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*From Rabbi Hammerman's Desk*



Shalom Chaverim, Dear friends

During the course of our Rosh Hashanah services, I had the privilege of outlining several areas where I hope that we can direct our efforts in the months and years to come. Through this article – particularly for those who might not have been in the Sanctuary with us on the second day of Rosh Hashanah - I would like to offer a reprise of one such idea, a concrete way to change and improve our congregation while concurrently making a difference in the lives of others who live amongst us.

We need not be reminded how successful the Jewish people have been in America, how fortunate we have been to find ourselves here, on these shores. Indeed, our prominence, far, far outweighs our numbers. Personally, if I never receive another email forward listing the number of Jews on the Supreme Court or in Congress or who won Nobel Prizes – *dayenu*, it will be enough. I know. I'm proud, too. But with that pride, with that success, comes responsibility, responsibility to pay it back, or, better, to pay it forward.

The Rosh Hashanah Haftarah presented the comforting words of the Prophet Jeremiah, who promised his listeners that the Jewish people, once left for ruin, would again find comfort and peace in the Land of Israel. These words foretold an ultimate return of the Jewish people to their ancestral homeland after the destruction of the First Temple, after their period of dispersion, despair and

Diaspora. The Jewish people know what it means to be a wandering people; we were forced to run away from thousands of swords for the better part of two millennia. For this reason, we have a tremendous responsibility, living in such relative comfort and security and safety to never forget the Torah's repeated admonition, "You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him. For **you** were strangers in the land of Egypt." Our collective memory mandates that we harbor a love for the stranger, the widow, and the orphan.

It isn't enough to sit back and have Shalom in our hearts. We have to do something with the gift and blessing which Shalom - and this House of Shalom, Beth Shalom - gives us: We have to bring Shalom to others. There's so much to do. We can't do everything. But there is one vision that I have that I hope that you will share with me this year: To do something concrete and make this a year of leadership and inclusion - not just for our sacred community - but for all who share our surroundings with us. We see individuals seeking a day's work on the street; perhaps they already work in our homes, on our property, in our restaurant kitchens; they are in our local churches on Sundays. I am speaking specifically about those many individuals who live here who have come from South America and Central America and from Mexico. Some may be citizens; others are not. Let me be clear - the Bible, our Bible, does not tell us to treat strangers differently based upon their immigration status or how they got here and became our neighbors.

SHABBAT Service Times		Candle-lighting			
<b>Regular Shabbat Services</b>					
Fri Eve thru 11/2	8:00 pm	11/2	5:31 PM	12/7	4:07 PM
Friday Evening	7:30 pm	11/9	4:23 PM	12/14	4:08 PM
Saturday Morning	10:00am	11/16	4:16 PM	12/21	4:11 PM
<b>Shabbat Hebrew School</b>		11/23	4:11 PM	12/28	4:15 PM
November 3	9:00am	11/30	4:08 PM		
December 1	9:00am				



We as a people know something about being discriminated against and disenfranchised and grouped together and considered “the other, the outsider.” My dream is that we can find some project to do as a synagogue to show that we remember that we, too, were strangers once, “in the land of Egypt” – and even here, in America, and *even here*, once, in Mahopac. Perhaps, we can offer English classes for adults here in the building. English, as we know, is the key tool to moving up the economic ladder. Giving someone the tools to get a job is the highest level of tzedakah. Perhaps, we can find a way to tutor and mentor immigrant youth. Perhaps you have other ideas. I hope that you will share your ideas with me

as we look toward our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation, beginning this January.

With warmest regards,



Rabbi Eytan Hammerman



## Scrip Order Dates

December 9  
December 16

Rabbi Hammerman is available to members of the congregation and the wider community by appointment

Rabbi Hammerman can be reached at  
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### *Hosting An Oneg*

If you would like to host an Oneg or Kiddush, contact Ro or Jean in the office for assistance.

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## *A Message from the President*



Welcome and L' Shana Tova

If not me, then who?

If not now, then when?

If not here, then where?

The first line of this often quoted phrase has come to mind from time to time over the past two plus years that I have been privileged to serve as president of this congregation. Perhaps it was when I brought bricks for our outdoor matzo oven, or ran to buy cake for Friday night Kiddush or took out the trash or cleaned out our fridge. I am not recounting these QUOTE UNQUOTE war stories to let you know how much work I have done, but to let you know how much work it takes to keep our temple running, growing and changing lives.

Imagine my surprise upon discovering that the origin of this famous quote "If not me, then who?, If not now, then when?, If not here, then where?" is quite ancient. It is from none other than Rabbi Hillel and in its somewhat different, original form, it is actually from the Mishnah. It is paraphrased from the following. The quote, in its original, reads: If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? And when I am only for myself, then what am "I"? And if not now, when?

I am not a religious scholar and I won't attempt to address its meaning other than to say that, as spoken by Hillel, it has to do with the struggle of self. Today, this ancient rabbinic phrase has been adapted by secular politicians - like John F Kennedy and Michael Gorbachev - and by the likes of the Peace Corps and the Animal Legal Defense fund. As a motivational tool, it calls upon us to look outside ourselves and our busy lives, to the here-and-now of our communities and to the world around us. It is a compelling argument for increased civic engagement, but I would suggest

that couched within its simple wording, are both obligation and opportunity.

This is where I get stuck, because if someone else doesn't feel the same personal and financial obligation to helping maintain Jewish life in Mahopac, I have difficulty figuring out just how to show it to you. I would suggest that it is a responsibility that we, who have made our Jewish home at Temple Beth Shalom, share together. It is a responsibility to ensure that our shul continues to be a home for future generations of Jews in our community. You may recall Rabbi Hammerman referencing the brochure that he found in our archives, from the initial 1950's building campaign that said "Help us build today for their tomorrow." I would use the exact same phrase today. Our Jewish community was created through the hard work, passion and financial commitment of generations before us and entrusted to today's generation. We need to demonstrate that we deserve it by paying it forward as well.

Life is busy these days, believe me, I know! We think that there will always be someone else to do the things that allow services to function, keep our doors wide open, and ensure that we are a community - far beyond just being a house of worship. "If not me, then, who?" My question is, "will you?". Without the many new faces, whom we warmly welcome this year and in recent years, those of us who have been here far longer know that you, too, share in ensuring our secure future.

Of all the organizations that you belong to, THIS one will not survive if you do not continue to help this year, as you have in the past. I thank you for, once again, supporting our Yom Kippur Appeal, our most-important annual fundraiser, our second-biggest source of income during the year.

*- Georgene*

## *Interview with Jacob Feldman By Alicia Raskob*



Jake grew up in suburban Boston in a traditional Conservative synagogue with about 1200 families where he sang in the choir. He had his bar mitzvah there, and frequently led services. In addition, he served as a cantor for the High Holiday services there at the age 17, with a friend. The cantor, Charles Osborne, was his first musical inspiration. Cantor Osborne was a trained opera singer who sang professionally in the Temple Emanuel choir before going on to become one of the nation's best known cantors.

Whereas Cantor Osborne started in opera and wanted to become a cantor, Jake started in synagogue and wanted to perform opera. He decided not to go to cantorial school. On stage by age 10, performing in theater productions, he wanted to pursue becoming a professional performer, and studied singing and stage direction at McGill University. While there, he was in the choir at a large, well known, congregation in Canada, Sh'ar Ha Shamayim.

For the last ten years, Jake was in the professional Sutton Place choir, consisting of eight members and a conductor, leading high holiday and other special services.

He also does contract writing for public school math, is a private tutor for SAT, ACT, and GRE, exams. He also helps high school students with college applications.

He and his wife are expecting a baby early this winter. His wife also a trained singer works for corporate America. She and Jake treated us to an amazing duet during Rosh Hashana services.

Simhat Torah was fun, with the service and dancing led by Jake and Friends, with Rabbi Hammerman also, of course.

We are all so happy to have Jake at Beth Shalom again this year.

Jake will lead four special **Shabbat Live** musical Friday night services, at Temple Beth Shalom, beginning October 19th. There will be a variety of musical guests and themes to celebrate the diverse nature of Jewish music. These will include modern, traditional, and a Spanish and Portugese Ladino music.

You won't want to miss these exciting events, sponsored by the Ranani Family. Ami and Suzy have known Jake since he was studying music.

Ami's father was a Cantor, and Ami grew up with a deep appreciation for cantorial music. Ami has visited many synagogues with his brother, sampling the different types of services and musical shabbats offered around the New York area. Ami and Suzy, with their son David and daughter Lauren, are excited to bring this type of service to TBS. We are thankful for their generosity.

### ISRAEL BONDS

In addition to "political" action, Israel would greatly benefit from "economic" action. One of the best ways to show your solidarity with Israel in her hour of need is to buy Israel bonds. The single role of Israel Bonds is to strengthen Israel's economy. If you have not yet invested in 2012, please contact our Israel Bonds representative, Cynthia Blustein, at 914-713-9003 or [cynthia.blustein@israelbonds.com](mailto:cynthia.blustein@israelbonds.com). For current rates and prospectuses visit, <http://www.israelbonds.com>.



## *Yom Kippur Thoughts By Bernie Jacobs*

I was riding my bicycle the afternoon of Kol Nidre when I was struck by a vehicle. As I waited for an ambulance, I said to the kind gentleman and his daughter who had come to my aid, "Tonight starts Yom Kippur and I am supposed to give a speech. I might not make it on time." Talk about an understatement! I spent the next six days in Putnam Hospital being treated for a number of injuries, ranging from blood loss to a broken clavicle. The speech was read for me by Joel Greenberg.

Such an experience is bewildering and frightening. But the impact was softened by the immediate response of my temple community. Elaine and I wouldn't have to endure this alone. And while I was receiving excellent care from the hospital staff, it was comforting to know that her temple friends were seeing to it that she got all the support she needed.

I wish I could have been there to give my few minutes speech myself. Now, as I recover at home, comforted by the caring and concern of my temple family I think about how my experience exemplifies what was in the speech I didn't get to deliver. Life can be unexpectedly brutal: how much better not to have to face it alone.

Here is a copy of the speech I wrote and I am sure so eloquently read by Joel:

A couple of weeks ago Georgine asked me to speak for a few minutes about why I have remained a member of TBS. My immediate thought was, "I don't know, I haven't thought about it." and then I thought, "the question is moot I'm married to Elaine, the first woman president of TBS of course I'm a member!" And then I became interested in the question. What has my membership in this congregation meant to me?

Let me begin with some history. My parents and I moved here after my father, a physician, returned from WW11. He heard that Mahopac needed a doctor so in 1945 we moved from Brooklyn to the house on Baldwin Place Road where we lived and where Dad had his office. Mahopac at that time

was a small community. The entire school population, kindergarten through high school was in what is now called Lakeview (and that didn't include the addition which was built while we were in high school) Where there are now homes and developments there were farms. Baldwin Place was the Borden Dairy Farm. There were no traffic lights and there were no Jews. In elementary school the only Jewish child I knew in Mahopac was my sister. Twice a week I went to Hebrew School in downtown Peekskill. My mother dropped me off and I relied on the less than reliable Peekskill bus to get me home.

So, I know well what it is like to not have a Jewish community. I was delighted that when we returned here in '75 there was Temple Beth Shalom where each of our children attended Hebrew school, where after Shabbat dinner we came for services and where we all felt so at home. Our kids had many friends here. They were Bar and Bat Mitzvahed here and they participated in USY. How extraordinarily different from my experience.

Of course, at some point all the kids have left home and we are empty nesters. Some folks decide at that point (or maybe even earlier after the last Bar or Bat Mitzvah) to leave the congregation because the kids were their primary reason for joining. The children are a good reason for joining, but I think there are reasons for remaining. And the first is: the children. Because our role as parents continues after the kids leave. We continue to have a profound influence as role models and guides. What message do the kids get when their parents withdraw from the congregation in which they grew up? But for me, a second and even more important reason for belonging to this congregation is that has given me the opportunity to discover and deepen my Jewish identity. To connect me to this historic band of people.

Now a Jew can be very comfortable in contemporary America without belonging to a congregation. There is a bagel store in every town, Jewish humor is pervasive on TV and Yiddish

## *Yom Kippur Thoughts (continued)*

expressions have become American idiom. Particularly for those of us who are less devout it can seem easy, especially after the kids are gone, to leave the temple

One can still remain friends with congregants and there are no dues! Years can go by and one never looks back. But here's the thing-when we make a decision to NOT do something we never really know what we missed. Well, I know what it is to not have a synagogue and I know that the older I get the more connected I am to my Jewish heritage because I am a

member of TBS. In a world that is increasingly segmented, polarized, virtual and God knows what else here are we: a diverse group sharing a common bond travelling through the years together. Here we find friendship, spirituality, learning and comfort.

It is important to me that there is a Jewish homeland in Israel and as one who grew up without a temple it is very important to me that we have this Jewish home in Mahopac. Being a member is one way I can do my part to insure that this beautiful Jewish home will thrive.

## *My Experience Playing the Shofar By Jackie Stochel*



Since I have been playing the French horn for 3 years and have always enjoyed music and performing mitzvot I thought playing shofar would be great for me.

On Rosh Hashanah 2012 I had the honor of blowing the Shofar with

Daniel Kushner, Michael Kushner, Josh Tuzman, & Rabbi Eytan Hammerman. I was assigned to 3 notes *tekiya*, *shevareim teruah*, and *tekiya*. Though these notes added up to be small they made a huge difference in TBS history. I was really nervous and excited to do this. Once I blew this beautiful horn I

was so happy and realized I was nervous for nothing! I was overjoyed that day when hearing all the congratulations from the congregation. I couldn't stop smiling! After all of the excitement I heard the thrilling news that I had just made TBS history being the first girl Shofar player in the full 60 years of the synagogue. I couldn't believe it! This was a great experience!

I hope I inspired people to try new things and follow their passions. Playing the Shofar was an amazing experience for me – one that I will definitely try again!

## *Yasher Koach To Eytan*

Yasher koach to:

**Rabbi Eytan Hammerman and Temple Beth Shalom**  
in Mahopac for opening their doors wide to Hazon and hosting a rest stop during the Hazon NY Ride on Labor Day weekend. The riders were truly wowed by and appreciated the fresh squeezed orange juice and hospitality!

## Hebrew School Schmooze



The opening day of Hebrew School is a time of questions and answers about the things the children will be learning in school over the course of the year. With many new families joining us that morning, there were questions about pick up, Shabbat School and class lists.

Then someone asked how they would know if their child was really getting anything out of the time they will be spending with us. As I began to answer, hands went up and parents offered their thoughts on the question. I would like to share with you two of the comments we received that morning.

Sam and Miles Greenberg mom who is a new member had this to say...

Pressing fresh grape for juice, kneading sticky dough for taboon bread, playing twister with the Israeli scouts, or examining bees for their sweet honey for Rosh Hashanah, Hebrew school at TBS is more than "school". True, our children learn Hebrew and it a pleasure to hear them harmonize in the back seat, or rattle off the Hebrew alphabet at breakneck speed. They have written reports about Israel and rehearsed prayers for Shabbat and holidays. But their teachers do not simply teach facts to be stored away; TBS's Hebrew School makes learning experiential. This approach to learning has been transformational for our children. In just over a year, the school has created lasting memories, the kind that will reverberate throughout our children's lives. Hebrew School caught us off guard. We did not realize the extent that our children's participation at TBS would provoke us to make better connections with them and the community. We built a sukka together and shared a meal outdoors with other families. We met new friends while the boys played and socialized in the Oy Vey Cafe. We studied with the Rabbi while our youngest made a holiday craft and our eldest debated with his peers. The boys' excitement has incited our own, and as children do, reminded us about some of the essential facets of life: connection, community, participa-

tion, and engagement. Thanks to everyone in front and behind the scenes, TBS Hebrew School is truly a success and a remarkable gift for both children and families alike.

The parents of Hayden and Eva Gutt members of TBS for about 10 years had this to share...

The past year at the GUTT house has been tumultuous. We have been both blessed and saddened in a relatively short time. Our nacheses have been grand. Fred's Brother Ira was finally married under the chupah in South Florida. Hayden became a Bar Mitzvah with grand festivities and lots of emotion. Our sorrows were also very profound. We lost our Great Grandmother exactly in between the Wedding and the Bar Mitzvah. And then we lost Fred's Father shortly thereafter. One thing that was present throughout all the ups and downs was the Temple Beth Shalom community. Many condolences and hugs were presented for our losses and many congratulations and hugs were presented for our mitzvahs. We realized that the entire community was our family. Our children went to many services throughout the country and not only were they able to participate, but in some cases they lead the services. Their Hebrew education was not only up to par with their cousins who attend full day Hebrew school in South Florida, but in many regards far superior. I'm not sure how TBS does it in 2 days a week, but the kids were and are always prepared.

Thank you to these families and others who shared their success stories about Hebrew School

*Carol*

## *Here's The BUZZ About Hebrew School By Jacob Berkwitz*

So many things happening during TBS' Hebrew school! In just one month we've already had a visit from a bee keeper, a grape presser, and have built, decorated and partied in the sukkah!

The bee keeper came to TBS to tell us all about raising bees and how they make honey. Why would we want a visit from the bee guy? Well Rosh Hashanah of course! Bees make the honey for our sweet New Year celebrations! The beekeeper explained some pretty interesting bee facts to all the Hebrew school students. We learned about worker bees and the queen bee and their roles. It wasn't easy to pick out the queen bee when looking at all of them, but once the bee keeper pointed her out the difference in body size was clear. Lots of kids had questions. We were all wondering how the bee keeper kept from getting stung. Guess what? He gets stung a lot!!!!!! I'm sure many of us wanted to know how TBS would top this visit.

Not long after the bee keeper we had a visit from the grape presser who came from a vineyard with grapes

and a grape press. We had an opportunity to munch on some grapes and press them to make juice. Initially we pressed the grapes with a manual machine press. We then had an opportunity to get sticky and press with our hands. My fingers were sticky but it sure was fun! Finally we bottled the juice for later use during the break fast of Yom Kippur and during our Sukkot celebration.

The third thing we've done in just one short month of Hebrew school was to decorate the sukkah and enjoy an incredible family meal in it. The whole school helped decorate with paper trains, rain catchers, colored pictures of grains, fruits, vegetables, lanterns and so much more. Our families got to enjoy a delicious meat dinner eaten in the Sukkot. The Rabbi said the sukkah has already doubled in size since two years ago and will probably have to be even bigger next year!

So far this year we've had three very exciting and fun learning activities! I hope the rest of the year is just as exciting!

## *A Message From Men's Club*



Our Fall Season has begun. On Thursday, October 4, 2012, we had our Steak and Football Night. It was a great success with over 25 in attendance which included several new members of our Temple family. On Sunday, October 7, 2012, we had our annual Candidates' Forum. Putnam County Legislature candidates Paul Morini and Joseph Castellano, Assembly Candidates Steve Katz and Andrew Falk and State Senate Candidate Jason Wagner were in attendance. The forum lasted about an hour and a half and all the candidates were well informed on the various issues brought up by the audience. I believe that this is our Twentieth Annual Candidates' Forum and they have all been issue oriented so that we can make an informed decision on Election Day. Flyers will be coming out shortly for the November and December Breakfasts and we have some very interesting topics in mind. I hate to sound like a broken record but, I would really like to order the brick pavers and the birthday/anniversary calendar. I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season. We can now prepare for the Thanksgiving and Chanukah celebrations.

Shalom.

Joel Greenberg, President

## *From the Ritual Committee*



High Holiday services were a great success this year. Led by Rabbi Eytan Hammerman and Cantor Jake Feldman, we came, we stayed, we went. Selichot was an inspirational

way to begin and Tashlich was powerful as we threw our crumbs in the water. We came, we stayed, we prayed to be inscribed in the Book of Life for one more year, and we prayed for a happy, healthy year for our loved ones. We came, we stayed, we fasted. We watched for the three stars in the sky so we could bless our children, and we ate cake and went home and feasted with friends and family.

We thank those who helped make our services run so smoothly. Rabbi Hammerman and Cantor Feldman planned out the services. Jean and Ro in the office made sure we were on the list, and our records were up to date. Billy Hughes made sure the building was clean, the chairs were ready, kiddush was set up and served. Bernice and Jeff Guest made lists of honors and gave them out. Bernice walked up and down the aisles

to find us when it was our turn, and to tell us what to do, and when we did not show up she found others to be honored instead. Thank you to the service leaders, Marilyn Arsham and Jack Tesler. To the Torah and Haftorah readers who prepared so well. to the choir, who practiced both with Jake in person, (thank you to Jake for driving up from Queens to practice) and with Jake's voice, thanks to technology, and thank you to the Sisterhood who polished the silver and to Wendy Greenberg made sure things were taken care of in the kitchen for kiddush.

Many of us helped prepare for the holidays, and we thank them very much. It is due to their efforts that things ran so smoothly. Here's to a good year for the entire congregation!

Please make sure to come to our future services which include Friday Night Live. Saturday morning services are also a great place to pray with our temple community.

Alicia Raskob

## *P.J. Library*

Our PJ Library year is in full swing. Participation in PJ programming is available for all children up to and including age 8. Look for e-mails and flyers announcing new programs and share the information with your friends.

So far this year we have handed out nearly 100 soft sided lunch bags containing apples and honey during Rosh Hashanah. Our new program coordinator, Aimee Freundlich, has already run two programs. On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, children in the Oy-Vey Café were read a story and assembled a pre-made shofar. A second program was held in the Sukkah on October 7.

To become a PJ Library member you only have to fill out an application. You can do this online by either

following the link from the TBS website, or coming into the office and fill out a paper form. All enrolled children will receive an age appropriate book or CD dealing with a Jewish topic for FREE each month.

Looking forward to meeting all of our current and new PJ families.

Jeff Guest

## Programming Previews



A Potpourri of Planned Events from The Programming Committee

The Programming Committee has many exciting and interesting events planned for November and December.

--The Temple Beth Shalom Book Club under the stewardship of Nancy Sapir will be meeting on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. They will be discussing *Under A Red Sky* by Maya Leah Melnar.

--Our movie maven Marge Pollack and her committee have scheduled *THE HELP* for November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, and *SOCIAL MEDIA* for December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

--Our newly formed Young People's Group with Ali Stern at its helm held several successful events during the summer. Ali said that the Young People's Group plan to schedule an activity every other month.

--Dana Chipkin is forming a group to plan events for TBS Singles.

--There are two Community Dinners planned for November. The first one will take place on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM, and the second one is planned for November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

--A Chanukah Dinner followed by "Shabbat Live" with Cantor Jake will take place on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

--Steve Bettman has scheduled another Blooming Seed Café night for Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. It will feature Caroline Doctorow and the Steamrollers.

Please put these events on your calendars and remember to check your e-mails and Constant Contacts for event specifics!!!!

Wendy Greenberg

## JMU - Jewish Meet Up: A new pathway for Jewish 20s and 30s

By Sara Birnbaum

JMU is the newest kid on the block in the Alphabet Soup of Jewish Organization in New York. JMU (Jewish Meet Up) is a Jewish social group offering programming and new friendships to Jews in their 20's and 30's living in Northern Westchester and Putnam counties. The program was initiated by Rabbis Eytan Hammerman (Temple Beth Shalom, Mahopac) and Lee Paskind (First Hebrew Congregation, Peekskill) with the assistance of Temple Beth Shalom members, Aimee Freundlich and David Ranani. These local rabbis realized that an under-served group of Jewish college graduates existed in their communities, individuals who were not connected to any institution of Jewish life. In many cases, these younger adults may have returned to the area for graduate school or their first jobs. JMU's goal is to successfully engage this demographic, becoming a vibrant social group with active members who enjoy coming together to socialize and network.

JMU began in early 2012 as six-month pilot project, supported by the Conservative Movement. Social programs in its first months ranged from Wine Tasting to a kickboxing training and Boat Cruise. With the support of the UJA Federation of New York and the Westchester Program Services Cabinet, JMU is expanding its reach and programming. JMU is not formally connected to any particular synagogue or institution though it enjoys the support of the six synagogues of the Northern Westchester Keshet and the Rosenthal Jewish Community Center.

JMU will offer fun and engaging free or low-cost activities and programs on a regular (at least, monthly) basis. Newcomers are always welcome to join JMU event. They will surely find themselves surrounded by others with whom they are likely to share much in common. For more information on JMU, email me, at [sarabirnbaum.jmu@gmail.com](mailto:sarabirnbaum.jmu@gmail.com).

## ***B'NAI MITZVAHS OF FALL 2012 By Marge Pollack***

Bat Mitzvah

Kayla Gorelick

Ariella Yafa bat Moshe

September 8, 2012



Kayla Gorelick celebrated her Bat Mizvah on September 8, 2012. Kayla has many interests and hobbies. However despite her busy schedule one of her greatest achievement is her academic success where she was elected to the Junior National Honor Society this past year.

In addition as an active member of Mahopac Middle School Theater group, Kayla played one of the orphans in the show Annie She has been in a number of shows including playing in the full production of the Wizard of Oz at the Yorktown Stage. It is easy to understand why Kayla decided to have a Broadway Shows as the theme for her Bat Mitzvah celebration .

Among her other hobbies, Kayla also finds time to read and always enjoys a good novel. She also loves to travel. A favorite spot to vacation is in Mexico where she has traveled numerous times over the years. She looks forward to expanding her travels overseas with her parents and brother Joshua (8 yrs.). Kayla has another "love" spending time with Lexi, (a toy poodle) who she also considers a family member. "She's my little friend" according to Kayla.

Kayla has worked hard over the months studying Hebrew and learning her Haftorah. She would love to one day travel to Israel. She looks forward to becoming an adult to participate in all of the Jewish traditions and customs.

***We would like to thank our many friends who made a generous donation to Temple Beth Shalom in memory of my mother.***

***Your support is so important to us at this difficult time.***

***Linda and Al Silbert***

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## Spotlight on New Members



# TBS Welcomes the Bates

*Another family has found our Jewish community*

By Glenn Sapir

As the Rabbi pointed out in one of his Rosh Hashanah sermons, our synagogue was founded as the “The Jewish Center of the Mahopacs.” As nobody needs to point out, however, temple congregants come not only from Mahopac and Mahopac Falls—“the Mahopacs”—but also from adjacent communities and even other counties.

The Bates live in the Kent-Holmes area in northern Putnam-southern Dutchess County, but they have chosen to make our southern Putnam temple the center of their religious community.

“One of the benefits of membership in Temple Beth Shalom is a sense of community,” said Jennifer Bates. “Whenever we enter the temple, we are welcomed by everyone we see.”

The Bates have lived in Holmes for about 2 ½ years. Prior to that they had lived in Carmel for eight years. Yet it was only in 2012 that they chose to become part of the TBS congregation.

“Prior to joining TBS we were members of Congregation Kol Ami in White Plains,” Jennifer said. “Our friends Josh and Julie Martin had been trying to get us to join TBS for a year before we made the commitment.”

The decision was made, in part, for convenience sake. The Bates’ oldest child, Dylan, had been attending religious school in White Plains, and they really didn’t want to continue that long commute.

“We wanted our children to attend religious school with local friends,” Jennifer said. “Because our previous temple was in White Plains, we didn’t have the sense of community with the other members of the temple.”

Dylan, 9, is a fourth-grader at Kent Elementary School. He is a black belt Tae Kwon Do, who will soon be testing for his 2<sup>nd</sup> degree black belt. He is also on the Carmel United Travel Soccer Team.

Next in age is Kyra, who is 6 ½. She is a first-grader in Kent Elementary, and, like her brother, is a martial artist who is working toward her black belt in Tae Kwon Do. She is also a soccer player, holding a spot on Carmel United’s in-house team.

Arya, the youngest, is almost 10 months. Her baby-naming ceremony was held at TBS last spring.

The parents of these three children are the fore mentioned Jennifer and her husband, Seth. Seth is director of technology for Private Client Resources in Wilton, Ct. Jen is a nurse practitioner at the Center for Pediatric Medicine in Danbury.

Seth was born in Springfield, Mass., but his family moved to Cobleskill, N.Y., while he was still an infant. Jennifer, nee Ng, was born and raised in Brooklyn. Now the family enjoys life in the lower Hudson Valley, where, in their spare time, they enjoy hiking and watching soccer and football. Of course, like most suburban families, much of their time is spent keeping up with school-age children’s activities. And part of that occurs at TBS.

“Our children enjoy coming to the temple for Hebrew school, especially the monthly Shabbat school,” Jennifer said. “TBS is a very welcoming and friendly temple. Everyone that we have met thus far has been wonderful, and we can’t wait to meet more as we continue to be members of TBS.”



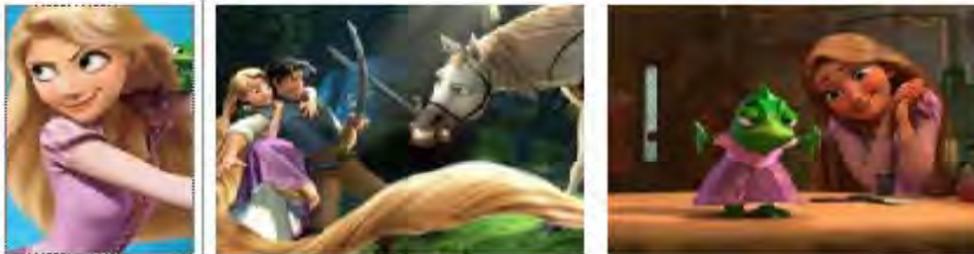


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Time: 12 Noon**

**After Hebrew School,  
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The Blooming Seed Coffee House opened its 2012-2013 season by bringing to the stage Gerry Giordano together with his friends and Family. The music flowed for over two hours ranging from old John Prine tunes to The Grateful Dead and everything in between. A crowd of almost 40 people were also treated to delectable chocolates and desserts created by Stefani Jane Desserts. The next date for The Blooming Seed Coffee House is Saturday evening December 2, 2012. We will be presenting Caroline Doctorow and The Steamrollers. The evening will be filled with blues and rock n roll and the great energy of Caroline Doctorow. The doors open at 7:30 with the show starting at 8:00 pm. The door cover charge is \$10.00. Be sure to check out The Blooming Seed Coffee House facebook and like us!

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## *Shana Tova By Ray Perlman*

“**Focus on how far you’ve come, rather than how far you have left to go.**” Again, “**Focus on how far you’ve come, rather than how far you have left to go.**” This quote is something that I see every day, and it has stuck with me over the last few months. As I stand up here before all of you, I can truly see how far I have come. A little over seven years ago, I stood here on this same Bimah as a Bar Mitzvah, and now, I stand here on our holiest night of the year with a very different purpose. Staying connected to Judaism is a very important thing to many people, and it has become the same for me. I try to stay as active as I can. United Synagogue Youth, USY, our youth group, was and still is big part of my life, and currently, I am proud to be the director of our USY chapter. I absolutely love it! This job is probably one of the best things that could’ve happened to me. I accompany our kids to all of the events. I watch them socialize and learn, explore and debate. As I see them making new friends, I see myself. After all, **I** am still in contact with people I have been friends with since I was 14 years old, and, even as a staff member, I am meeting new people all of the time. And, the best part, as a staff member, no curfew!!

This past summer, I participated for the first time in the USY 10 day sleep-away camp experience called “Encampment.” There was never a dull moment as I was with 16 freshman boys all day and all

night and many Israeli staff members. Spending time with the Israeli counselors, one of fifteen or twenty who were there, I had an opportunity to speak with almost every one of them ; and after talking, they helped me finally make a decision...I want to go to Israel. Seeing Israel only on the news, I have been hesitant about going. But, having met some wonderful Israeli people first-hand, I am ready. I have registered for this upcoming Birthright Israel trip, and will hopefully go this December.

I love meeting new people. I feel it is very important to do so throughout your life. If I didn’t meet anybody, I probably wouldn’t have gone to Encampment and wouldn’t have felt ready to participate in our Birthright Israel trip. This has taught me, again, why it is important to remain strongly connected with my religion; Judaism. And I am delighted to be able to do that through my synagogue, my parent’s synagogue – the synagogue of my youth.

**Focus on how far you’ve come, rather than how far you have left to go.** These words hold strong. I Love how far I have come. I am finally doing everything that I wanted to do with the help and the opportunities presented by our congregation.

Shana Tovah.

## *Beth Shalom Art Showcase By Marc Kandell*

You may have noticed some new additions to the walls of Beth Shalom's social hall. The photos presently on display are two collections, one shot during a 2007 summer cruise through Alaska's Inside Passage which included a helicopter ride to the Mendenhall Glacier, where these photos were taken and the other a mix of wildlife photos taken a few scattered Springs ago in Sanibel Island Florida from a kayak another from Boca Raton Florida (some more herons and a very curious alligator taken at the Wakodahatchee Wetlands) rounded off with a few from the Magnolia Swamp Garden and Middleton Plantation in Charleston South Carolina (featuring a very friendly peacock, another blue heron and a path through the swamp garden).

The use of our social hall wall as a display area for local artists was an idea presented at one of our Board of Trustee meetings of which I am the Recording Secretary, and prior to my work on display we had another local artist and congregant display their paintings. The photos will remain on the wall for a little while longer but the next art to grace our walls is up to you. It is our hope that you, and through you, others in the Mahopac area and even the greater Westchester community can help beautify our

synagogue with similar art that you would like to share with us, be it a collection you have created that you are ready to display or a local artist you know in need of a place to showcase their work. Please reach out to us and let us know if you have an interest in showing your work or introducing us to someone with art to spare for our walls. This is our synagogue and we encourage everyone to strive for ways to make it an even more beautiful, enlightening and welcoming space for all who enter.



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<b>9</b> Chanukah: 2 Candles 9:00am SCRIP ORDERS DUE!! 9:30am Programming Committee Meeting	<b>10</b> Chanukah: 3 Candles	<b>11</b> Chanukah: 4 Candles 9:30am My J-Baby & Me	<b>12</b> Chanukah: 5 Candles 6:30pm Chai School - 5th night of Chanukah	<b>13</b> Chanukah: 6 Candles 5:30pm Gentle Yoga for the Mature Body- free to temple members 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting	<b>14</b> Chanukah: 7 Candles 7:00pm Chanukah Dinner - Shabbat Live with Cantor Jake 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	<b>15</b> Chanukah: 8 Candles 10:00am Shabbat Morning Svc
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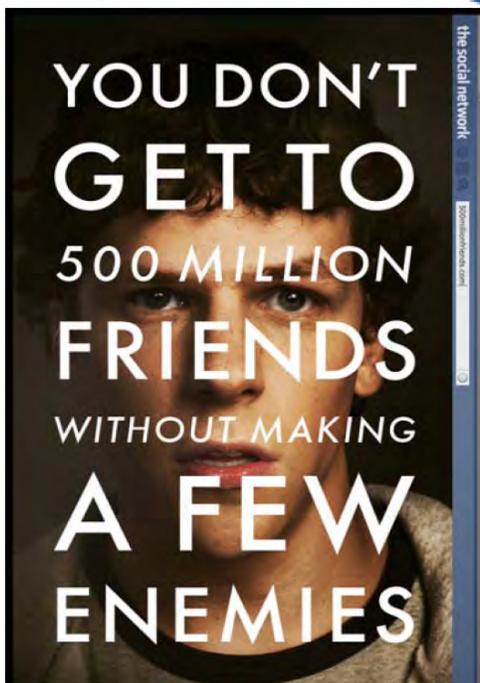
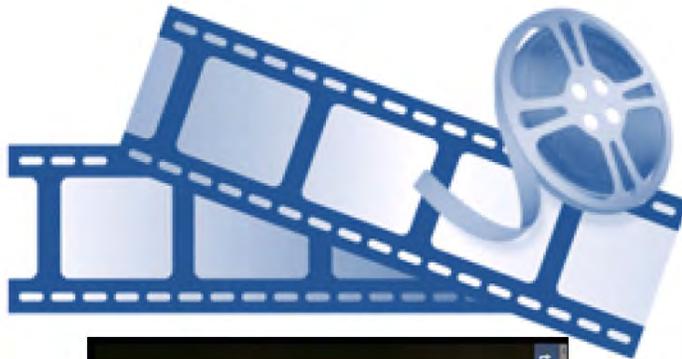
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## ***Bar/Bat Mitzvah Tutor Bio—Marilyn Arsham***

Marilyn Arsham grew up Orthodox in Charleston, South Carolina. She learned how to read Hebrew at a four-day per week after-school Hebrew program at the now 160-year-old synagogue, but her love of Judaism was fostered by her very learned Zayda, with whom she spent every Shabbat. Her father owned the only kosher bakery in Charleston, where challah was made fresh each Friday, a recipe Marilyn still uses today. Her mother was not only the cake decorator but was also one of only two kosher caterers in town.

Besides being members of Future Teachers of America and the Pelican yearbook staff, Marilyn was very active in the Jewish youth group NCSY (National Conference for Synagogue Youth) of the orthodox movement, in which she is still a lifetime member of their honored Ben Zakkai society. She was elected Southern Region president of NCSY and was also honored as the first female co-chair for the annual NCSY national convention.

Marilyn graduated from Stern College for Women, the female undergraduate branch of Yeshiva University, with a minor in education, and major in Biology. At Stern, she was freshman class president, treasurer of Student Council, and Speakers Bureau Chair. Rabbi Avi Weiss was even her Chumash teacher. Upon graduation, she took a position at Beth Israel Hospital in NYC as a laboratory technologist in cytogenetics, and became involved with the newly organized Association of Genetic Technologists (AGT), for which she created and co-edited the first edition of their laboratory man-

ual. She left cytogenetics in the '80s to be a computer programmer at a Wall Street firm, Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith, and was promoted to manager, and then systems architect and was awarded Assistant Vice President. She left Merrill Lynch after having her son Bryan, when she and her husband Ron moved from the upper East Side of Manhattan to Mahopac. She is currently employed part time as a cytogenetics technologist by Western Connecticut Health Network at Danbury Hospital in Connecticut, and also serves on the board of the Westchester Jewish Council.

Teaching Hebrew school students is Marilyn's second passion, which she actually started while still in high school, for a classroom of 1st graders in her orthodox Hebrew school. Thirty years later, when her son entered 5th grade and the reform Hebrew school needed a Hebrew teacher, Marilyn began to teach again. She continued for 13 years at that school, teaching Jewish history, life cycles, holidays and Hebrew, and also served as music teacher during that same period. She left these positions a couple years ago in order to work on the 4th edition of the AGT Cytogenetics Lab Manual, but has recently returned as haftarah tutor for their Bnai Mitzvah students.

Marilyn has been involved in various projects at TBS, including Sisterhood secretary, Temple Times editor, and Dalet & Hey class teacher on Wednesdays for one year. But her greatest pleasure is tutoring her TBS B'nai Mitzvah students.

***Stayed Tuned for Next Temple Times Publication for Jeff Guest's and Lynn Michaels' Bio's!!!***

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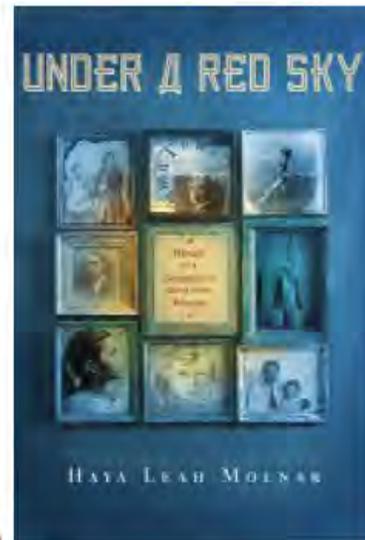
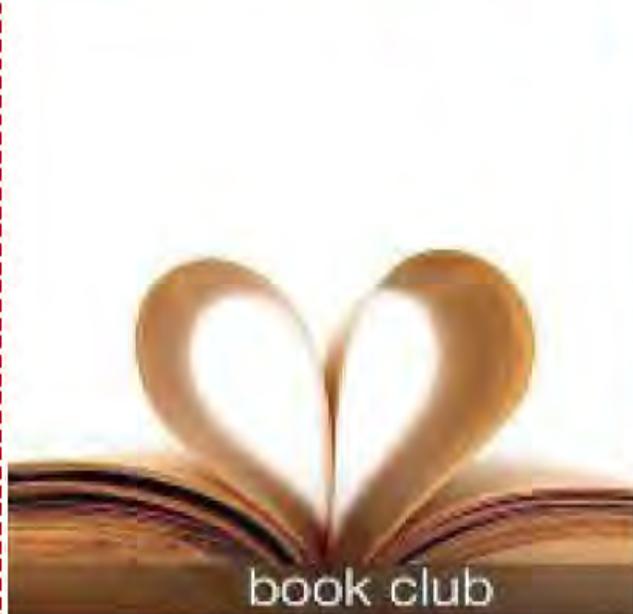
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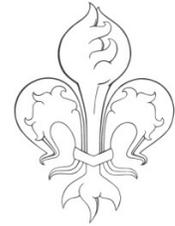
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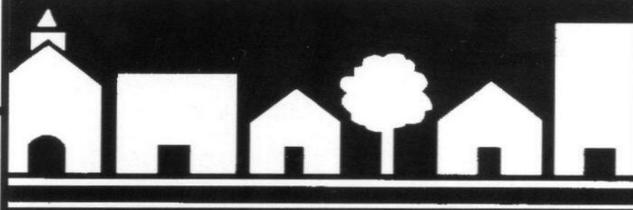
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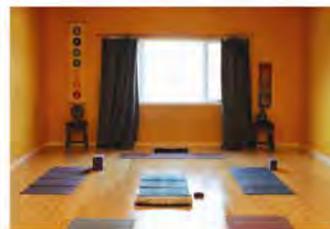
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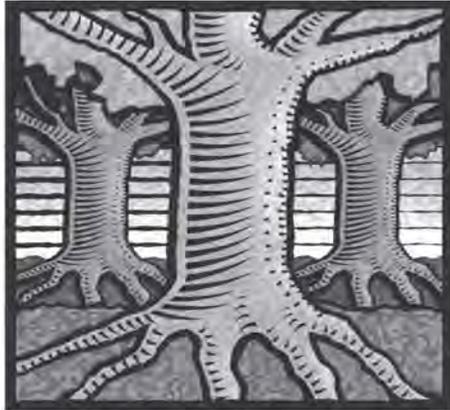
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