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# Rabbi's Message by Rabbi Beth H. Klafter

 $oldsymbol{T}$ hese days we can all use an extra measure of joy and reason to celebrate. Fortunately, this Hebrew year of 5782 offers us just that!

I have explained a bit about the Hebrew calendar in recent months. Approximately every two or

three years, we have a leap year on the Hebrew calendar when we add a full month in the annual cycle. The purpose is to realign the solar calendar with the lunar calendar, ensuring that specific holidays fall in the correct season. For example, the High Holidays were 'early' this year. If we didn't have a leap month, Passover would begin in mid-March - too early for a springtime celebration. And then next year it would be even 'earlier' until we might find ourselves sitting at Seder tables in the midst of a February blizzard. Thus the need for a leap month! The Hebrew calendar includes 12 (or 13) months.



Nisan is the first month of the year and Passover falls on the  $15^{th} - 16^{th}$ . The last month is Adar and the leap month is always an extra Adar. In a leap year, this is called Adar I, followed by Adar II. Purim is in Adar (or in Adar II in a leap

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# Message from President Craig Cooper

"These Are Better Days"

February, 2022. I've been President of Temple Beth David for 20 months. In all that time, we have yet to hold an in-person Board or Leadership Meeting. Call it "The Virtual Presidency."

With roughly four months left, it means I will only have four more opportunities to write a column for Hakol. I will miss it tremendously for two reasons – first, I am grateful for the kind words and comments many of you have shared after reading something that resonates with you. And second, because it has been a deeply personal and cathartic opportunity for me to reflect on some challenging times in my own life, as well as those each of us has experienced in the past couple of years.

Very often, I've looked up Hebrew words or expressions, or maybe connected my column to upcoming or past Jewish holidays or events. Not this month.

Instead, I'd like to share an unusually profound experience that took place during the final minutes of a movie I just watched on Netflix. The movie critics have not been particularly kind, and you may not have even heard of "The Starling" starring Melissa McCarthy, Kevin Kline and Chris O'Dowd. I think it's worth two hours of your time.

I found the ending of the movie to be helpful in trying to understand some of the challenges I've faced in my own family, but oddly enough, it's also helped me to work through a few things that have troubled me during my time as TBD President.

In the movie, a couple is devastated by the sudden death of their infant daughter. Throughout the movie we see how their anger, self-hatred and pain cause them to reject and turn against each other, preventing them from healing individually, and as a couple. In the end, they work through the pain, find ways to forgive and compromise and we hope they have found a path forward.

It's an allegory that seems to apply to the highs and lows at Temple Beth David, the stresses and tensions and frustrations our congregation has experienced. There's a sense of loss, and hopefully a sense of optimism as well. And above all else, there is a path forward.

We meet Lilly – Melissa McCarthy – puttering around their house, presumably dealing with the trauma of losing a child. We meet her husband Jack – Chris O'Dowd – who checked himself into an inpatient mental health facility.

Kevin Kline is a veterinarian who actually doubles as a grief counselor for Lilly. And, there's actually a black bird - a starling - and he becomes the messenger, in many ways.

The story is really hard to explain succinctly, and in truth, the part that moved me could be the ending for just about any movie where two people who were forced apart by a crisis find their way back to what it is that made them love each other in the first place.

In a crafting session at the mental health facility, Jack makes a wall plate that would be screwed over a light switch. But he doesn't cut a hole for the switch, and sees no problem with that. When he is finally discharged from the facility, he presents the wall plate to Lilly as a gift.

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# Clergy Reflections by Rabbi Audrey Halpern

 $oldsymbol{D}$ ear Friends,

Still half-asleep early this morning, I awoke in prayer. As I thought about my cousin, who is more like my sister, the tears came. Her son has been suffering for years and she and her husband and daughter have been tormented. The burden has rested largely on her shoulders. And though she is a strong and capable woman, it has worn her, torn her and frayed her. I have lis-

tened to her struggle to stay positive, to find the good. Her devotion to her family and her optimism and resilience never ceases to amaze me.

Serious mental illness is so misunderstood and fraught with mystery and stigma. It makes others turn away in discomfort, but she has soldiered on to leave no stone unturned in helping him. In her boy, though he is now in his thirties, she still sees the young man emerging who wants to date and loves his dog. He is very smart and sweet and is filled with kindness. In and out of hospitals, medications tried in vain, these parents, who are highly educated, are successful and humble professionals, community leaders and givers who are suffering and seeking any and every treatment to give their son a chance at a life of meaning.

I think of you, my congregation. So many of you can easily imagine their plight. Change their names, their diagnoses and the pain is in plain sight. Every soul is touched by it at some point. That is why we are here. Hope and comfort are the gifts we bring. It can be a healing balm in times like these.

What can we do? I thought about it this morning as my tears for her flowed freely. The psalmist teaches us to let theirs tears break against us. I hear those words as instructive. Do not let someone else's pain frighten or overwhelm us. Stay in it and let them find your shoulder. Call and don't give up. Bring something you made – soup, cookies, a card or a letter. And don't stop because they don't respond. They see and they hear but they may not be ready. They will say the same things many times. They need to do that. Harsh realities take time to take in.

This morning he faces a treatment reserved for those who have responded to nothing else. A hard, last resort kind of decision to make and today is the day. My cousin's pain is with me as I texted her knowing she would be awake early. She responds in her usual upbeat way.

"Thanks, doll. Love you."

Y'varech'cha Adonai V'Yishmerecha.

God, please send this beloved son and brother Your blessing. Guard him and protect him in this hour of need.

Yaer Adonai, panav eilecha vichuneka.

Divine Presence, let his parents feel that You have not abandoned them. Rather fill them with the light of hope that comes from You. Please, God, let them feel Your grace.

Yisa Adonai, panav eilecha v'yaseim l'cha shalom.

Holy One, in the myriad of Your vast creations, cast the light of Your face here – on this one who needs You so desperately. With our deepest prayers, we ask You to grant him respite from his struggles. Grant him peace and wholeness. Amen.

In this month of February, the month when my cousin and I were both born in the same year – may there spring new hope for her son.

May each of your prayers come easily to the lips. May they be answered. May we all find shalom.

Rabbi / lanka Justry & Fafera\_ B'shalom, Rabbi Audrey Halpern



# Margie Gursky Religious School News

As I look out the window, the sky is actually blue and the sun is shining. I can't remember the last time the sun came out for more than a few minutes. It really has been a dreary January. It is hard to think that we are supposed to celebrate Tu Bishvat (Israel's Arbor Day) in January when nothing is growing now on Long Island. But celebrating Tu Bishvat during the dead of winter reminds us of the better weather ahead of us that will be followed by budding

trees and flowers.

In spite of the gloomy weather and the return to online school, we managed to have Zoom Bingo, Zoom PACT for fourth/fifth grades, as well as Zoom PACT for the sixth grade. I must say that Zoom Bingo was really fun and our winning students (and parents) were sent their prizes. While most of us prefer in-person programs, Rabbi, the teachers and I have all gotten really good at running Zoom classes, programs and events.

Hopefully, by the time you read this in February, we will be back to in-person learning, and Rabbi Klafter will be able to hold her Challah program in person as well (either way...YUM!) With February break occurring in that short month, before you know it, it will be March. The weather will be getting better each day, COVID will be lessening (we hope!), and we can start living again with some sense of normalcy.

## TBD'S TOGETHER WITH TOTS

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Learn together about Shabbat and holidays with your 3 or 4 Year old child/grandchild

Classes will meet Sunday mornings throughout the school year, 9:30–10:30am, with our esteemed early childhood educator. All families with young children are also invited to join us for TBD Holiday Events.



3 SESSIONS LEFT OF TBD'S TOGETHER WITH TOTS SERIES:
February 6, March 6 and April 3
TBD HOLIDAY EVENTS FOR FAMILIES:
March 13, May 15

Fees: Members \$100/Child; Non-Members \$125/Child (Late sign-ups may be prorated)

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# The Art of Challah Baking with Rabbi Klafter



Rabbi Klafter'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 once again.

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Watch for more information early in February. The program will be in-person, if possible, or on ZOOM.

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year). It is traditional to say, "K'she nichnas Adar, marbeem b'simcha, When Adar arrives, we increase our joy."

All this is to say, when we have not one but two Hebrew months of Adar, we increase our joy x 2! And if it is Adar, then we can get ready for Purim! In fact, this year, there are two holidays of Purim. The 'regular' Purim is in Adar II, falling on March 16th. In the first month of Adar, we observe "Purim Katan."

Purim Katan is the 'small (or minor) Purim' observed only in Adar I when there is a leap year, this year on February 14th-15th. Though the Talmud teaches that there is no difference between the two Purim celebrations, there actually are several differences. We don't read the Megillah; we don't send *Shalach Manot*, goodies and gifts; and we don't add any special prayers to our worship service. So, what do we do? We are advised to simply mark the day with a festive meal or special treat of some kind and generally to increase one's joy as well.

Surely this year, we can all use this now – especially in the cold of winter, as we continue to face the challenges of the pandemic and others strive around the world. Join me, then, in a little extra joy this month. Enjoy a special treat or share an extra smile with a friend. Happy Purim Katan!



## Spotlight on Brotherhood

**A** new year is here, presenting new and exciting opportunities. If you haven't yet done so, one of those opportunities is to become involved with Brotherhood. We have many activities scheduled or in the works. Unfortunately, due to the recent uptick in Covid infections, and consistent with the Executive Board's decision to suspend in-person events, many of the Brotherhood's activities are being re-scheduled.

We had planned to have Spencer Jakab, an award-winning financial journalist, author and editor at the Wall Street Journal, speak to us in January about the stock market, financial and college planning. That will now take place sometime in February, and is intended to be presented both in person and via Zoom. Also, Brotherhood will once again engage our inner-Viking and throw axes at NY Axe Throwing in Farmingdale. This has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 30 at 12:00 noon. We will send you an email regarding final details on all our events when the information is available.

In addition, we are planning:

Movie Night, for which we will rent an entire theater for our private viewing An evening of trivia and beer at St. James Brewery with the Sisterhood, currently planned for February 8 An afternoon or evening at Top Golf

A Yom Hashoah speaker, Ksenia Coffman, on April 24.

Feel free to share with us your ideas for events and activities. But most of all, please join us to experience the joys of Brotherhood!

Adam Browser and Steve Swartz Brotherhood Co-Presidents



#### From Florida:

In conversation
with a pelican—
by necessity, non-political
I speak of sultry sands
vibrant surf
his graceful swoop,
descent and stance upon the railing
Eye to eye
our discourse
praises nature's wonders
Fish will fly
Life will surge
Worlds will whirl
into a fruitful
2022

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Invites you to an important virtual presentation:

# **Stand**VVithUs

# Recognizing and Responding to the Resurgence of Antisemitism



Carly Gammill, Director, **StandWithUs Center for Combating Antisemitism** is a seasoned litigator active in fighting antisemitism, the anti-Israel BDS campaigns on campuses, in court and in the United Nations.

She will educate us about various expressions of antisemitism, subtle and less so, and how to respond to them.

# Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 at 7:30 PM

#### Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85126204015

Meeting ID: 851 2620 4015 Passcode: 5782

Any questions contact Debbie Friedman at: dfriedman02@gmail.com





In early January, as I was driving home from work, I approached the busy intersection of the Northern State at Route 231. I saw a person standing with a cardboard, handpainted sign, letting me know that he was homeless. His tattered jacket was not warm enough for this winter day; his backpack was dirty. Quickly, I rummaged in my handbag and pulled out a single granola bar. That was the food I had to give. Before the light could change, I rolled down my window letting in a blast of frigid air and handed him my donation. "Stay safe!" I exclaimed as the traffic light changed and I had to go. He remained.

Isaiah 58's mission to "Share our bread with the hungry..." was never clearer than that minute at the stop light. For over 25 years, since Isaiah 58's inception, the mission to feed the needy in our community has been our goal. I felt I was put to the test that afternoon. Temple Beth David's regular monthly donations of food and money to help our local pantries are an organized and known way to help those suffering with food insecurity. This event was a surprise coincidence and I felt grounded in knowing I answered the call of someone in need when I least expected it. What a way to begin my new year, 2022!

During this past holiday season, food drives and coat drives around our community and in our schools helped to feed and clothe those less fortunate. The loyal members of TBD's Social Action Committee encourage donations all year long. Joan Herman selflessly volunteered to do the food pantry shopping in January despite COVID, despite the cold, and made the delivery to East Northport. If you feel the pull to do right in the world, join us! If you feel the call to social action, join us! If you feel the need to do something, give of yourself – your time, your energy, your ideas, a donation. Isaiah 58 is looking for groups, troops and interested participants to come out when it is safe to do so and join our mission. Until then, follow the lead of Carrie Wolmetz and her family and do a project at home. Creating cards for our veterans, thanking them for their service and sacrifice for our freedom, is a patriotic and rewarding endeavor. Thank you Carrie and crew!

Wintertime is here. I encourage you to carry extra provisions in your car, truck or SUV. If you need it, you'll have it. If someone else needs it, you'll be ready to carry out our mission with pride and joy.

Be safe, stay healthy, and please come to our Zoom meeting on February 16 at 7:30 p.m. and see how you can help.

-Jane Oberwager Gaines





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#### **ISAIAH 58'S PASSOVER FOOR DRIVE**

Jews around the world will celebrate Pesach on April 22. We will share our story with family and friends recalling our journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom. And we will teach our story to our children so that every generation will learn and remember our history and how we were sustained by God to achieve dignity for ourselves and our descendants. At our Pesach seders we share family traditions, ritual foods, and traditional recipes as well as our history. Pesach links generation to generation and Jewish communities around the world. Our ancient story, one of hope and the triumph of freedom over oppression, resonates with Jews and non-Jews and is a story of hope for all who are marginalized, face discrimination, and are oppressed.

Our Haggadahs, written in many languages and styles, highlight Jewish diversity. They ask us to remember the sacrifices of our ancestors, the need to continue to confront challenges we face as a minority, as Jews, and the discrimination many people experience because of their ethnicity, race, religion, gender, or who they love.

As we give thanks for our freedom, let us strive so that all people can live in peace, with freedom and human dignity. Last year I expressed gratitude to our health care providers and essential workers. I had hoped by this year we would be in a different place, but 2022 is another year when we continue to need to recognize the heroic work of our health care providers and the medical community, teachers, and all essential workers who go to work each day to keep our communities functional and safe.

On Sunday, April 3, we will hold our annual 2022 Temple Beth David Passover Food Drive. We will provide further information including when and where we will set up bins at Temple for you to donate kosher for Passover nonperishable food for needy Jewish families in our community. Stop and Shop, ShopRite or Lidel gift cards will also be gladly accepted. Isaiah 58 appreciates all donations, including monetary donations, for this year's annual Passover Food Drive, to help us purchase food for needy Jewish families in our community.

Please look for information at a later time about how we will organize our annual Pesach Food Drive on Sunday, April 3 to ensure everyone's safety. Wishing everyone a healthy and joyous Pesach.

—Beverly Horowitz

#### **{{{ HELP WANTED }}}**

Looking for motivated workers to help with planning TBD's annual **Mitzvah Day** and doing our Food Pantry shopping. Qualities needed:

- Mitzvah Day: Need basic organizational skills, friendly attitude and a desire to help others; Mitzvah Day is May 1, 2022.
- Food Pantry shopping: Need own transportation, time to food shop monthly and transport the groceries/gift cards to the food pantry in East Northport; reimbursement for food expenses will be provided.

Interested in volunteering, please contact: Jane Gaines, Chair of Isaiah 58 Social Action Committee 631-988-3628



# Sponsored by the Isaiah 58 Social Action Committee NEEDS YOUR HELP

# to provide Passover foods to needy Jewish families

Please DONATE one or more of the following items by Sunday, April 3.

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 a AND labeled "Kosher for Passover" for 2022. We cannot accept food that requires refrigeration.

The Isaiah 58 Committee also appreciates monetary donations and/or Stop and Shop and Lidel gift cards. Monetary donations during the year helps us feed families in need.

Further information will be provided about how we will organize this year's Passover Food Drive to keep everyone safe.

We wish you and your family a healthy happy Passover

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### Listerhood



Wow! We are already in the second month of 2022. Time is flying by, and I realize that there are only four months left of my two-year position as TBD Sisterhood President. I am very grateful to have been in this rewarding role because it has given me the opportunity to become involved in something bigger than just volunteering my time. I learned that there are many TBD Sisterhood members who are eager to share their skills, knowledge, and friendship, and have made our TBD Sisterhood bonds stronger. In addition, the TBD staff have been so warm and welcoming to me. I have asked many

questions of the staff over the past 20 months, and they have always answered me with kindness and efficiency! It is my hope that there is someone out there reading this piece who may be considering becoming next year's Sisterhood President or perhaps, two people who would share the role together. Please give me a call, text, or email me to discuss the position and answer any questions.

Our upcoming events this month include a Sisterhood Zoom Book Club discussion. Keep a lookout in the Megillah and/or watch your emails for details. Also, we have a Cultural Arts event on our calendar with details to be determined as Omicron cases hopefully decrease.

Karin Brandsdorfer, Sisterhood President 631-988-5486 (cell) / 631-667-4795 (home) Kbrandsdorfer@yahoo.com

# ALICE FEENEY NEW YORK TIMES RESTSELLING AUTHOR OF SOMETHIES I.LE ROCK PAPER SCISSORS

Come join Sisterhood's next book read

February 24, 2022 @ 7:30pm on the Sisterhood's Zoom

Enjoy this poetic recipe created by my very special and longtime friend, Deborah Faust, that sums up how wonderful it is being a member of Temple Beth David Sisterhood.

Equal parts of:

Goodness

Love

Unity

Hope

Faith

Vision

Iudaism

Sometimes a differing opinion but respectfulness still

Mix & Stir

For many servings of togetherness, friendship, camaraderie & family Making us sisters in our own special "hood."

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Lilly: It's lovely.

Jack: You don't know what it is.

Lilly: Does it have a purpose?

Jack: Yes. It's a light switch cover.

Lilly: Oh. Well... There's no hole for the switch.

Jack: Does it need a hole to work?

Lilly: Well, um, I mean, yeah. You gotta have a hole for the switch, or you can't turn the light on or off. And then what?

Jack: I'm sorry.

Lilly: We'll figure it out.

Jack: No, no I'm.. I'm so sorry about it all. You deserve better.

Lilly: It's okay. It's okay.

Jack: I presume that this makes up for everything.

Lilly: (laughs) We'll cut a hole in it.

Jack: That's smart. That's smart. Just cut a hole in it.

Lilly: Otherwise you're really forcing a choice of being in constant darkness or constant light and that's just nuts. I

mean, no offense.

Jack: No, that's fair.

It loses quite a bit in print and I will admit it's a bit abstract, but so much of our temple family's experience over the past couple of years has been fighting off that sense of constant darkness or constant light. And as Lilly says, "That's just nuts."

What capped off the whole experience for me (and made me glad there was a paper towel nearby to dab my eyes) was the song that is played just before the credits at the end, as Lilly and Jack come home from the mental health facility and life has the chance to move on. It's called "That Wasn't Me" by Brandi Carlile. Really, really nice song. It challenges us to reflect on who we are, how others see us, and how we see ourselves. Here are a few of the lyrics:

Hang on, just hang on for a minute. I've got something to say.

I'm not asking you to move on or forget it, but these are better days.

To be wrong all along and admit is not amazing grace.

But to be loved like a song you remember, Even when you've changed.

Tell me did I go on a tangent? Did I lie through my teeth?

Did I cause you to stumble on your feet?

Did I bring shame on my family? Did it show when I was weak?

Whatever you see, that wasn't me

But I want you to know that you'll never be alone.

Do I make myself a blessing to everyone I meet?

When you fall I will get you on your feet.

Do I spend time with my family? Did it show when I was weak?

When that's what you see, that will be me.

As always, I am so grateful for the privilege of sharing thoughts and experiences with you, even when it requires a bit of a stretch to connect it to our lives as a temple community. In the final several columns still to write, I promise to keep it a little closer to our spiritual home. The truth is I can't wait 'til next month's column, when I will hopefully be able to share some wonderful, very encouraging news with each of you about Temple Beth David's path forward.

Until then, I wish for you as the song says, "These are better days."

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## Gracious Gifts from Thoughtful People

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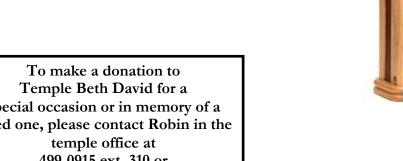
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#### Yahrzeits February 2022



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| 2/13 | Stan Best            |      | Alvin Wilichinsky                |      |                     |  |
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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.

Temple Beth David's permanent plaques give lasting remembrance and honor while helping the temple.

| Yahrzeit Memorial | located in sanctuar                               |                    | \$ 500.00 |  |
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|                   | Chil  | dren's butterfly   | \$ 36.00  |  |
|                   | Fou   | ndation Stone      | \$ 450.00 |  |
| Sanctuary         | One seat  |                    | \$ 800.00 |  |
|                   | Two seats   |                    | \$1500.00 |  |

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# What's Happening at TBD — February 2022

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday                                | Friday  | Saturday                                  |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| 30<br>Brotherhood Axe<br>Throwing                                  | 31 2:00 pm Haftorah Study Group 6:30 pm Hebrew High at Temple Beth El  | 1<br>8:00 pm<br>Brotherhood Planning<br>Meeting | 7:30 pm<br>Stand With Us<br>On Zoom                | 3                                       | 7:30 pm<br>Shabbat Service with<br>Birthday Blessings           | 5<br>9:15 am<br>Torah Study &<br>Service  |
| 6<br>9:30 am<br>Together With Tots<br>Sisterhood Cultural<br>Event | 7 2:00 pm Haftorah Study Group 6:30 pm Hebrew High at Temple Beth David  | 8   | 9  | 10                                      | 11<br>8:00 pm<br>Shabbat Service                                | 9:15 am<br>Torah Study &<br>Service       |
| 9:30 am<br>Challah Program   | 2:00 pm<br>Haftorah Study Group<br>6:30 pm<br>Hebrew High at<br>Temple Beth David  | 7:30 pm<br>Sisterhood Meeting                   | 16 7:30 pm Isaiah 58 7:30 pm Budget & Finance Mtg. | 17                                      | 8:00 pm<br>Shabbat Service                                      | 9:15 am<br>Torah Study &<br>Service       |
| 20   | 21 TEMPLE OFFICES CLOSED   | NO RELIGIOUS<br>SCHOOL                          | NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL                                | 24 7:30 pm Sisterhood Book Club on Zoom | 8:00 pm<br>Shabbat Service with<br>Anniversary Blessings        | 26<br>9:15 am<br>Torah Study &<br>Service |
| 9:00 am<br>Brotherhood Event                                       | 28 2:00 pm Haftorah Study Group 6:30 pm Hebrew High at Temple Beth David 7:00 pm Executive Board 8:00 pm TBD Board Meeting | 1<br>8:00 pm<br>Brotherhod                      | 2<br>6:45 pm<br>4th/5th Grade PACT                 | 3                                       | 4 7:30 pm Shabbat Service with 7th Grade and Birthday Blessings | 5<br>9:15 am<br>Torah Study &<br>Service  |



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#### Worship Schedule

Friday, February 4

Shabbat Terumah
7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings

Saturday, February 5 9:15 am Torah Study and Service

Friday, February 11

Shabbat Tetzaveh
8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings

Saturday, February 12 9:15 am Torah Study and Service

Friday, February 18 Shabbat Ki Tisa 8:00 pm Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 19 9:15 am Torah Study and Service

Friday, February 25

Shabbat Vayakhel
8:00 pm Shabbat Service with Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, February 26 9:15 am Torah Study and Service

Friday, March 4
Shabbat Pekudei
7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings

Saturday, March 5 9:15 am Torah Study with Service

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