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# Happy Chanukah!



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December 2020

# Kislev-Tevet 5781

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FOR WINT	ES CLOSED ER BREAK 1- January 3	Bookie Group 7:30am Gesher 7:00pm What Did I Learn This Week? 7:00 pm	Coffee & Check-2 in w/Rabbi G 10:00am  Bogrim 7:00pm  Intro to Judaism 7:00pm	Check-in w/ 3 Humor 10:00am Torah Study 12 noon Judaism 2.0 7:00pm	Coffee & Check-4 in w/Rabbi G 10:00am Shabbat Services 7:00pm	5
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Full Board Meeting 9:30am  No Limit Hanukkah Hold 'Em 3:30pm	Lunch & Learn 14 w/ Rabbi D 12 noon  High Tea & Me 3:30pm  News for Jews 7:00pm  5 <sup>th</sup> night	7:30am Gesher 7:00pm	Coffee & Check- in w/Rabbi G 10:00am  Bogrim 7:00pm Intro to Judaism 7:00pm	Check-in w/ 17 Humor 10:00am  Torah Study 12 noon  Judaism 2.0 7:00pm  8th night	Coffee & Checkin w/Rabbi G 10:00am Shabbat Services 7:00pm 5:15pm	Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Spiller 11:00am  Bar Mitzvah of Alec Rosenberg 5:30pm
20	21	Bookie Group 7:30am	23	Torah Study 12 noon	TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED  Shabbat Services 6:00pm  5:18pm	26 Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Kessler 11:00am
27	28	Bookie Group 7:30am	30	Torah Study 12 noon	Check us out	2021 BUPT NO TEAS



Last month when I sat down to write this rambling I wrote that by the time you read it you would have voted and we would have a president. Boy was I wrong. The bulletin got delivered earlier than ever (we got

our bulletin at our house on the 1<sup>st</sup>, while we have yet to receive an absentee ballot that was requested). And as I write this we only think we know who the president will be and even that we can't seem to agree on.

I write this just before Thanksgiving and I am truly thankful just as I hope you are thankful. Sometimes in the midst of everything we are going through as a nation, as a community, as a family or as individuals, we fail to see the positive things in our lives. We all get bogged down in the mud and quicksand of our lives and fail to see the sun and the stars; we see only the darkness and the gloom.

Then Chanukah comes into our lives with its candles reminding us that there is light in our lives, if we look hard enough and if we light the candles. Two big ifs!

This year as you celebrate the holiday, look for all the things for which you should be thankful. Reach out to someone and help them. Give a Tzedakah gift instead of a pair of socks to someone by making a donation in their honor. Think about those who are thankful, but living lives that are tougher than yours are and with whom you would never want to trade places with. And remember your blessings.

Over the last few Shabbat services I have been sharing some Yiddish proverbs or sayings of some of the Chasidic masters. Let me remind you of a few of them.

"If you think you can destroy or tear down, then you can repair and rebuild."

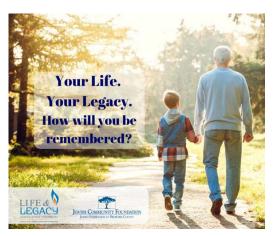
"If you put all your troubles into a bag, and everyone else put their troubles in a bag, and you could choose whichever bag you wanted, you would take back your own."

"Hope for miracles, but don't rely on one."

To paraphrase another: to be a Jew one must be a realist, to be a Jewish realist one must believe in miracles.

May the "miracle" of Chanukah light up your hearts, souls and living rooms and may we all be blessed with the light of love, freedom, compassion, patience and understanding.

### Rabbi Bennett Greenspon



### DON'T JUST DREAM ABOUT A JEWISH FUTURE - CREATE IT!

LIFE & LEGACY, a signature program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, is a program to help ensure Jewish tomorrows. Temple Beth Emet was chosen, along with 13 other local Jewish organizations by the Jewish Federation of Broward County to participate in this program.

Everyone, regardless of age, wealth or affiliation has the ability to leave a legacy and the Life & Legacy process is very easy. It all starts with a conversation.

If you have already named Temple Beth Emet as a beneficiary, please let us know, as you are already a LIFE & LEGACY donor. If not, please consider becoming a LIFE & LEGACY donor by contacting Rabbi Bennett Greenspon or Laura Goodman. rabbi@templebethemet.org or laura@templebethemet.org

### Rabbi's Writings

Rabbi Frank DeWoskin

Dr. Suess once said, "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."



What would happen if we lived each moment as if we are creating a memory? Would that increase the power of our experiences or diminish it?

My family and I recently traveled to Sanibel for an extended weekend and a change of scenery. Going into that weekend, we knew it would be special. While there we created shared memories of bike rides, swimming in the Gulf and being together. It was indeed special and an experience we will remember.

We find the Hebrew word "zackhor," (remember) throughout our texts, nearly 200 times in our Bible. Even though we weren't physically there, we as a people carry those memories as if we had been present. We are told to remember our covenant with God, various holidays and our history. At Passover it is written, "In each generation, every person should see him or herself as if she/he personally came out of Egypt."

How have you been generating memories with your families and loved ones, close and far away, during this pandemic? We have the chance to create new Jewish experiences in how we observe holidays and sacred time together.

I believe our observance during this time may even be more unique and special due to our intentionality, as so many found with Passover and other sacred moments over these last many months.

For Shabbat, which gives us a weekly opportunity, we could take advantage of the slower pace we have been afforded. Force yourself to take a break. Talk with family and friends. Do the prayers to recognize that moment of change, welcoming Shabbat.

Chanukah is coming soon. Try taking time each night to not only light the candles, but maybe learn new songs. Create new versions of dreidel. Try different latke recipes and eat them with different toppings, beyond the standard applesauce or sour cream.

Make these moments into memories and you will value this time, despite the frustrations brought on by the pandemic.

May your Chanukah be filled with light, peace and new memories!

### Rabbi Frank DeWoskin



# WE'RE ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU.

We are just a phone call (954-680-1882) or e-mail away!

Rabbi Bennett Greenspon rabbi@templebethemet.org Rabbi Frank DeWoskin rabbifd@templebethemet.org Cantor Jan Sheer cantorjan@yahoo.com



Cantor Jan Sheer

Recently in our Thursday evening meditation group, we shared this letter, written by Professor Jacques Decour, a member of the French Resistance in World War II, to his family. He was awaiting his execution by the Nazis at the age of 32. I feel he is teaching us the ultimate lesson that hopefully we all eventually learn in this life we are sharing together.

"Now each of us is preparing to die.... we are preparing, thinking about what is to come, about what is going to kill us without our being able to do anything to defend ourselves... This is truly the moment for us to remember love. Did we love enough? Did we spend hours a day marveling at other people, being happy together, feeling the value of contact, the weight and the worth of hands, eyes, bodies? Do we yet really know how to devote ourselves to tenderness? Before we pass away in the trembling of an earth without hope, it is time to become, entirely and definitely, love, tenderness and friendship, because there is nothing else. We must swear to think of nothing any more but loving, opening our souls and our hands, looking with our best eyes, clasping what we love tightly to ourselves, walking free from anxiety, and radiant with affection."

Judaism teaches us that every single moment and each person that we are blessed to be sharing those moments with...is a brand new gift from God.

Let's put this lesson of love into the foreground of our lives...Remembering that it was gifted to us by a young man in even more difficult circumstances than we are going through together now.

May we all be blessed with love and strength,

### Cantor Jan



Temple Beth
Emet Healing
Circle

Please join us. We typically meet every Thursday at 7:00pm.

Be sure to check the calendar on page 2 for any changes.



### President's Message

Mark Glater president@templebethemet.org



With the New Year approaching, the end of 2020 can't come soon enough for many of us. As we look back on 2020, we have been faced with a pandemic, a combative political environment, along with racism, civil unrest, hatred and justice denied. Sounds like a page or two out of the Torah; If only everyone used Jewish values to address these challenges. In the words of Hillel: "What is hateful to you, do not do to others." And "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And being only for myself, what am 'I'? And if not now, when?"

There have also been some unexpected positive outcomes and I truly hope you have experienced some of them. Many of us have really increased our tech skills, making Zoom, Teams and Facebook Live a part of our daily routine. True, we might be spending more time in front of a screen, but we are connecting with people, staying in touch with family and maybe even rekindling old connections. I venture to guess that many of us are attending more services virtually then we ever did in person. And thanks to our dedicated clergy, staff, volunteers and all of you, we not only made it through the High Holidays but made the High Holidays as special as always, just in a different way. Our schools have been forced to make some amazing technology upgrades allowing them to thrive during these challenging times. When we return to "normal" these tech upgrades will provide enhanced educational opportunities.

I'm optimistic that the New Year will bring us closer together spiritually if not physically. Our clergy and staff continue to innovate, bringing us new programming and opportunities for lessons from the Torah and those Jewish values. We would love to hear from you so we can continue to make Temple Beth Emet a meaningful and important part of all of our lives. I wish you a HEALTHY and Happy New Year!

### How you can support Beth Emet! .

Laura Goodman, Development & Programming Director laura@templebethemet.org

Let's cut to the chase. We need your help to make sure that Beth Emet will continue to be here and be strong after the pandemic. This year, more than ever, we need to ask you for your philanthropic gift. As we move into our "new" normal we need to ensure we sustain Beth Emet and its programs. We have opened a Middle School which is thriving, we continue to operate a successful Early Childhood Center, Beth Emet School and Merkaz Limud. As all this happens we need, PPE and building modifications to keep you, your children and your grandchildren healthy, as well as technology for virtual classes and services, which all cost money. We need your help now! If you can't help now (we do understand), perhaps down the road in a month or so when things get better for you, we ask that you think of TBE and help us.

You can designate your gift to a particular area, if you so wish. Sponsor a partial scholarship, give to outfit a classroom or, even the sanctuary with the technology to enable distance learning, pay for a roof repair or honor someone by dedicating a prayer book, a memorial plaque or a paver. Become an underwriter and promote your business or practice, be a sustaining friend and set up a monthly donation via ACH or credit card. Remember us in your legacy planning and be remembered as a blessing. (Learn more about our Life and Legacy Program go to <a href="https://www.templebethemet.org/create-a-legacy.html">https://www.templebethemet.org/create-a-legacy.html</a>). The ways of support are numerous. Or, as someone said, why not just make a simple donation to be used for whatever is needed.





Beth Emet School

Elementary & Middle School

Noemi Gozlan, Head of School

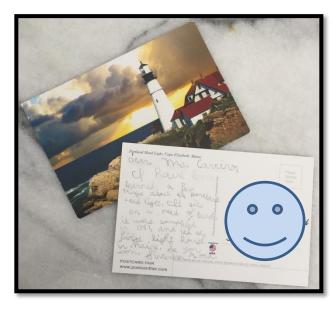
Michal Medina, Assistant Director

### **Post Cards from a Grand Adventure**

Fifth Grade Team: Lisa Carrino and Amy Hunter

At a time when so many of our plans and dreams have been deferred in favor of safety and caution, our fifth graders are imagining themselves on a grand adventure: a road trip across the United States. This project asks the students to apply their research skills and increasing knowledge of the states, capitals, and regions of the United States in order to write a travel narrative in which they visit locations of their choosing across all 5 regions of the United States.

To prepare for this project, the students studied five regions: the West, the Southwest, the Midwest, the Southeast and the Northeast. In addition to learning their states and capitals, the students chose two specific landmarks from different regions and researched both that specific landmark, a second landmark from that same state, and the state itself. They used this information to write postcards to their



teachers, in cursive, offering details of the location as if they had been there. Then, they charted the course of their trip on a map, making sure that their trip took them to the five regions in a logical order, that the places in which they stopped to site-see included the locations from their postcards, and that they included practicalities such as distance, food and lodging in their plans, thereby incorporating some real world math into the project.

Having taken these steps in preparation, the students have now begun drafting their travel narratives. As they write their first drafts, they are asked to focus primarily on ideas, organization and descriptive detail. Just as it would on a real road trip, the map on which they charted their course serves as a guide to keep their writing on course. Adding



descriptive detail for places we have not seen in person is a challenge of imagination, which we bridge by writing exercises that ask us to describe a visual scene in photos and by making a conscious effort to describe using our five senses. As they finish their first drafts, we then begin to revise by applying mini-lessons in the six traits of writing each day: ideas, organization, voice, sentence fluency, word choice and conventions. We use a combination of independent revision, peer editing and teacher feedback to guide this revision process.

Also, because reading so profoundly influences our instincts and inspiration for writing, we will be reading short excerpts from famous travel narratives to get a sense of the genre and the ways in which a writer can use descriptive detail, personal reflection and vocabulary, to create a clear voice. At the end of this project we hope that this project will do for our students what a good road trip also does—reflect on what they have learned from their journey and what lessons they can carry forward to the next.

### Early Childhood Center

Robin Sheridan, Director Dina Milgram, Assistant Director





### On the Road to a More Just World

As this year ends, we all look forward to 2021. Between Covid-19, the presidential election and some end-of-year storms, I think we are all just about ready for a new year! As we approach the holiday season we may be pondering, "How can we make this Chanukah special and meaningful for our children?" In school, the students begin with learning (and for some, relearning) the story of Chanukah. We read stories, do puppet shows and reenact live shows, created by the students, to retell the story and explore what happened!

A simple version of the Chanukah story goes something like this....

A long time ago a mean king named Antiochus ruled over the land of Israel. He did not like Jewish people. He did not like their differences: they celebrated Shabbat, they went to the Temple and they had different practices that set them apart. The King made many new rules such as no more celebrating Shabbat and no more going to the Temple. The King told his guards to go into the Temple and make a mess. The guards listened and they made a huge mess in the Temple. A Jewish man named Judah Maccabee led the Jews in defeating Antiochus and his men, and drove them out of Israel. Once they were defeated the story goes that the Jews



ran to their Temple, cleaned it thoroughly and restored it to its glory. They built a new menorah as the old one was destroyed and then the story says they found a tiny jar of oil- enough to light the menorah for just one evening. To their surprise, the menorah burned for eight days. Every year during Hanukkah, Jews light menorahs for eight days to remember the miracles that happened long ago.



As we strive to foster a community built on inclusivity, empathy and understanding, we reflect on the story of Chanukah and we explore with the children what this means in our everyday lives. As the students act out the story some of them say, "Antiochus was mean," or "Judah was brave." As they role-play and try out different characters, they have the opportunity to explore these statements and examine each of the different roles in creating a more just world. Sometimes, they take on the role of the mean king and then they quickly say, "Now I want to be Judah!" From there they begin to build an understanding of what it means and how it feels to be "mean" or to be "brave." Their exploration allows them the

opportunity to develop their own thoughts on inclusivity and kindness. We take time to talk about the role they took on and explore how it feels to act on these traits. We support them in this journey and ask questions that promote an open mind and an open heart.

Today I saw a 3-year-old wipe a tear from another 3-year old's face and look them in the eye and ask, "Are you ok?" They took their small three-year-old hand and patted their friend softly. The student studied the sad friend's face, looking intently, thinking about them. A miracle can be defined as a surprising event that is not explicable by natural or scientific law or a miracle can be an outstanding example of something. Preschoolers always remind us to look, listen and watch as they show us the many wonders in our life.

May your holiday season be filled with miracles big and small.







### Merkaz Limud & JTL

Noemi Gozlan, Director

Jennifer Schatz-Young, Assistant Director

### Shabbat Across The World

#ShabbatAcrossTheWorld was such an uplifting experience for our community near and far! As everyone is looking to connect in different ways to their community and their friends, our goal was to give you an opportunity to explore together what it is to be part of the Shabbat experience. Through a variety of opportunities, we all welcomed Shabbat. From multiple services on Friday evening with blessings and songs but more importantly, with smiles and friendship - to a Saturday morning Shabbat walk together, the peacefulness of Shabbat could be felt all around us. We closed Shabbat with a beautiful Havdalah service. We felt that even from afar, we were all #TogetherApart! Thank you to everyone that posted pictures of their Shabbat experience. We loved how you all welcomed us to your homes, giving us a view into how everyone celebrated Shabbat. From the meal preparation and homemade challah, to beautifully set dinner tables, all lead to genuine smiles. As Shabbat ended and we all took a deep breath of the sweet fragrance of the spices and listened to the sizzle of the havdalah candle being extinguished in the wine, our hearts and souls were filled with joy and energy as we were ready to welcome the new week. This has proven to be a community full of love! Shabbat is time for family, friendship and reflection...and we covered all three!

Stay tuned...we're not done spreading the Shabbat feeling. Keep on the lookout for our next #ShabbatAcrossTheWorld!











































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Shalom!







### **Zachary London**

Zachary Seth London will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Zach's Jewish education started with a Jewish day care when he was just eight months old. At the age of two, we joined TBE, and Zach entered into the ECC. He moved on to BEES and Merkaz Limud at TBE and our family has been a part of the TBE family ever since! Zach is now a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Falcon Cove Middle School in Weston, where he is in all gifted classes and finding his voice as a standout in his broadcasting and speech classes. We wonder where he gets that from.

Zach loves his Miami Heat and New England Patriots, and equally supports the Canes and Gators. He's an outstanding soccer goalie in the Cooper City Optimist League where he has been selected as an all-star. Zach's latest passion has become making amazing and viral videos on TikTok where he has close to 11k followers and continues to express his creative

and socially conscious side to thousands of viewers every day. Feel free to give him a follow at ZachRandomizingThings.

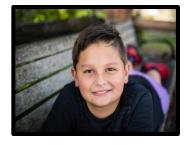
For Zach's Mitzvah Project, he is teaming up with Paws 2 Care Coalition, an animal rescue shelter in Hollywood, where we adopted our older dog, Charlie. We also adopted another dog in March, named Marley, who has become Zach's roomie and has a special affinity for him. Zach believes heavily in rescuing dogs and making sure that every dog has a good home.

The London family is so thankful for the entire TBE community, from Rabbi Greenspon and Rabbi DeWoskin, to Cantor Jan and the dozens of teachers and staff that Zach has had to mentor him over our decade plus being involved with TBE. We give a special thanks to Ms. Paula for being so amazing throughout the process of Zachary learning everything he needs to be successful when he is called to the Torah. We could not be prouder of Zach's accomplishments and his determination to be a great citizen of this community.

### **Zachary Collin**

Zachary David Collin, son of Rachel and Sean Collin, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on December 12, 2020. Zach began his Jewish education here at Temple Beth Emet in the Early Childhood Center and has continued in the Merkaz Limud program.

Zach is currently a 7<sup>th</sup> grade honors student at Falcon Cove Middle School in Weston. While Zach loves most outdoor sports, he enjoys playing flag football the most. He also enjoys spending his free time playing video games with friends and binge-watching Netflix shows and suspense movies.



While Covid-19 changed the way we are able to celebrate this Jewish milestone, Zach has been steadfast in becoming a Bar Mitzvah and has kept a positive attitude. He is blessed to be surrounded by his parents, his brother and all of his grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. To be standing on the same Bimah where his parents were married and his older brother Eli became a Bar Mitzvah, is such an honor and testament to the role Temple Beth Emet plays for our family. As the great-grandson of Holocaust survivors, Zach knows how important his Jewish education has been.

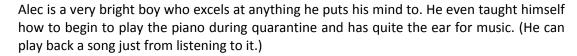
Because of Zach's family history, he has chosen to support the Holocaust Survivor Assistance Program at the Goodman Jewish Family Services (JFS) as his Mitzvah Project. This organization is dedicated to providing compassionate support to survivors of the Holocaust by coordinating benefits and services tailored to meet their needs. This year, the JFS Cupboard Pantry will be providing fully cooked Kosher Thanksgiving meals for 200 Holocaust Survivors and their families. Zach heard about this need and realized raising money for this cause was something he greatly wanted to help with.

We would like to thank everyone at TBE for their roles in preparing Zach for this simcha. Thank you so much to tutor Debra Dayan for her mentorship and kindness. We also thank Rabbi Greenspon, Rabbi DeWoskin and all the teachers and staff for their guidance and dedication. We are so grateful to our family and friends for your support along the way that brought us to this special occasion! Zach, we are so proud of your hard work, your accomplishments and the young man you are becoming! This celebration is exZACHly what we need right now!

### **Alec Rosenberg**

Alec Jaden Rosenberg will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 19, 2020. Alec is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Falcon Cove Middle School, where he maintains a straight A record in the gifted program.

Prior to the COVID quarantine, Alec enjoyed travelling and vacationing with his family and friends. He plays flag football and baseball. He enjoys video games and intends to build his own specialty gaming computer.





For his mitzvah project, Alec is supporting *In Jacob's Shoes*. This charity donates new and gently used shoes, athletic gear, backpacks and school supplies to local children in need who live in poverty, in foster care, or who have truancy issues. Alec wanted to help to enable other less fortunate children to be able to "fit in" and participate in sports and activities.

We are extremely proud of Alec and all the hard work he has put into learning Hebrew and preparing to perform his Bar Mitzvah services. Thank you to all of the Temple Beth Emet Rabbis and staff. A special thanks to his tutor, Paula Bergman, for helping to prepare him for his upcoming Bar Mitzvah.

With much love and pride, Mazel tov!



### **Rachel Kessler**

Rachel Kessler will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on December 26, 2020. She started her Jewish education here at Temple Beth Emet as a toddler in the ECC program and continued with Merkaz Limud.

Rachel is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade gifted student at Indian Ridge Middle School (IRMS). She is a very motivated and involved student. Rachel has been a part of student government since third grade and is currently the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class president. She is also a member of the IRMS Step team and enjoys learning and performing the rhythmic dances. Outside of school, she plays travel soccer for Sunrise Prime FC. In her free time, Rachel likes making TikToks, being with friends, training for soccer and gaming.

For her mitzvah project, Rachel teamed up with several other 7<sup>th</sup> graders at IRMS, who are all becoming a bar/bat mitzvah this year. They raised money to create 180 baskets filled with an assortment of PPE, gift cards and lots of love, including handwritten notes. The kids surprised the entire IRMS staff, including the bus drivers, with these baskets the day before the school went back to in person learning. The mitzvah project was a huge success and received tremendous positive feedback from the recipients.

We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Debra Dayan for preparing Rachel for this important milestone. We would also like to thank Rabbi Greenspon, Rabbi DeWoskin and Cantor Jan for their support and spiritual guidance. Lastly, we are so appreciative of the loving and dedicated ECC and Merkaz Limud teachers and administrators. Mom, Dad, Leah and Ben are all very proud of Rachel and look forward to her Bat Mitzvah!



We hope you and your families had a nice Thanksgiving. Though it may have looked a bit different this year, if you have your health, there is much to be thankful for. Sisterhood is thankful for your continued support and your participation in our events, as we do our part to support the Temple.



Join our Zoom **Book Club**. We are always open to new book lovers joining our group. We meet monthly for stimulating book discussions. Contact Marcy Gray at marbilgray@gmail.com or 954-295-7761.

### GIFT SHOP SALE

### 20% discount on our Hanukkah menorahs

A variety of styles available. See photos on the TBE website: https://www.templebethemet.org/judaica-gift-shop

TBE Sisterhood sends and receives information by email. Join us on Facebook: search Temple Beth Emet Sisterhood, and 'friend' Sisterhood. Sisterhood.templebethemet@gmail.com

- st New Temple Members: Your  $\mathbf{1}^{\mathrm{st}}$  year Sisterhood Membership is free.
- \* The \$36 membership (\$72 for non-members) can be paid by check to TBE Sisterhood, sent to Temple - Attention: Lois Slutsky, or you can pay with your TBE dues. PayPal, Zelle, & Venmo options also available.

Sisterhood wishes all of you a Happy Hanukkah, and we hope that all of us remember that the spirit of giving brings rewards of its own. With each candle you light, share this giving spirit with your loved ones, and 'pay it forward,' as there are many in need of a helping hand.



The mission of the He\*Bros is to build friendships and camaraderie while planning enjoyable educational social and family events for people of all ages. We also contribute to the success and well-being of Temple Beth Emet and the larger community.

### **NO LIMIT HANUKKAH HOLD'EM**

This month on Sunday December 13 @ 3:30 PM, we will hold a Hanukkah poker tournament. Our goal is to reach 125 players so proceeds can benefit the Temple.



### TAKE RABBI FRANK to the BANK

Take Rabbi Frank to the Bank continues through a pandemic. Simply pick the winners for each football game for the week and beat Rabbi Frank. Winners receive 25% of the pot on a weekly basis. The entry fee per week is \$15.00.

Some of this season's winners:

Week 5 and 6 Marshall Lew

Week 7 Randy Paul

Week 8 Robert Streit

Week 9 Scott Fishman

### MEMBERSHIP - only \$36

All of the He\*Bros members will receive a He\*Bros mask and a tee shirt.

### **ELECTIONS**

Elections for the He\*Bros will take place on December 13. Nominations can be sent to: hebrostbe@gmail.com. The election is for all positions. President, Vice -President of Membership, Vice -President of Engagement and Programming, Marketing and Social Media Director, Secretary and Treasurer.

The HE\*BROS wishes you all a Happy Healthy and Safe New Year.



Rayna Engle, Youth Director



CHALUTZIM GRADES K-5 (Meets one Sunday a month) \*(BEGINS IN JAN '21)

GESHER GRADES 5-7 (Meets every Tuesday)

BOGRIM GRADES 8- 12 (Meets every Wednesday)

### DECEMBER 2020

DATE	GROUP	ACTIVITY	TIME & PLACE
1	<b>GESHER</b>	LETZ TALK!	7:00-8:00 Zoom only
2	<b>BOGRIM</b>	WHO AM I	7:00-8:30 Zoom & TBE
8	<b>GESHER</b>	WHO AM I	7:00-8:00 Zoom only
9	<b>BOGRIM</b>	"COVID SAFE" GaGa BALL	7:00-8:30 TBE only
15	<b>GESHER</b>	VIRTUAL CHANUKAH PARTY	7:00-8:00 Zoom only
		(must RSVP for this program!)	
16	<b>BOGRIM</b>	CHANUKAH PARTY	7:00-8:30 Zoom & TBE

No Youth Group from December 22 – January 1 Have a GREAT Winter Break!

# YOUTH GROUP POLICIES: SAFETY IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

No food will be served

Masks must be worn at all times
Temperature checks before entering
All activities will be in a chair six feet apart

### Adult Education

### Monday

12:00 PM - Lunch & Learn (no class 12/21, 12/28)
3:30 PM - High Tea and Me (no class 12/21, 12/28)
7:00PM - News for Jews - (A brief review of some of the news that may affect us as Jews.) (no class 12/21, 12/28)

### **Tuesday**

**7:30 AM - Bookie Group** (text study & solve world's problems)

7:00 PM - What Did I Learn This Week? Remember growing up and your mom asking you almost every night "Well, what did you learn in school today?" Rabbi G and hopefully others will share something new that they learned during the week. (no class 12/22, 12/29)

### Wednesday

**10:00 AM - Coffee with TBE & Check-In** A brief time to just check in and let us know how you are doing. We will end with a very brief (no more than one paragraph) teaching from our tradition (no class 12/23, 12/30)

### Thursday

**10:00 AM - Humor is necessary!** (No Class 12/24, 12/31) **12:00 PM - Torah Study** 

7:00 PM - Healing Meditation (No Class 12/24, 12/31)
7:00 PM - Judaism 2.0 (1st & 3rd Thurs. of the month)

### Friday

**10:00 AM - Coffee with TBE & Check-In** (No Class 12/25, 1/1)



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### In Memory of:

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### In Memory of:

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### In Memory of:

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### In Honor of:

TBE leaders & staff by Ruth Schobel & Lucian Rind
Peyton & Avery Eichel's b'not mitzvah
by Linda & Mark Eichel
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### In Memory of:

Carolyn Mason by Steven Mason

Anne Matelsky by Marjorie & Harris Friedman

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### In Memory of:

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Neil Kalin on the Loss of his Uncle Morton Kalin

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Oscar Weinberg and Stephanie Weinberg on the Loss of their Father Morley Weinberg

May their memory be a blessing



### Anniversaries & Birthdays



**December 1**Joe & Melissa
Eakle

December 2 Gady & Liat Abramson Roy & Lee

Bieberberg

**December 6** Mike & Beth Soskin

**December 7** David & Katia Katz

December 12 Alon & Joyce Payenson

**December 14**Cristian & Lauren
Rivera

December 15
David & Paula
Bergman
Peter & Randi
Weinstein

**December 17**Colin & Laurie
Gold

**December 18** Alan & Lordes Beyda

December 20 Michael & Meredith Dolberg Jonathan & Angel Rosenberg Allen & Laura Weiss

**December 21**Brett & Alexis
Schuber

**December 22** Robert & Fern Smolowitz

December 23 Joel & Cheryl Mutnick

**December 24**Stanley & Patricia
Marks
Guy & Jodi Shir

**December 25** Steve & Fern Kahn Larry & Anita Kahn

December 26
Stephen Daleo &
Micheyle Goldman
Michael & Mana
Oken
Mal & Andrea
Steinberg

December 27
Steven & Orlie
Light
Darren & Raquel
Nacht

**December 28** Alan & Shannon Przelomski

December 29 Scott & Ana English Jeff & Nili Gold

**December 30** Shaun & Michele Orcinolo **December 31**Peter & Patti Blei
Gilon & Lissette
Levinson

\* Happy \* Birthday!

December 1
Myles Cutler
Zachary Dolberg
Juliet Kauffman
Eric Salpeter

December 2
Nancy Beim
Jodie Bernstein
Liv Biernacki
Jonathan Bratter
Danielle Friedman
Robert Horowitz
Benjamin Kessler
Logan Levine
Robin Tepper
Benjamin
Zuckerman

**December 3**Ryan Bush
Robin Steinman

December 4
Jesse Casher
Danny Frastai
Liliana Gabor
Olivia Hlasny
Alana Lodin
Jared Meyers
Pete Schlang

December 5
Patricia Dorfman
Peyton Eichel
Avery Eichel
Scott Farber
Dinorah Geller
Valerie Zaffos

December 6
Idan Cohen
Laura Goodman
Adam Greenstein
Rajel Wolcoff

December 7
Jaclyn Bentolila
Maryn Buchsbaum
Zachary Collin
Alix Genson
Matthew Lundy
Jane Sinagub

December 8
Eli Gray
Sheila Mansilla
Heidi Meyers
David Raskin
Beth Simon

December 9

December 9
Sarah Ashey
Max Bratter
Mana Oken
Damian Oliva
Mark Rosen

December 11

Monica Bakerman
Sara Lipman
Brian Rafkin
Trina Steinberg
Martin Trefler

December 12
Wynne Frishman
Dylan Gitkin
Jacob Gitkin
Zachary London
Alec Rosenberg

**December 13**Gloria Becker
Brian Rush
Ryan Santiago

**December 14**Seung Eldridge
Robert Juman
Maddon Katz

Patricia Mayer Tali Shir

**December 15**Yosef Benoualid
Nicholas Casher
Brooke Shenkin

December 16
Eden Collins
Samuel Essig
Rachel Greenberg
Sydney Herzbrun
Melanie Jaia
Jenna Kleinman
Gail Levi
Yossi Medina
Carrie Mintz

Jeffrey Koch Dana Kornfeld Leif Novie Leah Rush

December 18 Sloane Dreyer Rachel Kessler Benjamin Rivera

**December 19**Abbey Hertz
Jill Nieburg
Alex Webman

December 20
Marley Amarant
Jake Cimerberg
Dianne Dornbusch
Justin Gold
Robert Klausner
Evelyn Krotowski
Mia Rosenberg
Tracy Trager

December 21
Alyssa Cagan
Sheryl Katz
Jacquelyn Zaffos

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### The following Yahrzeits will be acknowledged and Kaddish will be said during Shabbat Services on the dates below.

### December 4

Frank Amigo **Agnes Barrett** Rose Braverman Herman Bresel Michael Brock Debbie Cannon Simon Cohen **Isadore Coulton** Seymour Fine Marvin Firtell Alan Gordon Barbara Gordon Harold Gregg **Dorothy Gutman** Shirley Heifetz Bessie Holen Eric Isaac Judith Kaplan George Kline Mendel Kraizgrun Harry Lattman Eleanor Levin Marjorie Levin Benjamin Mutnick Benjamin Olenick **Ruth Olenick** Harry Rothenberg David D. Rothman Frances Salzman **Evelyn Schechter** Louise Schneider William Schor Harry Stern Solomon Valinsky Joyce Walpert Ed Weinman Frances Weisberg

### December 11

**Svd Weiss** 

Benjimin Appel Guillermo Carrillo Ruth Chessin Sonia Cohen

Frank Weissman

Abraham Zaffos

Nellie Cooperstein Irvin Dantsker Rose Dubin Henry Goldenberg Morris Goldenberg

Marilyn Gossy Michael Gretch Patrick Heywang William Horvitz Trude Isaac Sheila Jones Ann Kaplan

Leon Kaufman Barbara Kessler Celia Lambert Bertha Leibman Carole Leskin Julius Lewis **Katherine Lewis** 

Morris Luxenberg

Frank Mirrer Sara Myszne Bernard Oken **Everett Pease** Rose Podell William Richman Moshe Rittman Ann Rubinstein

**Judy Schub** Sol Shoiock **Irving Sitomer** Allen Syatt

Mildred Taubman **Betty Tepper** 

Barbara Weinberger **Ruth Weinstein Seward Weiss** Ruth Winepol

William Winner Zimbul Yojay

### December 18

Gloria Berman **Eleanor Blume** Louis Cohen **Dorothy Deckelbaum** Alan Epstein Paulette Fechter Pauline Fein Gertrude Friedman Al Goldstein Jeanne Goldstein Max Gordan Avraham Gozlan Teri Grossman Benjamin Hansel

Charles Heywang Lynn Jacobs Elias Jacoby Henry Jedel Kristen Judd Arnold Koenig Rosa Lerman Joseph Levine **Eleanor Lewis** Louis Marcus Mort Meyers Melvin Miller

Sandra Joyce Raub Sadie Reid Martin Rosenbaum

Tamara Miller

Ervin Nadler

Michael Ross Harry Rubinstein Selma Sandler Betty Schwarzman Reva Silverman

Marvin Ronald Singer **Rewth Stein** Robert Taylor **Edith Taymore** 

**Charlotte Trager Moises Tron Louis Weiss Bernard Yanowitz** 

Jack Zaffos

### **December 25**

Arlynne Alexander George Altman Jerome Block Leo Chaikin Lillian Chaykin Arnold Cohen Jack Eichel Alfred Eppel Julius Fields Pearl Fine Irving Glassman Nanci Goldstein Martha Goodman **Burt Grutman** Carl Hageman **Benjamin Hains** Adeline Hausman Ellen Jacobs Jessie Kalin Herman Klein Leon Klompus Harold Kotok Samuel Lambert **Dorothy Lattman** Milton Lerner Bobbi Lichtenstein **Bernice Marcus** Lillian Maver Jacob Naidus **Shelley Obrand Herbert Pass** Civie Pertnov Irving Poloniecki **Marion Ripps** James Roberts Joseph Schmidt **Lewis Schott** Leah Schpiegelman Myron Silberman

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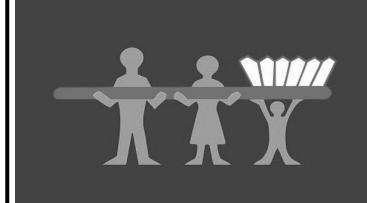
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### December 23

Laurie Adler Erica Drobner Millie Hibnick Sara Levy Harvey Liftin Sydni Quittner Julia Rabinowitz Chase Slingbaum

### **December 24**

Francie Horvitz Ellie Katz Idan Kokh Maureen Winick

### **December 25**

Jared Aronson
Michael Aronson
Ryan Bakerman
David Bimston
Betsy Blume
Elliot Eichel
Kenneth Firstenberg
Jaime Rojas

### **December 26**

Olivia Duggan Sophia Duggan Ryan Kahn Laurie Kruzel Susan Trefler

### **December 27**

Brian DePass David Kruzel Leni Marks

### **December 28**

David Aminov Alex Kobelin

### December 29

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