



TBI Tablet

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RABBI'S NOTES

by Rabbi Michael Mishkin

Carpe Diem, Carpe Mitzvah



Shalom Friends,

In AJ Jacobs' book, *The Year of Living Biblically*, he writes about a very unusual mitzvah he was able to do. In fact, very few people ever do this mitzvah in their entire life. The mitzvah is called Shiluah Hakeyn, which means chasing away the mother bird. In the Torah it says, If, along the road, you chance upon a bird's nest, in any tree or on the ground with fledglings or eggs and the mother bird is sitting over the fledglings or on the eggs, shoo

the mother bird away before taking the fledglings or eggs, (Deuteronomy 22:6-7). While the Torah gives no reason for this mitzvah, the commentators say that it's more humane to the mother bird, that she be sent away, before taking the eggs.

One day AJ had a voicemail message from a man named Bill Berkowitz. AJ had been waiting for that call for 6 months. In the message, Mr. Berkowitz invited AJ to come to his apartment in Washington Heights, in order to fulfill the mitzvah of Shiluah Hakeyn. How exactly was Mr. Berkowitz able to offer AJ this mitzvah

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On Wednesday, February 5, over 50 people came together to hear Dr. Rabbi Josh Sturm speak on Kidney Donation Awareness. The program was prompted to help one of TBI's own congregants, Rachel Bialer who is in need of a kidney transplant as a result of a genetic disorder that runs in families.



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opportunity? Simple – he left two small styrofoam containers out on his third floor window sill, and sure enough, two pigeons built nests in the boxes. Once they laid eggs in their nests, Mr. Berkowitz would call people on his waiting list, and invite them to his home so that they could chase away the bird, before taking the egg. The person would show up, donate \$100 to the charity of their choice, and then stick their hand out his window to shoo away the bird. (Mr. Berkowitz would give the person a thick glove to wear for protection). Most people would just pick up the egg and say a prayer and put it back, but if the person wanted to keep the egg to cook it and eat he or she could.

Why do I tell you this story? Because, we should know that when a mitzvah opportunity comes our way—we should seize it.

To go from the light-hearted to the serious. Some members of our community have the opportunity to do the most important mitzvah, which has come our way. That mitzvah is pikuah nefesh—saving the life of another person. The importance of this mitzvah is beyond compare, as our Sages teach us, “a person who saves a single life, it’s as if he or she has saved an entire world,” (Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5). What’s the mitzvah opportunity that has come our way? Rachel Bialer, a phenomenal person and a member of TBI, is in need of a kidney transplant. She needs a new kidney, because she has a genetic disorder called polycystic kidney disease. Rachel and her husband, Marty, joined TBI many years ago. Their sons, Daniel and Aaron, went to our Religious School and celebrated their Bnai Mitzvah and confirmations at TBI. In addition to her family life, Rachel is an active volunteer in our community. She teaches English as a Second Language and tutors children who need extra help in school.

Last month, we sponsored a Kidney Donation Awareness Event. I was very moved to see so many people attend the event — members of TBI, as well as other people from the Port Washington community. The event was run by an amazing organization called Renewal: The Comprehensive Resource for Kidney Donors and Recipients. Rabbi Josh Sturm from Renewal gave a thoughtful and informative presentation on the kidney donation process. In terms of age limits for being a kidney donor, hospitals generally accept a donor up to age 70. The lower age limit is 18. A donor should be in general good health. All medical expenses are covered by the recipient’s insurance. It’s also important to know that once a donor has recuperated from the surgery, he or she can expect to lead a completely normal life. There is no need to take any special medications, follow any dietary restrictions, or limit one’s physical activities.

If you have ever thought about donating a kidney, or if you have never thought about it, but are now considering it, please contact Renewal to further explore the possibility of becoming a donor. In order to be considered a possible match for Rachel, you need to have blood type B or O. Renewal believes in a zero pressure approach. This means that no one guilts a person into donating his or her kidney, and you are free to back out at any time. In addition, all information is kept strictly confidential. If someone explores the possibility of donating his or her kidney, no one—including the person in need of the kidney—is informed of this. To contact Renewal please email them at info@renewal.org, or call 718-431-9831 ext 209.

If you are not able to donate, or choose not to, you can still help and be a part of this mitzvah. Please share Rachel’s story by word of mouth and on Social Media. We pray for Rachel’s health and well being, and wish her a refuah shleymah (a complete recovery). And let us say: Amen.

Lshalom,

Rabbi Michael Mishkin
rabbimishkin@tbiport.org

The Mystery of the Minyan

By Rita Shumsky



Shalom,

I wanted to find when and who started the Sunday Minyan. I thought it would be easy enough to get the information. Well, was I wrong! I started with Barbara Taffet because she generally knows everything “TBI.” No, she didn’t know but she thought Elkan Abramowitz would know. It seems that his father, Harry, started it after his wife died. What happened after that? Was it continuous up to and including now? The best thing about this “investigation” was that I had a chance to speak to a lot of congregants and

even if they didn’t know they referred me to someone who might know.

Yes, Harry Abramowitz started one of the Sunday Minyans. No one knows exactly how long it continued. It may have met occasionally when someone needed to say Kaddish for a loved one. It has been going steady since the ‘90’s. Some say former Ritual Chairs, Harvey Aiges and Mark Rosenblatt may have been responsible for starting it up again. Hopefully it will continue for a long time to come.

The Minyan meets at 9 AM every Sunday, all year long regardless of the weather. It is very rare not to have a Minyan. There is a core group of Minyanaires and on some days there are mourners or those observing Yartzheit for a loved one who join us. The forty-five minute service is lay lead except for when the Torah is read on a Sunday.

A Tzedakah box is available and during certain parts of the service contributions are given. Over the years the “Minyan” has contributed thousands of dollars to organizations in Israel, the United States and Port Washington. Joan Hulkower has been responsible for the Minyan Tzedakah. Thank you Joan!

One of the highlights of the Sunday Minyan is breakfast sponsored by one of the Minyanaires. In addition to the wonderful fare offered there is almost always a lively discussion of one topic or another. There is a sign up sheet and everyone sponsors a breakfast during the year. Thank you Susan Levin for proposing that idea!

The Sunday Minyan is there: for congregants who have to say Kaddish for someone they recently lost or for someone they lost a long time ago; for children who are going to have their B’nai Mitzvah and want to put on Tefillin or just join want to join us before the big occasion; and for those who want to pray and be part of a wonderful group of people. Please, come pray, eat and schmooz!

Thanks to those who were part of the investigation. Barbara Taffet, Andy Abramowitz, Annette Kasle, Artie Holland, Victor Himmel, Eleanor Himmel, Eva Seegers, Joan Hulkower, Nancy Feldman, Jay Feldman, Irene Silver, Hilton Silver, Jack Genicoff, Jack Mishan, Richard Levin and Susan Levin.

Behind every successful endeavor there is always an organizer who makes sure things are running smoothly. Thank you Nancy Feldman for everything you do to make the Sunday Minyan the success it is.

The mystery of the Minyan hasn’t all been solved. If you have any information you’d like to share about the Sunday Minyan please feel free to contact me.



Love & Pornography in the Bible: The Song of Songs

Monday, March 23, 10:30am

Dr. Annette Kasle leads a workshop on The Song of Songs, a collection of love poetry completely lacking in religious content. It is totally preoccupied with individual concerns of the most intimate nature such as declarations of love between two young lovers and detailed descriptions of their relations. Join this workshop as Dr. Kasle challenges us to think about these poems and the connection to the Bible.

Mazal Tov

March Birthdays

Asher Elson
Nathan Hechtkopf
Zachary Stern
Emily Markman
Remy Pokrassa

March Anniversaries

Alan and Cindy Bergman
David and Carin Blejwas
Mark and Gail Mancher
Robert and Florence Rose
Andrew and Rebecca Schwartz
Jeffrey Freilich and Adina Schneider
Lane Palmer and Lisa Menasse-Palmer
Steve and Carolyn Glassberg
Laurence and Ronnie Charney

We list all children's birthdays up until the age of ten. We make every effort to include everyone, but if we miss your child's birthday or your anniversary we do apologize and ask that you let us know as soon as possible so we can be sure to correct it.

The Port Washington Rosh Chodesh Group 5780

Thursday, March 26, 9:30–11:00 am
Temple Beth Israel



Join us as we discuss

Telling the Story at the Seder Table: Does it make us Passive, Active, or Over-Aggressive? How we frame the story impacts how we view the world.

With Rabbi Michael Mishkin

Sigmund Freud said that religion makes people infantile. Sometimes, there is truth in that. But that is not the only response to religion. Another response is that religion can make people more mature. One way to see how this plays out is in the retelling of the story of the Exodus.

Does this story teach us that we should rely on God to perform miracles for us? What would that lead to? Or, can we tell the story in a way, which will inspire us to become more active in doing good in the world? What would that lead to? We will look at two biblical figures and how they used the Passover story. Hopefully, this will help us to think about how we shape the Passover story, and what we hope to accomplish when we read through the Haggadah at our seders.

Next Meeting: April 23, 2020 with Rabbi Pollak

Once a Month...Just for Yourself...Just for Your Soul

Thursday Sessions
with Rabbi Sharyn Perlman

BRINGING PRAYERS TO LIFE



NEXT SESSIONS

Thursday, March 12 & 19
10:30am–12pm

RSVP: jcheevers@tbiport.org

Lifelong Learning Never Stops

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Writing As Reflection: Make meaningful connections between Torah & our lives today
WITH PAM COBRIN

**9 Sessions: Meets once a Month (Sept thru May), 7:30pm–9:30pm,
Mondays: 3/30, 4/27, 5/18**

Cost: \$30 per session

Join Professor Pam Cobrin, Director of the Speaking and Writing Programs at Barnard College, as she leads monthly programs where we use writing (ours and others) to explore our relationship with various texts and ourselves.

- How does the act of writing help us connect to our conscious and unconscious thoughts?
- How does writing raise questions that challenge our thinking and our sense of the world? Answer these questions and more...

Space is limited RSVP: jcheevers@tbiport.org

Kitah Hei Shines on Mitzvah Day

Anya Morgulis, Director of Education and Engagement



Kitah Hei had a special task assigned to them as a responsibility toward our communal mitzvah day. We knew we were going to raise money through the bake sale as well as the coin roll, but we didn't yet know who we were going to give the money to! Kitah Hei was in the midst of an extended tzedakah curriculum, and the responsibility of determining the organization to choose seemed to be a great charge for them! As a class, they determined three organizations they felt passionate about and created a presentation outlining each organization, who or what they help, and what their work looks like. Then, they went into each classroom and presented each organization, and each learner got to vote which one of the three they wanted the money to go to. After determining the organization, Kitah Hei continued to focus their passion by running the bake sale table at Mitzvah Day. All together, TBI proudly donated \$600 to the World Wildlife Fund's Australia relief. The following is a reflection of this process cumulatively written from their perspective:

We carefully chose our charity organization by first discussing, and then googling these organizations. Then, we narrowed them down by choosing

the 3 most important topics. To come to a final selection, we pitched the organizations to every class to decide as a school as a whole. This was a big task because as one anonymous student shares "It made me open my eyes and realize how many charities need help."

One student says, "It was hard to find one charity because a lot of charities need our help", but we ended up choosing the World Wildlife Fund in Australia because we realized that everyone in Australia needs our help right now. Many people and over 400,000 animals have died from the wildfires so we wanted to do what we could to stop those numbers from growing.

When the charity was chosen, we felt confident in the school's decision because we felt it was an important cause. We felt it was important to help Australia because if we don't then it probably would destroy itself and not exist. Annie Schwartz adds that "This charity showed me that there is a difference between wants and needs."

This lesson showed us that even though we think the world will never get destroyed, it's not always the case but we can do everything we can to stop it. We realized how people treat

the environment badly and how we can change that by picking up trash, planting trees, and doing what we can to make the environment better.

This taught us that giving tzedakah is very important because it helps other people in the world. It made us feel good to give tzedakah because we are helping the people who need it, no matter how much we give.

We learned that giving charity doesn't only mean having to give money, but we can donate cans of water to those people who are fighting the fires. This has taught us that many charity organizations need our help and even though we chose The World Wildlife Fund of Australia, we want to be able to help all of the charities we originally chose, and many more!

If we had the same opportunity to do this over, we would do it the same way. The World Wildlife Fund in Australia is important right now to save Australia. We feel we have helped them with the \$600 that Temple Beth Israel raised and we hope to be able to help more people over time and continue to help charities in need. Leo Jakubiak says "I now know how many people are in need and I am so happy I was able to help some of them."

We enjoyed raising money for the World Wildlife Fund in Australia so much, we want to continue to help. Amanda Muller reflects that "Giving charity is more than giving money," which gave the group the idea of setting up boxes in the school to collect cans for the homeless shelters in NY, and setting up charity boxes to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and for the Earth Island Institute.

Gabriel summarizes this experience by sharing that "This experience was life changing. It was life changing because I found out how many people need our money and help."

Preschool News

By Diana Snaider, Preschool Director



February was a short but sweet month with so many celebrations. First we were Mitzvah Makers once again at TBI! With our tzedakah money brought in by the children and many donations from our wonderful families, we were able to outfit 51 less fortunate children with brand new pajamas! We also celebrated our success with a school wide Pajama Day! We also celebrated with Miss Diana reading a book to each class and we had milk and cookies for snack. Our First Friends class joined in all of our Pajama Day fun!!

Next we celebrated TuB'Shevat known as the Birthday of the Trees. We had a Seder and tasted all of the

different fruits and different shades of grape juice. It was so great to see how all of our kids love fruit! They especially all loved the delicious watermelon. We also planted parsley to be ready for Passover.

Lastly, we celebrated the 100th Day of school. We baked a cake and put 100 chocolate chips on top of it, brought in 100 of something, and collaborated on a 100th Day class mural. Some made pictures of what they would look at 100 years old...so much fun!

First Friends winter session has been well on its way and they are having so much fun with Miss Sam. Look out for our spring session enrollment form. Miss Sam is also having a Challah

making class on Fridays for kids 6 months to 5 years old. Please inquire at preschool@tbiport.org.

Summer session enrollment forms are online at tbiport.org as well as preschool enrollment forms.

If you would like to set up a tour, please contact Diana at preschool@tbiport.org

Sisterhood Dinner

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 7PM

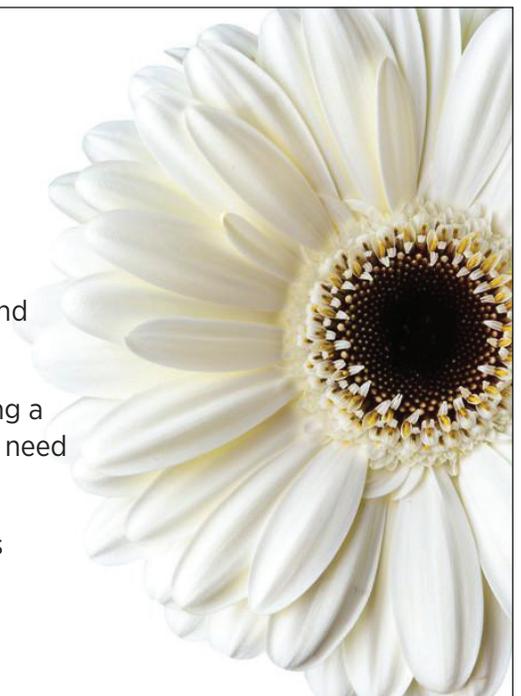
Good food, friends and a lot of laughs, especially since we have found Robin Fox, a comedian to entertain us!

RE-GIFT RAFFLE : In the 'fun' spirit of the evening, we will be holding a RE-GIFT RAFFLE—basically the (new) stuff you have that you don't need that someone else might love.

\$65 Temple Members | \$15 Sisterhood Members | \$75 Non Members

RSVP: to attend dinner: jcheevers@tbiport.org

Raffle Donations: alisaschindler@gmail.com



BAR MITZVAH OF Matthew Sparber



As we approach the day of the Bar Mitzvah of our son Matthew, to say that we are proud of who he is, and what he has accomplished would be an understatement. From the day we brought Matthew home from the hospital on November 10, 2006, he has brought us unimaginable joy.

Matthew truly conveys the ultimate spirit. Whether studying for his next Social Studies test, working with Cantor Grainer on his Torah portion, or practicing basketball, Matthew always shows an incredible determination and grit that makes his entire family proud.

Speaking of family, nothing makes Matthew happier than spending time with his family. This was clearly shown when he asked to bypass the more traditional Bar Mitzvah party in lieu of a family trip to Israel. Even though it meant learning another Torah portion to be delivered in Israel, the thought of traveling with the extended family to Israel was too good to turn down.

Learning another Torah portion is not intimidating to Matthew, as no challenge is too great for him. Matthew continues to show a determination, that draws the admiration of teachers, friends and family members. It is

this determination that has allowed Matthew to face every challenge head on.

Matthew loves to play basketball and baseball. Matthew gets great joy out of being part of various teams, always playing hard, and gets great joy in helping his team achieve its goals. In addition to playing sports, Matthew loves watching his two favorite teams, the NY Mets and the NY Islanders.

Matthew loves traveling and seeing places. Some of his favorite trips include going to Cancun, Alaska, and Jamaica. Last year, we traveled to Florida to watch his beloved NY Mets begin Spring Training. We loved that so much, we will be returning to watch Alonso, DeGrom and the boys get ready for the season for the second year in a row.

Matthew is also fortunate to have an older sister Geordan who has had such a prominent role in his life. Geordan and Matthew have formed a wonderful relationship and support system for each other. In addition to his sister, Matthew also cherishes his close relationships with his Grandparents, Aunt, Uncles, and Cousins.

Matthew would like to thank Cantor Grainer and Rabbi Mishkin for taking the time to work with him, and for making the preparation for his Bar Mitzvah such a rewarding experience.

| March 2020 | | | | Adar/Nissan 5780 | | | |
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| 1 5 Adar 10:30 AM Purim Basket Assembly | 2 6 Adar 5pm PJ Library 8:00pm Exec. Bd Mtg | 3 7 Adar 4:00pm RS 6:10pm TBI | 4 8 Adar | 5 9 Adar 10:30am Bringing Prayers to Life | 6 10 Adar 6:45pm Service CL: 5:35PM | 7 11 Adar 9:30am Service 11:00am Tot Shabbat & Jr. Congregation | |
| 8 12 Adar Daylight Savings 9:00am Minyan 11:30am Purim Carnival | 9 13 Adar 5pm Celebrate Purim at TBI | 10 14 Adar 9:30am Megillah Reading Kiddush to Follow 12:30 Sexual Politics in Purim w/Dr. Annette Kasle | 11 15 Adar 4:00pm RS 6:10pm TBI 8:15 Board of Trustees | 12 16 Adar 10:30pm Bringing Prayers to Life w/Rabbi Perlman 7:00pm UJA Event at TBI | 13 17 Adar 6:30pm FNL w/ Naomi Less CL: 6:43pm | 14 18 Adar 9:30am Service 6:30pm Bar Mitzvah Matthew Sparber | |
| 15 19 Adar 9:00am Minyan 12noon Mostly Mitzvahs | 16 20 Adar | 17 21 Adar 4:00pm RS 6:10pm TBI | 18 22 Adar | 19 23 Adar 10:30pm Bringing Prayers to Life w/ Rabbi Perlman | 20 24 Adar 6:45pm Service CL: 6:50pm | 21 25 Adar 11am Tot Shabbat 9:30am Service | |
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| 29 4 Nissan 9:00am Minyan 10:30am Passover Workshop | 30 5 Nissan 7:30pm Writing as Reflection | 31 6 Nissan | 1 7 Nissan | 2 8 Nissan 7:00pm Food Insecurity Panel | 3 9 Nissan 9:00am Preschool Passover Celebration | 4 10 Nissan | |

Casino Night at TBI

On Feb. 1 the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas was a lot closer to home as the TBI social hall was transformed into Casino Night. There was

blackjack, craps, roulette and Texas Hold 'em and food, a silent auction and good friends to pass the night away.



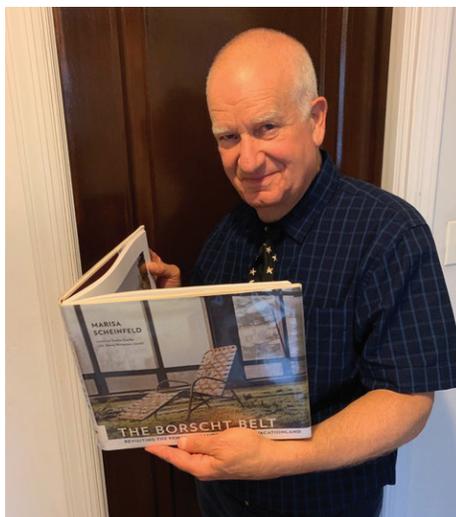
Booked by The Borscht Belt: Checking Out Remnants of America's One-Time Jewish Vacationland

By Mark A. Schneider, TBI Past President & TBI Tablet Editor-at-Large

The way it was is the way it'll never be again.

Those words symbolically describe the end of the Catskills Borscht Belt hotel vacations that many of our families enjoyed for decades and generations. A page from the past, actually over 150 pages, helps bring to life the Catskills as we knew our Ulster County and Sullivan County Mountains. Interestingly, what remains of our "mountains of memories" is all but gone as proven by the sad photographic collection put together in a picture-perfect book by Marisa Scheinfeld. *Revisiting the Remains of America's Jewish Vacationland* is the subtitle of Ms. Scheinfeld's book simply titled *The Borscht Belt*. Ms. Scheinfeld takes us back, only to be sadly disappointed. Yet the current state and the legacy of the Catskills come together in an interesting way.

"The Borscht Belt" story begins, Judaically speaking, in the beginning when Jews from working, middle and upper middle class neighborhoods flocked to this upstate vacation mecca. Other Jews made their way there, too, to work in the resorts as waiters, waitresses, busboys, counselors, musicians... and comedians. From Woody Allen, to Rodney Dangerfield, from Jerry Lewis to Jackie Mason to Joan Rivers and Totie Fields, Jewish headliners kept us well entertained. A total of 538 hotels, not to mention thousands of bungalows, were built in the two connected Catskill Mountain counties. The so-called Golden Age of the Borscht Belt lasted decades, finally winding down in 1965 as Jewish tourists took advantage of newly affordable airfares to Europe and the Caribbean. Many of the younger adults who went as children with their parents to the Catskills chose to explore newer



travel destinations. The big-name Jewish entertainers stayed away, too, as they made their mark in television shows, in movies and on theatre stages. And so, into the 1970s, 80s and 90s, the Catskills name-brand hotels from Grossinger's to the Concord, from the Nevele to Tamarack, Fallsview, Granit, Homowack, and the rest, slowly shuddered leaving behind remnants and memories that were historically decimated.

Thanks to essays in the book by Stefan Kanfer (Echos of the Borscht Belt) and Jenna Weissman Joselit (In the Frame) along with Ms Scheinfeld's insightful prologue and historical overview, *The Borscht Belt* takes its readers on a pictorial and verbal journey to the exciting past, ending with the sad demise.

Incorporated into the book are

picture postcard scenes from thriving Catskills hotels showing resort guests enjoying the indoor and outdoor pools, dining on their delicious cuisines, taking in entertainers in luxury night clubs, wintering on resort ice skating rinks and much more. Grossinger ashtrays, matchbooks, brochures and those wonderful souvenir keychain photo viewers, are all part of the wonderful Borscht Belt memories documented.

And then you turn the page and it's all gone.

Dilapidated buildings, broken windows, boarded up doors, garbage strewn about. Photographer Marisa Scheinfeld wanted to document the history of the area that was part of her life. Her goal was to capture what remained of the Borscht Belt. A friend told her to "photograph what you know." And so on one page, a postcard picture of the good times, followed by her photo showing standing ruins and pieces of the past. There is an index of photographic notes that will no doubt remind you of some hotels that perhaps were part of your childhood and/or family's vacation history. But now, as you sadly turn and explore each photographic page, it's all nothing more than a sadly depressing, but sharply nostalgic memory of the past, that unfortunately has reached the end.

The Borscht Belt is a picturesque book that takes you back to a place that'll you'll definitely want to check out, knowing that, sadly, you can never again check in.

Borscht Belt questions or comments? Remember when Temple Beth Israel had fun (and fund raising) weekends at the Nevele, Fallsview and Concord hotels? Please email me at copymark@gmail.com.



tot shabbat

please join temple beth israel's
tot shabbat programming on the following dates:

march 21 • april 18 • may 2 + 16 • june 13 + 27

UJA-FEDERATION OF NEW YORK'S

WITNESS PROJECT

MONDAY, APRIL 6 2020

5:45 PM – ARTS EXHIBIT

7:00 PM – THEATER PERFORMANCE

Tilles Center for the Performing Arts
720 Northern Boulevard, Greenvale, New York

Join us for an inspirational evening as students bring the stories of **Holocaust survivors to life through a theater performance and original pieces of art.** The culmination of a yearlong collaborative process between students and survivors, this is a night you don't want to miss.

We are also pleased to announce that **AARON DAMSKY, EMILY LEVINE, HANNAH POPPER, WILLIAM STEIN** and **MIA STEINBERG**, Temple Beth Israel Congregants, are participants in the program.

Charge: \$25 per ticket*

To purchase tickets, visit: ujafedny.org/witness

*The charge represents the value of the event and is not tax-deductible.

Funds raised will support services for Holocaust survivors in the community, including therapeutic programs such as UJA-Federation's Witness Project.

Witness Project is run in collaboration with **Sid Jacobson JCC.**

CHAIRS: Amy & Scott Jaffee, Ronnit & Michael Kessler

For more information please contact Dina Shuster 516.762.5800 or witness@ujafedny.org.



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2-PART PASSOVER WORKSHOP

Making Freedom Meaningful: A Passover Bootcamp for Adults

with Cantor Grainer and Rabbi Mishkin

Part One

Sunday, March 29

11am–12:30pm

RSVP by March 26: cantorgrainer@tbiport.org

Come explore the liturgy, rituals and songs of the Passover Haggadah. Learn how to make your Seder Symposium sing with meaning for guests of all ages this year!

(Each participant will receive a packet of information and a Dropbox of melodies for the Haggadah)

Part Two

Sunday, April 5

11am-12:30pm

RSVP by April 3:

cantorgrainer@tbiport.org

Join Rabbi Mishkin and learn about stories, songs, games and questions you can use to make your seder fun and interactive.



SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE PORT WASHINGTON/SANDS POINT RECEPTION ON BEHALF OF UJA/FEDERATION

HONORING THE BRODSKY & ENGEL FAMILIES with the L'Dor V'Dor Awards

Muriel & Bert Brodsky, Rebecca & Lee Brodsky,
Karina & Jeffrey Brodsky, Kim & David Brodsky,
Jessica & Craig Miller

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GUEST SPEAKER ASTON BRIGHT

A firefighter from Plantation, Florida, Aston Bright joined EVP *(Emergency Volunteers Project), which recruits and trains American firefighters to be deployed in Israel.

EVENT CHAIRS

Alyssa and Jack Hattem | Beth and Louis Silfin

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020

Temple Beth Israel, 1 Temple Drive, Port Washington

7:00 PM Light Dinner and Wine

7:45 PM Program, followed by Dessert *Dietary Laws Observed*

THE EVENT WILL FEATURE A SCROLL OF HONOR

CHARGE: \$45 (the charge represents the value of the event and is not tax-deductible)

PLEASE RESPOND BY THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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The Social Action Committee
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presents a forum on

The Challenge of Food Insecurity in our Community

Thursday, April 2 @ 7:30PM

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What is Food Insecurity?

In 2018, an estimated 1 in 9 Americans were food insecure. Food Insecurity refers to a lack of available financial resources for food at the household level.

2017 Overall County Food Insecurity in New York, Nassau County Food Insecure

People in Nassau County: 73,050

Food Insecure Children in Nassau County: 36,650

Featuring panelists from:

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Ronnie Peshkin wishes a very happy birthday to Lenny Holland on her 90th birthday!

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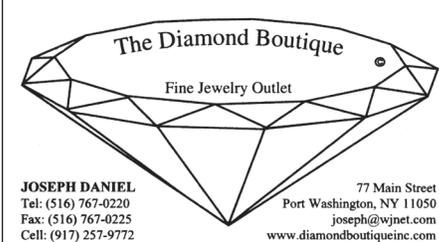
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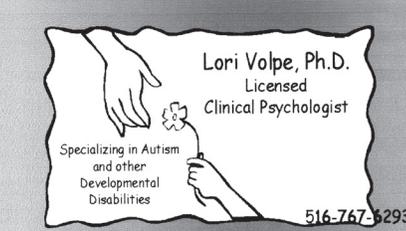


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