



TEMPLE BETH DAVID  
*of Cheshire*

# Bulletin

November/December 2018

## From the Rabbi



One of the most famous stories in our tradition is not in the Torah, but many people think it is part of the book of Genesis. The story I am referring to is the story of Abraham and the idols. The story goes as follows:

Now, the time came for one of the festivals of that town. The people gathered in their temple and placed offerings of food before their gods.

Abraham walked among them, saying, “What are you worshiping? Do these idols hear when you call them? Can they help you or hurt you?”

But their only reply was, “It is the way of our forefathers.”

When the people had gone out, Abraham took an ax and chopped the idols to pieces—all except the largest idol, the chief god of the people. And he tied the ax to the hand of that idol.

When the people returned, they were shocked to find their gods broken up and scattered about the temple. Then they remembered how Abraham had spoken, and they sent for him.

“Abraham,” said the head man, “Was it you who did this?”

“Their chief stands there with an ax in his hand. Perhaps he grew jealous and destroyed the rest. But why don’t you just ask him?” Abraham replied.

The head man said, “You know they neither strike nor speak.”

“Then why worship gods that you make?” demanded Abraham. “Worship instead the Maker of all!”

The story is the Jewish take on “The Emperor’s new Clothes”. Both stories point out that we have a hard time questioning that which we accept as conventional knowledge. They also illustrate that changing the way we do things that have been handed down to us be it the infallibility of a king or the power of an idol, is extremely difficult. It is hard to change what

we think about something or how we perceive it. However, Judaism demands that we constantly question what is, even if it means admitting we have been wrong.

*The nature of Judaism is we should always be thinking about the world we live in and the things we do, and not just accept life at face value. We owe it to ourselves and to the world to continually question and demand deep thinking about that which is going on in our world.*

Rabbi Micah | [RabbiMicah@tbdcheshire.org](mailto:RabbiMicah@tbdcheshire.org)

## From the President



We're not the most political family in the world but we do try and stay on top of the news and we do make an effort to talk about the issues we think are important. It's a crazy world out there and there's been no lack of things to talk about! With three teenagers in the house our discussions can get lively, but I think that's a good thing. We want our kids to advocate for their beliefs, and increasingly our conversations have been moving from "have you heard about...?" to "what can you do about...?"

I wish I knew. It IS a crazy world out there – so many problems, so much division. At TBD we've made a conscious effort to not be political. As a 501C3 we are not allowed to support individual

candidates, but we can advocate for specific policies. If that's something you're interested in, the Religious Action Center's website (rac.org) is an excellent place to go to learn about policy initiatives endorsed by the URJ. But policy endorsements haven't been a major focus for us. First and foremost TBD's mandate is about welcome and community, and that's where we've chosen to focus our efforts.

Still, there are ways that Temple Beth David can help you take action if that's what you feel you need to do.

First, talk with Sue Cohen and Liz Markman about getting involved with our Social Action group. Sue and Liz have a number of activities planned to help people in our greater community, including our ongoing support for area food banks and Abraham's Tent in December. And if you have an idea for a project you want to do, they're more than willing to help you pull it together.

Second, take some time to make sure you're looking at current events from a Jewish perspective. We don't take political stands at the temple but we absolutely take ethical ones. Our traditions have a lot to tell us about the right and wrong ways to act in the world. Ground yourself in those traditions through study and discussion. Come to one of Rabbi's "Lunch & Learns". Come to Torah Study. You'll likely hear a broad range of views on many different topics. Listen to what our teachings and your fellow congregants have to say and let them help you decide what policies and candidates to support.

You can reach me at [president@tbdcheshire.org](mailto:president@tbdcheshire.org). Thanks!

Chris Shafer

## Notes from Learning & Engagement



Shalom! In keeping with my last two bulletin articles, this month I am examining another of the principles that we are engendering here at TBD. We believe in “Empowering the Individual.” “*Study is not the primary thing, but action.*” (*Pirkei Avot 1:17*) Learning in the synagogue or classroom must be realized in action and changed behavior in the outside world.

As the Babylonian Talmud records (in *Tractate Kiddushin 40b*), in connection to the Mishna’s statement about the importance of Torah study, the Gemara relates the following incident: “*And there already was an incident in which Rabbi Tarfon and the Elders were reclining in the loft of the house of Nit’za in Lod, when this question was asked of them: Is study greater or is action greater? Rabbi Tarfon answered and said: Action is greater. Rabbi Akiva answered and said: Study is greater. Everyone answered and said: Study is greater, but not as an independent value; rather, it is greater as study leads to action.*” While I am not sure they were engaged in action while reclining in the house during this debate, our earliest teachers were not ones to condone staying within their “ivory tower” of study.

Further, our morning liturgy reads: “These are the deeds that are limitless, of which a person enjoys the fruit of the world, while the principle remains in the world to come. They are: honoring one’s father and mother, engaging in deeds of compassion, arriving early for study, morning and evening, welcoming our guests, visiting the sick, providing for the wedding couple, accompanying the dead for burial, being devoted in prayer, and making peace among people. But the study of Torah encompasses them all.”

Can we only study Torah while ignoring our fellow humans? Can we perform deeds of loving kindness without the guidance of Torah that has sustained us throughout the ages?

I would suggest that our study of Torah is like a fan — it turns a small spark into actions, a catalyst that gives us that fire, that energy to contribute to the repair of our world. When the flame dies down, we can look to Torah, to our shared learning, to the haven of our temple community to help reignite our fire.

During the upcoming shortest and coldest days of the year, may the light of Torah be even brighter than your Chanukah candles. And may we all remember to share our fire with those who need it most.

L’Shalom,

Jodi Harris

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# Temple Beth David Gala

Peabody Museum of Natural History  
170 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511

December 1, 2018 | 7 p.m.

RSVP by November 15 to  
[www.tbdcheshire.org](http://www.tbdcheshire.org)

Dinner

Dancing

Auction

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## 50th Anniversary Committee TBD's 50<sup>th</sup> – Honoring the Past, Celebrating our Future

We hope that you are enjoying all of the celebrations going on for our 50th anniversary. It's been a busy year, and we aren't done yet!

So many of us were thrilled to take part in our Artist-in-Residence program featuring Rabbi Deborah Zecher who lead us in a meaningful and spiritual Shabbat service on October 19. On Saturday October 20, we enjoyed a delicious Mediterranean buffet and a beautiful Havdalah service before Rabbi Zecher's fabulous cabaret program. She performed 'Jewish Caroling', featuring the music of Carole King, Carole Bayer-Sager, and Carolyn Leigh. Outstanding! Rabbi Zecher concluded the weekend by entertaining kids of all ages at our religious school on Sunday October 21. Toda Raba to Larry and Sarah Erwich and Michael and Hillary Rutberg for once again sponsoring our Artist-in-Residence weekend and enriching all of our lives.

But there is more to come! We are continuing to recognize our members with special Shabbat events. On Friday November 30, we are hosting a wine and cheese reception from 6:00 to 7:00 PM before services to honor those who have been **members of TBD for 31 years or more** as well as our **founding families**.

We are actively planning for our **Gala at the Peabody Museum on December 1**, which will be a unique evening commemorating our accomplishments and celebrating our next 50 years.

In addition to all of these wonderful celebrations, we are working hard to secure the future of Temple Beth David by raising \$50,000 for the temple. This is a lofty goal, but our community is up for the challenge! The best part is, no matter what you choose to give; it will all count towards our goal. Below are some highlights of our plan:

- Our 50<sup>th</sup> Fundraising effort goes from June 1, 2018-June 30, 2019.
- Any donations made to the temple will count towards our goal.
- You may give to any fund, for any reason and unless specified to not count towards our 50<sup>th</sup>, your gift will be counted.
- All donors will be recognized throughout the celebration year and in our year end report with special designation that will come out in time for the High Holy Days 2019.
- We will be updating the community often on our progress.
- You can easily make a donation in honor of or in memory of someone via our website [www.tbdcheshire.org](http://www.tbdcheshire.org) and even on our Facebook Page.
- There will be opportunities to sponsor parts of our Gala.
- An ad book will be created for the Gala and in addition to our community being able to purchase space, our vendors and members of our community are contributing by buying ad space.
- If you have made (or are considering) making an endowment gift through our vibrant Life and Legacy committee, we have options to make your gift extra meaningful which any member of our Life and Legacy committee is happy to discuss with you.

What will the money be used for? Remember that if you donate to one of our many funds, such as the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, the Youth Engagement Fund, the TBD Garden, etc, your gift will be used as you've designated. In addition your TBD Board of Directors has several items that funds raised can be used for.

Fifty years ago, our founding families had a dream of a thriving Jewish Community in the Cheshire area. Let's honor their dream by ensuring that we are here, in the center of Cheshire, celebrating our future for generations to come!

Ruth Fiske Ratner [ruth@ctproperties.net](mailto:ruth@ctproperties.net)  
Chair,  
TBD's 50th Celebration Committee

Deb Gaudette [debweb0312@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debweb0312@sbcglobal.net)  
Fundraising Chair,  
TBD's 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee



Rabbi Deborah Zecher and accompanist Barbara Orwick leading us in L'chah Dodi during her 'Shabbat in a Song' service.



Thank you to the Erwicks and Rutbergs for sponsoring our wonderful Artist-in-Residence Shabbat weekend!



Enjoying Rabbi Deborah Zecher's 'Jewish Caroling' program.



Rabbi Deborah Zecher and Barbara Orwick performing the music of Carole King.



Rabbi Deborah Zecher and TBD kids getting their groove on during religious school!

## IN SEARCH OF....FORMER MEMBERS

As part of our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** plans, we are trying to locate as many of our former members as possible. If you have contact information for anyone who has moved away or is no longer a member, please send their contact information to one of us. If you would rather not share without their permission, please ask them to reach out to us directly.

Thank you,

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## Featured Events

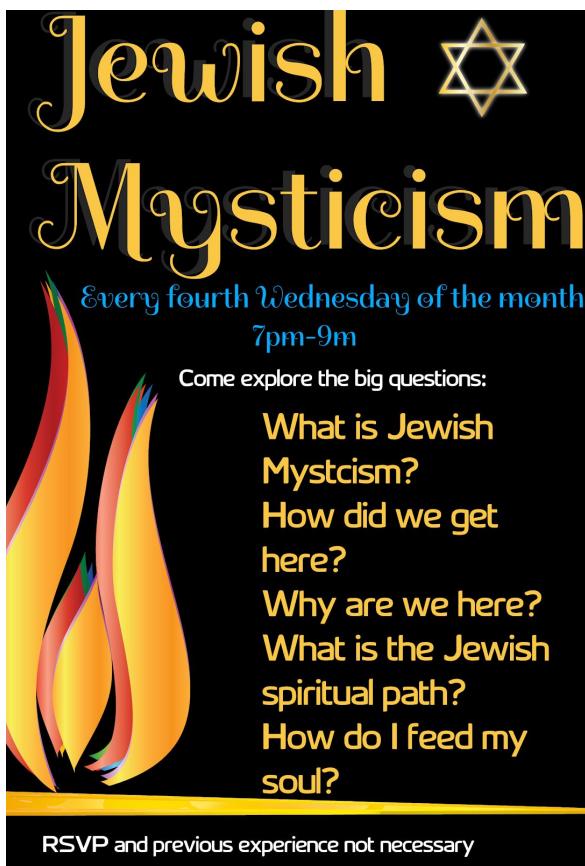
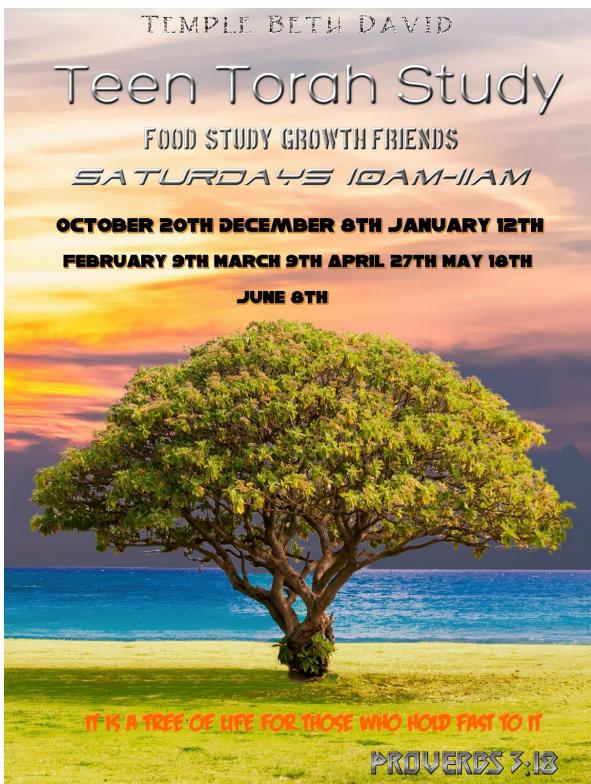
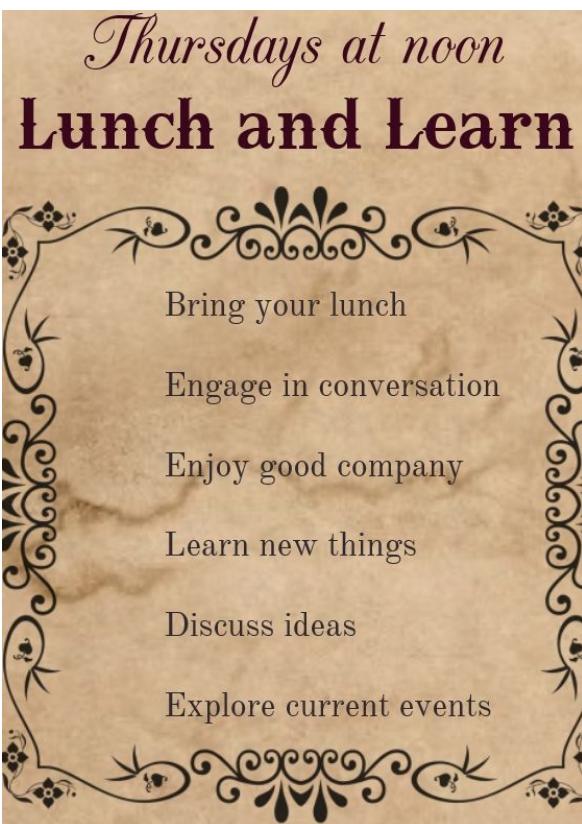
For a complete list of events please visit us at [www.tbdcheshire.org](http://www.tbdcheshire.org) or [www.facebook.com/tbdcheshire](https://www.facebook.com/tbdcheshire). And make sure you're signed up for our weekly Shabbat to Shabbat email.

## November/December Events

- Nov 1     Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Micah, Noon (bring your lunch!)
- Nov 2     Youth Shabbat services, 6:30 PM
- Nov 3     Torah Study, 8:45 AM
- Nov 4     P.A.R.K. for Parents, 10:00 AM
- Nov 4     Pre-school story hour - Jewish Holidays, 10:00 AM  
              Mitzvah Day and Blessing Bags, 11:00 AM

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- Nov 7 Executive Committee Meeting, 6:45 PM  
Board meeting, 7:30 PM
- Nov 8 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Micah, Noon (bring your lunch!)  
Sisterhood Dinner, 6:00 PM
- Nov 9 Shabbat Services, 7:00 PM
- Nov 10 Torah Study, 8:45 AM  
Shabbat Morning services and Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Bettencourt, 10:00 AM
- Nov 13 Brotherhood dinner, 7:00 PM (location to be announced)
- Nov 15 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Micah, Noon (bring your lunch!)
- Nov 16 Ruach Shabbat services, 7:00 PM
- Nov 17 Torah Study, 8:45 AM  
Tot Shabbat, 10:00 AM
- Nov 23 Retro Shabbat, 7:00 PM
- Nov 24 Torah Study, 8:45 PM
- Nov 28 Mysticism & Torah, 7:00 PM
- Nov 29 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Micah, Noon (bring your lunch!)
- Nov 30 Wine & Cheese Reception honoring founding families and members of 30 years or more, 6:00 PM  
Shabbat evening services, 7:00 PM
- Dec 1 Torah Study, 8:45 AM  
50th Anniversary Gala at Peabody Museum, 6:30 PM
- Dec 2 P.A.R.K. for Parents, 10:00 AM  
Pre-school story hour - Hanukkah, 10:00 AM
- Dec 5 Executive Committee Meeting, 6:45 PM  
Board meeting, 7:30 PM
- Dec 6 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Micah, Noon (bring your lunch!)
- Dec 7 Youth Shabbat services, 6:30 PM
- Dec 8 Torah Study, 8:45 AM  
Teen Torah Study, 10:00 AM
- Dec 11 Brotherhood dinner, 7:00 PM (location to be announced)
- Dec 13 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Micah, Noon (bring your lunch!)
- Dec 14 Shabbat services, 7:00 PM
- Dec 15 Torah Study, 8:45 AM
- Dec 20 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Micah, Noon (bring your lunch!)
- Dec 21 Ruach Shabbat services, 7:00 PM
- Dec 22 Torah Study, 8:45 AM
- Dec 27 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Micah, Noon (bring your lunch!)
- Dec 28 Retro Shabbat services, 7:00 PM
- Dec 29 Torah Study, 8:45 AM





NFTY NORTHEAST		
2018-2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
SUMMER INSTITUTE 22-26	NETC LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 28-30	FALL CONCLAVETTE 12-14 678 CONCLAVETTE 12-13
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
LEVI LEAP 3	DECEMBER INSTITUTE 26-30	
FEBRUARY		
WINTER WONDERLAND 8-10		
NFTY CONVENTION 15-18		
MARCH		
678 OVERNIGHT 2-3		
SPRING CONCLAVETTE 29-31		
APRIL		
MAY		
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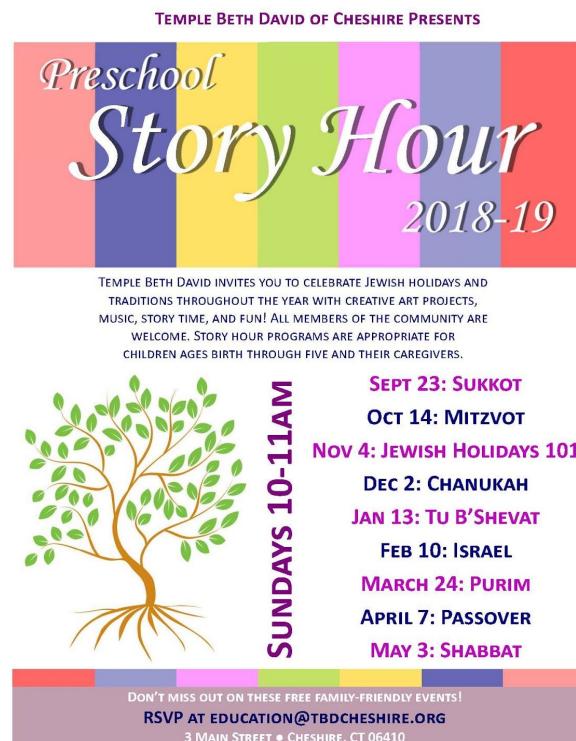
## Story Hours for November and December

### Jewish Holidays 101 Pre-school Story Hour (November 4)

Whether your family is interfaith, Jewish, or you simply need a refresher about the Jewish holidays, please join us for a special story hour event that will explore the meaning and traditions behind some of the most popular Jewish holidays. We will also share strategies for incorporating Jewish holiday rituals into interfaith homes, and provide suggestions for answering the tough questions our children sometimes ask, such as why do some families celebrate Hanukkah while others celebrate Christmas! Story hour activities include songs, stories, crafts, and snacks, and are appropriate for children from birth to age five, accompanied by a parent or other caregiver. Community participation is encouraged, so call a friend and invite them along! To ensure we have enough materials for everyone, pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Please email [education@tbdcheshire.org](mailto:education@tbdcheshire.org) to RSVP.

### Hanukkah Pre-school Story Hour (December 2)

Latkes, menorahs, and dreidels... what's not to love about Hanukkah? Please join us on Sunday, December 2 from 10-11 am in Temple Beth David's social hall for our Hanukkah themed program! We'll be starting this month's event with delicious Hanukkah snacks for the little ones, followed by holiday crafts, games, stories, and songs. Story hour activities are appropriate for children from birth to age five, accompanied by a parent or other caregiver. Community participation is encouraged, so call a friend and invite them along. To ensure we have enough materials for everyone, pre-registration is encouraged. Please email [education@tbdcheshire.org](mailto:education@tbdcheshire.org) to RSVP.



## Introducing TBD Tribe Events

We are excited about our new social group at TBD for parents with children in preschool, religious school, and the young at heart. Join us as we get together for casual events throughout the year. Watch for announcements to help us grow our Tribe!

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## Temple News

If you have any events, announcements or good news you'd like to share with your Temple Beth David Community please send them to [news@tbdcheshire.org](mailto:news@tbdcheshire.org).

## Update on Hosting an Oneg

Todah Rabah go to the following families for hosting Oneg Shabbat in October: the Isaacson, Chang/Post, and Schatz families for B'nai Mitzvah weekends, and the Beitel, Erwisch, Rutberg, and Sapper families plus Sisterhood for the Artist in Residence Oneg Shabbat.

### November, December, and January host families are:

- Nov 2\* Barnett, Krantz, Lucarelli, Goodman
- Nov 9 Jacob Bettencourt family
- Nov 16 Ramadei, Moss, Tannenbaum L, Brumberger
- Nov 23 Curiale, Feldman
- Nov 30 Pinkus, Clarke, Nitkin
- Dec 7\* Cohen E, Markman, Shafer/Baum, Rodin
- Dec 14 Londner, Bush, Simonetta
- Dec 21 Stern, Kostolitz, and E. Bauer
- Dec 28 Harmetz, Glazer, Levine,
- Jan 4\* Sudderth/Clayman, Millen, Rocklin, Pearsall
- Jan 11 Sheehan, Rashba, Schifress
- Jan 18 Kessler, Hershman, Friedman, Grove
- Jan 25 Altschuler, Bauman, Cobern, Kramer

\* Youth Service starts at 6:30 PM, (all others start at 7:00 PM)

I will be sending out reminders a few weeks ahead of each oneg date and will include basic oneg set up info. A PDF of Oneg information is also available on the TBD website by going to Community/Sisterhood page and clicking the "tips" link. Please contact me with any questions: [anncuriale@yahoo.com](mailto:anncuriale@yahoo.com).

Thanks!  
Ann Curiale

# Committees & Groups

## Social Action

Lots of things happening at Temple Beth David for Social Action! Please join us in working to repair the world.

### TBD High Holiday Food Drive

Thanks to our wonderful congregation, 1075 pounds of food (!!!) were donated to the Cheshire Food Pantry from generous donations from the High Holiday Food drive. The food was delivered to the food pantry by our seventh graders.



TBD 7th graders deliver food from our High Holiday Food Drive to Cheshire Food Pantry.

### Mitzvah Day, Sunday, November 4, 2018

Mitzvah Day is a great opportunity to help others in our community and contribute to Tikkun Olam—repairing the world one good deed at a time. This year, Mitzvah Day will be led by our teens! We need YOU to volunteer your time, energy, and spirit!

#### **TEENS: Meet at Temple Beth David at 11:00 AM**

We will work with TBD religious school students for the following projects then head to New Haven Green for Blessing bag distribution.  
Come for all or part of the day!

- Organize donations of toiletries into blessing bags for the needy (after lunch we will head to New Haven Green to distribute the bags.) For blessing bags please

bring donations socks, water bottles, protein bars, gloves and hats, travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes to temple by November 1, if possible.

- Dog biscuit making for animal shelters
- Dog rope toy making
- Kindness Rock decorating
- Make candy snack bags for our Abraham's Tent guests. Bring leftover Halloween candy for this project
- Other acts of kindness to be determined

After 12:00 PM teens grades 7 and up will have light lunch then head to the New Haven Green to distribute blessing bags to our neighbors in need. Younger students are welcome only with a parent. Adult drivers are needed so let us know your availability to help drive teens.

### **ALL AGES PROJECTS: beginning at 8:30 AM on Sunday, Nov 4**

- Help put our Mitzvah Garden to bed for the year. **To accomplish all the tasks on this day we need many helpers, teens and adult.** Meet at 8:30 AM in the garden. Without your help our garden cannot continue to produce fresh produce for neighbors in need.
- Cheshire Food Drive – help organize and count donations on the Green – please consider coming to the Cheshire Green after 2:30 pm to help when it is needed most.

RSVP to Mindy Fricke: youth@tbdcheshire.org. Teens will leave TBD for New Haven approximately 12:30 PM return by approximately 2:30 PM. You are invited to participate for all or part of the day for multiple projects. Just let us know your availability and what you want to do.

### **Blessing Bags Project – Mitzvah Day, Nov 4**

#### **DONATIONS NEEDED!**

TBD teens will be assembling toiletry/snack bags with help from our religious school and go to the New Haven Green November 4 to hand them out to needy people in our community. Please consider dropping off the following items. High priority is \*\*:

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|---|----------------------------|
| • men's socks **                                  | • pocket size tissues      |
| • women's socks **                                | • toothpaste (travel size) |
| • small healthy snacks like protein bars **       | • tooth brushes            |
| • men's and women's gloves and hats bottled water | • Deodorant                |

**Please drop off donations to the temple before November 1.**

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For your convenience you can also order the above from <https://smile.amazon.com/> select "Temple Beth David of Connecticut" as your beneficiary, and have items delivered directly to Temple Beth David, 3 Main St, Cheshire CT 06410

For more information, contact Lori Cohen, [lgcohen5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lgcohen5@sbcglobal.net). If you want to join us to distribute the bags or help put them together on November 4, contact Mindy Fricke at [youth@tbdcheshire.org](mailto:youth@tbdcheshire.org)

### Thanksgiving Baskets for Cheshire Community Food Pantry



Cheshire Clergy are working with local congregations to collect food for Thanksgiving Baskets that will be distributed through the Cheshire Community Food Pantry. This year Temple Beth David is collecting **CANNED PUMPKIN**. We need to collect 140 cans by November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please leave your donations in the TBD lobby.

### Abraham's Tent

Mark your calendar for **December 17-24**, when TBD will be, once again, hosting Abraham's Tent. We will be in need of volunteers to stay overnight, make meals, and serve meals. This is a very rewarding volunteer opportunity!



We need your leftover Halloween candy!!! Please donate any leftover candy to TBD to be used for lunches for our Abraham's Tent guests. Donations can be left in the lobby.

Thank you for your contributions to the TBD social action programs. Together we can make a difference!

Sue Cohen | [scpcohen@gmail.com](mailto:scpcohen@gmail.com)  
Liz Markman | [lizjmarkman@gmail.com](mailto:lizjmarkman@gmail.com)

### Sisterhood

Shalom Sisterhood members. Join Sisterhood on **Nov 8th** at our paid-up membership dinner for a great, relaxing evening of food, fun, and friendship. New TBD members pay no dues to Sisterhood their first year, and other members may pay their dues at the door. Please RSVP to Robin Gordon at [pennylane2525@yahoo.com](mailto:pennylane2525@yahoo.com) by Nov. 1. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Kathy Krechevsky | [Sisterhood@tbdcheshire.org](mailto:Sisterhood@tbdcheshire.org)

## Mitzvah Garden

The 2018 growing season has come to an end. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Mitzvah Garden successful. Our last harvest of 108.5 lbs. brought our total yield to 1,748 lbs., edging out last year's harvest by 24 lbs. Considering the cooler than normal Spring, excessive Summer heat and rain our overall results are impressive.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, we will put the Mitzvah Garden to bed. This is a significantly labor-intensive job, and we will need many TBD gardeners to come out in force in order to accomplish everything. Start time will be 8:30 A.M (rain or shine).

The 2019 Mitzvah Garden Planning Meeting will be held in late February, time TBA. For further information contact Larry Rosenfield.

L 'shalom,  
Larry Rosenfield | [garden@tbdcheshire.org](mailto:garden@tbdcheshire.org)

## Torah Study

In *The Circle Game*, Joni Mitchell wrote:

And the seasons they go round and round  
And the painted ponies go up and down  
We're captive on the carousel of time  
We can't return we can only look behind  
From where we came  
And go round and round and round  
In the circle game.

Jews have our own religious circle game. The study of Torah is a never-ending wheel. As September turned into October, Moses died on the banks of the Jordan, and then the world was created anew in Bereisheit. So, once again, we are retracing the steps of Adam, Noah, Abraham, and all the early fathers and mothers of our people. Each time we go over the same familiar verses, we find some new treasures as we "look behind from where we came." As new people add their insights, "there'll be new dreams, maybe better dreams and plenty."

We now convene every Saturday morning at 8:45 AM, for bagels plus. In that way we can have a full hour of study starting at 9 and not have to talk with our mouths full! Our attendance has been growing and I may soon need to bring two boxes of coffee! Come join us!

Marty Cobern | [mecobern@cox.net](mailto:mecobern@cox.net)



Temple Beth David's Torah Study - the best book group in Cheshire - for kids of all ages!

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### Light, Latkes, and Libations



Join Deb and Bill Gaudette as Rabbi Micah blesses their new home while enjoying the light, laughter, and wonder of Hanukkah. All are welcome!

When: Sunday, December 9

Time: 3:00-6:00 Come whenever you can!

Where: 133 Fort Hale Road New Haven CT

RSVP: Call Deb (203)215-7368 (need to be sure to have enough latkes)

We cannot wait to welcome our TBD community to our new home. You are the  LIGHT

Feel free to park in our driveway or on the right side of the street.



Cindy Williams, Honey Zeiger, Hilary Rutberg, and Fern Feldman took part in the 6th annual Discovery to Cure walk on Sunday Sept 30th through the Yale campus sponsored by Yale New Haven Hospital to raise awareness and funds for women's reproductive cancer research. Arlene Mittenthal , Mindy Fricke, and Brenda Leafe contributed their support as well. A beautiful day, and Discovery to Cure surpassed their goal!

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### Seeking CVR BBYO Alumni!

Connecticut Valley Region of BBYO turns 80 this year and will celebrate in January.

- Do you have fond memories of your BBYO time you can share?
- Did you participate in a life ceremony?
- Did BBYO somehow shape the person you are today?

- Do you have lifelong friendships formed in BBYO days?
- Do you ever wonder what happened to.....?

Here is your opportunity! Please share with us at [cvr80@bbyo.org](mailto:cvr80@bbyo.org).

Include your name, email, chapter name, years involved, any leadership positions held and feel free to share any story or anecdote you would like. We look forward to reconnecting with you!

We thank you for your help,  
BBYO Connecticut Valley Region 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

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## **Connecticut Hospice - Call for Volunteers**

The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. (inpatient and home care) is sponsoring volunteer orientation and training this fall. If you or someone you know is looking for an opportunity to serve others in your community, we would like to hear from you. Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. As a volunteer, you can fill your hours (weekdays/evenings or weekends) by assisting in a clerical capacity or offering direct patient/family contact as a friendly visitor, provide pastoral care or bereavement services, help in the arts, massage therapy, pet therapy, hairdresser/barber, or provide transportation. For more information, please contact Joan Cullen at (203) 315-7510 or [jcullen@hospice.com](mailto:jcullen@hospice.com)

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## **October Donations**

**Remember that all donations through June 30, 2019 count toward our goal of raising \$50,000 for TBD's 50th anniversary!**

Inspiring worship, engaging study, meaningful social action; all are made possible by your generosity. While membership contributions sustain our community at the basic level, your additional donations of the heart have allowed us to do so much more; engaging scholars and musicians, celebrating holidays in community and caring for members in need.

### **General Fund**

Milton Cohen, in honor of Jodi Harris' and Rick Kerzner's union  
Elliott and Sandy Kerzer, in honor of Jodi Harris' and Rick Kerzner's wedding  
Howard and Brenda Leafe, in memory of Carol Burney  
Jeannette Simonetta, in memory of Carol Burney  
Chris Shafer and Sarah Baum  
Howard and Felicia Schatz, in honor of children

Eric and Elyse (Krantz) Schatz, and grandchildren Elliott and Sadie Lloyd Saberski and Dale Dammier Ray and Arlene Mittenthal, in memory of Carol Burney Scott, Rebecca, and Dahlia Barancik, in honor of Jodi Harris' and Rick Kerzner's wedding Frederick & Marcia Stein, in memory of Carol Burney

Barry and Fern Feldman

Ron and Ann Zeiger, in memory of Carol Burney  
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Carol Burney

Constant and Lisa Martens, in honor of Carol  
and Jeff Beitel's 50th Anniversary  
Don and Ronda Hendel, High Holiday flowers  
Philip and Barbara Roland, in honor of Carol and  
Jeff Beitel's 50th Anniversary  
Sam Ratner and Ruth Fiske Ratner

**Education Fund**

Ruth Fiske Ratner, Ronda Hendel, Mindy Fricke,  
Wendy Firtel, Kathy Krechevsky, Deb  
Gaudette, Eileen Geffin, Lori Sheehan, and  
Kim Math, in honor of Jodi Harris' and Rick  
Kerzner's wedding  
Mark and Sharon Sturges, in honor of Jodi  
Harris' and Rick Kerzner's wedding  
Tracy and George Hurden and Donna and Peter  
Mondani, in honor of Jodi Harris' and Rick  
Kerzner's wedding  
Michael and Sally Laden, in honor of Jodi Harris'  
and Rick Kerzer's wedding  
Doug and Wendy Firtel, in honor of Jodi Harris'  
and Rick Kerzer's wedding  
Gerry and Debra Barker, in honor of Jodi Harris'  
and Rick Kerzer's wedding  
Brian and Julie Keery, in honor of Jodi Harris'  
and Rick Kerzer's wedding  
Eric and Elyse Krantz, in honor of Jodi Harris'  
and Rick Kerzer's wedding  
Suzanne Kates, in honor of Jodi Harris' and Rick  
Kerzer's wedding  
Gaudette family, in honor of Jodi Harris' and  
Rick Kerzer's wedding  
Don and Ronda Hendel, in honor of Jodi Harris'  
and Rick Kerzer's wedding  
Daniel and Polly Harris, in honor of Jodi Harris'  
and Rick Kerzer's wedding

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

David and Jackie Ellenson  
Susan Blumenfeld, in honor of Noah Rockoff's  
Bar Mitzvah  
Nancy Gerber, in honor of the wedding of  
Rebecca Olderman & Adam Gerber  
Miriam & John Ramadei  
David Ide  
Michael and Harriet Gordon, in honor of Marty  
Cobern's recovery  
Elaine Hitt

**50th Anniversary**

Richard and Jane Kessler  
Ken and Randi Kurz  
John and Miriam Ramadei  
Martin and Dorie Cobern, in memory of Roz  
Croog and Carol Burney and in honor of Jodi  
Harris and Rick Kerzner's wedding  
Bruce and Barbara Brumberger  
Larry and Sarah Erwich  
Larry and Leslie Rosenfield  
Richard and Wendy Wein  
Marvin and Nancy Gottlieb  
Bill and Deb Gaudette  
Jeff and Meri Ezratty  
Jeff and Kim Math  
Thomas and Bonnie Winer  
Jon and Alice Bauer  
Mark and Regina Kraus  
Marty and Dorie Cobern  
Frederick and Marcia Stein  
Laurence and Susan Schiffres  
Feldman Orthodontics  
Liberty Driver's Education Center – Ira and  
Risa Caplan  
Advanced Dentistry  
Dental Implants & Periodontics of CT, LLC  
Schupack Family Dentistry  
Cheshire Lights of Hope – Donald Walsh  
Richard Chevrolet – Jill Silverman &  
Jason Vianes  
Aercon Corporation – Evan Cohen  
R.W. Hines  
Cheshire's Lights of Hope  
Calcagni Real Estate  
Rainmaker Thinking – Jeff and Kim Math  
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**Sanctuary Refurbishment**

Eric Shatz and Elyse Krantz

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Richard and Wendy Wein  
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**Mitzvah Garden**

Laurence and Susan Schiffres

# Yahrzeits

**11/1/2018**

Goldie Alansky, parent of Irvin Alansky  
Jean Fox, step-parent of Stephen Fox  
Edward Israel, grandparent of Elyse Krantz

**11/2/2018**

Paul Horwitz, sibling-in-law of Nancy Sitzer

**11/3/2018**

Bentzion Nosal, grandparent of Benjamin Dubb  
Martin Schachter, grandparent of Jane Kampf

**11/4/2018**

Bernice Richheimer, parent of Lynn Kudish  
David Kuperstock, parent of Miriam Ramadei  
Carol Neulander, parent of Rebecca Rockoff  
Norma Lillian Saberski, parent of Lloyd Saberski

**11/6/2018**

Daisy Dimenstein, grandparent of Jodi Harris

**11/7/2018**

Charles Brenker, parent of Robert Brenker  
Richard Issacs, brother of Myrna Davidson

**11/8/2018**

Seymour Schocket, parent of Beverly Crespi  
Norma Firtel, parent of Douglas Firtel  
Rosalie Ehrlich, parent of Vicki Levinson  
Martin Rosenfeld, parent of Laurence Rosenfeld

**11/9/2018**

Helene Bate, parent of Marcia Bate  
Richard Fiske, parent of Ruth Fiske Ratner

**11/10/2018**

Benjamin Miller, grandparent of Thomas Hyman

**11/11/2018**

Sidney Zolot, parent of Laurie Fand

**11/13/2018**

Betty Golden, parent of Debbi Barker  
Ruth Bauer, parent of Jon Bauer  
Joseph Kramer, parent of Harold Kramer

**11/14/2018**

Sjirk van der Burg, parent of Anna Van der Berg

**11/16/2018**

Milton Earl Helfer, parent of Joel Helfer  
Ziskin Gold, grandparent of Harriet Linder

**11/17/2018**

Howard Kranz, parent of Elyse Krantz  
Roslyn Silverman, parent of David Silverman

**11/19/2018**

Samuel Teplitzky, grandparent of Jerry Kapchan

**11/20/2018**

Mary Ellen McKeen, remembered by the Brenker Family  
Harold Fialkoff, uncle of Mindy Fricke

**11/21/2018**

Doris Glunts, parent of Jane Kampf  
Howard Needleman, cousin of Andrea Needleman  
Jack Klempner, parent of Leslie Rosenfield

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**11/22/2018**

Rose Channon, remembered by Jerry Kapchan

**11/23/2018**

Mildred O'Brien Ramadei, parent of  
John Ramadei

**11/24/2018**

Max Miller, grandparent of Susan Friedman

**11/25/2018**

Hal Mark, parent of Allison Koppel  
Helen Kraus, parent of Mark Kraus  
Clayton Blick, uncle of Susan Schiffres

**11/26/2018**

Ernest Stuckal, parent of Sam Stuckal

**11/27/2018**

Albert Hyden, parent of Marilyn Alansky  
Samuel Bushloff, parent of James Bush

**11/29/18**

Harold Issacs, parent of Myrna Davidson

**12/1/2018**

Richard Goldstein, parent of Martin Goldstein

**12/2/2018**

Alex Branden, parent of Peter Branden  
Samuel Greenspan, parent of  
Elliott Greenspan  
Bertha Prokopchuk, parent of Arthur Repak  
Linda Hirsch, great-grandparent of Allison  
Schatz and Jessica Schatz

**12/4/2018**

Bertha Prokopchuk, parent of Arthur Repak  
Linda Hirsch, great-grandparent of Allison  
Schatz and Jessica Schatz

**12/5/2018**

Gerald Brumberger, sibling of Bruce  
Brumberger  
Ruth Hyman, grandparent of Thomas Hyman  
Seymour T. Krechevsky, parent of David  
Krechevsky  
Melvin Wetter, parent of Laurey Sandler  
Charles Wilkes, parent of Harold Wilkes

**12/6/2018**

Jacob Gerber, uncle of David Berger  
Sarah Franzman, grandparent of  
Susan Friedman  
Leonora Goldstein, parent of Ellen Isaacson  
Jean Mendelson, parent of Diane Repak  
Sylvia Winer, parent of Thomas Winer

**12/7/2018**

Stanley Israelite, spouse of Linda Hershman  
Etta Brand, grandparent of Kenneth Kurz  
Aaron Hirsch, grandparent of Robert Schatz

**12/9/2018**

Lillian Fox, parent of Stephen Fox

**12/10/2018**

Sherman Halpert, uncle of Linda Rosenfield  
Ruth Rosengard, parent of Marc Sandler  
Janet Saslow, parent of Andrew Saslow  
Florence Joan Huvar, aunt of  
Laura Surval Trinkoff

**12/11/2018**

Daniel Newman, parent of Sylvia Glazer

**12/13/2018**

Suellen Caffrey, remembered by Ilene  
Aronson

**12/15/2018**

Joseph F. Nitkin, parent of Howard Nitkin,  
grandparent of Jaymie Clark and  
Erica Pinkus

**12/16/2018**

Frances Tepper, grandparent of Nancy Kapchan

**12/17/2018**

Herbert Bauer, parent of Alice Bauer  
David Berger, grandparent of David Berger  
Louis Abraham Moses, parent of Jeremie Butlien  
Mary Lee Koehler, parent of Brian Koehler

**12/18/2018**

Harry Migdal, parent of Randi Kurz  
Donald Karpman, uncle of Kimberli Math  
Paul Rothman, parent of Stanley Rothman  
Fannie Gilette, grandparent of Allison Wolfe

**12/20/2018**

Abraham Alansky, parent of Irvin Alansky  
Joyce Batter, parent Barbara Rosenberg  
Meyer Sisken, parent of Harold Sisken

**12/21/2018**

Dorothy Kurcias, grandparent of Dana Alliger  
Florence Cohen, grandparent of Mindy Fricke  
Hank Stolnick, sibling of Susan Moss

**12/22/2018**

Sarah Berman, grandparent of Myrna Davidson  
Herbert Hyman, parent of Thomas Hyman

**12/23/2018**

Bess Mabel, remembered by Marty Cohen  
Rose Cohen, parent of Milton Cohen  
Solly Kazdan, parent of Bruce Kazdan  
Julius Miller, grandfather of Harriet Linder  
Richard Rockoff, sibling of Tom Rockoff

**12/25/2018**

Zsuzsanna Schmelzer Sugar, remembered by Wendy Firtel  
Elizabeth Filshtinsky, sibling of Vilan Kosover  
Herman Needleman, parent of Andrea Needleman  
Lillian Rothman, parent of Tara Rothman

**12/26/2018**

Chaya Freund, parent of Carmel Kostolitz  
Minnie Gold, grandparent of Harriet Linder  
Irving Rozen, parent of Stephen Rozen

**12/27/2018**

Jack Meslin, parent of Irwin Meslin  
Sheila Needleman, parent of Andrea Needleman  
Norman Reich, sibling of Fred Reich

**12/30/2018**

Edith Rifkin, parent of Lawrence Rifkin  
Rachel Zanker, sibling of Michael Zanker

**12/31/2018**

Betty Gotleib, grandparent of Randie Kahan  
Agnes Linder, mother of Gilbert Linder  
Sandy Diamond, aunt of Kimberli Math

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