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From the President Joel Freedman

Love

years ago, I related a story from one work to transition back to being part of the community." of my trips to Cuba. During a dinner with some members of the Cuban Jewish community, one of my fellow presence in the future, as we have of the Judaic vision is the dream of a travelers asked, "what is it about seen how valuable broadcasting society based on chessed . . . the your synagogue that makes it so services is to those who cannot mark of a people joined by covenant. special?' Her answer was simple and attend; and we will continue using Covenant direct - LOVE! As the Beatles sang, Zoom and other technologies for extended-family; it means seeing "All You Need is Love."

my many years at Temple Beth center of everything we do. We pray where everyone feels honored and Hillel - Beth El is the love that together, we learn together, and we everyone is at home." permeates all aspects of synagogue have fun together. life, and this has never been more togetherness is what makes life so It continues to be my honor and evident than during the past year. I special. Our traditions tell through pleasure to serve as the president of have heard congregants about the many selfless camaraderie, a source of comfort allowed me to see so many acts of acts of compassion that have meant when facing problems and the loving-kindness and compassion that so much to so many during this time feeling of love from our community have kept me feeling positive. Just of crisis. Even while keeping our having a shared experience. Virtually like my friend in Cuba and Lennon/ social distance, we have been able to all our prayers are in the plural, McCartney said, love is simply all needs.

best provide a meaningful synagogue during our current challenges. life under COVID, we are now planning for the future when we get The late Rabbi Johnathan Sacks back to "normal" - we have formed defines committees to discuss the upcoming support, 'loving-kindness', love as

high holidays and Shabbat services compassion. in the fall. Our Early Childhood includes hospitality Center seeing increased to enrollment for the next school year visiting the as families look forward to being comforting more comfortable with their children bereaved, raising the attending in-person education. You spirits of the depressed, helping will also continue to see robust people through crises in their lives, At my "inauguration" almost two programming offered online, as we and making those at the margins feel together. It is also important to note that we will not abandon our online Rabbi Sachs continues: "At the heart educational and social programs.

And that many communal prayer, we get a sense of our congregation. This position has our community's social referring to "we", "our" or "us." We we need, and I hope you have all are always thinking of those around found some love at our shul. May we us more than just ourselves. This is all continue to have love in our lives While we are still working on how to what has kept us together and strong - with our partners, families, friends

> chesed "emotional

It the sick.



creates strangers as if they were our longlost brothers or sisters. A community The one constant that I have seen in Our loving community is at the based on chesed is a place of grace,

and community.

Torah Fund 2021 Honoring Kelly Dash and Ellen Spector

2021 at 12:30p.m. on Zoom.

Together, and independently, Kelly and Ellen have served our community with dedication and enthusiasm.

Kelly first got involved with the ECC including a term as president from 2001 when her children Jack (22) and Melissa to 2003. Ellen works as a bookkeeper (20) entered preschool. Kelly was the for her husband Gabe's Commercial HSA president, followed by the Chair of Real Estate business, and is in the midst the Craft and Gift Show, Party Expo and of planning her daughter Bari's (22) Sisterhood Co-President. She currently wedding to Jeff Maurer. Her favorite serves on the Executive Board of activity is anything historical - reading TBH-BE. Kelly is also a teacher in the historical fiction, watching historical ECC where she has been enriching dramas or visiting museums. young lives for the past 15 years. Kelly and her husband Ken are also active in Please join us in celebrating these two the larger Jewish Community. Kelly extraordinary women. serves on the board of Woman's Philanthropy of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and is proud to be a Lion of Judah.

when her eldest daughter Sara (26) sisterhoods in Conservative congregabegan Sunday school. Shortly after, she tions across North America. became actively involved in Sisterhood as Secretary, VP Fundraising, VP Pro-

Congratulations to this year's Torah grams, Treasurer, Co-President from Fund Honorees, Kelly Dash and Ellen 2012 to 2014, chair & committee Spector. Kelly and Ellen served as member of the Craft & Gift Show for 18 Sisterhood Co-Presidents from 2012-14 years, Party Expo Chair for 8 years and and were truly a dynamic duo. They continues to be involved in this event. each have a rich history of volunteer Ellen has been on the TBH-BE Board of activity at TBH-BE. The celebration Directors for over 11 years, she is will be held on Sunday, April 18th, co-chair of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Dates committee, and up until the Covid-19 closure. she volunteered in Sisterhood Gift Shop every Friday morning. In addition, Ellen has been actively involved in Sabra Hadassah,

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From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Neil S. Cooper

The Circuitous Route Pesach 2021/5781

It was a circuitous route which the Children of Israel followed as they left Egypt. They were on their way to cross the Red Sea, to begin their lives as something other than slaves, but why the circuitous route? It was neither their nor Moses' idea to take the longer hike. One might wonder, whether taking the shorter route would have given the Israelites time to cross the sea without the from **Egyptians** closing in behind. But God had reasons.

God had set the course, not simply to prolong their full escape. The idea was not to increase the dramatic effect created when the Israelites emerged onto dry land, and the sea behind them would consume the Egyptian chariots and soldiers. The idea, instead, was to give the Israelites some time to shed the yoke of slavery before they crossed the sea. It was the wilderness wandering which enabled them to begin the transition from a group of rag-tag slaves to a cohesive, unified, and This transition grateful People. would take a longer than expected

route. The longer way around would the route we have be the one on which we would travel taken. many times throughout history.

It has been now more than a year since encountered coronavirus and the worldwide pandemic. Last Pesach, we huddled in our homes, many connecting This past year, I have experienced virtually as we "zoomed" through both trials and triumphs created by the seder. I, and perhaps you as this wicked virus. I share these well, tried to enjoy the new three: confident that, experience, before next Pesach, the virus would be nothing more than a memory, a momentary blip on the screens of our lives. Yet, a year later, here we are.

We have travelled a slow and arduous route to arrive at this moment. We are painfully aware that restrictions against socializing, required masks and social distancing, remain safeguards and reminders that we are not yet We anxiously await the pre-COVID our return "normal". In the meantime. however, we inquire: was there a way we could have shortened the route, removed some restrictions, and returned to our lives more quickly? Perhaps, a slight hesitation in our journey can provide an opportunity to take note of the lessons of the circuitous route out of COVID.

From my perch, there are some reasons to look back and embrace

Like the route taken by the Children of Israel. maybe we have been



given this time to correct, revise and restart our lives.

- 1. Family: I have missed the direct, physical contact with my children and grandchildren. This year, however, we have connected in new and deeper ways with both my family and Lori's. Weekly or biweekly Zoom-calls have added continuity and depth to our family relations. Although unable to have my grandchildren read a book while sitting on my lap, we can still read together, play games and, for my youngest, look carefully at toy cars and trucks, thanks to FaceTime.
- 2. Friends: Nothing has been casual during COVID. Everything requires planning, coordination, and mutual desire, but what has emerged from our carefully orchestrated small gatherings has been a newfound sense of emotional proximity.
- 3. Community: This year we have relied on our computers to provide us with information, to enhance family relations and to gain access to things that, previously, had required

that. even synagogue can function without our COVID has changed us and our enough to say that, at least in some classes. accessed from the comfort of our small gestures of kindness and home.

We still do not know when the restrictions imposed on us in response to COVID 19 will be lifted. Even after the pandemic has ended, some social distancing will undoubtedly remain. Whenever we emerge, I believe that we will be I suppose that one might say that, different than before COVID. fact. I believe that we are different already.

It may be worthwhile to discuss at

us to go somewhere physically. We this year's seders how the circuitous remained healthy. our route we have taken because of have learned enough and changed All activities, lives, for better and for worse. This ways, we are better for it. meetings can be year, we have learned the power of We have discovered new concern. with to connect wavs family. Together, as a community, we have found new ways to learn. We have initiated innovative styles of prayer, and we have found creative avenues for interactions.

> like our ancestors, this year we have taken the circuitous route. During our journey we have grown in new directions. Hopefully, we have

Hopefully, we

To all, may your Pesach Holiday be filled with joy, health and sweet blessings.

The Afterlife: Jewish Perspectives with Saul Wachs

Thursdays, March 4, 11, and 18 7:30 PM

Passover Lunch n Learn with **Rabbinic Intern Noam Kornsgold**

Thursday, March 25 12:00 PM

What you shouldn't Pass-over this year at your seder, new innovations, technology and initiatives coming out of the Jewish Community.

From our Religious **School Director**

Lisa Richman

Meet Our Senior Madrichim!

madricha (pl. aide. in our Religious School? Why do working with the zayin class/7th greeting they choose to continue getting up grade. don't have to?!

Our madrichim are obviously closer graders to consider being madrichim shared that he learned from his in age to our students than most of next year as she believes it is an experience is to be patient with our teachers are. The students look important responsibility to fulfill. up to the madrichim as role models, often turning to them instead of the teachers for assistance. The teachers Danny Hofferman rely on them as another pair of eyes, Danny became a madrich five years experience and looks good on ears and hands in the classroom (or ago because of the foresight of our applications and resumes! under the canopy) as the madrichim Aleph/1st grade individualized program. enrich our program.

madrichim chose to work in this him to apply. Alex position is admirable. Please meet related to his sense our senior madrichim who are in of humor, easygoing their senior year of high school!

Nina Berkowitz

madrichim/ something very them in all their endeavors. Nina things wherever he goes!

teacher help in implementing a more Waserstein. Alex saw something in Ariel Monson Our him when they worked together at Ariel is probably one of the needed to help individualize and the ones to benefit by having Danny in many That the as part of their group. She invited

personality and his natural ability



know what to do and what to say Nina joined our staff two years ago with children. She was impressed at The root of the Hebrew word מדריך because she thought it would be a how he creates genuine connections means so many things; guide, path really rewarding job. She loves with each child. They love him and and way represent only a few of its being involved in bettering flock to him to play and then talk interpretations. In the Sylvia F. children's relationships with Judaism about him when they go home. She Lodish Religious School, a madrich since a strong Jewish identity is shared that Danny works hard to be important to the best educator possible. This madrichot) refers to a teen- her. She also shared that she has year, she was particularly amazed at What is it about our learned so much from her mentor how Danny remembered the students madrichim, who could be doing this year, including tools she will from when they were campers two many other things with their free definitely use in the future if she years ago. He was able to recall time, that makes them want to work goes on to teach. This year, Nina is their personality traits and qualities, She relates to them enthusiastically. She is sorry to see early on Sunday mornings when they beautifully and eagerly supports him leave and knows he will do great

would encourage all current 7th One of the important things Danny children. His advice to others in eighth through twelfth grades would be to take advantage of such an opportunity, that it is a great learning

madrichim play the role of 'guide on the day camp that indicated that not madrichim with the longest running the side', encouraging, assisting, only would they be a great working tenure at the moment, this being her teaching, comforting - whatever is team but that her students would be fifth year on staff. She has worked grades and, Continued on Page 21

From The Cantor's Study

Hazzan Eugene Rosner

but the nerves are monumental. I correct recording for the basses. have never felt this much stage fright in my life. Maybe it was a good This is certainly a piece worth final recordings all have studio thing. I nailed everything and the recording virtually that we can share quality sound! We all hope you will audience was in rapture at the end.

Fast forward 40 years. I am in front has been looking forward to this who took part in our project. The of my computer screen all alone. The project since the High Holy Days. I learning curve was great for all of nerves are just as big. I am making settle down. The remaining three us! It is nice to have a permanent part recordings for our virtual choir. part recordings all go off without a record of our collective efforts. With the assistance of our great hitch on the first run through. I am engineer Marty Askinazi, we will be happy and ready for the next part of Hazzan Eugene Rosner

recording the Zavel Zilberts Ahavat the *Olam.* The piece is 4 minutes long— my any mistake, and it is back to the individual beginning for take two. I need to contribution give all the instructions to our recording. May 1979. I am a senior at Newtown singers as well as all the correct High School playing first trumpet in notes with perfect pitch and timing. the senior band. The task: the annual The metronome with its incessant, One of the positive outcomes from spring concert. I am trumpet soloist (at some points nefarious) constant working virtually is that we have for the Carnival of Venice variations, beat, must be followed accurately been able to create a synagogue With many hours of practice under throughout. The nerves are getting to choir my belt, I am ready and prepared, me, as it takes six tries to get the congregation,

> with our congregants. This is an enjoy our latest musical effort. exciting under-taking, and the choir Thanks go out to all our choristers



discography for which includes recordings of some of the most famous works in the repertoire. The

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From the President of Sisterhood

Debbie Greenberg

that goes on all around us.

However, my mantra this year for Sisterhood. We are pushing forward, interested in helping with this. blooming and accomplishing so much within our community.

managing within the confines of a way to get involved, today's COVID world. Back in please reach out. February, I sat in on a Rosh Hodesh event that hosted 33 participants!

I like to start each of my board Yasher Koach to both Cynthia has reached the 21st century with a meetings with a Dvar Torah. As I Saltzman and Susan Schmidt! We Facebook page write this, Spring is imminent and engaged many in a Tu B'Shvat (https://www.facebook.com/ Passover is right around the corner. seder, movie discussion night, art groups/687375861941873). In one of my past Dvrei Torrot, I event (thank you Amy Botel), and spoke at length regarding Tu game night (thank you Mike Burns). Please join the group to stay up to B'Shvat bringing Spring to Israel, Each activity drawing from a variety date. Our Gift Shop is starting to and the fact that we must look for of the different demographics from have blessings in nature, and acknowledge within our TBH-BE community. (https://www.tbhbe.org/gift-shop). that G-d is the source of everything This is what it is about, connecting, We are looking for help to develop finding ways to engage and enjoy this into a website that will make despite the year we have had.

when we work together as a team. Renewal, which is one of the themes help. This can be a student looking We must bear fruit, find a way to of Pesach. Spring is arriving, for community service hours, or a blossom and bloom despite our brightness abounds and we are high school senior looking for repetitive daily activities and tight feeling rejuvenated. Sisterhood is resume schedules that we adhere to. We take also rejuvenating. We WILL have applications. As I said, together we advantage of this natural occurrence Torah Fund this year. We look are stronger, blooming, resilient and in nature, as a way to push ourselves forward to a hybrid event to honor productive. Sisterhood wants you to forward in an effort to accomplish past presidents of Sisterhood, Ellen be a part of helping us move forward and express outwardly what we have Spector and Kelly Dash. This will be together. within us to bring forth. This is what Sunday, April 18th . Please reach out I believe we are doing here in to Barb Bookman if you are

TBH-BE As Spring arrives we are hoping to have a Mother's Day Plant Sale. We are looking for someone willing to I am so proud of how we are help with this endeavor. If you need



As you may have noticed, Sisterhood

online an presence. purchasing easier. We have a Venmo account, which makes paying even Sisterhood is that we are only good We are all looking forward to easier! Please reach out if you can building

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From the President of Men's Club

Sam Brint



priate theme for this month's writ- tration is required. The event is free. every day being different, there is ing. In our current reality, having and maintaining tradition is ground- And then there is Passover, with the and asking the four questions. ing as to what we are used to.

Award was personally presented to connection to our past and a current no longer require social distancing. Paul Shandelman (program was via connection to family and friends. It is a tradition that I am looking Zoom, a limited number of us were Giving thanks as to being together. forward to. able to use the sanctuary), whose Sharing the moments with one anwords of acceptance and apprecia- other. The familiarity as to order. tion were very gracious and thought- "Why is this night different from all ful. It was clear that Paul was very moved as to receiving this honor. Well done! Bagels, schmear and lox were provided for pick up prior, to those who put in their order. Lester Shapiro dealt with all of the logistics as to ordering, picking up and the high-powered negotiations as to price. The bagels were a nice touch.

We had our successful own "Soup"er Bowl for the first time, which was spearheaded by David Oriel and Howard Elgart. This may become a tradition.

Another tradition is our Men's Club honoring a Man of the Year (MOTY). This year's well deserving honoree is Ken Krivitzky. The virtual event is scheduled for March 14.

seder being a time-honored tradition that is embraced by many, likely Am hoping that in the near future, True to tradition, our Silver Circle again to be virtual. It is both the we are again able to have events that

TRADITION. Feels like an appro- 2021 at 7:00 PM. Advanced regis- other nights?". With us living with something comforting as to hearing



SIYYUM PLANNED FOR THE FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 AM

The story of Pesach reminds us that, just before the Exodus from Egypt, the Egyptian firstborns were killed. The firstborn Israelites, however, were not harmed. In recognition of this fact, it has become a tradition for the firstborn sons (the eldest child of their mothers) to fast on the day before Pesach. This fast is known as Ta'anit Bekhorim.

An accompanying tradition is one which nullifies the fast for those who participate in a siyyum. A siyyum is

a ceremony of celebration observed upon the completion of study of a tractate of the Talmud or other major volume of study. Those who are present for the siyyum are exempted from the fast.

The congregation is invited to join the first-born sons on Thursday, March 25 for Shaharit at 7:00 AM. Rabbi Cooper will conduct the siyyum at the end of services. The siyyum will conclude before 8:00 AM.

Passover Highlights - Pesach 5781

Preparing for Pesach includes Selling and Giving

As we prepare our homes for Pesach with cleaning and scouring, we include the ritual of *M'Chirat Hametz*, the ancient tradition of selling hametz. Despite the fact that your hametz (all non-Passover goods, dishes and utensils) has been been put away, those items are still in your possession. The injunction of Passover requires that these items not remain in your possession. In order to fulfill this requirement, we sell our hametz. This sale is affected either in person or by completing the form on the following page, Having received your power of attorney to sell your hametz, Rabbi Cooper will sell it on your behalf while the items remain in your homes or stored away.

A second tradition, Ma'ot Hitim, accompanies the sale

of hametz. This tradition (literally, "wheat money") reminds us that there are some families who will not have the wherewithal for *matzah* or other needs to celebrate the holiday. Ma'ot Hitim money is used to support the Jewish families locally and throughout the world. We will report to you on these funds after Pesach.

As you prepare for Pesach, please consider participation in these traditions. To sell your hametz, please complete the form on the following page. Whether you participate or not in selling hametz, we hope you will be a part of our effort to help others in need. Make checks payable to Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, attention, Ma'ot Hitim.

PREPARING THE HOME FOR PESACH

Removing the *Hametz*

A central law of Passover observance is the requirement to remove all traces of *hametz* from our homes. Hametz may be defined as any food containing traces of leavening, any dishes, utensils, pots or pans than may have come into contact with leaven-containing products. The quite stringent laws of kashrut for Passover, more exacting that the dietary restrictions during the rest of the year, are designed to eliminate even the slightest possibility that a product containing the minutest trace of hametz would be used or even seen in our homes during Passover.

Preparing the Home for Pesach Removing the Hametz

There are five steps in the overall process of removing hametz.

1. Mekhirat Hametz—Selling Hametz

Selling our hametz so that we no longer possess any *hametz* food, dishes or utensils can be arranged during the weeks before Pesach. (See authorization form.)

2. *Bedikat Hametz*—Searching for Hametz—Thursday, March 25 (after dark)

Following a complete and throughout cleaning of the house, a formal search of the house takes place on the night before the first Seder.

- A. Immediately after sundown, ten pieces of *hametz* (bread, crackers, cereal) are hidden around the house.
- B. A candle is lit.
- C. Recite the Bedikat Hametz blessing, "al bi'ur hametz."

1) Barukh attah Adonai 1) Praised are You, Adonai

2) Eloheinu melek ha-olam 2) our God, who rules the universe

3) *asher kidshanu* 3) who has sanctified us, instilling in us holiness

4) b'mitzvotav 4) through the mitzvot 5) v'tzivanu 5) by commanding us

6) al bi'ur hametz 6) to remove all hametz

- D. Conduct the search, using the candle to illuminate areas. When a piece of hametz is found, sweep it onto the wooden spoon using the feather, and then deposit the crumbs into a bag or on a paper plate.
- E. Be sure you collect the pieces of hametz which were hidden.

3. Bittul Hametz—Nullifying Hametz

Immediately following the search for hametz, a formula is recited which nullifies any hametz which may or may not have been found, as a kind of insurance policy. After the search is concluded, recite the Bittul hametz — nullification formula.

1) Kol hamira va-hami'a d'ka virshuti 1) All hametz in my possession

2) d'la hamitei u-d'la va-aritei 2) which I have not seen or removed

3) *u'd'la yadana lei* 3) or of which I am unaware

4) liv-til v'le'hevei hefker 4) is hereby nullified and ownerless

5) *k'afra d'ara* 5) as the dust of the earth.

4. Bi-ur Hametz-Burning Hametz

The next morning, on Friday, March 26, the *hametz* collected the night before is burned. The burning may take place outside. After contents have been burned, they may be swept away. After the burning of *hametz*, the following declaration is recited:

- 1) Kol hamira va-hami'a d'ika vir'shuti
- 2) da hamitei u'dila va'artei
- 3) di va'artei u'dila va'artei
- 4) liv-til v-le'hevei hefker
- 5) k'afra d'ara

- 1) All hametz in my possession
- 2) whether I have seen it or not
- 3) whether I have removed it or not
- 4) is hereby nullified and ownerless
- 5) as the dust of the earth.

From this point on, all hametz including food, dishes, or utensils that contain or have come into contact with *hametz*, must be put away. They may not be handled, used or seen until the end of Pesach, after dark on Sunday, April 4. If you have questions regarding this or any aspect of the preparations for Pesach, please contact the Rabbi.

Deed of Authorization

Removing the *Hametz*

I hereby authorize Hazzan Eugene Rosner to be my agent to sell all kinds of hametz including, but not limited to, any leavened food, dishes, pots, pans, and utensils used with leavened food which may be in my possession at the address below. I understand that the sale will be affected by 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 27 . I further understand that if the terms of the agreement are not fulfilled by Sunday night, April 4 by 8:10 PM, the sale will be considered null and void.

Name	 	 	
Address	 	 	
Signature	 	 	

Please sign and return to the synagogue office by March 26 in the morning.



News from our Synagogue Family

Condolences To

Rahel Lerner on the death of her father, Rabbi Stephen C. Lerner (z"l). Sheri Minkoff and Aron Minkoff on the death of their father-in-law and grandfather, Robert Katz (z"l). Judy Bomze on the death of her father and long-time congregant, Matthew Yarczower (z"l).

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completed the Gratz Teacher Certification Program, is actually an assistant teacher in the vav class/6th grade this year. She shared that one of the things she has learned from the experience is that it is important to have discussions and to allow the students to share what they think. even if there is disagreement. also said that if she could talk to her younger self, she would remind herself that what she is learning at this age is very important and is information that she would not be able to get elsewhere. If Ariel were to give advice to our seventh graders, who are eligible to become madrichim next year, it would be that it is worth it

since by teaching others it has opened her eyes to new ideas and perspectives.

Dan Soslowsky

Daniel is another one of our madrichim who is currently working in the Religious School for the fifth year, which means he hasn't left since he was in Religious School! Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Religious School needed to offer a double track this year. While most of the RS students returned in September to learn on-site, there were those families who opted to keep their children home. Daniel became our Coordinator of Virtual Learning. He worked with students on Hebrew phonetic reading, managed the interactive virtual classrooms, guided

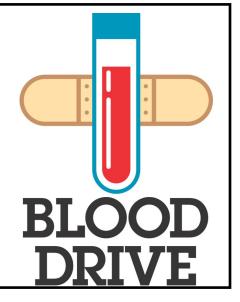
students as they navigated through Google slide presentation and mastered the art of Zoom with all its features and glitches. During Daniel's tenure with the Religious School after having worked in several grades, he shared that students seem to enjoy hands-on activities more than just sitting for lectures. Having students do activities such as arts and crafts projects about the parsha, for example, is both enjoyable and educational. When asked what he would tell himself if he were still a student in the Religious School, he responded: "Honestly, I'm not sure that I would tell myself anything because I enjoyed my time in the Religious School and am happy with where I am in it now."

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