

# TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

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# THANK YOU

to all of you who are keeping us safe,  
caring for the sick, and keeping us going.

## FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

by Rabbi Alan B. Lucas

### Hope and Fear



**H**ere is the question that challenges me these days:

Is Covid-19 a world changing event or will the "old normal" soon return and the world revert to the way it was? How will this chapter in history end? Will man conquer nature and this pandemic soon become a distant bad memory; will the scientists work their magic and save us with a vaccine? Or will nature once again have its way with us? Maybe this virus has permanently altered

the course of human history, forcing us to adapt and adjust to a new world and new ways?

In the immediate wake of 9/11 we also thought the world had changed in some very basic and fundamental ways. But it didn't. After we mourned our losses as painful and traumatic as they were, after we built a moving memorial and learned to mark the event from year to year, we went about life as usual. Today, Ground Zero is busier and more bustling than ever and our lives are pretty much the way they were before 9/11.

Will the story of Covid-19 be the same?

Now we are in the grips of the trauma. We mourn the mounting deaths - already more than 100,000. We are dismayed by the extent of the suffering this virus has left in its wake, visions of so many people on ventilators, hospitals filled to overflowing, loved ones trapped in nursing homes, the lost jobs and lost livelihoods and the long lines at food banks. We are overwhelmed by it all as we remain secluded in our homes fearful of going out. And when we do venture into the world, we now look at all those who approach us as a threat. We wear our masks, wash our hands and keep our distance.

Some of our losses are profound - a loved one, a friend. Many are more trivial - a night out with friends in a restaurant, taking a child or grandchild to a ball game. But trivial or profound these losses are real and they are part of our lives now and we are desperate for them to end.

So, like me you ask: Will the "old" normal return in six months? Twelve months? Or is this the "new" normal that will shape and challenge our lives for years to come?

Only time will tell. From our current vantage point we have only hopes and fears.

We cannot wait for history to chart its course to make some decisions and that is why we need to talk.

For however long this "new normal" lasts we have some decisions we have to make - as individuals and as a community - now. Some of these decisions will be based on our hopes and some on our fears - but by talking and sharing together we can make choices that will help us navigate today and tomorrow. And then we can see where we go from there.

Yes, we need to talk. We need to talk because the world has changed over these last few weeks; you and I have changed over these last few weeks - and even if these changes are only for now - they still demand our attention.

First we were called upon to figure out how to adapt to a stay at home world.

We never dreamed that "stay at home" - would last as long as it has. And it is not over yet.

And as the weather turns nice, we ache for the next phase which will be one of tentative re-entry and with it a whole new set of dilemmas. We are like the explorers of old, trying to navigate a course in uncharted waters. Steer to the left or steer to the right? Your guess is as good as mine. Stay in or go out? See our grandchildren or stay home?

Do I shop in the grocery store? Order take-out for dinner? 1st world problems - to be sure, but problems nonetheless.

Some of the challenges we face are truly profound. Every day mourners join our zoom minyan and seek ways to mourn their loved ones in a world that no longer offers the traditional means of comfort. At the graveside I stand at a distance when I want to draw near. A mask hides my face when I want them to know I share their pain. And how do we measure the pain of those in our shul and in our communities who have lost jobs and livelihood? Even our simchas have changed. I bless a Bar or Bat Mitzvah via Zoom, I stand with a couple under their hupah from a distance with just the immediate family and no friends. This is certainly not how it was meant to be.

The questions we all confront are more or less the same - maybe we can learn from each other. How much risk are we willing to take - how cautious do we need to be? How will we behave in the next few weeks and months?

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We had achieved mastery over a world that, at least for now, no longer exists. We had developed skills that, for the next few weeks and months are no longer of much use. What good is the talent to preach when the sanctuary remains empty of worshippers? I know how to bring comfort at the bedside of those who are ill but I am no longer allowed in the hospital. And each of you can multiply these examples with similar ones from your own lives.

The world which we occupied, the world we had mastered no longer exists - at least for now.

How soon will that world, the one we were familiar with - how soon will it return? The hopeful amongst us yearn for a quick return to normalcy - the fearful amongst us are not so sure. Will we gather this fall by the thousands in our sanctuary to mark the High Holy Days? Like you, I have my hopes, and my fears.

As individuals we have done our best to adapt. In the old world we looked for misplaced car keys - in this new world we search for the Zoom link for our next Shabbat Service, meeting, or class.

We have learned a whole new vocabulary -- as now I ask you to "please mute yourself," and you understand. We have learned how to wear masks, wash our hands obsessively and even the youngest of us can measure six feet!

Just as a newborn needs to figure out how to navigate their new world, so we are all being called upon to find our way in a world we have never seen or experienced before.

And what is true for each one of us individually is true for us as an institution - as it is true for so many institutions like us: we too have our hopes and fears. Schools wrestle with holding classes on-line and hope they will be able to return to normal in the fall. Camps agonize over whether it is safe to open, as a result, our children have their hopes and fears as well. Hospitals hope to schedule elective surgeries. Our favorite restaurants hope to reopen? Will we ever sit in a movie theater again?

Hopes and fears.

We at TBS have worked very hard to model what a *Kehilah Kedosha* looks like in this time of hope and fear. Our Religious School and ECC adapted by creating new and exciting ways to learn and grow on-line. We moved our minyan on-line and we developed elaborate *Shabbat* and holiday Services via Zoom. We are delivering flowers to those stuck in nursing homes and lunch for doctors and nurses at hospitals - just to show how much we appreciate them. We arrange drive-bys to let our youngest students know how special they are and we delivered gifts to graduating students to let them know we understand and we appreciate them - even if from afar.

Remember the days when we got hundreds of people on a Shabbat morning - joyously celebrating a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, a

baby naming, an aufruf? People gathered in worship, studying Torah, seeking comfort from a loving community as they said Kaddish. How comfortable will we be to sit in close proximity, singing (considered a far riskier transmission behavior than speaking) - making a *l'chayyim* at the *kiddush*, schmoozing in the lobby? "Well," we respond - "it won't be like that - for a while." To which I ask: "Then what exactly will it be like and will it be something that you will want to attend? This too is why we need to talk.

To our astonishment (certainly to mine)- Zoom Services have been quite fulfilling and meaningful. If you have not yet joined us for one - I truly hope you will consider doing so. There is a real sense of community, joy and celebration and yes, even *kedusha*, holiness - in coming together on-line. Of course I would trade it in a second for what we used to have. But would I trade it for what might be in the next phase of the "new normal?" Would you be attracted to a Service where people have to sit at a distance from each other, where attendance had to be limited? Where there was no *kiddush* or schmoozing in the lobby? This too is something we need to discuss.

And the idea of thousands of people gathered in our building for the amazing sacred experience we call the High Holy Days - what do you think are the chances of that happening this fall?

What did Joni Mitchell say, "...you don't know what you got 'til it's gone..."

How we took that experience for granted - the sheer amazing act of unity and sacredness - thousands coming together, becoming a holy community - the drama, the excitement, the joy, the familiar comfort of it all. We knew who would be sitting in the row in front of us even though there were no assigned seats; we knew when to leave the house to get there in time for the part of the Service we "needed" to be there for. We knew how to navigate the halls, the parking - we knew it all. And we loved to complain about it all - the crowds, the rush to get to shul in time for Kol Nidre, the "fashion show", the saving of seats - we will miss all of these things that used to aggravate us if we are deprived of them this year.

"For the sin we have committed before Thee by taking so much of life for granted..."

Like you, I have my hopes, and I have my fears. I will spend the next few weeks and months hoping for the best and preparing for the possibility that the High Holy Days this year may be very different.

So this is the conversation we all need to have as we prepare to navigate the "new normal" of the summer and fall of 2020. I am

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giving it a title: "What next?"

An informal conversation on the challenges we face, as individuals and as a *Kehila Kedosha*.

But I feel the need to offer you more than just an opportunity to express your hopes and fears. So I also invite you to study with me. As a student of Jewish history, as a student of Torah, I believe that Judaism is uniquely qualified to strengthen our hopes and quiet our fears.

Even though we have never been here before – we Jews are the world's hope and fear experts.

There is no other people in the history of the world that has had more reason to be fearful and less reason to be hopeful than we Jews – and yet – time and time again we found a way to quiet our fears and embrace the hope. From the moment Adam was expelled from the Garden of Eden fear and hope was our story. We adapted and adjusted to each and every new challenge. Can you imagine how fearful Abraham was when he began his journey, leaving all that he knew to create a new world. How fearful must Moses have been as he took on the responsibility to lead his people from slavery to freedom? One can only imagine the fear that Joshua felt – following in Moses' footsteps and charged with leading his people to the Promised Land. When the Babylonians destroyed our Temple and exiled our people we were so afraid – "By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and we wept..." But, at our darkest moment the prophet asked: "How shall I sing the Lord's song in a new land?" When the Romans destroyed our home once again in the year 70 CE – Rabban Yoichanan Ben Zakkai celebrated even as everyone else wept. While too many were paralyzed by fear, he saw the possibilities of creating a new world from the ashes of the old one. Moses Maimonides, Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, David Ben Gurion – all masters of hope over fear. Certainly the Holocaust would put an end to us. With less than 20 million Jews in the world – how could we survive the annihilation of a third of us? But today we flourish – a vibrant people living and creating new lives and new possibilities here in America and of course in Israel. The story of our people is an on-going story of renewal and reinvention, of hope over fear. Is it any wonder that the modern state of Israel chose for its national anthem a song that has only one word in its title: *Hatikvah* – "The Hope!"

I want to share this all with you – an ancient wisdom for a new world. My class will continue for three weeks: Monday, June 1, Monday, June 8 and Monday, June 15.

Maybe, hidden in this terrible ordeal is an opportunity.

We have been forced to stop. But maybe we can use this pause as an opportunity to reflect and redirect our lives.

In the last few months so much has changed. As Roger Cohen said in a recent NYT opinion piece: "we have all moved from outside to inside, from consumption to contemplation, from global to local, from outward to inward, from stranger to guest, from frenzy to stillness." (Roger Cohen NYT May 8)

These new things that he speaks of, the world of the inside, the world of contemplation, the turning inward and the need for stillness – this is what we Jews do best. Please join me as we study together. The course is titled: "A study of Jewish values for a new age – a reason for hope".

None of us has to figure this out alone, none of us needs to decide alone, be alone. That is the whole point of belonging to a shul – it is the whole point of being a Jew. As we say at the end of each book of the Torah... we say ... *hazak, hazak, v'nithazeyk* - Be strong, Be strong – and we will draw strength from each other!

*Kol Tuv*

All the best,

Rabbi Alan B. Lucas

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## FROM THE DESK OF RABBI URI ALLEN

by Rabbi Uri Allen

### Lehit'raot



My grandfather Harry Allen of blessed memory was fond of the saying from the philosopher Soren Kierkegaard that *"life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forward"*. He saw in these simple and profound words a key to navigating this world. We must always keep going forward but the meaning of our progress can only be fully understood within the context of looking back.

And so in the midst of this strange and frightening moment for our nation and the world, I take time to reflect and to understand so that the next chapters in my story will be filled with meaning and context for the journey ahead.

My time serving Temple Beth Sholom and the greater Nassau County Jewish community has been filled with moments worthy of reflection but more importantly connections and relationships that will endure. We forged these relationships at hospital bedsides and at the graveside. We joined together in song and prayer. We mined the sources of our tradition for inspiration and knowledge. We were present for the broader community through acts of *tzedaka* and righteousness. We celebrated *b'nai mitzvah*, new babies,

weddings, engagements, birthdays, anniversaries, and so much more! We cried together over the killing of our people engaged in sacred worship. We demonstrated the strength and capacity of TBS to pivot and adjust in the face of Coronavirus. And there are still memories and moments to be made going forward.

When I reflect on each of these times we gathered as a *kehilah kedosha* – a sacred community – I find that I am mostly filled with gratitude. *Modeh Ani Lefanech* – I am grateful before you for welcoming me and Sari and our children into this community.

Thank you for the comfort you brought me following the passing of my father, *zichrono livrach*. Thank you for believing in my capacities as a Rabbi and a teacher in Israel. Thank you for your patience, love, kindness, guidance, and advice. You have taught me to be a better Rabbi and for that I am eternally grateful.

Even as my time as a Rabbi at TBS comes to a close, our relationships and connections still have lasting power. Yes, the nature of the formal relationship between me and

TBS is changing. But the truth of our connection is much deeper and bigger than that. We are staying in Roslyn and we look forward to seeing you around town and probably even at shul from time to time. This is not goodbye, but rather *lehit'raot* – see you later.

Rabbi Uri D. Allen

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Sad news? Glad news?

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If you know of someone in the hospital, at home recuperating, someone who suffered a loss in the family, or someone who is celebrating a *simcha* of any kind, please take a moment and send us an email at [clergy@tbsroslyn.org](mailto:clergy@tbsroslyn.org). The more we know, the more we can show we care



## FROM THE TBS EXECUTIVE BOARD



I would like to thank all of you for entrusting me as your President for 3 years. Never in my wildest dreams did I think this is how I would end my presidency. When I became president in June 2017, I was prepared to lead this wonderful congregation for the next 2 years. That 2 years, somehow turned into 3 years, and now 3 years is becoming more as I become the Executive Vice President again to help us through this unique time. As an executive board, we did not think this

was the right time to make major changes to our executive board with the changing needs of our congregation and the country at large. I am excited to be working with Debbie Dubowsky as we transition her into this role. She will be a great leader and role model. I cannot believe how quickly this past year has gone. I want to thank all of you for your support, encouragement and guidance.

Thank you to our clergy, Executive Board, Board of Trustees, Donna Bartolomeo and the office staff, Bob Spampinato and the maintenance staff, our education staff, various committees, lay leaders and volunteers for helping to make my years as president so meaningful. I could not have done it without each of you.

I would like to welcome our new Board of Trustees members- Richard Feldstein, Steve Kantorowitz, Steve Palter and Andy Karmin. I am excited to be working with all of you and I thank you for accepting the position. I am not saying good bye to our retiring Board members- Deborah Brosowsky and Joshua Weiner. I am saying thank you for all of your years and I know you will continue your commitment and dedication in other ways. We are not letting you go so easily. I also wish to thank Ross Auerbach and Ronnie Katz for becoming honorary trustees. We look forward to their continued involvement.

I want to say good bye and thank you to Suzy Freier, our ECC director. We wish her the best. It is my pleasure to welcome Jen Schiffer, the new ECC Director and Cara Weinstein Rosenthal, our new Associate Rabbi. We say good bye also to Rabbi Allen. It has been a pleasure working with him and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

*I asked each executive board member to write you a message:*

### **Michael Schor – Executive Vice President**

I have never been more proud to be involved in the lay leadership at TBS. Our Clergy, Professional Staff and Lay Leadership have all stepped up so profoundly and so diligently that it is awe

inspiring. Their commitment to the TBS community has been unwavering and truly heartfelt and I am grateful to one and all.

I am amazed how our community has stuck together and, in certain ways, become even closer during this most difficult time. Our Zoom services have, for me, started to feel like services. I remember from attending Jewish summer camps, where singing together and just being together created such warmth and such "ruach". There have been so many acts of kindness extended by members of our community to others - shopping for groceries for those who cannot leave their homes, delivering meals to our front line hospital workers, preparing cards to deliver to our seniors, and so on. We have made hundreds of calls to our members just to check in and say hi - and in some cases, those have been the only check in call that certain people have received in weeks, so they turned into hours long conversations. I sincerely hope that as we emerge from isolation and get back soon (G-d willing) to a "new normal", that we continue to support one another with acts of selfless *Chesed*. Perhaps the lesson we can all take from this pandemic is that we should just be nicer to one another and more understanding of one another, as that will lead us to a better tomorrow.

### **Madeline Yousefzadeh – Vice President of Religious Affairs**

I sit at my computer, a few clicks and I am connected by Zoom to a meeting, a class, the minyan, the Shabbat morning service, or myriads of programs including an office meeting, virtual Open House, Hadassah or Women's League meeting. Amazing. During this period of social isolation caused by Coronavirus which has affected so many of us including my daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren, having access to social media and keeping in touch through social media outlets can be comforting and a blessing. Of course this is no substitute for personal physical contact, but all I can say is thank G-d that we can still keep in touch and even see each other during this difficult time.

At TBS we have tried to call many of you, our dear members, to make sure you are OK and to see whether you need any help. Thanks to Donna, our officers, clergy, lay leaders, and all who are working diligently to create normalcy during these difficult times, dealing with financial issues and coming up with contingency plans for the High Holidays, the camp, ECC, Hebrew School, and trying to deal with so many unforeseen issues.

Thanks to Zoom we have been able to keep the minyanim going everyday at 7:30 am and 7:30 pm, have Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat morning services, participate in Martin Buber class lead by Rabbi Lucas, and so much more. Thanks to Susan and Alan Zelman, David Wasserman now has the sanctuary or chapel as a back drop while leading the minyan. Everyone who has joined any of these services or programs is grateful. The number of

## FROM THE TBS EXECUTIVE BOARD continued...

participants is surprisingly higher than expected. People are there to chat, say kaddish, feel closer to each other, learn and feel connected.

We hope to be able to see each other face to face soon, but in the mean time we can stay connected through technology for the near future. *Le'hitraot* see you soon.

### **Carrie Gordon – Vice President of Education**

This was certainly a school year like no other. Like the rest of us, our children have learned to zoom and take part in virtual learning. We'd like to thank our Religious School staff, led by Sharon Solomon, with lots of help from our clergy, for adapting to a new model for teaching. We have received lots of positive feedback from our families. We had a wonderful virtual Moving Up Ceremony for our 7th graders and a Graduation and Confirmation ceremony for our MBS students as part of our virtual Shavuot services. Even our youngest children have taken part in on-line learning. Our early childhood teachers have been zooming with their children, and the students have had on-line music and bopperize classes as well. We'd like to thank Suzy Freier, our ECC Director, for her time and dedication to our school, first as a teacher, and for the last four years as a director. She will be leaving at the end of the school year, and we wish her all the best.

### **Morty Schaja – Vice President of Finance**

Focusing on the bright spots of life under quarantine and spending lots of time with the kids brings back memories of when they were teenagers living at home, only now the family is bigger with significant others, and the discussion is not about sports but how fast to reopen. Also, Rebecca is cooking lots as if it is *Rosh Hashanah* or *Pesach*. Looking forward to a beautiful private wedding ceremony as Elliot and Meredith got married last Sunday as scheduled in the backyard! Yes, we told the Old Westbury police we are no longer going to have 300 guests, so not to worry.

### **Ellen Walk – Vice President of Community Engagement**

#### **TELE-HESED CALLS!**

During this pandemic many of us have learned new hi-tech ways – like Zoom - to stay in touch with family and friends. Even old-tech calls to home phones have become popular again, though I admit that when my home phone rings I never rush to answer – knowing it is likely a robo-call.

Well, shortly after we started sheltering-in in March, TBS initiated a telephone outreach to our members. I like to think of it as a Tele-Hesed initiative!

Volunteers were recruited from our TBS family to make more than 700 calls. So far we have made almost 500 and we are still

dialing. We want to know how you have been, to check if you need anything from the shul, or if you know of anyone from our TBS family who has been ill or in need. We also wanted to hear about *simchas* you have celebrated so we can rejoice with you! We have offered to help people shop and pick up prescriptions, assisted in connecting new users to Zoom, and we even delivered emergency matzah in the days before Pesach.

The doors of TBS may be closed, but our hearts are open wider than ever.

So many of the calls have been heartwarming as we have connected with old friends and had a chance to talk to members we did not know at all. If you have not yet received a call or been left a voicemail message, we hope you will take these written words as a reminder of our love, care, and concern for each and every TBS member and your families.

And since friendship works best when it is a two-way connection, I would personally like to invite you to reach out to me with updates or requests. You can email me at [ellenhwalk@gmail.com](mailto:ellenhwalk@gmail.com) (don't forget the "h"). Or, if you prefer to be in touch by phone, just call the TBS office at (516) 621-2288 and leave me a message. I promise to return your call.

In the meantime, be well, keep in touch, and find new ways every day to be grateful for our amazing synagogue and for each other. I miss seeing you at TBS and around town.

### **Lewis Bartell – Vice President of Administration**

Covid-19 has altered how all of us live and work over the past few months and that has most certainly included our lives at TBS. As VP of Administration I have been involved in countless Zoom meetings with my fellow Executive Board members, the Clergy and Professional staff. We have confronted issues ranging from how to handle daily activities within the Temple leading us to make the most difficult decisions that we have ever faced. We have addressed the safety and welfare of individual members who were personally impacted by this pandemic, we have dealt with tremendously challenging issues affecting the ECC and Religious school, we continue to investigate whether it is possible to open Beth Sholom Day Camp this summer in a safe and secure manner, we are working closely with the caterer to address its continued operations within our premises, and now we are beginning to address the reopening process. To say that it has been a long and winding road is an incredible understatement. But every TBS member should know that our President, Executive VP, along with the other Executive Board members have worked diligently and selflessly to steer TBS through these uncharted waters. We have been led by our tireless Clergy and an Executive Director who collectively have given us every ounce of their being, and for that we owe them a tremendous Thank you. When we all finally re-emerge from our cocoons, hopefully sooner than

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later, and are able to be in each other's presence again (with the appropriate facial covering in place, and at a proper social distance) I urge each and every one of our TBS family to make a point of letting our Clergy and Professional staff know that their efforts were appreciated. I hope we are all blessed with the ability to find our new "equilibrium" and move forward together to make our TBS stronger and more welcoming in the post-Covid era.

### **Louis Naviasky – Financial Secretary**

Covid-19 has been a challenging time for you as well as me. As a past president and a current member of the Executive board, I knew that a schol was based on community and we at TBS are so lucky to have such a wonderful community. Twenty-five years ago, I had the privilege of saying kaddish for my parents at TBS in the Chapel. In March my experience was very different ....from davening in the Chapel, we had to abruptly shift to online. Yes, I felt awkward at first to daven online, but I soon found out how fortunate I was to have our online community.

Thank you to those of you who have davened with me. And thank you to the clergy, staff and volunteers who made this possible. I hope that one day soon, we can return to the building and see each other and give each other a hug, but until then join us on line and enjoy the community that we nutured for almost 70 years.

### **Alan Goldstein – Treasurer**

TBS avoids giving tax advice but we offer this strategy in our request of you to assist us in continuing to do all that we do for our members.

#### **Take a qualified charitable distribution.**

Retirees are required to take distributions from traditional 401(k)s and IRAs each year after age 72 (note, this age was recently raised from 70 ½) and pay income tax on each withdrawal. However, you can avoid income tax on an IRA withdrawal if you make a qualified charitable distribution. IRA owners age 70 1/2 and older can **transfer** up to \$100,000 to an eligible charity without paying income tax on the transaction, and the donation also satisfies your minimum distribution requirement. Couples who file a joint tax return can avoid paying income tax on up to \$200,000 in IRA charitable donations. But you don't need to make a large donation to qualify for the tax break. Even donating \$100 directly from your IRA to a charity would save you \$24 in taxes if you are in the 24% tax bracket.

SPEAKING OF REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS;

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skip your 2020 required minimum distribution from a 401(k), IRA, 403(b), 457(b) and inherited IRA.

The above article excerpts were written by Emily Brandon, Senior Editor, U.S. News & World Report.

### **Debbie Dubowsky – Secretary**

"What a long strange trip it has been".

This Covid pandemic experience has been a nightmare. As a member of the medical community, I have experienced medicine in a way that I never imagined. Our families have experienced changes that we could never anticipate, our kids studying from home, and having their classes on a computer, and their summer camp cancelled. We first saw our family and community celebrations change when our family celebrated our Pesach seder on a Zoom call. Our meetings are now being held on the computer. Our services are being conducted through Zoom.

Through it all, our Temple Beth Sholom has been steadfast in their caring for our community. Early on, volunteers started making phone calls to our greatest at risk congregants. When we learned of someone suffering, phone calls were made to make sure they had support both physically and spiritually. My family helped bring flowers to nursing home residents who were truly isolated, not seeing their neighbors or their families and brought lunch to first line emergency room workers who work tirelessly to help those in physical need.

Until I became active in temple leadership, I never realized how much went into making our TBS experience seamless. I also never realized how many cogs had to turn to make the system run fluidly. I have watched the leadership bind together to keep the temple afloat financially, asking congregants for financial support, and working hard to keep paying people who have been loyal employees of the synagogue. I have watched the religious school invent new ways to teach our children, and the religious affairs committee come up with new ways, using modern technology, to meet our spiritual needs in terms of classes, minyans and shabbat services.

In the darkness of this pandemic, I wonder when are things going to be "normal". What is the new normal? The old ways are not necessarily the right way or the "right for now" way and our clergy and leadership are brainstorming how to meet our community needs in a safe environment. It isn't going to be easy to get used to these changes but I know that in this "pandemic darkness", our TBS community will help shed a little light and a little hope to all.



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Sharon Solomon, Director of Religious School

## Alternative Learning & Engagement Opportunities for RS Families During the Pandemic



The TBS Religious School has been very busy during this quarantine time. We have been experimenting using a combination of distance learning, short instructional videos created by our faculty and Zoom class sessions. We set these sessions up with the thought in mind of what was developmentally most appropriate for each grade. For the younger grades we found that

distance learning with links and activities for the children to do at home was the best way to go. Additionally, every Sunday, time was set aside for a sing-along and a short *tefillah* (prayer) which allowed the children and their families to participate face to face with their instructors as well as enjoy a music component in a less structured setting.

Our older students have been attending Torah, History, Israel and Holiday Zoom classes. When it came to Hebrew instruction we needed to think about how best to engage each child. One on one tutorial lessons were designed for grades 3-7. In preparation for each Zoom tutorial the student would be sent material for review in the form of videos and worksheets and follow up lessons would be provided after the lesson. Although this may appear to be somewhat time consuming, we found that by combining Zoom with distance learning we were able to address the different learning styles of all the children.

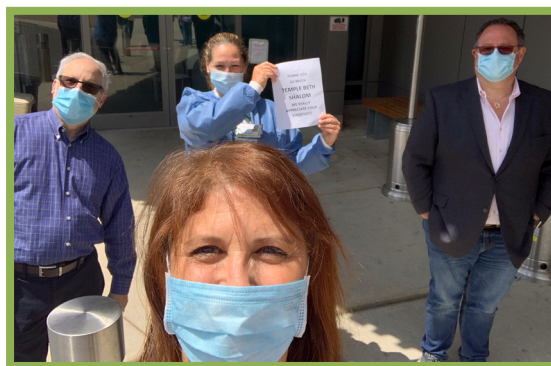
We are still sending our monthly packages to the family that TBS sponsors from the Lend a Hand Society *tzedakah* and *Tikun Olam* projects. Lend a Hand works in partnership with nonprofit agencies providing financial assistance to low-income families and individuals. Usually a religious school class will contribute their *tzedakah* collection for the month and use it to purchase gift cards from major stores such

as Shoprite and Stop and Shop for the family; however, because of the pandemic and the cessation of classes in our building, we have teamed up with the TBS Social Action Committee to obtain and send these cards.

Our seventh-grade students have continued their engagement with the residents of The Atria on Roslyn Harbor. The Atria is part of our grant. They collected and delivered puzzles and games and written cards to the residents and delivered flowers to staff as well as to the Emergency Room workers at Huntington Hospital during National Nurse's Week. Individual families rotated turns for these visits.



*Kita Zayin parents & students delivering flowers to the Atria residents and their caretakers in honor of mother's day.*



*TBS delivered lunch to the Health care providers at Huntington Hospital in honor of National Nurses month.*

Looking ahead to next year, we are currently investigating what will attract and engage the students especially when using Zoom. As not everything resonates the same with everyone, we want to create a consensus of most successful techniques and are therefore reaching out not only to families for input but to other Jewish educators for their input and information.

We are actively engaging both the students and their families for *Shabbat* and holiday service participation by assigning them to different prayers (in English as well as in Hebrew). We have found that reaching out to the families personally is the most successful way to bring them in.

Through the many activities and classes that we continue to offer, we are taking **the learning into doing, the theory into practice, the believing into belonging**; by coming together during services as a community we are brought that much closer together. Our children can see all their hard work come into being. These are challenging yet exciting times and we look forward to the next weeks and the coming year.



## ECC News

What an unusual school year this has been! Like the rest of us, our youngest students have learned to master the world of zoom and on-line learning. We'd like to give a big shout-out to our wonderful ECC staff for their enthusiasm and energy in adapting to the ups and downs of running a virtual pre-school, and to our ECC families who have supported the school during these uncertain times.

As a thank you, we are offering a tuition incentive for the 2020/2021 school year!

If you sign up by July 15, 2020 (and pay a \$600 non-refundable deposit), you will save \$2000.

Please call the TBS office at (516) 621-2288, ext 113 or visit <https://tbsroslyn.org/learning/ostrow-early-childhood-center/> for more information.

We would also like to give a virtual hug to Suzy Freier, our ECC Director, who will be leaving at the end of June. Prior to becoming

our Director, Suzy had been a teacher in the ECC for several years. We thank her for her years with us, and for her kindness and compassion.

Our new ECC Director, Jen Schiffer, comes to us with over 15 years of Jewish early childhood education experience, most recently at Gan Shalom Nursery at the Reconstructionist Synagogue, and Community Synagogue, both in Port Washington. She is thrilled to be joining the TBS ECC community and is looking forward to sharing her passion for Jewish education with our families.

Looking ahead to next year, we are planning for all contingencies. While we hope to be in our beautiful building, we are also making arrangements for continued remote learning. All of our classrooms are being equipped with air purifiers, and we will be implementing additional safety and wellness procedures.

We hope you and your families have a fun, healthy summer, and we look forward to greeting you in the fall!

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## SAVE *the* DATE

**JUNE 16**

**Congregational Meeting**

**JUNE 19**

**Installation of Officers & Board of Trustees**

**Farewell to Suzy Freier**

**JUNE 20**

**Farewell to Rabbi Allen**

**JUNE 23**

**Joint Webinar on issues affecting the Jewish Community during Covid-19 & the state of global affairs with AJC, Temple Beth Sholom & Temple Snai featuring CEO David Harris**



## 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.

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*Barbara & David Dash in memory of mothers, Ann Dash & Ruth Saltzman Trisloff*



*Why not sponsor a Sunday minyan breakfast?  
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# Mazel Tov!

Temple Beth Sholom honors our 12th & 10th graders  
on their Graduation & Confirmation

## 12th Grade Students

Ryan Altman  
Adam Kamberg  
Andie Weiner

## 10th Grade Students

Dana Agulnick  
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# MIDDLE EAST SPOTLIGHT

## *Israel and the U.S. on the Frontlines of the Covid-19 Fight*

**A**s the world faces the unprecedented challenge of a pandemic in the age of globalization, Israel is uniquely suited to address the COVID-19 crisis. In this environment, Israeli ingenuity is being put to use to address the greatest health challenge in generations.

In the global effort to develop vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostic capabilities, Israel's data capabilities are both valuable and exceptional. While other developed nations have only recently come to appreciate the benefits of digitization, Israel's four Health Maintenance Organizations and their affiliated hospitals have used the same electronic medical records platform for more than 20 years. The resultant trove of data gives Israeli institutions a unique capability to address COVID-19.

This data, coupled with the strength of Israel's software engineers, is now yielding a unique capacity to analyze health information using advanced algorithms. Machine-learning algorithms can take historical data to project the likelihoods of medical outcomes. Today, Israeli artificial intelligence companies are on the front lines of the COVID-19 fight, enabling easier detection of the virus and

treatment of quarantined patients.

Moreover, Israel is home to about 1,000 medical device companies, second only to the United States. Israel is first in the world in medical device patents per capita, and fourth in the absolute number of medical device patents. Because this success results largely from Israeli public-private partnerships, one can infer significant upside to Israeli-American public-private partnerships.

Given this background, in April Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Chris Coons (D-DE) announced a bipartisan bill that would create a U.S.-Israel grant program to promote key innovative solutions to COVID-19 and other health problems. This follows previous legislative initiatives to expand U.S.-Israel health cooperation, which passed the House of Representatives, and were led by Representatives Ted Deutch (D-FL) and Joe Wilson (R-SC).

As we continue to fight the battle against COVID-19, we must continue to support initiatives that lead to greater U.S.-Israel partnerships. Ultimately, together, we will find solutions that will benefit America, Israel and all humankind.



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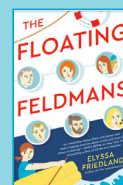


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# TBS DRIVE-BY FOOD COLLECTION DAY

**WHEN: SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020**

**WHY:** To help stock the shelves of the  
Sid Jacobson JCC's FOOD BANK

*(so they can distribute food to local food pantries and help our neighbors in need!!)*

- HOW:**
1. **BUY** some of the items on the list
  2. **LOOK** in your kitchen for items on the list
  3. **DONATE** to TBS and **WE** will do the shopping

*Please mail your donation to Temple Beth Shalom by Tuesday, June 23 so we have enough time to go shopping! (Temple Beth Shalom, 401 Roslyn Road, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577, attn: Food Pantry)*

- THEN WHAT:**
1. Curb-side drop off at the JCC on Sunday, June 28, 12-2 pm OR
  2. **WE WILL PICK UP YOUR FOOD DONATIONS FROM YOUR HOME** (just leave outside early Sunday morning) - Thank you Men's Club for arranging the pickups. But you **MUST** call us by Tuesday, June 23 so we can arrange the pick up. Call or email: Phyllis or Sandy.



## URGENTLY NEEDED:

- Canned Fruit/Apple Sauce
- Cereal (hot & cold)
- Coffee (instant)
- Cooking Oil
- Diapers/Pull-ups
- Pancake Mix
- Pasta/Rice
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Toilet Paper/Paper Towels
- Tuna/Salmon/Sardines

*(please no expired food or glass containers)*

## QUESTIONS?

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After installation we will say farewell  
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Natalie and Paul Cohn & Denise and Barry Bass on the birth of their granddaughter, Remy Blake Cohn. Proud parents are Rachel and Jonathan Cohn.

Barry Bass for receiving the Nassau County Dental Society 2020 Humanitarian award.

Edith and Leonard Kleigman on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Annabelle. Proud parents are Lindsey & Kyle Siegel.

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Robin & Steven Silverberg and Lisa & Kenneth Wilensky on the birth of a granddaughter Madison Shay. Proud parents are Jared and Alyson Silverberg.

Rebecca and Morty Schaja on the marriage of their son Elliot to Meridith Ugell. Proud Grandmother is Georgina Schaja.

### Our Sincere Condolences To:

Ed Ward on the death of his beloved sister, Rebecca Ward.

Farrah Forrest on the death of her beloved father, Harvey Lazare.

Roberta Gordon on the death of her beloved mother, Arlene Savitsky.

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### Thank You:

The Naviasky family would like to thank Rabbi Lucas, Cantor Barnoy, Rabbi Allen and Donna Bartolomeo for the guidance and compassion they extended to us with the passing of our daughter and sister, Tracy Naviasky. We also appreciated the outpouring of affection and kindness that our temple family extended to us during this most difficult period of time. *Todah Rabah.*

Thank you to Rabbi Alan Lucas for all of your support and doing the zoom shiva. Michael, Janie, Jeffrey and Melissa Samuels.

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Friday Evening, June 5	6:00 PM
Candle Lighting Time	8:06 PM
Saturday Morning, June 6	10:00 AM
<i>Parashat Nasso</i>	
Ma'ariv Services	9 :00 PM
Friday Evening, June 12	6:00 PM
Candle Lighting Time	8:10 PM
Saturday Morning, June 13	10:00 AM
<i>Parashat Beha'alotecha</i>	
Ma'ariv Services	9:00 PM
Friday Evening, June 19	6:00 PM
Candle Lighting Time	8:12 PM
Saturday Morning, June 20	10:00 AM
<i>Parashat Sh'lach</i>	
Ma'ariv Services	9:00 PM
Friday Evening, June 26	6:00 PM
Candle Lighting Time	8:13 PM
Saturday Morning, June 27	10:00 AM
<i>Parashat Korach</i>	
Ma'ariv Services	9:00 PM