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Rabbi's Message by Rabbi Beth H. Klafter

As we begin the month of December this year, we will be nearing the end of the Hebrew month of Kislev. There are several interesting facts about this month.

Most Hebrew months are 29 OR 30 days long. Kislev can be either 29 or 30 days. The options enable the Jewish months to be calibrated to coincide appropriately with the holiday cycles. Depending upon what we consider the first month of the year, Kislev is either the ninth month or the third month. Nissan, the springtime month when we celebrate Passover is one of two 'heads of the year.' Counting from the first of Nissan, Kislev is the ninth month. On the other hand, more often we consider the first of Tishri, Rosh HaShana, the 'new year,' in which case Kislev is the third month. Another calendar fact is that Kislev can begin on any day of the week except for Shabbat.

According to the calculations about the Great Flood in the time of Noah, the rains began on the 17th of Cheshvan and continued for 40 days. Thus, most of the rain that fell, fell in Kislev and ended on the 27th of the month – this year coinciding with the first day of December. And, of course, after the flood, Noah and his family, and the animals were able to leave the ark and begin anew. According to this calendar reckoning, the anniversary of the first sign of the rainbow in the sky falls in the first days of our current (secular) month.

The rainbow after the flood reminds me of the lights of Chanukah which also shine during Kislev. In the darkest season of the year, when the days are the shortest, we kindle the flames of Chanukah candles. Light literally helps us find our way out of a dark space, like the flashlight we find when the power goes out. Light is also symbolic, of course, of finding our way out of darkness of pain, or sadness, or ignorance, or injustice. The promise of the rainbow and the celebration of Chanukah both offer such light and inspiration.

Lastly, the spelling of the name, Kislev, is meaningful as well. Its Hebrew letters are: *Kaf, Samech, Lamed, Vav.*

כסלו

In Gematria, all letters of the Hebrew alphabet have numerical values and the sum of their values point to new insights. In this case, the letters add up to 116 (Kaf = 20, samech = 60, lamed = 30 and vav = 6). Using 116, when we

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Clergy Reflections by Rabbi Audrey Halpern

 $oldsymbol{D}$ ear Friends,

We all know that we learn from our children in addition to teaching them whatever we can impart. This morning I was listening to the D'var Torah of our students. As I thought about the message of our B'not Mitzvah it became clear that they learned important life lessons. From dealing with isolation to truth telling and family dynamics, these girls really thought about and extract-

ed meaning and relevance from the words of Torah.

I recently had guests at my new home who were visiting and also eager to check out our renovation since they are planning a remodel of their own. As the couple walked in, the husband innocently exclaimed, "Oh, look, there is the stone you didn't want!" to his wife. Her jaw dropped and she was speechless. I quickly laughed and reassured her that it was fine, no offense taken. She said, "if you think that's bad, you should have heard him tell my sister last night that her chicken dish was just so-so."

In Parshat Toldot Rebecca and Jacob deceive Isaac. They want to trick him into giving his blessing to Jacob instead of Esau. It prompted the rabbis of the Talmud to discuss the idea of truth telling and lying or deception. Now, in a perfect world there would be no lying, only truth, but if we all look ourselves in the mirror, we know that we have lied. The rabbis reassure us that there are actually times when a blatant truth is not the correct judgment.

The example often cited is that it is always a suitable lie to tell any bride that she is beautiful. In fact it is a mitz-vah. Just as in most talmudic explanations, the derivatives are clear. If it is the right thing to tell the bride (who might not be typically described as beautiful) that she looks beautiful, the same could be said about our friend's sister's chicken, or even my stone.

In some cases we can say nothing at all and that is just as acceptable, but the inherent lesson is that the truth, while important and certainly an aspiration, can also be unnecessarily hurtful and we should care about the feelings of others when we share our reactions and opinions.

As we light the Chanukah lights, may we be reminded of the Maccabees and their bravery, and may we also find illumination in the lessons of Torah that guide our steps and lead us on paths of kindness and gentleness.

Chag Chanukah Sameach!

Rabbillanta Duckey & Falgura.

Grandma's joy

comes from a phone call

that creates

a sweet breeze

blows past worry's worn old face

trims her prayers with lace

--Sandy Wicker





Message from President Craig Cooper

 $oldsymbol{H}$ appy Chanukah!

With Chanukah coming so early this year, I'm not sure if this column should say "Have a Happy Chanukah" or "Hope you had a Happy Chanukah." So, I'll split the difference and remind you that our wonderful clergy and many temple members will be

leading at-home candle lighting via Zoom every evening of the festival. Check the latest Megillah email for times and details.

With this said, I wanted to share something else with you, and hope you're ready to laugh as much as I did. When my wife Tammy and I tuned in for a Shabbat service a while back, there was a new feature offered by Zoom – closed captioning. As technology advances in quantum leaps, there are now voice-recognition algorithms on YouTube and other platforms that can pick out spoken words, even if there's music playing in the background, or the cheers of people at a sporting event.

And now Zoom has stepped into the fray. If you click the little "CC" icon on your device, a split second after Rabbi Klafter says "We begin our service on page 106. Please rise" her words magically appear on the screen. Cantor Halpern sings "How sweet it is" and Zoom blissfully types "how sweet it is" on your screen. The capitalization or punctuation may be imperfect, but it's simply amazing.

But Zoom never planned on people switching from English to Hebrew. Their state of the art algorithm delivers a state of utter chaos, as the poor Zoom data system "listens" to the speaker and tries to figure out what to do with anything more complex than "Shabbat Shalom." Somewhere, there is a devastated computer programmer (are they even called that anymore?) watching his or her closed captioning brainchild fail miserably.

How miserably? The night Tammy and I tried it for the first time, exasperated congregants were sending messages in the Zoom chat window, "CRAIG, WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE CLOSED CAPTIONING??" I had to resist the urge to write back "HOW ON EARTH SHOULD I KNOW? TRY TO FIGURE IT OUT!"

It was so strange, I was compelled to save the word-for-word closed captioning from the service. In the digital equivalent of trying to fit a square peg into a round hole here are some actual examples of Hebrew being mangled into English captions. I will leave it to you to figure out what the Hebrew words were:

Kiyoshi him later on he puts a theater. Woo Hoo Tommy Bahama unit total for the new movie genre. Comments how tie. On top of the har, oh. Hello. Hello. How you. Hi your wishing on the show. Toby emo, maybe in Target. So much heroes for me, me me.

It's funny in a way, but it's also a sign of our times that many of us are still using our own home as our sanctuary, and depending on new technology to help us navigate new ways to work, to shop, to interact, and yes – to worship.

I will admit that when I'm at services, and something is being sung or spoken in Hebrew, I rely almost completely on the English translation on the facing page of our *siddur*. It's sort of in-person closed captioning. Praying and singing in Hebrew in a sanctuary full of fellow Jews has always been a powerful part of my religious expression, and my family's time at Temple Beth David has given us all the opportunity to learn and get more from our worship. I hope it has for you as well.

A year ago, my *Hakol* column described the approach of the Winter Solstice – usually on December 21. It's the day each year with the least amount of sunlight. You probably don't need a reminder of the dark place most of us

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Scouts, Trailblazers, Pathfinders, Explorers: A History of Women Rabbis

A Four-Session Adult Education Series on Zoom Taught by Rabbi Klafter

> TBD Zoom for the New Year TBD Zoom for the New Year Meeting ID: 833 2788 9752 Passcode: 5782100

2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Sally J. Priesand, the first woman publicly ordained as a rabbi. Yet, her groundbreaking ordination, which opened the door for subsequent generations of women, was preceded by the impactful lives of other, lesser-known female scholars and community leaders.

Topics & dates:

"Scouts" on Tuesday, November 23rd @ 7:00 pm "Trailblazers" on Tuesday, November 30th @ 7:00 pm "Pathfinders" on Tuesday, December 7th @ 7:00 pm "Explorers" on Tuesday, December 21st @ 7:00 pm

Come to one or as many sessions as you like!

This curriculum was created by Rabbi Lisa Levenberg for the Women's Rabbinic Network in Honor of the 50th Anniversary of Women in the Rabbinate



Margie Gursky Religious School News

The sixth night of Chanukah is often reserved for *tzedakah* rather than giving and receiving gifts and has been aptly named, "Ner Shel Tzedakah," the candle of tzedakah. When we give to those less fortunate, we also inspire others to join us in our goal to repair the world, to fight against hunger, illness, environmental challenges, and educational disparities.

Call it a pre-Chanukah miracle, but even during a pandemic, dozens of Religious School families came out on Mitzvah Day to help repair the world and fight against some of society's scourges. Students, parents, teen volunteers, and teachers spent their Sunday morning participating in activities to benefit our community. Our parents, teachers, and student aides (Rachel Steinert, Ilana Kaplan, Jacob Seto, Gita Seto, Jake Alpert, Jen Reynolds, Steven Reynolds, Macs Radner) led the families with several activities: making 24 dog toys from donated t-shirts that were then donated to Little Shelter; making 3 fleece blankets and 18 cards for Gurwin residents; and another 18 cards

were sent to Jewish soldiers. Debbie Morrison led the families in making bags of fun for less fortunate children; Bennett Vogel (and his dad) with some help from Macs Radner led the students in looming hats for Dolan patients (this was such a success that he has continued to do this with TBD families every other Sunday!) In addition, the Goodman and Harvey families ran the food drive at Shoprite and came back with a ton of food donations that Isaiah 58 organized, packaged and delivered to those in need.

One activity, however, benefited our TBD community directly: The reorganization of the Library in Room 5. Amanda and Graham Sokolowski and a few other students undertook this seemingly overwhelming task. Next time you stop by TBD, please check it out and feel free to borrow a book from our shelves. Or keep one of the FREE books on the cart in the hallway.

Since it is Chanukah now, why not borrow a book from our holiday section. On the free books cart, there are two books about Chanukah. *The Chanukah Book* provides information about the meaning of Chanukah as well as dozens of Chanukah projects that families can do to celebrate the holiday. *All the Lights in the Night* is a children's picture book about a Russian family looking for a Chanukah miracle while on a difficult journey.

We also have books on Israel (biblical and modern), Jewish history in America and elsewhere, Jewish Life (life cycles, rituals, traditions), prayer books, books about prayer, Jewish art and literature, Holocaust and antisemitism books, Hebrew Bibles, commentaries and other Jewish sources, Jewish women's health, Jewish holidays, and children's chapter books and picture books, and so much more. I hope to see you here browsing through the library shelves this year!

Enjoy the rest of Chanukah with your families and maybe try out the Ner Shel Tzedakah tradition on the sixth night!









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turn to the Chapter 1 of Genesis, verse 16, we read from the story of the creation of the world: "And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars." Thus, embedded into the very essence of its name, Kislev is a month which brings us light.

When we look to the name, we can also read two smaller Hebrew words: "Kis" and "Lev." Kis is a pocket and Lev is a heart. Thus, Kislev is a 'pocket of the heart.' In these last days of this month, Kislev calls upon each of us to reach into our own pockets, places of safety and sometimes places of hiding, to bring out our hearts – hearts full of light and love – into an otherwise dark world.

Rabbi Beth H. Klaftur



Year End Tax Planning - Donating to Temple Beth David

2021 is fast coming to close. Now is the time to take advantage of the available tax benefits of donating to Temple Beth David.

If you itemize deductions, you can donate to the temple and get a tax deduction. You can mail your check to the Temple, drop it off at the temple office or go to our website.

Donating appreciated stock will generate a deduction for the fair market value of the stock AND avoid any potential capital gains tax.

Those over the age of 70 ½ who are taking required minimum distributions from their IRA (RMD's) can make a gift of up to the amount of the RMD or \$100,000 (whichever is less) directly from your IRA to the temple without having to pay income taxes on the money. This Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) does not generate any taxable income nor a tax deduction so you can benefit even if you don't itemize your deductions. Since the distribution/donation does not count as income, this may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security benefits subject to income tax as well.

Please consult a tax or financial advisor about your individual situation.

Chai Club

Chai Club members met for lunch to wish our Snowbirds a healthy, happy winter. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in the spring when the weather is warmer. For information about joining the Chai Club, contact Sheila Eisinger at seising2@gmail.com.



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News from Isaiah 58

Can it be that this year is almost over? Looking back at Isaiah 58's activities in 2021, we packed in community service despite the pandemic. All year long, Isaiah 58 Social Action Committee members kept buying food, making monetary donations and purchasing gift cards each month. With the enthusiasm of our whole congregation and religious school, we donated over 1200 pounds of food from our Food Drives. We sent money to Long Island Cares to support their efforts and partnered with the SYJCC to deliver food to families in need. We donated school supplies, books, Bags of Fun and collected needed

items for donation at our annual Mitzvah Day. Our beloved PB&J sandwich project has new leadership with Caryn Cantley at the helm. Mid-December will be the next session so look for information regarding sign-up. Many thanks to Cara Millman and Carol Weintraub for their volunteer service leading PB&J and making sandwiches and delicious lunches that fed hundreds of children! Hat Looming Club, under the direction of Debbie and Bennett Vogel, continues through the wintertime when warm hats are needed most. Hat Looming meets on Sunday mornings at the temple so look for their meeting dates.

Looking ahead, we are excited to celebrate 25 years of Mitzvah Day at TBD on May 1, 2022 and hope you join us for the Friday night service on April 29, when honorees will be recognized for their longtime dedicated service.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Thanksgiving Food Drive! We are grateful to YOU! Bags and bags of donated food were given to families who are experiencing food insecurity. Our mission continues into the new year; with vaccines, masking and social distancing to keep us safe, more charitable events will be back in person at TBD!

On behalf of the Isaiah 58 Committee, Happy Chanukah! We welcome new members to join us knowing that "many hands make light work."

Our next meeting is on December 15, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

—Jane Gaines Isaiah 58 Chair

Peanut Butter & Jelly Project



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.



Temple Beth David's Thanksgiving Food Drive







.....what you're doing and join our lay led group.

Haftorah Study Session No special skills or Hebrew reading required. Mondays at 2 p.m. at TBD Shabbat Service and Torah Study Saturdays at 9:15 a.m. at TBD Page 11 HaKol

Listerhood

The year is just flying by! As I write this article it is almost Thanksgiving and Chanukah. I want to say how thankful I am for all the women who have become great friends since I have become Sisterhood President. Even though most of my presidency has been virtual, it still has been very rewarding. My term as President is up in June and we are looking for some new women to become leaders of the Sisterhood. If you are reading this and thinking that maybe you would like to give it a try, please contact me or any of the current Sisterhood board members.

This month I want to thank Toni Spring for arranging a night of learning on how to finger knit a warm cuddly chunky blanket and for leading December's book club book discussion on <u>The Last Thing He Told</u> Me by Laura Dave. Our book club continues, so keep looking in the Megillah for updates. Sisterhood members watch your emails for the next book.

May everyone enjoy this time of year with family and friends and stay safe.

--Karin Brandsdorfer Sisterhood President









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were in a year ago, reeling from the ongoing pandemic and still wondering when things would return to some semblance of normal. My wish in December 2020, and my wish a year later, remains the same. Beginning the day after the Winter Solstice, the sun will shine a little bit longer every day for the next six months. I hope that by the end of this month, that little bit of extra light each day helps to brighten your mood, energize your motivation and hopefully illuminate your spirituality.



Translation: Come back to the temple! You're probably getting sick of my reminders that Temple Beth David is ready to welcome you in person with open arms (socially distanced, of course) when you are ready. Let me go a step further this month and say that we miss you. Yes, you! We want you to be ready, and we want to know how we can help that happen. Make no mistake - we want you back in our building, probably more than you realize. Because the truth is whether it's a service or a ceremony, a social gathering with Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Isaiah 58, Chai Club, Torah Study, a community service event like Mitzvah Day – you name it – with more people there, it's a better experience for everyone. Strength in numbers. The more the merrier. You get the picture.

When you're participating in person for anything happening at Temple Beth David, there's no need for closed captioning. The meaning, the joy, and the sense of community are all around you. I hope to see you soon.

—Craig Cooper Temple President



Spotlight on Brotherhood

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be a memory. However, I am writing this as Thanksgiving preparations are underway in my house. My wife is planning the menu and making sure we have enough wine and food for all our guests. So with Thanksgiving on my mind, here are some things (in no particular order) for which I am thankful.

I am thankful for the clergy, staff and educators at Temple Beth David. They are educating the next generation of Jews and helping to keep alive the traditions of a people that have survived thousands of years and overcome countless obstacles. What the Jewish people have contributed to the world is remarkable, and we are educating our children here at TBD to appreciate all of that history and to carry it forward to share with the next generation of Jews.

I am thankful for my Co-President, Steve Swartz, who has shouldered the burdens and responsibilities of the office with me the past year and a half. I am thankful for the other current Brotherhood officers who have devoted their time and energies to help make the Temple a better place. With their assistance, this year alone, Brotherhood has held Brotherhood Shabbat, had a Yom Hashoah speaker, built the Sukkah and ushered at the High Holidays. I am thankful for the prior presidents and officers of the Brotherhood, who kept the bonds of Brotherhood going. Since I joined the Brotherhood, the presidents have been Neal Brandsdorfer, Craig Cooper, Dan Dornfeld, Randy Klein and Steve Sarisohn. Their service to the Brotherhood and to the Temple has been tremendous.

I am thankful for all the friends I have made at, and because of, Temple Beth David. Although I may have met them first at 100 Hauppauge Road, my relationships with them have branched out beyond that address. I have dined, golfed, traveled, conducted business, attended concerts, celebrated holidays, grieved and laughed with these people. Some of them have become more than friends. If I were Ross, they would be my Joeys and Chandlers. But I do not forget where our friendship was first forged, and I am grateful for that.

For those of you who haven't experienced the joys of being part of Brotherhood, and the friendships it can create, Steve and I welcome you to join us at our next event.

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What's Happening at TBD — December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Chanukah Happening	6 2:00 pm Haftorah Study Group 6:30 pm Hebrew High at TBE 7:30 pm Sisterhood Cookie Swap	7 7:00 pm History of Women Rabbis	8 6:45 pm 6th Grade PACT	9	10 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	11 9:15 am Torah Study & Service
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19	20 2:00 pm Haftorah Study Group 7:00 pm Executive Board 8:00 pm TBD Board Meeting	7:00 pm History of Women Rabbis	22	23	24 TEMPLE OFFICES CLOSED 5:00 pm Shabbat Service	25 9:15 am Torah Study & Service 11:00 am Brotherhood Visit to Gurwin
26	27 TEMPLE OFFICES CLOSED	28 TEMPLE OFFICES CLOSED NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	29 TEMPLE OFFICES CLOSED NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	30 TEMPLE OFFICES CLOSED	31 TEMPLE OFFICES CLOSED 5:00 pm Shabbat Service with Anniversary Blessings	1 9:15 am Torah Study & Service



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Worship Schedule

Friday, December 3
Shabbat Miketz
7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings

Saturday, December 4 10:00 am Torah Study and Service

Friday, December 10 Shabbat Vayigash 8:00 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 11 10:00 am Torah Study and Service

Friday, December 17 Shabbat Vayechi 8:00 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 18 10:00 am Torah Study and Service

Friday, December 24 Shabbat Shemot 8:00 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 25 10:00 am Torah Study with Service

Friday, December 31
Shabbat Vaera
8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, January 1 10:00 am Torah Study with Service

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