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Rabbi's Message by Rabbi Beth H. Klafter

We begin the month of March with the celebration of Purim. The holiday itself falls on Wednesday evening, February 28th and March 1st. In addition to a Purim Pizza Party, Purim Service and Megillah reading on the night of the 28th, our annual Purim Shpiel and Carnival will be held on Sunday, March 4th. Many thanks to Jodi Maisel and Steve Sarisohn, the authors, playwrights, composers, producers and directors of the Shpiel, and to their Broadway-bound cast. Thanks, too, to Stacey Kravette and Randi Lieberman, TBD's Youth Group Advisors, and their 'teams' of youth preparing for the Carnival and assisting on the day. Once again, the Brotherhood will be at the 'concession stand' with lots of edibles. To the many adults and older teens, we thank you. The excitement and 'bouncy-fun' at our temple celebrations for families during the year (the Chanukah Experience, Family Fun Day and this month's Purim Carnival) are made possible by Abe Kaplan and his company, "The Big Bounce Theory." Todah Rabbah, many thanks, to everyone!

Our secular month will end with the festival of Passover. First Night Seder is on Friday evening, March 30th. (Please note that there will be no Shabbat evening services on March 30th.) Worship services for the first day will be held on Saturday, March 31st at 10 am. Everyone is welcome! Once again, Cantor Halpern and I will be leading the Sisterhood Women's Seder on Wednesday, March 21st for women of all generations.

Though Passover commemorates an event in our people's ancient history, it seems that each year, the meaning and message of the holiday remain central in our contemporary world. The command to be kind and just to 'the stranger' because we were strangers in the land of Egypt is repeated many times in the Torah and throughout our collective experience. Who is 'the stranger?' we may ask.

In the world of the Torah, we were strangers because we were foreigners in the land of Egypt itself. We were sometimes referred to as '*ger v'toshav*,' a resident alien, one given permission to live somewhere while remaining distinct and different than the indigenous people of the land. We may have lived there, but we didn't have the rights of ownership or the freedom to develop our own community in Egypt. This was

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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 this 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 Cantor's office in Summer, 2018.

Benefactor \$10,000

Founder \$5,000

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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.



Cantorial Notes by Rabbi/Cantor Audrey Halpern

Dear Friends,

As we have all said countless times, “The holidays are always early or late but never on time!” This year we will celebrate both Purim and Passover in the month of March. So just as we finish the leftover hamentashen, we will begin to think about getting rid of the chametz. We will see matzah on supermarket shelves and we will turn our thoughts to a different kind of victory for our people. In contrast to the incredible heroism of Mordecai and Esther and the initiative that they demonstrated to take control of their destiny, Passover illustrates a more passive victory. We did our part to be sure, but it was God, according to the story, who saved us from the hand of the Egyptians.

What similarities could there be between Pharaoh and Haman, Moses and Mordecai, Miriam and Esther? According to traditional sources, “... it is a pattern in the Jewish calendar that there should be a thirty-day period of preparation before a major observance.” The High Holidays have the month of Ellul before them with preparations and soundings of the shofar. Passover also has its preparatory season, with the Fast of Esther and Purim to set the tone for a spring of commemoration and celebration. Additionally, the main part of the story in Esther took place on Passover. Haman cast the infamous lot to set a date for the destruction of the Jews on the 13th of Nisan (Esther 3:7, 12). The third day, when Esther went in to see the king, would have been Nisan 15. Thus, the Jews of Susa fasted through Passover in that year!

Both Passover and Purim occurred outside the land, in Egypt and Persia. Both involved the near extermination of the people of Israel. Moses and Esther both appeared before kings to rescue their people. Pharaoh’s army and Haman both perished. In *The Complete Book of Jewish Observance*, Leo Trepp notes that Purim is a fulfillment of the saying from the Passover Haggadah: “Not just one Pharaoh rose against us to exterminate us, but in every generation did they rise up to exterminate us, and each time the Holy One Blessed Be He has rescued us from their hands.”

On the surface, though, the two redemptions could not be more dissimilar. *Pesach* is a Torah-based holiday whose fundamental observances are rooted in Torah law; Purim is a rabbinic holiday whose laws and customs are grounded in the rabbinic tradition.

Pesach commemorates the establishment of the Jewish people through deliverance from Egyptian bondage at the very beginning of the biblical narrative, forty years before we entered and conquered the land of Israel; the story of Purim comes at the very end of the biblical era. In the Jewish calendar, *Pesach* falls in the very first month of Nissan; Purim is celebrated in the very last month of the year.

By contrast, though, the redemption of Purim was almost the antithesis of that of *Pesach*. The Jews of Persia, led by Mordechai and Esther, took control of their own destiny. The miracles that took place were subtle and concealed, unlike the drama of the Passover story. The downtrodden, in a persistent exile that seemed like it would never end, rose up mightily to subdue and defeat their enemies.

On Passover – the seventh day – we were told that “God will fight for you, and you will be silent” (*Shemot* 14:14). On Purim, God remained in the background, with no explicit reference to Him even in the *megillah*, the chronicle of the account, and the Jewish people seized the moment and the day, defeated our enemies.

Our pride, however, and our traditions and connections are reaffirmed with both victories. We feel a palpable righteousness rise up inside us when we are reminded of the struggle of our people and what we have overcome in generations past. May this month of March be a time of reflection and rededication to the values for which our heroes have fought and risked their very lives to preserve.

Cantor Audrey Halpern

L’shalom,
Cantor Audrey Halpern

PLEASE JOIN US!

Women's Dessert Seder
 Sponsored by the Sisterhood
 Led by
 Rabbi Klafter & Cantor Halpern
 On
 Wednesday, March 21st @ 7:00 p.m.



Bring your mother, your daughter, your sister and friends!
 (fourth graders & older)

We invite women of all faiths to join us!

Please bring a Kosher for Passover dessert to enjoy together!
 (Passover baked goods & candy are available at local supermarkets.
 Fruit is also appropriate.)

RSVP to Wendy@tbdcmmack.org or 631.499.0915 x312 by Friday, March 12th.



TEMPLE BETH DAVID

Spring 2018
Torah & Talk
 With Cantor Halpern

Join us on Wednesdays:
 1:00 – 2:00 PM
 Classroom #5

March 7
March 14
March 21
March 28

Light refreshments
will be served

RSVP to the Clergy Office
 (631)499-0915 x312

March
B'nai Mitzvah



<i>March 3</i>	<i>Charles Friedman</i>
	<i>Jacob Alpert</i>
<i>March 10</i>	<i>Lucas Bart</i>
	<i>Sara Held</i>
<i>March 17</i>	<i>Riley Anello</i>
	<i>Emily Schoenfeld</i>
<i>Havdalah</i>	<i>Austin Levine</i>
<i>March 24</i>	<i>Jennifer Reynolds</i>

Junior Choir Sings at Shabbat Service
Friday, March 23, 2018 at 8:00 PM



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Group
Tuesday	3/6/2018	5:15	Junior
Wednesday	3/7/2018	5:15	Junior
Tuesday	3/13/2018	5:15	Junior
Wednesday	3/14/2018	5:15	Junior
Tuesday	3/20/2018	5:15	Junior
Wednesday	3/21/2018	5:15	Junior
Friday	3/23/2018	6:45	Final rehearsal

From the President's Desk

As I sat down to write this month's *HaKol* article I am thinking about the Olympic Winter Games. As I watch each event I find myself rooting for the American athlete in each event. As the United States continues to win medals, I remember noticing in the Opening Ceremony that there was an Israeli team in these games. Based on the Israeli climate I wouldn't think they would field a team.

This year the Israeli team consists of ten members, by far their largest delegation ever sent to compete in the Winter Olympics, according to the "The Times of Israel". The biggest Israeli delegation at a Winter Olympics prior to this year was five. These ten athletes will be competing in four sports: figure skating, short-track speed skating, alpine skiing and skeleton. Israel has never won a Winter Olympics medal, and none of the athletes coming this year are expected to win. I know, I will be looking for them and rooting them on.

There are other Jewish athletes competing in this Winter Olympics as part the United States and Canadian teams. I listed a few below:

Jared Goldberg is a 26-year-old skier who was raised in Utah and had his Bar Mitzvah in a ski lodge. He finished in the 11th and 19th places in combined and giant slalom respectively, at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi.

Ariel Gold is a 21-year-old snowboarder from Colorado who will be competing against her elder brother, Taylor Gold, 24 also an Olympic snowboarder. Both will be competing in the halfpipe.

Dylan Moscovitch is a 33-year-old figure skater from Toronto. He is in his fourth season with his skating partner, Lubov Ilyushechkina. In the 2016-2017 season the pair won medals at nearly every international competition.

Emery Lehman is a 22-year-old long track speedskater who hails from Oak Park, Chicago. He competed at the 2014 Games, placing 16th.

As I watch these Olympics, I am reminded of a classic self-deprecating line from the 1980 movie *Airplane!* An elderly lady asks the stewardess for light reading, and the stewardess responds by handing her a leaflet of famous Jewish sports legends. Hopefully after these Olympics and the thirty-five years since this movie aired there have been many additional Jewish sports legends.



—Neil Brandsdoffer

JBD Chai Club

Our Chai Club has had a busy winter. Carole Yudin organized a theater trip in November; Sandy Wolfson arranged a lovely luncheon at Precious Restaurant on New Year's Day; and members met at my house in January for games and music, which was provided by Joyce Schorr. In the Spring, Werner Reich will host a Latke Bash at his home on April 29th. We are also considering visiting the Kings Park Heritage Museum in the spring. We anticipate hosting other events in May and June. As the seasons change, we look forward to our snowbirds' return. Stay tuned for information on future events. If you would like to join us, please email me at seising2@gmail.com.

—Sheila Eisinger



Shirley Offman Religious School News

At the end of February we celebrated the holiday of Purim. We also had our first Pizza Party before the Purim Service. The costumes were great, and everyone who attended had a wonderful time. At our Second/Third Grade Family Program on February 11, Rabbi Klafter prepared hamentashen dough and filling with our students to take home and bake. They also made masks and decorated groggers. Thank you to Rabbi, Mrs. Hollander, and Ms. Chaikin for helping to make our program fun and educational!

The story of Purim can be found in the Book of Esther, which recounts how Queen Esther of Persia saved the Jewish people from annihilation.

Let's test your trivia knowledge of this holiday by answering the questions below.

1. What is Shalach Manot?
2. According to the Purim story, what did Mordechai refuse to do?
3. During what Jewish holiday was Haman hanged?
4. When there is a leap year, in which month is Purim celebrated, Adar I or Adar II?
5. What does the Hebrew word "Purim" literally mean?
6. What is a Purim Shpiel?
7. What is a grogger?
8. What is the Megillah?
9. What do we traditionally eat on Purim?

Bring your answers to the Religious School office. Each student who answers all nine questions correctly will get a special reward (perhaps skipping a grade)? Ha ha!

At the end of March we will celebrate Passover, the holiday commemorating our freedom from bondage in Egypt. There are many kinds of slavery, one of them being hunger. Isaiah 58, our Social Action Committee is holding a Passover Food Drive to help Jewish families in need. Our Religious School is partnering with them and asking our families to donate Kosher for Passover food items. Your children have brought home fliers with specific suggestions of donations such as matzah, matzah meal, packaged cakes and cookies. As you shop for your family, please think about other families less fortunate and buy an extra helping for them. As children bring in food donations we will put their names on "Matzah Mensch" outside of the school office. It will be our "Wall of Honor."



Shirley Offman

Wishing you a
Ziesen Pesach,
Shirley Offman

Our 5th Grade Weddings

Religious School Calendar Reminders:

Sunday, March 4- Purim Carnival 11:00-1:00

Saturday, March 10- Religious School Havdalah Experience-4:00-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13- Seventh Grade Holocaust Speaker- 6:40-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 18- Fourth & Fifth Grade PACT Foundation Program-9:15-11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 25- Sixth & Seventh Graders rescheduled trip to Lower East side

March 30-April 8-NO Religious School-Passover Break

Spotlight on Brotherhood

I was very touched by everyone who emailed to say how much they missed not seeing a Brotherhood column in February's *Hakol*. Wait. No one emailed. Someone did say something to me, but it was more along the lines of "I guess they didn't have room for it, huh?" With such low expectations, I could just hit "send" now, and probably no one would notice.

But there would be so much unused white space on this page, I just couldn't justify saving all that printing ink in the name of brevity. Besides, I have a sore throat, and I want to tell you why. It's important. This is not a cry for sympathy, nor a complaint about the horrific cold and flu season. My sore throat is my own doing, due entirely to one of Temple Beth David's best-kept secrets, and can be summed up in two words: *Karaoke Night*.

You know how there's some activity, some special destination, some incredible meal where you can say to someone, "*If you've never done it, you have no idea what you're missing?*" Well, for the fewer-than-a-couple-of-dozen people who came to this year's Karaoke Night, I can't think of one who wouldn't share that sentiment. Seriously. What a blast!

We can joke about a few over-the-top performances, marvel at the shameless efforts to rekindle the magic of the Rocky Horror Picture Show (mere feet from the sanctuary, I think I speak for all of those in attendance to say it was a great relief that the disinhibited Transylvania-inspired disrobing was strictly PG.) And in the end, all who attended could take comfort that "someone" definitely sang worse than they did. And it didn't matter.

Our third-annual Karaoke Night was a wonderful blend of regulars and first-timers. Each person, couple or group who performed earned ear-splitting applause (I was considering "thunderous" but ear-splitting is sort of a double entendre.) There were spontaneous hoots, hollers and high-fives.

And in an abstract way, that's what the Temple Beth David Brotherhood is all about. Call TBD's main phone number (631-499-0915) and you'll hear Rabbi Klafter's greeting, "We are a warm, welcoming Reform synagogue...." If you listen to the very end of the recording, some people insist they hear Cantor Halpern whispering, "You left out the hoots, hollers and high fives!"

You want to see welcoming? As each new arrival entered the Social Hall (renamed "The Karaokedrome" for the night) the cheers and greetings made it clear how welcome you are. Need to feel the warmth? Watch a husband and wife share a serenade, see college friends try to turn the clock back three decades, and join complete strangers waving arms in the air, clapping along or getting the applause rolling before the last note was sung. For 3 ½ hours, Karaoke Night becomes a microcosm of the goodness in our congregation, and I hope you'll think about joining us when we announce the next one.

Over the next month or two, TBD's Brotherhood will be hosting and supporting some of our temple's most anticipated and meaningful events. Starting on Sunday, March 4, the Brotherhood Players will rekindle our legendary Purim Schpiel performance and help ensure the success of our annual Purim Carnival.

The following Friday, March 9, is our annual Brotherhood Shabbat service. Whether we see you a lot or just now and then, this special service is TBD's opportunity to recognize our role at the temple, and in turn, to demonstrate to the congregation what a great group we are. Mark your calendar, and join us!

We wrap up the month on Saturday, March 24, with our second annual Blues Night, nicknamed "Blues, Jews and Brews." We've invited the incredible Kerry Kearney and his band back to raise the roof a few inches – if you weren't there last year, or if you don't think Blues music is your "thing," do yourself a favor – bring your favorite beer or wine, some munchies, and join us for a jaw-dropping evening of music and fun! Tickets are available on the TBD website.

Spring is coming – we hope you'll "sprout" up at an upcoming Brotherhood Event!

—Craig Cooper
Brotherhood President

Spotlight on Sisterhood

These past weeks have been very busy ones for Sisterhood. On January 30, Glenda Kresh and Debbie Friedman led us in a women's Tu B' Shevat Seder which was both spiritual and delicious. Thank you, ladies, for organizing such a great evening! What a huge turnout!

On Sunday, February 4, we became artists while making Tree of Life necklaces, led by our Cultural Arts Committee. The pendants we produced were beautiful. I was so grateful not to be sitting at the self-titled "remedial" table! (Thank you, Marcia Karter.)

On Tuesday, February 13, the Rabbi and Cantor taught us how to make Challah from the Rabbi's mother's recipe. It was a very special night for all, and we thank Rabbi Klafter and Cantor Halpern for their patience and for lots of laughs!!

With Spring just around the corner, Sisterhood is bursting with new and exciting events for everyone! On Thursday, March 15, our annual Ladies Night Out and Bingo Night will be held in the Social Hall at 7:30 p.m. Please watch for the flyer in *Hakol* and online in the *Whole Magillah* for specific details. This year we will have a light dinner and tons of gift cards as prizes. You won't want to miss out on the good time!

On Sunday, March 18, we are embarking on an exciting excursion. We will be taking a bus tour of Harlem, visiting former Jewish sites, learning the history of Harlem, and ending with a fabulous lunch at the famous Sylvia's. The trip is filled, but if you would like to be placed on the waiting list, please contact Toni Spring, toni.spring@gmail.com.

Our next Board Meeting, which is open to all, is on Tuesday, March 6. We invite you to come and listen, laugh, and share your ideas. Upcoming events include Sisterhood Shabbat on Friday, April 27, our Big Event/Fashion Show on Tuesday, May 8 and so much more! Please join us for any or all of these activities. We would love to hear from you and welcome you in person!

Temple Beth David
Sisterhood

Cordially invites you to join us as once again we celebrate you, our sisters and guests, at an evening of food, fashion, fun and prizes!

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2016
at 7 P.M.
VERDE
450 Commack Road
Deer Park, NY 11729

Sisterhood members are \$50.-
Non-members are \$56.-

Payment MUST be received by April 30th
Checks are payable to Temple Beth David Sisterhood

Count me in! Let the fun begin!

Name _____ e-mail _____
Phone _____ Member? Y ___ N ___
Additional guests names _____
Phones _____ e-mail _____ Member? Y ___ N ___
Additional guests names _____
Phones _____ e-mail _____ Member? Y ___ N ___
Amt enclosed\$ _____ Check #(s) _____
Temple Beth David Sisterhood, 100 Hauppauge Rd, Commack, NY 11725

Co-Presidents:

Holly Dornfeld hsdrn@optonline.net

Barbara Klein brklein@verizon.net

Temple Beth David Sisterhood

Ladies' Night Out BINGO!

Ladies, do you need a break from husband, kids, jobs or just want to have a great time with friends?

Thursday, March 15 from 7 – 10 p.m. in the TBD Social Hall.

Cost: \$10 for Sisterhood Members + \$10 gift card

\$12 for non-Sisterhood Members + \$10 gift card

Plus \$10 Gift Card to Anywhere (think outside the box!)

Please send in your check made out to TBD Sisterhood by March 8 and RSVP to
Denise Jacobs (631) 543-7695, text (516) 658-8848, email jacobsrdd@optonline.net
Cheryl Kaplan (631) 266-1981, text (516) 238-3303, email ekaplan6@optonline.net



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!



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Example for 2017-2018 Full Family Dues of \$2261.

Please call temple office 499-0915 ext. 310 or 329 for your dues obligations for 2018-2019.

Discounted Full Payment in a single month	April 4% Discount	May 3% Discount	June 2% Discount
	\$2170.56 (Savings \$90.44)	\$2193.17 (Savings \$67.83)	\$2215.78 (Savings \$45.22)

Name _____

Enclosed is \$_____ (check preferred, please) or charge my credit card for:

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Date _____

Visa Number _____ Exp. _____

Date _____

Signature _____



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 6:30 p.m. Closed meeting

All meeting are held at: Temple Beth David

News from Isaiah 58

Jews all over the world will celebrate Passover beginning Friday night, March 30. We will join with family and friends to read our Haggadahs to recall our history, the story of Exodus, and our journey from being slaves in Egypt to becoming a free people. At our Passover Seders we recall our history and its lessons to our children and gathered guests. When reading from the Haggadah and sharing our story, we recount our degradation, the oppression of slavery, and how we as a people were sustained by God to be able to endure our flight from Egypt, wandering in the desert, and ultimately achieve freedom and dignity for ourselves and our descendants. In addition to retelling our story, family traditions, the ritual foods we place on our Seder plates, and the traditional family recipes we prepare for Pesach link generation to generation and help bind us together as families and Jewish communities.

Haggadahs are written in many languages, express the diversity among Jewry around the world, encompass a range of styles, illustrations, poetry and song, and tell our story so that our children learn from our history and its universal theme of hope, deliverance from slavery and oppression, and the triumph over oppression. Our story from slavery to freedom has historically resonated with non-Jews in the United States and around the world, providing hope for marginalized people who experience discrimination, and seek freedom and dignity for themselves and their children. We, as Jews this season, give thanks for our freedom and recall the trials of so many of our ancestors whose sacrifices enabled us to live in freedom. Pesach is also a season to think about those in our own communities as well as in other lands who have difficult lives and do not feel free due to prejudice, including societal fears of people different from themselves. As we as Jews give thanks for our freedom, let us hope and strive to enable everyone in our communities to live without fear and experience freedom and human dignity.

Isaiah 58 accepts donations to feed and clothe those in need throughout the year. This Passover, any donation of Kosher for Passover nonperishable food is appreciated. Please place items in the designated bin at the rear of the temple, near the Religious School office, by Sunday morning, March 25.

Wishing everyone a healthy and joyous Pesach.

—Beverly Horowitz

(Adapted from an article by the same author, written for *HaKol* in 2016)

From the Ways and Means Committee

The ways and Means committee would like to thank the following companies for their donations to help make our 10th annual Comedy Night a huge success. We are asking our congregation and their friends to frequent these local businesses as a thank you for their continued support of our temple.

Stew Leonard's
Starbucks
Premier Diner
Eastern Athletic Sport Club
Restaurant Joanina
Ara Greek Restaurant
Jon & Megaris Salon
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Sunny Farms
Nisen Sushi
Sal's Restaurant

Pizzaiola Restaurant
Carillon Cleaners
Commack Car wash
Creme Alure
Paradise Pizza
American Roadside Burgers
Taormina Pizza
Old Street Restaurant
Buonoserra Restaurant
Luso Restaurant
Three Bambino's Pizza
Pastrami & Friends
Yogurtini

We also would like to thank members of our congregation for their generous donations of prizes and food.



Matzah on Wheels

Sponsored by the Isaiah 58 Social Action Committee
NEEDS YOUR HELP

to provide Passover foods to needy Jewish families

Please help by bringing one or more of the items below to Temple by Sunday, March 25th:

<i>Matzah Ball Soup</i>	<i>Canned Vegetables</i>
<i>Matzah Meal</i>	<i>Grape Juice</i>
<i>Tea Bags</i>	<i>Macaroons</i>
<i>Cakes or Cookies</i>	<i>Gefilte Fish</i>
<i>Applesauce or Canned Fruit</i>	

All items must be marked with an  AND labeled "Kosher for Passover." Please place Passover Food Drive items in identified plastic bins in the rear of the Temple. We cannot accept food that requires refrigeration.

Monetary donations to the Isaiah 58 Committee are greatly appreciated.

Members interested in helping to bag and deliver groceries on Sunday, March 25th can contact Beverly Horowitz (631) 427-3074 or email: bhorowitz@optonline.net.

We wish you and your family a wonderful Passover



Enjoying the Tu B'Shevat Seder.

Don't forget to get your Miss Chocolate Passover Candy order in by March 14.

Go to www.misschocolate.com and be sure to use our school code 701004.

Happy Passover!!



3rd Annual End of Winter Pizza Party

Come One Come All*

If you had fun at the BBQ you will love the Pizza Party!!

Date: Sunday, March 11, 2018

Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Place: TBD Social Hall

We will provide the pizza and liquid refreshments

You will provide an appetizer/side dish or dessert to share.

Appetizer or side dish: Last names A-L

Dessert: Last names M-Z

RSVP by March 4th to dianeakraut@optimum.net

Please include your name and the number of adults and children (including ages)

*Feel free to invite prospective members to this event



Peanut Butter
Donations
Needed!



The completed hats and scarves are being donated to the Dolan Family Health Center in Huntington to be given to needy families to help them keep warm in the winter months. Each hat or scarf is hand made by temple congregants of all ages and anyone is welcome to join this project.

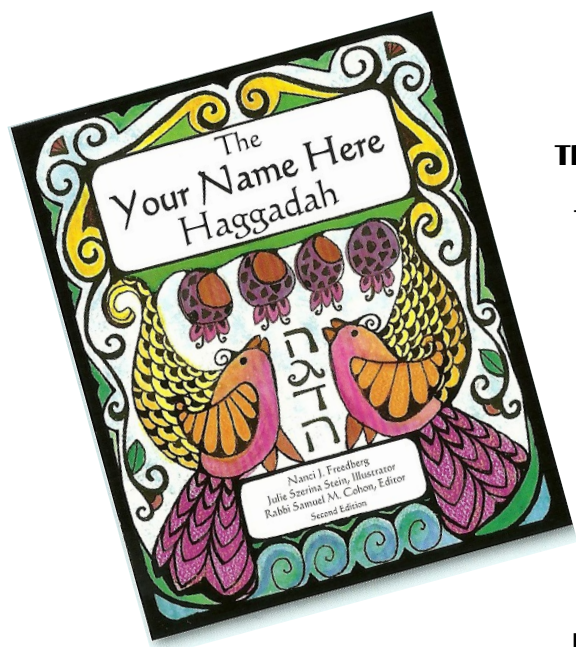
JUST IN TIME FOR THE NEW 5 CENT BAG LAW THAT TOOK EFFECT IN SUFFOLK COUNTY ON JANUARY 1, 2018, ISAIAH 58 IS SELLING REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS.

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."

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Gourmet Passover Dinner 2018

APPETIZERS

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.

Pick up time: 10am – 1 pm, Friday, March 30th.

Location: Temple Beth David, 100 Hauppauge Rd., Commack, NY

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MITZVAH DAY IS SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

"Be mindful of all my Mitzvot, and do them: so, shall you consecrate yourselves to God." – Numbers 15:40

Volunteers Needed to Lead Mitzvah Day Projects

Mitzvah Day 2018 is Sunday, May 6th. We have added a few new projects and have some old projects that are in need of project leaders. None of these require a huge amount of time. Below is a list of these projects, with a brief description.

- Loose Change for Charity: When entering the temple, please empty your pockets of loose change. Project leader will accept the loose change and count it at the end of the day.
- Dollars to Reduce Hunger (raffle): All raffle money goes to LI Cares. Project leader will sit at raffle table and sell tickets. At the end of the day, project leader will draw winning names.
- Outdoor Cleanup @ Sunken Meadow: Project leader will over see cleanup of an area of Sunken Meadow State Park.
- Flag Donation: Drop off your worn or torn American flags, which will be sent to the American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244. Project leader will collect flags and coordinate drop off or pick up with the American Legion Greenlawn Post 1244.
- Window on the Wall: Project leader will sit at laptop open to: Aish.com and assist those who wish to virtually place a prayer in the Western Wall.
- Book Fairies: Donate gently used adult or children's books to Book Fairies, a local organization which distributes gently used books to local school or community programs in need. Project leader will coordinate collection of books and drop off or pick up of books to Book Fairies, located in Freeport.
- Generations of Recipes: Give us your favorite family recipe that either started with you or has been passed down for generations. Recipes will be compiled into a cookbook to be sold at Chanukah. Project leader will coordinate collection of recipes and help compile them into cookbook. Proceeds going

We need your donations to make Mitzvah Day a success!

Help us get ready by donating these items. Please place them in the bins outside the Religious School office. Monetary donations are also very much appreciated. Please make checks payable to "Isaiah 58" and leave them in the "Donations" mailbox.

- New or gently used small toys (no larger than a quart-sized Ziplock bag)
- New or gently used adult or children's books
- Greeting cards and stationery with envelopes (unused)
- Cosmetic samples (unused)
- Toilet paper rolls
- Acrylic yarn
- Wrapped candies, including lollipops
- Disposable, non-latex gloves
- Travel size toothbrushes
- Travel size shampoo
- Travel size soap
- School supplies
- Pet supplies
- Prom dresses and accessories
(Bring only on Mitzvah Day.)
- Dress for Success clothing and accessories
(Bring only on Mitzvah Day.)
- Old eyeglasses and cell phones
- Loose change (Bring only on Mitzvah Day.)
- Donations for Big Brothers/Big Sisters
(Bring only on Mitzvah Day.)
- Quart sized Ziploc bags
- Washcloths
- Worn American flags for proper retirement

Thank you for helping to support Mitzvah Day 2018!

Please email Diane Kraut (dianekraut@optimum.net) or Andrea Reich (andrea129@optonline.net) **2018** if you are interested in leading one of these projects or if you have any questions.

MITZVAH DAY IS AN ISAIAH 58 EVENT!
JOIN US TO HELP OTHERS ON MITZVAH DAY AND ALL YEAR LONG.

our legal status there.

In a broader sense, a stranger is not just someone we do not know; a stranger is typically someone we fear. Out of that fear, fear of the unknown and the different, the human instinct is often to distance and protect ourselves. In doing so, we may lose sight of the worth of the stranger. I believe that the ancient, Hebrew commandment is addressing this aspect of relating to 'the stranger.'

Several authors of the recent centuries offer some more impressions about 'the stranger.' Irish and English author, William Butler Yeats, reminds us, "There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met." A generation later and closer to home, Tennessee Williams notes, "I have always depended on the kindness of strangers." And what of the stranger who 'lies within' us? As another favorite author of mine, Carson McCullers in *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*, pens, "I'm a stranger in a strange land." Lastly, Albert Camus' well-known piece, *The Stranger*, "L'Étranger," comes to my mind. Much has been written about the narrative and about the meaning of the title. I find it interesting that the protagonist is described as the 'stranger' because of his emotional indifference in his society. While there is much more to say about these quotations from scholars of literature, I find them helpful in reminding us that the message of the commandment, so central to our Passover Seder, is to remain spiritually open to celebrate the worth of all individuals, including ourselves. In doing so, we can enrich our own lives and the lives of others.

From my home to yours, Happy Passover!

Rabbi Beth H. Klafter

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**2nd Class Added!
March 7th**

Challah Making

RSVP NOW!!!



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Rabbi's Challah Making Class was a huge hit! Not to worry if you missed out.

Due to popular demand, another demonstration is scheduled for

Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m.

As space is limited, an RSVP by March 4th is a must.

Call the temple office, 631-499-0915 x 312.

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Yahrzeits March 2018

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What's Happening at TBD — March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 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
4 10:30 am Purim Shpiel 11:00 am Purim Carnival 11:30 am New Soil Meeting	5 6:30 pm Hebrew HS @TBD 8:15 pm Execu- tive Committee	6 5:15 pm Junior Choir 7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	7 1:00 pm Cantor Adult Ed 5:15 pm Junior Choir	8 6:30 pm New Soil Meeting	9 8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Brotherhood	10 9:15 am Torah Study & Service 10:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Service 4:00 pm R.S. Havdalah Experience
11 11:30 am New Soil Meeting 4:00 pm End of Winter Pizza Party 6:30 pm 6/7 Youth Group	12 6:30 pm Hebrew HS @TBD	13 5:15pm Junior Choir	14 1:00 pm Cantor Adult Ed 5:15 pm Junior Choir 7:30 pm Budget & Finance Committee	15 6:30 pm New Soil Meeting 7:30 pm Sisterhood-Girls Night Out	16 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	17 9:15 am Torah Study & Service 10:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Service 6:00 pm Bar Mitz- vah Service
18 9:15 am 4/5 Grade PACT 11:30 am New Soil Meeting Sisterhood Harlem Tour	19 6:30 pm Hebrew HS @TBD 8:00 BM Packet Meeting 8:15 pm Board Meeting	20 5:15pm Junior Choir 6:15 pm Grade 6 PACT 8:00 pm Brother- hood Meeting	21 1:00 pm Cantor Adult Ed 5:15 pm Junior Choir 7:00 pm Women's Dessert Seder	22 6:30 pm New Soil Meeting	23 6:45 pm Junior Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Junior Choir and Anniversary Blessings	24 9:15 am Torah Study & Service 10:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Service 7:00 pm Brother- hood Blues Night
25 10:00 am New Soil Anniver- sary Party 11:00 am Isaiah 58/ Mitzvah Day Mtg 12:00 pm. Passover Food Drive Packing 6:30 pm 6/7/8 Youth Group	26 6:30 pm Hebrew HS @TBD	27 6:30 pm 4/5 Youth Group 7:00 pm Peanut Butter & Jelly 7:30 pm Religious Practices Meeting 8:00 pm Adult Choir	28 1:00 pm Cantor Adult Ed	29 6:30 pm New Soil Meeting	30 Temple Offices Closed NO Shabbat Service First Seder	31 10:00 am Passover Service



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Friday, March 2nd

Shabbat Ki Tisa

7:30 pm Shabbat Service

with Birthday Blessings

Saturday, March 3rd

9:15 am Torah Study and Service

10:00 am Celebrate with us as

Charles Friedman and Jacob Alpert
become B'nai Mitzvah

Friday, March 9th

Shabbat Vayakhel-Pekude

8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Brotherhood

Saturday, March 10th

9:15 am Torah Study and Service

10:00 am Celebrate with us as Lucas Bart and
Sara Held become B'nai Mitzvah

Friday, March 16th

Shabbat Vayikra

8:00 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 17th

9:15 am Torah Study and Service

10:00 am Celebrate with us as Riley Anello and
Emily Schoenfeld become B'nai Mitzvah

6:00 pm Celebrate with us as Austin Levine
becomes a Bar Mitzvah

Friday, March 23rd

Shabbat Tzav

8:00 pm Shabbat Service

with Junior Choir and
Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, March 24th

9:15 am Torah Study and Service

10:00 am Celebrate with us as Jennifer Reynolds
becomes a Bat Mitzvah

Friday, March 30th

NO Service-1st Seder

Saturday, March 31st

10:00 am Passover Service

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