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## Rabbi's Message by Rabbi Beth H. Klafter

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 would have been the ninetieth birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His words, spoken well over half a century ago, remain a powerful call to action for all of us today. Dr. King wrote:

*I am coming to feel that the people of ill will have used time much more effectively than the people of goodwill. We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. We must come to see that human progress ... comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of men willing to be co-workers with God, and without this hard work time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, and forever realize that.*

This seems to a most appropriate month to announce a new initiative through our Reform Movement and to invite you to participate in it with me.

Many have heard me speak of the Religious Action Center (the RAC) of Reform Judaism which spearheads the social justice work of our movement. A project of the RAC that has started in recent months is RAC-NY which is a network of Reform communities working across New York to address these issues within our state. The primary focus in the next several months includes:

- **Building Our Power** with congregations across New York through conversation, education and action. Our power comes from our united voices!
- **Building Relationships** with partners across the state and deepening our understanding of the issues.
- **Building Relationships** with State and Local Legislators and other key decision makers.
- **Taking Action** as the organized Reform Jewish community standing with partners who share our values. Based on what we learn from our communities, our Research team will explore several issues to help pick the strategic issue we will focus on in the 2019 Legislative session. This will be an issue where our members can act collectively to make a real impact on the lives of New Yorkers.

A local meeting of RAC-NY will be held this month. As I write this article, the date has not been confirmed. Please watch for an announcement about the January meeting to join your voice and your actions with fellow New Yorkers as we respond to the call of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the values of our Jewish tradition to bring justice and goodness into our world.

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## In the Face of Anti-Semitism, We Need More Than Luck

By Cantor Evan Kent

Sunday is a strange day here in Jerusalem. In Israel, it's "*Yom Rishon*," the first day of the week and we all go to work and to school. On Sunday, after the rest Shabbat affords us, we resume our everydayness – even as the rest of the world is still in weekend mode.

For those who do a lot of correspondence or business with North America, as I do, Sunday is a relatively quiet day. Nothing much ever happens on Sunday, giving me a chance to catch up on email and run a lot of errands.

Two weeks ago, on Sunday I went to the market, the dry cleaner, picked up cat food, ran to the pharmacy, and got ready for the last few rehearsals before the J-town Playhouse opens a production of the award-winning musical "Cabaret" here in Jerusalem. In the show, I portray the elderly Jewish fruit vendor, Herr Schulz. He's the only character in the musical identified as Jewish, and is in deep denial about the impending military storm and Holocaust that will soon engulf the European continent.

Driving to the theatre, I reviewed my lines, my songs, and mentally went through some of my choreography. Arriving a few minutes early, I parked and listened to American news. My Sunday carefreeness evaporated as I heard the news of the shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh.

It was incomprehensible to me: A shooting in a synagogue. Eleven wounded. No, 11 dead. During Shabbat morning services. "All Jews must die," the killer said as he shot his victims.

A shooting. In a synagogue. On Shabbat.

As the cast assembled for rehearsal, we felt the heaviness, the unease, the anger, the fear, the disbelief. A shooting. In a synagogue. On Shabbat.

We tacitly understood that now, more than ever, our production of "Cabaret" was not only a musical fable of a far-away time and place, but also a mirror, reflecting part of our own milieu in which incitement leads to violence, demagogues are emergent, and anti-Semitism is real.

"Cabaret" for all its remarkable and tuneful song and dance is an exceedingly dark and foreboding work in which the characters experience the rise of Nazism, the collapse of friendships and intimate relationships, and destruction of life as they previously knew it.

That evening we rehearsed the ending of the second act. Realizing that some of his non-German neighbors in Berlin are leaving the city and heading to America to escape the tightening snare of the Nazis and the ever-growing violence toward Jews, Herr Schulz shakes his head in disbelief: "This will pass, I promise you," he says. "Because I understand the Germans. After all, what am I? A German."

His denial, coupled with intense optimism, are the formula for disaster and loss.

A moment later, I, as Herr Schulz, look directly at the audience and say: "What we all really need is *mazel* [luck]...that's what we all need."

As I write this, several weeks after the Pittsburgh shooting and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kristallnacht, it seems that Herr Schulz got it wrong. He really believes this hatred will disappear. Like many of us now, and so many German Jews in the 1930s, he can't truly comprehend anti-Semitism. Survival when facing such hate needs more than *mazel* or luck. Indeed, what we truly need are fortitude, hope, and responsible politicians and officials who lead through hope not fear and through unity not isolation.

After an extremely emotional rehearsal, I drove home through the mostly empty streets of Jerusalem. As gentle rain began to fall, I turned off the radio and streamed from Spotify the 1998 revival recording of "Cabaret:"

What good is sitting alone in your room?  
Come hear the music play  
Life is a cabaret, old chum  
Come to the cabaret

No, life isn't always a cabaret. It can be difficult, dangerous, and filled with unexpected twists and turns. On that damp Jerusalem evening, though, exhausted from a long, draining rehearsal, I realized, there isn't any place I'd rather be.

**Cantor Evan Kent, the son of TBD member, Marian Kent, is an *oleh chadash* (new immigrant) living in Jerusalem, where he is on the faculty of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. For 25 years, he served Temple Isaiah in Los Angeles, CA. This post originally appeared on the blog of [www.reformjudaism.org](http://www.reformjudaism.org) and is reprinted with their permission.**



## Cantorial Notes by Rabbi/Cantor Audrey Halpern

Dear Friends,

We are entering what we, as clergy, call the quieter time. But it is always a time when I look back on the prior Bar/Bat Mitzvah season. There are standout tales –some of them last a lifetime in my memory, like when a Bat Mitzvah girl's heel broke off her shoe as she was entering the sanctuary just as the service was beginning! There were several cases of uncontrollable giggles and even a couple with choked up tears. There were fevers and upset stomachs—but don't panic if you have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah coming up –we have successfully handled all of it, and we haven't lost a child yet. Having done hundreds, if not thousands, of B'nei Mitzvah services at TBD, is definitely one of the blessings of being here for thirty-one years. (I think I truly was a baby when I began!)

This season one of the highlights for me was when a Bat Mitzvah mom (who was now using her married name) said, "That's the same folder I got when I became a Bat Mitzvah here."

I looked at her and it all came back to me. We took a precious walk down memory lane together only weeks before her own daughter's Bat Mitzvah. She brought me up to date about her family in a more personal way and we compared memories from the past. She looks the same and she told me that I do too, so of course, I knew I loved her! It was a special joy to share that morning with her and her extended family – all of whom I remember well.

Our congregation shares a rich history. Generations have grown up and brought their children back. Much has changed and some things have not. Through it all, what makes this the place we love to be is our interconnection to one another and the roots we share. Each of us takes those roots and brings new life, new growth and our own vibrancy and color to the texture of the landscape of our humble home. For me, that is what Tu B'sh'vat is really about. When we bring back the beautiful gifts of our children, our choicest fruits, if you will, we celebrate the same kind of renewal that we read about in the custom of eating a new fruit or planting a tree.

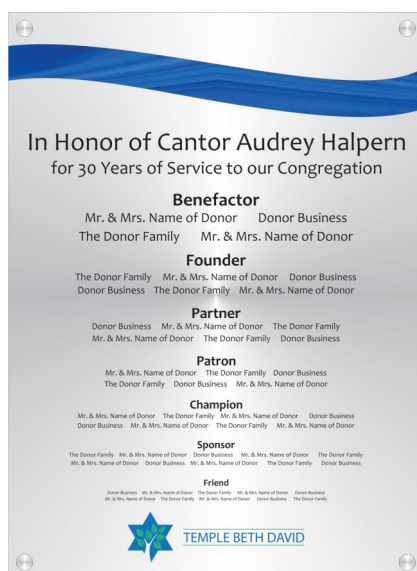
Our B'nei Mitzvah services will commence again before we turn around; the stories will continue to unfold and just as we read and reread the Torah, our history as the people of 100 Hauppauge Road will travel *L'dor Vador* – from generation to generation for many years, we pray, to come.

*Ken Y'hi Ratson* – May this be God's will.

Happy New Year!

B'shalom,

Cantor Audrey Halpern



Please join us Friday, January 4, 2019 as we dedicate the Plaque in honor of the Cantor's 30 years of service. Every donation that was given is recognized on this commemorative plaque that will be installed outside the sanctuary. We will have a brief dedication ceremony after Shabbat Services, before the Oneg Shabbat. Services begin at 7:30 pm on January 4th. We look forward to seeing you then.





*Margie Gursky*

*Religious School News*

The winter holidays have come and gone. Although the coldest part of winter is upon us, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to celebrate the Israeli holiday of Tu B'Shevat. This Israeli holiday is the time of year we can be thankful to God for the trees, their beauty, their wood, their creation of oxygen, their homes for animals. Though it may seem odd to think about trees in January, in Israel, January is Springtime, and the trees are budding. How nice for us to have the opportunity to think about trees during this season of ice and snow.

And just as the trees of Israel are just starting to bloom, our students here at TBD are as well. With half of the school year having passed, TBD students are feeling comfortable with their new knowledge of Jewish history and holidays, their strengthened Hebrew and prayer skills, and their more securely formed friendships. I, for one, am also more comfortable as the school's assistant director, building relationships with students and parents alike and getting to know our amazing teaching staff.

During the Fall season, we have had lots of fun programs. Thanks to the Kaplan family for the amazing bouncy houses and games as well as to the Mason family for the fun Spin Art; the Chanukah celebration was a fun time for all. In addition, our school was involved with the Junior Choir Shabbat Service, various PACT programs, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Gurwin Grandparent Project and, of course, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Holocaust survivor speaker, Mr. Mordechai Miller, just to name a few! Our Winter programming will be just as meaningful as we start off the year with Rabbi Klafter's The Art of Challah Baking & Havdallah Experience. I know I can't wait to go to that, and I hope to see all of you there as well. Wishing a happy and healthy new year to all!



## The Chanukah Experience 2018

### Religious School Calendar Reminders:

- January 2: Religious School Resumes
- January 9: Havdallah & Challah Experience 7:00 pm (open to all)
- January 12: Havdallah & Challah Experience 4:00 pm (RS Families only)
- January 15: 6th Grade PACT Family Foundation Program 6:15-8pm
- January 20: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
- January 27: 4th/5th Grade PACT Family Foundation Program 9:15 am
- February 1: 6th Grade Shabbat Service



## The Art of Challah Baking With Rabbi Klafter



Rabbi's mother, Corinne K. Klafter, was an expert baker, cook and teacher. Challah was her specialty. Rabbi Klafter is excited to share her family legacy with the TBD family. At the end of the program participants will take a braided challah home to bake. She is offering the lesson twice during the month of January:

Open to the entire Congregation:  
Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

For Religious School Families Only:  
Saturday, January 12, 2019, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Fee is \$5.00 for each Challah dough. Space is limited. Your payment is required as your RSVP. Deadline for both dates is January 4<sup>th</sup> so that Rabbi Klafter can plan accordingly.

No walk-ins can be accommodated.

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Please sign me/us up! We will be \_\_\_\_\_ people.  
Number

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Name(s)

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Email

I/we would like \_\_\_\_\_ dough(s) at \$5.00 each.

I/we will be attending on \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, January 9

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Enclosed is my check made out to Temple Beth David for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

## *From the President's Desk*

**B**y the time you read this, the celebration of our secular New Year will either be days away or have just passed. How many of us make resolutions that we have already broken??? I often do not even bother to make them as I always plan to do something that in reality I know I will not do. I still have that extra 20 pounds around my mid-section that each year I resolve to lose.

This past fall, as we embraced the High Holidays and celebrated our Jewish New Year, I asked each of you to please join me in my **one more** movement honoring the **one more** pledges that you made. The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. So here in this month's column I want to build on this tradition. Lailah Gifty Akita, the author, said in her book Pearls of Wisdom: Great mind the following: "You ought to write down your goals. It serves as a guidepost and gives strength for purposeful action." Following in the tradition of the Babylonians she encourages us to write down our goals in an effort to commit to them more faithfully. This notion of writing down what we want to accomplish is an often followed practice, that as you heard on the High Holidays, I firmly believe in.

Thinking back to our celebration of our secular New Year, much like the ancient Babylonians and Lailah Gifty, I want to speak to you about what you pledged to do as you made this year's New Year's resolution, I know most of us pledged to lose weight, exercise more or in general live a healthier lifestyle and those pledges are certainly important..... but this year I think the ones you made at the High Holidays are just that much more important. I want to once again remind you of the pledges you made just a few short months ago as part of my **one more** movement. During my speech about doing just one more I asked each of you to commit to attending one more event at the temple and supporting our community financially in just **one more** way. These commitments did not have to be big, just additional ways in which you can support our temple community. Please take this time to revisit the **one mores** you pledged to complete and make sure to honor them if you haven't done so already.

I am sure if we all honor our pledges we will truly change the world, or at least our own little corner of the world right here on Hauppauge Road. Remember, it is said that on Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed. I once again remind you to recommit to our community by honoring your one more pledges.

Wishing you and yours a happy and a healthy year.

*Beverly Wolcott*  
Beverly Wolcott, President

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On a personal note, January was also the month of my mother's birthday. Corinne K. Klafter would have been 89 this January 12<sup>th</sup>. Sadly, she died over twenty years ago. My mom dedicated her life to bringing compassion to others in many ways. She often shared fresh-baked challah with family and friends at times of celebration and times of sadness in their lives. It was her greatest pleasure to teach challah-baking to adults and to children. As a way to honor her memory, I will be leading Challah Baking classes this month. Please see the flier in this HaKol with details and information.

May this month usher in the new year of 2019 as a year full of compassion and justice in our personal lives, in our state and nation, and in our world.

Shalom,



*Rabbi Beth H. Klafter*

Rabbi Beth H Klafter

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## Spotlight on Brotherhood

On behalf of the TBD Brotherhood, we hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. December was a big month for the Brotherhood. On December 9, we held our annual Chanukah Play. Kudos again go to Steve Sarisoehn and the Brotherhood Players for a job well done! On December 16, we played in our annual Wally Ball game at Eastern Athletic Sports, proving once again that Gravity is not just a good idea—it's the law. Then we capped off the year with our Christmas Day celebration at Gurwin.

Thanks to everyone who donated a jacket for our coat drive. Thanks to you, there is a needy person who will be a little bit warmer this winter. Special thanks go to David Morganstern for doing such a great job with the collection and distribution.

We are very excited about all the great events we have scheduled for 2019! In January, our plans already include a lecture on brewing beer (with requisite tasting), followed by a Movie Night, and another Football night during the playoffs (although we're not

expecting any of our local teams to be represented, even though one of our members believes that we should consider the Patriots a local team—but that person is generally shunned immediately afterwards.) Additional information about these events will be available via our email distribution list and on Facebook.

We are especially excited about our Third Annual Brotherhood Blues Night, which will be held on Saturday, March 2, featuring the legendary Kerry Kearney Band. Kerry recently played with ZZ Top's guitarist Billy Gibbons at the Paramount in Huntington. For those who missed Blues Night the last few years, you have missed an amazing time. Please put it in your calendars now to join us on March 2! Tickets are now available for \$20 on the temple website and they will go fast. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Sophia Valsamos Foundation.

We are also in early stages of planning our first annual Brotherhood networking event and our political breakfast. Check your email for more information as it becomes available.

If you still are not receiving our emails, please let me know by emailing me at [ddornfeld@rocketmail.com](mailto:ddornfeld@rocketmail.com). Our events are typically open to all. If you haven't joined Brotherhood yet, come on down! And please log onto our Facebook page to get information about our upcoming activities and to see photos from past events.

Happy New Year!

Dan Dornfeld,

Brotherhood President



### 3RD ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD BLUES NIGHT *featuring the Kerry Kearney Band*

Kerry Kearney plays and works his instrument to limits that amaze even the most seasoned musician or cultured music fan. The sounds Kerry creates from his vintage, stock and custom made guitars are as unique as his songwriting and original melodies.

Kerry was voted "Best Guitarist of 1999" by the LI Voice and "Bluesman of the Year 2004" by the LI Blues Society. He is also the recipient of the prestigious Long Island Sound Award from the LI Music Hall of Fame. In 2013, he and his bandmates were inducted into the New York Blues Hall of Fame. He has toured nationally and internationally with the Allman Brothers Band and Dickey Betts, and has performed with such contemporaries as Sonny Landreth and Robert Randolph. Kerry and his band have shared the stage with the such greats as BB King, Robert Cray, The Blues Brothers and Legendary ZZ Top Guitarist Billy Gibbons.

Buy your Tickets here: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=c433ac>



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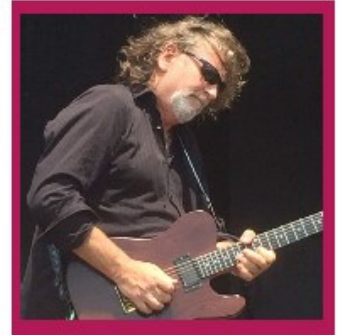
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# Temple Beth David Presents:



When: Sunday, January 13, 2019

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!



**Brotherhood Chanukah Skit 2018**



**TBD SISTERHOOD**  
**TU B'SHEVAT SEDER**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2019**  
**7:30 PM**  
**SOCIAL HALL**

**Please join us as we welcome the New Year of the Trees.**

In the bleakness of winter we will bring some brightness and joy by celebrating the gifts of the earliest blooming fruit trees native to the Land of Israel. We will meet to discuss and share the bounty of fruits particularly from those that are described in the Torah: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates, and together we will learn why we slowly turn wine from white to red.

Please RSVP to [dfriedman@02@gmail.com](mailto:dfriedman@02@gmail.com) (631) 423-0191, or  
[gkresh@hotmail.com](mailto:gkresh@hotmail.com) (631) 864-5038.

*If you would like to contribute a food item, please let us know.*

## Spotlight on Sisterhood

As we begin the month of January, known for its short days, long nights, and occasional snowstorms, we invite you to experience the warmth of TBD's Sisterhood. Of course, snow sometimes strikes unexpectedly, as it did back in November, when a surprise snowstorm forced cancellation of our Jewish Meditation and Healing Circle. If possible, we will try to reschedule this event.

The month of December was an extremely busy time for Sisterhood. Chanukah is over, but we recall with a smile how rewarding it was to watch the Religious School students buying gifts for family members, friends, and even themselves. It was a successful activity, and all profits go back to the students in Religious School. A heartfelt thank you goes to Linda Langer, Susan Vaimberg, Irma Sarisohn, Barbara Klein and all the volunteers who helped out at this event. On December 11, we held a short board meeting to discuss future events and programs. This was followed by our annual cookie swap. The evening was both delicious and fun. Thank you to Deborah Faust for planning this program and making it so successful. After stuffing our bellies with cookies, we sat down to watch the movie, "The Book Club," and still found room for popcorn and soda. A big thank you is due to Toni Spring and the Cultural Arts Committee for another successful movie night. (Phew! What a busy night!)

It's a new year; Happy New Year 2019! It seems that 2018 came and went in the blink of an eye. Hopefully, your New Year's celebrations were wonderful and the New Year brings everyone good health, good times and fresh starts. Here at Sisterhood we will continue to sponsor new and diverse events to appeal to everyone's tastes. We try hard to encourage women of TBD to join us in socializing, learning, and fundraising for both temple and non-temple charities.

The events we have planned for January start off with a Board meeting on Tuesday, January 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend, discuss and plan future Sisterhood events. On Wednesday, January 16th, the Cultural Arts Committee is planning a macrame bracelet class. Details (as of this writing) are still being worked out so please look for more information via e-mail, Whole Megillah, Order of Service, and the temple social media. Lastly, on Tuesday, January 22, we are planning a Tu'B'Shevat Seder at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. In the bleakness of winter, the event promises to bring us some brightness and joy by celebrating the gifts of the earliest blooming fruit trees native to the land of Israel. The bounty of fruits, particularly those described in the Torah: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates, will be discussed and shared. Why is wine slowly turned from white to red? You will learn the answer to this question if you attend the event. Hope to see you there!

Finally, the Cultural Arts Committee presents "Coming to the New Land." (Look for the flyer in this issue of *Hakol*). We are planning a guided bus tour of the Jewish immigrant experience, including visits to Ellis Island and the Museum of Jewish Heritage. The full day tour takes place on Sunday, April 14th and the cost is \$85 per person.

Have a wonderful January and we invite you to take advantage of all the programs and events of Sisterhood!

Denise Jacobs,  
Sisterhood President





Temple Beth David Sisterhood presents

## COMING TO THE NEW LAND

A guided tour of the Jewish Immigrant experience -  
Ellis Island and the Museum of Jewish Heritage



*Sunday, April 14, 2019*

Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the TBD (back) parking lot. Our coach bus leaves promptly at 7:45 a.m. Upon arrival at Battery Park in NYC, we will tour Castle Clinton, then board the Ellis Island Ferry. Our private tour of Ellis Island includes the Immigration Center, a movie, and the Family Research Center. We will then return to Battery Park and tour the Museum of Jewish Heritage. A Kosher lunch will be provided at the Museum Café with sweeping views of NYC harbor. Our tour ends at approximately 4:30 p.m. whereupon we will board our bus back to TBD.

*All inclusive price: \$85*

**THIS IS ONE TRIP NOT TO BE MISSED!** Sisterhood members, **RSVP BY FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

Thereafter, this trip will be opened to all temple members and religious school parents.

Payment **MUST** be received **NO LATER THAN MARCH 14, 2019** to guarantee a spot.

Checks are to be made payable to Temple Beth David Sisterhood.

For questions and concerns, please contact Toni Spring @ (631) 462-1576 or  
[toni.spring@gmail.com](mailto:toni.spring@gmail.com)

Yes!! Count me in for *Coming to the New Land*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sisterhood Member \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Number attending (with names please) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail and phone #(s) to best reach you \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed and check # \_\_\_\_\_

## *News from Isaiah 58*

**H**appy New Year to all! As we celebrate 2019, our new yearly goals must include analysis of the past year's goals. I am proud to say that the Isaiah 58 Social Action Committee has achieved our main goal: to feed the hungry in our community. Through your efforts and donations of food in the lobby bin, plus the congregation's participation in our Passover, Thanksgiving and High Holiday food drives, collections were distributed to our local food pantries and needy school districts which helped hundreds of people! Our ongoing monthly projects are continuing, but we are in need of monetary donations to continue at the pace of 2018. We will continue food donations to our community even if we have to give less each month we donate.

More and more families are struggling to make ends meet and so your donations are deeply appreciated. When we buy supplies such as peanut butter, jelly, bread, juice boxes or applesauce cups, that money has to come from our funding. Sometimes it is hard for us to keep up with the demand! Please consider a small part of your monthly budget and generously donate to Isaiah 58. The cost of a haircut, a lunch or dinner out, a movie or a tank of gas may seem like a small donation to you, but, for those in need, it is the difference between being hungry and having food.

Many charitable organizations want donations. Isaiah 58 assures you that if you participate in our activities, donate food or send a check, you directly help those in need. Our organization is fully funded by donations, and we need your help to make this year a success. In this new year, we hope that your charitable donations will come to us so we can double our efforts to help those in the community. Every bit counts!

Isaiah 58 members wish you all a healthy, happy and prosperous 2019!

Jane Gaines

### **MITZVAH DAY, MAY 2018 IS COMING!!**

**Y**es, it's early. We know. Here it is January, the holidays just ended, you finally have time to breathe, and you're reading about something not happening for another four months. We know. Thoughts about May are hard to focus on when it's cold outside and so far, away. BUT...if YOU have an idea for a new activity for this year's Mitzvah Day 2019...coming this way on May 5...NOW is a good time to start thinking about it. We would like to offer some new activities at this year's Mitzvah Day.

Is there something YOU, or you and some friends or family, would like to do this year that has never been done before?

Would you like to be the captain or co-captain of an activity that will bring happiness to a group of needy children, teens, adults or seniors?

Do you have ties to a charitable organization that could use some extra help that day, even if it is only sorting materials or stuffing envelopes?

Are you the parent of a high school student who needs to fulfill a community service requirement?

May 5 will be TBD's 21<sup>st</sup> Mitzvah Day! If you'd like to be involved, have an idea, or if you have any questions, please contact one of us. NO commitments are necessary at this time.

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Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs

### **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.



# Hat Making Club

Easy and fun to make!

Beginners welcome, no experience needed!

Simple Loom and finger-knitting

Recommended for fourth graders and up, all are welcome!

All hats and scarfs made will be donated to the Dolan Center, a family wellness center in Huntington that gives help and healthcare to families in need.

## Upcoming Meetings

Jan.— 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

All meetings are from 4:30 to 5:30  
in room 3

If you loom it, they will stay warm!

For more information, email  
[Heather4018@Hotmail.com](mailto:Heather4018@Hotmail.com)  
Hope to see you there!



Supported by: Girl Scouts of Suffolk County (GSSC)

Sponsored by: Temple Beth David Isaiah 58 Committee



# SAVE THE DATE! COMEDY NIGHT

presented by the TBD Ways and Means Committee

March 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7:00PM

starring

## Dan Wilson

MTV, HBO, Comedy Central Star

and

## Stone & Stone

"Last Comic Standing", truTV Stars



Don't miss TBD's annual laugh-fest! You supply your own desserts, snacks and "grownup" beverages. We supply non-stop fun, raffles, a 50/50 drawing and an evening of great comedy!

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

TBD Comedy Night.  
It's a Religious Experience.



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### TBD Snowbirds:

Please join us for the annual  
 Y Retirement Club/TBD  
 Florida Picnic  
 Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019  
 Noon to 5 p.m.  
 Belgium Pavilion  
 North side Tradewinds Park  
 3600 Sample Road  
 Coconut Creek, FL  
 \$3.00 per person (\$4.00 at the door)  
 Bring your own food, drinks, chairs  
 We provide: tables, benches, shelter  
 games and prizes  
 Please contact:  
 Hal & Sandy Wicker 631-543-2680  
 FL liaison: Vicki Solomon 954-427-0756

### TEMPLE BETH DAVID OFFICE HOURS

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 Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm  
 Clergy Assistant ....Wendy Perry  
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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, 8:00 am-1:00 pm  
 Monday, 10:00 am-3:00 pm  
 Tuesday, 12 noon-8:30 pm  
 Wednesday, 12 noon-7:00 pm  
 Temple Administrator ....Robin Kain  
 Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
 Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

### Oh Chanukah! Oh Hanukkah!

*Lunisolar* logic  
 basis for our calendar  
 dictates...prevails  
 and Chanukah,  
 or Hanukkah,  
 came—remained on time  
 2018: Sunday evening,  
 December 2  
 5779: 24 Kislev  
 Nightfall, 4:57 p.m.  
 after Thanksgiving  
 way before Christmas.

But the Saturday before:  
 “Let’s do latkes, Grandma,  
 spin dreidle  
 and play board games,”  
 say my adult granddaughters  
 and Chanukah expands  
 grants leniency to “exigencies”  
 of time and place  
 responsibilities.

Lit menorahs, prayer  
 stay within the calendar  
 propriety of the eight days  
 as do formal celebrations  
 yet latkes and applesauce  
 (sour cream, if you please)  
 taste delicious whenever...  
 the holiday—the jolly days  
 smile beyond moon and sun  
 make memories unique  
 for family and fond friends  
 Happy Post-Hanukkah!

--Sandy Wicker



## *Gracious Gifts from Thoughtful People*

### Rabbi Klafter's

#### Discretionary Fund

**Dina & Lance Frenkel**

*In honor of their son Kenny becoming  
a Bar Mitzvah*

**Joan Herman**

*In memory of Robert Herman*

### Rabbi/Cantor Halpern's

#### Discretionary Fund

**Joan Herman**

*In memory of Robert Herman*

### Choir Fund

**Jodi Maisel**

*In memory of Arnold Bornfreund*

**Gabey & Bernie Fenster**

*In memory of George Stern*

### Economic Crisis Relief Fund

**Ray & Marcia Greenberger**

### General Fund

**Alan Haberman**

*In memory of Ruth Harris*

*In memory of Mary K. Haberman*

**Gary & Barbara Sunshine**

*In memory of Anita Sunshine*

**Martin Horowitz**

*In memory of Beatrice Horowitz*

*In memory of Sam Horowitz*

**David & Sydelle Metal**

*In memory of Tillie Reiff*

**Bruce & Jill Sharp**

*In memory of Jerome Freedman*

**Lin & Ira Wasserman**

*In memory of Nicholas Tartaglia*

**Steven & Joyce Feldman**

*In memory of Judith Feldman*

**Lillian & Leon Falk**

*In memory of Angelina Rosario*

**Madge Schneider**

*In memory of Leon Schneider*

**Judy Goodman**

*In memory of Joseph Welson*

**Adam & Amy Brower**

*In memory of Jesse Brower*

**Dr. Gary Greenberg**

*In memory of Harold Greenberg*

**Debbie & Clyde Friedman**

*In memory of Lucille Coren*

**Alita & Michael Ditkowsky**

*In memory of Robert Wagner*

**Samuel Aboulafia**

*In memory of Gertrude Aboulafia*

*In memory of Max Aboulafia*

**Arlene & Ray Senzer**

*In memory of Sophie Levin*

**Judy & Joel Kurtz**

*In memory of Florence Austin*

**Linda & Joel Evans**

*In memory of Murray Lieber*

**Teresa & Allen Leon**

*In memory of Irving Leon*

**Irwin & Jay Cohen**

*In memory of Bernard K. Cohen*

**Paul & Eleanor Rostoker**

*In memory of Morie Arden*

**Howard & Marcia Ettinger**

*In memory of Morris Ettinger*

### Isaiah 58 Food Pantry Fund

**Sydney & Tobey Meistrich**

**Sandy & Hal Wicker**

*In memory of Eleanor Pelyger*

**Holly & Douglas Wohl**

**Norman J. Mason**

**Lin & Ira Wasserman**

*In memory of Oscar Brandsdorfer*

**Marian Kent**

*In memory of Oscar Brandsdorfer*

**Joan Herman**

*In memory of Robert Herman*

### Musical Prelude Fund

**Moriel Weiselberg**

*In memory of Francis Fitzgerald*

### Religious School Fund

**New Soil**

**Joan & Roy Gilbert**

*In memory of Oscar Brandsdorfer*

**Gabey & Bernie Fenster**

*In memory of Joseph Berger*

*In memory of Morton Fenster*

**Barbara Munzer**

### Barbara & Susan Stearns

#### Garden Fund

**Iris & Mort Glick**

*In honor of Benjamin Stearns-Kaye's  
Birthday*

*In honor of Amy Stearns-Kaye's Birthday*

**Dr. Robert Stearns**

*In memory of Estelle Stearns*

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







## Yahrzeits January 2019



1/1 Bernard Cohen  
Vanburn Allicock  
Phyllis Dornbaum  
Samuel Feldman  
Lenore Ziff  
Frank J. Panaro  
1/2 Marshall Matican  
Max Rosenthal  
1/3 Norman Niederman  
Margrit Didner  
Barry Feldman  
Harold Greenberg  
Estelle Stearns  
Robert Wagner  
Harold Wolfson  
Joseph Berger  
Marvin Weisman  
1/4 Benjamin Birnbaum  
Sigrid Grey  
Jesse Browser  
Harry Wolk  
1/5 Renate Romano  
Elaine Stone  
Charles Sibener  
Ruth Friedberg  
1/6 Betty Stile Rothbaum  
Murray Lieber  
Leonard Kresh  
Norman Goldfinger  
Ruth Prager  
Irving Leon  
Florence Austin  
1/7 Morton Fenster  
Leon Lazer  
Morie Arden  
Hyman Levy  
Arthur Klatzman  
Dale Solomon  
Ronald Barth  
Carl Aronin  
Harry Satran  
Donald Hallerman  
David Sussman  
Esther Perlstein  
1/8 Michael Goodman  
Gigi Michaels  
Gerry Meistrich  
Joel Wigler  
Benjamin Wicker  
Abraham Schwartz

1/8 Arthur Neiman  
1/9 Shirley Corson Weiner  
Bruce Witkover  
Oscar Frankel  
Etta Alter  
Bette Klaif  
Jerome Nathanson  
1/10 Ruth Finkelstein  
Irwin Solomon  
Max Ratner  
Max Zimmerman  
Irving Newman  
Eric Zweig  
1/11 Lillian Michaels  
Lawrence Rivman  
Morris Felson  
Alan Kaplan  
1/12 Esther Eisner  
Leah Zinner  
1/13 Robert Flamm  
Harriet Aronberg  
1/14 Dorothy Mankuta  
Etta Feinberg  
Benjamin Fisher  
Minnie Gross  
Anthony Saeli  
Louis Altschuler  
1/15 Esther Pintoff  
Harriet Bloom  
Betty Chernick Cohen  
Martin Weiner  
Herbert Caplan  
Abraham Flansbaum  
Matthew J. Schlesinger  
Molly Herman  
1/16 Lucille Rosenthal  
Grace Simon  
1/17 Louis Sedell  
1/18 Benjamin Seidman  
Robert Forbes  
Jill Kavner  
David Heppenheimer  
1/19 Allan Forbes  
David Lapidus  
Bernard Sirota  
1/20 Michael Crawford  
Samuel Didner  
Rose Wexler  
1/21 Magda Greenberger  
Ruth Herman

1/21 Charles Wexler  
Murray Goldberg  
Shirley Watine  
1/22 Walter Moskowitz  
Beatrice Bell  
George Steinman  
Mae Kroch  
Howard Weiselberg  
1/23 Frances Silberfeld  
Estelle Y. Garrison  
Amy King  
Morris Reiff  
Steven Sharp  
Jack Booky  
Perry Sandler  
1/24 Steven King  
Edward Goldfarb  
Evelyn Rosenberg  
Esther Birnbaum  
1/25 Lilyan Senzer  
Sylvia Semel  
Rose Markowitz  
Theodore F. Levine  
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Caroline Shmagn  
Shana Kant  
Fannie Berger  
1/27 Louis Guss  
Alan Beberman  
Irene Saltzer  
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Melvin Bernstein  
Betty Cole  
1/30 Molly Kay  
Donald Heller  
Jacob Freedman  
1/31 Barry Kaas  
Yetta Blumenthal  
Leonard Glaser  
Rose Solomon



## What's Happening at TBD — January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Temple Offices Closed	2 Religious School Resumes	3 6:30 pm New Soil Meeting  7:00 pm PB & J Gang	4 7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings	5 9:15 am Torah Study & Service
6 11:30 am New Soil Meeting  6:30 pm Youth Group 6/7/8	7 6:30 pm CHHS@ TBD	8 6:30 pm Youth Group 4/5  7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting  8:00 pm Brotherhood Planning Meeting	9 4:30 pm Hat Looming Club  7:00 pm The Art of Challah Baking	10 6:30 pm New Soil Meeting	11 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	12 9:15 am Torah Study & Service  4:00 pm Religious School Havdalah & Challah Experience
13 11:30 am New Soil Meeting  1:00 pm Sisterhood Israeli Dancing	14 6:30 pm CHHS@ TBD	15 6:15 pm 6th Grade PACT	16 4:30 pm Hat Looming Club  6:30 pm Youth Group 6/7/8  7:30 pm Isaiah 58  7:30 pm Macrame	17 6:30 pm New Soil Meeting	18 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	19 9:15 am Torah Study & Service
20  No Religious School  11:30 am New Soil Meeting	21 Temple Offices Closed	22 7:30 pm Sisterhood Tu b'Shevat Seder	23 7:30 pm Executive Board Meet- ing	24 6:30 pm New Soil Meeting  7:30 pm Budget & Finance Meeting	25 8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Anniversary Blessings	26 9:15 am Torah Study & Service
27 9:00 am Brotherhood Event  9:15 am 4/5th Grade PACT  11:30 am New Soil Meeting  6:30 pm Youth Group 6/7/8	28 6:30 pm CHHS@ TBD  8:15 pm Board Meeting	29 6:30 pm Youth Group 4/5  6:40 pm 7th Grade Speaker with Parents	30 4:30 pm Hat Looming Club	31 6:30 pm New Soil Meeting  7:00 pm PB& J Gang	1 6:45 pm Shabbat Dinner  7:30 pm Shabbat Service with 6h Grade and Birthday Blessings	2 9:15 am Torah Study & Service



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### *Worship Schedule*

Friday, January 4th

*Shabbat Vaera*

7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings

Saturday, January 5th

9:15 am Torah Study and Service

Friday, January 11th

*Shabbat Bo*

8:00 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 12th

9:15 am Torah Study with Service

Friday, January 18th

*Shabbat Beshalach*

8:00 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 19th

9:15 am Torah Study with Service

Friday, January 25th

*Shabbat Yitro*

8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Anniversary  
Blessings

Saturday, January 26th

9:15 am Torah Study with Service

Friday, February 1st

*Shabbat Mishpatim*

7:30 pm Shabbat Service with 6th Grade and  
Birthday Blessings

Saturday, February 2

9:15 am Torah Study and Service

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