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RABBI'S NOTES

by Rabbi Michael Mishkin

Be Happy! It's a Mitvah



Shalom Friends,

I'd like to start out by telling you a story that appears in the Talmud (Ta'anit 22a).

Rabbi Broka who was a holy man, who often received visits from none other than Elijah the prophet. One time when Rabbi Broka was walking through the bustling market place of his city, Elijah accompanied him. Seeing all of the bustle and hustle of the city market place, being

impressed with its intense activity with the large crowd of people, Rabbi Broka turned to Elijah and asked him if any of the people within the market were destined to enter heaven.

Elijah, to whom the secrets of heaven are revealed, scanned the large market place with his eyes and then shook his head and told him that no one in the market was destined for heaven.

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Rabbi Mishkin moderated a book club in anticipation of our January Scholar in Residence, Naomi Levy. The group discussed the meaning of many of Rabbi Levy's passages on exploring the soul and shared their reactions to the fascinating story of Rabbi Levy's journey to find out why Einstein wrote a letter to a well-known Rabbinic leader post World War 11.



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As they continued on, Elijah suddenly spotted two men and pointed them out to Rabbi Broka. "These two men are destined for heaven," he told Rabbi Broka.

Excitedly, Rabbi Broka ran towards them. He wanted to learn from them what it was that they did, or what merit they possessed that earned them the good fortune to be destined to enter heaven. Stopping them in the middle of the market place, he pointedly asked them what they do.

They replied, "we are jesters." Rabbi Broka was confused, wondering why would jesters, of all people, be destined to go to heaven? But when they explained to Rabbi Broka how they filled their days, it became clear. They said, "Whenever we see someone who is sad or depressed, we approach that person and try to make him laugh, in order to lift his spirits. And whenever we see two people who are angry with each other, we go to them and joke around, trying to lighten the mood so that they will reconcile."

Laughter has great potential to move people in very powerful ways. As these jesters point out, sometimes a good laugh can take us from sadness or anger to joy. Unbeknownst to many, joy is an important part of Judaism. In fact, one of the *mid-dot* (character traits) that we should have in our lives is joy, in Hebrew it's known as *simchah*. According to our tradition, God wants us to be responsible and moral, but God also wants us to be happy. These concepts are not at odds; instead, they complement one another. When we exercise our free will, to fulfill our responsibilities and do good deeds in the world, then we can experience a great joy that comes from a sense of accomplishment, or said another way, a joy that comes from being God's partner in the world.

We live in a breathtakingly beautiful world, but it is also an imperfect world, and can be very painful. We should acknowledge the injustice, pain, and suffering in our world and do what we can to make the world a better place, but we must be careful to not let the brokenness of the world break our spirits. As the jesters teach us in this story, humor can play an important role in helping to provide us with a larger perspective, in raising our spirits, and in bringing us back to happiness.

Leaving brokenness, and looking at the other side of the coin, we find joy, wholeness, and beauty. While love, the wonders of nature, music, dance, and the close companionship of friends are all there to keep us on the path of joy, for some people, the source of joy goes even deeper. Our tradition tells us that we should be joyous, knowing that a benevolent and moral God created us with love and intention. What better source of joy, than knowing each one of us was created for a reason and each one of us is loved by our Creator?

Friday, February 16 is Rosh Chodesh Adar (the new Hebrew month of Adar). There is a traditional saying about Adar: "*Mi shehnicknas Adar, marbim b'simchach*," which means, "When Adar begins, our joy is increased." Why is our joy increased when Adar begins? Because Adar contains the holiday of Purim (the 14th of Adar, which is Wednesday night—Feb. 28—and Thursday morning—March 1.) Why is there so much joy and celebration on Purim? The first reason is that Haman failed in trying to destroy us. On a deeper level though, we celebrate human agency and God's hidden presence in the world. The human agency comes from Esther and Mordechai, who took great personal risks to save the Jewish people. And at the same time, our tradition teaches that God's hidden presence permeates the story because of the numerous coincidences which take place that help bring about our success and salvation. This Purim, let us all have a *l'chaim* with alcohol or grape juice, celebrating the victory of Purim and acknowledging the importance of *simchah*.

B'shalom,

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Oh, What a Year It's Been!

By Matt Engel



Greetings! At the end of January, we had the opportunity to gather together for one of our two biannual congregational meetings. Twice a year we gather together for our formal meetings. These opportunities allow us to accomplish the formal business that we are required to perform. In

this case, we created our Nominating Committee, the body that will help solidify our Board of Trustees and our Executive Slate for the 2018-19 year. Please consider accepting a Board position if you are asked. Contact Andy Abramowitz (2aabramowitz@gmail.com) with any suggestions.

In addition to our formal business, the meeting gives me an opportunity to recap for the Congregation some of the amazing accomplishments that our synagogue has seen over the past 6 months. At least once a week we see emails fly across our phones and screens touting events at TBI. It's easy to gloss over the events since there are so many so often, but each one is the result of the hard work of our professionals and volunteers and each one is more incredible than the next!

In just the past month we have been joined by Naomi Levy and Yolanda Beckett. They spoke to us and enlightened us regarding critical issues of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Our Sisterhood has hosted several great events this year, including Challah Baking and Belly Dancing! Our Men's Club got together for Sukkah Building, and has had some poker nights and brewery trips.

Our social action committee has filled the winter and spring calendar with interesting speakers about important topics including the refugee crisis.

Our preschool and our religious school calendars are filled

with fun and exciting events, often intertwining with the Holiday season. Our Friday Night Lives and our Hanukkah party allow us to celebrate wonderful religious occasions together. Monte Carlo night was a fun and fabulous event of gambling, food (the sushi chef was incredible) specialty drinks, a live and silent auction, and raffles for gift baskets. Most importantly, it brought a large and diverse group of TBI members together for a fun evening and it raised money to support the synagogue. Special thanks to Stacey Gould, Julie Coren, Ilana Engel, Steve Castar and Rita Shumsky for a successful night. And don't forget to save the dates in March as we celebrate Purim, host the Purim Carnival and read the Megillah!

We have also continued to make improvement to our building, congregation communications and youth programming. This past summer we launched a new website and instituted credit card payments. Our classrooms received a fresh coat of paint, all the classroom floors were refinished and we bought new furniture for one of our Preschool classrooms. Thanks to a generous donation from one of our congregants, our flower beds were full for our High Holiday Services creating a very festive and welcoming feeling for worship. We were delighted through another generous donation to have the ShinShin program back for our Religious School. Ben Chaidell served as our Rabbinic Intern through January where he led Jr. Congregation services, lifelong learning and delivered a very heartfelt sermon his last weekend at TBI. And the Office is very excited about our new color copiers!

As the Ground Hog controversy always happens in February, we at TBI remain optimistic for a short winter and the celebration honoring Cantor and Gerri Blum for their 41 years of service and dedication.

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Author Jeremy Dauber
Temple Beth Israel
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
7:30pm

Jeremy Dauber is a Professor at Columbia University, specializing in Yiddish and Jewish literature and culture. He received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University, and his doctorate from Oxford University, which he attended as a Rhodes

scholar. Professor Dauber has written four other books. In this, his latest, Professor Dauber traces the origins of Jewish comedy and its development from biblical times to the age of Twitter. **Adam Kirsch** has high praise for **JEWISH COMEDY**, calling it a "brilliant and groundbreaking book, written with dazzling insight and in a style as appealing as its subject."

Please join us for an interesting evening with Professor Dauber.

Dairy Refreshments



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Mazel Tov!

February Birthdays

Leo Fridman
Sonia Robins
Ryan Basov
Charlotte Kraus
Tyler Schwartz
Noah Gould
Caleb Lundberg

February Anniversaries

Ray Mills & Rachel Andron
Paul & Sharon Rappaport
Barry & Ellie Tuch

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.

TBI Office Hours

Monday–Thursday: 9 am–4 pm
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Please call to schedule an appointment with the Synagogue Director.

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BAR MITZVAH OF

Ari Jacob Golan



It was with much anticipation that Ari Jacob Golan came into this world. He was due on his father's birthday but instead arrived ten days early, already a full grown newborn at 8lbs. 8oz. It was New Years Eve so every year since 2004 we ring in the new year with greater meaning and double the fun. Ari is the middle child between his older sister Micah and his younger brother Jordan. He greatly admires and aspires to achieve like Micah and sees Jordan as his favorite plaything and "twin-like" companion in life.

Ari means "Lion" in hebrew and we hear Ari's "roar" all day, every day. When he was little we could count on Ari to be very busy playing and exploring getting into everything until he tired himself out usually falling asleep early and soundly before everyone else.

Although his middle name is "Jacob" it might as well be "Love" because love oozes from him everyday. He loves his family, his friends, his teachers and every vulnerable soul he meets. He requests his "daily hug and daily kiss" from mom without fail, sometimes twice or three times daily. He annoys his brother Jordan with "you're so cute!" comments all the time. Trying to stop to appease Jordan has been like trying to stop breathing for Ari. Many times Ari turns to wrestling with Jordan as an alternative to express his kvelling for his favorite little brother.

Ari doesn't often just like something or someone he loves it! Whether it is everything bagels, sourdough pretzels or chicken teriyaki and sticky rice. Ari can't get enough of it eating it often twice a day, everyday! Ari has always liked other children so much that he quickly becomes well known within his classes. In Port Washington for Ari's family it is easy to introduce ourselves as "Ari's Mom" or "Ari's brother."

Ari has loved so many of his teachers in his years at TBI Preschool, Guggenheim Elementary School, Daly Elementary School and Weber Middle School. Once in kindergarten while walking down the hall with his class he called out "I love you Mrs. Roberts!" It may have been awkward to say at school but Ari's love for others just spills out from him.

Ari has always had a natural talent for sports—basketball, football, swimming, tennis. But flag football seems to be his favorite these days and he excels at it, making snaps, returns and touchdowns easily. Besides football, Ari loves family time. Whether it is eating Japanese food, ordering room service at a hotel, playing Quiplash, laughing at Dad's jokes or just being home together.

Ari's Mitzvah Project is collecting board games for the homeless families who receive housing assistance services from the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. Ari loves games whether it is chess, monopoly, Yu-Gi-Oh or Xbox. Ari also expresses his concern for those who don't have the safety, comfort and fun of having a family home.

We'd like to thank all of Ari's teachers from Jennifer Winokar at Temple Beth Israel Preschool, his first teacher ever to all of his teachers in the Yellow House at Weber Middle School. Of course, performing his Bar Mitzvah could not be achieved without Rabbi Mishkin, Cantor Blum, Alice Talmud and all of his religious school teachers as well as Cathy Seldin for her sage advice and parental support.

A Voice of Freedom

On January 7th, TBI was honored to host Yolanda Beckett. Now a senior citizen, Ms. Beckett participated in the 1960's Civil Rights Movement, worked under Dr. Martin Luther King, was trained in non-violent resistance and put herself on the front at many protests and rallies to promote equal rights for African-Americans.

At first, she read from her notes, both typed and hand written, describing her personal experiences as a young girl growing up in Georgia, her parents' strong influence on her, giving her the opportunity to get a college education and how she had used that to move to NYC and get a job with the Human Resources Administration where she worked for 35 years.

She then described what it was like participating in the Civil Rights Movement in her early days. She said those days were filled with the constant

pressure and fear of knowing what might happen before, during and after non-violent protests including arrest, physical attack or even death.

Toward the end of her talk, she put down her notes and speaking directly to the two religious school classes (Yav and Zayin) who were there, Mrs. Beckett made her main point – that they were the future and had a responsibility to carry the torch for the rights of all who are deprived of any constitutionally guaranteed 'unalienable' rights. Mrs. Beckett's direct focus, eloquent manner of speaking and firsthand knowledge of this history made for a powerful presentation. You could see in the youngster's faces that she was making the impression she had hoped for. Her answers to adult and student questions were thoughtful, direct and to the point.

The presentation ended by Ms. Beckett's invoking the philosophy of



peaceful resistance and urging the next generation to finish the journey to 'the promised land.' With her encouragement, the audience rose, joined hands and sang "We Shall Overcome".

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.

Something to Laugh About: Did You Hear the One About —No Kidding—the Parental Pride Behind Their Jewish Son, the Comedian?

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

“My Son, the Doctor...”

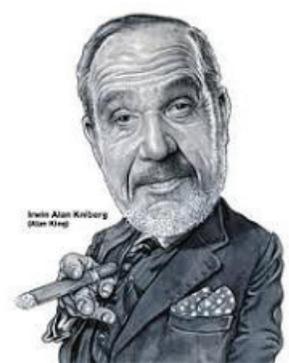
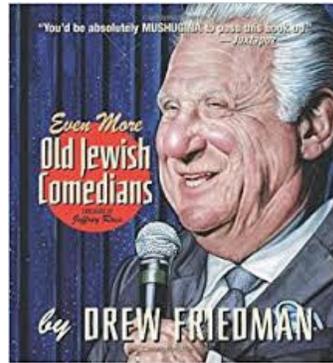
As parents (and grandparents) we have it ingrained that our children have a lifetime of career success. Certain fields like medicine, legal, financial, education for example have notoriously been sources of pride for our offspring as providing a lifetime of career success and maybe even retirement stability. We may not have known it at the time but our Jewish parents knew the benefits of

example of a Jewish comic who mined the material for jokes that his parents, wife, and children gave him.

Perhaps you recall that a number of years ago, TBI hosted annual comedy nights featuring performances by mostly Jewish comedians. One comic who performed was Modi Rosenfeld who was born in Israel but wound up moving to Woodmere on Long Island when he was seven years old. Modi has noted that he

Jewish audiences. The next best thing to enjoying this New York City Gotham show is heading all the way west to San Francisco for what was recently the 25th Anniversary of the “Kung Pao Kosher Comedy Show,” aka “Jewish Comedy on Christmas in a Chinese Restaurant.” The show featured the very funny and family-oriented Wendy Liebman who loves telling jokes about her husband.

From Jewish comedians performing



saying to us, “be a doctor, be a dentist, be a teacher”.....and their sense of pride saying, “my son, the doctor”...which reminds me of this quick anonymously written story:

“A Jewish guy becomes the first ever Jewish President of the United States. One night he calls home and his father answers the phone. After talking to his father he asks to speak to his Mom. The Father goes to the mother and says

“Your son wants to talk to you”

“My son the DOCTOR!”

“NO! The other one”

My son, the comedian? Imagine the pride (?) of being parents of a Jewish comedian and listening to your sons and daughters talk about your family, your personal lives and habits and whatever other confidential family material they drawn upon for their comedic material. Rodney Dangerfield was a perfect

was all set to become his Jewish mother’s dream—working on Wall Street as a Vice President for Merrill Lynch until a friend suggested he get on stage for an open mike night at a local area comedy club. He wound up deciding that working comedy was more to his liking than working Wall Street. Then there’s Jared Freid, a graduate of Penn State who entered the world of finance selling annuities for a number of years until he broke the news to his parents that he’d be leaving to become a full time comedian. Jared said that once he “revived his Mom,” he became a regular on the New York comedy scene including appearing at one event that I’ve enjoyed attending in years past: “A Very Jewish Christmas.” It’s a wonderful Christmas Eve Show at New York City’s famed Gotham Comedy Club where Jewish comedians get together to entertain their mostly

during the legendary days of Vaudeville, to their decades of Borscht Belt Catskills hotel shows to performances on radio, television and in the movies, to comedy clubs (and synagogue shows) and even to their more contemporary podcasts, comedians who happen to be Jewish (as so many of them are) have kept us and continue to keep us well-entertained. Jerry Seinfeld, Larry David, Woody Allen, the aforementioned Modi, Wendy Leibman and Rodney Dangerfield are just a few of my favorites and maybe yours too. But they’re just the tip of the Jewish comedian punchline list.

I recently discovered a wonderful series of three books that artistically put together an overview of Jews in comedy. The books all illustrated by Drew Friedman includes “Old Jewish Comedians,” “More Jewish Comedians”

and “Even More Old Jewish Comedians.” Howard Stern described Drew Friedman as “better than Picasso,” based on the assumption perhaps that the legendary artist never painted Jewish comedians, comic actors, clowns and tumblers with such reality. The books are a tribute to the men and women who have made and continue to make us laugh. The fact that they’re all Jewish just seems to reinforce the impact that Jews have made to the world of comedy. Aside from introductory and entertaining forwards by comedians and writers including Jeffrey Ross, Leonard Maltin and Larry Gelbart, the three volumes serve as a picture-perfect encyclopedic-history of the chosen people who happen to have arrived with their wry senses of humor. Friedman’s artistic portrayals speak for themselves. You’ll smile probably just seeing their faces (and reading their famous names which in some cases can be different than their birth names).

In no particular order, here are some comic favorites from the Friedman collection that you’ll know and remember for how much laughter they bring into your life: William “Bud” Abbott,” Sheldon Leonard “Shelly” Berman, Isaac Sidney “Sid” Caesar, Aaron “Red Buttons” Chwatt, Jacob “Rodney Dangerfield” Cohen, Louis “Larry Fine” Feinberg, Benjamin Jack Benny” Kubelsky, Jerome “Jerry Lewis” Levitch,” Julius Henry “Groucho” Marx, Albert “Grandpa Al Lewis” Meister,” Archibald Donald “Don” Rickles, Philip “Phil Silvers” Silversmith,” Henry “Henny” Youngman, Martin “Marty” Allen, Morey Amsterdam, Jacob “Jack Gilford” Gellman, Joseph Abraham “Joey Bishop” Gottlieb, Edward Israel “Eddie Cantor” Iskowitz, Murray “Jan Murray” Janofsky, Melvin “Mel Brooks” Kaminsky, Irwin Alan “Alan King” Kniberg, Alan Stewart “Woody Allen” Konigsberg, Irving “Bert Lahr” Lahrheim, Isaiah Edwin

“Ed Wynn” Leopold, Yakov Moshe “Jackie Mason” Maza, Joan Sandra “Joan Rivers” Molinsky, Samuel Joel “Zero” Mostel, Carl Reiner, Milton “Soupy Sales” Supman, William “Bill Dana” Szathmary, David Norris Brenner, Philip “Fyvush” Finkel, Gabriel “Gabe” Kaplan, Robert Klein, Samuel “Sam” Levinson, Walter John “Walter Matthau” Matthow, Borge “Victor Borge” Rosenbaum, Morton “Mort” Sahl, Abraham Charles “Abe Vigoda” Vigodah.

Funny thing about Jewish comedians—they’re always good for a good laugh. No kidding. Decades ago, Time Magazine wrote that although Jews “constitute only 3% of the U.S. population, 80% of the nation’s professional comedians are Jewish.” That’s a lot of parental pride.

Questions or comments? Please email me at copymark@gmail.com.

February 2018				Shevat / Adar 5778			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
				1 16 Shevat	2 17 Shevat	3 18 Shevat 9:30am Service Bat Mitzvah Geordan Sparber 10:30am Tot Shabbat 10:30am Jr. Congregation	
4 19 Shevat 9am Minyan 10:30am Lifelong Learning: Jewish Ethics 12 Noon Mostly Mitvahs	5 20 Shevat 8:00am Ex. Bd Mtg	6 21 Shevat	7 22 Shevat 7:30pm HIAS Speaker: Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer	8 23 Shevat	9 24 Shevat 6:30pm FNL Matt Turk Kitah Bet & Gimel Family Dinner CL 5:04pm	10 25 Shevat 9:30am Service 10:30am Tot Shabbat	
11 26 Shevat 10:30am Life Long Learning: Jewish Ethics 9am Minyan	12 27 Shevat	13 28 Shevat Cantorial Candidate Visit 6pm YG: Macabees 8:10: YG Kadima 8:15pm BOT Mtg	14 29 Shevat	15 30 Shevat	16 1 Adar 6:45pm Service. CL 5:13pm	17 2 Adar 9:30am Service Aufruf Neal Cohen & Nanaho Kamei	
18 3 Adar RS Closed 9am Minyan	19 4 Adar PS Closed President’s Day: TBI Closed	20 5 Adar PS & RS Closed	21 6 Adar PS Closed	22 7 Adar PS Closed	23 8 Adar PS Closed CL 5:21pm	24 9 Adar	
25 10 Adar RS Closed Mishloach Manot Basket Assembly	26 11 Adar	27 12 Adar	28 13 Adar 6:30pm Purim: Megillah Reading	1 14 Adar 9:00am Purim Service	2 15 Adar Cantorial Visit: All weekend 6:45pm Service CL 5:30pm	3 16 Adar 9:30am Service	

Religious School Reflections

By Alice Talmud, Principal



Now that 2018 is well under way, we are looking forward to beginning our class services! Our Winter lineup of class services began on Friday evening, January 26 for Kabbalat Shabbat followed by dinner with our Kitah Vav families. The students practiced long and hard and it was a wonderful evening. The next service was shared by our Shorashim and Kitah Alef students on Shabbat morning, January 27 followed by

joining with the rest of the congregation for Kiddush lunch. On February 9 our Bet and Gimel classes will team up with the Friday Night Live service and also enjoy dinner together.

We were excited to begin our Electives program on Sunday mornings! The children in Kitah Bet and Gimel chose among: Holiday and Shabbat Arts and Crafts; Israel Activities and Israeli Dance. We were happy to accommodate everyone's first choice and fun and learning have ensued!

The choices for Kitah Dalet, Hei and Vav were: Jewish Arts & Crafts, Israel Activities and Cartooning the Torah. Once again, we were delighted to allow each student to participate in their first choice activity. We look forward to sharing the results.

We would like to offer a special thank you to Bob Epstein and the library committee for including our Kitah Vav and Zayin students in the recent presentation by Dr. Yolanda Beckett. It was a real eye opening experience for our students and one they will not soon forget.



Sela Grabiner Spends Two Years in Peace Corp

TBI congregant, Sela Grabiner spoke to over 50 people all eager to hear about her 2 years as a Peace Corp Volunteer. Assigned to Cameroon in West Central Africa, Sela was a Maternal and Child Health Extension Agent. Sela worked in two villages while she was on assignment responsible for grassroots healthcare, and teaching villagers about HIV, and maternal ante-natal care. Sela lived with locals in each village where she was able to immerse herself in village life, learning their language called Pidgin English and their customs. Sela acclimated to the Cameroon diet which is saturated with fruits, nuts (hazel nuts, ground nuts) and plantains. If she wanted water,

Sela had to fetch it daily, which she used for daily grooming, washing clothes or bucket baths. Sela's initial 10 week training involved living with a family and learning about the cultural and customs she was about to experience. At the talk, Sela treated the TBI crowd to many of the native foods from Cameroon and beer which is very much a part of their daily life. Sela spoke about the welcoming nature of the Cameroon people and the family and friends she still keeps in touch with through Facebook and What's App, two communication staples. On behalf of TBI, Rabbi Mishkin presented Sela with a certificate congratulating her for her extraordinary service. TBI also

made a gift in Sela's honor to Innovation Africa (an Israeli organization dedicated to helping Africans cultivate water and irrigation systems).



Preschool Notes

by Diana Snaider, Preschool Director

After returning from school after the New Year, we were faced with very cold and snowy weather. As we kept warm inside, the kids have had a lot of fun learning and doing.

Our STEAM teacher Miss Marissa began a unit on rainbows, knowing that the children were interested in learning about them. In the 2's, using blocks and dot markers the kids formed a rainbow. They also used their fine motor skills to roll out playdoh to make a rainbow. The 3's and 4's learned many facts about rainbows and pointed a flash light over a cd to see the colors of the rainbow. They also colored pasta and used pipe cleaners to configure their own rainbows.

When the weather decided to cooperate and allow for outdoor play the 4's put on their snow clothes and went outside to play. They tried to make a snowman but the snow

just wasn't the right consistency. We told the children when scientists perform experiments, they don't always work out. They still had tons of fun!

This month we have been collecting new pajamas to donate to the Pajama Program. We thank you all for donating pajamas as a family and giving your children coins to put into their tzedakah boxes in class. We were able to donate as a preschool too!

Registration is open for 2018-2019 school year and summer camp. Diana Snaider at 515-767-1708 ext 7 or preschool@tbjport.org



The Port Washington Rosh Chodesh Group 5778

**Thursday, March 15
9:30-11:00 am**

Temple Beth Israel

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Join us as we discuss

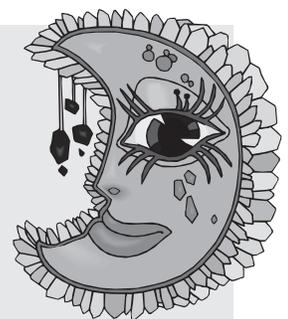
Who is Rabbi Akiva and why did he play such an important role in Rabbinic Judaism?

With Rabbi Michael Mishkin

Born in the Land of Israel around the year 50 CE, Rabbi Akiva was the greatest rabbi of his time and one of the most important influences on Judaism as we know it today. Born in poverty, he became a scholar later in life. We know of his horrific death from the Martyrology service on Yom Kippur. He was executed by Roman authorities for teaching Torah in public. As he was dying, he recited the Shema. In this class we will look at the life of Rabbi Akiva and several of his most important teachings.

Next meeting: April 12, 2018.

The Rosh Chodesh Group is jointly sponsored by Community Synagogue, Port Jewish Center, Chevrat Tefillah, and Temple Beth Israel. For further information contact Charlotte Cohen chacohen02@gmail.com.



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