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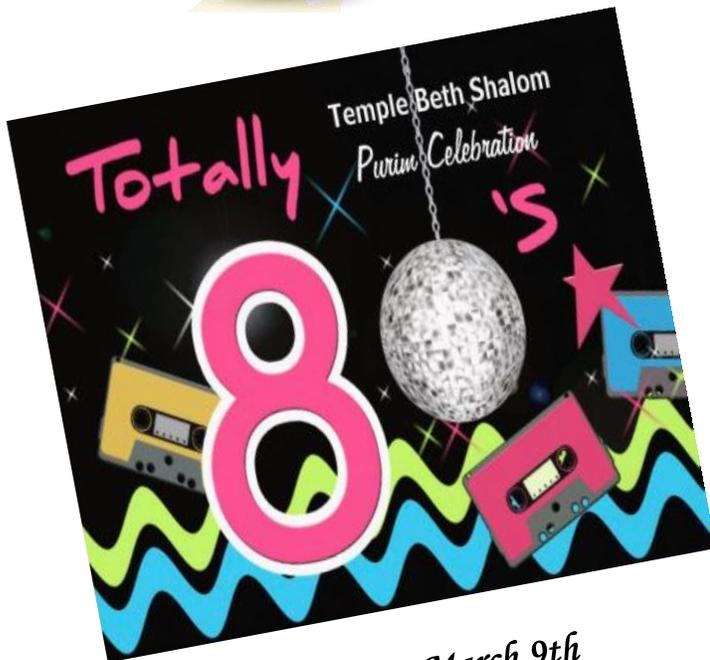
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From Rabbi Sarah's Desk



Spring is right around the corner and with it another full Temple Beth Shalom programming calendar. As always, I continue to be impressed by the remarkable community that is TBS. I regularly brag about our “small but mighty”

congregation to colleagues, and they are blown away when they hear about the extent and diversity of our programming, the “menschiness” of our youth, the warm, caring community feel, and the vibrant Jewish life we are creating here in Mahopac.

One of my favorite Jewish holidays, Purim, begins the evening of Monday, March 9th and continues through Tuesday, March 10th. Our theme this year is “Totally Rad ‘80s” and it’s sure to be an awesome, gnarly, and totally tubular celebration. The Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday, March 8th from 11-1. The Temple’s annual Purim Shpiel and Megillah Reading will be held on Monday, March 9th.

You may be familiar with the Purim story: evil Haman tried to wipe out the Jews of Persia a couple thousand years ago but was thwarted by the quick thinking and bravery of the Jewish Queen Esther. But you may not be familiar with these Five Unusual Purim Facts (from www.MyJewishLearning.com).

1. You’re supposed to find a go-between to deliver your *mishloach manot*, the gift baskets traditionally exchanged with friends and family on Purim.

The verse in the Book of Esther about *mishloach manot* stipulates that we should *send* gifts to one another, not just give gifts to one another. As a result, it’s better to send your packets of goodies to a friend via a messenger, than to just give them outright. Anyone can act as a go-between, so feel free to recruit the postal service or even that nice guy in the elevator to help you deliver your gifts.

2. The Book of Esther is one of just two biblical books that do not include God’s name.

The other is Song of Songs. The Book of Esther also makes no reference to the Temple, to prayer, or to Jewish practices such as *kashrut* [keeping kosher].

3. In 1945, a group of American GI’s held belated Purim services inside Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels’ confiscated castle.

According to JTA coverage at the time, the Jewish chaplain “carefully arranged the candles over a swastika-bedecked bookcase in Goebbels’ main dining room,” and Jewish soldiers explained to their Christian comrades in attendance “about Haman and why it was so fitting that Purim services should be held in a castle belonging to Goebbels.”

4. Purim is celebrated one day later inside walled cities than it is everywhere else.

The Book of Esther differentiates between Jews who lived and fought their enemies for two days within the walled, capital city of Shushan and those who lived in unwalled towns, where only one day was needed to subdue the enemy. The ancient Rabbis determined we should make that same distinction when memorializing the event. Accordingly, if a person lives in a city that has been walled since the days of Joshua (circa 1250 B.C.E.), as Shushan was, Purim is celebrated on the fifteenth of the month of Adar, a day referred to as “Shushan Purim.”

5. Just after the 1991 Gulf War, Israel’s most popular Purim costume was of the Israel Defense Forces spokesman whose face appeared on TV every time a Scud missile alert sounded — and people snacked on “Saddamtaschen” instead of hamantaschen.

Spokesman Nachman Shai’s “reassuring tones earned him the sobriquet ‘National Valium,’” while Israel was being pelted with Iraqi missiles, according to a JTA report at the time. That year, bakeries hawked “Saddamtashen,” which “look and taste exactly like Hamantashen.”

Wishing you and your loved ones a fun and joyful Purim celebration!

B’shalom,

Rabbi Sarah

A Message from our Acting President



On Thursday night February 6th, I officially resumed my role as President of TBS at the monthly Board meeting. What a multitude of feelings were running through my mind that evening. All of the emotions that I felt during the High

Holidays when I announced that I needed to take a leave of absence, to focus on the health needs within my family, came racing back. Fortunately, on February 6th I was primarily experiencing gratitude.

Gratitude for the amazing physicians who provided life saving care for our son and gratitude for our extended family and close friends who supported us through this journey.

My gratitude extends far beyond this. I am so grateful for the lessons my family and I have learned this year. I am grateful that in the previous year I became a Bat Mitzvah with a wonderful group of people. We had the benefit of unparalleled dedication from Lynn Michaels leading us. It was that journey that led me to prayer and to reexamine my relationship with Judaism and G-d. We never know how one part of a journey may influence and impact us as we move forward in life. And of course, there is TBS. There truly are no words that I have that can adequately express what this community means to me. So many times I have received such an outpouring of love and concern. My family has been the recipient of prayers from many people within our community. We appreciate and felt them!

I want to thank Allan Gunzburg for stepping into the role of Acting President at a time when I needed that the most. Allan has done an amazing job making a difficult situation seamless. The benefit of the Executive Committee working as a team throughout the previous year shone through. Allan has tremendous heart for our community and tremendous dedication to making sure the job gets done. He and Sharon have been a significant support system for David and myself. Each of the other Executive Committee members also stepped up in ways too numerous to detail. To Gabrielle, Mary, Wendy, David and Stev, I appreciate all that you have done providing so much extra time and effort that you have given to the TBS community. Lastly, Rabbi Sarah has provided a center for me spiritually, and has been a support throughout. We have prayed together and cried. We have laughed and cheered.

In the past few weeks I celebrated being able to attend TBS events. I went to Chamber Park in Mahopac, to the

Men's Club James Reitz Vision Breakfast and to the Sisterhood Wine Tasting at the Kushner's. These were three very different types of events with one thing in common. They were all about the solidarity of community. At the Kushner's we relaxed, had fun and came together in the spirit (lol) of the evening. I will never say who identified the most wines!!!

At the Chamber Park, there was representation from local officials, the Churches and our friends and neighbors who all came out in support of TBS and to stand against antisemitism and prejudice of all types. The Carmel Police Department volunteered to be on site. The feeling as we sang songs led by Caleb Shepart and Reverend Casey Carbone and listened to the speakers was one of solidarity and fellowship. It gave hope in these days when antisemitic acts are on the rise. And then came a form of "Haman." The following week the Menorah in the very same park was vandalized with a symbol of hatred that temporarily desecrated our symbol of light. But once again the community rallied in support around us and demonstrated active investigation, support and care. At TBS Men's Club, we had an outpouring of recognition for the beloved friend that Honorable Judge James Reitz was to our community. We were able to share conversation with community representatives about the needs of Mahopac and surrounding Towns. The idea of having a speaker at the Carmel Town Board addressing the Holocaust came about through this meeting. A member of our congregation, Brett Bowden, gave a presentation to the Town Board regarding the Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. This was a first for the Town Board and was well received and appreciated.

So, with Purim celebrations happening at TBS, let us enjoy the children as they dress up in costume and perform for our community. We will do our Purim spiel and enjoy ourselves. However, we must never forget the meaning of the holiday and how it relates to us today. There will be challenges ahead as we face anti-Semitism in 2020, but as a community we are determined, strong, security minded and fortunate to have the support of many friends.

In gratitude and with renewed spirit,

Gail

Programming Previews By Jenn Cohen



Every year we write about the horrible winters, the snow, and having the kids home from schoolok, now its February and honestly I cannot believe I am saying this but What happened to winter?????. So with half my house being sick and spending the day at home, I decided that this was the perfect time to write my Programming Committee article for the Temple Times and fill you in on many of the exciting events that will be taking place at Temple Beth Shalom in March and April.

Our annual Purim Carnival for the children will take place on Sunday, March 8th from 11AM to 1PM. The Purim Carnival Committee is planning a fun filled day for children of all ages. There will be lots of games prizes and food. Our Purim Service (Megillah Reading) and Celebration will take place on Monday, March 9th at 6PM. This year's theme is Totally Rad 80's. Come in your favorite 80's outfit. Dig through those closets for your neon and 'Members Only' jackets you refused to throw away!!!. As always, delicious refreshments will be served (hors d'oeuvre, drinks, cookies and cakes). It is a fantastic evening for the entire

family.

On Friday March 27th there will be a family potluck dinner followed by a family service. Please check your email for more information.

Please join sisterhood for Pocketbook Bingo on Sunday April 26th at 4:30pm at the American Legion Hall in Yorktown Heights. You can bring food to share and drinks will be sold. The cost is \$40. Please check email for more information.

I hope everyone has a great Passover with friends and family. Hope everyone stays healthy and I personally can not wait till spring arrives. Please remember to check for information and updates on all of these events and activities in the TBS weekly Shabbat announcements as well as in the constant contacts that will be sent to you. As always, I am happy to hear from you about programs you would like to see implemented at TBS or if you have any questions.

Ritual News by Eddie Lapa



Shalom!! The Ritual Committee has been very busy planning Purim!!

Come and Join us for our "Totally RAD 80's Spiel" Dress as your favorite TV Character, Band, etc., with big hair and shoulder pads.

Break out your Miami Vice look or Run DMC. Be careful with Madonna -Material girl, but Like a V... may not be suitable for a Synagogue, LOL.

Monday night March 9th we will have our Megillah Reading as well as a Purim Spiel with the children from the Hebrew School.

Today we had our first practice and it is Fantastic!!! Make sure to show up at 6:30 to support the kids hard work.

On Sunday March 8th is the Purim Carnival Also be sure to sign up for your Mishaloch Manot bags. All the times and dates are in this edition of Temple Times as well as the TBS Website. There will be emails and constant contacts.

For Shiva Minyanim we will now have a sign up form on the TBS website. Got to www.tbsmahopac.org and click on the "Community" tab. There you will see the Shiva Minyan Sign up menu item. In fulfilling the Mitzvah (commandment) of Nichum Aveilim (comforting the mourners) we ask that everyone please sign up and try to spread out the times that you can attend. This way we

make sure that we have a Minyan each day so the mourners can say Kaddish.

Passover on April 8th (first seder) and it runs through April 16th. If you want to be a host or need to be hosted, the sign up form is on the TBS website www.tbsmahopac.org and click on the Holiday tab.

Remember to sell your Chametz!! Rabbi Sarah will be arranging the sale as in previous years. Look for the fliers in the emails that will be coming.

Our next Friday night Ruach Shabbat program is April 24th!! Don't miss it!!

Join us for our Yom Hashoah Program on Sunday April 19th. We Must Never Forget!!! More information to come.

We encourage all our Bnai Mitzvot children and adults to sign up to read Torah at Shabbat Services! Don't let your wonderful skills go to waste!!!

Again we encourage everyone to support all the programs at TBS- Sisterhood, Men's Club, Hebrew School and the Collectives!!! It's wonderful to see all these functions filled to capacity!!

Here's wishing you all a wonderful Spring!

Be Well!!

Eddie and Matt

Sisterhood News By Robin Kushner



I never would have imagined that it would be so difficult to determine the flavors inside a seltzer! On February 1st sisterhood had it's annual Winetasting event. This year we included a "not so wine" tasting. We presented 8 different types of flavored waters or seltzers. Once the bottles were covered even I had difficulty matching the correct flavors to the right seltzer. I must send a special shout out to Mitch Cohen. I watched him try each flavor and he came extremely close to getting a perfect score. In regards to the wine tasting, Phyllis Nadelhaft and Sharon Gunzburg made a fabulous team determining the type of wines served. These two ladies really know their wines.

As always it was a fun evening. We had about 25 people attend. The evening included other treats. The cinnamon apple cake, the cranberry orange bread and the flourless chocolate cake were all big hits. Some people even went home with recipes. If you missed the event this year you can mark your calendar for next year. It is always held the first Saturday in February.

Sisterhood has other fun events on the calendar. We have a ladies only "Galentines" event scheduled on

March 1st at Gail Plaut's home. This will include light finger foods and socializing of course. April 26th brings us our adult only DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO fundraiser. If you have never been to a handbag bingo you are in store for a lot of fun. Everyone who comes to Bingo pays a small entry fee that provides you with about 10 playing cards. The winner of each game gets a choice of an available designer handbag. I am told that name brands like Kate Spade and Coach will be some of the name brands that will be included. There will also be door prizes available. This is our first time trying this type of fundraise and we need everyone's help. Please help us by sharing our Facebook notification with all of your friends. We need help spreading the information to non temple members. The fundraiser will be held at the Yorktown American legion.

Of course, we will end the year with our Woman of the Year on June 14th. Sisterhood is honoring Jen Lomas for all of her hard work and dedication that she has provided to our synagogue. Please join us as we honor another fabulous sister of our synagogue.

If you are interested in learning more about any of our events please feel free to reach out to me at mrkush123@gmail.com Look forward to seeing you all soon.



TBS Teens by Marissa Malett



Hello,

The Teens have been very busy being trained to save lives (CPR) and to defend themselves (Krav Maga). During the month of March, they are always very eager to have some fun at the Purim

Carnival. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes of this annual event. From deciding the theme, creating new games and props, decorating and actually running the carnival. The Teens do it all! Teens and Kadima will have more fun in April as they take a trip to Jumpz Trampoline Sports Danbury. Lastly, the younger youth will enjoy their third group in March with a Purim celebration! Please remember to rsvp to each event.

Coming up:

March 1st-

12-1:30@TBS

Purim Youth Group for kitah alef/bet, gimmel, dalet/hey. We will enjoy games, craft, books and fun. Lunch is included

March 7th-

6:45pm @ TBS

Teens meet to prepare for the Purim Carnival.

March 8th-

9:45am-1:15pm

Lunch is included

Teens run the Purim Carnival!

April 11th -

8pm-10pm

Teens and Kadima trip to Jumpz Trampoline Sports Danbury

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

Here is what the youth are saying:

Hi, my name is Sydney Ende and I was in youth group last year and from what I know about it, it was really fun. First, we have snack. (It's sometimes grapes, pizza bagels and sometimes a surprise). Next we read a book about what holiday it is or what we are doing. Last year we read a book about making Havdalah candles so that we could make one. We also made spices and decorated the container. Another time we drew pictures on whiteboards of different Hanukkah pictures for example: challah, Menorah's and gelt and your partners have to guess what you drew. That is what I did last year. I hope I see you this year.

Shaboom by Marissa Malett

Shaboom brings families with young children in Northern Westchester, together for a meal, music, arts & crafts and various program activities. Spread the word or join us at the next events on March 6th, from 5:30-6:45pm at the Jefferson Valley Mall (Purim Celebration) and April 3rd from 5:30-6:45pm at Yorktown Nursery School (Challah Surprise).

From the Men's Club By Joel Greenberg



I understand that the Groundhog did not see his shadow on Sunday February 2nd, so hopefully Spring is just around the corner.

On Sunday, January 26th, we had our first annual Judge James Reitz Vision Breakfast. Over 40 people attended the breakfast. Our guest speakers were (in alphabetical

order), Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, Mahopac Superintendent of Schools, Anthony DiCarlo, Carmel Councilman, Frank Lombardi, Carmel Deputy Supervisor, Suzi McDonough, Rabbi Sarah, Deacon John Scarfi from St. John's Church, Carmel Councilman, Robert Shanil, and Yorktown Supervisor, Matt Slater. We started the breakfast with opening remarks from all the guest speakers. Subjects included: Carmel's Master Plan, Swan Cove Park and the Downtown Business Parking Lot, all of which are in the works, the Anti-Semitic and the vandalism, which has taken place in both Mahopac and Yorktown in the last several weeks, the new programs that are being initiated in the Mahopac School District and many other topics, OH, and I almost forgot the questions regarding the potholes on the roads in Northern Westchester and Putnam County. Our congregants had many questions which our panel addressed. This was a very special day, especially for Barbara Reitz. Her imitation of Jimmy's walk and her closing

remarks could not have been more appropriate. We were all part of a very special occasion, the first one, which will take place annually for many years to come.

In the next few weeks we will be selecting our Person and Youth of the Year. Those selected will be honored at the Annual FJMC luncheon. The details will be emailed to you shortly.

On March 22nd we have invited the Local Police Chiefs, the Putnam County Sherriff, Robert Langley, and the Putnam County DA, Robert Tendy, to discuss what actions are being taken to discuss the acts of Anti-Semitism that appear to be on the rise.

In May, we will have the Local School Superintendents discuss school budgets that will be voted on.

In June, of course, our Annual celebration of our Graduates. As you will recall, Judge Reitz was our guest speaker each year. Barbara Reitz has graciously accepted my invitation to be our 2020 guest speaker. May the year 2020 be a rewarding year for all.

Shalom,

Joel Greenberg, President



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.

Men's Club's annual Vision Breakfast



MAHOPAC, N.Y. - The late Putnam County Judge James Reitz was a longstanding member of the Temple Beth Shalom Men's Club's annual Vision Breakfast panel. On Sunday, Jan. 26, the temple renamed the event in his honor. Reitz, who pioneered the county's drug treatment court, was 57 when he passed away last June, suffering a heart attack while on the bench. "He was here at every occasion that the temple had," said Joel Greenberg, who organizes the Vision Breakfast. "He was really a part of this temple. Because of that, our breakfast is now called the Judge James Reitz Vision Breakfast." Rabbi Sarah Freidson said Reitz was an important part of the temple community and called him a friend.

"When I came [to Mahopac], he welcomed me with open arms," she said. "Every year at this breakfast, we got to hear his upbeat vision and his honest assessment and the work he was doing with people on the path to recovery. It's an honor and a privilege to rename the breakfast after him. I know how much his loss has been felt. It's not often you get to see someone who has had such a wide impact in so many circles."

The Vision Breakfast, held every January for the past 21 years, features a panel of elected officials, law enforcement representatives, school administrators and clergy who discuss their vision for the coming year—the challenges they face and the goals they hope to accomplish. Anthony DiCarlo, superintendent of Mahopac schools, discussed the major capital improvement projects the district is about to undertake. "The district passed a \$54 million bond (in May 2019) and we begin work this year with the redoing of our roofs," he said. "Next year, at the high school, [we'll have] brand new science wings, the music areas are being done, learning labs being reconstituted. We owe it to our kids to be in front of the most current equipment and programs so they can be as competitive as possible, and we are beginning to see that." He also noted that the district's three elementary schools are rolling out programs to get them all on the same page academically. "It doesn't matter whether you go to Austin, Fulmar or Lakeview, everyone is getting the same curriculum," he said. "That is very, very important." He also spoke of the district's "Life" curriculum, which teaches students skills for life beyond the classroom.

"We are in tough times and schools have to adapt to the society we live in," he said. "These new programs allow our students to talk about issues they want to talk about. Whether we like it or not, there is a lack of communication in our society and it's not about cellphones. It's being able to resolve conflict with one another face to face. We are trying to address this and have them be ready for life when they leave the Mahopac School District."

This year's breakfast was attended by Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater, who talked about the string of vandalism that struck Yorktown in early December, including some that were anti-Semitic in nature. "We brought in the county police, the DA's office, state police, and the FBI," he told the audience. "We are taking this very seriously and not letting it divide our community. It's contrary to what Yorktown stands for, and we won't let it define our community. We have been engaged with our interfaith coalition and designated a Town Board member to be our liaison with them. "Beyond that, we are really trying to modernize how town government operates," he added. "We gave our website a facelift to make it more user-friendly. And we've had conversations about solarizing our town and being a leader in climate change. We are in Mahopac today, and obviously there is some great synergy between Carmel and Yorktown and I'm so glad to be here and be part of the panel." Carmel Deputy Supervisor Suzi McDonough spoke of the exciting projects that the town is

undertaking this year, including several park projects—Airport Park and Swan Cove—and the development of a new master plan. “It is very exciting this year because in April we start the conversation about the master plan. It is going to be like an open canvas that we all get [to be part of],” she said. “We want to meet face to face with [the community] as part of this comprehensive master plan to make sure we are inclusive of everyone.

“We may be looking at zoning changes, so we want to make sure we hear from everyone,” McDonough said. “If you have any suggestions, no matter how small or how big, make sure to get them into the supervisor’s office. We want to make sure you are heard.”

McDonough said the Town Board also wants to improve its professionalism and decorum at its meetings. “We’ve had some bad press lately, but we want to try to turn that around,” she said. “Life is too short for this kind of negativity, so let’s all be positive and work together. We want to make it so people say, ‘Wow! You live in Carmel? That’s awesome!’” State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne said that while the nation seems more deeply divided than ever, he believes its diversity remains one of its strengths. “It’s not just about our background, but it’s understanding that people have different thoughts and ideas and that’s OK,” he said. “So, the solutions that we come up with will last a thousand times longer because more people bought into that idea. “When I’m in Albany, that’s why it’s important I get buy-in from the folks on the other side of the aisle,” he continued. “I need to get advocates from both sides. It’s challenging but extremely rewarding.” Byrne said one of his biggest challenges for 2020 will be taking on the state’s enormous budget.

“This \$180 billion budget is one of the largest state budgets in the country,” he said. “We are facing a \$6.1 billion deficit from last year. Medicaid is certainly part of that. In the months to come, we are going to have budget hearings and then we go into negotiations with the governor and hopefully have a timely budget passed by April 1.”

Byrne said he’s been advocating for the governor to forgive an error committed by the Mahopac School District nearly 10 years ago that caused the state to halt its aid for a capital project and ask for money to be returned. The legislature passed a bill calling for forgiveness and holding the district harmless, but Gov. Cuomo vetoed it.

“One thing we will be advocating for is the bill for forgiveness for the Mahopac School District building aid. I find it disheartening [it was vetoed] because the issue was self-reported,” he said. “Mahopac wanted to do the right thing. This is an issue across the state that school districts have been dealing with. It’s not fair that it’s so selective.”

Councilman Frank Lombardi, who lost re-election to the board two years ago but won back his seat last November, said he’s excited to return because 2020 brings much work to be done. “We have a lot going on in town and that’s one of the reasons I wanted to come back to the Town Board,” he said. “We have some important issues that need to be addressed, including the many parks that we were struggling to put together when I first came on the board. People were playing soccer on a baseball field and vice versa. Now, we have the Airport Park that is dedicated to soccer and lacrosse. It’s big and it’s beautiful and you should get out there one day.”

Lombardi reminded the audience that the opioid crisis is still a blight on the community and remains a challenge for 2020. “Last year there were two overdoses in our town, which is two too many,” he said. “We passed a synthetic-marijuana law (preventing its sale) a few years ago—it’s all just chemical compounds that messes up the brain. When we work together as a group, we get a lot more done. There is so much more that brings us together than what keeps us apart.” He agreed with McDonough that etiquette at Town Board meetings needs to improve. “We need to bring a little more professionalism back [to the Town Board]. We have started working on that and will continue to that,” he said.

He also had praise for local law enforcement. “We need to make sure Carmel remains one of the safest towns in New York. We have great police officers; some new, young officers who

are energetic and anxious to get out there and have an impact on our community,” he said. “There are a lot of great things to look forward to in 2020, and I am happy to be part of it.”

Newly elected councilman Bob Schanil said with the revision of the master plan, the town has an opportunity to position itself to make it palatable to both seniors and young people just starting out.

“We have to make it attractive to millennials,” he said. “There are a lot of millennials in the city having babies and starting families and I want to make Carmel and Putnam County a place they’d like to call home.”

Deacon John Scarfi from St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church said his presence at the temple’s breakfast illustrates that inclusion is the cornerstone of life in Mahopac/Carmel.

“We are not different. We are all one people from one God,” he said. “We come from different places, different faiths. But we are one people from one God. If we really believe that then the idea of loving each other is really easy.

“You have welcomed me as a member of your [temple] and that is a real gift,” he continued. “It’s how we present ourselves to others that really matters. If we are not a loving, just, and caring people, they’ll see right through us.”

Barbara Reitz, Judge Reitz’s widow, thanked the synagogue for naming the breakfast after her husband. “I know everything he’s stood for comes from kindness,” she said. “We would not go out to dinner much because I couldn’t eat [because] he would stop everyone as they walked past and give them a smile. He loved everyone and we were a good team. I know he’s still here. I’m more blessed to have loved him and have him in my life.”



From the PTO

Our PTO is working hard to support the Hebrew School. Meet another one of our Board Members:

My name is Steven Shaffer and I am the current Vice President of the TBS Religious School PTO. My family has been members of TBS for 5 years. My children, Ava, 11 and Tony, 7, have been going to Hebrew School since Gan. I joined the first board of the PTO because I want to show my kids how to get involved and make a difference. Affecting the lives of future generations is the best gift any of us can bestow. Please consider becoming an active member of not only the Religious School but of the PTO as well.

From the PTO – Guess the Gelt

Congratulations to the winner of the 2019 “Guess the Gelt” raffle!

Spencer Chan

Spencer was the only one to correctly guess the exact number of coins in the jar: 169! He generously donated monetary prize back to the PTO... and kept the chocolate for himself!

Spencer is in the 4th grade and enjoys martial arts, baseball, and learning about WWII.

The PTO would like to thank everyone who entered.

It's time for the 2020 Purim Play:

The Totally Rad 80's Purim Spiel

Monday, March 9th at 6:30pm

Break out your 80's memorabilia and enjoy the musical retelling of the story of Purim with our talented, multigenerational cast!



Jewish India by Janice Malett

There was a lot of preparation: visa application, visit to travel doc to update immunizations and add more, get malaria pills and antibiotics for GI issues which everyone guaranteed we would get, reading material for long flights and a big bill at CVS to cover every contingency barring major surgery.

On Jan.7 we left for India together with 34 friends and fellow Westchester Jewish Center congregants led by Rabbi Jeffrey Segelman for a 2 week trip exploring Jewish India.

Our trip took us to the “golden triangle in the north: Delhi the capital with it’s parks and majestic government buildings and the house of Gandhi to Agra where a Mughal King built a magnificent tomb called the Taj Mahal for his Queen, to the pink city of Jaipur where we saw thousands of kites launched from roofs during its annual kite festival.

From Jaipur to Kerala in the South where “Jewtown” is in Cochin on the Indian Ocean and which has a strong Christian influence unlike the rest of the country where Hinduism and Islam dominate to the last stop-Mumbai, on the Arabian Sea.

India is a country of contrasts: of elegant palaces and expensive wedding halls and five star hotels side by side with poverty so stunning it seems unreal: shanty towns and entire families sleeping, cooking, living on the streets.

India is a large subcontinent with 29 states and 18 official languages. It achieved Independence in 1947 when the British left and India was partitioned into India and Pakistan. I found it interesting that there are many historical parallels to the establishment of the State of Israel with similar never ending political and social issues resulting from Partition and a long history of occupation by foreign powers.

The imprint of all that is seen everywhere in India in its quest for independence and its struggle for identity. India is a mosaic of cultures and religions. Prior to partition there were app. 35,000 Jews in India (which included 3 Malett brothers, Leon, Ferdie and Morris all stationed in India in WWII). Now there are about 3500. Most of the remaining Jewish community has made Aliyah to Israel. Jews have a long history in India, some say from the time of the Kingdom of Judah participating in the silk road and trade routes of the East. There are bene Israel and the Bagdhadi Jews who came later. Though a minority in India (so small not

even officially recognized as one) the Jewish community thrived, lived, enjoyed commerce with their neighbors without antisemitism.

Here are some impressions of India:

Sounds - The sounds of India..

Honking car horns. It is said that you need 3 things to drive in India: good eyes, good ears and good luck.

There are multiple land roads that converge at roundabouts with merging cars, tuk tuks, rickshaws, scooters carrying entire families (no helmets), large buses, 2 camels and an occasional cow, men pushing carts with large bales uphill, stop signs where nobody stops, begging children-some doing cartwheels for rupees. In this traffic nightmare-made worse by blocked roads due to protests are crossing Horse guards preparing for India’s coming Republic Day .

Hellos and goodbyes are actually soundless as is yes or no. A nod of the head leaves you wondering which it is. I never did figure out how to “do” namaste” with your hands full.

Crossing the street on foot which we did on Shabbos was a bigger nightmare only made possible by our intrepid guide, Ralphy. Ralphy, a Jew whose family has been in India since the 17th century-part of the bene Israel community - is a big guy who stands as a battering ram blocking traffic as we cross the dreaded street. Ralphy also writes books on Jewish India and seems to know everyone there is to know in India. He is married with grown children – one of whom was just awarded best soldier in his platoon in the IDF.

Our first Shabbos in Delhi we attend shul on Friday night and Sat. There is no congregation – we are the congregation. There are 2 armed Indian soldiers at the gate of the synagogue compound. The service is Sephardic. Ezekial is a gentleman who is trying to maintain the building and the shul. We tour the cemetery which is behind the shul. At Shabbos’ end we do Havdalah in the garden of the Taj Hotel.

There is security everywhere especially in Mumbai where, in 2008, Pakistani terrorists came from the sea and killed 161 people in the Taj Mumbai and in the Chabad, Mumbai, killing the Rabbi, his wife and visiting tourists. There is now an electronically controlled iron gate at the Chabad compound where we had a lovely lunch and viewed the bullet pocketed

Jewish India by Janice Malett – cont'd

rooms where the attack took place and the memorial on the roof.

We learn about famous Jews, e.g., David Sassoon and family that contributed so much to the economy, art and culture of India with their tremendous wealth and philanthropy.

At the shul in Mumbai there is a small congregation, a part time Rabbi from Israel and a chef who prepared a wonderful Kiddush for us after services. Jerry got an Aliyah. There were blockades in front of the shul, armed guards and just down the lane-a small tank. Namaste.

The smells of India: Some not so pleasant but the food definitely was wonderful. We ate vegetarian food (easy in India where the Hindu population at least is vegetarian) for almost 2 weeks excluding a pizza night.

The colors of India- ah the Saris! Beautiful silks and cottons. It was and remains a mystery how they could all look so different. The Indian Sari demonstrates family love and cooperation – you need help to get one on.

The color of the sun setting behind the Taj Mahal in Agra and, especially, sunset on the Arabian Sea in

Mumbai.

We visit many temples and Mosques of many colors. I realize much of the world prays very differently than me.

In Cochin, on the Indian Ocean it's hot, tropical with palm trees, banana trees, gardens with bougainvillea. The hotel is beautiful with teak ceilings and velvet furniture and flowers everywhere, especially lotus. We see fisherman and observe their ancient way of fishing with giant nets. There are vendors along the quay selling their merchandise-no beggars. We walk along clean streets with colonial houses from the time of the Portuguese and the Dutch and visit the house, now a hotel of the prominent Koner family –Cochin's most famous Jew. The hotel's dining room is called the "Menorah Café".

Like any society India has its cultural and religious issues: the Indian/Muslim antagonisms and the caste system are still in evidence. So is corruption but then India is clearly not unique in this matter. It has a prime minister who is both loved and hated depending on who you are. The time has passed for the Jews of India- now remnants of a community trying to preserve its place in Indian history. It was my privilege to experience some of that history close up and to enjoy the sounds, colors and smells but most of all the warmth and hospitality of the many Indian people we met on our journey.



The Oldest Hatred Rears Its Ugly Face... Again—by Brett H. Bowden

“The patrol leader called in by radio, and said we’ve come across something. And we’re not sure what it is.

It’s a big prison of some kind. And there are people running all over the place. Sick, dying, starved people.

You can’t imagine it. Things like that don’t happen.”

- Col. Richard R. Siebel upon liberating the
Mauthausen Concentration Camp

On Wednesday February 5th I had the privilege of representing **Temple Beth Shalom** at the Town of Carmel board meeting to mark the 75th commemoration of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and killing center. My brief words began with the quotation above. Some of you might remember hearing it in the elevator that takes visitors up to the Permanent Exhibition at the **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** in our nation’s capital.

Actually, the invitation to speak was granted to our wonderful Rabbi Sarah, but a prior conflict saw her ask me to pinch-hit on her behalf, which I was honored to do. (Totally blown away that she thought me worthy of such an endeavor.) You see, once again our people are faced with the oldest hatred: *Anti-Semitism*. So on the one hand, there’s really nothing new here to report. We jest at times, that the narrative of being Jewish involves a *“they tried to kill us, we got away, so let’s eat!”* mantra... One which we prefer not to internalize, but our faith (and sanity) demands that we must move forward for the sake of our own collective Judaism.

And yet at the same time, we find ourselves experiencing the ancient Chinese curse which says *“May you live in interesting times...”* - a double-edged sword if ever there was one. How can the most enlightened nation on Earth coexist with mind-blowing technological advances alongside heart-wrenching societal ambivalence?

We can put a man on the moon but... we cannot stop an angry thought before it pulls a trigger.

We can open our cell phones with facial recognition software but... we can no longer sit down with the familiar faces of friends and relatives because our hearts have hardened due to petty political squabbles.

Who are we?

As a country? A society? A people?

What do we see when we look in the mirror?

Assuming we glance up from the screens that seem to dominate our lives to begin with?!

Elie Wiesel told us that the opposite of love was not hate - but **indifference**. And make no mistake about it, my friends, this did **not** start with Donald J. Trump (although he hasn’t always helped matters...). Resist the urge to cater to anyone’s narcissism and give credit (even for horrible things) or assess blame (even for good intentions) for what we experience today. Sadly, ***“we have met the enemy - and he is us”*** (Walt Kelly is alleged to have co-opted that from Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry). In my humble opinion, Trump is just a blacklight on the motel room bedspread. Like when, in the wee small hours of the morning while the whole world is fast asleep, the kitchen light comes on to reveal a roach-infested apartment...

No, we have lesser angels on ALL sides... *“Damn Democrats and Rotten Republicans”* as my late father was want to say. There’s plenty of fault to go around in a society that continually seems to value blame-storming more than brainstorming. Sad but true.

Through it all, Anti-Semitism is the GREAT UNIFIER - perhaps the greatest one ever known to Mankind. Just consider the history of our people from the death of Christ (deicide) and the blood libel... Martin Luther to Louis Farrakhan... Masada, the Spanish Inquisition, the Shoah... Charlottesville, Pittsburgh, Monsey, and Chamber Park in Mahopac... and everything else in between. From the Right... and the Left... - with us stuck in the middle of it all.

So what are we to do?

Perhaps living well IS the best revenge...

(But do we actually believe we currently exist in a post-racial world simply because we’ve elected a black President - or have a diversity of people running for the White House?)

Or maybe we should continue to self-isolate (read: self-segregate)...

(As our young people do with their technology - and

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which too many of us have begun to do so ourselves? It's been said that over 40% of Americans and over 60% of young people do **not** know what Auschwitz was.)

Do we call for a moment of silence?

(To commemorate the 11 MILLION individuals tragically murdered by the Nazis - one point one million of which at Auschwitz itself: the actual and symbolic manifestation of *terror* and *genocide*...)

NO! I say.

Historically, it was silence and indifference (in words, deeds, and actions) that laid the tracks to Auschwitz. Anti-Semitism, not unlike the Holocaust (as my late Professor David Wyman used to note) is not just a *Jewish* tragedy but a **human** tragedy as well. The solution, in my opinion, is not silence but the exact opposite: **standing up and speaking out**.

If you believe, as I do, that public education IS national security... and that only an *engaged citizenry*, *decency*, and simple *empathy* can bring to bear the

character necessary for ALL of us to be Upstanders... then **stand up** and **speak out**. Now. Using the same six word rationale that I rely upon when I teach my students about the Holocaust: "*If I don't, then WHO will?*"

This is something each and every one of us can do... it's something each and every one of us **MUST** do. Lest we go the way of every previous example of man's inhumanity to his fellow man.

"The things I saw beggar description... The visual evidence and verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty and bestiality were so overpowering as to leave me a bit sick... I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to 'propaganda'."

- Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower

So what are you waiting for?



Mussar: Jewish Spirituality
for Today

February 15th: Humility

March 21st: Patience

Saturdays 12:30 pm-1:30 pm

Notes on 20/20 Judaism USCJ Convention by Matthew Hindin

During the second week of December, I was delighted to attend the 20/20 Judaism collaborative convention of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (“USCJ”) and Rabbinical Assembly (“RA”) in Boston. I missed the Shabbaton, but arrived just in time for the conference on Sunday. I will present my notes, but here is the schedule of plenary sessions and workshops I attended just in case you have any questions for me:

Sun., Dec. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Session: Why Are We Dreaming Together? • <u>IdeaLab</u>: Innovating Together (incl. V’Ahavta Caring Collectives) • How to Make Prayer More Meaningful by Understanding the Poetics of the Liturgy • What Does It Mean to Be a Movement? • Evening Concert: Rabbi Josh <u>Warshawsky</u>
Mon., Dec. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult Conversations: How Do We Discuss What Matters Most? • Who Are Today’s Conservative Jews? • Lunch Table Talk: Congregational Ritual Change • Using Torah and Prayer as a Doorway into Jewish Community • How Should Conservative Judaism Serve Interfaith Families? • Schechter Award Winner Reception (incl. Temple Beth Shalom) • Can We Tell One Story About Israel? • Rising Song Gathering: <u>Joey Weisenberg</u> & the <u>Hadar</u> Ensemble
Tue., Dec. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will We Serve the Jews of Today and Tomorrow? • Closing Session: What Comes Next?

The Opening Session discussed Judaism’s role, function, and purpose, as demographic and cultural changes have placed the conservative movement at a crossroads, where our mid-20th century institutions must adapt to the 21st century. Keynote speaker Bari Weiss, opinion editor at the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* and author of *How to Fight Anti-Semitism*, presented ten ideas for the Jewish future, e.g. thinking “Zionistically” (going from passive to active, or defense to offense) and having a mindset of pride. I enjoyed when Weiss poked fun at historians who predicted our demise, like Hegel deeming Judaism supplanted by Christianity, Spengler relegating Jews to the “winter season” of civilization, and Toynbee calling Jews a “fossil of Syriac civilization.” Weiss preferred Mark Twain’s unanswered question, “All other forces pass but the Jews remain; what is the secret of their immortality?” and Walker Percy’s rhetorical question, “Where are the Hittites?” Great empires fall, but *Am Yisrael Chai*, the people of Israel live!

My first workshop was the IdeaLab, where Rabbi Sarah presented our V’Ahavta Caring Collectives, sharing goals achieved and unachieved. Later, other synagogue leaders complimented our successes, and Rabbi Sarah accepted a Solomon Schechter Award. I left the IdeaLab to hear Rabbi Reuven Kimelman discuss the poetics of two prayers – Shema (plus V’ahavta) and Ashrei (Psalm 145). Our deep dives into the liturgy focused on form and content, asking structural and

literary questions. For the Shema liturgy, we analyzed the criteria to love God “with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all that is yours” and saw how historic, aesthetic, literary, ideological, and theological factors converge to illuminate the full meaning. Heart (*lev*) and soul (*nefesh*) are translated consistently, but the third criterion, *m’odechah*, is translated as “all that is yours” by Siddur Lev Shalem, and “all your might,” “all your resources,” “all your wealth,” or “all your worth” by other prayer books. We must love God with our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual “all.”

For Ashrei, we analyzed the rhetorical structure of Psalm 145, plus verses from other psalms added as prologue (Ps 84 and 144) and epilogue (Ps 115) in medieval times. Psalm 145 is the only psalm to be called *Tehillah leDavid*, “Song of Praise by David” (others are called *Mizmor leDavid*, “Psalm of David”). The psalm begins, “I will exalt you, my God the King,” announcing its theme of divine sovereignty, and then extends this message in three stages, each marked by the word “bless,” to successively broader circles: from “I bless Your name forever,” to “*Your faithful ones* bless you,” to “*all creatures* bless His holy name forever.” This progression from self to community to humanity is told in alphabetical acrostic, a formal, but not literary, structure. By understanding its poetics, we saw how Ashrei became a model for subsequent liturgy, which often progress from personal to communal to universal praise. Ashrei’s prologue initiates the five psalms that precede recitation of the Shema (parallel to the Mah Tovv said upon entering the synagogue, “How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel”), and its epilogue ends with the exclamation “Hallelujah,” which is also the first word of Psalms 146-150, a rhetorical device known as *anadiplosis*. Ashrei thus embodies the Book of Psalms as a whole, which begins with the word Ashrei and ends with the word Hallelujah.

On Monday, Sheila Heen, founder of Triad Consulting Group and lecturer at Harvard Law School, discussed difficult conversations, where the participants think and feel much more than they actually say, and the bigger the gap between word and thought, the harder the conversation. To navigate tricky conversations with people, we must negotiate not with what they say, but with what they really think and feel. To improve communication, we must understand that every difficult conversation has the same structure of three deeper conversations: (1) *the “facts,”* which are interpreted

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differently for who's right or who's to blame, (2) *feelings*, which are risky to express but leak into conversation, and (3) *identity*, as we ask what the situation says about ourselves. To illustrate negotiation, Heen had the whole ballroom move into four corners, to answer the question, "corn is a... grain? grass? vegetable? fruit?" We moved to our corners, discussed corn, and made our pitch to the other corners. Some people switched corners, and twenty formed a fifth "corner" in the middle, for all of the above. This is correct, as corn is a grass with a reproductive part (fruit) and vegetative part (vegetable), and botanically speaking, corn is a caryopsis, or dry fruit, popularly known as a cereal grain.

In a workshop asking, "Who are today's conservative Jews," Janet Aronson shared data from the 2013 Pew Portrait of Jewish Americans and her own Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis, which corroborated Rabbi Sarah's statement that the largest denomination of Jews is None (40%), followed by Reform (32%), Conservative (18%), and Orthodox (10%). Ironically, 35% of the unaffiliated Jews belong to synagogues, and unaffiliated Jews who belong to Conservative synagogues are more observant than members who identify as Reform. Conservative has the lowest retention rate among the denominations, as only one third of people raised in Conservative Judaism stay there. One audience member described her California synagogue's struggle with using the word "conservative" in their mission statement. I felt frustrated by the failure to distinguish Conservative Judaism from conservative politics, and wondered what happens to the word "Reform" when some Jews reform the religion in ghastly ways, like Jacob Frank. On a lighter note, when I lived in the Murray Hill section of Manhattan and first entered the Adereth El Modern Orthodox synagogue in 2008, I was greeted by the Rabbi, whom I warned that "I'm conservative," and he said, "me too, George Bush!" so I said, "well, that too, but I meant conservative religiously." Conservative Jews seek to conserve traditions, but as Shakespeare's Juliet asked Romeo, "What's in a name?" Conservative Judaism is heir to the 19th Century Positive-Historical School, and today some conservative Jews call themselves Traditional Egalitarian, but the USCJ will

not become the USTEJ. Personally, I like that TBS is "a modern, progressive, Conservative Jewish Congregation."

As wonderful as the plenary sessions and workshops were, the highlights were the nightly concerts. Music hits you on such a deeper emotional level. I enjoyed hearing talented musicians turn prayers I know into songs I love. On Sunday, Rabbi Josh Warshawsky folk-rocked the house with "Anim Zemirot," "Lecha Dodi (Hachamah)," and his new single "Arise." On Monday, Joey Weisenberg & the Hadar Ensemble gave an intimate, spiritual, and inspirational performance. Weisenberg is the Creative Director of Hadar's Rising Song Institute, attended by Rabbi Sarah and Caleb, and Rabbi Sarah has incorporated some of Joey's melodies, like *Ashrei*, into our services. Besides playing and composing modern religious music, Joey is the author of *Building Singing Communities* and *The Torah of Music*. Weisenberg's albums are titled *Nigunim, Vol. I-VII* so far (I recommend *Vol. IV: Brooklyn Spirituals*, particularly "Mozi's Nigun / Ana B'choakh," a Kabbalistic poem, and "Lincoln's Nigun / Yamin U'smol," which has an American sound with hints of Copland's *Appalachian Spring*). Joey has mastered the *nigun*, the wordless melody with repetitive sounds, saying that unlike Western music, a nigun can loop forever, starting over before it ends; from the spelling of *nigun* in Hebrew – nun, gimel, nun — the word itself is a cycle without beginning or end. For this performance, Joey's nigunim included "Yishakeini" (Song of Songs 1:2), "Shokhein Ad" (the cantorial entrance), and the wedding song "Od Yishama." He asked the bassist to play a melody, which the audience realized was "Bei Ana Racheitz" on bass, and then the full ensemble played their own version of this mystical prayer usually recited before the open ark. Joey mentioned the Talmudic debate about whether wine or honeycomb is sweeter, and then performed a song about it. Weisenberg reminded me of Shlomo Carlebach, the Singing Rabbi, and brought down the house with an encore performance of "Od Yishama" replete with dancing in the aisles and the singers surrounded by the audience. Joey is building singing communities, and I hope that Rabbi Sarah and Caleb build a singing community at TBS.



Deepening Relation Caring Committee Upcoming Programs

February 7th

A big thank you to Jeff & Sharon Feldman
for sponsoring Ruach Shabbat

March 27th

will be our 2nd Annual Potluck Shabbat Dinner
with set-up and dinner at starting at 5:30PM followed by
the Religious School students leading Shabbat Services at 7PM.

April 24th

Ruach Shabbat starting at 7:30PM followed by Shabbat Services at 8PM
Sponsored by Nancy & Glenn Sapir

May 15th

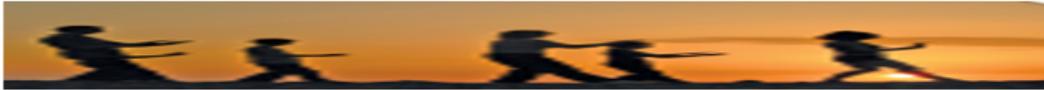
Rugalah Rigel

Back by popular demand...from the creators of the immensely
fun trivia game, Babka Mania...[Shabbat Services](#) 7PM
Sponsored by Eddie Lapa & Gail Plaut

June 13

Shabbat Lunch & Learn
Join the Rabbi for another inspiring learning experience!
Sponsored by Marlene & Allen Hochberg

TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS AND FALL PREVENTION



Tai Chi is a gentle form of exercise that incorporates slow, smooth and continuous movements that help strengthen internal muscles.

The Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention program was developed by Dr. Paul Lam and a team of Tai Chi and medical experts. This program was specifically designed for people with arthritis. It is easy to learn. Evidence based studies have shown Tai Chi for Arthritis to be safe and effective. It works through improving balance, confidence and muscular strength.

This program is runs for 8 weeks and consists of 16 one-hour long sessions. Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm. The instructor has been certified to teach this program through the Tai Chi for Health Institute.

Classes run from March 23 – May 27
No Classes:
April 6, 8, 15 and May 25

****Early registration is encouraged due to limited class size. ****

Fee: \$80 per person

For any questions or for to register please call 845-628-6133.

100% of the proceeds will go the Temple Beth Shalom.



Friday, March 6th, 5:30 pm-6:45 pm

The Community Room at the Jefferson Valley Mall

Purim Celebration!!

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

Costumes are encouraged!!

**Families in Northern Westchester with children ages 0-5, join us on
Friday, March 6th, 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! April 3rd, 5:30 pm-6:45 pm
Yorktown Community Nursery School**

**This program is made possible by funding through
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**For more information and to RSVP, please contact
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Young Judaea Sprout Westchester Day Camp
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5th and 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Lunch & Family Program

Sunday, March 22nd, 12:00pm-1:30pm

Please join me for lunch & an interactive program with your 5th or 6th grader to get ready for their upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Younger siblings are welcome to stay.

Celebrating a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is a family journey. I am honored to share this journey with you and your child. It's my hope that the Bar/Bat Mitzvah process is experienced as exhilarating rather than exhausting, enriching rather than expensive, full of meaning rather than empty of spirit.

Mazal tov on reaching this milestone!
Rabbi Sarah

Religious School Shabbat

Annual Religious School Kabbalat Shabbat Student Led Service



March 27, 2020 Potluck Dinner

There will be a link on the on TBS Website to sign up by 3/15/20

Welcome Shabbat with friends and family, followed by a moving student-led service. 3rd grade students will be called to the Bimah by our 7th grade students to receive their Siddurim.

5:30-5:45PM Dinner Setup 5:45-7PM Dinner/Dessert
7PM Shabbat Family Service & Siddur Ceremony

Please list your ingredients on a note card (for allergy purpose).

Please bring any **vegetarian or fish dish** that you'd like to share with your TBS Family.

****Fish must have fins & scales.****

Gail Plaut
914-589-9193

Jen Lomas
832-746-2345

Call with any questions about the dish you are preparing.

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.

Congregation Calendar

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Youth Group-Purim (Time TBD) Hamantaschen Baking RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (1-4th 10am-10:45am/ 5-7th 11am-11:45am) 10:00am Programming Mtg (TBD) 12:15pm All teacher's Mtg	2	3	4 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 6:15pm Spanish Classes (Stage Classroom)	5 5:30pm Gentle Kripalu Yoga with Phyllis Solar (Oy Vey Cafe) 7:30pm TBS Board Mtg	6 5:30pm Shaboom (Jefferson Valley Mall) 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	7 Shabbat Zachor 9:45am Shabbat Morning Service 6:45pm Purim Setup-Teens
8 Purim Carnival-RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Teens-Purim Mtg-Pre Carnival (Time TBD)	9 Erev Purim Ta'anit Esther 7:00pm Purim Evening Celebration	10 Purim 7:00pm Ritual Committee Mtg	11 Shushan Purim RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	12 5:30pm Gentle Kripalu Yoga with Phyllis Solar (Oy Vey Cafe)	13 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	14 Shabbat Chavaya Shabbat Parah Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Jerry & Janice Malett 9:45am Shabbat Morning Service
15 No RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	16	17	18 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	19 5:30pm Gentle Kripalu Yoga with Phyllis Solar (Oy Vey Cafe)	20 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service	21 Shabbat HaChodesh 9:45am Shabbat Morning Service 12:00pm Lunch & Learn: Patience
22 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:30am Men's Club Breakfast/Mtg 10:00am Programming Mtg (TBD) 11:00am Religious School Committee Mtg	23	24	25 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 4:30pm PTO Board Mtg (Kiddush Room)	26 Rosh Chodesh Nisan 5:30pm Gentle Kripalu Yoga with Phyllis Solar (Oy Vey Cafe) 7:30pm E-Committee Mtg	27 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Kabbalat Service 7:00pm Family Shabbat Service	28 9:45am Shabbat Morning Service
29 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Matzah Making-RS/ Possible Passover program 10:00am PTO Mtg (Sanctuary)	30	31	Only events that were available at the time of publication were included. For a more current listing, please check the online calendar at TBSMahopac.org			

Congregation Calendar

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>Only events that were available at the time of publication were included. For a more current listing, please check the online calendar at TBSMahopac.org</p>	<p>1 Passover Model Seder RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p>	<p>2 5:30pm Gentle Kripalu Yoga with Phyllis Solar (Oy Vey Cafe) 7:30pm TBS Board Mtg</p>	<p>3 5:30pm Shaboom! (Yorktown Community Nursery School) 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service</p>	<p>4 Shabbat HaGadol 9:45am Shabbat Morning Service</p>
<p>5 No RS-Spring Recess</p>	<p>6 Spring Recess</p>	<p>7 Spring Recess</p>	<p>8 No RS-Spring Recess Ta'anit Bechorot Passover Seder pm Erev Pesach 8:00am Morning Study Session (Time TBD) 6:15pm All teacher Mtg</p>	<p>9 Pesach I Passover Seder 2 Spring Recess 9:00am Passover morning services 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Bonfire (Rabbi's House)</p>	<p>10 Passover Pesach II Spring Recess 9:00am Passover morning services 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service</p>	<p>11 Pesach III (CH"M) 9:45am Shabbat Morning Service 8:00pm Kadima-Trip to Bounce with Teens</p>
<p>12 Pesach IV (CH"M) No RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p>	<p>13 Pesach V (CH"M)</p>	<p>14 Pesach VI (CH"M)</p>	<p>15 No RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Pesach VII Passover-Holy Day 9:45am Passover Service</p>	<p>16 Passover Holy Day Pesach VIII 9:45am Service</p>	<p>17 8:00pm Shabbat Evening Service</p>	<p>18 Shabbat Chavaya 9:45am Shabbat Morning Service</p>
<p>19 No RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 11:00am Sisterhood Mtg 4:00pm Yom Hashoah (Large Social Hall)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Yom HaShoah</p>	<p>22 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 4:30pm PTO Board Mtg (Kiddush Room)</p>	<p>23 5:30pm Gentle Kripalu Yoga with Phyllis Solar (Oy Vey Cafe) 7:30pm E-Committee Mtg</p>	<p>24 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 8:00pm Shabbat with Rhythm & Soul</p>	<p>25 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 9:45am Shabbat Morning Service 12:00pm Lunch & Learn: Gratitude</p>
<p>26 Israel Celebration RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 9:30am Tentative: Men's Club Mtg/Breakfast/Israeli Theme 10:00am Religious School Committee Mtg 11:00am PTO Mtg (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Yom HaZikaron</p>	<p>29 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Yom HaAtzma'ut</p>	<p>30 5:30pm Gentle Kripalu Yoga with Phyllis Solar (Oy Vey Cafe)</p>		



HAPPY PASSOVER

Wednesday, April 8th

9:00am Siyum Bechorot

Torah Study and Breakfast to break the Fast of the Firstborn

10:30am Bonfire to Burn the Chametz

At Rabbi Sarah's home

NO Shabbat Evening Services

Passover begins at sundown

Thursday, April 9th

10:00am Abbreviated Service and Adult Education with Rabbi Sarah

Friday, April 10th

10:00am Abbreviated Service and Adult Education with Rabbi Sarah

8:00pm Shabbat Services

Saturday, April 11th

9:45am Shabbat and Passover Morning Service

Wednesday, April 15th

10:00am Abbreviated Service and Adult Education with Rabbi Sarah

Thursday, April 16th

9:45am Passover Morning Service

Yizkor Memorial Service at approx. 11:00am

Passover ends at 8:20pm



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March/April



<p>Mar 02 Zoe Leviner Eli Leviner</p> <p>Mar 03 Ellis DiMucci Kanna Wohl</p> <p>Mar 04 Dale Raefski</p> <p>Mar 05 Celia Goldstein</p> <p>Mar 06 Ellen Freebern</p> <p>Mar 07 Mark Beshears Elizabeth Ferszt Miller</p> <p>Mar 08 Joseph Freebern</p> <p>Mar 10 Gail Plaut</p> <p>Mar 11 Jeffrey Guest</p> <p>Mar 12 Andy Philip</p> <p>Mar 15 Jerry Malett</p>	<p>Mar 16 Scott Markman</p> <p>Mar 17 Alan Belsky</p> <p>Mar 18 Howard Hammer</p> <p>Mar 21 Jessica Zager</p> <p>Mar 23 Samuel Begler Michelle Kushner Ariel Simon</p> <p>Mar 24 Jennifer Lomas Jeffrey Roberts</p> <p>Mar 25 Daniel Philip Phyllis Solar</p> <p>Mar 27 Jennifer Bates</p> <p>Mar 28 Amy Solar-Doherty</p> <p>Mar 29 Gary Loewenberg</p> <p>Mar 30 Rebecca Peikes</p>	<p>Apr 03 Alissa Luxemburg Eileen Markman Sarah McDermott</p> <p>Apr 04 Joseph Brice</p> <p>Apr 05 Joel Greenberg Judith Occhiogrossi</p> <p>Apr 07 Richard Weiss</p> <p>Apr 08 Ruby Aday</p> <p>Apr 11 Dagan Duke Lauren Rosenblum</p> <p>Apr 13 Scott Liff</p> <p>Apr 15 Hannah Martin</p> <p>Apr 17 Jocelyn Peikes William Raefski</p> <p>Apr 18 David Freundlich Spencer Rubin</p>	<p>Apr 19 Phyllis Nadelhaft Richard Zager</p> <p>Apr 20 Sylvia Philip</p> <p>Apr 22 Lillian Goldstein</p> <p>Apr 23 Glenn Sapir</p> <p>Apr 25 David Lapa Alec Petrone Ari Pollack Anthony Shaffer</p> <p>Apr 26 Melody Weisman</p> <p>Apr 27 Ilene Thompson</p> <p>Apr 28 Sydney Ende</p> <p>Apr 30 Sharon Gunzburg Jeanne Toovell</p>
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Schedule of Services and Candle Lighting Times

Regular Shabbat Services	Shabbat Chavaya	Candle Lighting	
Fri Evenings 8:00 pm Sat Mornings 9:45am	March 14 April 18	03/06/20 5:34 PM 03/13/20 6:42 PM 03/20/20 6:50 PM 03/27/20 6:57 PM 04/03/20 7:05 PM 04/08/20 7:10 PM 04/09/20 8:30 PM 04/10/20 7:12 PM	04/14/20 7:17 PM 04/15/20 8:37 PM 04/17/20 7:20 PM 04/24/20 7:27 PM 05/01/20 7:35 PM
	Shaboom March 6 April 3		
Friday Family Service March 27 7:00pm			



Yahrzeits - March/April

May Their Memory be a Blessing



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Mar 5 / Adar 9

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Mar 11 / Adar 15

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Mar 23 / Adar 27

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Mar 24 / Adar 28

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Samuel Small

Mar 28 / Nisan 3

Elliot Weinstein

Mar 29 / Nisan 4

Glenda Lewis

Mar 30 / Nisan 5

Herman Ecker

Mar 31 / Nisan 6

Meyer Podell

Sadie Siegel

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Apr 2 / Nisan 8

Jack Keniston

Apr 3 / Nisan 9

Belle Feldman

Apr 4 / Nisan 10

Joseph Garfinkle

Apr 5 / Nisan 11

Marvin Smith

Philip Corn

Apr 6 / Nisan 12

Rachel bat Moshe

Apr 7 / Nisan 13

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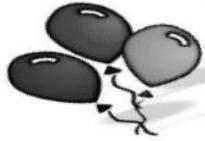
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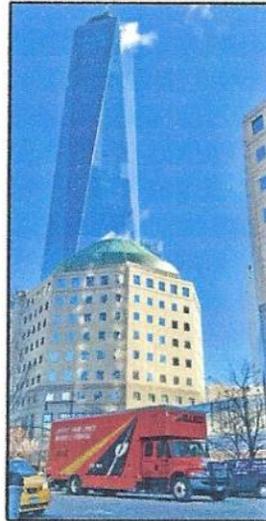
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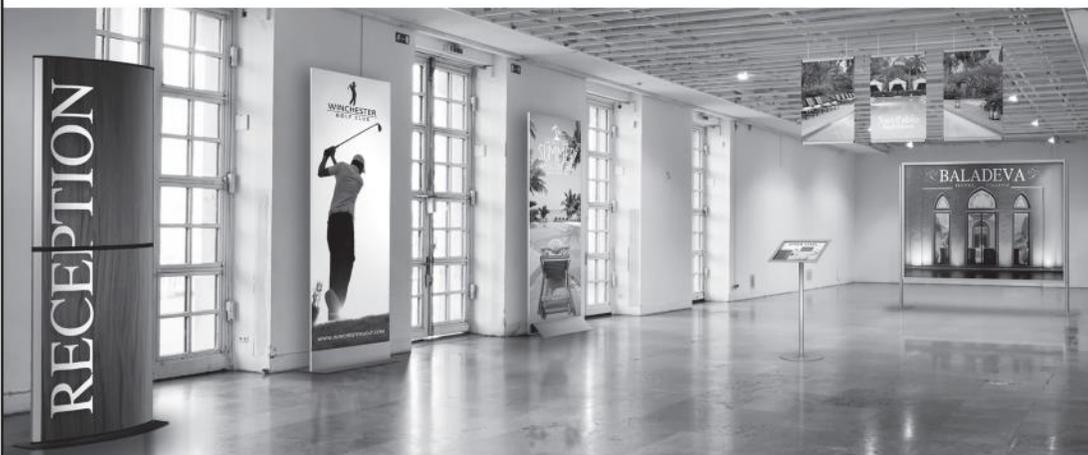
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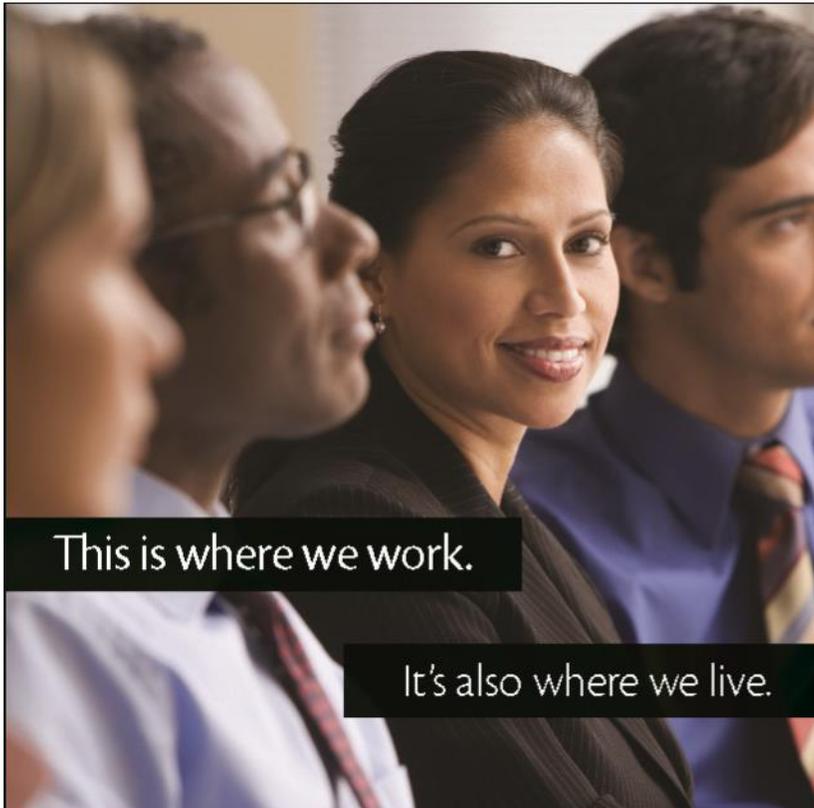
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