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Schedule of Worship Services

Friday, March 2	6:00 pm
Shabbat Service/Purim	
Saturday, March 3	10:00 am
Friday, March 9	6:30 pm
Tot Shabbat	
Service	7:30 pm
Saturday, March 10	10:00 am
Bar Mitzvah—Cole Wolford	
Friday, March 16	7:30 pm
Service and Gotthelf Memorial Lecture	
Saturday, March 17	10:00 am
Bat Mitzvah—Ava Bergman	
Friday, March 23	7:30 pm
Musical Service featuring Jacob Kraus	
Saturday, March 24	10:00 am
Friday, March 30—First Seder, No Service	
Saturday, March 31	10:00 am
Friday, April 6	10:00 am
Yizkor	
Service	7:30 pm
Saturday, April 7	10:00 am
Friday, April 13	6:30 pm
Tot Shabbat	
Service & Birthday and Anniversary Blessings	
Saturday, April 14	10:00 am
Bat Mitzvah—Ava Cahn	
Friday, April 20	7:30 pm
Service and Tikkun Olam Lecture	
Saturday, April 21	10:00 am
Women of Chai Shabbat Service	
Friday, April 27	6:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat	
Saturday, April 28	10:00 am
Bat Mitzvah—Lindsey Klein	

Save the Date!



PASSOVER SECOND SEDER

Come Celebrate

with Your Temple Beth Tikvah Family

Saturday, March 31, 2018
6:00 p.m.

For more information, see flyer and registration form inside this bulletin.



From Rabbi/Cantor Meeka Simerly

Different Journeys

As some of you have heard me say before the Silent Meditation on Friday evenings, I encourage our congregants present at the service to “pause in silence for a few moments, and use the opportunity to look in our Mishkan T’filah Siddur for a reading, prayer, blessing, or inspirational quote that reflects where you are, at this time, on your own spiritual journey.”

As I am writing these lines, a group of us is about to embark on Temple Beth Tikvah’s tour of Israel in just a few days. This will be a special journey for me; spiritual in a sense that I have never led a touring group in my own birthplace, the Land of Israel, which represents the core, the center of Jewish existence to most Jews in the world.

This tour, of course, is one of the highlights of my career as a Reform Jewish clergywoman, and don’t worry - you WILL get to hear all about it via messages in my blog, as well as photos and a lecture or two as a follow-up to our tour.

But for this newsletter, I would like to share with you another journey, that two beautiful women granted me the honor of being a part of, for a short period of time. These two women, of their own choice, became Jewish. This is one of the most moving experiences I have had as a rabbi so far. This experience enabled me to feel an utter sense of gratitude and appreciation of our tradition and heritage: welcoming two precious souls into our midst.

Since I had grown up Jewish, in my younger days I had never really considered why someone would choose to adopt a new faith, and choose us, Jews, as his/her tribe. In fact, the idea that someone would elect to be part of a heritage that has been persecuted, ridiculed, slaughtered and shunned since we became a People – really puzzled me.

However, when I encountered these two women, who without a doubt were drawn to Judaism, and decided to become Jews themselves – I realized how privileged I have been to accompany them on their soul’s journey toward self-actualization.

Throughout this journey, Kerry and Nadia, who have been studying with me, and with one another for quite some time, granted me an opportunity to look at our tradition with fresh eyes.

Upon completing intensive studies, we decided on a date for the ritual of immersing in the *mikveh* (living waters), followed by a *beit din* (lit. court of law; homage to the ancient court of “Three Orthodox male rabbis”). Our *beit din* consisted of two female rabbis and one male cantor, all reform. As each of the women emerged from the waters – they received a new identity and a new Hebrew name they chose for themselves.

“Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God” says the Book of Ruth (1:16). These are the timeless and moving words of Ruth the Moabite, as she declares her devotion to her mother-in-law Naomi, and Naomi’s God and People.

Jewish tradition views Ruth as the exemplary convert to Judaism. She pledged her loyalty and devotion to the Jewish People and to God, and in return she was welcomed and treated with kindness, as one of our own. These are the core principles of the Jewish attitude toward those who would choose to become Jews. It must be their own choice, never forced or pressured. Anyone who chooses to walk the path and become a Jew, is to be welcomed wholeheartedly into the community, with kindness and generosity of spirit.

Some of us (family and friends of Kerry Skolnick and Nadia Bacher) were able to stand on the Bimah together, to participate and bear witness to a simcha of these two women. One journey has ended (to become Jewish), and a new one has just begun, to be Jewish.

So, in the silence of your own prayer, your temple or sacred environment, I would like to invite you to pause for a few moments and ask: “Where are you on your own spiritual journey?”

Happy journey, shalom, and see you all when we get back from Israel!

Your Loving Rabbi Meeka,
February 15th 2018





Educator's Message ~ Marian Kleinman

Sign up your child or children for free Jewish books All about PJ Library and PJ Our Way

It was always delightful and delicious to read to my daughter when she was small, and we still, at times, talk about the books and stories we read together. As you already know, reading with your children is so important!

PJ Library sends free, award-winning books that celebrate Jewish values and culture to families with children ages 6 months through 11 years old. Your child can start receiving books at six months old and can continue receiving them every month for many years. Kids in the US who are older than 8 continue their PJ experience by signing up for "PJ Our Way," the next chapter of PJ Library for kids 9-11, when they turn 8-1/2. PJ Library chooses and shares Jewish stories that can help your family talk together about the Jewish values and traditions that are important to you.

PJ Library is free to families forever, but of course books and programs cost money. Thousands of donors work together to help pay these costs. Also, PJ Library isn't affiliated with any Jewish movement and has a wide variety of partners from every corner of the Jewish world. PJ stands for pajamas! These books can be enjoyed any time of day, and they are free!

Study after study has shown that reading impacts a child's development. Even the mere presence of books in a home increases the level of education they can reach. Since finding the right books and making the time to read as a family can be challenging, PJ Library is a great way to add to your book collections or to start building a home library.

PJ Library mails more than 180,000 books every month in the United States and Canada, and so far, over twelve million books in total have been mailed in the US and Canada.

I hope you'll sign up! All you need to do is go to their website, pjlibrary.org, click on the sign-up button, and complete the necessary information. It takes only a minute or two! I look forward to hearing from you about your PJ Library reading experiences.

Important Note: Please watch your email for School Registration information! You will soon receive a link to the Religious School enrollment form for the 5779 (2018-2019) Religious School year. We need to start planning our budget, hiring and re-hiring teachers, ordering supplies, and so much more. Please help us streamline the process by completing and returning your forms *right away* upon receipt. You will continue to be billed in the usual process during the summer.

I look forward to seeing you here at TBT.

Hugs and blessings!
Marian
973-595-6565, ext. 16
mariantbexec@optonline.net

March - May Dates for your Calendar

March

School in Session all month
Friday, March 2 – Purim service (6:00 pm) – wear a costume or fun hat!
Friday, March 9, 6:30 pm – Tot Shabbat
Friday, March 23 – Shabbat Dinner and Musical Service with Song Leader Jacob Kraus
Saturday morning, March 24 - Grade 6 Shabbat service (tentative)
March 30 – First Night Pesach
March 31 – TBT Second Night Pesach Seder – sign up and bring your friends!

April

April 1 – 6 - Pesach
Tuesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 5- No Religious School (Pesach/ Wayne Schools closed)
Friday, April 13, 6:30 pm – Tot Shabbat

May

Friday, May 4, 6:30 pm – Tot Shabbat
Tuesday, May 15 - Last Day of WHH
Thursday, May 17 - Last Day of Religious School
Friday, May 18 (7:00 pm, TBD) – Confirmation/Shavuot (Grade 10) – with Shomrei Torah



President's Message

Joan Gottlieb

Passover is one of my favorite holidays. Having grown up in a very secular home, we did not celebrate all of the Jewish holidays. But Passover was a holiday that we always looked forward to. My aunts and uncles would come over to my house for a Seder, and all of my cousins would be there. Every year we would have the annual debate, which were better, matzoh balls like grandma would make (sinkers), or like my mom would make, (floaters)?

My mom would cook for days, potato kugels and brisket, special chicken recipes and vegetable dishes. Our table groaned with the weight of all of the food. My father would find the hottest horseradish he could for the gefilte fish, and it wasn't hot enough unless the red crept all the way up his forehead and his eyes teared! "Oh, that was good!", he'd say.

My husband, Steve, makes matzoh brei every morning for himself and for whichever of our children may be currently in the house for breakfast. These are all part of my memories and my family's traditions.

As Temple President, I believe in respecting our Temple traditions. I also believe we need to accept change, something that is so difficult to do and even harder to embrace. It's always such a balancing act and changes from person to person and family to family. I encourage input and feedback from all of you as we work to maintain our traditions and try to bring in new ideas to keep us current. I wish every one of you a joyous Passover, filled with family, traditions, old memories and the chance to make new ones, and of course--wonderful food!

I would like to gratefully acknowledge the angels who made donations over and above the Mt. Tikvah campaign to cover the costs of marketing, postage, and materials to thank all of you. Our Mt. Tikvah funds remain intact to be used for our operating budget and to provide financial stability for TBT.

Thanks for your support!

Joan

Here's How You Can Reach Us

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Join our Religious School Committee!



We invite parents and interested congregants to join our Religious School Committee. Our Religious School Committee acts as an advocate for the educational programs of our Religious School. The purpose of the committee is to enhance and encourage the continued Jewish growth and development of our students.

The Committee works with parents, clergy, and our educator to establish policies, help facilitate special Religious School functions, and assist with Judaic fundraisers. In partnership with the clergy and our educator, the committee engages in ongoing study and evaluation of the Religious School, its goals, and its objectives. It's the main liaison between the school and the Temple Board of Trustees.

The Committee is made up of a group of dedicated, hard-working volunteers committed to Jewish education and our congregation. Meetings are held every month, with an occasional summer meeting.

Come join us!

Michelle Jacobs
Religious School Committee Chair



March & April Highlights



Please note these important dates on your calendar

Sunday, March 4	Caring Community Breakfast — 10:00 am
Friday, March 9	Tot Shabbat — 6:30 pm
Thursday, March 15	"Thursday Funday" (for children 6 and under) with Emily Schuman — 4:15 pm Women of Chai Judaica Craft Night — 7:00 pm
Friday, March 16	Gotthelf Memorial Lecture during Shabbat Service — 7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 20	Tea, Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Meeka — 12:30 pm
Friday, March 23	Caring Community Shabbat Dinner — 6:00 pm Jacob Kraus Musical Service — 7:30 pm
Monday, March 26	Board Meeting — 8:00 pm
Saturday, March 31	Passover Second Seder at TBT — 6:00 pm
Friday, April 6	Temple Office Closed/Last Day of Passover
Saturday, April 7	Tea, Torah & Teaching "Pesach, part II" with Rabbi Meeka — 11:00 am
Monday, April 16	Lunch & Learn at the "Y" with Rabbi Meeka — 12 noon Board Meeting — 8:00 pm
Thursday, April 19	"Thursday Funday" (for children 6 and under) with Emily Schuman — 4:15 pm
Friday, April 20	Shabbat Dinner — 6:00 pm Rabbi Israel Dresner Tikkun Olam Lecture during Shabbat Service — 7:30 pm
Saturday, April 21	Women of Chai Shabbat Service & Lunch — 10:00 am
Tuesday, April 24	Senior Daytime Program with speaker Shirley Laiks — 1:00 pm
Sunday, April 29	Harmony Singers Concert — 3:00 pm



Passover Candy Sale



OPEN TO ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS!
Support the Religious School while you enjoy the candy!

Deadline for orders March 8, 2018

**Order forms are available in the Temple office
Please make checks payable to:
Temple Beth Tikvah Religious School**

For online orders only, please use school code: 701822

**For questions regarding the candy sale,
please contact Elysa Siegelheim at 551-404-2956 or erhammer72@aol.com**

TOT SHABBAT



FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN
Up Through Age 8

COME MAKE A SEDER PLATE
with Emily

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018
6:30 P.M.

TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH
950 Preakness Ave., Wayne

Save the Dates for Upcoming Friday Tot Shabbats at TBT
April 13, May 4, & June 8



Women Of Chai Judaica Craft Night



Passover Craft with Ellen Jaffe

Thursday, March 15, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Temple Beth Tikvah
950 Preakness Ave, Wayne, NJ

Come Design & Paint Your Own Glass

Miriam's Cup
or
Matzo Plate

\$18 Members \$25 Non-members

Cost per person includes the Matzo Plate or Miriam's cup.

Please bring a food donation for the WIN Pantry

Please RSVP by Friday, March 9

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Preselect item you wish to paint Miriam's Cup Matzo Plate

Make check payable to Temple Beth Tikvah & mail to:

Temple Beth Tikvah
Attention: Women of Chai
950 Preakness Ave.
Wayne, NJ 07470

THURSDAY FUNDAY!

FOR CHILDREN 4 & UNDER

MARCH 15, 2018

4:15-5:15

- MUSIC AND MOVEMENT
 - STORYTIME
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
 - INSTRUMENTS

TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH
950 PREAKNESS AVENUE
WAYNE

FREE PROGRAM
INSTRUCTED BY EMILY SCHUMAN

FUTURE THURSDAY FUNDAY DATES:
APRIL 19 & MAY 17

Y O U, R E I N V I T E D

A Very Special Presentation for Our Annual Gotthelf Memorial Lecture

Friday, March 16
7:30 Erev Shabbat Services

Presenting Former Temple Beth Tikvah Member
and Contributor of Our Sanctuary's Czech Torah

Eric Mayer

on

My Life of Resistance
and Holocaust Survival:
1933-1947



Eric Mayer and his brother lived through the Nazi terror of Kristallnacht in Worms, Germany as children. Afterward, they were sent to France where they were hidden from the German occupying forces for the remainder of the war. However, far from hiding, Eric joined the French Resistance as a courier and continued to fight Nazi oppression from afar. Today, he speaks of his experiences to schools, organizations and synagogues, serving as a role model of how a boy stood up against the impossible and how as a man he continues to do his best to make sure none of us ever forget.



Pictured here is Eric Mayer as he stands in the Jewish cemetery in Worms in 1988 as he talks to a reporter from a French newspaper.

**Don't Miss This
Extra Special
Gotthelf Memorial
Lecture!
An Outstanding
Opportunity for You,
Your Children &
Grandchildren!**

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The Wayne Interfaith Network (WIN) Food Pantry Needs Your Support



The WIN (Wayne Interfaith Network) Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items. Currently, the pantry provides food to 85—90 families. When you come to Temple, please try to remember to bring something with you for the pantry. Food donations can be placed in the donation collection box outside the Temple office. If you prefer, you can also make gift card or cash donations.

Something to keep in mind....sometimes when people move, they dispose of food. If you know of anyone moving that would like to donate any of their non-perishable food, please let Bill Rothenberg know and he will pick up the food for the food bank.

Any donated food must have current expiration dates; otherwise it will be discarded. PLEASE, NO PASTA since it is currently in abundance.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Rothenberg at 973-694-8997.

Tea, Torah & Teaching An Hour of Learning with Rabbi Meeka

Tuesday, March 20th 12:30 pm★
Jewels of our Liturgy
Pesach Is More Than Matzah!

Saturday, April 7th 11:00 am★
Celebrate Shabbat together
Torah Portion, *Pesach II*

Saturday, May 19th 11:00 00 am★
Torah Portion, Shavuot & Haftara, Ruth
Why Do We Eat Blintzes On This Night?

Saturday, June 2nd noon★
Torah Portion, Numbers, *B'haalot'cha*
Did Moses Say Mishebeirach for Miriam?



★**Lunch and Learn session.**
Please bring a bag lunch.
Coffee, tea & dessert will be provided.



Invites Everyone to a
Shabbat Dinner

Preceding a Musical Service
with

Nationally Renowned Jewish Song Leader
Jacob Kraus



Friday, March 23, 2018

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Adults \$20.00/pp

Tweens & Teens \$10.00/pp

Under 10 No Charge

Respond with a check payable to **Temple Beth Tikvah**

Barbara Goldstein
603 Four Seasons Dr.
Wayne, NJ 07470
gbarbara@optonline.net

Harriet Stein
55 Darlington Dr.
Wayne, NJ 07470

Judy Frost
47 Hurst Terr.
Wayne, NJ 07470



PASSOVER SECOND SEDER

Come Celebrate
with Your Temple Beth Tikvah Family

Saturday, March 31, 2018
6:00 p.m.

For All Generations

Rabbi Meeka will guide us through the festive Passover Service
Songs and Activities for All

Pot Luck Family Dinner

Bring a ready-to eat entrée or side dish to share

A Family Fun Event

Religious School Students can earn worship service attendance credit
Middle School and High School students can earn community service hours

See the Registration form for more information



PASSOVER SECOND SEDER

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PASSOVER SECOND SEDER REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

CASTING CALL

We are looking for Readers, Singers and Seder volunteers. Students can receive worship service credit and community service hours. See Marian Kleinman for details.

I _____, would like to be a Seder helper.

DINNER RESERVATION

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018

Please let us know how many people will be coming & your contribution to the Pot Luck dinner.

Make a Ready-to Eat entrée or side dish of 3 lbs or more.

If you are unable to cook, please contribute the "Meal Supplement" fee below, so we may purchase an item on your behalf.

Special "Kosher for Passover" meal can be arranged at an additional fee.

Food must be Kosher Style for Passover (No dairy, pork, shellfish or grains e.g. bread, rice, pasta, corn, flour)

	# of Guests	Seder Price	Meal Suplement (if unable to cook)	Subtotal
SINGLE	____	\$18/pp	____ \$18/ single	\$ _____
COUPLE	____	\$36/couple	____ \$36/couple	\$ _____
FAMILY (UP TO 4 people)	____	\$40/family of 4	____ \$40/family of 4	\$ _____
Additional Adult	____	\$18/pp	____ \$18.00/pp	\$ _____
Additional Child	____	\$5/pp	____	\$ _____
Total: \$ _____				

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ SEATING REQUEST: _____

DINNER CONTRIBUTION (3 lbs or more) : _____

For reservations, please return this form and payment to: Temple Beth Tikvah,

950 Preakness Ave. Wayne, NJ 07470

For any questions, please contact: Michelle Silodor 973-207-8741 mdsilodor@optonline.net or
Hope Haiman at hopehaiman@yahoo.com



SAVE THE DATE!

April 20, 2018

Congregation-Wide

Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 PM

followed by the

7th Annual

Rabbi Israel Dresner Tikkun Olam Lecture

at 7:30 Erev Shabbat Services

(Past Speakers Have Included Ambassador Andrew Young, Letty Cottin Pogrebin, Al Vorspan and Rabbi Eric Yoffie. Who will be our guest this year?)

Watch your e-mail for more details soon!



of Bergen and North Hudson

When talking to a friend is not enough...

Life's challenges can often leave us feeling lost. Whether one is new to a community or a long time resident, loneliness, stress and depression can be the natural result of our over-scheduled lives. Jewish Family Service is available to help you come to terms with some of these issues, and to develop coping strategies. Whether someone is experiencing financial stress, marital discord or other relationship challenges, help is available. We are also available to consult with and for children who may be going through life stresses of their own.

All calls are confidential and are handled with sensitivity to personal values. Please feel free to contact Paula Rozner at 201-978-2529; paular@jfsbergen.org.

*Thank
You*

I would like to extend a heartfelt
thank you to all who made a
donation in honor of my second
Bar Mitzvah and my grandson
Darin's Bar Mitzvah.

Jerry Stockhammer



Women of Chai

Invite you to our Annual Women's Led Service

Saturday April 21st at 10:00 AM

We are looking for women to participate as well as congregants to come and enjoy the service

Services will be followed by a light luncheon

Anyone interested in participating, please contact Barbara Reiss by April 6th
973-694-7478 or
bobsreiss@aol.com

YOU'RE INVITED

SHIRLEY LAIKS ON PROMINENT AMERICAN JEWISH POLITICAL FIGURES



**TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH
SENIOR DAYTIME PROGRAM
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018
1:00-3:00PM**

There was a time when American Jews seeking public office was rare. Today, American Jewish politicians make up a distinctive and influential group of our country's politics, whether in cities, states or on a national level. Come and hear about people like Bloomberg, Kissinger, Lieberman, Schumer and many others, and their connection to their Jewish heritage. Learn some new facts about our Jewish American politicians as Shirley gives one of her always interesting talks.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

FREE TO ALL SENIOR TBT MEMBERS

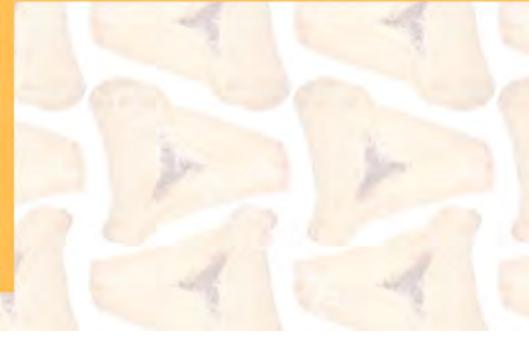
Open to All Other TBT Members & Non-Members at \$5.00 Each
For more information or to join our Senior Daytime Event mailing list
Call Barbara Reiss 973 694-7478

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Religious School Students Bake Hamantaschen



Thanks to the many parents who assisted on Thursday, February 1st., as our Religious School children enjoyed learning how to shape triangles out of dough to create and bake hamantaschen in our TBT Kitchen. It smelled delicious here and the children enjoyed tasting samples! We baked and froze nearly 400 hamantaschen cookies and will enjoy them at our many Purim gatherings.



TBT Purim Carnival is a Hit!

Thanks to the caring leadership of Kerry Skolnick and Ellen Goldin, this year's Purim Carnival was a blast! The children enjoyed the games, the celebration, the prizes, the snacks, and the gift baskets. Thank you to the many parents and friends who helped behind the scenes and who prepared and donated baskets, including Diane Berkowitz, Karen Donofrio, Taryn Glassman, Ellen Goldin, Joan Gottlieb, Marcy Hiller, Randi London, Herb & Emily Schuman, Stefanie Shore, and Kerry Skolnick. Shout out to Meredith Rinas, Marie Tomasko, and Jesus, who were on hand throughout the process to make this event a fun success.



"Accessorize Yourself" with Women of Chai

The Women of Chai recently held an "Accessorize Yourself" event where members had the opportunity to learn tips and tricks for restyling their wardrobe. Our ladies picked up simple styling ideas and had the opportunity to shop for a great cause at the same time.



Caring Community

We are delighted to, once again, welcome Jacob Kraus to our bema to lead us in a musical Shabbat Service on Friday, March 23. Jacob is the grandson of Bob and Bobbie Kraus, long-standing members of Temple Beth Tikvah. The Caring Community is sponsoring a Family Shabbat Dinner preceding the service at 6:00 PM and a festive Oneg following the service chaired by Barbara Goldstein, Harriet Stein and Judy Frost. By now you have received flyers with details. Do not miss this wonderful evening. For reservations, please call one of the chairmen:

Barbara Goldstein, 973-956-9421

Harriet Stein, 973- 942-3743

Judy Frost, 973-694-5394

The Caring Community continues to lend a helping hand to our congregants. A few ways we help is by providing rides to local doctors' appointments, setting up at a house of Shiva, providing a meal and doing light shopping for congregants returning from the hospital or Rehab, and calling and/or visiting ill and homebound congregants.

Brochures listing what we do and whom to call if you need us was sent to you with your High Holiday Request Forms. They are also in the rack next to the coatroom in the temple or call the temple Office for a copy. Please do not hesitate to use it.

If you wish to do a mitzvah by giving an hour or two of your time this year to help your fellow congregants, please fill out the **Tikkun Olam Pledge Card** in the temple on the table as you enter the sanctuary or stop into the Office for a copy and return it to the Temple Beth Tikvah Office.

Please join us at our next **Caring Community Breakfast Meeting on Sunday, March 4, 10:00 AM** and find out how we help the members of our temple family.

Adrienne Migdale
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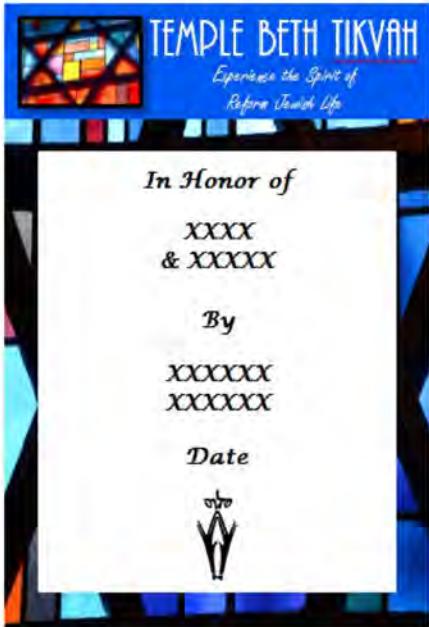


TBT Religious School Presents Wedding Skit

On January 25th, our 5th graders presented a wedding skit as part of their classroom studies on Jewish life cycles. The children in the younger grades enjoyed seeing the skit and learning more about the rituals involved in a Jewish wedding.

The fifth graders did an awesome job!





Dedicate a New Siddur!

We invite you to join us in marking the historic occasion of Temple Beth Tikvah's 60th Anniversary by dedicating one or more prayer books. You can honor or memorialize a loved one by dedicating one or more copies of our New Mishkan T'Filah Siddur with a tribute donation of only \$54! A bookplate will be placed in the dedicated book(s) and a tribute acknowledgement will be sent. Please fill out the form below and mail it with payment to Temple Beth Tikvah, 950 Preakness Avenue, Wayne, NJ 07470. Please make checks payable to "TBT" with "New Siddur" in the memo section.

Dedicated by: _____ Phone: _____
(as you would like it to appear on the bookplate)

Email: _____ # of books dedicated _____ x \$54 = _____

This Gift is: In Memory of In Honor of In Appreciation of

_____ (one bookplate per book)

Please include name and address if you would like an acknowledgement card sent to someone.

Name & Billing Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Thank you for your contribution to Temple Beth Tikvah!



Temple Beth Tikvah

Creating a Path Forward

An Engraved Paving Stone Fundraiser

Building a Legacy for You and Your Family

One Brick at a Time

**Honor a Family Member * Celebrate a Life Milestone * Memorialize a Loved One
at the Front Entrance of Temple Beth Tikvah**

Zone A—\$360/paver Zone B—\$270/paver Zone C—\$180/paver Zone D—\$108/paver

BUY-A-BRICK ORDER FORM

See the Legacy Walkway Layout in the TBT Entrance (Coming Soon)!

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No one is mandated to attend and some cannot attend for various reasons. There are usually four Mondays and four Thursdays in a month. Coming even one day every month would help. We are a religious institution. Although we want to continue the Morning Minyan, we cannot without participation. TBT is a community and we do not want to see the minyan die. This would be a sad day for the Temple. We are asking that those who are available to come at least one day each month. Please think about what the minyan offers. We recite prayers for mourners, for those who are ill, for those planning a trip, for our servicemen and other special life events.

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NOTES FROM THE UNITED NATIONS

By Estelle Perry

The split between policies championed by the UN and those advocated by the US continued to grow with President Trump's December announcement that the United States recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, which, as could be expected, was not well received by the Palestinians or the majority of UN Member States. Before a vote condemning the US policy co-sponsored by Turkey, a NATO ally, and war-torn Yemen, the recipient of substantial amounts of US humanitarian aid, Nikki Haley, the US Ambassador to the UN, threatened retaliation against any State voting against U.S. interests, but a majority of the General Assembly passed the resolution anyway, although a number of states abstained.

Of greater concern to many Mid-Eastern analysts the US position on Jerusalem undermines its stated desire to help broker a peace agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians, and probably also destroys any remaining hope of creating a two-state solution. In accord with these fears, Palestinian leaders refused to meet with Vice President Pence during his January Mid-Eastern visit at which time he nonetheless announced the US embassy would be moved to Jerusalem as soon as next year.

Unfortunately, more controversy regarding UN policies affecting Israel appear to be on the horizon: a 16-page report released January 31st by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights states that 206 companies are involved in doing business with West Bank settlements, considered to be illegal under international law. An article in *the New York Times* February 1 indicated the report, initiated by a UN Human Rights Council resolution passed at its March 2016 session, is expected to be discussed at its March session this year. Names of the companies involved are not expected to be released until further research is completed. Concerned that the report will provide additional impetus to boycott firms doing business with Israel, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee is urging Congress to pass the Israeli Anti-Boycotting Act currently pending in Congress according to the *Times* article.

Those who accuse the UN of Anti-Semitism might consider that Jewish communities in Israel and the diaspora are themselves split on many of the policies that divide UN Member States. Moreover, many UN activities are highly regarded by Jewish organizations, including the annual UN activities held to commemorate Remembrance of the Holocaust. In this regard, a briefing was held on January 31st for non-governmental representatives and guests and telecast by the UN; related exhibits were displayed in the UN's lobby during January and February.

The briefing, moderated by Kimberly Mann, Chief of the Educational Outreach Section of the UN Department of Information included talks by Sarah Kaldanow, a representative of the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center of Westchester; Evelyn Sommer, the Chair of the North American Jewish Congress; David Michaels, Director of UN and Inter-communal Affairs for B'nai B'rith International; and Jason Sirois, the Anti-Defamation League's Director of its No Place for Hate Initiative. Speakers emphasized bolstering knowledge and documentation of historic events; opposing messages targeting minority groups; guarding against genocide; developing good analytical skills to accurately assess the truthfulness of messages; and countering hate messages with effective anti-hate messages rather than attempting to ban them, thereby protecting freedom of speech rights.



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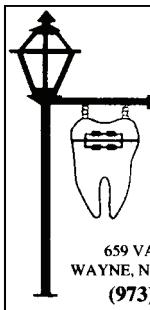
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