

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

by Rabbi Alan B. Lucas

Jewish Thoughts on a Vaccine (and its Ethical Distribution)



Soon the Coronavirus vaccine will be available to all of us. Should we take it? Short answer: Yes! But with limited supplies initially, who ethically should get it first.

Rabbi that was a pretty definitive answer that we should take it, how can you be so sure? – This vaccine was developed very quickly and there is a lot we don't know about it – don't you think it might be smart to wait and not take it right away?

In our modern world, it is impossible

for all of us to be experts on everything. As a result, we must rely on and trust the opinions of others to guide us. Is our drinking water safe? Which television should I buy? Is a particular restaurant worth going to? It is just not possible to know everything we need to know to make the decisions we are called on to make.

So we develop teachers and resources that we trust to guide us.

One of the most essential Jewish teaching for our world is the one from Pirke Avot (1:6): asey lecha rav - "find a teacher for yourself!" Find people worth listening to, people to whom we can turn for guidance.

In our complex world, one teacher will no longer do, so we need many. I have some friends I turn to for advice when it comes to restaurants, others I turn to to recommend good books to read. I subscribe to Consumer Reports - as I have found it a dependable guide when considering which consumer goods to purchase. If it is in the world of technology I have come to rely on web sites like Endgadget, and CNet and Wired. If I want to know if something I read on the internet is true or not - I check it out on Snopes.com. These sources and people have become my rabbis on a variety of issues.

I choose my doctors very carefully. And even here, our world is so complex, I have come to rely on more than one doctor as different specialists have amassed different areas of expertise. But once they are my doctor, my medical rabbi, I listen to them.

Does this mean I would never get a second opinion? Of course I would and I do. And when I do, it is usually my trusted doctors who are encouraging me to do so.

Yes, choosing a "rabbi" – whether that be the rabbi of your shul, or the "rabbi" for your heart or the "rabbi" for tech – is an important decision – but as our sources tell us -- once you choose a rabbi, listen to him or her. I would never think of superimposing my judgement for my cardiologists – that would be silly. And I would certainly never give preference to a random article from the

internet over "rabbis" I have learned to trust.

When 700 of the most respected epidemiologists in America are interviewed by the New York Times and all of them say they will take the vaccine – I find it hard to respond to those who say, "Yeah but I read on the Internet... or I have a friend who thinks..."

The more interesting question is who gets the vaccine first? How ethically do we establish priorities?

The Talmud deals with a famous dilemma of two people lost in the desert with only enough water for one of them to survive. Who gets the water? As you might imagine, the discussion of this fills pages.

In secular medical ethics there are several categories for consideration in deciding if a particular policy or decision is ethical: 1. Autonomy (the right of each person to make decisions for him or herself) 2. Do no harm 3. Beneficence (doing the most good) and 4. Justice (doing that which is most fair).

In general the first (autonomy) is not given much weight in public health matters. I have the right to be wrong in Judaism. If a doctor tells me that without a particular treatment I will die, I have the right to refuse treatment even if it means I will die. But, I do not have the right to be wrong if my decision affects the welfare of others. The famous example in the Bible is Rashi's comment on the verse, "One must certainly reproach his neighbor..." (Lev 19:17) "If a man is drilling a hole in the floor of his stateroom on a ship and says, 'It is my room, and I can do what I want in it." Rashi responds, "but if the ship goes down, we all go with you..."

In public health matters there is an interesting conflict between the last two considerations – beneficence (utilitarianism) and justice. Some argue we should use the new drug where it will do the most good (utilitarianism) first. Others argue we should first use it on those who deserve it the most (justice). And once you settle that debate – then we have to decide where will it do the most good, or who deserves it most?

I didn't claim that this was going to be simple. But if someone is trying to sell you a simple answer to a complicated question - be suspicious. (That is advice from your rabbi!)

The point of this short article is merely to make an appeal that as we sort out these complicated issues – we should not rely on emotion or unfounded fears promoted by irresponsible sources – rather we should do what Jews have always done: engage in reasoned discussion, led by knowledgeable experts who can and will enlighten our path forward.

So most importantly: Asey Lecha Rav -make sure you have good rabbis.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE RABBI'S DESK

by Rabbi Cara Weinstein Rosenthal

Standing Up for Others – and for Ourselves



From our earliest days in this country, Jews in America have been at the forefront of movements and initiatives that have endeavored to build a more just and ethical society. We've stood up for laborers, come to the aid of refugees, and participated in the civil rights movement. These efforts have been our way of living up to our mandate to be a "light unto the nations" and to set an example for ethical and compassionate

living. This Jewish orientation towards advocating for the rights and well-being of others makes it especially painful when anti-Semitism appears in supposedly "progressive" spaces – when we hear those who claim to stand up for justice and peace nevertheless malign Israel or traffic in anti-Semitic rhetoric or stereotypes.

Often, this prejudice is cloaked in the guise of progressivism, with its proponents claiming that they're "not anti-Semitic, they're just anti-Israel. " Unfortunately, we Jews know that these two orientations are both forms of prejudice - and that they intersect more than many would admit.

The Anti-Defamation League has an excellent page on their website entitled "What Is... Anti-Israel, Anti-Semitic, Anti-Zionist?" This resource aims to define these terms and concepts, and to shed light on the ways in which these different forms of prejudice

often intersect. The ADL makes clear that it's not anti-Semitic to criticize Israel's government, or specific laws and policies that the government makes – goodness knows Israeli citizens certainly feel entitled to critique those things! The problem is when criticism of Israel becomes global and all-encompassing – when people assert that Israel doesn't have a right to exist, or that Zionism is equal to racism. Then, sentiment that purports to simply be critical of Israel has crossed the line into anti-Semitism. The ADL writes, "sometimes criticism or condemnation of Israel is transparently a cover for anti-Semitism, such as when it uses traditional anti-Semitic imagery or stereotypes, blames all Jews for the actions of Israel, or denies or questions Israel's right to exist."

On January 18, communities across North America will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in tribute to the powerful work and teaching of our country's greatest civil rights hero. Most people know that Dr. King strove for equality and justice for the Black community and for people of all races and ethnicities. My guess is that fewer people know or remember that Dr. King was also a steadfast supporter of Israel, and a friend to the Jewish people.

On March 25, 1968, less than two weeks before his tragic death, Dr. King spoke about Israel and its struggle for survival. He asserted that "peace for Israel means security, and we must stand with all our might to protect its right to exist, its territorial integrity. I see Israel as one of the great outposts of democracy in the world, and a marvelous example of what can be done, how desert land can be transformed into an oasis of brotherhood and democracy. Peace

for Israel means security and that security

must be a reality."

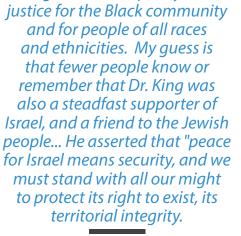
One wonderful example of a Jewish organization that speaks out, loudly and clearly, against anti-Semitism is a group called Zioness. Zioness describes itself as "a coalition of Jewish activists and allies who are unabashedly progressive and unapologetically Zionist. Our grassroots organization includes more than 30 chapters across the country that fight for the advancement of social, racial, economic and gender equality in America and for the inclusion of Zionists in social justice spaces."

I'm thrilled to relate that Amanda Berman, the founder and executive director of Zioness, will be appearing at TBS as our guest speaker on Monday, January 25. She'll be facilitating a discussion session with our Makom High School students, and then making herself available for a presentation to the entire TBS community. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to learn with

Amanda about how we Jews can continue the work of our forebears in advocating for justice for all people - and, at the same time, advocate strongly for our own community and for the State of Israel. Stay tuned to your inbox for more information about how to access this special online presentation.

Our Torah calls us to be a "light unto the nations" – but we can only accomplish that if we make sure that the light of Jewish tradition continues to burn. As a new secular year begins, let's strive to heed Dr. King's call – and the call of our faith – to be God's partners in creating a more compassionate world.

B'shalom,



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Rabbi Cara Weinstein Rosenthal



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Michael Schor

Chag Urim Sameach!



As I sit here writing this article, it is the day before Chanukah, so here is a Chanukah trivia question: why do we celebrate eight nights of Chanukah? Not much of a trivia question, you say. After all, you paid attention in Hebrew School! You learned that we celebrate eight nights of Chanukah because when the Maccabees returned to Jerusalem to find the *Beit Hamikdash* (the Holy Temple) desecrated, they were only able to recover a small jar of pure

oil to light the Menorah. This little bit of oil was enough to last for just one day, yet a miracle occurred and it lasted eight days, corresponding to the time the Maccabees needed to cleanse the Temple and source more pure oil for the Menorah. Good answer! Maybe.

Interestingly, Chanukah is the least discussed holiday in the Jewish literary canon. It is not mentioned in the *Tanach*, it is ignored by the *Mishna* and is scarcely discussed in the *Gemara*. Even the other "minor" holiday of Purim finds its roots in the Book of Esther, while our other major holidays and fast days are all codified in one way or another in the *Tanach*.

Much of what we know about Chanukah is derived from apocryphal writings such as the works of the Roman historian Josephus Flavius and the Book of Maccabees. In fact, the Book of Maccabees is a generally accepted part of the Christian biblical canon, but not ours. Scholars suggest that our ancient Rabbis largely ignored Chanukah and omitted the Book of Maccabees from the *Tanach* because they did not wish to endorse the Maccabean approach of using force to achieve political independence.

Anyway, back to our trivia question and an alternate answer that I would like to share with you from the Second Book of Maccabees. As we all know, the Maccabees returned to the Temple on the 25th day of Kislev, which is almost precisely two months after they would have normally completed celebrating the eight day holiday of Sukkot. Unfortunately, the Maccabees were not able to celebrate Sukkot at its appointed time, as the Temple was not in their hands and they were at war with Antiochus and the Greeks. When they finally returned to Jerusalem, they first lit the Menorah, purified the Temple and then belatedly celebrated the holiday of Sukkot for eight days, carrying flowering garlands and palm branches (a/k/a the Lulav) in celebration.

This alternate answer to my trivia question seems particularly relevant to us as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

We, like the Maccabees, are in a battle against a difficult enemy and it has taken all of our strength and resolve to continue on. We, like the Maccabees, are living in a "She'at Hadachak" - a time of emergency, a time when we cannot carry on our lives as normal and do the things we are accustomed to doing when we are accustomed to doing them. We have postponed weddings, cancelled Bar and Bat Mitzvah parties, missed graduations, school plays and concerts, not to mention delayed plans to visit friends and family. We have missed our TBS community gathering to celebrate together on Shabbat and holidays.

Fortunately, we are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel in the form of promising vaccines and other treatments for COVID-19, but we are also being told by health officials that we may have a difficult winter ahead of us. So what should we do, besides washing our hands, wearing our masks and social distancing? As we stand on the precipice of Chanukah, my suggestion is that we take our cue from the Maccabees. Let's all take the little bit of oil that we have left in our jars after a very difficult period and light our Menorahs, both literally and figuratively. Eat latkes, play dreidel and have fun. Join us for Shabbat or weekday services. Participate in our Chanukah programming and our learning opportunities. Help a friend in need. Give Tzedakah to a cause that is meaningful to you. Call someone in our community who may be lonely during these times. Donate to our coat drive or our holiday toy drive. Volunteer. Whatever you do, use your spiritual oil to bring light to others.

The light that we create from lighting our real and our spiritual Menorahs will guide us and strengthen us to see our way through, as a TBS community, to better days when we can return to "normal." Let's not despair of the opportunities and events lost to the pandemic. Instead, let's look toward the opportunities and events that lie ahead of us. And remember, just because you postponed a celebration or missed the precise date of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, birthday, wedding, etc., does not mean you cannot celebrate when this time of emergency passes. To the contrary – you should celebrate! The Maccabees celebrated Sukkot on Chanukah, so what is stopping us?

On behalf of myself, my family, the TBS Executive Board and Board of Trustees, I wish you a Chag Urim Sameach – a Happy Festival of Lights. I pray that as we close out 2020 and look ahead to 2021 that it will be a year filled with happiness, good health and much light for us all.

B'Shalom,





B'NAI MITZVAH JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021



BENJAMIN WEINBERGER Son of Stacey & Todd January 9



AVIVA WOLF

Daughter of Stephanie and Benjamin

January 30



NATALIE ALDAD

Daughter of Karen and Gilad

February 20



ASHLEY RATNERDaughter of Kimberly & Seth
February 27

SOCIAL ACTION

by Wende Jager-Hyman

TBS in Action

If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, who am I? If not now, when?

Hillel Ethics of the Fathers, 1:14.

The Social Action Committee continues to plan and offer programs and projects to our TBS community promoting fair and just relations between individuals and society.

Over the last several months we have initiated several new projects and programs.

On November 18th, Temple Beth Sholom and the Friendship Baptist Church cosponsored *Happy With Our Portion: Perspectives* on *Gratitude and Acceptance* – our clergy and congregants met via Zoom for an interactive and participatory program that explored the ways our faith traditions and encouraged us to find joy in what we have.

On January 25th Amanda Berman, Founder and CEO of Zioness will join our Congregation and High School Students to discuss our obligation as Jews to tackle issues of Anti-Semitism, Racism and Social Justice

In January we will be launching a contest for students affiliated with Temple Beth Sholom from the 7th Grade through College entitled: *The Power to Change the World: Uniquely Jewish Student Perspectives 2021 Arts and Essay Contest* – details to follow shortly.

Partnering with Sisterhood, in March we will host Ester Amini, author of *Concealed*. Her memoir exams the issues of being an American born Jewish young women as the daughter of Persian-Jewish immigrants.

The committee is currently developing additional educational programs. Please keep checking in the Community section of our website for updates. We hope that you will be available to join us, we welcome your participation and suggestions.

You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.

Rabbi Tarfon, Ethics of the Fathers 2:21

A Chesed Ditty by Selda Steckler

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, we have this to say: The Chesed Committee is on its way! We know you know just what we do But now it's time for a short review...

Because the virus is still in our midst We changed some things that were on our list We cannot drive you to any spot But we can deliver things you have forgot.

We're ready to bring you a challah bread But please no substitutions for croissants instead Each holiday has its special food And we're always there to set the mood. Know when you're home and feeling blue We have puzzles for you to do They range in size And subjects too!

Just ask if we can help you out We'll do our best there is no doubt Just give us a call, here's the bait at (516) 621-2288

SISTERHOOD SCOOP

by Sherri Warshavsky & Rose Gole Warshawsky, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Sisterhood Scoop - Latkes



It's hard to believe it's a new year and we are still together - apart. Sisterhood remains so active that in November we had more events to plan for than dates available. We honored important Jewish women with our program Our Grandmothers' Wildest Dreams— 100 years of

American Jewish Women. Our grandmothers, who came to the New World carrying only their clothing and bed linens, had dreams of a different kind of life. They could never have imagined our modern Jewish heroines – the Jewish women, who have won Nobel prizes (Gertrude Belle Elion and Rosalyn Yalow), sit on the Supreme Court (Ruth Bader Ginzberg & Elena Kagan), and chaired the United States Federal Reserve (Janet Yellin). May you be like Ruth and like Esther has taken on a new meaning.

Sisterhood also hosted an interesting rabbinic lecture by Rabbi Lucas on *Jews and Guns* which discussed what Judaism has to say about gun ownership and gun safety. Rabbi Rosenthal discussed Ultra-Orthodox Feminists at the November Lunch and Learn. And she also presented Zoom lectures as part of a series called *One Text, Many Truths: The Power of Midrash*. We encourage

all TBS members to join in learning how the ancient rabbis gave voice to the Torah with stories and interpretations of the text. Our ongoing adult education programs resumed in November and will continue throughout the year. On Tuesday mornings, join us for *Heroes and Victims in the Bible* with Zahava Rosenfeld. Or if you prefer learning or relearning Yiddish, join us on Thursday mornings with Ruth Solomon. There is Cantor Barnoy's *Hot Off the Press* on Israeli news and affairs. Or if you are interested in Women's Leadership, Wende Jager-Hyman is leading our Rosh Chodesh discussion group every month, as well as author and book discussions.

As part of the TBS Chanukah celebration, Sisterhood presented a Zoom program featuring *Latkes – How do you like them?* Our own TBS chefs shared their knowledge and recipes for different types of latkes – fried vs. baked. You could almost smell them frying! Which was your favorite? And while celebrating, we hope that you remember those who are struggling and donate to the OHEL Gift Drive 2020 that Phyllis Hilf Pellman organized.

Rose & Sherri

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BARNET & ANNETTE OSTROW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

by Jennifer Schiffer, Director of Early Childhood Center

Hope Is Not Canceled



nalom 2021! I wish you a healthy

in March - children are laughing, they are learning and they are engaging with their friends in a way that only young children can. Preschoolers learn by playing with one another, negotiating roles in the dramatic play area, taking turns sharing toys and creating art using markers, paint and glue. Our Early Childhood Center teachers don their masks and set out each and every day to create these safe and meaningful experiences for the children in their classrooms. Not all heroes wear masks. Our dedicated staff are my heroes.

and happy new year filled with laughter and love. 2020 was a long year. We closed school in March 2020 and did not open again until September. When we re-opened, school looked very different than it did when we closed. Our Early Childhood Center teachers have been nothing short of incredible during this unprecedented year. As I walk through the hallways, school sounds like it did when we closed we have always done in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. The hope and excitement in the eyes of the children was palpable.

The upcoming events on our calendar are "TBD" for now. If we can have them safely, we will. If not, we will find new ways to do what we do. We can still "see" each other on Zoom to share a song or a story. Here's to the hope that 2021 brings us closer together in distance and in heart. We are #tbsstrong.



Zoom Mini Minyan Services



Pre-kindergartener students sort the donations for the annual food drive.

With each month that passes and we remain open, I am grateful. When I initially set out to plan for this school year, I remained cautiously optimistic that we would be able to hold some of the events that we look forward to year after year. While we have had to cancel some of our favorite events out of an abundance of caution for everyone's safety, we have also been able to reinvent ourselves in a virtual world. Our Zoom Mini Minyan services on Shabbat are one of my favorite days of the month. We stay home now with the hope that at some point this year we can be together again in-person, to celebrate Shabbat and other special days.

Our annual Food Drive during Mitzvah Week was one event that we did not have to cancel. The overwhelming generosity of our school families brought tears to my eyes. The Early Childhood Center hallway was overflowing in the spirit of giving and giving back to our neighbors in need. The children sorted and categorized the donations and helped to bag them up for delivery. Even our littlest learners joined in the act of performing mitzvot. There was a sense of normalcy in the air as we did what

January/February Highlights

Save the Dates!

Fri., 1/1 New Year's Day - NO SCHOOL Mon., 1/4 Classes Resume Sun., 1/10 Zoom Book Reading - Am I A Unicorn? 10 AM Zoom Shabbat "Two"gether Fri., 1/15

12 PM - 12:30 PM (For Toddlers Only)

Mon., 1/18 Martin Luther Kind Jr Day -

NO SCHOOL

Wed., 2/3 Director Sip & Schmooze Presidents' Birthday Recess -Mon.-Fri., 2/15-2/19 NO SCHOOL

Mon., 2/22 Classes Resume

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Sharon Solomon, Director of Religious School

A Community Connected: The Power of Meaningful Interactions & Creative "Buddy" Pen-Pal Engagement



In Judaism, one never stops growing, and we are never too young (or old) to learn from one another. When Temple Beth Sholom Religious School was awarded the prestigious Better Together Grant through Legacy Heritage Programming, we were afforded the incredible opportunity to enrich our community like never before. This program brought TBS students to the Atria Senior Center in Roslyn Harbor, allowing different generations to engage with each

other, and through a variety of fun and inclusive activities, become friends. Here at TBS, we feel blessed to continue this incredible partnership, yet like almost everything else in 2020, the Coronavirus pandemic forced us to make adjustments and get more than a little creative with our programming. Ultimately, a fundamental question arose: *How to keep our students and seniors connected while staying apart?*

In planning for the upcoming school year, Hanna Harel - the 7th Grade Grant Coordinator – and I remained committed to the principal that despite the restrictions of social distancing and remote interaction, it was vital to build strong and meaningful relationships between our 7th grade TBS students and the Atria residents. "The warm connections, shared experiences and overall impact this program has had on both seniors and students is a remarkable thing," Harel notes Both groups flourish in this program. There isn't a generation gap, there was only a communication gap!

In an effort to bridge the communication gap this year, we have created programming centered around pen-pal *buddy* letters, as well as interactive Zoom meetings for our seniors and students. Thus far, we have held the following two sessions:

1. Getting To Know You! - A remote session where each student was paired with a senior. The students introduced themselves by filling out a pre-printed *Mad Libs* sheet, offering their new friend some background information about themselves and their interests. A similar sheet was delivered from the senior *buddy* to the student, detailing life experiences. Framed photographs of the buddies were then exchanged and delivered.

2. Holiday Challah Design & Babka Baking with a Professional Baker - A Zoom baking session with TBS students, seniors at The Atria and a professional baker. Pre-made dough, sugar, cinnamon, chocolate chips and toppings were distributed to the seniors and students. Together and under the guidance of the baker, turkey-shaped challahs and chocolate babkas were made and enjoyed in celebration of Thanksgiving. As with all TBS programming, we worked tirelessly to create engaging and meaningful activities,

then allowed space for the events to take on a life of their own. Happily, both sessions were a great success! Truly, it's been a joy watching these students and seniors connect with one another, despite all obstacles. And in a sense, the timing couldn't be better. Meagan Devine Collazzo, the Senior Engage Life Director at The Atria on Roslyn Harbor, couldn't agree more. In these unprecedented times, our partnership with Temple Beth Sholom has been vital to our residents, Collazzo states. The connections this intergenerational program has cultivated is nothing short of inspirational.

While the interactive sessions have been fun and uplifting, the true foundation for the relationships forged between this year's students and seniors has been through pen-pal *Buddy* engagement. Hanna Harel spearheads this aspect of our programming, taking the time to work individually with each student on their letters. She helps students articulate themselves during these strange and difficult days, encouraging them to write candidly about their lives: how they're coping with the pandemic, navigating their virtual social lives, Bar Mitzvah preparations and more. Suffice it to say, the work has paid off. Back at The Atria, Collazzo remarks how residents are eager to read their weekly heartfelt letters from their pen-pals, in addition to special delivery projects and holiday gifts. The program puts smiles on their faces and warms their hearts.

With the holidays approaching, our pen-pals have been frequently communicating, enriching each other's lives in the process. Every time a student receives their pen-pal journals, there is a palpable sense of anticipation. The students are excited to read the responses of their senior buddies and to share news with them.

In a remarkable testament to the success of our *Better Together* partnership, one of our students recently took the initiative to invite his senior buddy, Robyn, to attend his Bar Mitzvah ceremony and celebration via Zoom. Robyn happily attended, meeting the student's family and friends, and creating the sort of personal connection that is central to Jewish life and learning.

Looking forward, the students and seniors will continue to engage with one another through a variety of different events and platforms. Just the other week, our students put together Thanksgiving care packages for the residents, with a small pie and a gratitude card for each buddy, and we are looking forward to having our Atria buddies light the Chanukah candles with us via Zoom. These small acts of kindness and genuine human relationships will get us through these difficult times, Hanna Harel understands. It has and always will be the Jewish way.

Sincerely, Sharon

FROM MAKOM

by Sharon Solomon, Makom Director & Silvia Kogan, ACTIV8! Coordinator





We would like to thank the TBS community for their donations and overwhelming support during the last Thanksgiving Food Drive. We were amazed at the quantity of food that we were able to collect.

The items were donated to Lend a Hand Project and the Rudman

Family Pantry at the Mid Island Y-JCC.

Our *Mitzvah of the Month* was held on December 13th, a Toy Drive to benefit Birthday Wishes of Long Island for children who are in shelters.

The mission of Birthday Wishes is to improve and empower the lives of homeless children and their families by providing joy, play, and hope through the magic of a birthday party. Since COVID-19 started, they had seen a decline in donations of almost 50%. Thank you for helping us reach our goal and putting a smile this holiday season on the faces of so many children who are currently living in neighboring shelters.

In the coming months of January and February, we will be having programs from StandWithUS for teens and their parents as part of the Limud program. StandWithUs (SWU) is an international and non-partisan Israeli educational organization that inspires and educates people of all ages and backgrounds, challenges misinformation and fights anti-Semitism.

StandWith**Us**

Supporting Israel & Fighting Antisemitism

These family programs address the current challenges that the Jewish community is facing and we are proud to partner with SWU; that it has outstanding teen educational programs that will appropriately address the needs of our young adults for entry into the college world. As many of our teens are home at the present time due to the pandemic, we are opening these programs to the community and to all the college students who are either home due to the pandemic or home on break.

A few of the upcoming programs are:

- Finding your connection to Israel
- Anti-Semitism versus Legitimate Criticism of Israel
- The Experience of Religious, Ethnic and Gender Minorities in Israel

We will also be experiencing a documentary in February, 2021 (date is as yet to be announced) entitled *Minority of One* which will have a teen program as well as an opportunity for the community to participate as well.

Moreh Chaim Moskowitz leads our weekly Limud session with our teens. He touches upon topics of relevance with regard to our Jewish Ethics and Values in today's world from multiple sources and angles. Some of the latest topics he has spoken on are: *Hotza'at Shem Ra* (slander), *Emet* (truth) - What does the Torah say about the importance of truthtelling? and *Kavod haBriot* (Respect for All People).

Wishing everyone a Chodesh Tov. Thank you for partnering





ACTIV8! participants gathered together to box and deliver food for the Lend-a-Hand Project.of LongIsland to help make Thanksgiving enjoyable to those families in need. Third from left is Ron Jasser, President of the Lend-a-Hand Project. Thank you to him and Lisa Pollack for speaking to the kids aboutthe continuous needs of Lend-a-Hand recipients.



This year TBS has identified a "Wish List" to guide all of those who are inspired to donate financially!

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM HAS A LONG, RICH HISTORY OF SERVING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ROSLYN.

Since 1951, we have provided a wide tent, a nurturing spiritual home in which Jews are welcome in good times and in times of need. We are known for inspirational worship, celebration of life cycle events, creative Jewish education, exceptional clergy and leadership. We offer three outstanding religious schools, as well as cutting edge adult education programs, and unequaled family learning programs.

TBS is a proud, generous, caring Jewish community. Members are frequently moved to demonstrate their support of our goals, both as volunteers and with financial donations. We appreciate their gifts of time and money: they are all gifts from the heart.

For more information, please call Donna Bartolomeo, Executive Director at 516-621-2288 or contact Morty Schaja, Vice President of Finance and Fundraising, fundraising@tbsroslyn.org.

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- 3. Visually impaired prayer books \$3600
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- 5. Renovate Religious School bathrooms (2) \$25,000 each
- 6. New air conditioning unit (small) \$25,000
- 7. Boardroom furniture \$17,000 sponsored
- 8. Carpet in Boardroom \$8000 sponsored
- 9. New Talisim (50) \$2000 sponsored
- 10. Special Needs teacher (3) \$8000 each for 1 school year
- 11. Rabbinic Intern \$12,000
- 12. Social Media Assistant \$10,000
- 13. Early Childhood classroom furniture \$10,000
- 14. ECC playground equipment \$5000
- 15. Shinshin program sponsored 2018-2019
- 16. iPads Religious School \$1000 each sponsored
- 17. Game room equipment- bubble hockey, pool table, ping pong tables (Day Camp) \$3500
- 18. Arts & crafts tent (Day Camp) \$6000
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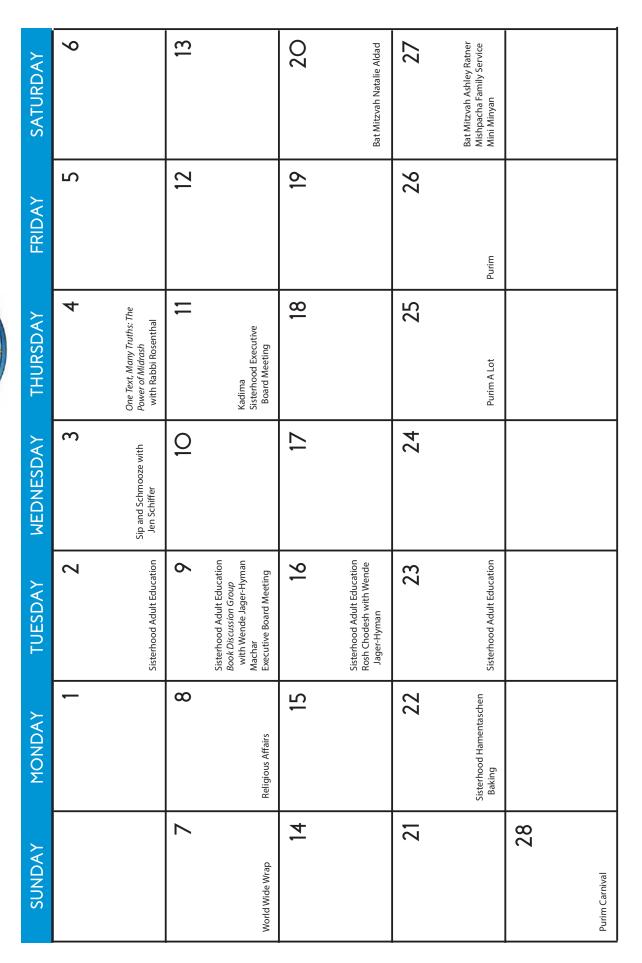


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SATURDAY	2	6	Bar Mitzvah Benjamin Weinberg Mishpacha Family Service Mini Minyan	16		23		30	ah Olf
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FRIDAY		8		SI		22		58	
THURSDAY		7	One Text, Many Truths: The Power of Midrash with Rabbi Rosenthal	14	Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting	21	Board of Education Meeting	78	Hot off the Press with Cantor Barnoy Tu B'Shevat
WEDNESDAY		9		13		20		77	
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MONDAY		4		11	Religious Affairs Meeting	18	Schools Closed	25	
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FEBRUARY 2021





JANUARY 2021/5781 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



Friday, January 1 Office Closed	9:00 AM & 6:00 PM	Saturday Evening, January 16 Mincha/Ma'ariv Services 4:45 PM
Candle Lighting Time	4:22 PM	
		Monday, January 18 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM
Saturday, January 2 Parashat Va-yechi	9:30 AM	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed
Saturday Evening, January 2	<u>!</u>	Friday Evening, January 22 6:00 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:30 PM	Candle Lighting 4:44 PM
Friday Evening, January 8	6:00 PM	Saturday Morning, January 23 9:30 AM
Candle Lighting	4:28 PM	Parashat Bo
Saturday Morning, January Parashat Shemot	9 9:30 AM	Saturday Evening, January 23 Mincha/Ma'ariv Services 5:00 PM
Bar Mitzvah Benjamin Wei	nberger	•
•	· ·	Friday Evening, January 29 6:00 PM
Saturday Evening, January 9)	Candle Lighting 4:52 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv Service	es 4:45 PM	
		Saturday Morning, January 30 9:30 AM
Friday Evening, January 15	6:00 PM	Parashat Be-Shallach-Shirah
Candle Lighting	4:36 PM	Bat Mitzvah Aviva Wolf
Saturday Morning, January	16 9:30 AM	Saturday Evening, January 30
Parashat Va-Era		Mincha/Ma'ariv Services 5:15 PM

DAILY MINYAN SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings 9:00 AM ♦ Monday - Friday Mornings 7:30 AM ♦ Sunday - Thursday Evenings 7:30 PM

FEBRUARY 2021/5781 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



Friday, February 5 Candle Lighting Time	6:00 PM 5:01 PM	Friday Evening, February 20 Parashat Terumah Bat Mitzvah Natalie Aldad	9:30 AM
Saturday Morning, February 6	9:30 AM	Dat Wittzvaii Natalie Aldad	
Parashat Yitro		Saturday Evening, February 20 Mincha/Ma'ariv Services	5:30 PM
Saturday Evening, February 6			3.33
Mincha/Ma'ariv Services	5:15 PM	Thursday Morning, February 25	7:30 AM
Sunday, February 7 9:00 Super Bowl Sunday	AM & 5:00 PM	Thursday Evening, February 25 Purim	
		Megillah Reading	7:00 PM
Friday Evening, February 12	6:00 PM		
Candle Lighting	5:10 PM	Friday, February 26 Purim	7:30 AM
Saturday, Morning, February 13 Parashat Mishpatim	9:30 AM	Megillah Reading	
,		Friday evening, February 26	6:00 PM
Saturday Evening, February 13		Candle Lighting	5:26 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv Services	5:30 PM		
Monday, February 15 9:00	O AM & 7:30 PM	Saturday Morning, February 27 Parashat Tetazaveh	9:30 AM
President's Day Office Closed	JAM & 7.30 FIVI	Bat Mitzvah of Ashley Ratner	
		Saturday Evening, February 27	
Friday Evening, February 19	6:00 PM	Mincha/Ma'ariv Services	5:45 PM
Candle Lighting	5:18 PM		

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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.

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our people, one at a time, whether in person, or remotely, during these challenging times. We make this happen **together**,

As this is still 2020 – a year that will live in infamy – the Torah Fund office remains closed – pins have not yet been delivered – donations have not been what they usually are, and this makes our efforts at Torah Fund extremely difficult. Since it is the aim of Torah Fund to support Jewish education on all levels, I would.

Rabbi Jason Bonder writes: For so many of us, the pace of our lives before 2020 was like a runaway train racing forward on a track with no end in sight. On the rare occasions we had a moment to look out the window of our speeding locomotives, we would see blurry images of our world whizzing by. Along came this global pandemic and for many of us our trains came to a screeching halt. Living in these times have been chaotic and unsettling at best, and for some of us it has been a time filled with extreme pain and loss. Yet as we

adjusted to our new normal, something amazing happened.We see the world in a new way. This year of 2020 is really living up to its

name. What was once fuzzy at best, we are now seeing with 20/20 vision.

At this time...I hope that this newfound pace of life restores a 20/20 view of our religious communities. So it is understandable that if I pay my dues to my synagogue and I get nothing (tangible) in return (as in a number of packages

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Membership has its Rewards

By Irving S. Chernofsky, Cemetery Committee Chairman

hen you think of a membership benefit, you will rarely, if ever, think about the cemetery. But one of the lesser known benefits of membership at Temple Beth Sholom is exactly that. Temple Beth Sholom, as a service to its members, makes available plots at New Montefiore Cemetery, in an area reserved for Temple Beth Sholom. These plots are available at very reasonable prices. We recently surveyed Beth Moses Cemetery, Wellwood Cemetery and New Montefiore Cemetery. All of these cemeteries are located in Pinelawn, NY, less than a 30 minute drive from the Temple. We determined that the Temple is providing a significant discount, to its members, on the prices for plots in the Temple area. This discount is approximately 33% to 50% lower than the prices that the cemeteries currently sell plots for.

The Temple can provide members with either single or double plots, or family plots of four or more graves. The family plots have a single family monument that has the family name and individual footstones for each interment. Each single plot can have an individual headstone and each double plot can have either two single headstones or a double headstone, at the family's option. If you have any interest in purchasing plots in the Temple Beth Sholom area of New Montefiore Cemetery, please contact the Temple office.

In addition, Temple Beth Sholom in conjunction with New Montefiore Cemetery, now allows grave plantings. When an interment is made on our cemetery grounds and the family wishes to arrange for a planting, they will be allowed to plant mature yews (consisting of 3 shrubs 18"- 24" wide) purchased from the cemetery. Families that wish to have grave plantings will be required to purchase "Perpetual Care" from the cemetery. These shrubs do wonders in improving the look of the gravesite. Grave plantings will also be allowed at the Temple Beth Sholom area of Beth Moses Cemetery. All families that

have already had an interment at either cemetery and desire grave plantings should contact the cemetery to make the appropriate arrangements.

The Jewish way of life includes many Jewish life cycle events. During a typical Shabbat service at Temple Beth Sholom you can witness any of several of our Jewish life cycle events. You can witness the naming of a baby girl and her welcoming into the Jewish community; you can witness a bar or bat mitzvah, where our Jewish adolescents are transformed, right before our eyes, into Jewish adults; or you can witness an aufruf, where two of our Jewish adults prepare for life as a married couple.

Just as there is a Jewish way of life, there is also a Jewish way of death. Two basic considerations come into play when death strikes and the laws of death and mourning become applicable. One consideration involves the principle of *kevod hamet*, treatment of the deceased with reverence and respect. The other involves the principle of *kevod hechai*, concern for the welfare of the living. In respect for members of our congregation who have suffered a loss, Temple Beth Sholom allows the family to hold funeral services at the Temple.

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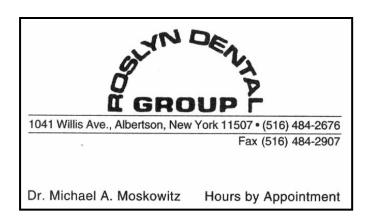
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Lisa Schlesinger on her 90th birthday.

Our Sincere Condolences To:

Paulette Waiser on the death of her beloved brother, Michael Meisner.

Janet Michael on the death of her beloved husband, Dr. Manouchehr Michael.

Elliot Pellman on the death of his beloved mother, Eva Pellman.

Debbie, Victor and Dara Shalom on the death of their beloved husband/father, Sheldon Shalom.

The family of Jayne Spielman, daughter of past TBS president Bill Spielman z"l and Bette Ann Spielman z"l who was our Museum Director and founder.

Sherry Hirsch on the death of her beloved brother, Barry Kunofsky.

Arleen Held on the death of her beloved mother, Adele Glasberg.

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