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

*I* often note that our Festival of Lights comes during the darkest days of the year, especially after we turn our clocks back in early November. But this season the horrific tragedy in Pittsburgh made this a profoundly dark and somber time unrelated to the clock and the setting of the sun. The murders in Tree of Life Synagogue destroyed families and defiled the sanctity of a sanctuary, a spiritual home, for many.

In the days and week immediately following that Shabbat in October, so many joined together as communities in *our* sanctuaries. The out-pouring across the nation was enormous. Young and old, Jewish and non-Jewish. For so many of us, the community vigils and the #ShowUpForShabbat worship provided comfort, as we could grieve with others. It was an opportunity to draw strength from one another: strength to move forward and strength to take action. (One of our temple past presidents, David Olshever, wrote about these events beautifully; his words are included in this month's *HaKol*.)

In a sense, I see some connection between these recent events and the desecration of the Temple in Jerusalem centuries ago. As we teach every year, Judah Maccabee and his followers overcame the forces of Antiochus, the Greco-Syrian tyrant who had attempted to deny them the freedom to celebrate and worship as Jews. The ancient Temple, the central place of worship and spirituality, had to be reclaimed, cleansed and rededicated by the Maccabees. The symbol of that rededication was light, the kindling of flames.

In 1960, John F. Kennedy shared an oft-quoted phrase in his acceptance speech after receiving the Democratic presidential nomination: "We are not here to curse the darkness but to light the candle that can guide us through darkness to a safe and sane future." This is the message of the candles of Chanukah, this winter especially. The flames remind us to rededicate ourselves to work on behalf of all people, to ensure that freedom, including religious freedom, is protected for all in our nation.

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Temple Beth David  
**CHANUKAH CELEBRATION**

Sunday, December 9, 2018

11:00AM – 1:00PM

*Bring your family and invite  
your friends to enjoy  
Chanukah crafts, snacks,  
inflatable bounce house,  
a balloon artist and  
fun games for all ages!*

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RSVP to [School@TBDCommack.org](mailto:School@TBDCommack.org)

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local friends and non-members  
to discover the excitement of Chanukah  
at our warm and welcoming Temple!***



TEMPLE BETH DAVID





## *Cantorial Notes by Rabbi/Cantor Audrey Halpern*

**D**ear Friends,

As I write this I am struck by those words, “dear friends.” That is truly what we are. What I remember most in the days following Pittsburgh is how connected we felt to one another. The Monday evening rally or vigil (it defied description) was an outpouring of our fear and our resolve that we will not tolerate a repetition of what our people has already endured. If history has taught us anything it is that we must stand up to bigotry and racism. If one group is persecuted, we are all persecuted and we must never tolerate this. Yet, it is incomprehensible to me that gun control has not been modified, that innocent people who have so much in common with our own ancestors seeking asylum here, are still being targeted and banned, and that mass murder has become commonplace.

Beyond my own frustration with our leaders and our laws, I am still fiercely proud to be a Jew in the United States. In fact, my pride has only deepened and my personal expression that many of you have asked me about took root on Monday evening when the whole community came together to express our mourning and our solidarity. I wore a kippah because I was in a Conservative synagogue and then when Friday evening came, I found myself wanting to wear one again. We each respond to tragedy and to prejudice in our own way.

My first exposure to anti-Semitism was when I was about ten years old. My father was a thoroughbred race horse owner and our family took a trip to Virginia to visit some of the stables of our own horses. Like any other day, I put on my blouse and shorts and I put the Jewish star from my grandmother around my neck. At the stable that morning, one of the trainers took one look at me and said, pointing to my necklace, “I wouldn’t wear that around here if I were you.”

I was stunned and speechless. I tucked it inside my pale yellow blouse feeling a sense of shame, though I didn’t know why. My parents tried to explain and told me about the ignorance of some people and it began my lifelong journey that probably contributed to my constant longing for a connection with Torah, God and Israel. That force has dominated my life since that day and I suspect it always will.

Just last week, Steve and I were in Boulder, Colorado visiting our children (really our grandchildren!) While eating breakfast in the hotel with our three-year-old, Ari, we sat next to a woman who looked very busy writing on her computer. When Steve apologized for the mess and a bit of running around, she said, “Don’t be sorry, I’m jealous.” Thus began our conversation. It slowly came out that she was Deputy Editorial Page Editor of *The Washington Post*, Ruth Marcus. Our conversation went back and forth between her grandchild envy to our shared dismay over the state of our country and the horrors of the past week. She asked for my email address and I would like to share with you, some highlights of what she wrote:

*The important thing to understand about the deadliest attack on Jews in U.S. history is that the alleged killer did not merely hate us Jews for who we are. He hated us, judging by his social media postings, for what we believe — for the highest ideals of what the Jewish religion embodies.*

*Begin with the name of the synagogue in Pittsburgh he attacked, Tree of Life. This name is a metaphor for the Torah, Judaism’s foundational document. Every Shabbat, as the Torah scroll is returned to the ark, the congregation sings these words, in Hebrew: “It is a tree of life to all who hold fast to it...Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace. Help us turn to you, Lord, and we shall return.”*

*How awful that a synagogue whose name evokes this yearning for God’s protection instead found itself the scene of such carnage and such evil. Among the murdered: A 97-year-old woman. A husband and wife in their 80s. Two brothers, 59 and 54.*

*And why? Because their religion teaches tolerance and, more than tolerance, the obligation to welcome and care for those most in need. At least 36 times, the Torah exhorts us to embrace the outsider, the immigrant. I chanted this passage from Leviticus at my daughter’s bat mitzvah: “The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were*

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As we light the Chanukah menorah, the *chanukiyah*, we recite these blessings:

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.*  
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim habaeim baz'man hazeh.*  
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

*(We recite this third blessing on the first night only)*

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

May this be a season of light and warmth and dedication!

*Rabbi Beth H. Klafter*

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*strangers in the land of Egypt."*

*That tolerance, it appears, incited Robert Bowers, the accused murderer. On Gab, the extremist haven social network, he attacked HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. The group was founded in 1881 to help Jews, like my grandparents and great-grandparents, fleeing the pogroms of Russia and Eastern Europe. But its mission has broadened to fulfilling the biblical injunction to care for the stranger. As HIAS president Mark Hetfield likes to say, "HIAS was founded....to welcome refugees because they were Jewish. Today, HIAS welcomes refugees because we are Jewish."*

*Hence Bowers's rage. "HIAS likes to bring invaders in that kill our people," he wrote a few hours before the rampage. "I can't sit by and watch my people get slaughtered. Screw your optics, I'm going in." A few weeks earlier, he posted a link about the group's National Refugee Shabbat, writing, "Why hello there bias! You like to bring in hostile invaders to dwell among us?" Another post he shared: "Open you Eyes! It's the filthy EVIL jews Bringing the Filthy EVIL Muslims into the Country!!!"*

*Anti-Semitism is a disease without a cure and, seemingly, without end. It persists from generation to generation and society to society. People like Bowers have always been part of an ugly American fringe. Social media simply provides a powerful new mechanism for transmitting such long-standing venom and amplifying preexisting hatreds in an age of increasing tribalism....*

*To this, the only response can be to insist that what the Torah teaches about loving the stranger is true and right. And that this is not just Jewish wisdom- it is...an American value. Eleven Americans died for it Saturday. Do not forget them.*

May we always stand proudly together.

B'shalom,

*Cantor Audrey Halpern*

Cantor/Rabbi Audrey Halpern

*Margie Gursky**Religious School News*

*Just* like our Chanukah Maccabees who miraculously saved the Jews by banding together as a small, but overpowering force against the Greco-Syrian army, our TBD Religious School fosters a close-knit community for our students. These photos show our young Jewish people learning together, singing together, and of course buying snacks from our new concession stand (anytime Jews gather, there is always food to be had!). Happy Chanukah to all!

**Religious School Calendar Reminders:**

December 1- 2: Chanukah Sale  
December 2: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade PACT Family Foundation Program 9:15-11am  
December 7: Shabbat Service with Junior Choir 7:30pm  
December 9 : TBD Chanukah Experience 11:00 am  
December 11/12: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Gurwin Visit (During School Hours)  
December 12: 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade PACT Family Foundation Program 6:15-8pm  
December 23-January 1: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Junior Choir Rehearsals**

December 4: 5:15 pm  
December 5: 5:15 pm



Please join Rabbi Klafter  
for a Camp Presentation  
December 2nd at 11:00 a.m.



Union for Reform Judaism Camps of the Northeast

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## From the President's Desk

### The Season of Giving

December is the season of giving...we give gifts each night of Chanukah, we give gifts to people thanking them for what they have done for us during the year, and in general everyone just seems to be in the gift-giving frame of mind.

This year I want to ask you to give just one more gift...a gift to everyone you meet. No, it will not cost you a lot of money, but it is the greatest gift you can give from my point of view.

When our son Devin died I spoke about him at his funeral; I do not include this to make you feel sad, I do it to help me make my point. I want to share some of my words from that day as I ask you to give these gifts.

"Devin was the embodiment of the phrase "random acts of kindness." He always had a way of seeking out someone who needed kindness and he would go to them and share some. Devin is no longer able to share his "acts of kindness" so I am asking each and every one here to take the time to be kind to those who need a random act of kindness in their lives as a tribute to the life he led and the life he is no longer able to have."

So this month as you are thinking about all the gifts you need to buy, the time spent wrapping them, and the money you will spend, please make time to give just one more gift to each and every one you meet. **Please give the gift of kindness.**

- *Hold the door open for someone carrying an armful of packages*
- *Let the person with three items go ahead of you in the grocery store when your cart is full*
- *Let a car merge ahead of you on a busy highway*
- *Share your umbrella*
- *Make someone laugh*
- *Bring in your neighbor's trash cans*
- *Be generous with compliments*
- *Volunteer your time*

These are just a few suggestions, but I am sure you can think of hundreds of others. So please this year take the time to give this gift, the gift of kindness. If we all do this, the world will just be that much better and maybe, just maybe, someone will give each of us this gift as well.

Know that when you give kindness you are fulfilling the tenets of our faith. "Deeds of kindness are equal in weight to all the commandments." *The Talmud*

Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season.

*Beverly Wolcott*

—Beverly Wolcott, President

#### December B'nai Mitzvah



*December 1*

*Megan Bender  
Shoshana Kofler*

*December 15*

*David Finkelstein*

## ON THE TREE OF LIFE TRAGEDY

**D**ear Friends,

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees met to discuss issues of safety and security in our building. We are consulting with the Suffolk County Police Department and Fire Department, as well as our alarm company. The ADL and other national networks and institutions have provided resources to inform us as we address these serious matters. We are developing procedures for all times the building is occupied, with particular attention to times of worship and of religious school.

As was announced last month, we are requiring that every adult member of the congregation use access cards to enter the building. If you do not have an access card, you may contact the Temple Office, Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm, at 631.499.0915 x 310 or email Robin@tbdcommack.org. Your individualized card will be printed for you and available to pick up at the Temple.

As of November 15th, they will cost \$10/card. Replacement cards will also be \$10. Please make it a priority to obtain and use your access card regularly.

We are all partners in creating a safe environment for our community. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

*Shalom,  
Rabbi Beth H Klawter  
Rabbi / Cantor Audrey Halpern  
Beverly Wolcott, President*

**M**y wife Jane and I just returned from Friday night services on November 2. If you'll recall, this was the first Shabbat after the heinous events that took place in Pittsburgh. We'd attended the rally at Dix Hills Jewish Center the Monday night immediately afterwards, but we just knew we had to be "home," at our own temple, for this Shabbat.

I was heartened to see we weren't the only ones who felt that way. In our sanctuary that was nearly standing room only, I saw many familiar faces both from the present and the past. While I wish those from the past were still current members, I appreciated that they felt the need to be in their temple, with their friends, their clergy, their people.

We all felt this was where we needed AND wanted to be. The words of the Rabbi and Cantor were healing, exactly what we needed to hear. Every prayer seemed to take on a more significant meaning, different than every other Friday night service I've attended. Having the Rabbi and Cantor end the service, arm in arm, leading us in Oseh Shalom, was incredibly moving. Even those 5 musical notes Dr. DeSesa plays at the end of that very prayer (if you don't know what I'm referring to, you'll surely listen for it this Friday evening) had a deeper sound than I can recall.

The Rabbi pointed out that several members of the Commack United Methodist Church were attending the service in solidarity. Only by being open and learning from others, different than ourselves, do we break down the walls that divide us, and I was appreciative that they joined us in prayer. It also made me a little sorrowful to think that I hadn't given thought to attending a non-Jewish service in the wake of the Sutherland Springs Church shooting in Texas the year prior where 26 members were killed, and 20 wounded. The kindness of the United Methodist Church members will stay with me and cause me to think differently in the future.

Finally, that Shabbat was also the seventh grade Shabbat Service, where each of our children who are about to be recognized as Jewish adults, read a passage during the service. One of my first thoughts was, how unfortunate that they are still witnessing anti-Semitism in its most violent form. Upon further thought, I realized that unfortunate was the wrong word, far too soft. Perhaps, unbelievable, or maybe unthinkable was more appropriate, truly reflecting the heartbreak of not only Pittsburgh, but so many similar acts in recent times.

We are often reminded, in many different ways, why we do the things we do. Even in this tragedy, maybe especially so, we are more aware than ever of the importance of standing up to hate, and having friends and supporters stand alongside you. I know my family is grateful for everyone who stands beside us, and please know we stand beside you.

--David Olshever



## reflections

thoughts that ebb and flow  
some to haunt  
some to soothe  
reassure the fragile heart  
justice—love prevails

and reflections  
from Rabbi, Cantor  
Temple's Seventh Graders  
congregation's spoken—silent prayers  
stalwart friends and neighbors  
coalesce into a Sabbath service  
a "Show Up for Shabbat"  
that brings together  
grief, resolve, reverent joy

We are **Stronger than Hate**

--Sandy Wicker



## 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 and The Blues Brothers.



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**Kerry Kearney**  
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Blues Hall

March 2, 2019  
7 – 11pm  
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\$20 online/  
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a portion of the proceeds will  
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The Sophia Valsamos  
Foundation

Soft drinks and snacks  
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**All Are Welcome!**  
(must be over 21)



The Sisterhood of Temple Beth David invites you to our...

## Cookie Swap and Movie Night



Please join us on Tuesday, 12/11 at 7:30 pm in the Social Hall.

### Cookie Swap Rules:

Choose a cookie recipe to bake (about 2 dozen)

Bring copies of your recipe to share.

Remember to bring containers/Ziplocks for taking cookies home.

Don't have time to bake? That's ok! Bring a favorite store or bakery bought cookie/dessert and note where it was purchased.

Followed by Movie Night



Featuring: Book Club

Starring: Alicia Silverstone, Andy García, Candice Bergen,  
Craig T. Nelson, Diane Keaton, Don Johnson, Ed Begley Jr.,  
Jane Fonda, Mary Steenburgen, Richard Dreyfuss, Wallace Shawn

RSVP and questions: Deborah: [deborah@fausthouse.org](mailto:deborah@fausthouse.org)

We hope to see you all there!!

## *Spotlight on Sisterhood*

*I*t is with a heavy heart that I write this article. After all, it has only been a few weeks since Jews have experienced the worst case of anti-semitic terrorism in Jewish American history after a gunman went into the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and shot and killed 11 observant Jews whose only sin was to go to temple where they thought it was safe to pray and exercise their right of freedom of religion. My heart was warmed after attending a solidarity rally held at the Dix Hills Jewish Center. There were over 1,500 people there. It is true that Jews don't mourn alone but together in groups in solidarity.

Timing therefore, couldn't have better to have an author, Katie McKenna, give a presentation to Sisterhood about how she literally was run over by a truck while bicycling in Brooklyn 11 years ago and lived to tell about it. Her can-do positive attitude and resilience helped her to survive and do things doctors told her she was never going to do such as live (at first), then walk (which she did after only eight months of recovery). She was truly an inspiration after a very dark week. This was only one of the many special programs that Sisterhood has sponsored during November. Thanks to Toni Spring for securing this wonderful author and to Deborah Faust for all the little details, such as getting the nosh, decorating tables and arranging the arts and crafts coloring bookmarks.

If that wasn't uplifting enough to get us through this sad time, Sisterhood also hosted another timely program in November: a Jewish Meditation and Healing Circle facilitated by Judi Talit. We learned that visualization and breathing techniques are methods we can use to help deal with illness, chronic conditions, stress, anxiety, and loss. Sisterhood also sponsored a visiting guest speaker, Rabbi Haim Shalom from Jerusalem, who spoke at Shabbat Services on November 9. He discussed why Israel is always in the news, is it "good for the Jews?" and gave us a look at why Israel is so important to the global conversation. Thanks go to Glenda Kresh and Debbie Friedman for planning these events.

In November, we also had our monthly board meeting and discussed upcoming events in December. In the spring (spoiler alert) the Sisterhood Cultural Arts Committee is planning a bus trip to Manhattan for a movie and tour of Ellis Island, a visit to the Jewish Heritage Museum, and a kosher lunch. Please watch for flyers once the final details are worked out.

Sisterhood also held their Chanukah sale for Religious School students (note: the last sale day is Sunday, December 2 from 9-11 a.m.) Please send your children in with money. It makes me happy to watch the students pick out gifts for family, friends, and even themselves. All profits from the sale are given back to the students in the form of donations to the Religious School, such as the gift of gelt. Thanks to Linda Langer, Susan Vaimberg, Irma Sarisohn, Barbara Klein, and all the volunteers who helped make this event so successful. Finally, on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall, Sisterhood will hold their annual cookie swap and movie night. Attendees are asked to bring in their favorite cookies and recipes for others to taste and share. The movie "Book Club" will be shown. All are welcome to attend.

After reading this article, I hope everyone can see what a warm, welcoming, and educational group Sisterhood can be. "When you're down and troubled and you need a helping hand, I'll come running... you've got a friend." Please feel free to become a Sisterhood member. It's never too late to join. You'll find we are a friendly group and you might just make a new friend. If you have any questions, contact me at (631) 543-7695 or e-mail me at [jacobsrdd@optonline.net](mailto:jacobsrdd@optonline.net).

I hope everybody had a warm and loving Thanksgiving spent with family and friends. December is also the month when Chanukah is celebrated. We all need a little light in our lives with the hope of miracles to come. I wish everyone a Happy Chanukah and a Happy New Year 2019!

—Denise Jacobs  
Sisterhood President



## Spotlight on Brotherhood

November was an exciting month for the TBD Brotherhood. We had our Membership Dinner at Verde Wine Bar and Ristorante in Deer Park. Ivan Stratienco, “The Amazing Ivan,” provided the entertainment and astonished us during dinner with some incredible sleight of hand tricks. The highlight of the night, of course, was his shrinking Steve Swartz’s head—no easy feat! Lenny Piskorz and Doug Wohl (in absentia) did a tremendous job with the dinner; the food was great, the entertainment was spectacular, and the conversation was almost civil and nearly coherent.

Winter is coming and December heats up for the Brotherhood! On Sunday, December 9 we have our Chanukah Party with the Religious School, featuring the world-famous Chanukah play (I wonder how it’s going to end this year!) Steve Sarisohn again will emcee what no doubt will be an amazing combination of comedy and drama (assuming he can get his actors to read the lines he wrote). We can use all the help we can get for this event, so please join us.

On Sunday, December 16 we will have our annual Wally Ball game at Eastern Athletic Sports in Dix Hills. For those of you who don’t know, Wally Ball is Volley Ball on a racquetball court, which allows you to use the walls. Despite the fact that so many of us in the Brotherhood are vertically challenged, it is always a great time. We are still talking about last year’s game where Craig Cooper almost jumped in the air. Again, everyone is welcome to join us.

We are also looking forward to our Jewish Christmas Day Extravaganza at the Gurwin Jewish Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where we play games and entertain the residents, allowing the people who work there to spend some time with their families on Christmas Day. We can use all the help we can get for that activity as well. It is a great way to give back to the community, and it takes place early in the day, so you still have time to get Chinese Food and see a movie.

Speaking of giving, our coat drive is in full swing. There is a bin outside the Religious School office to accept donations. So, if you haven’t donated a coat yet, please do. That coat will help keep someone warm this winter.

We have a lot of great events planned for 2019 including the Polar Bear Plunge and Movie Night. We are especially excited about our Third Annual Brotherhood Blues Night on Saturday, March 2. The Kerry Kearney Band just confirmed that they will join us again. For those who missed Blues Night the last few years, you have missed an amazing time. Please put it in your calendars now! Tickets will be available for \$20 on Acceptiva and \$25 at the door. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Sophia Valsamos Foundation.

If you are still not receiving our emails, please let me know. You can email me at [ddornfeld@rocketmail.com](mailto:ddornfeld@rocketmail.com). In general, our events are open to all, but if you haven’t joined us yet, you don’t know what you’re missing. Come on down! And please join us on Facebook to get information about our upcoming events and to see photos from past events.

Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year!

--Dan Dornfeld, President



## *News from Isaiah 58*

Many thanks to everyone who donated plentiful food for our Thanksgiving Food Drive! Our organizer, Beverly Horowitz, and her husband, Stuart, deserve recognition for their decades of volunteering to run the food drive and attend to the details of collection, advertising and distribution. Thanks so much!

We know that food is a basic necessity like clothing, safety and shelter; these components are vital for all human beings to thrive. So I call upon all TBD congregants to look for ways to provide these basic needs to those who are struggling. Do you have a winter coat that no longer fits? Donate it! Do you have blankets or pet food that can be given to our local animal shelters? Are you able to buy an extra item in your weekly food shopping, such as peanut butter, individual apple sauce cups, or raisins that can be donated to our Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang? If you visit a craft store, are you willing to buy yarn so we can continue knitting warm hats and scarves this winter? Whatever you are able to do, know that it is appreciated.

As we prepare to celebrate the holidays with family and friends, fry latkes, open presents, and maybe take a vacation, be thankful for the many blessings you have and take a moment to think of others in our community who are less fortunate. Think about positive social action plans for the New Year and be sure to mark Mitzvah Day on your calendar. Mitzvah Day 2019 is on Sunday, May 5. We are introducing new projects this year: if you have gently used instruments, please save them for our new project headed by Brianna Kraut. We will be collecting and donating instruments to schools for students to use. Leon Falk, a longtime dedicated Isaiah 58 member, has initiated a new project to establish a garden here at Temple Beth David. If you are interested in learning more, if you are curious, if you have an idea that will benefit others, please come to our meeting and let us know what you think. Everyone is welcome! Our next meeting is on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. Our first meeting in the new year is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m., weather permitting.

Isaiah 58 wishes everyone a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year!

--Jane Gaines

**SAVE THE DATE!  
MITZVAH DAY 2019  
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH**

### **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

Dec.— 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

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!



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## TBD Chai Club

Our Chai Club snowbirds have flown! To say goodbye, we held TWO farewell luncheons, one on November 4th and the other on November 11th. It gave all of us a chance to socialize and wish good health and warm weather to the lucky ones heading to Florida. Some of us will meet in January or February for an afternoon of games and refreshments at the home of Sheila and Frank Eisinger. Hope you can join us!

New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Sheila Eisinger at [seising2@gmail.com](mailto:seising2@gmail.com).

### 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



### How to read a Dreidel

Letter	Letter name	Hebrew word	Translation of Hebrew	Game action:	Game action: (Yiddish)
נ	Nun	Nes נס	miracle	do Nothing	(nisht)
ג	Gimmel	Gadol גדול	great	Get all	(gesht)
ה	Hey	Hayah היה	happened	take Half	(halb)
ש	Shin	Sham שם	there	Share (add token)	(shtet) 



# MEMORIAL PLAQUE HONOR LIST

There are many ways to honor a loved one, remember a joyous event celebrate a special day; a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a wedding or a baby naming. Temple Beth David's permanent memorial plaques give lasting remembrance and honor while helping the temple.

<b>Yahrzeit Memorial</b>	located in sanctuary vestibule	\$ 500.00
<b>Tree of Life</b>	located in sanctuary across from Yahrzeit plaques	
	Gold Leaf	\$ 180.00
	Platinum Leaf	\$ 180.00
	Children's butterfly	\$ 36.00
	Foundation Stone	\$ 450.00
<b>Sanctuary</b>	One seat	\$ 800.00
	Two seats	\$1500.00
<b>Octagonal Memorial Board</b>	located outside sanctuary doors	\$1500.00
<b>Plaque Board</b>	locate to right of Octagonal Board	
	Large Plaque	\$ 180.00
	Small Plaque	\$ 118.00
<b>Menorah Board</b>	located outside Social Hall 1	\$ 500.00

**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.**



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

## *Gracious Gifts from Thoughtful People*

### Rabbi/Cantor Halpern's Discretionary Fund

**Maxine & Ronnie Alschuler**

*In memory of Daniel Alschuler*

**Susan Canin**

*In memory of Joseph Rothbaum*

### Choir Fund

**Barbara & Gary Rosenthal**

*In memory of Dora Reinstein Josephson*

### Economic Crisis Relief Fund

**Barbara & Gary Rosenthal**

*Wishing a speedy recovery to Randy Klein*

### General Fund

**Sydell Gross**

*In memory of Robert Gross*

*In memory of Fanny Strumpf*

**Constance Karpf**

*In memory of Jerry Karpf*

**Dave, Debbie & Abigail Taft**

*In memory of Janet Taft*

**Alan Brudno**

*In memory of Jack Brudno*

**Sharman & Edward Regensburg**

*In memory of Dorothy Regensburg*

**The Linnemann Family**

*In memory of Marvin Linnemann*

**Carol & Marc Mankuta**

*In memory of Dora Reinstein Josephson*

**Shelia Eisinger**

*In memory of Fay Ehrenreich*

**Miryam & Lawrence Laifer**

*In memory of Werner Grave*

*In memory of Jack Laifer*

*Carole Yudin*

*In memory of Maurice Morley*

**Michelle Levine-Troupp**

*In memory of Leonard Barry Troupp*

**Tobey Rosof-Meistrich**

*In memory of Joseph Schneider*

**Marcia & Howard Ettinger**

*In memory of Jeannette Miller*

### Isaiah 58 Food Pantry Fund

**Sydney & Tobey Meistrich**

**Sandy Wolfson**

**Sandy & Hal Wicker**

*In memory of Dora Reinstein Josephson*

### Musical Prelude Fund

**Moriel Weiselberg**

### Religious School Fund

**Gaby & Bernie Fenster**

*In memory of Helen Berger*

**Shirley & Charlie Offman**

*In memory of Lola Offman*

**Amy Keneally & Chris Rubin-Decervens**

*In honor of their wedding*



### **TEMPLE BETH DAVID OFFICE HOURS**

Bookkeeper ...Myra Shak

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Clergy Assistant ...Wendy Perry

Monday, 12 noon-5:30 pm

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

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## Yahrzeits December 2018



12/1	Morton Ross Joseph Schneider Leonard Troupp	12/12	Benjamin Hallman Lucille Grabois Lewis Kravette Harry Adelman I. Sol Schwartzapfel	12/21	Ethel Bieber Freida Levy
12/2	Blanche Perlmutter Robert Weiss			12/22	Helen Savitzky Sarah Durkin Edward J. Hardman
12/3	Harvey Kravis Ida Glanzberg Rose Ritigstein Ben Goldstein	12/13	Gloria Bixhorn Florence Solomon Saul Meistrich Ira Rosof Minnie Moroff Dora Forbstein Sophie Finkelstein	12/23	Pearl Meistrich Leon Piskorz Morris Galanty
12/4	Bernard Rothstein David Millman Raphael Diamond			12/24	Abe Grumet George Stern Josef Rubin Nathan Dinces
12/5	Frieda Wolk Albert Klinger Betty Manley	12/14	Muriel Elfring	12/25	Harry Feldman Benjamin Blau Simon Schwartzman Sam Eisenberg
12/6	Max Dicker Sue Weizel Lewis Troupp Ira Cohen Saul Shapiro Julius Hahn Ruth Harris	12/15	Gerald Anglim Jeffrey Stuart Ettinger Bruce Dean Weizel Murray Schwartz	12/26	Pearl Kwitkin Bess Faust Henry Schechter Harry B. Siegel Jacob Spiegel
12/7	Samuel Ury Rebecca Leonard Joseph Welson Fanny Strumpf Kathleen Hollander Charles Levy	12/16	Sam Horowitz Harry Nathan Cohen	12/27	Abraham Solomon Sally Appollo Beatrice Barth Hilda Rosen
12/8	David Katz Anita Sunshine	12/17	Charlotte Niederman Irene Feldman Doris Fink Morris Ettinger Sylvia Kaufman Sandra Baron Morris Gross	12/28	Edith Abrams Pete Talbot Ruth Shapiro Dola Warsaw Fae Langsner
12/9	Hattie Decker Sue Pattie Arthur Ziff Robert Herman Julius Freedman	12/18	Milton Jaffe Eliot Besen Rose Kaufman Sam Spielman Judith E. Feldman Ray Rosen	12/29	Gertrude Aboulafia Judi Levy Blanche Hoffenberg Frances Berman
12/10	Carolyn Coen Aizenman Victoria Hollander	12/19	Fay Schlesinger Leon Schneider Benjamin Juman Ruth Hoffenberg	12/30	Ira Rubin Jack Brass
12/11	Blossom Drobbin Roslyn Barcon Cele Goldfarb Geraldine Janicola Morris Latman David Merritt Moe Steinberg	12/20	Sarah Arav Sol Drucker Sonia Reiff Jerome Freedman Marion Cohen Rose Weinberger Belle Cohen	12/31	Lucille Coren Madeline Isser William Rosen Louis Wolfson Etta Klein Marion Wasserman Harry Grumet Sophie Levin Teddy Steinberg
12/12	Paul Rosenberg Beatrice Horowitz	12/21	Bertram Olshever Rose Tobin Mollie Drucker		



## What's Happening at TBD — December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<sup>30</sup> 5:45 pm Shabbat Celebration for Young Families  8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Anniversary Blessings	<sup>1</sup> 9:15 am Torah Study & Service  10:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Service
<sup>2</sup> 9:00 am Sisterhood Chanukah Sale  6th Grade PACT 9:15 pm –11:00 am  11:00 am Camp Presentation  11:30 am New Soil Meeting	<sup>3</sup> 6:30 pm CHHS@ TBD	<sup>4</sup> 5:15 pm Jr. Choir  6:30 pm Youth 4/5  8:00 pm Adult Choir  800 pm Brotherhood Planning Meeting	<sup>5</sup> 4:30 pm Hat Knitting Club  5:15 pm Jr. Choir	<sup>6</sup> 6:30 pm New Soil Meeting	<sup>7</sup> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Jr & Adult Choir and Birthday Blessings	<sup>8</sup> 9:15 am Torah Study & Service
<sup>9</sup> 11:00 am-1:00 pm Temple-wide Chanukah Experience Youth Group-All  11:30 am New Soil Meeting	<sup>10</sup> 6:30 pm CHHS@ TBD	<sup>11</sup> 7:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting, Cookie Swap & Movie Night	<sup>12</sup> 4:30 pm Hat Knitting Club  6:15 pm 4/5th PACT  6:30 pm Youth Group 6/7/8  7:30 pm Isaiah 58  8:00 pm Executive Board Meeting	<sup>13</sup> 6:30 pm New Soil Meeting  7:30 pm Budget & Finance Meeting	<sup>14</sup> 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	<sup>15</sup> 9:15 am Torah Study & Service  10:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Service
<sup>16</sup> 9:00 am Brotherhood Event  11:30 am New Soil Meeting	<sup>17</sup> 6:30 pm CHHS@TBD  8:15 pm Board Meeting	<sup>18</sup> 4:30 pm 6th Grade Gurwin Visit	<sup>19</sup> 4:30 pm 6th Grade Gurwin Visit  4:30 pm Hat Knitting Club	<sup>20</sup> 6:30 pm New Soil Meeting	<sup>21</sup> 8:00 pm Shabbat Service	<sup>22</sup> 9:15 am Torah Study & Service
<sup>23</sup> NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL thru 1/1  11:30 am New Soil Meeting	<sup>24</sup> Temple Offices Closed	<sup>25</sup> Temple Offices Closed  Brotherhood Bingo at Gurwin	<sup>26</sup> Temple Offices Closed	<sup>27</sup> Temple Offices Closed  6:30 pm New Soil Meeting	<sup>28</sup> Temple Offices Closed  8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Anniversary Blessings	<sup>29</sup> 9:15 am Torah Study & Service
<sup>30</sup> 11:30 am New Soil Meeting	<sup>31</sup> Temple Offices Closed	<sup>1</sup> Temple Offices Closed	<sup>2</sup> Religious School Resumes	<sup>3</sup> 6:30 pm New Soil Meeting  7:00 pm PB & J Gang	<sup>4</sup> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings	<sup>5</sup> 9:15 am Torah Study & Service



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### *Worship Schedule*

Friday, November 30th

*Shabbat Veyeshev*

8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Anniversary  
Blessings

Saturday, December 1st

9:15 am Torah Study with Service

10:00 am Celebrate with us as Megan Bender  
and Shoshana Kofler become B'not Mitzvah

Friday, December 7th

*Shabbat Miketz*

7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings

Saturday, December 8th

9:15 am Torah Study and Service

Friday, December 14th

*Shabbat Vayigash*

8:00 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 15th

9:15 am Torah Study with Service

10:00 am Celebrate with us as David Finkelstein  
becomes Bar Mitzvah

Friday, December 21st

*Shabbat Vayechi*

8:00 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 22nd

9:15 am Torah Study with Service

Friday, December 28th

*Shabbat Shemot*

8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Anniversary  
Blessings

Saturday, December 29th

9:15 am Torah Study with Service

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