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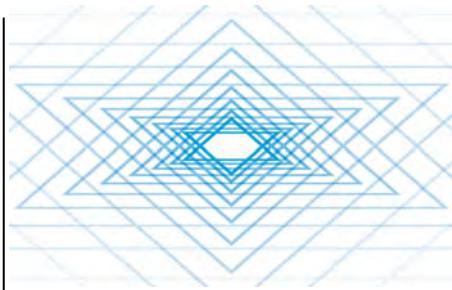
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A Message from our Acting President



As I begin writing my second Temple Times article, I am shocked at how quickly these last two months have flown by. And I am just as shocked that we are about to enter into a new year and that winter is upon us. As I write this, snow is falling, as if nature is trying to remind me that time marches on.

As this secular New Year approaches, and with the Jewish New Year behind us, I find myself reflecting on Rabbi Sarah's sermon on Rosh Hashanah. Her sermon was on the topic of *What's Your Why?* Specifically, what are you going to do with your life? What is your purpose?

My initial purpose was to be the best husband, father, brother, friend, and a positive contributing member of society. I even spent a few years as a volunteer firefighter. As time marched on, and with my children getting older, I took on other responsibilities. I co-founded a charitable non-profit organization in Putnam County. And I took on ever-increasing roles here within TBS.

At the last congregational meeting in early November, we discussed the State of The Temple, various goings-on, the budget, the Yom Kippur Matching Challenge, security updates, and religious school topics. A question and answer period followed with some spirited discussions. We all have thoughts on what is important for TBS. The reality is that it is ALL important. Religious services are important. Our TBS religious school is important. Increasing our membership is important. Keeping the physical building maintained is important. Keeping our congregation safe and secure is important. Having an engaging and committed spiritual leader is important. Programming, fundraising, community outreach, celebration of life events..... all important.

Some of what we discussed in the congregational meeting requires funding. This funding isn't sitting in an extra account, waiting to be utilized. This funding is additional money that we need above and beyond our regular operating budget.

We spend quite a bit of time brainstorming and executing fundraising programs. Some have been very successful, ie. The 65th Gala, The Debbie Bowden Matching

Campaign, etc. Our fundraising programs often take a lot of planning and volunteer support to execute.

Which brings me to the thought of spontaneity. The sanctuary sound system recently failed. Brian Stern and I created a temporary workaround, but we knew we needed to replace an amplifier. With #GivingTuesday coming up in few days and knowing I could leverage Facebook's donation matching program, I quickly (within a few days) created a fundraising plan to address the cost of replacing the amplifier and possibly repairing or replacing some of the speakers in the sanctuary. Within 48 hours of the start of #GivingTuesday, we raised over \$1500, some of which came from *outside* our temple community. We now have the funding to repair the sanctuary sound system.

I invite you to ponder your *Why's*. And the intersections of your *Why's* with Temple Beth Shalom and also the greater Jewish communities in which we live. How can your purpose drive positive changes within TBS?

I encourage you to share with me how your *Why's* intersect with TBS. (President@TBSMahopac.org)

My current priority? Shoveling my driveway.

Warm regards,
Allan



Programming Previews By Jenn Cohen



Winter has definitely arrived, and with it has come the cold, the snow, the ice, and the wind. All of us are bundled up in heavy coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and boots. Needless to say, the skiers and ice skaters are delighted with the cold and snow.

Right now, we are working with Rabbi Sarah, the Ritual Committee, and the Religious School to plan a fabulous Purim service and celebration on March 11th and a fun-filled Purim carnival for the children on March 8th.

Due to the possibility of inclement weather, the Programming Committee decided not to schedule any

events in January and February - but I am happy to say that Men's Club, Sisterhood, the Religious School, and Ritual Committee do have several exciting and interesting activities and events planned for those months, so stay tuned. Please remember to check your constant contacts and the TBS weekly Shabbat announcements for information concerning scheduled events.

As always, I am delighted to hear from you regarding any program or activity you would like to see take place at Temple Beth Shalom. Feel free to call or email me. With warmest wishes for a New Year filled with peace, love, joy, and happiness!

Jenn

Ritual News by Eddie Lapa



Shalom,

"Where did this Year Go?"

2019 was quite the year! For many, the year flew by with accomplishments, one after the other. Others had great things happen, and yet plenty of obstacles. Then there are those that keep trying day after day. 2020 has so much hope and promise for the future.

Here at TBS, the Ritual Committee is hard at work planning for Purim (March 9th), Passover (April 8th), and Yom Hashoah (April 19). Plus, we are going to have our annual meeting with the Bnai Mitzvah families for 2021 and 2022. We have a bunch of B'nai Mitzvot in 2020. Please come to services to help the families celebrate this wonderful Simcha.

We have been very successful with our musical Friday night Shabbat Services. Hopefully, you have been able to participate in the three we have had. There are three more planned. With the success of this, we are going to be looking at what new innovative programming we might be able to do with Shabbat morning. Through a

joint venture between the Ritual Committee and the Deepening Relations Collective, we are still working on the TBS Field Trip. This committee will be visiting different progressive congregations in the tri-state area and get a feel for what innovative things are being done for Shabbat morning services. When we have finished, we will evaluate what might work here at TBS. It looks to be a fun and exciting way to see ideas in action. We will keep you posted and might be asking for volunteers to do the visits.

Please keep a watch on the Temple Times as well as the TBS Calendar for Rabbi's classes.

We are a close-knit family here at TBS, and we ask everyone to come and support all the functions that are run by the Hebrew School, Sisterhood, and The Men's Club. It is so wonderful and warm when we have standing room only at our events.

In closing, we want to wish everybody a Healthy, Happy and Wonderful 2019!!!

Be well,

Eddie and Matt



Sisterhood News By Robin Kushner



I am very proud to be part of the new sisterhood. If you have not attended one of our meetings yet you must know that our group is comprised of women of all ages. When we get together though we act as one happy group. We all have similar interests and goals. These women have helped me recreate the new sisterhood bringing creative ideas to our synagogue.

December we all met at Heather Samson's house for a holiday meal. The Samson's were gracious hosts preparing a fabulous meal to share. It was a wonderful way for all of us to get to know one another better.

February will be our annual wine tasting event. As always it will be held on the first Saturday of the month. The event is open to couples. This year we will have a new spin on the traditional event. We are going to see how well people know their wines and if their palates are fine tuned. Of course we will offer a

non alcoholic version of the event as well. Appetizers and desserts are always included.

March brings us another ladies only event. GALINTINES is coming to sisterhood. Gail Plaut will be hosting this new event in her home. The agenda and meal ideas are all a secret so you will have to join sisterhood to see what is all about.

This is just the start of the events sisterhood will be bringing you. If you want to learn more about what we are all about please feel free to email me. robinlkush@gmail.com.

SISTERHOOD... We make a difference.

Robin Kushner

President.

From the PTO

The PTO would like to encourage your support in our efforts to support the Hebrew School. We hope you enjoyed our "Guess the Gelt" raffle in December. Keep your eyes open because there will be more fun fundraising events to come.

In this Temple Times, meet three of our Board members:



Sarah Rucker – Corresponding Secretary

Sarah lives in Mahopac with her daughter Madeline, 11, and son Ben, 8. She is a long-time listener, first-time caller as a religious adult, but glad she has found her spiritual home at TBS. She works as a sales director for an illustrated book publisher and enjoys traveling the world for her job, but really loves coming home and spending time with her kids. If you can make her laugh, she'll consider you a friend for life.



Adrienne Stern – Treasurer

Adrienne works in the insurance industry in New York City. She and her husband, Brian, have been TBS members for more than eight years. Brian is on the board of trustees and he is a member of buildings and grounds committee. Her son, Matthew,

attended Hebrew school at TBS from Kindergarten (Gan) through Seventh Grade (Zayin) and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in September. Matthew is now in TBS Teens. Adrienne volunteered for many events while her son was in Hebrew school. She joined the board of the Temple Beth Shalom PTO as an additional way to help the Hebrew school.



Dana Zelman – Recording Secretary

Dana and her kids, Mitzi (11) and Spencer (9), gleefully returned to the TBS family when they moved to Katonah in 2017. In her professional life, Dana is a psychologist. In her personal life, she is a proud momma and musical theatre nerd. A fun fact: Dana's great uncle is among the names of the original TBS congregants that are posted in the hallway outside the Café. Another fun fact: Dana's mom, Helen, is her hero.

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year from all of us on the PTO!



TBS Teens by Marissa Malett



Hello,

I'm happy to say that the Teens have been enjoying all the wonderful new programming! In October, Teens received certification in CPR by our very own Jack Zencheck. During November, we performed one of our mitzvah projects and volunteered at the Putnam Community Action program for their Thanksgiving food pantry. The Teens were wonderful! I can't forget to mention all the fun we had in December at our annual Hanukkah Harry and Scavenger Hunt event.

As the new year begins, we still have some exciting programming planned.

Coming up:

January 26th-
12-2pm @ TBS
Lunch included

Teens will meet for a Krav Maga defense class.

February 9th-
12-1:30pm @TBS
Lunch included

Teens and Kadima join together for a mitzvah project to benefit homeless animals.

*Teens will have a Purim planning meeting

February 9th-
12-1:30@TBS

Tu B'shvat Youth Group for kitah alef/bet, gimel, dalet/hey. We will enjoy games, crafts, books and

fun.

Lunch is included

What better way to hear about the success of our youth programs than from the youth themselves!

Here is what the youth are saying:

Zoe Leviner - Youth Group

I love the youth groups because of the fun crafts. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends. My favorite craft was making sukkahs out of shoe boxes and sticks. Also, I liked making braided Havdalah candles. I hope there's latkes and applesauce again this year!

Jake Lomas-TBS Kadima

Kadima is fun because I get to be with other kids and do fun activities! I loved making a terrarium because I'm getting to watch my plants grow. Mrs. Malett is very nice and caring. She helps to make my time at Kadima fun!

Asher Duke-TBS Teen

I feel that TBS teens is essential to the community and myself. It helps young Jews realize themselves in a world that often seems hostile to them. It also has real-world applications. For example, I recently participated in a CPR class that teaches teens how to administer appropriate medical attention to those in need. Another notable example was the even more recent food pantry excursion, where we went and helped a local food pantry in Brewster carry and sort bags that would be handed out to families in need on Thanksgiving.

Shaboom by Marissa Malett

Our PJ Library collaboration, ***Shaboom***, has reached over 10 families with young children in Northern Westchester! This Shabbat program brings families together for a meal, music, arts & crafts, and various program activities. So far, we have had four fun-filled events! There was dinner, ice cream, Shabbat play, live music & songs, tzedakah box making, pumpkin

playing and dancing - just to name a few!

Spread the word or join us at the next events on January 3rd, from 5:30-6:45 pm at Yorktown Nursery School and February 7th, from 5:30-6:45 pm at Jefferson Valley Mall.



From the Men's Club By Joel Greenberg



As I write this message, we have just finished the second snowstorm of the season, and winter doesn't start for another 10 days, December 22nd.

Our candidate's Forum Breakfast was very well attended and informative. We wish the successful candidates a Mazel Tov, and those who didn't make it should stay involved.

Our November 24th breakfast, our author in residence, Glen Sapir, gave us an informative talk about his career as a journalist. His book "A Sapir Sampler", is a series of the articles he wrote over the years. The book is certainly worth purchasing. A portion of the sale of the

books to Temple Beth Shalom members will be donated to the Temple.

Our next breakfast, the "Judge James Reitz, Vision Breakfast", has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 26th, 2020 at 9:30am. The programs for our end of winter and spring breakfasts will be announced at our Vision Breakfast. On behalf of the officers and members of the Men's Club, we want to wish you a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous 2020.

Shalom,

Joel Greenberg



Fathers by Ari Samson

Fathers...

I've always given my mom credit for my love of Judaism. Watching her and how she allowed the essence of Judaism to envelope her was always something I looked up to. I believe she learned it from her father, who I can still hear singing Avenu Malkenu on the High Holidays. Whether it was being on the Ritual Committee of our shul, teaching at Camp Ramah, and Reuben Gittleman (Solomon Shechter) as well as Hebrew schools in the county, she just seemed to know everything about what it meant to be Jewish. Just seeing her in the sanctuary in the Synagogue has stayed with me. She knows every word and how to do everything. She was content to be in the congregation and just be a part. Yet, there was always that aura around her that this was her place, and it seemed to fit her just right. I know that I learned this and much more from her. But today I need to write about fathers.

I've always joked about my father being an atypical Jew. He is more than handy. He could build just about anything - two additions to the house, built by his hands, patient and careful, planning out what he was going to do and thinking about each step. He didn't have to undo and redo things. Everything was planned out in his mind before he did it. He knew how each step would lead to the next (I won't talk about the 16-foot massive center post for a spiral staircase that we had to take down and re-stand up because it was on the wrong side of the beam). The number of times I was helping my father and would see him stop and start thinking, and I knew - I just knew,

right then and there, that it was time to be silent. To let him plan. When he was ready, he would talk, and he would show me what he figured out and how we would go from there. I never inherited his skill with my hands. I could never build like him. He's an artist in his own right. But I certainly learned how to think and plan my actions. And he was always so willing and open. If someone needed him and could use his skills, he would be there to lend a hand.

My father never looked to lead services. Yet I remember standing next to him, listening. He always knew the words and where we were. I miss the days of being in the middle of a sea of chairs, and taller people, on the High Holidays, near the back of the synagogue where I would be playing with the tzitzit on his tallis. He would have an aliyah and speak strongly, and if you wonder where I learned to do Hagbah, it was from him. I watched him lift the Torah and display what we read as if it were the most natural thing in the world.

His display and love of being Jewish started at a young age. Hearing about his exploits as a Jewish scout and the time spent at the Jewish Y are with me forever. Only my father, in the 60's, would go to Europe, drive through Communist countries (without speaking any of their languages) and end up in Israel. I can remember the video of the Israeli Day parades, in Israel, from that trip.

Just like a lot of the members at TBS, sometimes it's not what you do in the sanctuary, but what you do around the sanctuary that helps build the community. For my family,

Fathers—continued

it was Seudat Shlishi. Saturday afternoon, Minchah, light dinner, and then Ma'ariv was the standard services that we attended. My mom and dad and a few other families helped start it at our synagogue.

Saturday afternoons meant being in the synagogue kitchen, making tuna fish, setting up tables and chairs, and getting into services to help make the minyan every week. He knew that this was important to him. He didn't teach me about being Jewish by giving directions. He lead by example, every week being in synagogue. Every week, making time to be in that kitchen and then get into services. I wouldn't give up that kind of learning from him, ever.

If you had the typical Jewish upbringing in the 70s, 80s, and 90s, you probably spent a lot of holidays and time with a couple of other families. I definitely did, and there are a couple of fathers who I saw a lot of in my life growing up who I think about all the time. All of these fathers had sons somewhere around my age and seemed to know more or less what was going through our minds at any time (and probably still do).

One of those fathers was Mr. M. I remember when he and my father were talking one day in the lobby of the synagogue, and Mr. M. came up to me to shake my hand. I think I was 13 at the time, and he absolutely crushed my hand. If I didn't fall to my knees, it was close. He had two sons who were around my age, and I guess he knew how to handle wise acre 13-year-olds.

One of the things Mr. M showed me was how to live each day as special. He enjoyed everything around him and taught me to get everything you can out of life. When he talked about his children and grandchildren, his entire face lit up. He was not healthy when Jack, Heather, and I moved back to New City. He struggled, yet he made it to our house for Shabbat dinner almost every week. He would sit by my side, looking for the hot soup that I made almost every week with him in mind. Listening to his stories, his jokes, and seeing the joy in him gave me something to look forward to. He also spoke to me very directly about family, reminding me about what was important, where I was responsible, and where I wasn't. His words resonate with me even today.

One year, both he and I were standing next to each other in a tent outside the synagogue during Neilah. Our overflow service was in a tent. The people who were there weren't at services to see and be seen. You chose to go to the tent service as a place where you knew that

everyone else who was there just wanted a place to pray with similar people. Each of us held a huge Torah in our arms for about twenty minutes. I was tired, but I wasn't going to admit it, not with him standing next to me and not complaining. During Kol Nidre this year, as I held a Torah in front of our community, thoughts of him came back. He passed away after we moved to New Fairfield, but my time with him counted.

Have you ever been around someone for all your life and thought to yourself, "that's my idol for how I want to be in synagogue?" Mr. H was my friend's father and one of those families that we saw for every Jewish holiday. They are family. After I graduated college, I managed to get a job in Manhattan. So, there I was, 22-years-old, no car, I didn't drive, and I needed to go into the city every day. Mr. H had a carpool, and I was invited to join as a rider. On the first day going into the city, I said: "Mr. H., thank you so much for allowing me to join." I'll never forget his reply. "Ari, you've got a job. You're working every day, and you are contributing your fair share to the carpool. You can call me Allan." I remember thinking I was a man that day. As an aside, it was ten years later before I could call his wife by her first name. Sometimes you're not quite the man you think you are.

Allan was at minyan every day, a voice davening that I'd recognize anywhere. When he decided this was something important to him, he took it on and learned everything he could and found the involvement that fit how he wanted to be Jewish. He leads services during the week, on holidays, shows up to shivah minyans, and just exudes a strength in his commitment. The first time I ever led a High Holy Day service, I thought about him in his kitel and how I'd see him on those days and wonder if I could ever do the same things. Part of my ritual involvement in TBS comes from the years watching him and knowing that being there is the first step. The next steps come a lot easier once you're there.

After my Bar Mitzvah, Rabbi Sosland at NCJC made me start leading Minchah and Ma'ariv services on Saturday evenings. I hereby apologize to all that were in the congregation at the time as if you think my singing ability is bad now; back then, it was ten times worse. I was always listening for my mother in the congregation as she would always help me get back to the tune I was desperately searching for. That was a very patient congregation.

I went away to college, and then lived all over for a while and didn't make it back for Saturday evenings very often. When Jack was born, though, it was time.

Fathers—continued

We lived in Westchester, but the commute to Rockland for Saturday evenings was worth it. Jack learned how the Saturday evening community would work together to make the food, bring it into the social hall, and set up. He knew that he would then come into services where everyone welcomed his exuberance.

No one was shushing him. A dentist, who I remember driving my summer camp carpool when I was about 7 or 8, would give Jack lollipops (He was trying to build customers I guessed), and Jack would happily eat them and hand me the remaining stick afterward. We called Norman "Dr. Pops" as a result. I always knew what chair he would be sitting in, right in that corner that I usually liked to call home. I'd sit by him when I could, and every week he'd just be part of the congregation, a solid voice and presence, and a great smile of encouragement.

At synagogue, he was my weekly baseball conversation. A chat about the state of the Yankees while I suffered with the Mets. Maybe a discussion about the great walk he had while chasing an errant ball around a golf course or at other times, stories of his past life. I think I learned how to tell a story from him. His wit and ability to see the absurdity in a situation always rang true. His stories of his time in the army made me think of Joseph Heller and Catch-22. Dr. Pops is in rehab right now after being sick, and some of our TBS congregation remember him in their mishabayrachs each week. I like knowing that he's thought about and that people are cheering him on so that he can get back to the golf course.

I would usually daven one of the services on Saturday. Ricky W. usually davened the other service. We would usually look at each other, and one of us would take Minchah and the other Ma'ariv. We would both always gabbi for the rabbi during the Torah Service. Ricky would be the one calling people for the aliyahs. This was always useful as he knew and remembered everyone's Hebrew name. In the back of my mind, I can hear his voice reciting Vitigaleh, vitayrah, as he began to call the Cohen aliyah. One of us would often chant Havdalah, and the faces of those families glowing in the reflected candlelight made even deeper bonds.

His house was just a block and a half from the synagogue. Living close was important for him and his family. It was very easy to be at their house for the break on Yom Kippur and open house on other holidays. Is it really 41 years since Bucky Bleeping Dent hit that home run, which we all saw at their house? There might have been some Boston fans there that day.

For it seems like 40 years, we had Erev Rosh Hashannah dinner at their house, and when I'd get there, I'd see him walking back home from Synagogue and then see him at the head of the table doing kiddush so we could start eating.

He'd build a huge sukkah on his back deck every year, but it didn't matter. There was always such a crowd in there we might as well have been sitting on each other's laps. Rowdy, laughing, eating, drinking, being a crazy family formed out of that community. My discussions with him would range over almost anything from history to technology to politics. He is forever curious.

One night of Passover was either at his house or Allan's house. Break Fast was at our house. Spending every year with these people on joyous occasions; how could you not learn from them? The fathers and the mothers. (I promise I'll write about mothers in the future.)

Ricky could lead any service and quite often did. He also read Haftorahs during the year and the High Holidays as well as reading Torah. He even bought me my first Mahzor so that I could have one in my house. The first time I read the Haftorah for TBS on Rosh Hashannah, I couldn't wait to tell Ricky. It was one of those things that brought me to be more like him. His almost encyclopedic knowledge of Judaism I'll never be able to match, nor his ease and comfort in the synagogue. But I certainly know from him what I'm aiming for. Since Erev Rosh Hashannah this year, Ricky has been at Westchester Medical, and I'm not just saying a Mishabayrach for him at synagogue, I'm praying for him every day.

I hope that in some ways, I can be similar to all of these fathers. I want to be strong in my beliefs, proud of who and what I am, always learning, and finally, willing to do what's needed. If that's the case, I, too, will find joy and comfort from doing them for me. And if what I find is seen as good by others and passed on the same way, then the lessons from all these fathers will be well earned.

I notice from time to time that my friends who are fathers of Jack's friends will say things that I would say to Jack, and I laugh and wonder where they learned these things? Who were the fathers in their lives? And am I at all surprised that these are my friends? We probably had some similar fathers in our lives. Ones that we remember.

Shana Tovah

Join Rabbi Sarah for Adult Education



This class is open to Temple Beth Shalom members and non-members, interfaith couples, LGBT parents, single parents, and those with or without backgrounds in Jewish study.

FREE for Temple Beth Shalom members, \$50/session for non-members. Please email Rabbi Sarah Freidson at rabbi@tbsmahopac.org to register.

Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:00pm at Temple Beth Shalom

January 7th: Out of the Ghetto: Emancipation & Enlightenment

January 14th: Development of Jewish Denominations: Reform, Conservative and Orthodox

January 28th: Jewish Life in America

February 4th: Zionism and Israel

February 11th: Antisemitism, Holocaust, and Post-Holocaust

TBS Bottle and Can Recycling Program

Shomrei Adamah: We are temporary stewards of this land, holding it for those to come from generation to generation.

Bring your clean recyclable bottles and cans to TBS and we will recycle them for you. All proceeds will be donated to TBS. Bottles should be bagged and placed in the gated area around the generator (but not on it). We will recycle them weekly. Home pick-up can be arranged for those who can't bring them to TBS.

Organized by Jake Lomas. Questions should be directed to Gabe Lomas at gabelomas@hotmail.com



**Jake Lomas & Allan Gunzburg
Recycling Program**



Jewish Spirituality for Today

January 18th:

**Mussar: The Jewish Path to
Character Development**

February 15th: Humility

Saturdays 12:30 pm-1:30 pm



Join us for a fun filled service!

The evening is geared towards elementary school aged kids and kids at heart.

**Along with your favorite Shabbat melodies, this interactive service
features games, props and birthday celebrations!**

**Questions? Ask Rabbi Sarah
rabbi@tbsmahopac.org**

**Services to begin at 7:00 PM Friday Evenings
January 24th**



Friday, January 3rd 5:30 pm-6:45 pm

Yorktown Nursery School

247 Veterans Rd, Yorktown Heights

Winter Fun Activities!

**We will have arts & crafts, PJ Library story time,
challah & fun winter activities!**

Families in Northern Westchester with children ages 0-5, join us on
Friday, January 3rd, for our monthly program!

Shaboom brings families together for a Shabbat celebration.

All programs include meals, entertainment & music,
PJ Library storytime, arts & crafts, challah and more!

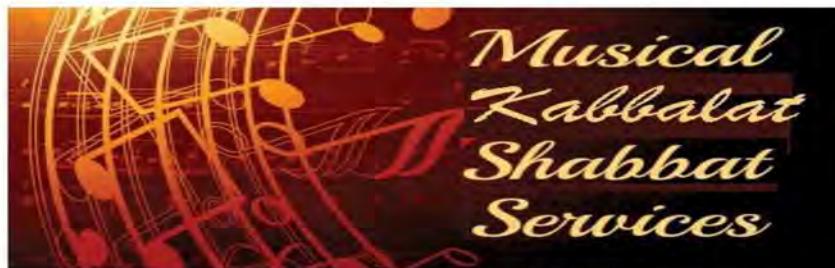
Save The Date! February 7th 5:30 pm-6:45 pm

Jefferson Valley Mall

This program is made possible through a grant from PJ Library,
a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

**For more information and to RSVP, please contact
Marissa Malett at**

Marissapjlibrary@gmail.com



*Shabbat with
Rhythm and soul*

*Friday, February 7th
8:00 PM*

Need Help? Do you know a TBS member who might need support?

You may contact the Caring Collective for the Sick or Elderly through the synagogue's [Online Form](#).

Information you put on the Online Form is strictly confidential. It is available to all members of Temple Beth Shalom. Find the online form at www.tbsmahopac.org and click on the "Community" tab. Then scroll down to the "Help Needed" menu. If you do not have access to a computer call the TBS Office at 845-628-6133 for assistance.

Follow these steps: www.TBSMahopac.org → Community → Help Needed



If you would like to volunteer for the Caring Collective for the Sick or Elderly, please contact David Rubin at 914-980-6776 or david@DavidBRubin.com.

**HELPING KIDS COLLECTIVE** Marlene Hochberg, Team Lead

The theme of the V'Ahavta Caring Collective was to create a more caring community. The team decided on sponsoring a back-pack program for the Mahopac elementary schools (Austin, Fulmar and Lakeview) to help kindergarteners who are in need. Superintendent DiCarlo advised us that there were 25 children who were in need for the fall school year. Our first goal was to fill 25 back-packs with the required supplies which the superintendent would distribute to these students. Our 2nd goal was to offer school supplies to the Women's Resource Center, where children ages 5-16 hold temporary residence.

Due to the generosity of TBS members, we exceeded monetary donations and many Hebrew School parents and students brought in supplies that were deposited into the supply trunk in the lobby.

Both goals were met.

In August, the backpacks and supplies were handed-off to the Superintendent and to the Women's Resource Center and TBS had a photo op article that appeared in the Mahopac News. This was a true example of community helping community.

COOKING TOGETHER COLLECTIVE Sarah Rucker, Team Lead

Cooking Together has started a Facebook Group under the Temple Beth Shalom Facebook page. It will be a place to get and share recipes, post interesting articles on food, and help each other out with cooking questions and tips.

We will invite all members who currently follow TBS on Facebook to join the group. If you are not currently following TBS and wish to join the group, please follow TBS on Facebook first, then ask to join the group. We are excited to share great recipes and tips with you!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COLLECTIVE Sharon Gunzburg, Team Lead

The Health and Wellness Collective has several exciting upcoming events, they are as follows:

Sunday, September 15th 11a-1p Joseph Montuori will lead a discussion of the findings from the book *Drawdown*, inspiring us with ideas on how to take action to reverse global warming in our own household and community.

Sunday, October 13th Putnam County CROP Hunger 5K Walk. Temple Beth Shalom will be participating in this important outreach. The food pantries at the Putnam CAP in Brewster and the Gilead Presbyterian Church in Carmel are beneficiaries; Church World Services (CWS) will give back 25% of the amount raised. More details about this event to follow soon!

Sunday, November 17th CPR Training and Certification, our TBS member, Jack Zencheck, certified CPR instructor, will lead this course. More details about the event to follow soon!

Please join us and help othe

To learn more, contact Sharon

TBS V'Ahavta: The Caring Collectives...

CARING FOR THE SICK OR ELDERLY COLLECTIVE David Rubin, Team Lead

Electronic Help Needed Form Now Available!

We are proud to announce a new feature on the TBS website brought to you by the Caring Collective. The "Help Needed" electronic form allows TBS members to alert the Collective of situations where they or another TBS member may request or alert us of some need in the community.

Examples of this assistance include a TBS family that needs help with their daily routine due to a child or parent being sick. Or a TBS member who needs a ride to the store or a doctor appointment but cannot drive. Another example could be that you heard a temple member is going into hospital and you want to share that information with the congregation at large. Opportunities to use this form are endless, even though we hope to never need it.

Information is confidential. Entries on the Help Needed form are only read by Rabbi Sarah and David Rubin, the team leader for this Caring Collective, and are not acted upon until a discussion is held with the person who completed the form. A course of action to involve other collective members, or possibly the entire congregation, is only determined after that discussion.

To view the form go to www.tbsmahopac.org and select the "Community" tab. Clicking on the community tab will cause a menu to drop down and the "Help Needed" form can be selected. This is not the only way to request assistance from the Collective, as the Rabbi or David can be reached thru the Temple office as well. However this new form is one way to get an effort in motion from the convenience of the TBS website.

DEEPENING RELATIONS COLLECTIVE Gail Plaut, Team Lead

Deepening Relations was formed with the mission to connect the many wonderful members of the TBS Family as well as to deepen existing relationships. In keeping with Jewish tradition, our events are connected with FOOD!

We had Babka Mania during a March Friday night family service; this fun evening was comprised of Babka trivia and everyone brought their favorite babkas to share during the Oneg Shabbat, what a sweet Shabbat that was!

During our Musical Shabbats in February and April, we had a Shabbat Schmooze before our Friday night service lead by Rabbi Sarah and Caleb.

A well-attended and delicious Potluck Shabbat was in May; dishes included salmon, quiches, salads, vegetarian chopped liver, pasta prepared in a variety of ways and a really wonderful dessert course of fruit, seasonal pies and cookies.

If you were unable to join any of these events, you'll have another opportunity this coming year! Watch for information about these upcoming programs: Sunday morning Coffee with the Rabbi; Potluck Shabbat-Friday night and Saturday morning; Rugelach Rage, Chavarim Outreach.

TBS Congregation Calendar

January 2020

TBS Congregation Calendar

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Shabbat Chavaya 9:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service 7:00 PM Sisterhood Wine Tasting (Kushner House)
No RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	2	3	4 7:30 PM Adult Ed with Rabbi Sarah; Modern Jewish History (TBD)	5 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:15 PM All Teacher Meeting	6 5:30 PM Gentle Kripalu Yoga with Phyllis Solar (Cafe) 7:30 PM TBS Board Meeting	7 5:30 PM Shaboom 8:00 PM Shabbat with Rhythm & Soul
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL-Tu Bishvat Program	9	10	11 7:00 PM Ritual Committee Meeting	12 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 4:30 PM PTO Board Meeting (Kiddush Room)	13 5:30 PM Gentle Kripalu Yoga with Phyllis Solar (Cafe)	14 8:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service
Teens & Kadima-Mitzvah Project-Animal Shelter (Time TBD)	16	17 Winter Recess Business Office Closed-Presidents Day	18	19 No RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Winter Recess	20 Winter Recess (Mahopac) 5:30 PM Gentle Kripalu Yoga with Phyllis Solar (Cafe)	21 Winter Recess (Mahopac) 8:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	23	24	25 Rosh Chodesh Adar	26 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Rosh Chodesh Adar	27 5:30 PM Gentle Kripalu Yoga with Phyllis Solar (Cafe) 7:30 PM E-Committee Meeting	28 8:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service
						29 9:45 AM Shabbat Morning Service

Only events that were available at the time of publication were included. For a more current listing, please check the online calendar at TBSMahpac.org

Yom Huledet Sameakh**יום הולדת שמח****January/February**

Jan 03
Rebekah Lazar
Harriet Rosenberg

Jan 04
Eva Gutt

Jan 05
Janice Malett

Jan 06
Anastasia Pereira-German

Jan 07
Shane Solar-Doherty

Jan 08
Andrew Milkis

Jan 10
Matthew Kushner

Jan 11
Roni Beshears

Jan 12
Adrienne Tavelinsky

Jan 13
Abraham Koswener

Jan 15
Kelly Bowden
Jill Rosenblum
Carol Zager

Jan 16
Robin Belsky

Jan 18
Jessica Bowden

Jan 19
Howard Fuchs
Kimberly Milkis

Jan 20
Jamie Brice

Jan 21
Michael Kushner

Jan 23
Kyra Bates
Laura Ingram-Shaffer
Brianne Petrone

Jan 24
Stephanie Hanna
Susan Rebell

Jan 28
Lillian Hindin
Jared Rubin

Jan 31
Benjamin Rucker

Jan 31
Rena Freidson
Ali Stern

Feb 02
Elias Duke
Aaron Feldman
Jenevieve Pereira
Marge Pollack

Feb 03
Gabriel Dias

Feb 05
Samara Miller
Eleanor Small

Feb 10
Cameron Blake

Feb 13
Matthew Hindin
Bernard Jacobs
Julie Martin
Arthur Rebell

Feb 14
Maxine Casalboore
Ira Weisman

Feb 15
Mark Liff

Feb 16
Allen Hochberg
Daniel Milkis
Alvin Silbert

Feb 17
Cara Bowden
Bria Gunzburg
Danit Simon

Feb 19
Robert Lazar

Feb 20
Joshua Leviner

Feb 22
Diane Gorelick
Daniel Tavelinsky

Feb 24
Michael Loewenberg

Feb 26
Scott Hammer
Adam Nadelhaft

Feb 27
Gabriel Lomas

Schedule of Services and Candle Lighting Times

Regular Shabbat Services	Shabbat Chavaya January 11 February 1 Shaboom January 3 February 7	Candle Lighting	
Fri Evenings 8:00 pm Sat Mornings 9:45am	01/03/20 4:20 PM 01/10/20 4:27 PM 01/17/20 4:34 PM 01/24/20 4:43 PM 01/31/20 4:52 PM	02/07/20 5:00 PM 02/14/20 5:09 PM 02/21/20 5:18 PM 02/28/20 5:26 PM 03/06/20 5:34 PM	

***Yahrzeits - January/February****May Their Memory be a Blessing***Jan 5 / Tevet 8**

Samuel Shapiro

Jan 6 / Tevet 9

Edith Steinlauf

Ruth Bornfriend

Jan 7 / Tevet 10

Dorothy Gould

Deena Guest

Aaron Gorelick

Ethel Pollack

Jan 10 / Tevet 13

Sarah Brazinsky

Jan 14 / Tevet 17

Joseph Occhiogrossi

Jan 16 / Tevet 19

Morris Pomerantz

Ruth Weiss

Jan 19 / Tevet 22

Janet Gonsky

Jan 22 / Tevet 25

Moe Apple

Morris Kaplan

William Lichtman

Jan 24 / Tevet 27

Goldie Jacobs

Jan 25 / Tevet 28

Sadie Garfinkle

Jan 26 / Tevet 29

Erin Stern

Jan 28 / Shevat 2

Elias Feldman

Florence Michelson

Jan 30 / Shevat 4

Brenda Seiden

Jan 31 / Shevat 5

Deborah Bowden

Philip Schlossberg

Helen Cohen

Feb 2 / Shevat 7

Nathan Schaeffer

Feb 6 / Shevat 11

Jack Fader

Feb 7 / Shevat 12

Bernard Teplitsky

Feb 9 / Shevat 14

Isidor Ditkowski

Feb 10 / Shevat 15

Frances Plotnik

Feb 11 / Shevat 16

Sylvia Rebell

Feb 12 / Shevat 17

Feivish Zac

Feb 14 / Shevat 19

Estelle Hendler

Feb 19 / Shevat 22

Genya Zac

Feb 16 / Shevat 21

Marilyn Black

Frances Michaels

Harold Michaels

Feb 17 / Shevat 22

Fred Happ

Katherine Schaffer

Feb 21 / Shevat 26

Dorothy Petrone

Jack Green

Feb 22 / Shevat 27

Jacob Gutt

Feb 26 / Adar 1

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Feb 29 / Adar 4

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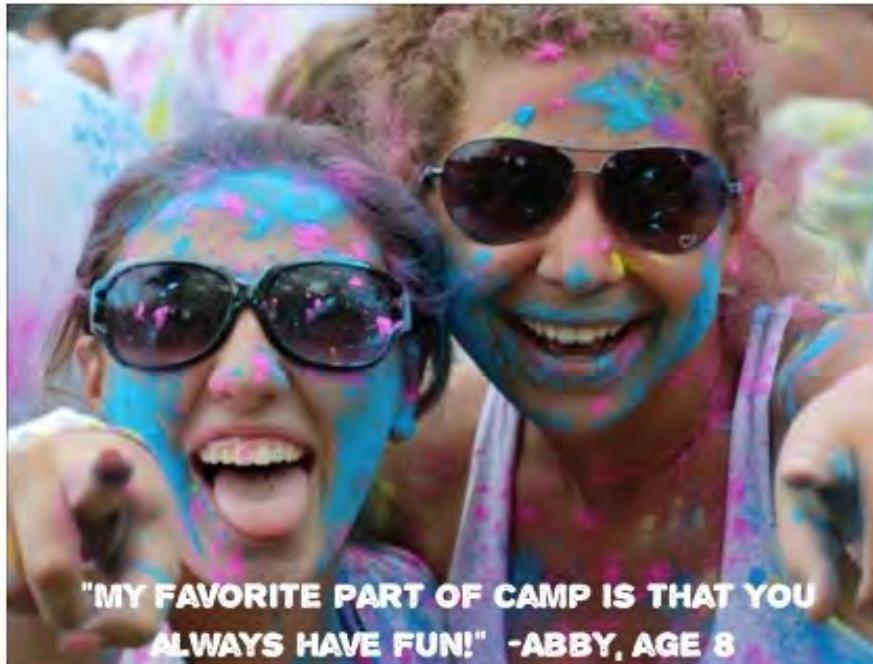
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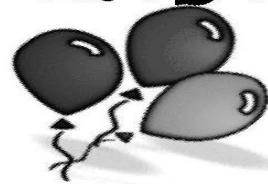
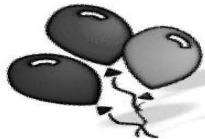
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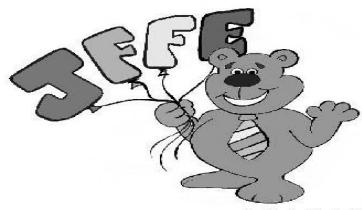
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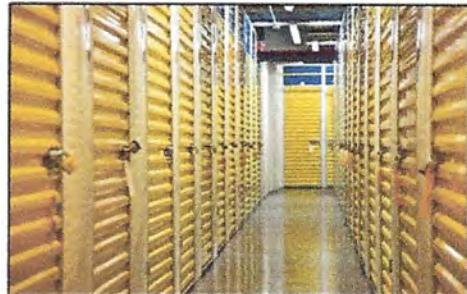
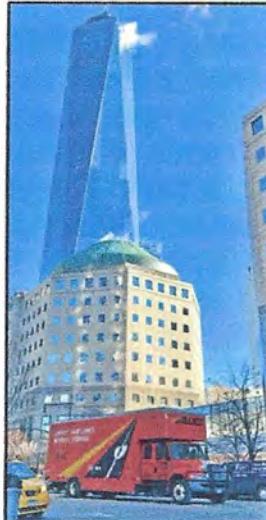


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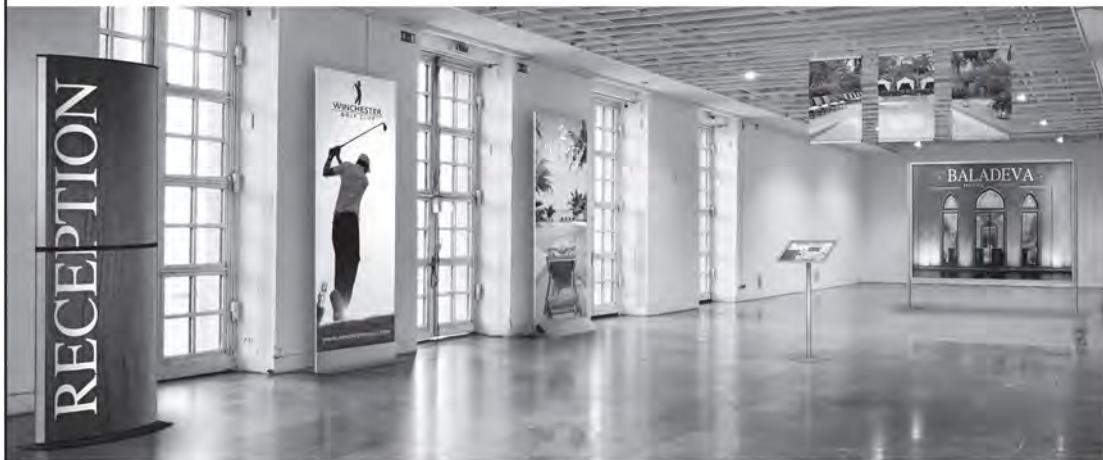


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