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"AS IT IS SAID, YOU SHALL TELL YOUR CHILDREN ON THAT DAY."
A ZIessen PESACH!



FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

by Rabbi Alan B. Lucas

What is non-negotiable in your life?

Some of you may have noticed a tag line I have added to my signature in my emails. It is a quote from

Thomas Jefferson: "In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock."

We live in a time where everything seems negotiable. Our political leaders say one thing one day and the opposite the next and when confronted with the contradiction they shrug and say, "that was yesterday, today is today..."

Let me tell you a true story about a man named Kivi Bernhard. Kivi Bernhard is a traditional Jew who wrote a book that became one of the most talked about books in the business world – "Leopardology". Born and raised in South Africa, Kivi's book teaches critical thinking and strategy based on the hunting habits and techniques of leopards that he learned from his life in Africa. Kivi became one of the hottest motivational speakers on the business circuit. It wasn't long before he got a call inviting him to speak at a Microsoft conference. Kivi, a Shabbat Observant Jew, checked his calendar and noticed the conference was scheduled on Shabbat, and politely informed the organizer that he does not work on Shabbat and would not be available. The organizer explained that this was Microsoft's main conference, hundreds of vendors from around the world would be there, even Bill Gates! This was a huge opportunity for him and he shouldn't pass it up. But Kivi patiently explained that he does not work on Shabbat. The man offered him double his normal fee and when Kivi turned that down he offered triple – Kivi still refused. Angrily the organizer from Microsoft slammed down the phone. Later he called back and said they would go to the enormous inconvenience of changing the conference to Sunday as they wanted him to be the keynote speaker. At the conference this organizer from Microsoft told Kivi that he had flown to the conference with Bill Gates and a few other Vice-Presidents, on Bill Gates' private jet and Bill Gates inquired as to why the conference date had been changed. After this man told Bill Gates the story of how Kivi wouldn't budge from his principled stand on Shabbat, Bill Gates responded, "You see, that is what happens when you have something that money can't buy!"

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— Rabbi Alan B. Lucas

We live in a transactional world. Everything is negotiable. But Judaism is based on a philosophy of principles and beliefs that are non-negotiable. "Thou Shalt not steal!" There is no small print that says - --"unless you are really hungry." "Thou shalt not bear false witness!" No exception for situations where telling the truth might be problematic.

We are preparing for our celebration of Passover. Passover is the holiday that introduces the world to a new kind of principled thinking that it had never experienced before. Moses comes before Pharaoh and demands, "Let my people go!" Pharaoh sees this as the opening bid in a negotiation – and does not understand that Moses will not; cannot accept compromise on this fundamental principle of freedom for his people. For Pharaoh, like so many of our leaders, like so many of us today – everything is negotiable, all relationships are transactional.

It takes Ten Plagues and a lot of unnecessary suffering until Pharaoh realizes that Moses was not prepared to negotiate and as Thomas Jefferson would later make clear - on matters of principle Moses was prepared to stand like a rock.

Moses understood that there are things in life that are indeed non-negotiable, Kivi Bernhard certainly understood that as does Bill Gates – do you?

As you gather around your Passover tables and once again tell the story of our peoples Exodus from Egypt – I encourage you to share my insight that

this was the first time in history that a powerful leader for whom everything was negotiable met a man who would not budge from his principles. Discuss how this shapes the thinking of so many leaders in our own time. Ask the people sitting around your table if they have any principles that are non-negotiable and if so, what are they?

What are the things in your life that money can't buy?

Rabbi Alan B. Lucas





CANTOR'S NOTES

by Cantor Ofer Barnoy



Passover and the Minyan

Much has been discussed about our daily Minyan lately because there are times when we have difficulty getting the requisite ten Jewish people needed to pray certain parts of the liturgy and to say the Mourners Kaddish, the reason which many of the "Minyanaires" attend. The times when this difficulty crops up most are vacation periods when many members go out of town, but thankfully we have a strong core of "daveners" and a list of members who are willing to come over if called upon.

In thinking about this article which is being written with Passover around the corner, I realize that holidays like Passover which are so family oriented, are times when the Minyan becomes so much more important in the life of someone who is reciting the Mourners Kaddish in memory of a loved one. Perhaps you too have lost someone and just when you thought you were starting to heal from the pain of that loss, along comes a holiday like Passover, Thanksgiving, Father's Day or Mother's Day and like a kick-in-the-gut the pain comes rushing back, as you remember your loved one sitting at the dinner table with you all those years while this year he or she will no longer be there. You may remember smelling your mother's cooking wafting from the kitchen while she made those familiar holiday favorites or perhaps your father leading the Passover Seder with his corny jokes and sweet melodies that were sung year after year and while those memories are sweet they can also be very painful when the loss is rehashed.

The Minyan is a constant. The Minyan is a place where your pain is felt by others and your experience is shared by those who are either now in your situation or know what it's like for they too were once fresh mourners and they know what you are going through. So you step in there and you are embraced by friendly faces who have become your brothers and sisters. The Minyan is really about community. It is our tradition's attempt at making sure that you are not alone in your most needy moments. It is one of the most essential parts of our religion not just because it is a religious obligation to pray but precisely because it offers even those who aren't so religious a place to call home in difficult times. For some after a painful loss it is the only place where they can feel the presence of God. The God that urges us to be there for each other, to console and comfort each other in times of sor-

row and to celebrate together in times of great joy. One of the ways that we have answered that call long ago was to create the Minyan and now for generations it has been there to nurture us and sustain us in good times and in bad. We name our children and grandchildren there within days of their birth and we celebrate together and alas on the other end of the spectrum we gain support from each other there when sickness takes hold or when life is finally lost.

Passover will once again come in a few days and we will sit down with our families to retell the story of our survival under slavery and our redemption from it. This year we will once again have to confront our losses, not just as a people but personal ones too. Loved ones that are no longer present at our table to celebrate these beautiful traditions. We will even gather on the final days of the holiday to recite the Yizkor, the very prayer that asks God to remember our loved ones for the wonderful people they once were and we will indeed come to the temple to observe this ritual, just as we come to the Minyan.

This upcoming Passover, TBS has decided to not take those who make the Minyan possible for granted. We want to show our appreciation to those who come to the Minyan regularly, even long after they are done reciting the Kaddish for their loved ones because they understand its importance to those who are now in need of its support. There are many ways in which this opportunity for us to thank our "Minyanaires" will be advertised so let this be one more....

We will gather on April 15th which is the Shabbat during Passover, when all of our regular Minyanaires will be called up to the Bima to be recognized and to receive a special blessing of gratitude from the Rabbi and I and from the officers of TBS.

We want *all* of our regular Minyanaires to be recognized so we will do our best to reach out and invite them to this gathering but if you know of someone that attends Minyan regularly – which even means one day per week - please make sure to call the office and let us know so we don't miss anyone.

Chag Pesach Kasher Ve Sameach – May we all enjoy a happy and kosher Passover holiday and continue to support each other always!

On Shabbat morning, April 15 we will honor our Minyanaires with a special Torah Aliyah and a blessing ceremony. We will do our best to reach out to all of our Minyanaires but we don't want to miss anyone so please let the office know if you or a fellow member is a regular at Minyan.

Cantor Ofer Barnoy



FROM THE DESK OF RABBI KERBEL

by Rabbi Paul D. Kerbel

“Let All Who Are Hungry, Come and Eat”

In a few weeks, our people will gather in homes of family and friends to celebrate Passover and participate in the timeless tradition of our Passover Seder. After we recite Kiddush and eat the Karpas, representing the arrival of Spring, we pause before the children ask the four questions and recite the following formula: “This is the bread of affliction our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry, come and eat; let all who are needy, come and celebrate Passover. This year we are here, next year may we be in the land of Israel. This year we are slaves, next year may we be free.”

Ha Lachma Anya is a strange invitation. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks comments: “What hospitality is it to offer the hungry – matzah – a taste of slavery, of suffering, a poor man’s bread. In fact though, it is a profound insight into the nature of slavery and freedom. Matzah represents two things: it is the food of slaves and it is the food our ancestors ate as they left Egypt in liberty. What transforms the bread of affliction into the bread of freedom is our ability to share it with others.”

Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik strikes a similar theme. He wrote: “Although the two statements “let all who are hungry” and “let all who are in need” seem redundant, in reality they are not. Kol Dikhfin – those who are hungry refers to those who are truly in need of food - of the basic ingredients of the Passover Seder. Kol Distrikh – those who are in need refers to those ‘in need’ but not ‘in need of food.’ Kol Ditzrikh refers to one who has matzah, in fact plenty of food, but is alone – with no home or family.” Both invitations are necessary, Rabbi Soloveitchik teaches us. To invite family and friends, strangers and community members to eat in our home. But, he urges us, it is equally important to make sure that no one is alone.

Rabbi Soloveitchik suggests, “Ha Lachma Anya” is the renewal of a pledge of solidarity among the Jewish people – solidarity between individual and individual and between the individual and the Jewish community as a whole. It is a proclamation that we are one people and that *we are ready to help one another. Pesach is a time of sharing. If we are not ready to share, if the sense of solidarity, responsibility and unity is not manifested and demonstrated, the whole*

Seder becomes meaningless.”

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin adds another idea to the purpose of Ha Lachma Anya. He writes that, “there are people who have food and companionship, but having moved away from the glorious Jewish tradition, feel their lives are empty and purposeless. They too are in need. Let anyone who is need – in need of food, in need of companionship, in need of experiencing the glory of the Jewish tradition,

spend Passover with us. The Seder is an opportunity to reunite our fellow Jews with their heritage and tradition.”

This year, as we prepare for Passover, let us consider making room at our Seder table for members of our congregation whom are not surrounded by family, college students at area schools, new members of our synagogue and neighbors or friends who might not have plans to celebrate Passover. Passover, at its heart is about sharing, community and fellowship. Let all who are hungry, all who are alone, all who seek the spirituality and ritual brilliance of the Passover Seder be part of our Seder experience.

Melissa, Sam and Aliza, Judah and Micha join me in wishing you a hag sameach – beautiful seders of sharing and community.

Rabbi Paul D. Kerbel

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Pearl Halegua

דוגמה אישית

Leading by example from Israel to Roslyn

I am writing this article as I am sitting in my hotel room in Tel Aviv, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Yesterday was Shabbat and several of us made our way to Neve Schechter, a small synagogue within a Schechter Jewish Studies Center in the Neve Tzedek neighborhood. This was the first Jewish neighborhood to be built outside the ancient port city of Jaffa. As we entered the synagogue, the greeter approached us and hearing our American accents, he quickly gave us a copy of Sim Shalom and Etz Chayim, as opposed to the all Hebrew prayer books. I guess our Hebrew needs work. There was a bar mitzvah, except we didn't realize it at first. Most people, including the bar mitzvah boy and his parents were in jeans and tee shirts. The young man was called up for his Aliyah, no dvar Torah, no Talit ceremony with his parents, the rabbi just announced that it was the boy's Bar Mitzvah. That much Hebrew in the announcement I was able to recognize. Everything was low key, the kiddish was simply fruit and cake and everyone waited for the rabbi to say the motzi. Yes, they waited. There is beauty and an ease to such simplicity that is refreshing but our group was in agreement that the formality of our service, the Cantor's voice, the Rabbi's sermon all add a sense of awe to our experience that makes each Shabbat at TBS a special one, simcha or not.

Today our small group took a walking tour of Old Jaffa. For two hours we were immersed in a lecture of the history of the city while in the background workmen were busy constructing luxury condos in the midst of these ancient edifices. Shopping in the old city, strolling through the flea market, dodging Israeli motorcyclists when crossing streets, we worked our way back to the hotel to wait for Rabbi Lucas' arrival with the rest of the group. TBS stands up for Israel and visiting her as often as we can is one of the many ways we show our support. Rabbi and Sharon Solomon, our Hebrew School Director, are discussing a possible trip to Israel next year with our Hebrew School students and their families. We will keep you posted about this plan.

We have quite a busy itinerary over the next ten days; we will be visiting a kibbutz near the Gaza border, tour a winery in the Negev Highlands, explore the beautiful desert landscapes of Makhtesh Ramon and learn of Ben Gurion's vision to develop the desert. We will study Torah, tour synagogues, pray together and play together. Understanding Israeli social action initiatives will also be part of the experience. One evening we will be dining in a leading restau-

rant which trains at-risk youth for culinary careers. As Rabbi pointed out, this initiative sets an example from which we as Americans can learn. We will also prepare food packages for the needy while in Jerusalem. These are activities we are already doing in our community but performing mitzvot is not something one can overdo and once again, it always pays to see how others are doing a similar task. You never know when you can get an idea to improve on your own method. Countries as well as people can set examples.

Under the heading of Jewish legacy and social responsibility, Rabbi has arranged a tour of Yad Vashem, Israel's National Holocaust Museum and memorial. This year we

lost Eli Weisel, a survivor. Through his writings he shed light from a very personal lens on this horrific point in time. During the Herbert Tarr lecture series, Rabbi dedicated his class topic to Eli Weisel and brought home the reality that we have to be vigilant about educating future generations about what happened during this war because our primary source population, that seemed bigger than life in many ways, is sadly dwindling. The Yom Hashoah Committee, clergy and I have been giving a great deal of thought on how we, as a community, remember. In the early 1970s, at

the 30th Anniversary of their liberation from the concentration camps, a small group of Temple Beth Sholom members decided what they would do so that this community would not forget the atrocities of World War II. Their decision was to obtain an artist's proof of one of Nathan Rappaport's sculptures. Rappaport's works stand in many Holocaust memorials, including Yad Vashem. This hidden treasure stands in our Holocaust Garden, adjacent to the gallery. I say hidden treasure for many do not know of its existence. As we pass the 70th anniversary of the liberation, plans have begun to repair, redesign and rededicate this garden. Our goal is to follow the example set by this group to make sure that what took place in that time is never forgotten.

On March 30th our group will return from Israel. We will prepare for Pesach, we will celebrate our minyan-aires on April 15th and remember our departed at the end of Pesach. On April 24th we will have our Yom Hashoah program at which time we will address not only how we as a Kehila Kedosha will remember but how we will work to ensure, Never Again!

From my home to yours , we wish all a Zissin Pesach.

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— TBS President, Pearl Halegua

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THE JOSHUA SOCIETY

In Proverbs 27:18 Joshua says:

“WHOEVER TENDS THE TREE WILL EAT ITS FRUIT.”

As the protégé and successor of Moses, Joshua was a dreamer and a doer - a visionary and leader who ultimately led the Jews into Israel.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE JOSHUA SOCIETY WILL BE BOTH DREAMERS AND DOERS, LEADING AND STRENGTHENING FOR TOMORROW.

Rebecca & Michael Altman
Sophia & Ross Auerbach
Anita & Bill Baron
Susan & Lewis Bartell
Ellen & Bruce Belsky
Susan & Boaz Ben-Moshe
Sanford Berger
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Linda & Melvin Bernstein
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Harriet & Harvey Beyer
Lauren & Phillip Beyer
Lori & Stephen Beyer
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Ester & Allan Causanschi
Arlyne & Warren z'l Choset
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Why not sponsor a Sunday minyan breakfast?

Your contribution will celebrate a simcha or honor the memory of a loved one.

In addition, a particularly meaningful way to commemorate a milestone in your life is to sponsor a Kiddush on Saturday morning, thereby sharing your simcha with the Temple family.

Please call: David Oestreich at 621-3046 or the Temple office at 621-2288 for details or to reserve a date.



We are grateful to the following members who have sponsored Sunday Minyan breakfasts in March:

Gregg Sincoff
Helene Lurie
Zahava Rosenfeld



B'NAI MITZVAH



JESSICA AMSELEM
Daughter of
Carole & Armando
April 1



ALEXA WEINBERGER
Daughter of
Stacey & Todd



NOA BEHIRI
Daughter of
Inbar & Eytan
April 8



KAYLA CAPLIN
Daughter of
Sherri & Drew
April 22



JONATHAN SONSTEIN
Son of
Susan & William
April 29



L'DOR V'DOR-From Generation to Generation

Create a lasting legacy of your family's connection to Temple Beth Shalom with the purchase of an engraved brick for the Courtyard in our new Early Childhood and Lifelong Learning Center. You can even choose between two sized bricks:

Size 4x8: Cost: \$180 per brick or 3 for \$500
(Each brick can include 3 lines of text with up to 14 characters)

Size 12x12: Cost: \$540 per brick
(Each brick can include 8 lines of text with up to 16 characters)

Characters include letters, numbers, symbols, and spaces.

For more information, contact

Rebecca Altman at rebrub4@aol.com or Rachel Schor at rschor1234@gmail.com

We will be dedicating newly purchased bricks for the courtyard in the spring
in our Early Childhood & Lifelong Learning Center



BARNET & ANNETTE OSTROW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

by Suzy Freier, Early Childhood Center Director

During the month of April, the children will be busy learning about Passover. The holiday provides such a wonderful opportunity to teach and learn. All year long we teach the children to be kind and caring to one another. So when the children hear the story of Passover and how Pharaoh treated the Jewish people like slaves, they have many questions which stimulate interesting conversations. It is nice that the story has a happy ending where the Red Sea parts and the Jewish people are able to escape Egypt. Children learn by creating. Each child will make their own seder plate to bring home and learn the significance of each item. The children will pretend to walk with unleavened bread on their backs in the hot sun, which will then become Matzah. To top things off, we have an ECC family seder at school. The clergy come and lead us in a

wonderful seder filled with prayer, songs and food.

One of the ECC's biggest fundraisers is the **BOOK FAIR** run by the Parent Association. This will take place the week of April 24th-30th. Please come by and purchase some books for your children, grandchildren and friends.

There will be a huge selection of great books to choose from. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Reminder: School will be closed from Monday, April 10th to Wednesday, April 19th for Passover.

Registration for the fall is in full swing. Please call 516-621-1171 with any questions or to schedule a tour of our wonderful school of which we are so proud of.

Warm wishes,

Suzy Freier



(PJ Shema Party) - Decorating our PJ Shema Pillow Cases



The Toddlers Mural



The Story of Purim

April Highlights

- Friday, April 7 Preschool Seder – Parents Invited – 9:30 AM **(Early Dismissal)**
- Mon-Tue, April 10-18 Passover & Spring Recess **(No Classes)**
- Mon-Sun, April 24-30 ECC Book Fair
- Wednesday, April 26 Parent/Teacher Conferences **(No Classes)**
- Friday, April 28 Grandparents/Special Person's Day (For our 3 and 4 year olds)

For inquiries about our school, call us at (516) 621-1171.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Sharon Solomon, Religious School Director

Please stop by the museum displays in the synagogue lobby to view the magnificent **ancestral family history research/art projects** designed

by our Kitah Hay fifth graders with their teacher, Morah Amy Feist along with art teacher Hava Shilon. Each student researched the first member of their family to **immigrate to America**. They then compiled a historical summary of this ancestor and then utilizing glass or plastic bottles, papier-mâché and paint created an art rendition of this family member. Students connected with their familial history and brought meaning to their future! What a marvelous Jewish history exercise! Kol Hakavod Kitah Hay!



Kitah Hay Jewish History Project artwork.

Kitah **Hay** fifth graders also have been fortunate to participate in a series of hands-on workshops about the timeline of the **Founding of the modern State of Israel** by facilitator Jill Kaplan along with Morah Rachel Lunzer. How did Israel come into existence? Through a study of several pertinent persons such as Theodore Herzl, David Ben Gurion, and Golda Meir, the students gained great insight into Israel's formation. A beautiful project reflecting each student's personal Israel connection is the culmination of these studies which will be presented at our **Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Birthday Assembly) on Tuesday, May 2nd**.

Families in grades two and three are invited to their special **Bet/Gimel Shabbat** programs on **Friday evening, April 28th**. At this time the third graders will be receiving their own personalized siddurim.

We look forward to seeing all families at this service! The students have been learning the Kabbalat Shabbat (the welcoming of the Shabbat) service and are excited to actively participate. We are grateful to Cantor Judy Merrick and all the Bet and Gimel teachers for preparing the students.

Our Daled fourth grade class will be participating with five other Long Island synagogues in a **Zimriah – Israeli Song Festival** on **Sunday, April 30th here at Temple Beth Sholom**. We will sing proudly as we show our support of our beautiful homeland Israel. In addition, the Daled students are immersed in their year-long Israel curriculum alongside the Shinshin (our Israeli gap year students) which will culminate in the **Israel Day Celebration Yom Ha'atzmaut on Tuesday, May 2nd**. We look forward to seeing the fruits of all of their hard work, time and research efforts studying about the culture, land and history of Israel.

With **Passover** just around the corner, we will be sending **Passover Home Packets** for each family's personal one-on-one engagement with their child. These materials are designed to enhance the home-school connection and provide meaningful resources for you as you prepare for your Passover Seders. The teachers have reviewed the story of the haggadah and explained the traditional seder. As you

walk down the hallways of our school, you feel the holiday in the air as the songs and melodies are sung. The child love singing the Ma Nishtana and especially the Dayeynu.

Passover reminds us of our struggle as a people and of the time when we became a nation. Each and every Jew is obligated to feel as though he or she actually was a slave in Egypt. This communal responsibility and history of bondage gives us cause for

remembrance and celebration. The Passover haggadah, literally 'the telling,' incorporates passages from the Torah and other Jewish writings including Talmud and Midrash.

Have a wonderful and sweet Passover!

Chodesh Tov, (Have a wonderful month ahead)

Sharon Solomon

Looking Ahead

- **Saturday, April 1-** Shabbat Family Study/ Mishpacha Service
- **Sunday, April 2-** Hay Holocaust Workshop
- **Tuesday, April 4-** Daled Godly Play Passover story
- **Tuesday, April 4-** Machar grades 3/4/5 Youth Group Passover
- **Thursday, April 6-** Vav Holocaust Workshop
- **Thursday, April 6-** Kadima grades 6/7 Youth Group Passover
- **Sunday April 9 Tuesday - April 18**
No Religious School
- **Monday, April 10-** Erev Passover- Seder 1
- **Tuesday, April 11-** Passover- Seder 2
- **Thursday, April 20-** Religious School resumes
- **Thursday, April 20-** Vav Roots of Hatred Workshop
- **Saturday, April 22-** Mishpacha Family Service & Mini Minyan
- **Monday, April 24-** Yom HaShoah - grades 6/7 - evening synagogue ceremony
- **Friday, April 28-** Bet (2) & Gimel (3) Grade Shabbat Service & Dinner
- **Saturday, April 29 -** Mini Minyan
- **Sunday, April 30-** Daled Zimriah Song Festival at TBS



MEN'S CLUB CORNER

by Steve Goldenberg, President

FROM MBS

By Rabbi Sean Jensen and Rabbi Paul David Kerbel
Co-MBS Directors

As our school year winds to a close, we prepare to celebrate the Confirmation and Graduation of Machon students in the 10th and 12th grade. Please join us on Friday night, May 12, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

All current 7th and 8th grade parents are invited to a special orientation to Machon for 2017-2018 on Monday, May 8 at 8:00 p.m. Registration will open for the 2017-2018 year on May 8 and Rabbi Kerbel and Rabbi Jensen will unveil some new programs for next year.

Calendar for April and May

- April 3 Regular Class
- April 24 Yom HaShoah Program
- May 1 Last Regular Class
- May 8 Concluding Dinner & Program 6:30 - 7:45 pm
Parent/Student Orientation 8:00 - 8:30 pm
- May 12 Confirmation and Graduation



Machon Beth Sholom students learn about Jewish identity through acting and improvisation through Project Interact.

Rabbi Paul D. Kerbel, Co-Director

March was a busy month for Men's Club, between Men's Club Shabbat, the Federation of Jewish Men's Club dinner honoring Cantor Barnoy, Passover Wine Tasting, and helping out in the kitchen at the Purim Carnival.

Join us for our annual Scotch Tasting event on Thursday, April 20 from 7-9 PM. Spike McClure, Senior Master of Whiskey, will be on-hand to walk us through the sampling. Men's Club pre-pay \$30, day of event \$40; non-members pre-pay \$40, day of event \$50. Dinner is included. Scotch will be available for purchase at special discounted pricing. Checks should be made payable to TBS Men's Club (earmarked "Scotch Tasting"), mailed or dropped off in the Main Office. Special thanks to our VP Spirits, Jay Merker, for chairing this event.

Please reserve Thursday, May 4, as the Men's Club hosts its annual End-of-Year BBQ (for Men's Club members only), immediately followed by the Texas Hold'em tournament. Details to follow.

Winding down a terrific year in this, my second stint as Men's Club President. I am thrilled to report that the Club will be in excellent hands with Evan Wagner assuming the Presidency this summer.

Steve Goldenberg

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM
MEN'S CLUB
PRESENTS

**SCOTCH
TASTING**

WITH SPIKE McCLURE, SENIOR MASTER OF WHISKY

Thursday, April 20

7-9 PM | DINNER INCLUDED

MEN'S CLUB MEMBERS PRE-PAID \$30 | DAY OF EVENT \$40
NON MEMBERS PRE-PAID \$40 | DAY OF EVENT \$50

To RSVP & for more information, contact Jay Merker at jjssr18@aol.com



SISTERHOOD SCOOP

by Cindy Feldman, President

Preparing for Passover: A Jewish Woman's Mission Impossible!

Your mission, Mrs. Phelpsstein, should you decide to accept it, is to rid your home from all *chametz* by any means possible and to prepare a beautiful Seder table (not once, but twice!). Begin by cleaning and sorting out your cupboards to find its location. Cook it, eat it, give it away, sell it to your Rabbi, and burn it! Change your dishes, utensils, pots and pans. This is the Balaboosta's *Mission Impossible*.



Our Gallery Alive with Activity on Games Day, March 1st: Women played Mah Jongg, Canasta, shopped vendors & donated 100 Cans of Tuna for the TANS Pack it Up for Purim delivery to the homebound.

If you accept this mission, then you MUST let your family know how hard you have worked to earn your place at the Seder table. Don't hesitate to recount everything you have undertaken to prepare for the holiday so they realize why they need to help clean up after the meal! Be vigilant in letting them know the number of weeks you have worked to create this *chametz*-free zone for them to enjoy! Perhaps your family will feel obligated to bring you flowers for the holiday. Be sure to let them know your first choice is to support Sisterhood's Passover fundraiser by buying one of our fine floral arrangements to be picked up directly from *Muscari* (in the Holiday Farms Shopping Center) by April 9th.

Humor is the only way for us to make what seems to be an impossible task, become possible. Besides managing to clean out our homes and shop for 8 nights worth of kosher for Passover meals, we also have the honor of having full-time responsibility for our wonderful children who are either off from school or who

fly in to stay with us for the holidays. Entertaining is wonderful, but can be challenging at times. Come laugh with your Sisterhood ladies before the upcoming holiday at our April 3rd Author Talk. Take a step back and laugh at another episode of *Mission Impossible* to see the humorous side of our imperfect parenting with Alicia Ybarbo, co-producer of NBC's *Today Show*, and co-author of *Sh*tty Mom FOR ALL SEASONS*, a sequel to the New York Times bestseller, *Sh*tty Mom*. Even better, please join us for the pre-event Wine & Cheese Party at 6:45 PM, followed by the talk at 7:30 PM. Celebrate our less than perfect parenting blunders peppered with humor that will bring us a collective sigh of relief!

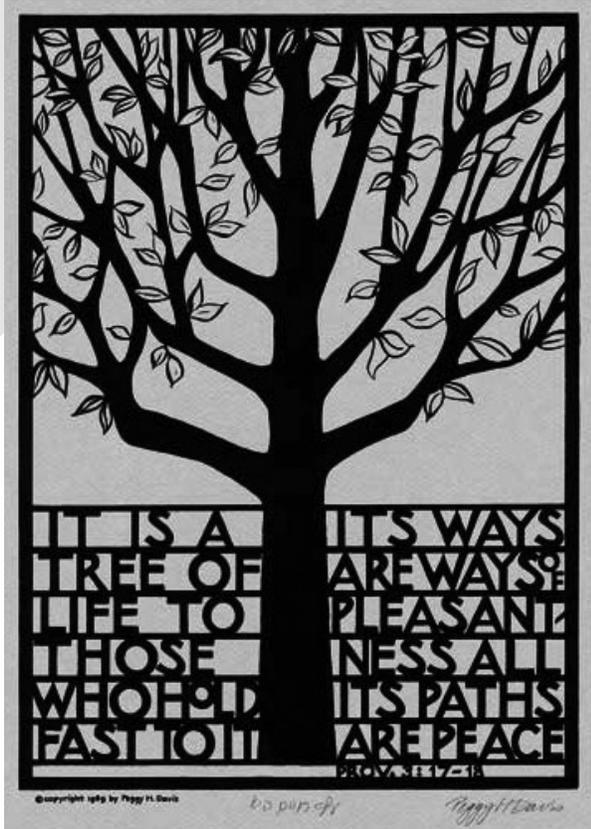


Families connecting at Zahava's Annual Hamentashen Baking Event, March 9th.

The last episode of *Mission Impossible* will be aired on April 27th when you are invited to see *Raise the Roof*, a film choice inspired by Sandy Berger's miniseries, *Architecture of Synagogues*. This 2014 educational documentary bears witness to the reconstruction of a Polish wooden synagogue out of the ashes of the Holocaust and will inspire you. It is truly a miracle and something everyone will want to see. Look for our flier for details!

After you memorize this article, please remember to tear it out of the Bulletin and burn it (along with your *chametz*). Wishing everyone a Chag Sameach and a celebration of your annual Jewish Woman's *Mission Impossible*!

Cindy Feldman



TREE OF LIFE

Create a lasting legacy of your family's connections to Temple Beth Sholom with the purchase of a leaf to be added to our Tree of Life in the gallery. You can choose from two sizes:

- SMALL LEAF: \$180
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"Why I became a minyanaire"

by Susan Zelman

My personal story about becoming a minyanaire

When I was executive vice president of TBS, and chairman of the board, I used to admonish the trustees about participation in the daily minyan. Then I was embarrassed to realize I was asking them to do something I didn't do myself. So, I started going weekly. It wasn't easy getting up extra early – I am not a morning person. My life was busy and overprogrammed, but I found I didn't have too much else scheduled at that hour. I wasn't overly comfortable or familiar with the service, but the others were friendly and eager to teach me. The routine became comfortable and then comforting. I met and befriended wonderful, devoted members, and developed closer relationships with the clergy. I have learned to lead the services and am proud to be able to help out when the clergy are on vacation and a mourner needs someone to lead the minyan at their home.

During my presidency, I was the recipient of numerous complaints about all sorts of things, but one recurring theme was, "I came to say kaddish for my mother/father/loved one's yahrzeit and a temple this size couldn't provide a minyan?" My response was, "Did you ever think to come to a service when you didn't have to say kaddish?" Often, it didn't occur to them to think about the needs of other members, but it did strike a chord with some. When it came time to say kaddish for my mother, I tried to attend both services every day and found love and hugs when I needed them, space and solitude when I needed that.

Very few of us will get through life unscathed by the loss of a loved one; there will be a time when we need that love/hugs/space/solitude ourselves. How lucky we are to have a dedicated core of volunteers who attend the minyan daily, weekly, whenever they can, who lead the services in the temple and in members' homes, who rush to come extra days during vacation weeks, cover during inclement weather, just to make sure that we can proudly sustain our 24/7/365 twice daily minyan for you and maintain our place as a premier Conservative synagogue!

Susan Zelman

Mini Minyan:

Come join other young families with children 0-5 years old for this interactive and fun Shabbat morning service. Mini Minyan is held in the Youth Lounge from 10:45-11:45 on April 1, 8, 22, 29.



Yom Hashoah



Please join us on **April 24, 2017 at 7 PM** for our annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration. This year we are honored to host Manford Korman. Mr. Korman and his family were deported from Hamburg, Germany in 1938. As young children Mr. Korman and his brother were separated from their parents and taken to safety by the Kindertransport. They were reunited with their parents in the United States in 1946. Mr. Korman will tell his story of being a child torn away from his roots and his parents and forced to literally run for his life.

To acknowledge and honor this amazing chapter in Jewish history, the committee would like to invite all survivors of the Kindertransport to join our member survivors in lighting a candle. If you know of any Kindertansport survivors please contact Wende Jager-Hyman at whyman1716@aol.com or Rosalyn Landsman at roziemom@icloud.com so they can invite them to participate in our candle lighting ceremony.

If you would like to add to the Temple's roll of family members that perished during the Shoah please contact the office to obtain a form.

Holocaust Remembrance Day

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YOM HASHOAH

**MONDAY
APRIL 24, 2017
7:00 PM
MAIN SANCTUARY**



**Place a Yahrzeit Candle in your window
and recite the following personal
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As I light this Yahrzeit Candle, I vow never to forget the lives of the Jewish men, women, and children who are symbolized by this flame. They were tortured and brutalized by human beings who acted like beasts; their lives were taken in cruelty. May we be inspired to learn more about our Six Million brothers and sisters as individuals and as communities, to recall their memory throughout the year, so that they will not suffer a double death. May we recall not only the terror of their deaths, but also the splendor of their lives. May the memory of their lives inspire us to hallow our own lives and to live meaningful Jewish lives so that we may help to insure that part of who they were shall endure always.

(Permission to reproduce this Meditation is granted)

April 2017



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2	3 Bridge Sisterhood Executive Board Machon Author Talk- Alicia Ybarbo Sh*tty Moms for All Seasons Religious Affairs	4 Bridge Sisterhood Adult Education Lunch & Learn Machar Executive Board	5	6 Torah Trope Kadima JTS Major Modern Jewish Thinkers	7	8 Bat Mitzvah Noa Behiri Baby Naming of Emma Madeline Bruck Mini Minyan
The Ethical Life					Shabbat Family Study	
9	10 Erev Pesach	11	12	13	14	15
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The Ethical Life				Scotch Tasting		
23 The Ethical Life Day Camp Open House	24 Bridge Machon Yom Hashoah Program	25 Bridge Sisterhood Adult Education Executive Board Board of Trustees	26	27 Film - Raise the Roof Torah Trope Board of Ed	28	29 Auf Ruf of Carly Melniker & Noah Cooper Bar Mitzvah Jonathan Sonstein Mini Minyan
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A variety of social action opportunities at both locations; see the April mailing and May Bulletin for detailed program information

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TBS Boy Scouts Sail in Florida Eco-Adventure by Steven Cahn

It's a high adventure page out of Treasure Island – TBS Scout Troop 267 paddled Polynesian war canoes more than five miles to a primitive barrier island located in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary for an epic high adventure experience.

Upon arrival at Big Munson Island, our Roslyn crew set up camp under a canopy of limbo trees, mangroves and lush vegetation. Endangered Key Deer passed through the campsite giving us close access to wildlife we'd never been exposed to before, and to add to our adventure we caught and cooked our own fish meals.

Each day was action packed. From Big Munson Island we kayaked to a tall ship waiting for us in the harbor. We boarded the vessel and sailed to the Florida Barrier Reef to snorkel. This is the only coral barrier reef in the continental US and the third largest reef system in the world. After snorkeling, we learned about the environmental dangers to the reefs caused by man-made pollution and by the effects of climate change – and participated in a conservation project in the part of the reef that is part of the National Marine Sanctuary.

After a good night's sleep we boarded a Sea Base vessel for a fishing excursion. We traveled far offshore in pursuit of various pelagic fish including tuna and mahi-mahi. We even had the opportunity to fish for the oceans greatest apex predator- sharks! Our Sea Base Instructors taught us about marine ecosystems, conservation, and seamanship. We got to see how fragile the ocean ecosystem is, despite its great size.

Before heading back home we took a short trip to historic Key West, the southernmost point in the continental

United States. We visited the shipwreck Museum, the historic lighthouse, the Ernest Hemingway house, Harry S. Truman's "Little White House" and other key sights.

The TBS troop makes this trip every three years. It gives everyone a chance to experience high adventure in an ecosystem unlike the one in the Northeast, where we do the majority of our camping and exploring.

Troop 267 was established in 1992 and is generously sponsored by Temple Beth Shalom. Our focus is on self-reliance, leadership, and responsibility to the community. We meet weekly, go on monthly camping trips and have an optional summer camp program. The troop has always been open to all boys ages 10 – 18 regardless of faith, race or orientation (and the Cub Scout Pack is open to all boys ages 6 – 10). If you have a son or grandson who could benefit from the scouting program, call Steven Cahn at 621-3890 for registration information.



VP PROGRAMMING

By Steven Goldenberg

Entering the spring season, I have a few events to highlight, culminating with our biggest fundraiser of the year, Dancing with the TBS Stars.

We will be celebrating Minyanaire's (Pesach) Shabbat on April 15, honoring those who have faithfully been attending and/or leading daily Minyan. Please come to services to acknowledge and honor the services of our very dedicated members.

The annual Yom HaShoah service will take place on Monday, April 24. Join us for this important, meaningful service as we "Always Remember" the six million who perished during the Holocaust. Don't forget to pick up your Yom HaShoah candles, packaged by Men's Club, at the Main Office.

Mitzvah Day, in conjunction with Temple Sinai, will take place on Sunday, May 7. Rabbi Kerbel is chairing the event. Watch for further details.

Our not-to-be-missed event of the year, Dancing with the TBS Stars, is rapidly approaching. Join us for a special evening of dancing, fun, and sampling our new caterer's cuisine on Sunday, May 21 from 5:00 - 9:30 PM. Joining Rabbi Lucas in friendly competition will be Norman Fried, Rachel Friedmann, Rachel Goldstein, Roya Mizrahi, and Stephen Seltzer. The six contestants will be taking a few lessons with professional dancers this spring, and will strut their stuff in the Ballroom immediately after the cocktail hour. Evening MCs will be Ali Bernstein Fink and Joseph Soffer. General Admission for \$200/person includes one vote. Patron sponsor \$250/person includes one vote and early admission to the cocktail hour (4:30 PM). Journal ads will be available for purchase—for ½-page or larger ads, additional votes will be allocated. Extra votes will also be available for purchase prior to and at the event. Come cast your votes, cheer on your favorite dancers, and get ready for a sensational night on the dance floor, as we shake, shimmy, and shuffle (and nosh)! Please contact event co-chairs, Ellen Walk and Sandy Berger, with questions. What a memorable evening this will be!

Steve Goldenberg



Our Hyams Judaica Museum is looking for all art enthusiasts to lend a helping hand with our collections & exhibits.

Contact Bat-Sheva at bslavin@syjcc.org

TORAH FUND

By Janet Cohen Eder

The Torah Fund Campaign began in 1942 as a scholarship fund. In 1963, it merged with the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall campaign that provided housing for undergraduate students. In time, the campaign identified the need and raised funds for specific projects including:

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- Women's League Seminary Synagogue
- Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall Renovations
- Goldsmith Hall
- Residence Hall at the American Jewish University
- JTS Quadrangle
- JTS Library Bookshelves
- Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies Garden



For the past several years, funds raised by Torah Fund have gone toward scholarships to all the schools. There are continuing opportunities for sisterhoods and individuals to provide support to all the institutions through Torah fund. [JTS – New York; Ziegler School – LA; Schechter Institute – Jerusalem; Seminario Rabinico – Buenos Aires; Zacharias Frankel – Potsdam]. Thousands of dedicated volunteers have contributed to the spiritual, esthetic and material well-being of these educational communities by supporting Torah Fund projects.

It is still the goal of the Torah Fund Campaign of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom, Roslyn Heights, New York to be a major contributor to supporting Conservative/Masorti Judaism around the world. The time is always. The need is never ending. Your support is certainly valuable. We are now even closer to our goal for 2016-2017, but there is no reason that we cannot surpass our goal - and then some.

Thank you to all of you who have supported Torah Fund. Please join us in supporting the future of our Conservative leaders!

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Janet Cohen Eder

Torah Fund

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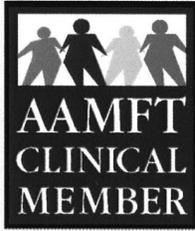


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Friday Evening, March 31	6:30 PM	Saturday Morning, April 15	9:00 AM
Candle Lighting Time	7:02 PM	Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach	
Saturday Morning, April 1	9:00 AM	Saturday Evening, April 15	
<i>Parashat Va-yikra</i>		Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 PM
Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Amselem		Sunday Evening, April 16	6:30 PM
Saturday Evening, April 1		Candle Lighting Time	7:19 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:15 PM	Monday, April 17	
Friday Evening, April 7	6:30 PM	Seventh Day of Passover	
Candle Lighting Time	7:09 PM	Morning Services	9:00 AM
Saturday Morning, April 8	9:00 AM	Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:30 PM
<i>Parashat Tzav</i>		Candle Lighting Time	8:26 PM
Shabbat HaGadol		Tuesday, April 18	
Bat Mitzvah of Noa Behiri		Eighth Day of Passover	
Saturday Evening, April 8		Morning Services (<i>Yizkor</i>)	6:30 AM & 9:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:30 PM	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:45 PM
Sunday Evening, April 9		Friday Evening, April 21	6:30 PM
<i>B'dikat Hametz: Search for Leaven – after Sundown</i>		Candle Lighting Time	7:24 PM
Monday, April 10		Saturday Morning, April 22	9:00 AM
<i>Siyum Habekhorim: Fast of First Born</i>	6:30 AM	<i>Parashat Sh'mini</i>	
Burning of Hametz	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah of Kayla Caplin	
Candle Lighting Time	7:12 PM	Saturday Evening, April 22	
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:30 PM	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:45 PM
First Seder		Monday, April 24	
Tuesday, April 11		Yom Hashoah	
First Day of Passover		Holocaust Remembrance Day	
Morning Services	9:00 AM	Mincha/Ma'ariv & Yom Hashoah Program	7:00 PM
Mincha Services following Kiddush	12:30 PM	Wednesday & Thursday, April 26 & 27	6:30 AM
Candle Lighting Time	8:20 PM	Rosh Chodesh Iyar	
Second Seder		Friday Evening, April 28	6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 12		Candle Lighting Time	7:31 PM
Second Day of Passover		Saturday Morning, April 29	9:00 AM
Morning Services	9:00 AM	<i>Parashat Tazri-a M'tzora</i>	
Evening Services	7:45 PM	Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Sonstein	
Friday Evening, April 14	6:30 PM	Saturday Evening, April 29	
Candle Lighting Time	7:17 PM	Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:45 PM

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Sunday Mornings 9:00 AM ◊ Monday - Friday Mornings 6:45 AM ◊ Sunday - Thursday Evenings 7:30 PM