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PURIM FESTIVITIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

PURIM SHPIEL 10:30 AM

CARNIVAL 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

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

Games, Prizes & Inflatables,
Lunch & Hamantaschen

**CARNIVAL TICKETS
SOLD AT THE DOOR**

**MONDAY, MARCH 9 @ 7:00 PM
PURIM SERVICE & MEGILLAH READING**

Hear the Purim story!
Make some grogger noise!
Come in costume!

Purim Baskets will be
available for pick-up
starting Sunday morning.



Rabbi's Message by Rabbi Beth H. Klafter

The mood around town in the last several months has been a bit stressful and tense for many people. Thank goodness the month of Adar is here. And with Adar, comes PURIM!

Top Ten Reasons for Celebrating Purim:

1. The Rabbi and Cantor would not like you to bring groggers to Rosh HaShana services.
2. It is more fun to eat Hamantaschen than to fast on Yom Kippur.
3. We don't have to go outside to build a sukkah for Purim – we can spend time inside at the

Carnival instead.

4. The Megillah is not as heavy as the Torah we hold up on Simhat Torah.
5. Purim is easier to spell than Chanuka/Hannukah/Chanukah/Hanukah aka the Festival of Lights.
6. We can eat any kind of Hamantaschen that we want – and they don't have to be flat like matzah.
7. You can wear anything you want to temple.
8. The popcorn and hotdogs at the carnival are delicious.
9. The Rabbi and Cantor get to do some stand-up comedy on the bema.
10. The world needs some crazy, silly fun these days.

Purim will be celebrated two days this month. On Sunday, March 8 with the Purim Shpiel at 10:30 a.m. and with the Carnival from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We will also read the Megillah and spin our groggers on the evening of Purim, Monday night, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.

In addition, we are sponsoring a film festival for the month of Adar. We will be showing these Oscar Nominated titles:

Manischewitz vs Kedem: Growers for Kedem cross grapes with chocolate to produce sweeter wine than their competitor, Manischewitz, in hopes of winning the “Kosher Wine of the Year Award.”

The Shushanman: As King Ahasuerus gets too old to remain on the throne, he reflects on his life as king of Shushan during the greatest drama of the Megillah. He shares the challenges and victories of his reign.

Little Women: Vashti and Esther and their two sisters, Ruth and Deborah, grow up together in a charming home outside of Shushan. Vashti, an aspiring actress, leaves the palace to perform on Broadway. Esther learns to speak up for herself in a dramatic twist. Ruth travels around the world and Deborah goes to law school.

Marriage Story: Abraham and Sarah are devoted partners until Abraham has an idea about moving to a new country without consulting with his wife. While there, he takes their son, Isaac, on a hike up a mountain. Sarah considers divorce.

Once Upon a Time in Shushan: Years after Haman had a big role in the palace, he travels around the city to find old friends. No one remembers him and he grows despondent. Reminiscing about the events in the month of Adar, he finds his way to a bakery for some Hamantaschen.

We are also introducing a new ritual this year: A Purim Seder! The Seder Plate will include three hamantaschen: prune to remind us of Haman's BLACK hat; raspberry to remind us of Haman's RED face when he got so angry at the king; and chocolate because who doesn't want more chocolate in the world. There will also be three Kiddush cups on the Seder table: one with an adult beverage to fulfill the adult mitzvah of getting intoxicated for those who are able; one with Kedem grape juice because they won the “Kosher Wine of the Year Award” (see movie titles above); and one with chocolate milk to wash down all of those hamantaschen and because who doesn't want more chocolate in the world. The Purim Haggadah will recount the story of the Megillah, complete with costumes, music, dancing and more costumes.

Watch for more information about the films and Purim Seder. (Hint: you won't find information about these because they are not actually happening, but I hope just reading about them brings a little smile.)

Watch for information about the Shpiel and Carnival on March 8 and about our Purim Service on March 9.

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Cantorial Notes by Rabbi/Cantor Audrey Halpern

Dear Friends,

These days it is not uncommon for people to ask, “What is the benefit of temple membership?” Clergy, leadership, current members and prospective members may ask this question in various contexts. Here at TBD we discuss how to increase membership and how to ensure that individuals and families choose to remain members for many years. Some suggest that we should grant the individual requests of each family, whether that be in the times and format of services, or in the clergy officiating at all wedding ceremonies, including those with non-Jewish clergy. While we appreciate the intention, making such accommodations can become endless and, ultimately, futile. This perspective does not actually address the question, “What is the benefit of temple membership?” The answer is a more global, and at the same time extremely personal, way of viewing what it means to be part of a congregation and a Jewish community.

In August of 2018, Rabbi Paul Kipnes wrote these words and they say it better than I ever could:

I invited a former synagogue member – a wonderful and very pleasant person – to rejoin the synagogue after a few years away. She said she had thought about it and wondered, “How would being a member make my life better or different?” I thought about her question a lot, and even as a congregational rabbi, I admit that I struggled. Eventually, my answer was along these lines: It depends on what you mean by “better.”

If you mean physically healthier, it won't. Join a gym.

If you mean more physically beautiful, it won't. Go to Nordstrom's or a make-up artist.

If you mean richer, it won't. Get a higher-paying job.

If you mean more mentally stable, it won't. Go to a therapist.

If you mean more knowledgeable, it won't. Take a class at your local community college.

The list goes on: If you mean _____, then go _____.

But here's what joining a synagogue will do.

Being part of a synagogue allows you to be part of a larger community – of your people.

Being part of a synagogue means promulgating values that you and your tradition hold dear.

Being part of a community is like ensuring that your room is still there even after you go away to college. You can always come home. And even if you don't show up, we are still here.

Being part of a community teaches future generations that being a Jew matters, even if you aren't a power user of the synagogue at the moment.

Being part of a community means that there will always be High Holidays services for you and the community.

It means that you always have a place to turn when you are in need.

It means that there is always Torah in your community

It means that you have a spiritual home.

It means that your values are played out through social justice

It means that you have a place to go to sing Mi Shebeirach when you or someone you know is in pain.

It means that Israel has an advocate in the community.

It means that you take responsibility for the next generation, like the previous one did for yours.

It's not about money, because everyone can join regardless of wealth or lack thereof. It's about demonstrating a commitment to community.

We live in a world that speaks of consumer values: “What do I get if I pay?” Judaism is a people/religion/nation/culture/ethnicity/more that transcends that question, asking instead, “What will being part of a community do for our world, for all people, for our people, for our community?” That's how I think, and it's how I want my children to think.

If this is how you want to think, come home – and if not, well, home will still be here for you if you ever decide you do want to come home.

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PLEASE JOIN US!

Women's Dessert Seder
Sponsored by the Sisterhood
Led by
Rabbi Klafter & Cantor Halpern
On
Wednesday, April 1st @ 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@tbdcommack.org or 631.499.0915 x 312 by Friday, March 27th.

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(Oh, and one last thing: Judaism, synagogue, and community can make you feel more beautiful because you feel better about yourself when you are spiritually centered. You will feel richer because you will have enriched your life and those of others. You will feel smarter because you will be able to partake in 5,000 years of Jewish knowledge. You will be more mentally stable because you will have adjusted the balance of the mind, body, spirit. Of course, all this presupposes that not only do you join, but you also come and connect.)

So that's my answer. The shofar's in your court.

It comforts me to know that my colleagues around the country not only share my dilemmas, but perhaps more importantly, share what I (and I pray) all of us hold dear. I thank you for sharing those same priorities, for your generosity and your membership and for your commitment to this beautiful, sacred community.

B'shalom,

Cantor Audrey Halpern

Rabbi/Cantor Audrey B. Halpern

From the President's Desk



This month we celebrate Purim, and I always feel that although you get to dress up and have a little fun, the food is not so much fun. *Hamantaschen* is the one cookie that no one really wants to eat. I know people say they like to eat them, and if you don't like them that just means you haven't ever had a good one. I must respectfully disagree with those people who like Hamantaschen. I think the pastry is dry and the filling uninteresting and overall not a treat I want to eat. This lack of a good food to eat when celebrating any holiday makes me a little sad because what I always enjoy about every holiday are the two F's: Food and Family.

When I sat down to write this *Hakol* article, I had just viewed the Facebook pictures of the Rabbi baking with many of our families as she shared her mother's challah recipe and recounted the happy times she spent baking with her. During that warm January Sunday, Rabbi Klafter shared not only a traditional recipe that was passed down to her, but she also shared memories of time spent together with a loved one--all part of the culture of Jewish women.

As many of you know, food is my passion and I have shared many of my family's food-centric celebrations. For me, like for the Rabbi and her mother, food is a symbol of love and a way to show those we love how much we care. This month I share some words from others who also share my passion for food, seeing it as an important part of our lives and the lives of those we love.

No one who cooks, cooks alone. Even at her most solitary, a cook in the kitchen is surrounded by generations of cooks past, the advice and menus of cooks present, the wisdom of cookbook writers.

Laurie Colwin

Food is a central activity of mankind and one of the single most significant trademarks of a culture.

Mark Kurlansky

Food, like a loving touch or a glimpse of divine power, has that ability to comfort.

Norman Kolpas

Food is the ingredient that binds us together.

Gretchen Elaine

Food is our common ground, a universal experience.

James Beard

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Tuesday, 10:00 am-5:30 pm

Wednesday, 10:00 am-5:30 pm

Friday, 9:30 am-1:00 pm

Religious School Marjorie Gursky

Sunday, 8:30 am-11:30 am

Monday & Thursday, 10:30 am-3:00 pm

Tuesday, 11:00 am-8:30 pm

Wednesday, 11:00 am- 6:30 pm

Temple AdministratorRobin Kain

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

P.S. For those of you who want a little taste of my passion, in the form of a cookie, join me and your fellow congregants at Comedy Night where I share my love of baking by providing hundreds of cookies for dessert.

Beverly Wolcott



Margie Gursky

Religious School

Last month, the Religious School hosted three parenting experts who spoke separately about anxiety, bullying and learning differences. Our own member, Jill Kofler, spoke about “Anxiety in Children” and discussed different techniques that may be helpful in easing our anxious kids. One technique is called Mindfulness. Jill Kofler says “Mindfulness is a simple practice of bringing a gentle accepting attitude to the present moment.” She explained the science behind mindfulness as well. Stress and anxiety make our brains produce too much cortisol making our bodies feel “excess energy – the *shpilkes*.” It has been scientifically proven, however, that “mindfulness reduces cortisol production and helps us to relax and feel less anxious.” A regular mindfulness/meditation practice helps us to face the world with a sense of calm.

Very often we (and this happens to everyone) spend our time thinking about the past and the future. I know I do this sometimes when I ask my husband for the time, he responds, but I am too busy thinking about something else (present or future) to actually hear what he says. Then ten minutes later, I ask him again! So although I have been a regular yoga practitioner for 20 years, I still find it difficult to be mindful all the time. But that is why it is called a mindfulness practice. So, I’m still practicing.

In the public schools, March is sometimes referred to as Math Madness Month, but here at TBD Religious School, I would like to introduce March as Mindfulness Month. I will be going into the classes and talking to the students about mindfulness and trying out a short relaxation exercise. So hopefully, your kids will come home a little less anxious!

In case you are looking for other ways to help your kids relieve some of their anxiety or just need something for them to do before the nice weather arrives, we are hosting two elective classes starting March 15 and 16: Fine Art and Drama--On Sundays 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., we will be offering “There’s No Drama Like Jewish Drama.” And on Mondays 4:30-6:00 p.m., (3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6), we will be offering “Fine Art with a Jewish Twist.” Both classes will be taught by experienced drama and art teachers. See the flyer on the next page and sign up by March 4. Space is limited.



Torah Art

5th Grade Wedding



Beat the Winter Blues with Fine Art and Drama Lessons (Grades 3-6)



Fine Art with a Jewish Twist

Taught by experienced art teacher Lori Sklar

Program will include:

Students will learn fine art techniques using different media as they explore Jewish cultural and religious ideas including oil pastel painting of Jewish foods.

Mondays 4:30-6:00pm: March 16, 23, 30 and April 6

\$175 for 4-class series

Deadline to sign up: March 4th



There's No Drama Like Jewish Drama

Taught by experienced drama and dance instructor

Dafna Stein

Program will include:

Physical theatre warm ups and creativity games with a Hebrew/Jewish twist. In addition, students will be acting out, scripts in hand, short folktales from the Jewish imagination.

Sundays 11:15am-12:30pm: March 15, 22, 29

\$150 for 3-class series

Deadline to sign up: March 4th

Please note: **These programs need sufficient enrollment by March 4th to run.**

Religious School Calendar Reminders:

March 1	PACT 2/3 10:00 am
	BINGO 11:00 am
March 4	PACT 4/5 6:15 pm
March 8	Purim Schpiel & Carnival 10:30 am
March 9	Megillah Reading 7:00 pm
March 15	PACT 6 9:15 am

*March
B'nai Mitzvahs*



March 7

*Daniel Steinberg
Hannah Steinberg*

March 14

Mackenzie Levine

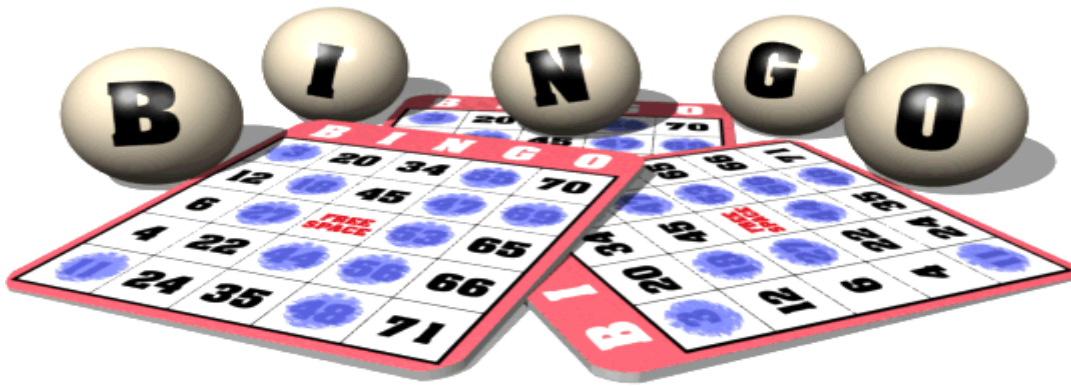
March 21

Mason Adelberg

Jade Mason

March 28

Samantha Weinstein



JOIN US FOR BINGO!

Help us raise money for religious school!

Sunday, March 1st, 11am-1pm

\$5 for each 7-Game Card

Popcorn Machine and Cotton Candy!

Prizes for winning cards!

Chai Club

In January, some Chai Club members got together for Mah Jongg and lunch. We want to keep our cold winter brains active! In February, a group of Scrabble enthusiasts will gather for lunch and then to challenge each other with their word knowledge. We hope the weather cooperates!

Our next event will be on Sunday, April 26th at the home of Werner Reich for our annual Latke Fling. Most snowbirds will be back by then.

New members are always welcome. For more information contact Sheila Eisinger at seising2@gmail.com.



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.



4th Annual
TBD Brotherhood

Blues and Brews

Saturday March 21, 2020

7 pm – 11 pm

FEATURING THE TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF
THE KERRY KEARNEY BAND



Temple Beth David

100 Hauppauge Rd, Commack NY

\$20 online / \$25 at the door

ALL ARE WELCOME (must be over 21)

Sponsored by



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Spotlight on Brotherhood



WE NEED YOU AT TEMPLE. Brotherhood Shabbat is scheduled for Friday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please contact Steve Swartz at stephenwswartz@gmail.com. This year promises to be our best service ever!

SAVE THE DATE! On Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m., we are again having our Blues and Brews night featuring the Kerry Kearney Band, sponsored by the Saint James Brewery. This activity is always a ton of fun. To sum up the event, it's a great big party where we listen to great music. If you've never attended this event, you don't know what you're missing. The evening is open to all, so feel free to bring friends. Even better, all proceeds go to charity. You can buy tickets from a number of sources: an Acceptiva link on the temple website, a link that we are emailing, also at the door the night of the event.

PAINTBALL RESCHEDULED! The Brotherhood Paintball Team's first contest is being rescheduled. Originally, we were scheduled to compete against the Stony Brook Chabad on Sunday, March 29, but team leader Steve Swartz is not available and it won't be any fun if we can't see Steve covered in paint. We'll have a new date soon. If you want to join us, please contact Steve Swartz at stephenwswartz@gmail.com.

THE BROTHERHOOD WANTS TO TAKE YOUR SOUL! Well not as dramatic as that, but we are collecting shoes for the less fortunate. Everything we collect goes to Soles for Souls. Donating a shoe will make sure that someone who can't afford shoes will have something covering their feet. So it's a big deal and you can really help out. I'm quite certain each one of us has a pair of shoes in good condition that they never wear. There's a better purpose for that shoe that's sitting in your closet unloved.

YOM HASHOAH. Our Yom Hashoah event is on Sunday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m. at the temple. We are serving bagels and coffee and invite everyone to join us. As you know, the number of Holocaust survivors who are able to speak shrinks each year, which makes it even more important that we listen to them while we have the opportunity. Please join us and feel free to invite family and friends. The Brotherhood again is sponsoring the yellow commemorative candles. They are free of charge (but we always welcome a donation as that allows us to make the candles available to all). If you would like one, please contact Jarrett Weintraub at weintraubs@gmail.com.

WE NEED YOU. The Nominating Committee of the Brotherhood is putting together its slate for next year's Brotherhood Board. If you are interested, please contact Alan Marx at Alan1125@optonline.net. Even if you're not ready to be on the board, our planning meetings are open to all members. We have meetings scheduled March 3 and April 7. Come down and share your thoughts (we have cookies!). If you have ideas for programs, please feel free to email me at ddornfeld@rocketmail.com.

You can find more information about upcoming events on the temple website (tbdcmmack.org), on our Facebook page and by email. We have some great photos and videos on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel. If you haven't been receiving our emails, please let Adam Browser know at abrowser@yahoo.com.

Your humble servant,
Dan Dornfeld

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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



Spotlight on Sisterhood

It's March—Spring begins this month! Soon we'll see the early blooms of various flowers like daffodils and petunias that announce the first signs of spring. Thankfully, so far it has been a relatively mild, snow-free winter.

For a relatively short month, Sisterhood was certainly busy in February. The Cultural Arts Committee sponsored a beaded-wrap bracelet-making activity on February 2, a/k/a Groundhog Day, a/k/a Super Bowl Sunday (Boy, What a busy day!). A small group of ladies created beautiful beaded wrap bracelets using different colored beads. It was either stress-relieving or stress-producing, depending on how well things were going for you. Karin Brandsdorfer was named the “Quickest Hands in Commack” as she was the only one who actually completed her bracelet in the time allotted. A “thank you” is due to Toni Spring for planning this activity. Later that week Sisterhood held its monthly board meeting which featured our usual “kibbitzing” about past and future events. I thank Susan Vaimberg, a former board member, for sharing her thoughts about Sisterhood functions. Next, the Sisterhood Kol Ishah Committee sponsored a Tu B'Shevat Seder. Even though the trees in Commack still have many weeks to go before showing buds, trees in Israel are starting to bloom. Fruits, particularly those that are described in the Torah such as grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates were discussed and shared. Ladies who attended also learned why wine slowly turned from white to red. Hopefully, those who attended will share the “why” with others. Thanks goes to Glenda Kresh and Debbie Friedman for planning this activity. Hopefully, you were able to utilize your “leap year day” doing something extra special like attending one of our Sisterhood-sponsored events in February.



March is a special month because we celebrate the holiday of Purim. I hope you were able to order your Shalach Manot baskets (as the deadline to order them was February 14) from Sisterhood. It is a mitzvah to send food baskets to friends and family for this holiday. Our Shalach Manot baskets are filled with traditional treats. All proceeds from this fundraiser support the temple and community projects, including the Sisterhood Camp Fund. The basket distribution is on Sunday, March 8 during Religious School and the Purim Carnival. You will be notified by email if you are to receive a basket. Please remember to pick them up that Sunday since this is the only day baskets will be distributed. Our monthly board meeting is on Thursday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall; all members are welcome to attend. We appreciate hearing new ideas and suggestions to make our activities more successful. Finally, ladies, it is here! It's a “Girls Night Out” Bingo Night. Do you need a break from husbands, kids, jobs, or just want to have a great time with friends? Please attend this fun-filled night on Thursday, March 12, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the temple Social Hall. A light dinner will be served. The cost is \$12 pp (Sisterhood member) and \$14 pp (non-Sisterhood member) and a \$10 gift card to anywhere (think outside the box). To reserve a spot, please send a check written out to TBD Sisterhood by March 5, Attn: Denise Jacobs.

Our upcoming events include Sisterhood Shabbat on April 3 and our Cultural Arts tour to the Jewish Museum on Sunday, April 26. The cost of this tour is \$18 and the deadline to RSVP to Toni Spring at 631.462.1576 or toni.spring@gmail.com is March 26. Please make your payment by check written out to TBD Sisterhood. Transportation is on your own. Last, but certainly not least, our Big Event/Fashion Show is on Monday, May 4. Please check this issue of *Hakol* for more information on these events. I look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to our Sisterhood events in person! Enjoy the beginning of Spring! (I hope you don't have allergies!)

--Denise Jacobs
Sisterhood President

P.S. Still looking for a Sisterhood President to replace me!

Hat Looming Donations



Temple Beth David Sisterhood Ladies Night Out Bingo



Ladies- Do you need a break from husbands, kids, jobs, or just want to have a great time with friends? Then you need to attend Sisterhood's Ladies Night Bingo for lots of fun and food! Information about this event is below.

When: Thursday, March 12, 2020

Where: Temple Beth David Social Hall
100 Hauppauge Rd.
Commack, NY 11725

Time: 7:00pm- 10:00pm

Cost: \$12.00 pp(sisterhood member)

\$14.00 pp(non-sisterhoodmember)

+\$10 Gift card to anywhere(Think outside the box)

Please note that dinner will be served!

To reserve a spot- please send check written out to TBD Sisterhood by March 5, 2020 and send it to Temple Beth David, 100 Hauppauge Rd., NY 11725, Please RSVP that you can attend to Denise Jacobs at (631)543-7695/jacobsrdd@optonline.net/text (516)356-4486 or text Cheryl Kaplan at (516)238-3303/ekaplan6@optonline.net. If you have any questions, please call Denise Jacobs at (631)543-7695.

TICKETS ON SALE! COMEDY NIGHT

presented by the TBD Ways and Means Committee

April 4th 2020 at 7:00PM

starring

Dan Naturman

"Last Comic Standing", Conan O'Brien



and

Joe Larson

"Laugh Squad", Gotham Comedy Live



Don't miss TBD's annual laugh-fest! Bring your favorite food, snacks and "grownup" beverages. We'll bring non-stop fun, raffles, a 50/50 drawing and an evening of great comedy!

Just \$40 per person - guests welcome!
Look for the Acceptiva link on the TBD website.

TBD Comedy Night.
It's a Religious Experience.



TEMPLE BETH DAVID

News from Isaiah 58



How can I describe gratitude? Is feeling thankful part of it? Perhaps feeling lucky is a good descriptor. When I perform an act of service, something small or something big, I am lifted in my spirit and in my soul. Acts of charity belong in my life and I am part of the Isaiah 58 Social Action Committee to help fill that need. I wondered when that need arose. I clearly remember one childhood Halloween, not just walking and collecting candy but also, holding a small orange cardboard carton and collecting coins for UNICEF. I think I was age 8. Being with my sisters and neighbors, all of us with our orange cartons, donating our time and effort to a great cause, gave me an understanding of what it felt like to do something for others. My small Halloween UNICEF collection was added together with many other small collections to create a much bigger impact. Surely this idea and this united effort came from my parents and my teachers. “Many hands make light work” is a favorite saying in Isaiah 58. If you have a need to do acts of service, small acts of kindness and want to join in, come to our meetings. The committee is getting ready for our Passover food collection to donate to the local food pantries. Please donate generously, with food or a monetary donation, and join us in our goal for our community. Join us and feel the joy that comes from giving to others less fortunate and reap the reward – no orange carton required. See Beverly Horowitz’ article and the flyer in this month’s *HaKol* for more information about Passover food donations.

Many thanks to our PB&J Gang, Food Pantry Chair and our Hat Looming Club! Cara Millman, Carol Weintraub, Lisa Wilks and Bennett, and Debbie Vogel have all made donations to help others this past month. With leaders like this, I feel very lucky and grateful indeed!

Jane Oberwager Gaines
Isaiah 58 Chair

A Special Passover Request, Written by Beverly Horowitz

On April 8th, Jews from around the world will celebrate the beginning of Pesach. Our story and journey from slavery in Egypt to becoming a free people will be retold with family and friends as we read our Haggadahs. It will be taught to our children so that each generation can understand and remember our history of degradation, the oppression of slavery, and how we as a people were sustained by God to endure our flight from Egypt, wandering in the desert, and ultimately achieved freedom and dignity for ourselves and our descendants. In addition to retelling our story, we share family traditions, ritual foods we place on our Seder plates, and the traditional family recipes to link generation to generation and help bind us together as families and Jewish communities.

Haggadahs are written in many languages, express the Jewish diversity here at home and around the world, and encompass a range of styles, illustrations, poetry and song. While our story is one of bondage, its universal theme of hope, deliverance from slavery and oppression, and the triumph over oppression is an uplifting one. 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. As Jews this season, we give thanks for our freedom and recall the trials 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. Unfortunately, we need to confront increasing challenges being identified as Jewish here in our communities in the United States, and the fears and discrimination many experience because of their ethnicity, race, religion, or gender. 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.

Donations of Kosher for Passover nonperishable food are appreciated. Our annual Passover Food Drive is on Sunday, April 5, when we will bag groceries for needy Jewish families in our community. Please place items in the designated bin at the rear of the Temple near the Religious School office prior to this date. Isaiah 58 also gladly accepts monetary donations to help us purchase food for our Passover Food Drive. Monetary donations also help us feed those in need throughout the year.

Wishing everyone a healthy and joyous Pesach.



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*

Matzah Ball Soup

Canned Vegetables

Matzah Meal

Grape Juice

Tea Bags

Macaroons

Cakes or Cookies

Gefilte Fish

Applesauce or Canned Fruit

*All items must be marked with © 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 groceries on Sunday, April 5th at noon
can contact Beverly Horowitz (631-427-3074; email: bhorowit@optonline.net).
Additionally please consider joining our Isaiah 58 Committee meeting at
11:00 in the Youth Lounge before we bag groceries.*

We wish you and your family a wonderful Passover

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(Hint: you will find information about these because these events are actually happening and I hope joining us for them brings lots of laughs and fun.)

Lastly, why celebrate Purim? Because Vashti, Esther, Mordecai and King Ahasuerus were brave and proud, each in their own way. They stood up for what is right in this world: dignity for all people, religious freedom for all faiths, and justice for every citizen.

Join us to celebrate and to rejoice!

Rabbi Beth H. Klafter
Rabbi Beth H. Klafter



**MITZVAH DAY IS SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020
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 lollypops
- Disposable, non-latex gloves
- School supplies
- Pet supplies (including, dog/cat food, dog/cat treats, dog/cat bedding, cat litter, igloos, leashes and collars, food bowls)
- Prom dresses and accessories (**Bring only on Mitzvah Day.**)
- Dress for Success clothing and accessories (Bring only on Mitzvah Day.)
- Old eyeglasses
- Loose change (**Bring on Mitzvah Day.**)
- Donations for Big Brothers/Big Sisters (**Bring only on Mitzvah Day.**)
- Musical instruments (& supplies like rosin, unopened boxes of reeds) (**Bring on Mitzvah Day**)

Thank you for helping to support Mitzvah Day 2020!

Questions? Please contact Co-Chairs: Diane Kraut (dianekraut@optimum.net), Lynn Soriano (lyrs1103@aol.com).

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

A Wedding Prayer

Most precious love

blessed from above...

These first thoughts
may come with ease
It's living that love
accepting the challenge
to treasure moments of awe
while embracing reality
the approach, the beginning
of a new life's journey

its turns

its twists

its depths

its bliss

Wedding vows
resound with this
invitation to create
a marriage of dreams
fine dreams we nurture
to help them come true
dear **Bride** and **Bridegroom**
May God bless you

--Sandy Wicker

Temple Beth David Presents:



When: Sunday, March 29, 2020

Where: Social Hall

Time: 1:00-3:00pm

Please join us for an afternoon of fun
and dancing. Have fun, laugh, learn,
and exercise at the same time! All are
welcome!



To make a donation to
Temple Beth David for a
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of a loved one, please contact
Robin in the temple office at
499-0915 ext. 310.

THE TEMPLE BETH DAVID CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE

Invites you to join us for a unique museum experience at **The Jewish Museum** with a guided tour of *Scenes from the Collection*. This museum-trained docent led tour lasts approximately 45 minutes. Included is general admission to the museum in addition to this special exhibit, and a coupon for a 10% discount in the Museum Shop. Lunch is on your own, either at the museum or another venue close by.



In *Scenes from the Collection*, selected works weave together centuries of art and Judaica. Each gallery suggests a different filter through which we may approach and understand art. The works are presented as distinctive creative expressions and as bearers of the stories of those who made, owned, used, preserved, and sometimes transformed them.

This trip is open to **Sisterhood members only** at this time. (Should extra room be available, non-Sisterhood members will be welcome for an additional fee.)

DATE & TIME: Sunday, April 26, 2020 @ 12:15 p.m.

LOCATION: The Jewish Museum, 1109 Fifth Avenue @ 92nd Street

COST: \$18.- Checks are to be made out to TBD Sisterhood and either left in the Sisterhood mailbox or sent to the temple, **Attention: Toni Spring.**

Please note: **Payment MUST be received ON OR BEFORE March 26, 2020 to guarantee your spot.** **RSVP:** toni.spring@gmail.com - OR- (631) 462-1576

We plan to meet at the LIRR station and go together. Time and station info to follow.

TBD Sisterhood Cultural Arts *Scenes from the Collection* trip *Yes! Count me in!*

Name: _____ Check #: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

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Checks are payable to Temple Beth David Sisterhood

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COUNT ME IN! LET THE FUN BEGIN!



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Additional guests names _____

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Phyllis Toran

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There are many ways to honor a loved one's memory, remember a joyous event, celebrate a special day such as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a wedding or a baby naming.

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Yahrzeits March 2020



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3/3	Frances Dorskind Abraham Rand Stephen Goldfarb Horace Klafter	3/13	Joan Greenberg Sydel Barfus Teresa Wolff Amy Beth Durkin Teresa Wolff Rose Zelenko	3/22	Herman Franklin Frieda Lowitz Hyman Schwartz Jordan Koplan
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What's Happening at TBD — March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>10:00 am PACT 2/3</p> <p>10:15 am Hat Looming</p> <p>11:00 am Rel. School BINGO</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 pm CHHS @Beth El</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class</p> <p>8:00 pm Brotherhood</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:15 pm PACT 4/5</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 pm New Soil Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm Sisterhood Board</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:15 am Torah Study & Service</p> <p>10:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Service</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 am Purim Basket Pickup</p> <p>10:30 am Purim Shpiel</p> <p>11:00 am Purim Carnival</p> <p>11:30 am New Soil</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 pm Megillah Reading</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 pm New Soil Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Sisterhood Ladies' Night Out</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Brotherhood</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:15 am Torah Study & Service</p> <p>10:00 am Bat Mitzvah Service</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:15 am PACT 6</p> <p>10:15 am Hat Looming</p> <p>11:30 am New Soil Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 pm CHHS at TBD</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth Group 4/5 grades</p> <p>6:40 pm Rabbi's B'nai Mitzvah Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class</p> <p>7:30 pm Isaiah 58 Meeting</p> <p>8:00 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30 pm Executive Board</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 pm New Soil Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm Budget & Finance</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00 pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:15 am Torah Study & Service</p> <p>10:00 am B'nai Mitvah Service</p> <p>7:00 pm Brotherhood Blues Nite</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:15 am Hat Looming</p> <p>11:30 am New Soil Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 pm CHHS at TBD</p> <p>8:00 pm Board Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 pm Cantor Packet Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class</p> <p>8:00 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 pm New Soil Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm PB&J</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Anniversary Blessings</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:15 am Torah Study & Service</p> <p>10:00 am Bat Mitzvah Service</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:15 am Hat Looming</p> <p>11:30 am New Soil Meeting</p> <p>1:00 pm Israeli Dancing</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 pm CHHS at TBD</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class</p> <p>8:00 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's Seder</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 pm New Soil Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Sisterhood and Adult Choir and Birthday Blessings</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:15 am Torah Study & Service</p> <p>10:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Service</p> <p>7:00 pm Comedy Night</p>



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Worship Schedule

Friday, March 6

Shabbat Tetzaveh

7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings

Saturday, March 7

9:15 am Torah Study with Service

10:00 am Celebrate with us as Daniel & Hannah
Steinberg become B'nei Mitzvah

Monday, March 9

7:00 pm Purim Service & Megillah Reading

Friday, March 13

Shabbat Ki Tisa

8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings

Saturday, March 14

9:15 am Torah Study and Service

10:00 am Celebrate with us as Mackenzie Levine
becomes a Bat Mitzvah

Friday, March 20

Shabbat Vayakhel-Pekudei

8:00 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 21

9:15 am Torah Study with Service

10:00 am Celebrate with us as Mason Adelberg &
Jade Mason become B'nei Mitzvah

Friday, March 27

Shabbat Vayikra

8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Anniversary
Blessings

Saturday, March 28

9:15 am Torah Study with Service

10:00 am Celebrate with us as Samantha
Weinstein becomes a Bat Mitzvah

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