# The Pharisee

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# BARBARA BOOKMAN

#### **PRESIDENT**

#### **COUNTING THE OMER**

Last year I had a post-Pesach revelation about the Jewish practice called *Sefirat Ha'omer* "Counting of the Omer." Sure, I had taught our Religious School students about Counting the Omer, but I had never fully understood its significance for me personally.

First, a primer on the Omer. The Torah instructs us: "You shall count for yourself from the morrow of the Shabbat [here meaning the festival], from the day when you bring the Omer [a measure of grain] for the offering, seven complete Shabbats there shall be, until the morrow of the seventh Shabbat, you shall count fifty days." (Vayikra 23) Traditionally, the count begins on the second day of Pesach, and culminates on the 50th day with the Festival of Shavuot, a holiday celebrating the spring harvest and the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

After my retirement from teaching, almost two years ago, I embarked on a personal journey to expand my horizons and emulate my mother through learning. In honor of my mom, a lifelong learner, I decided to delve more deeply into my Judaism. I began with the study of Mussar – this uses our ancient Jewish texts to help us understand fundamental character traits to develop ourselves more fully, and relate better to others.

Next, I sampled *Pirkei Avot* "Ethics of the Fathers", where I delved into both the text, as well as the Counting of the Omer. Prior to last year, when I participated in this mitzvah, I merely repeated the blessing according to the day. I felt no connection to this practice. During this class, I learned that the Kabbalists approached Counting the Omer in a deep and significant way, using Sefirot, the attributes of emotion, as conceived by Jewish mystics. Here are the attributes:

- [ [HESE] Loving-kindness
- 2. GEVURAH Justice and discipline
- 3 TIFERET Harmony, compassion
- 4. NETZACH Endurance
- 5. HOD Humility
- 6. YESOD Bonding
- 7 MALCHIIT Sovereignty, leadership

The seven weeks, which represent these emotional attributes, further divide into seven days making up the 49 days of the counting. I love how each day has its own focus based on the specific week and day. We embody Chesed during the first week; and on day one of that week, we practice Chesed sh'b Chesed to focus on love with love. Day two is Gevurah sh'b Chesed to focus on justice and discipline with love, and so on. I feel a strong connection to this Kabbalistic approach — focusing my energy on using a Jewish framework to honor myself and others. One practice includes having a Kavanah, "intention", based on the attribute. This can help guide me each day. I love this approach, and I will work on using it this year.

Through my studies of Mussar, Pirkei Avot, Kabbalah and Sefirat Ha'omer, I am becoming a lifelong learner, and opening myself up to new experiences just like my mom. I love studying in a group and sharing ideas with others. I love trying to be a better person, developing new skills, and learning new information. These practices have opened a whole new world for me. Thank you to my fabulous teachers and to my mother for encouraging me to expand my horizons.

Judaism provides each of us with a framework for life – there are countless ways in which we can find meaning on our journey. During the Counting of the Omer, take a moment to consider the many ways you can identify and relate to each day. We should each take your own journey. We never know what we might find along the way.

# ETHAN WITKOVSKY

#### **RABBI**

As my wife and I prepared for Pesach last month, we had a long conversation about the cost involved in observance of the holiday. While there are ways to make it more and less expensive there is no getting around a rather hefty price tag of being a part of the mitzvah. Pesach may be extreme in the expensive category, but unfortunately much of Jewish life involves a cost; kosher food, education, ritual objects, synagogue dues, etc. These expenses are, in my opinion, worth every penny, but nevertheless the cost of being an engaged Jew in the US is high. The Rabbis often liken the Torah to a precious jewel, and it certainly is, but I'm not sure they meant that to be the price tag.

To a degree, this is both expected and necessary; sharing our resources to strengthen communal institutions is an important way to keep a community going. We all share our work, wealth, and wisdom, whatever we have to offer, for the sake of the whole. The money that we put into Jewish life is an investment for ourselves and the future of our people. At the same time, we must make sure that Jewish life is available in its fullest to all regardless of their economic capacity. The Talmud understood the cost of Jewish living long ago when the Rabbis recognized through a close reading of the laws in Leviticus that "the Torah spares the money of the Jewish people." (Babylonian Talmud, Chulin 49b and Rashi's commentary) Whenever possible the Rabbis put their thumb on the scale of making Jewish life kinder to the pocketbooks of Jews.

At Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, we too are concerned with the money of the Jewish people. We want to make things as accessible and affordable as possible. That is why we deeply appreciate the extra amounts that those who can offer more donate to keep this holy institution operating and growing. We could not function without the generosity and commitment of each of you, and we thank you.

This month, in the calendar of our holidays, we traverse the distance from the freedom of Pesach to the covenantal connection of Shavuot. We are reminded that one of the central callings of the Jewish people is to be obligated and bound to one another. We do this by joining in community together and giving to that community. We give through dues and donations, yes, but there are many other ways to contribute. We need leaders who will help us on committees and run programs. We need people to help greet and usher during services. We need people to help make minyan (now more in person options than in the past 3 years), so our community can worship and mourn together. You can increase your attendance at services or learning just to be a more active member, and I hope to see as many of you as possible participating in the Tzedakah Games later this month!

See you in shul!

# TZEDAKAH GAMES



# **EUGENE ROSNER**

#### CANTOR

#### MY PERSONAL MUSIC HISTORY

Senior year of high school is a very special one. I had the wonderful opportunity to play my trumpet as a soloist. With piano accompaniment, I played both the first movement of the Hummel trumpet concerto and the slow movement of the Haydn trumpet concerto during school assemblies. The highlight of the year? No question. With the senior band under the baton of Joel Chernet, I played the Arban setting of the Carnival of Venice variations. That took a lot of practice. When we finally got to rehearse the piece and after we went through the first variation, the easy one, the band erupted in acknowledgement. Variations get harder, and on the first night of the two performances, I was shaking like a leaf. We got through it very well, and it is a moment I will surely never forget.

I also got the chance to further my knowledge of classical music by visiting the Lincoln Center library and taking out LP's and orchestral scores. It was an easy commute from school on the New York subway system. The year also included my taking part and being chosen for the All-City High School Orchestra, conducted by Leo Sevush. We had the great privilege of working with and practicing with the first chairs of the New York Philharmonic. It was there I got to know the late John Ware. A more-humble human being I have never met, but his talent was immense and unimaginable. I've told many people in our congregation the following story, but it deserves a public moment.

We were supposed to be going over the *firebird* by Stravinsky, but instead we went rogue and tried out a trumpet quartet by the jazz composer Don Gillis. It was all kind of bebop with difficult syncopations and next to impossible rhythms, at least for me. I'll face it, I was a chicken, for I knew before I went into my first rehearsal, that there were going to be a lot of trumpet parts in the key of C, while my main trumpet was in B flat. So, I bought a C trumpet that fit snugly in my case. One of us was missing that day, so we were down to three; John made a natural 4th player, but had not brought his trumpet. He asked me, "Gene, can I borrow your C trumpet"? I then made the first of many mistakes, by saying that the parts and are in B flat, and he will have to transpose down one whole step. I was so afraid of transposing up, he was going to sight-read a piece transposing in the rarer down direction! We got through the first movement of the piece. John played second; I played third. I easily missed half the notes and held my head in my hands afterwards. John then said excitingly, "let's go through it again, this time I wanted to make sure I got every note!" I then noted to myself that I would not be doing this as a career, and I was simply gob-smacked by the level of John's talent.

Things at the synagogue kicked into high gear. I learned how to daven the shacharit service on Rosh Hashanah, and learned how to blow shofar, both of these, from my Rabbi at the time, Morton Waldman (Z"L). Rabbi Waldman was a father figure to me. What a great honor it was to be invited for lunch at his home after Shabbat services (cholent!) During Hebrew high school I learned my first Mishnayot from him, Baba Metzia and Berachot. I kept learning from him into my college freshman year, but he died tragically of a heart attach at age 39. Rabbi Waldman was, at the time, the dean of JTS' Cantorial School. I had lost probably the most significant person in my life at the time. On the day of his funeral, I looked out my window on 78th Street. The synagogue was on 82nd. The cars had already been parked that far back. I walked over and was too dazed to understand what anyone was saying. I collapsed into the arms of Cantor David Tilman, whom I had only recently met at a Hillel Eastern Winter Institute, and cried. My world crashed around me, but I had already learned a lot. I had been given a great head start, unknowingly preparing for a career I had yet to consider.

# LISA RICHMAN

#### **DIRECTOR OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

#### **PARTNERS IN TIME**

Throughout the past four and a half years, the Religious School has held parent grade level events in the homes of various families. These were opportunities to socialize, get to know one another, laugh, catch up, have a nosh, do a few ice breakers and have some serious discussions...all without children present in most cases. There were discussions on curriculum, building bridges, and child rearing.

The conversations this year centered around where we want to see our children in the future. For the youngest grades, what tools do we want to provide them by the time they finish in the Religious School? For the oldest grades, what do we want to see in their apartments or homes in 15-20 years that lets us know they're holding on to Jewish traditions? Some parents shared that they want their children to have a basic knowledge of Hebrew, to respectfully participate in a Shabbat service and to be able to take on one of the roles in the Torah service. Many expressed a desire for their children to feel pride in their Jewish identity. Others mentioned that they want their children to be passionate about Israel, to want to go to Israel past B'nai Mitzvah age, to care about Israel and her existence, and to have meaningful connections with their Israeli family and friends. Some spoke of the aroma of freshly baked challah and the glow of Shabbat candles; of chanukiyot on a shelf and mezuzot on doorways.

The overriding question is, "How do we get there?" What can we do-together-to accomplish these goals?

If children think their Jewish education is over the day of their B'nai Mitzvah service, they may only come back on the High Holidays with their families or the service for younger siblings. They may not return until they have children of their own and want a Jewish preschool and Religious School.

After the B'nai Mitzvah service, children continue with their secular education. They continue with math, social studies, science, etc. Why, then, would they stop learning about their people and their heritage? Why not continue with what is crucial to their identity?

TBH-BE has put a lot of effort into teen programming. Our retention rate in seventh grade went from one student when I began in this position to an average 8-10 who now stay until June. We have the highest enrollment in LMAHH (Lower Merion Area Hebrew High). We are on a roll! And we have to maintain this momentum.

So, how do we get there? Is it a matter of us providing ritual objects - as gifts or as art projects - that can be used going forward? Is it fostering the friendships with the friends in Hebrew School through continued learning and fun opportunities to be together? Is it a matter of adults modeling what it means to be active in synagogue life and learning? (We have a large group of parents currently coming on Sunday mornings for our intensive Hebrew course! We will continue to offer courses upon request!)

Whatever the right answer is, it is up to all of us. We are partners in time!

See page 15 to learn more about our new adult education class offering: PRAYER being taught by Lisa Richman and Rabbi Witkovsky

# **DEBBIE GREENBERG**

#### SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

As I sit here writing this, my second to last Pharisee article, I can't help but be reflective on my tenure as Sisterhood President. We just shared a beautiful Shabbat for Sisterhood and Men's club, my first ever due to Covid. I will share bits of my Dvar Torah because I feel that it was impactful and pertinent.

The Torah portion Tzav, discusses the 5 different sacrifices that God asks of the Israelites, one is the sacrifice of well being and is likened to gratitude or Thanksgiving. As I prepare for Pesach and the delicious holiday smells are permeating through my house, I try to remember two important analogies. The first being that leaved bread tends to be puffy, which can be like our egos, full of ourselves. This is not the way one would be humbled with gratitude. We look to ourselves, especially around Pesach as unleavened. Our egos can hold us back. It is much better to reach for freedom, clean out and replace it with simplicity, gratitude for the every day wonders in life as well as our relationship to God. In addition, the word Matzah ends with the Hebrew letter "hey" which is an open letter, making us able to receive God and have space in our lives for God, compared to the Hebrew letter "chet", which is closed with no space to let Hashem into our lives.

I have felt such a strong connection to our synagogue and more so since becoming Sisterhood President. I can think of so many more things to be grateful for. I am a part of this wonderful, warm and welcoming community. Over the past, almost three years serving as the Sisterhood President, I have come to know so many more of you than in all my years of membership here. Our program calendar is so full that there are times when we need to decide, which event or activity to commit to? As they say, these are good problems to have.

I have been lucky to have a board behind me to support all the great ideas and help bring them to fruition. Our kitchen renovation, phases one and two are complete. Our gift shop has new volunteers, helping it have more availability to shop and support the shul. Mishloach Manot, once again was a huge success. Thank you to all of the volunteers that help in all the different aspects of pulling off Sisterhood's largest fundraiser. Our fund-raising efforts support the operating costs of the synagogue, including Kiddush lunches on non Mitzvah Shabbatot, contributions to the Welcome Back BBQ, and Scholar in Residence, to name a few. Most of you probably think Sisterhood is all social. Yes, that is part of it. We need everyone to be a part of any of what Sisterhood offers. Whether it be spiritual, Rosh Chodesh, educational, Book Club, social, Wedding Bingo, Latkes and Vodkas or, game night. There is a place for all of you. Just like somehow, there was a place for me. I never really knew until I tried, As the old commercial goes "try it, you'll like it!"

I did indeed try it, and I definitely liked it.

Please join with friends, myself and our wonderful board:

Cynthia Saltzman, Susan Schmidt, Taryn Wortman, Steph Kaplan, Julie Karp, Anita Dorf, Jill Cantor Burns, Melissa Richman, Sasha Coffiner, Charlene Powery, Dawn Berue, Rachel Dunaief, and past Presidents Robin Oriel and Robin Zwick.

We want you to find your place as we have. Sisterhood is a part of this dynamic congregation and a place for all.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

MAY 4TH Wedding Bingo: come dressed in any kind of wedding attire, amazing prizes to be won!

JUNE 5TH Installation and Closing Dinner: join and meet our new board.

WEEKLY HOURS AVAILABLE Shop our Gift Shop for any gifts including Judaica.

# SUSTAINABILITY @TBH-BE

#### **UPDATE FROM LEORA ZABUSKY**

The energy (clean and renewable) around Sustainability @TBH-BE is electric and beyond impressive! Last Fall, Rabbi Witkovsky communicated his desire to prioritize environmental consciousness amongst our community and more sustainable practices within our building. This makes perfect sense, given that we as Jews take seriously our commitment to be good stewards of this earth that we have been gifted. We also take seriously the notion of *l'dor v'dor* – our connection to those who have come before, as well as to future generations. To be the kinds of ancestors we want to be for our progeny, we know we can do better to protect our planet. We also know that we must do better – for ourselves, for today. For these reasons, I was eager to join the Rabbi in kicking off a sustainability vision and action plan for the synagogue. While each one of us can modify our behaviors in ways big and small, together, our impact is that much greater. And together, we are joining the tidal wave of faith-based and myriad other organizations that have declared climate action as an urgent moral imperative of our time.

Clearly, so many members share this collective call to action as we have already experienced phenomenal participation and thoughtful engagement in our Sustainability group. In just a few months of existence, we are on our way with:

- A building energy and lighting audit
- Reducing food waste (and thereby toxic methane gas) through composting
- Reducing use of plastic (90%+ of which is not recycled and ends up in landfills and ocean)
- Identifying sourcing for more sustainable versions of regularly used disposable products
- Evaluating cleaning supplies (mindful of the fact that toxic chemicals end up in our streams)
- Partnering with neighboring synagogues to raise community awareness
- Consulting with landscape company for planting recommendations that are best for native species and water conditions

While we are off to a fantastic start, we have a long way to go to meet our goals on each of these initiatives. Please do join us. Look out for the compost bin at kiddush to dispose of all waste (except plastic, metal and foil); support our use of paper cups, as opposed to plastic; join upcoming speakers and workshops; reduce disposables at home. And if you'd like to be part of the green team that is facilitating all this behind the scenes, we'd love to have you! (leorasz@gmail.com)

#### And now for a final piece of fabulous news:

The TBH-BE Board has voted to join the Jewish Climate Coalition, convened by Adamah. This Coalition is a growing consortium of roughly 200 Jewish organizations who have made a commitment to taking real action to operate in a more sustainable way. By joining the Coalition, TBH-BE has access to resources and best practices. Other Coalition members include JFNA, Hillel International, the Rabbinical Assembly, JCCs of North America, 70+ synagogues, and many more. Together, as an extended Jewish Community, we take on the serious obligation of mitigating our detrimental impact.

Climate Coalition membership, as well as all the synagogue's related efforts are a source of tremendous pride and hope. It is an honor to be a part of it all.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- -The earth is literally drowning in plastic. Only 5-10% of plastic gets recycled. We each consume a credit card's worth of plastic each week.
- -About a third of our waste is organic material that could be composted. If this waste ends up in landfills, unable to break down naturally, it releases methane gas which is 20 times more harmful than carbon dioxide.

# STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

#### FROM THE COMMITTEE

TBH-BE is developing a strategic plan, and we need your help! We want to hear from everyone — members and non-members alike. With Rabbi Witkovsky in the house and new programs on the horizon, we're excited for the future of our community. But we need your feedback to make sure we're headed in the right direction.

#### Here's how you can help:

- Fill out the survey. A confidential survey will be landing in your inbox soon. Keep an eye out we'll ask for your honest opinions on programs, priorities, and more.
- Participate in a focus group. After the survey is complete, we'll follow up with focus groups to dig deeper into the issues that matter most.

We will share the key takeaways from the survey and focus groups with the community.

Your voice is crucial to the success of the strategic plan, so please, please, PLEASE participate in this process — you'll be helping to shape the future of our shul.

**QUESTIONS?** Please reach out to committee co-chairs:

Jodi Miller at jodikmiller@gmail.com Len Feldman at Ifeldman67@gmail.com



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#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

## **GLENN "HURRICANE" SCHWARTZ**

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| Wednesday Evening | May 17 | 6:00 PM

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**GLENN "HURRICANE" SCHWARTZ** 

**WEDNESDAY | MAY 17 | 6:00 PM** 

All are welcome

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#### SHAVUOT WITH THE 10TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS

#### **SATURDAY | MAY 27 | 9:30 AM**

The entire congregation is invited to join the 10th grade confirmation students as they lead Shabbat Services and give the Dvar Torah. Services will be followed by a kiddush sponsored by the students' families.

#### ISRAELI SCOUTS

#### **WEDNESDAY | MAY 31 | 6:15 PM**

#### Open to the entire community | For all ages

Join us for a performance by Tzofim, Friends of Israel Scout Group. Following the performance, there will be dinner and a discussion with Rabbi Witkovsky, and the Scouts for our Patrons.

If your children are a part of Religious School or ECC that evening, please note that on the RSVP page.

#### TECH SUPPORT TEAM

#### Available for anyone in need of assistance

TBH-BE Teens are willing and able to help you with your technological necessities. If you are in need of assistance please reach out to Ken Krivitzky at kkrivitzky@tbhbe.org so that ne can pair you up with a Teen Support Person.



#### **ADULT EDUCATION**

#### PLEASE RSVP TO ALL PROGRAMS ONLINE AT WWW.TBHBE.ORG

#### PRACTICING PRAYER

T'filah Class: Participating in Prayer from an Educated place. Learn both practical skills and meaning of prayer from our Saturday morning liturgy.

Taught by Lisa Richman and Rabbi Witkovsky.

For those interested in taking this class please contact Lisa Richman.

#### JEWISH BOOK CLUB MEETING

#### **TUESDAY | MAY 9 | 8:05 PM**

Aphrodite and the Rabbis, by Burton Visotzky. For additional information, please contact Jonathan Grossberg at grossberg.jonathan@gmail.com

#### COME SING WITH US

#### SATURDAY | MAY 20 | DURING SHABBAT SERVICES

You are invited to sing *Samachti B'Omrim Li* by Charles Osborne.

An opportunity to sing, be with friends, and bring music to the TBH-BE Community.

#### REHEARSAL DATES

#### MONDAY EVENINGS | MAY 1, 8, 15 | 7:30 PM | TBH-BE SANCTUARY

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Eisen at am.we.ei26@gmail.com or amyweisen@me.com

#### **OLD HOLIDAYS/NEW TAKES**

#### MONDAY | MAY 24 | 12:00 PM

Shavuot Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Witkovsky.

#### TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

#### THURSDAY | MAY 25 | ALL NIGHT LONG

When was the last time you stayed up all night? Join us for Tikkun Leil Shavuot. Speakers, including Rabbi Witkovsky, Perry Dane, and numerous others! Lots of ice cream and snacks, and of course services with the sunrise (or a little before)!

#### **SESSIONS**

9:15 PM | 10:30 PM | 11:45 PM | 1:00 AM | 2:00 AM | 3:00 AM | 4:00 AM | 5:00 AM SERVICES

# YOUTH & TEEN EVENTS

#### PLEASE RSVP TO ALL PROGRAMS ONLINE AT WWW.TBHBE.ORG

#### TEEN & PARENT LEARNING WITH RABBI WITKOVSKY

SHABBAT AFTERNOON | 4:00 PM | MAY 6

For 8th-12th Graders and their parents

At the home of Rabbi Witkovsky

Post-B'nai Mitzvah learners and their parents are invited to join Rabbi Witkovsky for Shabbat Torah study, schmoozing, and fun!

#### YOUNG FAMILY KABBALAT SHABBAT

FRIDAY EVENINGS | MAY 12, JUNE 9 | 5:15 PM

For young families with Kindergarteners and younger, siblings welcome

\$48 per family, per shabbat

Join us for a Family Musical Kabbalat Shabbat With Singer/Songwriter Rory Michelle Sullivan followed by dinner. Bring your dancing shoes, and shabbat smiles!

If your family would like to join for services only, please feel free to do so starting at 5:15 PM.

#### SESSION ON ANTISEMITISM

**SUNDAY | MAY 7 | 7:00 PM** 

For 11th-12th graders

At the Home of Ranita and Ian Thomas | Dinner will be served

Join Rabbi Witkovsky to learn resources to address and challenge antisemitism and prepare yourself for the college campus experience.

#### JOURNEY TO BAR/BAT/GIL MITZVAH PROGRAM: 7TH GRADE SESSION

WEDNESDAY | MAY 24 | 6:00 PM

An opportunity to go beyond learning the synagogue skills that are covered in Bar/Bat/Gil Mitzvah tutoring.

Session Topic: "M'Shaneh Habriot" Individuality "Where do I go from here?"

#### BEETLEJUICE THE MUSICAL

THURSDAY | JUNE 1 | THE KIMMEL CENTER

CARPOOL LEAVING TBH-BE AT 6:15 PM | 7:30 PM CURTAIN CALL

For 8th-12th graders

\$25 per person

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Limited tickets available, first come first serve!

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#### HERSHEY PARK

SUNDAY | JUNE 11 | ALL DAY CARPOOL LEAVING TBH-BE AT 7:30 AM

For 7th-12th graders

We're ending such a sweet year together at the Sweetest Place on Earth! Thrills, fun, and of course, chocolate await us at Hershey Park!

# COME LEARN RESOURCES TO ADDRESS AND CHALLENGE ANTISEMITISM

WITH RABBI WITKOVSKY

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#### **WEDDING BINGO**

THURSDAY | MAY 4 | 7:00 PM All are invited! \$36 in advance | \$40 at the door

Join us for cake, raffles and prizes. Wedding attire is encouraged! (wedding gown, bridesmaid dress, tuxedo, wedding themed t-shirt, groomsmen or attendant attire, parent of the nearly-wed finery)



#### **BOOK CLUB MEETINGS**

For additional information, please contact Jane Rosen at jkrosen28@aol.com

#### A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE

By Delia Ephron

WEDNESDAY | MAY 10 | 1:00 PM

Reviewer: Lenore Forsted

#### THE ROSE CODE

By Kate Quinn
WEDNESDAY | JUNE 14 | 1:00 PM
Reviewer: Elaine Beck

CLOSING DINNER
MONDAY | JUNE 5

#### MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

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#### TZEDAKAH GAMES

**SUNDAY | MAY 7 | 11:00 AM** 

Open to the entire community

A fantastic fun-filled family day celebration of athletics and tzedakah! Games, sports activities for every age and ability, great food and entertainment.

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BOOK CLUB MEETING: ALL THAT SHE CARRIED

By Tiya Miles

ELLA'S PI(E) DAY

MONDAY | JUNE 19 | 7:30 PM At the home of Bob Steiner

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