiving and run through Friday, December 22. All new, unwrapped toys and books appropriate for children 0 years through 8 years of age, can be delivered to the Temple Office during office hours. For additional information or to volunteer, please call John Hirsch at (516) 365-7445.
AS BOTH A TEMPLE BETH-EL MEMBER AND A NURSE PRACTITIONER AT NORTH SHORE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, (NSUH) I have been involved with the Samuel Baker Memorial Christmas Day Volunteer Program. In 1972, Brotherhood President Samuel Baker, a pharmacist at NSUH, came up with an idea to allow TBE members to handle tasks at NSUH, thus freeing up his Christian colleagues to enjoy the holiday. Brotherhood would eventually name the event after him after his passing for his dedication and leadership. Over the years, the program has grown over time so that today TBE members now go caroling in the hallways and lobby, assemble Shabbat boxes for Jewish patients, and assist NSUH volunteer services with holiday patient gift distribution. In addition to the NSUS program, TBE members Gloria and Jerry Landsberg run a program on both Christmas and Easter at Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care Rehabilitation. TBE volunteers transport patients to Mass and helping serve lunch as part of the Institute’s holiday celebration for its residents.

Ever since I joined the Christmas event, I have always looked forward to when Marie “Morah Marie” Mularczyk would bring her guitar and singers to the floors, spreading joy and cheer with holiday music that put smiles on the faces of the patients, visitors and staff. In 2009, as the number of singing participants increased, Rabbi Devorah Marcus brought her guitar as well and led a second group of carolers around the hospital. In 2011, Chair Steve Walk asked me to take over his role in 2012, the 40th anniversary of the event. That same day, Susan Somerville, NSUS Executive Director at the time, presented then-TBE Brotherhood President Mark Pochtar with a plaque thanking TBE for its forty years of service. Local media covered the event, including television news channel News12 Long Island.

Perhaps my greatest joy comes from participating with both my own family and my TBE family: my mother, Donna Ganzer, walking and singing alongside me; Andy Aaron retelling the TBE/NSUH connection like a history professor; Ava Steiner and her sister Becca Horowitz singing and playing flute; Howard & Barbara Herman chronicling the event in writing and photos; Ronnie & Lil Krowne singing in Spanish to our Hispanic patients; our ‘TBE and NSUH Trustee Amy Spielman and her husband Chuck travelling from San Diego to join in; and Harriett Feldmann’s grandsons Gabriel and Jordan coming in from Los Angeles to participate. Many of our clergy, have participated as well: Rabbi Marcus and her guitar; Rabbi Van Thyn and her husband Toby leading “The Toby Singers;” and Cantor Lapin and Rabbi Muhlbaum continuing the tradition in 2016. Rabbi Muhlbaum’s parents and sister came in from Cincinnati to join in as well that year. The “Shabbat Box” brigade, led by Eileen Walk, do fabulous work every year, taking over the hospital Boardroom and assembling one thousand Shabbat Boxes.
CHRISTMAS DAY SOUP KITCHEN
IN NYC AT HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 4:00 PM
OPEN TO ALL, 6TH GRADE TO ADULT

Join our group of 25 members who will assist in the set-up and service of a Christmas meal to guests at the HUC Soup Kitchen on West 4th St. The group will then enjoy dinner, on their own, at a predetermined location.

For more info or to RSVP, contact Amanda Greenawalt at agreenawalt@tbegreatneck.org or call (516) 487-0900 x108

MEGILLAH SERIES: ESTHER
Led by Rabbi Muhlbaum
Monday, February 26 at 7:30 PM

When we say “the whole Megillah,” what do we actually mean?

Join Rabbi Muhlbaum on a seasonal tour of the 5 Megillot (scrolls) + Jonah. We’ll gather together to study the context, themes, and meaning of each of our Megillot, and we’ll also explore why we read certain texts in certain seasons. Join us for one or all of the sessions! On February 26th, join us as we explore Megillat Esther, the scroll of Esther. She’s the heroine of our holiday, Purim. But what’s her story really all about? Find out on 2/26!

MEGILLAH SERIES: SHIR HASHIRIM
Led by Rabbi Muhlbaum
Sunday, March 25 at 10:30 AM

When we say “the whole Megillah,” what do we actually mean?

Join Rabbi Muhlbaum on a seasonal tour of the 5 Megillot (scrolls) + Jonah. We’ll gather together to study the context, themes, and meaning of each of our Megillot, and we’ll also explore why we read certain texts in certain seasons. Join us for one or all of the sessions! Have you ever wondered why Song of Songs is read on Passover? How did this love poem even make its way into our liturgical calendar? Find out this and more just in time for your Passover seder!
O SAY THAT THE LEVINE FAMILY IS ACTIVE AT TEMPLE BETH-EL WOULD GROSSLY UNDERSTATE THEIR INVOLVEMENT. Jordana Levine is a Vice President of the Board of Trustees, and has served on and chaired innumerable committees. Stan, a Vice President of Brotherhood, has often lent his craftsmanship to TBE, and was the emcee for TBE’s Comedy Night. Daughter Ayden is a Vice President of the Junior Temple Club, while sons Zachary and Jacob are active in Religious School, among other things. What’s perhaps less well known is that every year for nearly ten years now, the Levines transform the front of their home in Thomaston into fantastically vibrant holiday tableaus, with consistently amazing ornaments, decorations, and both low- and high-technology special effects. Through their efforts, the Levines provide a generous, welcoming spirit to the seasons and holidays, including Thanksgiving, Sukkot, Halloween, and perhaps most importantly, Chanukah.

The outdoor decorating began in 2001, a few years after the Levines purchased their home in Thomaston. "Ayden was born that Fall,” Stan explained, and “we wanted to make things fun and interesting for her. We used to put up a scarecrow and leave out a couple of pumpkins outside for Fall, for example. The squirrels soon forced us to switch to plastic pumpkins.” Chanukah was a single electric menorah in the window and a candle menorah on the kitchen island. Along with two new children, Zachary and Jacob, they also added a Sukkah, and then Halloween decorations. Stan explains, “At first we repurposed the Fall decorations. Then, around 2007, I started getting Halloween-specific decorations, and it grew from there.”

The first Chanukah developed much like Halloween, Bed Bath & Beyond started selling an annual Chanukah-themed decoration in 2007, which the Levines promptly bought and put out front, adding to their collection each year. So Chanukah grew in complexity and extensiveness as stores kept coming out with new decorations. As Stan says, “Why stop the decorations after Fall and Halloween, when we could add blue and white colored holiday decorations all the way through the end of the holiday season?”

As the years pass, and the decorations grow in complexity and size, Stan believes his favorite is still Halloween. “[It’s] my favorite because it takes the most creativity, is the most extensive in terms of setup and planning and draws the biggest crowds and the most ‘ooohs’ and ‘ahhs.’” Stan has moved way beyond simple store-bought displays and added high-tech effects, sounds, animation, and even holograms. “The addition of the projector-based displays the last couple of years plus the decorations that I built myself last year (the spider on the roof is the most prominent) have really put it over the top, making it a must-see stopover for many people” adds Stan.

While Halloween might be his favorite, Stan argues that the Levines’ unique Chanukah decorations make the biggest statement. Chanukah is special to the Levines as the one big time of year that they decorate lavishly indoors as well as outdoors. Stan explains, “Everything is strung up with lights and decorations indoors as well as outdoors...”
for Chanukah. What really makes our indoors special is that we’ve added one or two menorahs each and every year since our first child was born, some are store-bought, some were made by our kids at Hebrew school. We currently have forty-one menorahs and we light every one of them at least once during the eight days of Chanukah. It’s quite a display, spanning two big tables. “The Chanukah spirit continues outdoors: “[the decorations] are almost entirely blue and white, with LOTS of lighted displays and lots of Chanukah-themed messages. I don’t know any other Jews that really go all out for Chanukah outside their homes other than perhaps a menorah and maybe a few strings of blue and white lights. My rationale has become ‘how did us Jews decide to take the short end of the stick on this subject?’. It IS, after all, the festival of lights, no?”

The Levine’s “Festival of Lights” is all that and more. Stan says “our outdoor decorations scream “Jews in the house” but in a very tasteful and welcoming way that make the holiday available to everyone.” Last year, the family received an award from an interfaith family that travels throughout Long Island each Christmas looking for the best Jewish-based holiday decorations for them to anoint “Best Decorations of the Year.” Along with a laminated award certificate, the family hand-made and decorated a menorah trophy. The Levines have found a special place of honor this past Chanukah among their extensive array of menorahs and light it every night. To Stan, “it was a proud addition and showed to us how much people appreciate what we’ve been doing outside.”

For the most part, Thomaston officials and neighbors have been very supporting in the family’s outdoor extravaganzas. Stan even thinks that they have been an agent of change on the street. For years, few homes rarely featured even a single menorah or pumpkin around holiday time, but in the past few years, they have started to see a change. Now, a number of people have put out their own Halloween decorations and have done more for the holidays than in the past.

Stan admits that much of the annual decorations, which have spread into Spring with Valentine’s Day, blooming floral decorations and of course, various birthdays, requires a great deal of planning, time and efforts. Fortunately, he explains, Jordana and the kids all contribute to building and decorating the Sukkah for the Sukkot holiday. However, because of Halloween’s sophisticated high-tech equipment that provides such dazzling effects, Stan must do much of the work by himself. However, he’s quick to say how much satisfaction he and the rest of the family get from the comments and awed looks from the hundreds of friends, neighbors, trick-or-treaters, and folks driving by who stop at the blazing lights through the Fall and Winter seasons. What’s more, it’s a tradition he started that he and Jordana want to pass on to their kids. As Stan says, “it’s the whole feeling of welcoming and warmth that we try to project and hope our kids appreciate it and perhaps it continues with them when they grow up.”

As the weather turns colder and darker, be sure to wander by Highland Avenue to the Levines house to enjoy this year’s amazing display of the glowing Festival of Lights. You will not be disappointed!
Many boys dream of becoming firemen when they grow up, but Keith Rabinowitz was not one of those boys. He wanted to be an engineer and attended Stony Brook University to achieve that goal. But, a funny thing happened on the way to his engineering degree: Working for Stony Brook’s Environmental Health and Safety Department during college, Keith’s supervisor coerced him into taking a class on fire safety. Surprisingly, the class turned out to be mesmerizing and he was hooked.

Although Keith pursued his engineering courses and received his degree, his heart was in fire. After graduation, Keith worked as an engineer but also served as a volunteer firefighter. As he often says, “once smoke gets in your blood it’s there for good.” Keith eventually left the engineering field to focus on firefighting—28 years later, he has never regretted his decision.

Currently, Keith’s various roles keep him quite busy—Nassau County Fire Marshal, volunteer firefighter for the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department, EMT, husband, and father.

As a father, Keith is privileged to work alongside his sons, Evan and Brett, who joined Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department while attending Great Neck South High School. Although they are now away at college, the boys—Evan (22) is about to graduate from SUNY Cortland and Brett (20) is a Junior at SUNY Oneonta—head right to the firehouse when home for vacations. Whether their love for firefighting is in their DNA or comes from their lifelong exposure to the firehouse, smoke is certainly in the boys’ blood.

Although firefighters face many challenges, perhaps the biggest challenge is the stress on their families. Whether it’s worry about safety or disappointment from missed family events, families sacrifice a great deal. Heartfelt thanks go out to the firefighters and their families! No matter how badly firefighters want to eat dinner with the family or attend kids’ soccer games, they are gone as soon as the alarm sounds. Keith explains that when he was dating his wife, Carol, she didn't flinch watching him on repelling exercises, so he knew she'd be willing to accept the pressures of his job. Years later, knowing that Keith can take care of himself after 28 years of expertise, Carol’s worries now center on their sons.

Thank God, firefighters and their families are willing to make sacrifices, as it was Keith who saved the Torahs when fire struck TBE in 2001. That day, he was supposed to go to a nearby house fire, but missed the truck. Keith was Officer on another engine originally assigned to standby at the Alert firehouse since Alert was also sending manpower to the house fire. With Keith’s unit already en route to Alert, Fire Chief McGrath redirected them to TBE (“Rabinowitz, you’re going to get the Torahs!”) when the chauffeur (engine driver) noticed the column of smoke coming from TBE.

Although the Torahs in the first tier were relatively easy to rescue, the second tier proved much more difficult. The fire was spreading quickly and getting hotter by the minute. Keith’s only option was climbing into the Ark to retrieve the second tier—leaving a sooty footprint in the process! That footprint was a reminder of his incredible feat (and feet!) in saving eight Torahs.

Saving the Torahs from the fire turned out to be more than just another job for Keith Rabinowitz. It became a life-changing moment when he realized how meaningful it would be for his sons to use the same Torahs for their Bar Mitzvahs. Beshert? Probably, because the Rabinowitz family joined Temple Beth-El of Great Neck and have been part of our TBE family ever since.
REMEMBERING ILSE FELDHEIM z’”l
BY SUSAN MANDELBAUM

As a member of Temple Beth-El of Great Neck for over 50 years, Ilse was front and center, totally immersing herself in TBE and the core values of Judaism. Ilse participated in nearly every aspect of TBE life—Sisterhood, Book Clubs, fundraisers, and numerous committees. When Ilse passed away in December 2016, shortly before her 90th birthday, the TBE family lost a champion.

What made Ilse so very special? Ilse was the epitome of a mensch. Not only did she endorse the core values of Judaism, she lived them. Kindness—always willing to help, Ilse graciously volunteered to deliver flowers, contribute to fundraisers, sit on a committee, or take on whatever task was needed at the time. Education—Ilse advocated the importance of education to her children, her grandchildren, and young people that she encountered. She encouraged college kids to follow the Jewish way of learning, doing the right thing, and focusing on education. Tzedekah—Ilse generously donated to countless Jewish causes; her generosity—in both time and money—was legendary. One story in particular exemplified her values: Ilse had never golfed and had absolutely no interest in golfing. But when she heard that the temple was hosting a golf outing as a fundraiser, she immediately bought tickets and then promptly gave them away. After all, it was important to support the cause, especially when it was her temple!

Caring Ilse’s warmth endeared her to friends and colleagues alike. Whether it was doing a favor, offering a shoulder to cry on, or giving advice, Ilse was always there for friends and family. As a teacher for visually impaired students, Ilse spent her career improving her students’ lives. Most importantly, she was a wonderful mother.

Perhaps Judaism was so important to Ilse because she had to flee her homeland at 13 years of age. Born in 1927, Ilse and her family led a very comfortable life in Berlin. However, as anti-Semitism rapidly escalated, her family decided to leave and in 1940 they boarded a ship sailing from Germany. Since that fateful day, Ilse’s life took a series of twists and turns. Emigrating to Toronto, Ilse’s family built a new life in Canada, where she eventually became a teacher. After marrying Eric Feldheim and having three children, David, Daniel, and Shira, the Feldheims relocated to Great Neck in 1965, when Eric became the Education Director of Temple Beth-El of Great Neck. Throughout their marriage, Ilse and Eric had built a vast library of Jewish books. Their home was filled with books it’s quite fitting that a temple’s Education Director and a devout reader/book lover would amass an impressive book collection.

To memorialize Ilse, the Feldheim children and their spouses decided to give to the TBE library in her name by donating Ilse’s books. This library would promote Ilse’s most passionate interests—Temple Beth-El of Great Neck, Judaism, and reading. Meticulously examining every book in Ilse’s collection, the children selected the volumes they wanted to keep and donated the majority of Ilse’s beautiful collection to TBE. Ilse’s daughter Shira strongly believes that Ilse “would have loved the idea of other people reading her books and sharing knowledge.”

What better way to honor someone whose very essence was reading, sharing knowledge, and constantly learning new things? Ilse’s neshama will live on forever on the shelves of our TBE Library. What an incredible way to honor such a special person!
TBE NEWS

TBE PARTNERS WITH JCC SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Need help? Facing a challenge?
- Caregiving
- Aging
- Marital relations
- Raising a child
- Bereavement
- Health Concern
- Career support

Temple Beth-El is part of the JCC’s Partners In Caring program.
Talk to a licensed social worker. Services include short term counseling, support groups and information/referral services. It’s confidential and there is no cost to call.
Barbara Goldstein, JCC Social Worker can be reached at her temple office (516) 487-0900 or at the JCC at (516) 484-1545, ext. 196.

CATERING AT TBE

A wedding, Bat/Bar Mitzvah, bris or other life-cycle event is a special occasion that we love to celebrate at our synagogue.
We are pleased to share our panel of exclusive caterers for Temple Beth-El of Great Neck. They welcome your call.

Bagel Boss of Roslyn
Kosher Dairy only
(516) 626-5599
Debbie

Majestic Catering
Kosher and Kosher-Style
(516) 205-2737
Robert

Lederman Caterers
Glatt Kosher
(516) 466-2222
Moshe or Laura

GNC – Great Neck Caterers
Kosher and Kosher-style
(917) 533-6133
Adam

Shiraz Caterers
Glatt Kosher
(516) 487-6666
Benny

Have other questions about having an event at Temple Beth-El of Great Neck? Please contact the temple office at (516) 487-0900.

SHOP AMAZON: RAISE MONEY FOR TBE

BY MATTHEW MOSHEN

TBE members can easily donate money to TBE through their everyday purchases on Amazon.com. Instead of going to the regular Amazon site, members should instead buy their products through AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com). AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that allows the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price to the eligible charitable organization of your choice.
On your first visit to smile.amazon.com members will need to select Temple Beth-El of Great Neck to receive donations from eligible purchases before they begin shopping. The site will remember the selection, and from then on TBE will get 0.5% from each eligible purchase. It’s very easy!
All your regular amazon.com settings will remain when you use smile.amazon.com, except now TBE will receive a donation. Since May 2017, TBE raised $176.64 from members already using smile.amazon.com, including the Moshen Family, who has been making all their Amazon purchases through Smile for years now. Imagine how much TBE could receive were everyone to shop on AmazonSmile!

Pictured below: Jacqueline and Elizabeth Moshen.

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4th ANNUAL TEMPLE BETH-EL

COMEDY NIGHT

featuring

BUDDY FITZPATRICK  TOM McTIERNAN  JIM DAILAKIS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

Don’t miss Temple Beth-El’s 4th annual comedy night. Come laugh the night away!

EMCEE: OUR VERY OWN STAN LEVINE!

7:00 PM DOORS • OPEN BAR & HORS D’OEUVRES
8:00 PM SHOWTIME

TICKETS

$75 General Seating | $85 Premium Seating
Includes show and open bar
Delicious Hors D’Oeuvres and Dessert by Colbeh

Purchase tickets at www.tbegreatneck.org
NO CHILDS PLAY
A NEW EXHIBIT IN THE
ELSIE K. RUDIN JUDAICA
MUSEUM GALLERY

NO CHILDS PLAY is a fascinating exhibit on loan by The American Society for Yad Vashem to The Elsie K. Rudin Judaica Museum at Temple Beth-El of Great Neck on view from September 1st through December 31st in the Museum Gallery.

The exhibition No Childs Play opens a window into the world of children during the Holocaust. Unlike other Holocaust related exhibitions, it does not focus on statistics or descriptions of physical violence. Instead images of toys, games, artwork, diaries and poems are displayed to provide a glimpse into the lives of children during the Holocaust.

We are very grateful to the American Society for Yad Vashem for its generous loan of this important exhibit which will be on view and open to the public during the times that the office of Temple Beth-El is open during the week, Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM as well as during the Oneg Shabbat after Erev Shabbat Services. Throughout the months that No Childs Play is at Temple Beth-El there will be educational and informative programming. Further information will be forthcoming.

For more information on exhibits available from the American Society for Yad Vashem, please contact Marlene W. Yahalom, PhD, Director of Education, MWY@yadvashemusa.org

PIZMON IS COMING TO TBE!

Join us for an extraordinary weekend of music as Pizmon, the co-ed pluralistic Jewish a cappella group of Columbia University, Barnard College, and the Jewish Theological Seminar, comes to spend a Shabbat weekend with our TBE community April 20-22, 2018. More information to come! Check them out at www.pizmon.org.

CANTORIAL CONCERT
SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 4:00PM
TEMPLE BETH-EL OF GREAT NECK, MAIN SANCTUARY

Featuring Cantor Emma Lutz (Wise Temple, Los Angeles), Cantor Jay Isaac O’Brien (Congregation Solel, Highland Park, IL), and TBE’s Cantor Vladimir Lapin.

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Moroccan Rockin’ New Year’s Eve Party

Sunday, December 31, 2017
9 PM - 2 AM

Top shelf open bar • Hookah Bar
Hennah Design • Belly Dancing
Live Music • Free Babysitting Available
Full Moroccan & Middle Eastern Buffet
Full Dessert Bar
New Year’s Countdown

$150 per person / $300 per couple
Limited space

Featuring

Tickets must be purchased in advance
Go online to thegreatneck.org
or call 516-487-0900
Chanukah Party, Play, & Potluck!

Friday, December 15
Special start time 6:00pm

We’re very excited to once again celebrate the Festival of Lights, Chanukah with our entire TBE community. This year, Chanukah falls during the Winter School Recess. Our Chanukah celebration will feature our potluck dinner, latkes, music, and the annual play.

Our potluck in the past three years has grown tremendously. Last year, 200 TBE members of all ages brought their main and side dishes hot and ready. Once again, TBE is providing aluminum pans for all dishes. They are available for pick up in the main office. We are asking that each member bring a bottled beverage along with their dish. RSVP to Charlene in the main office (516) 487-0900 x110.

Meatballs
Swedish Meatballs
Sweet Potato Casserole
Steak
Orzo
Pasta with Oil or Marinara
Chicken Nuggets
Roasted Vegetables
Salads
Jelly Munchkins
Assorted Muchkins
Roast Chicken
Brisket
Soda
Juice
Carrot & Celery Sticks
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Sugar Cookies
Assorted Cookies
Brownies
Hershey Kisses
Latke Cookers
Challah

Latke Making & Decorating Event

Thursday, December 14
6:30–8:30pm

For people of all ages!

JOIN OUR LATKE SQUAD!
The week of the Chanukah Party, Play, & Potluck we will be grating potatoes and onions in preparation for Friday’s celebration. Join the Latke Squad made up of TBE members & kids. Our Latke Squad will surely make this event a success. We have a number of small, fun tasks that need to be completed. Everything from latke making to decorating. Ask us how you can help!

RSVP: info@tbegreatneck.org.

Bring your own menorah and candles for our congregational candle lighting!
LIFE CYCLES AT TBE

WE CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING B’NEI MITZVAH AND THEIR FAMILIES

- Alexander Khazzam son of Andrea & Larry Khazzam
- Natasha Khazzam daughter of Andrea & Larry Khazzam
- Hannah Sutin daughter of Debbie & David Sutin
- Adam Schiff son of Jennifer & Leonard Schiff
- Gabby Khorshad daughter of Sayeh & Vahid Khorshad
- Jessie Confino son of Jay Confino
- Zachary Israel son of Marisol & Matthew Israel
- Sarah Bernstein daughter of Deborah & Douglas Bernstein
- Jack Marmot son of Jessica & Evan Marmot
- Adina Feldman daughter of Rabbi’s Tara and Meir Feldman
- Gemi Weissman daughter of Orit & Doron Weissman
- Sarah Hochstein daughter of Beth & Alec Hochstein
- Tyler Menker son of Dana & Richard Menker
- Melanie Raniere daughter of Jill & Mario Raniere
- Jacobsen Gershwind son of Jackie & Erik Gershwind
- Sarah Gershwind daughter of Jackie & Erik Gershwind
- Joshua Rabbani-Rodriguez son of Elanit & Diogenes Rodriguez
- Addison Klebanov son of Lina & Igor Klebanov
- Joshua Davis son of Joann & Paul Davis
- Delaram Ebtehagf son of Fariza Delaram
- Claire Schader daughter of Kim & Andrew Schader

NEW MEMBERS

- Ethel Pomerantz on the birth of her great-granddaughter Josie Nadi
- Silvia & Abel Akerman
- Esther Alan
- Stephanie & Krista Altman
- Arlene & Irwin Cohen
- Mindy Diamond
- Jil Emmanuel
- Laura Folickman & Mark Babitz
- Felicia & Richard Frederick
- Harriet Frederick
- Liat & David Gardner
- Merin Glazer & Sybil Glazer
- Deborah Goldman
- Perry Habib
- Paula & Bruce Halitzer
- Adrienne & Steven Hauser
- Susan Hecht
- Marsha Hirsch
- Richard Karf
- Pamela Kravitz & David Kraus
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- Valerie Trubnik & Vincent DeOrchis
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WE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Leslie & Ron Barshop on the marriage of their daughter Allison to Russell Fridman
- Frieda & Steve Fenn on the birth of their granddaughter Emilia Jane Fenn
- Sandi & Kafenbaum on the birth of their grandson Samuel Cole Dreyfuss
- Steven Koteen on the birth of his grandson Etan Eliyahu Lichterman
- Judi & Jay Linden on the birth of their grandson Zachary Ryan Zawadzki
- Yuliya & Arik Vortman
- Deborah Walder & Marc Gibbert
- Rozalin & Michael Wise
- Dana & Michael Zuller

WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO:

- Helene Axinn on the passing of her husband Daniel Axinn
- Victor Fornari on the passing of his cousin Denise Fubini
- Jill Glasser on the passing of her husband Jay Glasser
- Lisa Kaplan on the passing of her brother Jeffrey Kaplan
- Jerry Landsberg on the passing of his sister Lena Rothschild
- Meryl Mann on the passing of her brother Robert Bernstein
- Lenore Miskin on the passing of her husband Howard Miskin
- Cye Ross on this passing of his wife Rona Ross
- Debbie Sanders on the passing of her father Michael Gruber
- Marion Sherman on the passing of her husband Larry Sherman
- Danna Sobiecki on the passing of her grandfather Rudolph Horowitz

MEMORIAM

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the families and friends of our members who have passed away:

- Daniel Axinn
- Jay Glasser
- Howard Miskin
- Rona Ross
- Babette Rotner
- Mildred Schwartz
- Larry Sherman
- Marion Valitt

As of October 2, 2017
### NOVEMBER

**CLUB CHAI**

Thursday, November 16  
7:30 PM  
Board Meeting

**SISTERHOOD**

Thursday, November 16  
7:45 PM  
Rosh Chodesh

**BROTHERHOOD**

Thursday, November 16  
7:00 PM  
Brotherhood Meeting

**ADULT ED**

Thursday, November 30  
7:30 PM  
Civil Conversations  
*Led by Rabbi Tara Feldman*

**JEWISH YOGA SCHOOL**

Tuesday, November 7, 14, 21, 28  
9:30 AM  
*Led by Rabbi Tara Feldman*

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Friday, November 17  
5:45 PM  
K-3rd Grade FACETIME SHABBAT

**TBE EVENTS**

Check the website for new events!

**DECEMBER**

**CLUB CHAI**

Thursday, December 14  
7:30 PM  
Board Meeting

**BROTHERHOOD**

**SISTERHOOD**

**BROTHERHOOD**

Sunday, December 17  
8:30 AM  
Brotherhood Meeting

**ADULT ED**

Thursday, December 7, 14  
7:30 PM  
Jewish Views on the Afterlife  
*Led by Rabbi Tara Feldman*

**JEWISH YOGA SCHOOL**

Tuesday, December 5, 12, 19  
9:30 AM  
*Led by Rabbi Tara Feldman*

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Friday, December 1  
5:45 PM  
K-3rd Grade FACETIME SHABBAT

**TBE EVENTS**

Check the website for new events!

**JEWISH COOKING SCHOOL**

Check the website for new events!

**WORSHIP**

**Shabbat, December 8-9**  
Parashat Vayeshev—Genesis 37:1–40:23  
**SHABBAT EVE**  
7:00 PM  
Erev Shabbat Service  
**SHABBAT MORNING**  
9:15 AM  
Torah Study  
10:30 AM  
Congregational Shabbat Service  
4:45 PM  
Afternoon Shabbat Service: Sophie and Jacobsen Gershwind become B’nai Mitzvah

**JEWISH YOGA SCHOOL**

Tuesday, December 5, 12, 19  
9:30 AM  
*Led by Rabbi Tara Feldman*

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Friday, December 1  
5:45 PM  
K-3rd Grade FACETIME SHABBAT

**TBE EVENTS**

Check the website for new events!

**JEWISH COOKING SCHOOL**

Check the website for new events!

**WORSHIP**

**Shabbat, December 1-2**  
Parashat Vayishlach—Genesis 32:4–36:43  
**SHABBAT EVE**  
5:45 PM  
K-3 Grade FACETIME  
7:00 PM  
Erev Shabbat Service  
**SHABBAT MORNING**  
9:15 AM  
Torah Study  
10:30 AM  
Congregational Shabbat Service  
11:30 AM  
Congregational Shabbat Service

**Shabbat, December 8-9**  
Parashat Vayeshev—Genesis 37:1–40:23  
**SHABBAT EVE**  
7:00 PM  
Erev Shabbat Service  
**SHABBAT MORNING**  
9:15 AM  
Torah Study  
10:30 AM  
Congregational Shabbat Service  
4:45 PM  
Afternoon Shabbat Service: Sophie and Jacobsen Gershwind become B’nai Mitzvah

**December 12**  
**EREV CHANUKAH**

**Shabbat, December 15-16**  
Parashat Miketz—Genesis 41:1–44:17  
**SHABBAT EVE**  
6:00 PM  
Erev Shabbat Service: Chanukah Play  
7:00 PM  
Chanukah Dinner  
7:45 PM  
K-5 Programing  
**SHABBAT MORNING**  
9:15 AM  
Torah Study  
10:30 AM  
Congregational Shabbat Service  
**TOT SHABBAT**

**JEWISH YOGA SCHOOL**

Tuesday, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
9:30 AM  
*Led by Rabbi Tara Feldman*
JEWISH COOKING SCHOOL
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Friday, January 5
5:45 PM
K-3rd Grade FACETIME
SHABBAT
Friday, January 19
5:45 PM
4-6th Grade FACETIME
SHABBAT

YOUTH
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TBE EVENTS
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WORSHIP
Shabbat, January 5-6
Parashat Shemot–Exodus
1:1–6:1
SHABBAT EVE
5:45 PM
K-3 Grade FACETIME
7:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service
SHABBAT MORNING
9:15 AM
Torah Study
10:30 AM
Congregational Shabbat Service:
Antar Family Baby Naming
Shabbat, January 26-27
Parashat Beshalach–Exodus
13:17–17:16
SHABBAT EVE
7:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service: Tu B'shvat
Service & Shabbat Shira
SHABBAT MORNING
9:15 AM
Torah Study
10:30 AM
Congregational Shabbat Service:
JEWISH YOGA
School
Tuesday, February 6, 13, 20, 27
9:30 AM
Led by Rabbi Tara Feldman

FEBRUARY

CLUB CHAI
Check the website for new events!

SISTERHOOD
Monday, February 12
7:45 PM
Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Book
Discussion. More information to follow

BROTHERHOOD
Thursday, February 15
7:00 PM
Brotherhood Meeting

ADULT ED
Thursday, February 8
7:30 PM
Erica Goes to Washington: What
Learned in Washington DC
West Multi-Purpose Room
Led by Erica Groshen

Sunday, February 11
10:30 AM
Film Series on the Shoah:
Three Powerful Perspectives of
European Complicity
Social Hall

JEWISH YOGA
School
Tuesday, February 6, 13, 20, 27
9:30 AM
Led by Rabbi Tara Feldman

WORSHIP
Shabbat, February 2-3
Parashat Yitro–Exodus
18:1–20:23
SHABBAT EVE
5:45 PM
K-3 FACETIME
7:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service
SHABBAT MORNING
9:15 AM
Torah Study
10:30 AM
Congregational Shabbat Service

Shabbat, February 9-10
Parashat Mishpatim–Exodus
21:1–24:18
SHABBAT EVE
7:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service
SHABBAT MORNING
9:15 AM
Torah Study
10:30 AM
Congregational Shabbat Service

Shabbat, February 16-17
Parashat Terumah–Exodus
25:1–27:19
SHABBAT EVE
7:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service
SHABBAT MORNING
9:15 AM
Torah Study
10:30 AM
Congregational Shabbat Service

Shabbat, February 23-24
Parashat Tetzaveh–Exodus
27:20–30:10
SHABBAT EVE
6:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service
SHABBAT MORNING
9:15 AM
Torah Study
10:30 AM
Congregational Shabbat Service

JEWISH COOKING SCHOOL
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Friday, February 2
5:45 PM
K-3rd Grade FACETIME
SHABBAT

YOUTH
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TBE EVENTS
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TRIBUTE FUND DONATIONS
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A HOUSE OF LEARNING
Beit Midrash

BARBARA & MAURICE A. DEANE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND
• Marjorie & Michael Kurcias in memory of Helen Baskin
• Norma Zweifler in memory of Ben Zweifler

BROTHERHOOD BIBLE BREAKFAST FUND
• Martin Feuerman in honor of Arlene & Melvyn Feuerman
• Lee Kirsch in memory of Victor Kirsch
• Ruth Rosenberg in memory of Charles K. Bermack

HATTIE & ALBERT GRAUER LIBRARY FUND
• Merle Levy in memory of Ted Levy
• Joan Parmett in memory of Beatrice Levy
• Robert D. Parmett in memory of Isaac Levy
• David Weiss Horowitz in memory of Chaim Horowitz
• Susan Weiss Horowitz in memory of Blanche Horowitz

JANE & H. RICHARD ROBERTS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
• Ruth Shear in honor of Rabbi Elle Muhlbaum
• Cheryl Walder in honor of Michael and Matthew Granoff on the occasion of their B’Nei Mitzvah

CARING FOR EACH OTHER
G’milut Hasadim

BROTHERHOOD COMMUNITY & INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES FUND
• Barbara & Howard Herman in honor of Steven Koteen on the occasion of the birth of his grandson Eitan Elyahu Lichterman
• The Lowenkron Family in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
• Peter B in memory wishing a speedy recovery to Bill Peirez
• Cindy Gold in memory of Bill Gold
• Chris & Fred Knauer in memory of Oscar Savit
• Judi & Elliot Rosenzweig in memory of Sidney Rosenzweig

JTC YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS
• The Bahl Family in memory of Angela Schimwimer

OUTREACH FUND
• Lawrence Hahn in memory of Gerd Hahn

WALTER & CHARLOTTE SCHNEIDER CAREING COMMUNITY FUND
• Sandi & Bruce Kafenbaum in honor of McKenzie Morrison on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah
• Terri and Jerry Levin in honor of Gloria and Jerry Landsberg on the occasion of their new home
• Sandra Gretch in memory of Claire Gretch
• The Kafenbaum Family in memory of Walter Schneider
• Nova Krieger in memory of Elbie Krieger
• Michael Mayer in memory of Minnie Mayer
• Michael Mayer in memory of Sylvia Mayer
• Carole Safenowitz in memory of Sadie Safenowitz
• Marli Somerstein in memory of Howard Miskin
• Karen & Grant Siegel wishing a speedy recovery to Bill Peirez
• Karen & Grant Siegel wishing a speedy recovery to Ethel Pomerantz
• Elaine Springer wishing a speedy recovery to Bill Peirez
• Dorrit Title wishing a speedy recovery to Bill Peirez
• The Ahleson and Birchall Families in memory of Charles Abelson
• Michael Mayer in memory of Sylvia & Cyrus Mayer
• Randy & Lawrence Melzer in memory of Barbara Jaffe
• Fern & Mitchell Weiss in memory of Joan Hessekiel
• Fern & Mitchell Weiss in memory of Laura Pegalis
• Fern & Mitchell Weiss in memory of Angela Schimwimer
• Fern Weiss in memory of Jay Spivak

SISTERHOOD EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND
• Ruth Aboulafia in memory of Stella Aboulafia
• Dr. Mella Leiderman in memory of Yanku Carucerus
• Clifford Singer in memory of Laurie Singer

A HOUSE OF GATHERING
Beit Knnesset

SYNAGOGUE AND GROUNDS FUND
• Shari & David Isacowitz in honor of Leslie & Ron Barshop on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter Allison Barshop to Russell Fridman
• Nina & Bill Koppelman in honor of Steven Koteen on the occasion of the birth of his grandson Eitan Elyahu Lichterman
• Elaine Springer in honor of Bill Peirez on the occasion of his birthday
• Jacly & Andrew Aaron in memory of Robyn M. Aaron
• Sharon & Carl Abraham in memory of Dorothy Blicker
• Linda Diamond in memory of Goldie Diamond
• Deedee Friedman in memory of Angela Schimwimer
• Shelley & Phil Friederman in memory of Angela Schimwimer
• Barbara & Howard Herman in memory of Kalman Herman
• Dana & Lawrence Kluger in memory of Howard Miskin
• Bobbie Rosenzweig in memory of Ira Deutsch
• Bobbie Rosenzweig in memory of Henrietta Applebaum
• Lori & Jeffrey Sion in memory of Sandra Sion
• Marjorie Smith in memory of Milton Greenberg
• Marjorie Smith in memory of Murray Smith
• Helene & Dan Sterling in memory of Daniel Axinn
• Dr. Karen Siegel wishing a speedy recovery to Bill Peirez

SISTERHOOD ROSE WOLF FLORAL AND ONGE SHABBAT FUND
• Jane Cohen in memory of Herbert Cohen
• Jane Cohen in memory of Sumner Cohen

GARDEN FUND
• Gayle & George Monaster in honor of McKenzie Morrison on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah
• Elaine Springer in honor of McKenzie Morrison on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah
• Eileen & Steve Walk in honor of Steven Koteen on the occasion the birth of his grandson Eitan Elyahu Lichterman
• Eileen & Steve Walk in honor of Lisa Policar on the occasion of her birthday
• Gayle & George Monaster in memory of Howard Squires

MIZTVAH OF THE MONTH FUND
• Dorrit Title in memory of Libbie Title

A HOUSE OF WORSHIP
Beit T’fillah

PRAYER BOOK FUND
• Ronnie Abelson in honor of Mel Sachs
• Ellen Myerson in honor of Rabbi Meir Feldman
• Sandiey Antar in memory of George Feinman
• Carol Burstine in memory of Paul Berstein
• Stuart Diamond in memory of Selma Diamond
• Barbara Levi Frank and Family in memory of Marion Valitt

• Corrine Goldstein in memory of Angela Schimwimer
• Michael Friedman & Carol Harris in memory of Angela Schimwimer
• Christine & Fred Knauer in memory of Naomi Trilnick
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• Bobbie Rosenzweig in memory of Dorothy Margolis
• Bobbie Rosenzweig in memory of Philip hahn
• Ellen Joan Ross in memory of Ann Lagin
• Robert Ulrich in memory of Angela Schimwimer
• Elizabeth & Harry Wachen in memory of Hilda Reich
• Daniela & Gary Weinstock in memory of Ernestine Rosenheck

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**SISTERHOOD HELEN ZANER SERVICES FOR THE BLIND FUND**

- Jill & Lee Corson in memory of Nat Corson
- Ann Finkelstein in memory of Ray Finkelstein
- Helen S. Levitan in memory of Fred F. Levitan
- Helen S. Levitan in memory of David Sacks
- Samuel Moelis in memory of Helen Zaner

**GREAT-FULL PROGRAM**

- Rona & Buddy Miller in appreciation of the Temple Beth-El Great-full program
- Raquel & Steven Weinberg in appreciation of the Temple Beth-El Great-full program
- Laura Zirinsky and Jason, Madeline and Avery Liebowitz in memory of Sol Liebowitz
- Laura Zirinsky and Jason, Madeline and Avery Liebowitz in memory of Daniel Zirinsky

**JENNY SPIELMAN SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

- Sheryl & Edward Ginsberg in honor of Alice & Victor Fornari on the occasion of their birthdays and anniversary
- Adrian Cristian in memory of Cali Cristian

**TIMES OF NEED**

- Terri & Paul Levin in honor of those in need
- Stewart Chodosch in memory of Joyce Deitcher
- Susan & David Weiss-Horowitz in memory of Blanche Weiss

**MUSIC AND CULTURAL FUNDS**

**Tarbut Beit Elohim**

**ROBERT S. BOAS MUSIC FUND**

- Jackie & Andy Aaron in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Leslie & Franklin Abrams in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
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- Linda Diamond in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Mary Alice Dobbin in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Ed Joseph in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Barbara & Howard Herman in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- The Lubert Family in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Sharon & Howard Roth in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Dr. Karen Siegel in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Eileen & Steve Walk in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Randi Zuller & Geoff in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Marjorie Boas in memory of Robert Boas
- Shari & David Isacowitz in memory of Lena Rothschild
- Ethel Pomerantz in memory of Dr. Richard A. Sugarman
- Barbara & Richard Shapiro in memory of Joyce & Murray Klein
- Marjorie Smith in memory of Milton Greenberg
- The Tilles Family in memory of Rose Tilles
- Eileen & Steve Walk in memory of Joseph Alan Walk

**RABBIS’ DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- Jodi & Aaron Arous in honor of Rabbi Tara Feldman for her wonderful job in participating in our wedding
- Linda Diamond in honor of Rabbi Tara Feldman
- Randi & Lawrence Melzer in honor of Janna Melzer Sutera on the occasion of her 30th birthday
- Dorrit Title in honor of McKenzie Morrison on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah
- Carol Burstein in memory of Jacob Wilfred Diamond
- Karen Cohen in memory of Charles C. Bassine
- Rosalie & Raymond Goodman in memory of Martin Goodman
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- Carol Burstein in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
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- Club Chai in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Jane Cohen in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Bobbie & Martin Einhorn in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Iris & Stephen Feldman and Tracy in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- The Friedland Family in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Donna Ganzer in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Cindy Gold and Rabbi Laurie Gold in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Shari & David Isacowitz in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- The Kafenbaum Family in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
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- Nina & Bill Koppelman in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
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- John & Herbert Hirsch-Leinman in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin
- The Lempert Family in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of his installation
- Terri & Paul Levin in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Jordan & Stan Levine in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- The Moshen Family in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Rebecca & Jon Mostel in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
- Ethel Pomerantz in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation

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- Rosalie & Raymond Goodman in memory of Rose Goodman
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- David H. Schwartz in memory of Florence Schwartz
- The Marcus-Solomkin Family in memory of Ruth Marcus
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- Rochelle Rosenbloom in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation
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- Leslie & David Wolin in honor of Cantor Vladimir Lapin on the occasion of this installation

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- Mezuzot
- Albums: Baby, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Wedding
- Apple and Honey Plates for Rosh Hashanah, Honey Pots, Bibles, Tanakh
- Candles for Shabbat, Havdalah, Holidays, Yahrzeit
- Candleholders
- Challah Platter, Board, Knife, Cover
- Dreidles
- Elijah’s Cup
- Haggadot for Passover
- Hanukkiot and Menorot
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- Israeli Art Objects, Toys, Games, Products
- Jewish Pictorial Art
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