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PURIM FESTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 @ 7:00 PM
PURIM SERVICE & MEGILLAH READING

Hear the Purim story!
Make some grogger noise! Come in costume!
(No Wednesday Religious School Classes)

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018
PURIM SHPIEL 10:30 AM
CARNIVAL 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO ENJOY GREAT PURIM ENTERTAINMENT AND CELEBRATION!

Purim is a wonderful day to invite friends and non-members to discover the excitement of our warm and welcoming Temple!

Games, Prizes & Inflatables
Balloon Creations & Facepainting
Lunch & Hamantaschen

CARNIVAL TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

SHARING JEWISH LIFE, FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

TEMPLE BETH DAVID

**THE HUNGRY NEED
OUR HELP EVERYDAY!**

Please try to bring a non-perishable item with you when you come to temple and place it in our food bin located in the lobby. We periodically empty the bin and bring these items to the food banks in Suffolk County to be distributed to the people who so desperately need them.





Rabbi's Message by Rabbi Beth H. Klafter

Last month I visited Christ the King Catholic Church here in Commack to speak with the seventh grade students there. Later in the school year Suzanne Richards, the Pastoral Associate there and my friend, will be coming to TBD to speak to our seventh grade students. These have become annual events as we introduce the young people (and their adult teachers, too!) to each other's religions.

I treasure these opportunities as we work to build bridges of understanding in our world where so often we focus on the differences among us. Before answering the many questions posed by the Catholic youth, I begin with the similarities in our religious communities. We all share the goal of reaching out to others with justice, care and love; we all teach that we must take responsibility for our own behavior and for improving the world.

Standing in the Church, I am able to dispel the myth that "all rabbis" have beards, wear long black coats and black hats. The students are always intrigued by the differences between their priest and my role as a rabbi. The students want to know: Can a rabbi be married? What does a rabbi do? Why did you become a rabbi? There are always a few who ask about yarmulkes!

Since these students are in seventh grade, their Jewish friends and peers are becoming Bar and Bat Mitzvah this year. In fact, a number of the students from Christ the King have been to Temple Beth David or will be here this spring to celebrate with their friends. The Catholic youth always ask about the process of becoming Bar and Bat Mitzvah; they are amazed that their friends can learn Hebrew. There are questions about Jewish holidays, food and customs: why do we eat chocolate coins and play dreidel on Chanukah? What are you allowed to eat? And does matzah taste good? One of the written questions asked, "What is *Russiansauna*?" I explained first that the holiday is called, "Rosh HaShana." On a more serious note, the students asked me if we have "reconciliation" in Judaism. I first had to learn what that means. Reconciliation is what I associated with the term, "confessional." This led to a discussion of how we seek forgiveness for our sins in the two different faiths.

My visits with the people at Christ the King are always rewarding and inspiring. I appreciate the candor and interest of the young people. Answering their questions about Judaism and about my own beliefs is affirming. I hope that in some small way I have opened their minds and their spirits to their neighbors. In doing so, I pray that we are able to join hands with those who may have different faiths and customs to repair our fractured world.

Rabbi Beth H. Klafter
—Rabbi Beth H. Klafter

Let's Celebrate Shabbat

A Program for Families with Young Children
(Toddlers – Age 5)

Stories
Arts & Crafts
Snacks
Songs and Blessings



February 2, 2018
May 4, 2018
@ 6:00pm – 6:45pm

NO CHARGE - All are welcome





*Cantorial Notes by
Rabbi/Cantor Audrey Halpern*

Dear Friends,

This month I will celebrate my birthday; so will Steve, and now that I think about it, so will Jonathan...thirty-three! Each year I have a flurry of feelings about birthdays – especially my own, to be completely honest. The numbers are becoming mind boggling and instead of thinking about whether I want something special for a gift, I think about how I look, how I feel and most of all, how incredibly grateful I am to be here. After all, though many of you may not remember, it was eleven years ago that we didn't know if I would live or die. Well, I defied the odds, and little did I know that the greatest joys of my life were still ahead of me.

In her touching and often poignant book, "Becoming Grandma," Lesley Stahl speaks about the unexpected wave of emotion she felt when her first grandchild was born. "I was jolted, blindsided by a wallop of loving more intense than anything I could remember or had ever imagined." I get it. When Becca went into labor in upstate New York, we piled into the car and set off for what was to be a life-changing adventure. We played games in our hotel room with our other kids who made the trek and when we were finally summoned to the hospital, Dan called us right into the delivery room where we dutifully brought our daughter-in-law the craziest combination of food I'd ever seen. But there he was, Miles – all nine pounds, four ounces of him and there they were - stunned by the labor, the birth and the magnificent little being that was now at the center of our family! We took turns holding him, marveling at him and falling in love, one by one, as Becca and Dan generously let him be passed around only moments after his birth. It was nothing short of magical. That same instant love was followed nine months later by Ari's birth to Jenny and Jon and then when our little granddaughter, Noa was born right in their NYC apartment only six months ago!

Why do I tell you about my becoming the "Mimi" of my own family? Because I, like Lesley Stahl, have sensed a cultural shift that is so subtle and so powerful that I thank God every day for the unparalleled joys I am blessed to be here to relish. It is, to be sure being Mimi to these three delicious babies, but it is also to be able to remain an engaged professional woman. This baby boomer generation of which I am a part, is forging new territory as we remain a powerful and productive group that is growing in number every day! Lesley Stahl asserts that we are beginning to feel the influence of this substantial group in our culture as well. Hanna Rosin wrote in *The Atlantic*, "Youth is no longer cool – or at least its hold on cool has weakened." She cites numerous sixty – plus-somethings who have been chosen by fashion industry executives to be the new face of beauty.

So the take away lesson for me as clergy/wife/mother and Mimi is that I needn't worry about a few lines here and there. Being a cantor/ rabbi/counselor and a grandmother and an ever-engaged member of society is not a novelty any longer. It is the latest and greatest in the history of women and I, for one, am thrilled to be part of it all. This birthday, then, is a celebration of strength for me personally, but also for women in general as we forge new territory in our culture and our world.

Finally, I cannot resist the temptation of turning my attention to what the Torah has to say about the blessing of our grandchildren. They say there are no accidents and so, I must remark that as I write this we are concluding the book of Genesis. Jacob summons his family to his deathbed, knowing his days are coming to an end. The first blessings he offers are given to his grandchildren (Gen. 48:12-20.) In my own modern interpretation of this deviation from the traditional order of blessing, I believe that the love we have for our grandchildren is less complicated, freer and as Lesley Stahl agrees, "...a depth of pure loving you have never felt before."

My prayer for all of you, then, my friends is that you, too, will enjoy this blessing of another generation – be it as a grandparent, aunt, uncle or close friend. May these joys come to enhance your lives with their unique and captivating rapture!

Cantor Audrey Halpern

L'shalom,
Cantor Audrey Halpern

TEMPLE BETH DAVID
INVITES YOU TO HONOR
CANTOR AUDREY HALPERN
FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO OUR CONGREGATION



We hope you will mark this occasion with a donation from your heart in Cantor Halpern's honor to the congregation's Economic Crisis Relief Fund, one of her most enduring and meaningful initiatives.

The purpose of the Fund is to enable all individuals and families to maintain their membership and enroll their children in our Religious School, regardless of their financial situation.

Every donation will be recognized on a commemorative plaque that will be installed near the Cantor's office in Summer, 2018. Your donation will allow our congregation to continue to open our arms to all who want to join us for many years to come.



- Benefactor \$10,000**
- Founder \$5,000**
- Partner \$2,500**
- Patron \$1,000**
- Champion \$500**
- Sponsor \$250**
- Friend \$100**

3-TO-1 DONATION MATCH
 A generous TBD family has announced they will add three times the amount of every donation to the Economic Crisis Relief Fund. We hope you will share in this remarkable gesture by choosing a donor level from the list.

Payment can be made via check or online at www.TBDCommack.org. For more information, please contact Beverly Wolcott at lbjrde@aol.com



TEMPLE BETH DAVID
 SHARING JEWISHLIFE WITH OUR SENIORS FROM 10 GENERATIONS

From the President's Desk

My immediate family was all home at the end of December, including my daughter's fiancé. When I mentioned that I had a Hakol article to write, my daughter Emily volunteered to write about her experience of being Jewish in Colorado.



I have been in Colorado for three and a half years. The mountains, the air and the people are all beautiful. I would highly recommend a visit (and please reach out to me if you do). But moving across the country at 22 was nothing short of shell shock. There were a lot of things I didn't know or understand about being an "adult" and there were many hiccups along the way. I learned and grew from each of them. Maybe one of my greatest hurdles was learning and understanding what it means to be a minority.

Growing up on Long Island, in the Dix Hills-Commack area, I never felt like a minority. There were always Jewish kids in my neighborhood and in my classroom. I never had to explain Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur; in fact, we got those days off from public school! People understood that the Jewish Sabbath was on Friday night, not Sunday. And even though I am sure Jesus was a great guy, people understood that as a Jew I have no connection with him.

Then I moved to Colorado. I work for a company that employs about 5,000 people and I know all the Jews. All ten of them! For the first time in my life, I wasn't met with Christmas AND Hanukah decorations during the Holidays. Not only did I not get Rosh Hashanah off from work, but now I had to explain to bosses and coworkers what this holiday was and why I needed to take the day off.

Now, where I work and live, most people are not Colorado-born natives, so plenty of people have lived and worked in other parts of the country, where they had at least MET other Jews. However, most people still do not know much about our culture and religion. And so, began my quest to educate people.

My fiancé's parents are probably some of the most warm and loving people I have ever met. They would bend over backwards for a stranger in need. They are down to earth people who worked hard as farmers their entire lives. Their dedication, determination, and passion influences everything they do. I was the first Jewish person they had ever met.

What could have been a very awkward, very unpleasant exchange, simply wasn't. I was someone they didn't understand and maybe I fascinated them a little bit. We spent hours together (and still do) talking about Jews, being Jewish, Israel, our culture, our language, and everything in between. With them there is no stone left unturned. They know I don't judge them for not knowing and they are never afraid to ask me something. What started with my fiancée's parents, became a family affair. Soon I was explaining to siblings, nieces, nephews about Jewish holidays, why and how people keep kosher. (They still haven't grasped that I have never eaten bacon).

I enjoy teaching them Yiddish words. I never realized how much Yiddish I use in my every day vocabulary until I had to explain it all. Words like shmutz, schlep, mensch, that I had always taken for granted, they had never heard before.

My fiancée's family have now lit the candles on Hanukah. They have listened to me say Motzi over bread at dinner. They have come to a Passover Seder (the jury is still out on the Manischewitz). They honestly enjoy learning about Judaism. They love that I share what makes me, me.

I've taken to teaching people about Judaism with a grain of salt. Not everyone cares like my in-laws. Colorado is nothing like New York's melting pot of cultures, languages, and people. For one reason or another, there will always be people who don't like people who are different from themselves. I spent many years in school learning how Jews were persecuted. I thought I understood what it meant to be different. Truth is, New York is a pretty cushy place to live and be a Jew. I have never suffered any prejudice and I've never worried about hanging a mezuzah on my door. But Colorado has taught me what being different means and I don't mind it one bit.

—Emily Brandsdorfer

Temple Beth David Congregational
SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE
FRIDAY, February 2nd at 6:45 p.m.



Dear Temple Families,

Please join us for a Shabbat Celebration!

On February 2nd, a Family Shabbat Dinner for all families will begin at 6:45 p.m., followed by Sixth Grade Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

The cost is \$10.00 per family (for the main course of roasted chicken). Extended family is welcome to join us for an additional \$10.00. We are asking each family to also provide a side dish (dairy-free and nut-free please) or beverage according to these guidelines:

Last names A – E: salad

Last names F – J: Two bottles of apple juice (or other non-carbonated beverage)

Last names K – R: Vegetable dish

Last names S – Z: A starch dish (such as potato or rice)

Please return this form and payment to the School Office by **January 29th** to secure your reservation. We will not be able to accept reservations after this date.

Temple Beth David Religious School

Family Shabbat Dinner & Service

FAMILY: _____

We will attend the Shabbat Dinner:

_____ # of Adults _____ # of Children

_____ Enclosed is payment of \$10.00 per family.

Reservations are required by **January 29**



Shirley Offman Religious School News

Spring is in the air? That's hard to believe considering the frigid temperatures of late! On the last day of January, we celebrated Tu B'Shevat, which is considered the first spring holiday in Israel. "Tu" is not really a word; it is the number 15 in Hebrew; ergo, we know Tu B'Shevat falls on the 15th day of the Hebrew month Shevat each year. This holiday is also known as the "New Year for Trees." The purpose of calculating the age of a tree comes from the Book of Leviticus in the Torah. It states that fruit from trees may not be eaten during the first three years; the fourth year's fruit is for God, and after that, we are permitted to eat the fruit. In this way it is necessary to know the age of a tree, so that we can know when it is permissible to eat of its fruit.

There are a few customs associated with Tu B'Shevat. One custom is to plant trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund, either in honor, or in memory of someone. The Religious School has distributed tree order forms to the students and anyone may stop by the Religious School office and pick up a form. This is a wonderful way to show support for Israel.

Another custom is eating foods from the "Seven Species"-Shivat Haminim. These are foods described in the Torah as being abundant in the Land of Israel. The foods are: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. I think now we should add hummus to the group, post-Bible, because it has become so popular here!

In the Sixteenth century, Kabbalists developed a Seder that in concept is similar to the Passover Seder, but ascribes spiritual significance to the seven species. At our Fourth and Fifth Grade PACT Foundation Program we conducted such a Seder, reciting blessings and sampling some variations of the seven species. It was very spiritual.

Another contemporary element of Tu B'Shevat is awareness and appreciation of our living world. The students discuss the many ways society benefits from trees and how important they are to mankind. We talk about the value of reducing waste and the importance of recycling. Don't forget that the Religious School collects used ink cartridges, old cell phones and small electronic devices on an ongoing basis to recycle. We are always looking for ways to help our school and more importantly, our planet!

On Friday night, February 2 at 6:45 p.m., we are having our second Congregational Shabbat dinner. Following dinner, at 7:30 p.m., our sixth graders will participate in the Shabbat service. Everyone is welcome to join us.

For our upcoming Purim holiday, hamentaschen cookie order forms are available in the Religious School Office. You will find the hamentaschen to be "sinfully" delicious.

I hope this month of February brings warmth, peace, and love to all.

Shirley Offman

Religious School Calendar Reminders:

- February 2—Congregational Dinner—6:45 pm
- February 6— Fifth Grade Wedding—5:00 pm—Mrs.Gilbert's class
- February 7— Fifth Grade Wedding--5:00 pm—Mrs.Hertel's class
- February 11—Second/Third Grade Family Program—
9:00 am-11:00 am
- February 18-25 —No Religious School classes
- February 26—Classes resume
- February 28—No Religious School—Purim Service—7:00 pm



Mrs. Hollander's students flipping over latkes!

Spotlight on Sisterhood

As I write the February, 2018 *Hakol* article, we have just finished digging out from the Blizzard of 2018. Hopefully everyone has survived the last two weeks of snow and frigid temperatures! We would like to thank Glenda Kresh and Debbie Friedman for presenting us with a peek into Spring by hosting the Tu B'Shevat Seder which was held at the end of January. We enjoyed each other's company and had a "warm" discussion.

Thank you to everyone who knitted and crocheted the many beautiful baby blankets that enabled us to make a large donation to the River Fund Foundation. We were happy that these blankets were welcomed and appreciated by those who are less fortunate than we.

February will again be jammed-packed with many Sisterhood activities. To begin the month, the Cultural Arts Committee will be hosting a **jewelry making activity** on **Sunday February 4 at 9:00 a.m.** Our instructor will be artist Michelle Lesser, who will help us design a wire-wrapped tree of life pendant. All materials will be provided. Although registration is officially over, there may be a few limited openings, so please contact Toni Spring at 516-810-4080. Light refreshments will be served.

Then, on **Tuesday February 8** we are having a **Sisterhood Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.** On **Tuesday February 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Social Hall, Rabbi Klafter, assisted by Cantor Halpern, will be teaching us how to **make challah**. This program is for old and young alike, so please join us as the rabbi shares her mother's secret recipe!!

Looking forward to warmer weather as we enter March, there are two Sisterhood events to mark on your calendar. The first activity, on **March 15 at 7:30 p.m.** is **Ladies Night "Out"** as we host our annual Bingo night at the temple. Please watch for more details via email and in *Hakol*. Our second big event on **March 18** is the **Great Harlem Bus Tour**, stopping at the Apollo Theater, and following with lunch at Sylvia's. Buses will depart promptly at 8:30 a.m. from the temple. Continue to watch for additional details. The payment for this trip is due **no later than February 10**. If you have any questions about the trip, you may contact Toni Spring 516-810-4080. We hope we offer something new and/or different for the women of TBD to participate in. Please join us at any or all of these events. Don't be shy!

Finally, it's not too late to join the Fashion Show Committee! Please email Robin Prager if you are interested at Robin.Prager@gmail.com.

Barbara Klein and Holly Dornfeld
Sisterhood Co Presidents

JBD Chai Club

Several Chai Club members got together at Sheila Eisinger's house on Sunday, January 21 for games, refreshments and camaraderie. A good time was had by all. Scrabble and mah jongg topped the list of games, and some non-players spent time shmoozing. A little music, provided by Joyce Shaw, was in the mix, too. Stay tuned for information on future events.

—Sheila Eisinger



Did you know that the TBD Religious School collects "Box Tops for Education?" Over the years we have earned hundreds of dollars to support our programs with donations of Box Tops. Please bring your Box Tops to the School Office or simply drop them in the folder outside our Religious School office door.

AA Meetings - "New Soil"

Sundays 11:30 a.m. Open meetings
Thursdays 7:00 p.m. Closed meeting

All meetings are held at: Temple Beth David

Please join the ladies of Sisterhood as we learn the

The Art of Challah Baking

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall



**Rabbi Klafter will be teaching and enlightening us.
Cantor Halpern will be the "assistant baker."**

Rabbi's mother, Corinne, was an expert baker, cook and teacher. Challah was her specialty. Rabbi Klafter is excited to share her family legacy with the TBD family. At the end of the program we will take our dough home to bake.

This program is for young and old alike, so the whole Mishpocha is welcome to join us!

PURIM HAMANTASCHEN ORDER FORM

You haven't really celebrated Purim at Temple Beth David until you have eaten one of our Hamantaschen!



Name: _____

Teacher's Name (if applicable): _____

Phone: _____

Return form and payment by Wednesday, February 14th to the Religious School Office.

Please order in whole pounds only:

\$9.00 per pound

\$25.00 for any three pounds

_____ lbs. Apricot

_____ lbs. Poppy

_____ lbs. Prune

_____ lbs. Raspberry

Enclose a check payable to Temple Beth David ("Hamantaschen" in memo line") OR

Charge to MasterCard or Visa (\$25.00 minimum):

Card # _____

Expiration date: _____



**TEMPLE BETH DAVID SISTERHOOD
CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE**

Invites you to join us as we learn to make
Wire-wrapped tree of life pendants

Artist Michelle Lesser will be teaching us

Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 9 a.m.

Cost is \$18 per person

Learn a skill and spend time with friends!

All materials will be provided and you will be able to take your
jeweled creation home with you that day.*



(NOTE: * If you have jewelry pliers, especially needle nose or round tip needle nose, please bring them with you; we want to make sure that everyone will be able to work at the same time. Thanks!) - **RSVP by January 28, 2018 -**

Temple Beth David
Israeli Dancing



Sunday, February 11th 2018

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us in the Social Hall

Led by Jill Cohen. Open to all ability levels. All are welcome!

Temple Beth David Sisterhood *presents*
The Great Harlem Bus Tour

Come join us as we explore Harlem's Jewish past.



Sunday, March 18, 2018

\$96 per person, all inclusive



A fun-filled jam packed day awaits as we board a Bus at TBD

BUS LEAVES PROMPTLY @ 8:30 a.m.! Don't be late; we cannot wait!

Our day includes a private tour of the Apollo Theater and lunch at famous Sylvia's restaurant. We will view vestiges of Jewish life embedded in buildings which once housed synagogues, the original Temple Israel and Anshe Chesed, We'll pass by the first JCC and see where the beloved Jewish storyteller Shalom Alechem lived . We will also stop outside Harry Houdini's brownstone and discover his "Shenanigans" in Harlem. Additionally, we will stroll through Astor Row, the street the Astors built, now known as Little Savannah. Our tour ends at approximately 4 p.m.

Sisterhood members will be given first priority for this all inclusive experience. RSVP and payment for Sisterhood must be received by January 15th.. Thereafter we will be open to all congregants with RSVP and payment due no later than February 10th. Hurry! Space is limited!

Make checks payable to Temple Beth David Sisterhood

Name _____ Sisterhood member : Y N e-mail _____

attending _____ Amt. enclosed _____ Phone # _____

TEMPLE BETH DAVID BROTHERHOOD INVITES YOU TO THE 2ND ANNUAL

Blues Flight

MARCH 24TH, 2018 8:00PM

STARRING LONG ISLAND'S

Kerry Kearney Band

(Special opening act to be announced. You won't want to miss it!)

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF

Blues & Brews

Bring your favorite beer or wine, plus a little extra to share. Try some new brews and enjoy some great blues!

Munchies will be provided.

WATCH FOR DETAILS TO BUY TICKETS ONLINE

\$15 prepaid, \$20 at the door (18 & over) Guests welcome!

Questions? Email CoopNYLI@aol.com

Seating is Limited

Don't Wait!



TEMPLE BETH DAVID

JUST IN TIME FOR THE NEW 5 CENT BAG LAW THAT TOOK EFFECT IN SUFFOLK COUNTY ON JANUARY 1, 2018, ISAIAH 58 IS SELLING REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS.

THE BAGS ARE \$5 EACH OR 3 FOR \$12.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE BAGS, PLEASE CONTACT ROBIN KAIN IN THE TEMPLE OFFICE 631-499-0915. IF YOU ARE PAYING BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE IT PAYABLE TO: "ISAIAH 58."

YOUR PURCHASE WILL HELP SUPPORT ISAIAH 58 AND THE ENVIRONMENT.





The US Embassy Move to Jerusalem

Last fall I started writing articles about Israel because it is often in the media but is not always portrayed in a positive light. This month I will focus on President Trump's recent historic, controversial decision to acknowledge Jerusalem as Israel's capital and the promise to move the United States embassy there from Tel Aviv. The main questions one might consider are: 1) Why did he do it? 2) Does this affect the "Peace Process" and 3) Is this good for Israel? I will address this first from Trump's and then from the Israeli's perspective.

Trump's position seems to be that he was carrying out his campaign promise and that he believed this would advance the "Peace Process" by taking a non-negotiable item for Israel and Jews off the bargaining table.

- His position is that he was acknowledging the reality that Jews have been in Israel for over 3000 years. They are the longest surviving indigenous people of that region. In 1004 BCE, King David declared Jerusalem to be the capital of the first Jewish kingdom. Jerusalem became the epicenter of religious, cultural, spiritual and political life for the Jewish people. It is where our two Temples stood, our prophets preached and all Jews today, wherever they live in the world, face to pray.
- Unanimously approved by both Democrats and Republicans, the US senate passed the Jerusalem Embassy Act in 1995. Every President since then agreed that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and that our embassy should be moved there. However, fearing the move would jeopardize the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, the US never moved it.
- The reality however is that since 1993 the Palestinians, under the influence of the Islamic doctrine that once a land has been conquered by Muslims in the past it should always remain theirs, have rejected every peace offer (at least five) without even a counter proposal. Trump felt that Israel and the US would have nothing to lose by trying something different.
- Trump also distinctly said that 1) the US Embassy would be in West Jerusalem and 2) that negotiations for the sacred "Old City" (where our two Temples stood on the Temple Mount and the Western Wall is located in what is considered East Jerusalem where the Palestinians say they want their capital) would be left up to the two negotiating parties.

For most Israelis this decision was ho-hum. They know where their capital is and has been for the past 3000 years. Our bible mentions Jerusalem hundreds of times. The Quran, written 1000 years later, never mentions Jerusalem.

- Israelis are used to the majority of the world having an anti-Israel point of view. Many Israelis also believed and seem to be correct that the local and worldwide Muslim reaction to Trump's announcement would be more overblown in the media than it actually is.
- Since every country in the world has a sovereign right to determine its own capital, Israel designated West Jerusalem as its seat of government in 1950. They built their Parliament (the Knesset), the Supreme Court, the Prime Minister and President's residence in West Jerusalem.
- Most Israelis believe the location of their capital is their business, that it should be recognized by everyone and should never have been considered a bargaining chip, especially to a group that seems to never want to give Israel any legitimacy. They believe Trump's declaration to move the US embassy to West Jerusalem finally gives the official seal of approval to what they believe is merely a fact.

By an overwhelming majority, American Jewish groups from the right, center and left agree that Trump made the right decision to move the embassy to Jerusalem. Opinions differ on whether it was the right time. Whether you, the reader, agree or disagree, I hope this article is informative and promotes discussion.

—Debbie Friedman

Adapted from articles on the websites of "mythsandfacts.org", "algemeiner.com" and "jta.com", "Wikipedia", Speeches made by President Trump, Nikki Haley and Benjamin Netanyahu.

MISS CHOCOLATE PRESENTS PASSOVER 2018

Orders Due March 14!

Dear Congregant:

We will be conducting our annual PASSOVER CANDY SALE during the months of January & February. This year we are pleased to feature Miss Chocolate and Bartons along with Old Time Delights kosher for Passover candy choices and a great kitchen essentials brochure featuring items for around the house. All are perfect for the holiday table or help around the house. If you are interested in purchasing and supporting our organization, please fill out the order form below & mail it back with the correct payment. Your check must accompany your order. Please make check payable to our organization. Thank You for your support!

Note: Items can be viewed online and purchased online shipping directly to you on our website at www.misschocolate.com

ITEM #	PASSOVER ITEMS - PAREVE	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL \$	ITEM #	PASSOVER ITEMS - DAIRY	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL \$
2529	Pizazz Fancy Fruit Slices/8oz.		\$8.50		2508	Bartons Cashew Butter Crunch/8oz.		\$11.50	
2535	Bartons Dark Chocolate Matzah/10oz.		\$15.00		2531	Bartons Milk Chocolate Lollycones/2.5oz.		\$6.50	
2541	Bartons Dark Chocolate Seder Mints /6oz.		\$10.00		2542	Bartons Milk Choc. Almond Caramel Cluster/5.5oz.		\$11.00	
2560	Bartons Dark Chocolate Almond Bark/5oz.		\$11.00		2553	Bartons Milk Choc. Caramel Daisies/5oz.		\$10.00	
2564	Bartons Dark Choc. Covered Macaroons/8oz.		\$12.00		2562	Bartons Milk Chocolate Matzah/10oz.		\$15.00	
2642	Bartons Dark Choc. Cov. Matzah Crackers/8oz.		\$11.00		2590	Bartons Almond Kisses/10oz.		\$14.00	
2580	Jennies Choc. Drizzle Coconut Macaroons/10oz.		\$12.00		2593	Bartons Milk & Dark Chocolate Asst./8oz.		\$17.00	
2598	Jennies Dbl. Choc. Sea Salt Macaroons/10oz.		\$12.00		2525	Bartons Chocolate Trio (#2542, #2541 & #2553)		\$28.00	
					2585	Bartons Matzo Combo (#2562 & #2535)		\$28.00	
ITEM #	OLD TIME DELIGHTS	QTY.	PRICE		ITEM #	OLD TIME DELIGHTS	QTY.	PRICE	
2573	Chocolate Covered Ring Jells/9oz.		\$9.00		2575	Choc Covered Cherry Flav. Marshmallow/9oz.		\$9.00	
2540	Chocolate Covered Marshmallow Twists/9oz.		\$9.00		2550	Sesame Crunci/8oz.		\$9.00	
2582	Chocolate Combo (#2573, #2540 & #2575)		\$25.00						
ITEM #	KITCHEN ESSENTIALS	QTY.	PRICE		ITEM #	UNIQUE STYLE	QTY.	PRICE	
3212	Dual Electric Salt & Pepper Mill		\$24.00		3335	Space Monster Popsicle Mold		\$12.00	
3373	3-Section Caddy w/Carry Handle		\$18.00		2001	Satin Hangers - set of 6		\$7.00	
1881	Glass Press & Measure Bottle		\$14.00		4018	Omelet Maker		\$8.00	
7673	Double Spiral Slicer		\$14.00		1040	Trunk Organizer		\$22.00	
3276	Cheese & Cracker Cutting Board		\$18.00		5739	Cap Organizer		\$17.00	
4617	Kitchen Scale		\$8.00		3410	Potato & Onion Bag		\$14.00	
TOTAL COLUMN A =				\$	TOTAL COLUMN B =				\$
					(Transfer from left) TOTAL COLUMN A =				\$
					GRAND TOTAL =				\$

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Chicken Soup	\$5.00 per quart
Matzoh Balls	\$1.75 each

Gefilte Fish	\$3.50 each
Chopped Liver	\$22.00 lb.
Seder Plate	\$20.00 each

SIDE DISHES

Sweet Potato Souffle	\$6.00 lb.
Broccoli Soufflé'	\$6.00 lb.
Roast Red Bliss	
Rosemary Potatoes	\$6.00 lb.
Carrot Tzimmis	\$6.00 lb.

ENTREE

Whole Roast Chicken (Qts)	\$15.00 each
Brisket of beef	\$25.00 lb.

TRADITIONAL DINNER PACKAGE - 12 PEOPLE

Choose one (1) appetizer

Includes

12 Slices Gefilte Fish
2 lbs. Chopped Liver

3 Qts. Chicken Soup & 12 Matzoh Balls, 4 Roasted Chickens
2 Side Dishes - 4 lbs. each

\$190.00 + tax.

Total _____

Please place your order by March 15, 2018.

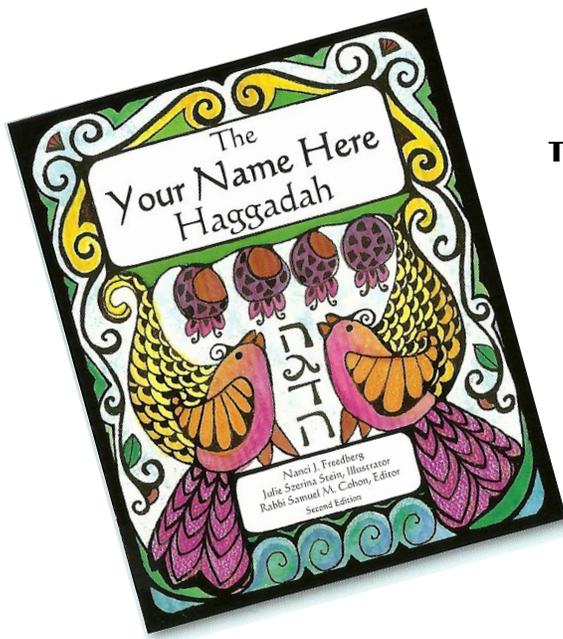
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What's Happening at TBD — February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 pm New Soil Meeting	2 6:00 pm Young Children Shabbat Program 6:45 pm Congrega- tional Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Service with 6th Grade and Scouts & Birthday Blessings	3 9:15 am Torah Study & Service
4 9:00 am Sisterhood Breakfast Meeting w/Jewelry Making 11:30am New Soil Meeting	5 6:30 pm Hebrew HS @TBD 8:15 pm Execu- tive Committee	6 5th Grade Wedding	7 5th Grade Wedding	8 7:00 pm New Soil Meeting 7:30 pm Sister- hood Board Meeting	9 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	10 9:15 am Torah Study & Service
11 9:00 am 2/3 Grade Family Program 11:30 am New Soil Meeting 1:00 pm Israeli Dancing 6:30 pm 6/7/8 Youth Group	12 6:30 pm Hebrew HS @TBD	13 7:00 pm Sister- hood Challah Making 6:30 pm 4/5 Youth Group	14	15 7:00 pm New Soil Meeting 7:30 pm Budget & Finance Committee	16 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	17 9:15 am Torah Study & Service
18 No Religious School 11:30 am New Soil Meeting	19 Temple Offices Closed No Religious School	20 No Religious School	21 No Religious School 8:00 pm Isaiah 58	22 No Religious School 7:00 pm New Soil Meeting	23 8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Anniversary Blessings	24 9:15 am Torah Study & Service
25 No Religious School 11:30 am New Soil Meeting	26 6:30 pm Hebrew HS @TBD 7:15 pm Connections Comm. Mtg. 8:15 pm TBD Board Meeting	27 7:00 pm Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang 8:00 pm Brotherhood Planning Meeting	28 No Religious School 7:00 pm Purim Service	1 7:00 pm New Soil Meeting	2 7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings	3 9:15 am Torah Study & Service 10:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Service



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Friday, February 2nd

Shabbat Yitro

6:00 pm Young Children Shabbat Program

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

with 6th Grade, Scouts &
 Birthday Blessings

Saturday, February 3rd

9:15 am Torah Study and Service

Friday, February 9th

Shabbat Mishpatim

8:00 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 10th

9:15 am Torah Study and Service

Friday, February 16th

Shabbat Terumah

8:00 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 17th

9:15 am Torah Study and Service

Friday, February 23rd

Shabbat Tetzaveh

8:00 pm Shabbat Service

with Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, February 24th

9:15 am Torah Study and Service

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