



Director of Congregational Engagement

by Melissa Levy



Anyone else having really vivid dreams lately? Mine were the result of not sleeping in my own bed for a week--my family had to evacuate due to the Bobcat fire. In the midst of a pandemic, we didn't know where we were sleeping the next night. We were blessed to have the support of our PJTC community, and cousins living up in Ventura that took us in.

I felt like we were sitting on a life raft

without a paddle--safe, yet without control. So privileged to have a life raft at all, as many of our neighbors wonder year round where their next bed will be located. As my family builds our sukkah this year, the symbol of impermanent housing is all the more real.

Sukkot is actually my favorite holiday, because it's all about connections. We connect with the Jewish people's past, building huts to remind us of our wandering in the desert. We connect with each other in the present, sitting in the sukkah with our families, shaking the lulav and etrog, having outdoor sleepovers. With Abraham and Sarah's hospitality as our guide, we invite guests to sit in the sukkah with us for a meal (perhaps not this year--more on that in a moment). We connect with our larger community's future, donating to causes that address homelessness and food insecurity.

As the new Director of Congregational Engagement, I encourage you to think of this year's Sukkot as a time to focus on ways to connect with each other and make meaning, no matter the new barriers. We couldn't prepare for the High Holidays together in PJTC's building, but we developed new

and deeper connections with each other through the Elul small group discussions and app, the Teshuva Rock Project, and Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur breakout sessions. Now, if we cannot sit together in the sukkah, **let's virtually welcome each other into our shelters of peace like never before.**

So here's your **#PJTCsukkotChallenge**: Answer the question: **Given we may not be able to showcase our Jewish hospitality by inviting guests into our sukkah, in what other ways can we be more warm, welcoming and inclusive in the new year?**

Perhaps it means calling those who are isolated to check in, committing to saying "hello" to every neighbor you pass on your nightly masked-up walks, inviting a new community member for a Zoom coffee date, fighting for racial justice, or dropping off a meal for a family in need.

When you've thought it through, **I invite you to take a video of you or your family answering this question**, and post it to the PJTC Congregants Only Facebook page (click [HERE](#) to join!), or email your answers (written or video format) to melissa@pjtc.net. As a bonus, you can film your video in the PJTC sukkah (click [here](#) to sign up for a time slot to do this!), in your own sukkah if you have one, or, **use whatever supplies you have at home to build your own sukkah**--it can be a pillow fort, lego structure, drawing, gingerbread and candy... whatever you've got handy! You just need three "walls" (the fourth wall is open to welcome guests), and a roof through which you can see the stars if you were outside.

I can't wait to hear your ideas, and see what creative Sukkot solutions you've come up with!



Sukkot 2020/5781

Friday, October 2 -Sunday, October 4

Shemini Atzeret

Saturday, October 10

Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 11

Service Schedule

October 2/3/4

Fri. Shabbat/Sukkot Service 7:30 PM

Sukkot Service 9:30 AM

Sukkot Service 9:30 AM

October 9/10 Shemini Atzeret

Fri. Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret Service 7:30 PM

Sukkot 1

Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret Service 9:30 AM

October 11 Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah Service 9:30 AM

October 17/18 Parshat: Bereshit

Fri. Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM

October 23/24 Parshat: Noah

Fri. Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Shabbat Services 9:30 AM

October 30/31 Parshat: Lekh Lekha

Fri. Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM

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Social Justice Committee

by Carl Selkin, Committee Member

I'shanah tova!

I am submitting this article before the High Holy Days, and I know we all appreciate the deep and meaningful work that has made this extraordinary season of renewal meaningful for us all.

The upcoming election is one of the most important in our country's history. November 3rd is both the end date by which we must cast our ballots and the beginning of the next four-year cycle of civic life during which we must take care of our planet, our neighbors and ourselves within the context of the choices we make on election day.

To help all of us make those choices, we continue SJC programs and activities to help us understand the issues.

To that end, please join the SJC Webinar on the propositions on October 13 at 7 p.m. Representatives of the League of Women Voters will explain the propositions and present the pros and cons for the most controversial ones. To register, click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84142965298?pwd=QVVpamdyZUt kMHF3a0dMU1FZZH>

The Social Justice Committee has a newly elected transition leadership team of Martha Ruffman, Louise Derman-Sparks, Howard Landau and Carl Selkin, who will carry out the roles of SJC chair, until a new leadership structure is agreed upon.

To contact the Social Justice Committee, please email us at sjcpjtc@gmail.com Our on-going activities comprise four areas:

The “100% PJTC Voter Turnout Campaign” enjoyed the participation of 28 volunteers including 4 USY teens who phoned PJTC members to encourage all eligible voters in the congregation to register and prepare to vote. Responses ranged from (overwhelmingly) appreciative, while a few congregants

objected to this non-partisan initiative. We have tried to delete those who objected to these calls from our lists, but when we call this month to re-connect, please understand that our aim is to assist not annoy.

“Swing State/Voter Suppression” has been the focus of another committee. Working under the aegis of the organization Reclaim the Vote, 1,400 postcards were written and mailed to voters purged from registration lists in Texas, North and South Carolina. Three writing sessions attracted 20-25 post carders. SJC individual members also continue to work with such organizations as Flip the Vote 2020, Reclaim the Vote, When We all Vote and Movement Voter Project to get the vote out this election day.

The Social Justice Women's Committee hosted two virtual conversations and happy hours with breakout small group discussions. Discussion is underway to engage in several programs with PJTC's Sisterhood. This committee looks forward to collaboration that enhances our Jewish values of Tikkun Olam.

Looking forward, the Social Justice Committee established a congregational award in honor of Rabbi Marv Gross of blessed memory. A subcommittee is working on selection criteria, an application process, and an award ceremony. Watch for announcements in the near future.

All PJTC members are welcome to attend our meetings at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85754761613>

Meetings in October: October 18 (Sunday, 10:00 a.m.), October 13 (Webinar on Propositions, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.), and November 1 (Sunday, 10 am),

Mindfulness Meditation

Tues 8:45 AM Wed 8:00AM
Sat 12:45 PM

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Zoom

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7:30 PM**

Ohr Tamid Society Testimonial

By: Jack & Debby Singer

A synagogue has many functions, as we all know, and many entry points for congregants with a variety of needs. Our first point of entry at PJTC was the Louis B. Silver Religious School when Debby joined the staff as a part-time teacher at the school some 47 years ago. Her first class was a rowdy bunch of 3rd graders (Kita Aleph, at the time), more than twenty of them, whose reputation preceded them. We were actually not members of the congregation yet, but the connections we made then are still some of the strongest we have now. We moved to New York for a couple of years and then returned and moved into our current home in Arcadia with two children who were ready to start Sunday School. So we became members and Debby was hired by Betty Fishman to once again teach in the Religious School. Our friendship circle grew to include the families in our kid's classes, the Religious School staff, the clergy, the temple's custodial and office staff, the parents of students and more. The synagogue provided us with another family who became the foundation of our social life. That is not to say we did not participate in the temple's religious functions, we did, and we are thankful to all our past and current clergy for providing the spiritual experience that also makes PJTC so dear to us. It is because of them and our friends that services are a meaningful aspect of our lives.

Our best friends, the ones we travel with, celebrate with, mourn with and still cherish are many of those we met through our children's Religious School classes. There happened to be a lot of multiple kid families in the Religious School at that time and since we had kids the same ages, there was a lot of overlap and we bonded. We celebrated B'nai Mitzvah, weddings, births and sadly passings together. We still seek each other out. We

still hold each other up. We still connect with each other, even in these trying times. We also have the privilege of belonging to long-established groups of PJTC men and women who meet each Monday night. Usually we share a meal; now we Zoom. But the real reason for these meetups is to stay connected with a group of people we have grown to love.

For almost three decades Debby served as the Education Director of the Synagogue and, needless to say, our family got very involved in the school. Our daughter, Jenny, became a teacher in the school and Abe Davidson, Debby's dad was the beloved B'nai Mitzvah tutor for many years. Debby's brother, Mike Davidson, taught in the High School program and our son Jeff was a TA. So it was a family affair, our literal home away from home. And now, since Debby's retirement, Jack has become more involved in Synagogue activities and is currently serving as Program Chair of the Men's Club and the Chair of the new Planned Giving Committee.

There was never a question about the important place PJTC has occupied in our lives and there is also no question that we want that same experience to be available for others for many years to come. That is why we have committed to include PJTC in our estate plan. We are proud to be part of the newly created *Ohr Tamid Society* and we urge all current PJTC congregants who feel that the Synagogue has had an important role in their lives, to do the same.



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Sisterhood

Do you have a son or daughter off to college, away from home for the first time? The mission of Sisterhood's College Outreach Program is to keep our young people in touch with our PJTC community as well as encourage them to observe and enjoy the Jewish holidays across the miles.

We are seeking the names of new students going away to college for the first time this fall. Students who are either freshman or transferring from a local commuter school to a residential college away from home would qualify. Additionally, one parent must be a dues-payment member of PJTC and/or Sisterhood. Simply provide name and college mailing address to Franci Levine Grater (626.644.7523 or francilg@gmail.com) to insure your son or daughter receives two Jewish focused care packages during the upcoming school year.



Men's Club

by Fred Rotenberg, President



Shalom PJTC,
Pandemic, fires and earthquakes. I'm.
Just. Tired.

"I've lived through worse" said my nonagenarian mother, a holocaust survivor who seems to have a way of putting my problems into perspective. "You have a home, the markets are open, you can talk to and see people on the phone, you have family and friends you can count on and who can count on you, so what are you complaining about?"

"Well, when you're right, you're right," I told her. While the world around us seems to keep throwing lemons at us, there's still plenty of lemonade that can be made. Take for instance the PJTC high holiday services that we all virtually attended....from the comforts of our home. Did it impact us that we couldn't gather? Of course. Did it impact the clergy who thrive on the energy that hundreds of people in the sanctuary throw off to get them through a service? You betcha! Did anyone throw up their hands and say it can't be

done? Not at all. In fact there's plenty of lemonade and an abundance of lemonade makers here at PJTC. Men's Club has been whipping up its own blend as well. We partnered with Sisterhood and the MAC to get tasty challah, honey and apples to over 175 households. We hosted another PJTC social hall with Mayor Terry Tornek discussing Pasadena's response to the pandemic. On October 1, 2020 MC and Sisterhood will co-present a Yahrzeit memorial plaque in honor of Robert Brown. Please join us along with our clergy for this special Zoom event where we'll all have a chance to share our fondest memories of Robert with his family. November will feature our yearly tribute to our deserving veterans. This year we are fortunate to have Dan Schnur (go ahead...Google him) as our featured speaker giving us an election roundup.

As always, please consider joining Men's Club. Membership is free for 2020-21.

<https://givingtools.com/give/389/40>

Stay safe, healthy and let's all keep making lemonade!

Fred Rotenberg

PJTC Social Hall - Thursday, October 8 at 7:30 PM

Is it possible to delay or prevent Alzheimer's? The latest research from HMRI

The Caring Community Program will welcome Dr. Michael Harrington, Scientific Director of Neuroscience at Huntington Medical Research Institute in Pasadena, speaking about his fascinating research into Alzheimer's Disease.

Dr. Harrington is a native of Scotland, who spent ten years doing research at Caltech before joining HMRI in 1998. Many PJTC members are participants in Dr. Harrington's research.

For more information: claire@pjtc.net.

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Beryl Strauss at beryl@pjtc.net
or call 626-798-1161 to chat

Sisterhood

by Nancy Carlton, President



Women – it's a New Year. Let your voice be heard. Join PJTC Sisterhood. It's not too late to send in your PJTC Sisterhood dues for this year. As a Sisterhood member you have the opportunity to participate at various levels and you provide financial support through your dues. Join us and find friendship and community. Membership questions should be directed to Atty Rotter,

Vice-President Membership at 626.664.4509 or atalya19@aol.com.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our Sisterhood members who produced the lovely New Year Greetings Book and Membership Directory – Karen Hochman Brown, Ruth Kaye and Arlene Weiss. Thank you to all who supported Sisterhood with a greeting. We appreciate your making an effort to support those businesses who placed ads in the booklet. If you have not yet received the publication, you can contact the Synagogue office to arrange to pick one up.

For those of you who received a High Holy Day Celebration bag, we hope you enjoyed the freshly baked holiday raisin

challah, honey and apples. A special note of thanks to the many congregants who made donations in support of this effort! And, special hugs to a great team of volunteers who assisted with the bags and contents – Nancy Copeland, Sondra Dreshner, Edeena Gordon, Claire Gorfinkel (delivery coordination), Debbie Guest (the logistics queen), Andrea Kelly, Stacy Miller, Stacy Ober (who came up with this wonderful idea and donated significantly to the contents), Atty Rotter, and Jackie O'Sullivan.

Your Sisterhood is a proud Librarian level sponsor for the upcoming Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valley's Book Festival. Celebrating 22 years and kicking off its programming at the beginning of November, this year's Book Festival features many wonderful authors through zoom events.

Open to all Sisterhood members, plan to attend our upcoming Sisterhood Board Meeting on Monday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom in the comfort of your own home. I hope to welcome you as a continuing or new member of Sisterhood this year. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at (626) 798-5920 or iamyou082@aol.com



Sisterhood's New Year Greetings and Membership Directory

Thank you to all who supported Sisterhood with a High Holy Day greeting! We appreciate your making an effort to support those businesses who placed ads in the booklet. Be sure to let the business know you were referred by the Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center.

If you have not yet received the publication, you can contact the Synagogue office to arrange to pick one up.

If you discover any issues with your personal information which appears in the membership directory, please contact the Synagogue with corrections. It is important that our information is current and accurate.

Thank You to Our Donors!

by Nancy Carlton, Sisterhood President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who made very generous donations in support of Sisterhood's Caring Community Outreach program which made it possible for us to offer all synagogue and Sisterhood members a High Holy Day Celebration bag – Leslie Aiken, Marcia Alper, Ellen Ardman, Keri Axel, Judy Balian, Josette & Paul Bellan, Howard Belzberg & Linda Rever, Cantor Ruth Berman Harris, Mary Ann Bernath, Dana & David Bouton, Nadia Brewart, Nurith & Peter Brier, Diane & Michael Burr, Mickey Butnik, Barbara & Mel Cohen, Julie Culver, Jennifer & Geoff DeBoskey, Gitta Earll, Nora Eidelberg, Daphna Enzer, Stuart Feuer, Rebecca & Chase Gaither, Sue Galpert, Joan Gantz, Liz Green, Karen Gross, Sherri Hauer & Lowell Bernstein, Sondra Hauge, Jane Hirschkowitz, Bryan & Marina Jick, Ryann Jorban, Rochelle & Jerome Kaplan, Ruth Kaye, Marilyn & Marty Kirschen, Lara Kislinger & Lance Jasper, Fidelia & Steven Klein, Joseph Klein, Michael Klekner, Kathy Kobayashi & Hal Barron, Cindy Cohen & Gil Kollin, Cathy Krasner, Faye & Ike Langholz, Eva & Tamas Lengyel, Jenna Leventhal, Franci Levine Grater, Barbara Ryder Levinson, Melissa & Jacob Levy, Roslyn Lubow, Beth Mael, Linda & Elliott Mazur, Karin Meiselman, Shana Levin & Peter Mendel, Eli Mendelson, Anita Merzel-Todd, Felice & David Mittman, Becky Newman, Ellen Pais & Ed Honowitz, Lisa Parmelee, Rebecca Polivy & Omer Tamuz, Ruth Roberts, Aviva Rosenbloom, Lori Rotenberg, Atty Rotter, Denise & Jim Schaefer, Gideon Schein, Doris Segall, Stacey Sharp, Alice Shulman, Tammy Silver, Bonnie Skolnik, Lyn & Bud Slotky, Carol & Matt Sofer, Nancy & Paul Spiegel, Mark & Myriam Steinback, Morton Steinman, Connie & Art Taus, Edie Taylor, Maria & Terry Tornek, Pearl Tyree, Ida Unger & Steve Moos, Paula Waluch, Valerie & Aaron Weiss, Vanessa Silberman & Joe Widman, Molly Wolvek, Lucy Xue & Yaron Farkash.

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	Max Streiker Rose Connick Sephine Melrod Raye Morgan		Noam Parker Howard Krachman Maurice N. Salz Dorothy Faibish Hy Vego Seymour Spar		George Roegler Charles Dixon Samuel Reff Harry Abend Seth Kollin		Philip Shulman Charles Levander Dorothy Patrick
14 Tishrei	10/2/2020	24 Tishrei	10/12/2020	3 Cheshvan	10/21/2020	12 Cheshvan	10/30/2020
	Frances Sampson Leonard Kustner James Brown Benjamin Fine Philip Rosenberg Alex Feiner		Craig Mendelson Marshall Alper Linda Gail Scanlon Meta Mendel Lori Minovitz Brandstetter		Tom Brown Julius Kaplan Fanny Weiss Hyman Schwartz Jean Frechtman Pauline Todd		Lois McCoin Marlene Mann Bettie Cohen Yitzhak Rabin Sam Goss
15 Tishrei	10/3/2020	25 Tishrei	10/13/2020	4 Cheshvan	10/22/2020	13 Cheshvan	10/31/2020
	Rebecca Cohen Morris Jacob Burten Austin Phelps Molly Rabstein Harold L. Ginsberg Arcady Soibel		Sydney Kirschen Alexander S. David Milly Werner Bea Bayer Sherman Finesilver Tavous Younessi Leo Cohen		Eleanor Jacobs		Al Shapiro Hedy Linstone Samuel Lyon Nat Weber Anne Weiss Morris Retsky
16 Tishrei	10/4/2020	26 Tishrei	2020-10-14	5 Cheshvan	10/23/2020	6 Cheshvan	10/24/2020
	David E. Davis Estelle Roodman Julius Ganulin Muriel Walter Eva Rabinowitch Sydney Gelber		Charles Liebman Florence Aderhold Murray Morrow April Hagan Rose Paper Fay Katz		Giesela Farber David Fain Samuel Shrifter Louis Beskin		Benjamin C. Eisenberg Charles Israel Baker Alida Ultan
17 Tishrei	10/5/2020	27 Tishrei	2020-10-15	7 Cheshvan	10/25/2020	8 Cheshvan	10/26/2020
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18 Tishrei	10/6/2020	28 Tishrei	10/16/2020	9 Cheshvan	10/27/2020	9 Cheshvan	10/27/2020
	Benny Lorin Linda Bettman Jessica Issaharov		Solbert Handler Donald Eli Witkin Edwin Smith Edward Spira Libby Balkin Elaine Weise Beatrice Several		Howard Comras Gerson Horance David Padlipsky Norman Seretsky Charles Reuben Todd Esther Mendelson Dora Goldsmith		Howard Comras Gerson Horance David Padlipsky Norman Seretsky Charles Reuben Todd Esther Mendelson Dora Goldsmith
19 Tishrei	10/7/2020	29 Tishrei	10/17/2020	10 Cheshvan	10/28/2020		
	Irene Groban Kenneth Mann Ruth Silverman Katherine Kokis		Evelyn Schaefer Magda Greene Charles Levinson		Morris Rothenberg Berta C. Sabersky Kenneth Harris		
20 Tishrei	10/8/2020	30 Tishrei	10/18/2020				
	Albert Raizman Arnold Davidson John Dietrick Schroeder Margaret Hochschild		Bess Donald Abe Selrenik Sophia Weiner Clara Goldberg Harry Browdy Barnet Ginsberg				
21 Tishrei	10/9/2020	1 Cheshvan	10/19/2020				
	Esther Mastey Stanley Robert Svonkin Bertha Goldman Louis Donner Judith Faden Jan Comras Louis Gan Roslyn Wynn		Fred Younessi Herman Scherr Melvin Feiner Connie Chodos Bessie Breslow Marion Shapiro Mortimer Nathanel Felsinger Howard Coplan				
22 Tishrei	10/10/2020						
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To Lori & Fred Rotenberg, mazel tov on the birth of your granddaughter Camryn Mae Wessel, from Karen & Neil Brown, Edie Taylor, Marcia Alper and Atty Rotter

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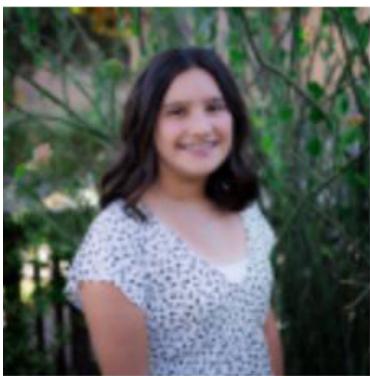
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B'nai Mitzvah



Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Chavira

Sydney will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on October 10, 2020. The daughter of Jolene and Daniel Chavira and older sister of Stella, Sydney is in the 7th grade at Blair Middle School in Pasadena. She is an alumna of Weizmann Day School, where she gained a deep

understanding about Jewish traditions and values and learned to read and write Hebrew.

Sydney has always enjoyed school and is a very dedicated student. In her first year at Blair Middle School she earned the Special Honor's Award in recognition of her outstanding academic achievement. In addition to academic accomplishments, Sydney has demonstrated leadership qualities by running for and being elected to the student

government. She served as 6th grade Secretary last year and is currently serving as 7th grade Vice President. She has appreciated the opportunity to play an active role in planning school-wide activities, supporting fundraising efforts, and volunteering at community events.

In her free time, Sydney most loves playing with her new puppy, Lola. She also enjoys reading novels, watching movies, especially musicals, listening to music, swimming, and spending time with family and friends. Sydney looks forward to going to summer camp every year. During the last several years she has been very excited to attend Camp Ramah in Monterey, California, especially since she gets to fly on an airplane by herself to get there. While the COVID-19 pandemic has altered the Bat Mitzvah Sydney was looking forward to, she has continued to diligently study and plan for this special day. She is eager to share the occasion virtually with friends and family throughout Southern California and beyond over Zoom!



Bar Mitzvah of Eli Axel

Eli Henry Axel, son of Keri and Doug Axel and brother to Ezra and Talya, will be called to the Torah to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on October 17. Eli is in the seventh grade

at Mayfield Junior School in Pasadena, where he has been recognized as a Distinguished Student.

His parents report that, as the youngest of three children, Eli has mostly raised himself. He enjoys soccer (as a goalie), trumpet, and guitar. At school he has been interested in Latin, history, and math, among his other subjects. Eli

is compassionate, thoughtful, and responsible. He is a good and loyal friend. In addition to his other skills and accomplishments, Eli has developed a strong proficiency in keeping the Axel family on task and on time. When relaxing at home he enjoys wrestling with his yellow Lab Maggie.

Eli is passionate about the environment. He believes that small changes in everyday habits can have a positive impact. Formerly the biggest meat eater in the family, he has given up beef to reduce CO2 emissions and other harmful effects on the environment. For his mitzvah project, he is taking a 30-day vegetarian diet challenge to raise awareness regarding the impacts of animal agriculture on the environment.



Bat Mitzvah of Millie Yocom-Surfas

Where has 13 years gone? Millie, the daughter of Sean and Patrice, will celebrate her bat mitzvah via Zoom on October 24. There seems to be an unwritten tradition in Millie's mother's family that some of the girls are born very near their mothers' birthdates. This was the case with Millie who was Patrice's 40th birthday present and was born two days prior to Patrice's birthday on May 2, 2007. Almost since her

first day Millie has been communicating joy and kindness to the world. Her favorite thing to do always has been singing and we have the luck of existing in the 21st-century where many photos and videos can be taken and stored. We have so many wonderful clips of Millie enjoying herself singing and dancing and acting which she has come to love so much.

Millie has been involved with theater since kindergarten and in fact won her school's talent show, in 2012 taking first prize for singing "Maybe" from Annie. She's always enjoyed the interactions that the theater has brought her and that her many different activities of dance, singing and acting have allowed.

Millie and her friends have decided to put on a dance for middle school students living with disabilities. Due to COVID-19 this was delayed but is being planned as a spring event in 2021. Millie wants to bring together friends and fellow students at her school and have an all inclusion dance so that all children get to benefit from the joy of dancing and interacting together.

We look forward to celebrating Millie's Bat Mitzvah with her family and the congregation. Though there's been changes this year due to the pandemic she looks forward sharing her Torah portion and the services with us all.

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