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RABBI'S NOTES

by Rabbi Michael Mishkin

Kedushah: The Different Meaning of Jewish Spirituality



The middah (character trait) of the month is *Kedushah*, which means holiness or can refer to spirituality. What do you think of, when you see the word “spirituality?” Spirituality has many different meanings according to many different groups. Jewish spirituality also has many different meanings. One word associated with Jewish spirituality is *yirah* (pronounced, year-ah), which means awe. Awe is a good place to start when thinking about spirituality. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel believed that awe was a natural response to the beauty and intricacies of the world. He wrote, “Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement....get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life

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For the Holiday Season, Preschool and Religious School students purchased and donated new toys from funds collected through weekly Tzedakah contributions. Toys were given to the JCC to distribute to underserved children in Nassau County.



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casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.” Once we feel awe from experiencing the world, then we feel gratitude. These feelings can lead us to a recognition of God’s goodness and God’s presence in the world. One who maintains the virtue of *yirah*, is someone who can take a step back and get a sense of the big picture. It’s about understanding our place—as humans—in the world. We are powerful. We have a great capacity to think, we have needs and dreams, and we are creative. Our power sometimes leads us to believe that we are the center of the universe, but we are not. We—like everything else in the world—are created by a Creator. The Creator (God) is at the center.

Spirituality is not just a feeling, it’s an understanding or a perspective that impacts how we behave in the world. For example, in the Passover story, the Egyptian midwives, Shiphra and Puah, were directed by Pharaoh to murder the Israelite baby boys, as they were being born. However, these two courageous women did not follow Pharaoh’s decree, even though that meant they were risking their lives. Why did these women defy Pharaoh? The Torah tells us that they had *yirah*—a sense of awe about God and this helped shape their values. If we understand the world to be good and beautiful; then that understanding has the power to direct us to act in ways which are consonant with good living and beautiful behavior. If we believe (or understand) the world to be a gift from a moral Creator, then we can find great strength to behave morally, even in defiance of an evil decree.

Thinking about a Creator and the creation of the world serves as spiritual exercise on many levels. One of those levels is that it can help us value each day and each moment. If the world—including humanity, including each and every one of us—was created with purpose—then each of our lives has meaning. This is a primary message of Shabbat.

All of this overlaps with another aspect of spirituality, which is transcending our focus on ourselves and thinking about other people—family members, friends, community members, and strangers. In Leviticus, chapter 19, God, speaking through Moses, tells the Israelites, *kedoshim thi-yu ki kadsoh Ani Adonai Eloheיכם*. “You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy,” (19:1). We have the ability to be holy, to be spiritual, because God is holy and spiritual. What does it mean to be holy/spiritual? The rest of the chapter explains how we achieve holiness, how we live spiritually. Some of the most important elements of holy living is to treat others with dignity, protect people in danger, and not exploit the vulnerable.

Every human being has a great resource for tapping into spirituality—and that is his or her soul. In one of the first prayers which is recited in the morning, we say, “My God, the soul You placed within me is pure. You created it, You fashioned it, You breathed it into me . . . As long as the soul is within me, I gratefully thank you, Adonai, my God, and the God of my ancestors.”

Rabbi Naomi Levy, our scholar in residence January 19-21, recently wrote a book called, *Einstein and the Rabbi: Searching for the Soul*. (I will be leading a book club, discussing the book on Thursday, January 11.) It’s a moving book, which talks about the power of our souls, how to listen to our souls, and how to nourish our souls. Rabbi Levy writes, “What is the soul? The rabbis tell us the soul is a mirror of God within us. The soul fills the body, just as God fills the world. The soul outlasts the body, just as God outlasts the world. The soul is one in the body, just as god is one in the world. The soul sees but is not seen, just as God sees but is not seen,” (p. 31). Our souls call out to us, full of wisdom and insight, but listening to our souls is not easy. Why is it so challenging? Rabbi Levy explains with the following parable, which she heard from Rabbi Harold Schulweis, of blessed memory.

When God was creating the world, God shared a secret with the angels: human beings will be created in the image of God. The angels were jealous and outraged. Why?

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

US Recognizes Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel

By Matt Engel



Just a few short weeks ago, President Trump announced that the United States would recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and would begin plans to move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. Although there have been countless critics throughout our own country, and of course, throughout the World, I believe we should applaud the President for this bold move. It has been longstanding US law that the United States recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, but the President moved forward on what his three recent predecessors failed to do: officially initiate the embassy's move.

Many have said the United States should not have made this move because it would cause violence and protests throughout the world. However, I believe that not making policy decisions out of fear of Palestinian/Arab violence actually takes us further away from peace. Perhaps what the Middle East needs is more clear-cut policy, which is aligned with the facts on the ground. Jerusalem has been the self-declared

capital of the Modern State of Israel since 1949.

By demonstrating that we stand by our closest ally, Israel, we stress to the Palestinians and the world that the only way to establish a Palestinian State is through non-violent means.

I believe we should applaud the administration for standing up for what is right, and as Jews we should be incredibly proud that the United States has stood up taller than all other nations to affirm Israel's right to determine its capital. From a religious and spiritual point of view, this move is significant because Jerusalem has served as the eternal capital of the Jewish people for over three thousand years.

This move does not preclude the negotiation of borders and Jerusalem as final status issues. A pursued two state solution is both the U.S. and Israel's stated official policy.

While the Reform Movement and other Jewish groups publicly opposed this move, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) and the Jewish Theological Seminary, released a joint statement in support of this move. Below is the statement of the USCJ.

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Jerusalem is Judaism's holiest city and the capital of the state of Israel, as the Conservative movement has long maintained in resolutions and public statements. We are pleased, at the President's initiative, that the United States government will now recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and begin the process of moving the American diplomatic mission there from Tel Aviv.

The state of Jerusalem is a matter to be settled in direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. But in recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and planning to move the American embassy to a location under uncontested Israeli sovereignty, the U.S. government acknowledges the age-old connection that Israel and the Jewish people maintain with the holy city.

We urge the U.S., Israel, the Palestinian Authority and the international community to take the bold steps needed to advance a two-state solution and a regional accord between Israel and its neighbors. Now more than ever, Israelis and Palestinians deserve a just and durable peace that protects the security of Israelis and grants to Palestinians an independent state in which to realize their national aspirations.

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should humans be entrusted with such a precious gift when they are flawed mortals? Surely if humans find out their true power they will abuse it. If humans discover they are created in God's very image, they will learn to surpass us! So the angels decided to steal God's image. Now that the divine image was in the angels' hands, they needed to pick a place to hide it so that [humans] would never find it. They held a meeting and brainstormed. The angel Gabriel suggested that they hide God's image at the top of the highest mountain peak. The other angels objected, "One day

humans will learn to climb and they will find it there." The angel Michael said, "Let's hide it at the bottom of the sea." "No," the other angels chimed in, "humans will find a way to dive to the bottom of the sea and they'll find it there." One by one the angels suggested hiding places, but they were all rejected. And then Uriel, the wisest angel of all, stepped forward and said, "I know a place where [humans] will never look for it." So the angels hid the precious holy image of God deep with the human soul. And to this day God's image lies hidden in the very place we are

least likely to search for it. Lying there it is farther away from you than you can ever imagine. Lying there it is closer to you than you will ever know. (pp. 31-32)

I encourage you to read *Einstein and the Rabbi*, and to come hear Rabbi Naomi Levy at TBI, to learn more about finding our souls, listening to our souls, and living with more spirituality.

B'shalom,

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Mazal Tov!

BAR MITZVAH OF

Zachary Howard Silfin



Zachary came into the world on an icy cold December 17th, in 2004. His December 24th bris provided friends and family with an easy answer to the annual “what are we going to do Christmas Eve” question. His seeming constant motion provided an easy answer to the “what are we going to do with every other waking moment” question!

When Avery learned that she would become a big sister, she dubbed her not-yet-born sibling “baby sunshine.”

While he did, in fact, prove to be one sunshine-y baby, we chose instead to name Zac after the only grandparent not with us for his birth, his Grandpa Howard. Zac’s Hebrew name literally means “remembering Howard.”

Zac’s inquisitive nature, his mechanical skills and his sense of direction come to him by way of his Grandpa Howard as well as from his Pop Pop Herb. Early on, Zac used his inherited skills to pry the covers off outlets, flip his bouncy seat for a fast escape and open kitchen safety locks. Partially determined to take apart the house and wholly determined to learn everything he could about everything around him, Zac has always had a curiosity that functions as a motor and we are but passengers along for the ride.

Zac’s interests are broad and varied, having also inherited his family’s love of baseball. Although his heart is with the Yankees, Zac’s first trip to Shea Stadium when he was not quite four was a memorable one. On the way home he called his grandparents with a full report, including a “Take Me Out to the Ball game” serenade as his fellow № 7 train passengers looked on with delight. Zac’s infectious enthusiasm for things that he loves defines who he is. Zac is convincing in his passions, and will stop at nothing to make you love his things—baseball, Star Wars, Xbox, Harry Potter, even touring Pompeii on a sweltering August day—right along with him.

To Beth, Zac will always be “Sweet Boy” a nickname that mostly holds true. Loving, kind, and caring, Zac almost always chooses to be sweet (though Avery may dispute this). He watched hours of baseball with his Pop Pop, and is happy to entertain his Nana with endless games of Rummy Kub. Zac lovingly and patiently helped his ailing grandmother, ever concerned and eager to help take care of her. And the same way Zac would be the first one to go grocery shopping for her, the first to offer to guide her wheelchair through a restaurant, he would be the first to give a sought-after Yankee ball, caught from the great Didi Gregorius, to a little kid to whom it meant even more. That’s our sweet boy in a nutshell.

We are proud of the young man Zac has become and of the hard work, dedication and perseverance that has brought him to this moment of becoming bar mitzvah. We pray that his future brings him the joy, love and laughter he gives to us each day.

Thanks to Rabbi Mishkin for helping Zac prepare his words of wisdom, to Cantor Blum for making it all sing, and to Cathy and Julie for keeping it all together for us.

January Birthdays

Max Donovan	2
Henry Kasle	4
Madeleine Friedman.....	5
Preston Malz	5
Marielle Jacobson.....	5
Isaac Smith.....	5
Lily Mishkin.....	6
Ezra Smolow	6
Gabriel Drucker.....	7
Zachary Gould.....	8
Sienna Couture	10
Andrew Greber-Raines.....	10

January Anniversaries

Robert Gass & Sandra Albert

Ira & Gloria Slutsky

Alan Friedman &

Alison Kent-Friedman

Stephen & Helene Weingrow

Blair Greber-Raines &

Leigh Weissman

Michael & Heidi Jaffe

Alexander Katz & Ellen Doft

Irwin & Ann Kellner

Murray Singer & Linda Galler

Victor & Eleanor Himel

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.

Geordan Sparber



It is with great joy that we come to the dawn of the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter Geordan. Since the day she was born, Geordan has shined a light on our house, and brought a level of happiness that we never could have imagined.

Watching her grow up has been the thrill of our lives, and we cannot wait to see what the teenage years and beyond will bring about. The theme of Geordan's Bat Mitzvah is Good as Gold, and that is fitting in that she has a heart made of gold. Named after her Great Grandmother Goldie, she has a wide array of friends that she has made throughout her life, whether thru the early days at Nursery School at TBI, thru her Elementary School days at Sousa, onto Middle School at Weber, and of course, at Trails End Camp.

Sports have played an important role in Geordan's life. She loves to play Soccer and Basketball, and has recently taken up Volleyball and Lacrosse. Not only have sports created long lasting and meaningful friendships, but it has taught her important lessons such as

teamwork, striving for excellence and unfortunately, in some cases, how to handle setbacks and defeat.

Like all kids her age, Geordan's weekly schedule often leaves us shaking our head thinking "Why have we let her take all of this on?" Between school, her friends, and all of her extra curricular activities Geordan is always in motion. She embraces the crazy and would not want it any other way. She knows that school comes first, and her achievements academically show how determined and dedicated she is to what matters most.

Geordan has had a wonderful relationship with her little brother Matthew since the day he was born. This loving relationship has grown deeper during the course of many awesome family vacations, and is fostered on a daily basis with simple pleasures like their nightly ritual of tucking each other into bed at night.

In addition to our immediate family, Geordan is blessed with having loving Grandparents, as well as Aunts, Uncles and cousins involved in her life. Days and vacations spent with her extended family have always given Geordan the most joy.

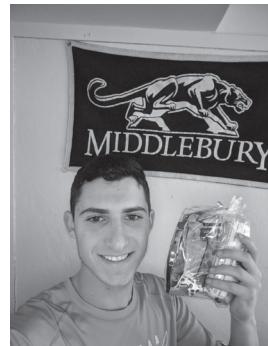
Randi and I have had conversations with Geordan about what it means to become a Bat Mitzvah. Getting past the

part about the party, Geordan is very aware, and very willing to accept the responsibility that comes with this honor. As a Bat Mitzvah, she knows she has a responsibility to represent her family, and her community on a different level and she is looking forward to doing that. She has displayed her "Heart of Gold" in her Mitzvah project. It pains Geordan to think that there are people in Long Island who go to sleep hungry. As such Geordan has worked with her peers to help prepare food for people in need, and she has spent time delivering the prepared meals. She has also worked with friends and family to collect non perishable food which she has delivered to various food pantries in Long Island. Geordan has recognized how great it is to live in this great community, and has gained the perspective that you cannot truly become a Bat Mitzvah without continuously thinking of others.

Geordan knows she has much to be thankful for. Specifically, she would like to thank the teachers, and other individuals who have had such a profound impact on her life up to this point.

So as we approach the eve of one of the great days of our lives, we look back with thanks for bringing Geordan into our lives, while we look forward to all that the future will bring to our little girl.

Whose College Kids are These with Their TBI Hanukkah Packages?



MEET ONE OF THE TOP 50 RABBIS IN AMERICA & AUTHOR OF *EINSTEIN AND THE RABBI*



Scholar in Residence: Naomi Levy January 19–21, 2018

Naomi Levy, founder and spiritual leader of Nashuva, a groundbreaking Jewish outreach organization based in Los Angeles, has a unique and passionate voice in the contemporary Jewish world. Through Nashuva, Naomi has been involved in drawing hundreds of unaffiliated Jews back to a Judaism that is soulful, committed to social justice, meaningful, relevant and fun. The Jewish Forward listed Rabbi Levy as one of the 50 most influential Jewish leaders in the nation. Through her popular and meaningful books—*To Begin Again*, *Talking to God*, *Hope Will Find You* and *Einstein and the Rabbi*, Rabbi Levy has guided people to healing after a loss, inspired people to find their voice in prayer and has helped people hear the voice of their soul.

Schedule of Events:

Friday, January 19th

- **6:30pm** Friday Night Live with Naomi Less
During the Service, Rabbi Levy will give a short talk on prayer.
- **7:45pm** Dinner: RSVP to Office (\$20 Adults/\$10 Children/Young Adults 13-26)
Following Dinner, Rabbi Naomi Levy Talk: *Einstein & The Rabbi – Repairing Ourselves, Repairing the World*

Saturday, January 20th

- **9:30am** Services
Sermon by Rabbi Levy
Sometimes a Little Push Gets You Going On Your Way
Following Kiddush Lunch—Rabbi Levy Presentation
Following the Call of Your Soul
RSVP to Office: (non-members \$10)

Sunday morning, January 21

- **10:00-11:30am** Rabbi Levy Presentation
Talking to God: How to Make Prayer Come Alive in Your Life
Light Breakfast

Purim is Coming!

Purim Megillah Reading

Wednesday, February 28, 6:30pm
Thursday, March 1, 9:30am

Purim Carnival

Sunday March 4, 12 noon

Participate in Our Annual Mishloach Manot Baskets

Arriving in your inbox will be an email that will guide you in selecting Mishloach Manot baskets online using our program called The Purim Project (www.purimproject.com).

We will also be sending via snail mail hard copies of all forms for Shalach Manot should you choose to complete manually.



TBI Office Hours

Monday–Thursday: 9 am–4 pm
Friday: 9 am–3 pm

Please call to schedule an appointment with the Synagogue Director.

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TBI Social Action Committee Forms and Hosts First Event on Immigration

WHOEVER SAVES A SINGLE LIFE; IT IS AS THOUGH HE/SHE HAS SAVED AN ENTIRE WORLD.

Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5

With this quote from the Mishnah as our charge, TBI launched a new Social Action Committee. The Steering Committee spent the last few months discussing a structure and focus for the committee. A mission statement and a list of issues to be addressed follows:

Mission Statement

The Temple Beth Israel Social Action Committee seeks to better our world through education and collective action, addressing issues related to the safety and well-being of people in Port Washington, the United States, Israel and the world. This committee, guided by Jewish values, is dedicated to pursuing justice, ensuring the human dignity of others, and protecting the environment.

Some of the issues, which this committee is dedicated to addressing, include:

- Immigration and refugees
- International famine and clean water
- Disaster relief and crisis intervention
- Combatting poverty and hunger
- Reducing hatred and bigotry
- Gun safety
- Protecting the environment
- Interfaith/intercultural understanding and relationships

Michael Mandel, Immigration Attorney Speaks at First Program

On December 6, the Social Action Committee held its first program featuring Michael Mandel, an Immigration Attorney

and Port Washington resident. Mr. Mandel began his talk by discussing how Judaism is at the core of his work. He then provided the group with some background on the history of U.S. immigration policy and how current policies are detrimental to immigrants across the country, on Long Island and right here in Port Washington. TBI Members who attended were engaged and provided with resources for taking action to support our immigrant neighbors.



Upcoming Activities and Events

- January 7 at 10:15 AM The Social Action Committee is joining with the TBI Library Committee and the Men's Club for a program entitled, "From Segregation to Empowerment with Yolanda Beckett". Ms. Beckett is a 1960's Civil Rights Activist and Freedom Rider. Ms. Beckett's life experience is sure to inspire you and resources on current racial justice issues will also be offered.
- On the evening of February 8, the Social Action Committee is partnering with Community Synagogue, The Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore and the Port Jewish Center, for a presentation by Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer of HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society). The event will be held in the TBI Social Hall.
- March plans include a program to support Syrian refugees.

Our initial steering committee included: Rabbi Mishkin and Cathy Seldin, TBI members Rita Shumsky, Dina Adsetts, Gail Seiden, Debbie Mishan, Jeff Freilach, Betsy Golan and Allison White.

New members are welcome, encouraged to join and share your ideas. Please contact Allison White, alliwhite@gmail.com.

LIFELONG LEARNING

The Ethical Life: Jewish Values in an Age of Change

This meaningful and engaging class continues. You are welcome to attend both sessions, or each one on its own.

Topic: Fracking: A Case Study in the Ethics of Neighborly Relations

Sunday, February 4, 10:30am–12noon

Topic: Is Teshuvah Possible? Rethinking Mass Incarceration in the United States

Sunday, February 11, 10:30am–12noon

Laurel & Hardy Plus Klezmer Music Equals Judaic Joy to the World; Laughing All the Way with Stan and Ollie

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

I missed writing this article by a mere thirty-three years.

Back in 1985, three years after I first started writing monthly columns and editing the Temple Beth Israel bulletin, a brief *New York Times* announcement about an upcoming performance at Carnegie Hall unfortunately didn't catch my attention.

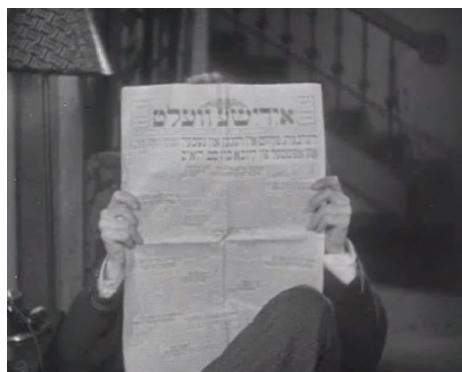
I didn't notice that a live performance of klezmer music would accompany screenings of six silent Laurel & Hardy films that were made in the late 1920's. The Kleveland Klezmorim, a 5-piece band had been performing at synagogues, wedding and bar/bat mitzvah parties. But on this one day, one of my favorite all-time comic duos would have the Klezmer sound of music added to their mayhem. Carnegie Hall was selling tickets for \$7, or, as the 'Grey Lady' herself noted, "\$4 for the elderly."

It is easy to understand how and why Arthur Stanley Jefferson (Stan Laurel) and Norvell Hardy (Oliver/Ollie/Babe) have influenced generations of Jewish comedy legends and continue to be enjoyed for their ongoing ageless ability to make audiences laugh at their slapstick comedy.

A noted Jewish film producer born Maxwell Henry Aronson can claim credit for being responsible as the first film exec to bring Laurel and Hardy to their first movie together. Aronson's 1921 film titled "The Lucky Dog" was the first to feature the individual talents of Laurel and Hardy. Six years later, they were officially teamed up as Laurel & Hardy in what became their multitude of classic and legendary silent and sound films.

Looking back decades, one can note how Jewish film performances by Groucho Marx and his fellow Marx

Brothers along with the Three Stooges not to mention Abbott & Costello and others have been influenced by talents of Laurel & Hardy in their own films.



Coinciding with the popularity and slapstick comedy style of Laurel & Hardy, even television performers copied their innovative style. A memorable scene from one episode of the TV classic *Seinfeld* shows how close Jerry Seinfeld and Jason "George Costanza" Alexander could prove that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. "Jerry and George" actually do an imitation of Laurel & Hardy's gestures and voice ("Good night Stan, Good night Ollie"). Add the comedy exchanges with Kramer, Newman and even Elayne and you can see the *Seinfeld* influence of Laurel & Hardy routines.

In fact, when Jerry Seinfeld was asked which comedian he would love to interview for his "Comedians in Cars

Getting Coffee" show, he was quick to single out and say, "Stan Laurel." Given the opportunity to watch a lengthy comedic film, Seinfeld says "I'd rather watch Laurel & Hardy two-reelers," adding, "I think they're much funnier and I like the size" meaning length of the film.

The early TV popularity of Jackie Gleason's classic *Honeymooners* show kept audiences in a slap-happy frame of mind by focusing major story lines around Ralph Kramden (Gleason) and Ed Norton (Art Carney). One could almost imagine the problems Ralph and Ed get into with the Laurel & Hardy mantra "another fine mess you've gotten me into." Some have claimed that the stories behind the Flintstone's cartoon characters Barney and Fred could have been paraphrased by Laurel & Hardy. More recently, *Seinfeld* co-creator Larry David has captured Laurel & Hardy's episodic events between Larry and both his manager as well as Larry and his neighbor friend J.B. Smoove on his *Curb Your Enthusiasm* TV show.

Talk about an early Judaic scene, in the Laurel & Hardy 1930 movie "Blotto," Stan is shown holding up and reading a Yiddish newspaper called "Yiddishe Velt" (Yiddish World), perhaps in deference to the Yiddish film industry in America at the time. The headline underneath the masthead reads something like "Lindbergh flight in rain and fog Cuba to St. Louis." Film mavens have noted that Stan and Ollie were (and are) popular with Jewish audiences. In Hebrew the pair are known as "Hashamen v he Razeh," literally "the fat one and the thin one." Perhaps the use of a Yiddish newspaper was an "in joke" between the cast and film crew. Others have speculated that Stan's wife in the film is Jewish.

Preschool Notes

by Diana Snaider, Preschool Director

Berlin-born Max Davidson was a film actor known as the “Jewish Comedian.” Appearing in the movie “Call of the Cuckoos,” the story focuses on Max’s annoyance with his next-door neighbors, played by Laurel & Hardy. Interestingly, The 1927 film titled “Jewish Prudence” stars Max and was written by... Stan Laurel!

Speaking of how the popularity of Laurel & Hardy has translated into social media, the Israel Video Network has been showcasing a video that added Jewish Yemenite music to a Laurel & Hardy dance routine. Watch it and you’ll see why it already has over 300,000 online views. Another online video adds an Tel Aviv-Israeli musical soundtrack to a Stan & Ollie’s classic dance routine. The visual-musical combination plays very well.

London, Dallas and Atlanta Synagogues are just a few of the Jewish centers that have featured Laurel & Hardy film programs. But thanks to TVs, DVD's and iPhone's and computers, you never have to be too far from watching and laughing at Laurel & Hardy. Oh, and coming out in 2018, is a new movie focusing on a recreation of the later life of Stan and Ollie. I'll make sure I don't miss seeing it. And here's a surprise I got during a recent visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. There's a hidden painting of Laurel & Hardy now on display at the Met. It's incorporated into a huge painting by the famous artist David Hockney. See if you can find it and you'll learn how it ended up in the painting.

Questions or comments? Are you a L&H fan, too? Please email me at copymark@gmail.com.

While we spent November baking yummy breads for Thanksgiving, December was devoted to preparing for Hanukkah! December has been full of celebrating the festival of lights and being mitzvah makers.

Each class made their own menorahs to take home to use with their family. Each class made their own latkes too. They peeled and grated potatoes and the teachers fried them. They were a big hit and yummy! As a preschool we lit the candles each night of Hanukkah and said the blessing. The Preschool had a Hanukkah Celebration with fun music and dancing with Miss Lisa, arts and crafts, some games and more latkes!

Every Friday when we celebrate Shabbat the preschoolers bring in tzedakah. The religious school and preschool have worked together to become mitzvah makers. With our combined tzedakah money we have been able to buy gifts for the less fortunate and gave it to them during this holiday season. Our preschoolers wrapped the gifts and made cards for them as well. Thank you to all of our parents for sending in coins each week to fill our tzedakah box.

Have Happy and Healthy New Year!



Don't forget to register for the 2018-2019 preschool year!

Registration is also going on for our mommy/caregiver and me First Friends class and JumpBunch class. Call the Preschool office for more information.

January 2018

Tevet/Shevat 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 14 Tevet New Year's Eve	15 Tevet 9am Minyan New Year's Day	2 16 Tevet	3 17 Tevet PS & RS Resume TBI High Resumes 8pm Exec. Bd. Mtg	4 18 Tevet	5 19 Tevet 6:45pm Service CL 4:25pm
7 20 Tevet 9am Minyan 9am Family Learning: Kitah Bet 10:15am Civil Rights Activist/Speaker: Yolanda Beckett 12noon: Mostly Mitzvahs	8 21 Tevet 9am Minyan	9 22 Tevet 8:15pm BOT Mtg	10 23 Tevet	11 24 Tevet 7:30pm Sisterhood Book Club: <i>Einstein & the Rabbi</i>	12 25 Tevet 7:30pm Service Oneg Zac Silfin CL 4:32pm	13 26 Tevet 9:30am Service Bar Mitzvah Zac Silfin
14 27 Tevet RS Closed 9am Minyan	15 28 Tevet PS Closed Martin Luther King Day	16 29 Tevet 6pm YG: Maccabees 8:10pm YG: Kadima 8:15pm Education Comm Mtg.	17 1 Shevat	18 2 Shevat	19 3 Shevat 6:30pm Service FNL with Naomi Less Scholar in Residence: Naomi Levy 7:30 Shabbat Dinner/ RSVP Required CL 4:40pm	20 4 Shevat 9:30am Service Scholar in Residence Naomi Levy 10:30pm Tot Shabbat
21 5 Shevat 9am Minyan 10:30am Scholar in Residence	22 6 Shevat	23 7 Shevat	24 8 Shevat	25 9 Shevat	26 10 Shevat 6:00pm Jr. Congregation: Pizza Dinner 6:45pm Jr. Congregation 6:45pm Shabbat Service CL 4:48pm	27 11 Shevat 9:30am Service 11:00am Shorashim & Kitah Alef Service & Lunch
28 12 Shevat 9am Minyan 10am Mid-Year Cong. Mtg	29 13 Shevat 7:30pm Speaker: Sela Grabiner: My Experience in the Peace Corp	30 14 Shevat NO TBI High	31 15 Shevat Tu'B Shevat	1 16 Shevat	2 17 Shevat 6:45pm Service Oneg Geordan Sparber CL 4:57pm	3 18 Shevat 9:30am Service Bat Mitzvah Geordan Sparber 10:30am Jr. Congregation Service 10:30am Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Monte Carlo Night

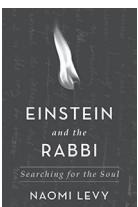
Family Learning with Kitah Alef



On most Sundays, Rabbi Mike can be found leading a family learning session, and December 10 was Kitah Alef's program. Parents and children in Kitah Alef discussed the Shema and bedtime rituals. The children then decorated Shema Pillowcases to take home.



Sisterhood Programs



Book Club

Einstein and the Rabbi by Naomi Levy

- Wednesday, January 10
- 7:30pm

A prelude to TBI's Scholar in Residence Program with Naomi Levy on January 19–21! Let's get reading!



Red Hots Spa

We are teaming up with Community Sisterhood to do a mitzvah and get massaged! What could be better?!. Proceeds go to the Jewish Education Fund. Hang out, relax with friends and meet some new sisters!

- Thursday, January 25
- Cost: \$80 you receive a \$40 voucher that can be used that night



Sisterhood Murder Mystery Night

Spring event

- Save the Date: Wednesday, April 11. Details to follow

On Wed, December 13 approximately 35 congregants gathered to learn to twist and bake challah. Some of the challah fills the TBI freezer so congregants can bring some nourishment for the hearts and bellies of our community. Special accolades go to Louise Cooper our resident expert and teacher for our challah baking event.

Religious School Celebrates Hanukkah



Donations

THE BAM (BE A MENSCH) FUND:

Estelle and Arnold Rynston in loving memory of Nathan Sadowsky, beloved father of Estelle.

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Alyssa Yaraghchi...Mazel Tov! The Fishbin Family.

Speedy recovery to Beth Hisler...The Fishbin Family.

The Ollendorff Family in honor of Annette Kasle who mentored Andy as he prepared his Haftorah. Todah Rabah!

Judith and Alvin Siegel... thank you for saying mi sheberach for our Ishka Itka.

THE CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:

The Schoen Family in loving memory of Mary Ann Schoen, beloved mother of Roy Schoen.

Arnold Abramowitz and family in loving memory of Claire Abramowitz, beloved mother.

The Golub family in loving memory of Julie Golub, beloved sister of Daniel Golub.

THE LIBRARY FUND:

Estelle and Arnold Rynston in loving memory of Sara Trabish, beloved sister of Estelle.

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Bob Epstein and Beth Hisler wish condolences to the Castar family on the passing of George Castar, beloved father and grandfather.

In honor of Adam Jackman for his recognition as a young ambassador and fundraiser for juvenile diabetes... Bob Epstein and Beth Hisler.

In honor of the library committee— Thanks for all your good work and friendship....Bob Epstein and Beth Hisler.

Yasher Koach to Bob Epstein, Library Committee Chair Extraordinaire. Thank you for another excellent program Kristallnacht.....Nancy and Jay Feldman.

In honor of Henry and Shula Mustacchi....Nancy and Jay Feldman. Yasher Koach to David Volpe, Ritual Chair Extraordinaire!... Nancy and Jay Feldman.

Mazel Tov to Shahin Farahan on Alyssa's Bat Mitzvah, Nancy and Jay Feldman.

Mazel Tov to Kathy Farahan on Alyssa's Bat Mitzvah, Nancy and Jay Feldman.

Irene and Hilton Silver in honor of Marilyn Oser.

Helen and Elliot Nachimson, in loving memory of Myra Shapiro beloved friend.

THE RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:

Susan Isaacs and Elkan Abramowitz in loving memory of Claire Abramowitz, beloved mother of Elkan.

Susan Isaacs and Elkan Abramowitz in loving memory of Helen Isaacs, beloved mother of Susan.

Susan Isaacs and Elkan Abramowitz in loving memory of Rose Liebreich, beloved Aunt of Elkan.

The Cooper and Schwartz families in honor of Rabbi Mishkin, with many thanks for your support and kindness.

Arnold Abramowitz and family in loving memory of Claire Abramowitz, beloved mother.

In loving memory of Burton Fine, beloved husband, father and grandfather...Molly Fine and Ellen, Ani and Max Levine,

Ellen Levine and family wish condolences to the Castar family on the loss of George Castar, beloved father of Steve Castar.

The Golub family in loving memory of Ruth Golub, beloved mother of Daniel Golub.

THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND:

The Konas Family in loving memory of Alexander Hyman, beloved father and grandfather.

Chag Sameach! Happy Purim! Mishloach Manot Begins Now



One of TBI's special traditions is participating in our Mishloach Manot program, which literally means the sending of portions, or in our case, baskets of goodies to our families and friends at TBI.

ONLINE PARTICIPATION: YOU CAN PARTICPATE ONLINE WITH MINIMAL EFFORT AND STRESS using The Purim Project website (www.purimproject.com). Your login information including using your unique user name and password will be sent via email.

PLEASE NOTE: The first 25 names are \$7.00 each; Each additional name is \$3.00.

Send a basket to all TBI college students for an additional \$10 (one time) to send to all. (If you reach \$254, you can add as many additional names as you like.)

MISHLOACH MANOT DRAWING: As a special bonus this year, if you choose "Send to all" we will enter your name into a raffle for a great parking spot for the 5779 High Holidays.

Sisterhood Contributions

Honor someone's simcha, express sympathy, or wish someone refuah shlema by making a contribution to Sisterhood, and a card will be sent on your behalf. For a minimum contribution of \$10.00, you can choose from the Building Beautification Fund (BBF), Flower Fund (FF), School Equipment Fund (SEF), Torah Repair Fund (TRF), or the Women's League Torah Fund Campaign (WLTF). JNF Tree certificates are available for a minimum contribution of \$18.00. Please e-mail Deborah Brooks at deborahnaomi@aol.com and send your contribution (payable to TBI Sisterhood) to TBI, c/o Deborah Brooks.

Mazal tov to Beth and Louis Silfin their son Zachary becoming a Bar Mitzvah
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