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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

by Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon

LIFE IS WHAT HAPPENS WHILE YOU'RE BUSY MAKING PLANS

For Jews, our perception and understanding of our place in the world and our relationship with one another changed on October 7th. I am so proud of how all of you responded to this defining moment in history. Monday, October 9th, when I looked out at hundreds of your faces as you shared names of soldiers in Israel or of family and friends in harm's way, as we prayed together and sang with the Cantor, I felt so fortunate to be rabbi in a congregation where the connection to Israel and Israelis is so strong.

Together we have responded to the moment. We have given. We have written letters to well over 500 soldiers who are defending the land of Israel and the Jewish people. We were counted on the Mall in Washington DC as part of the powerful demonstration that showed our neighbors and the world that we stand with Israel and all Israelis who are fighting for their safety and for freedom.

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Our activism, our visits to Israel and our giving will continue.

And—though we are far from a state of normalcy, let's take a breath and remind ourselves of the work we began together over the summer: getting to know one another. When I arrived this summer, getting to know the congregation and the congregational family was my number one priority. Some of you



hosted small gatherings where Rebecca and I could meet and get to know you and I was able to have coffee dates with others. We have been hosted for *Shabbat* and had a number of you to our house for *Shabbat* dinner as well.

It was once observed that the business of America is business. Following the same formula, I will say that the business of Temple Beth Sholom is relationships and knowing one another. This business is one of the richest and most rewarding parts of my responsibilities – knowing you all, at any age from 9 minutes to 99 years old and counting.

I am enjoying getting to know so many of our children by spending time in Religious School classes, presenting about my mission to Israel at Schechter, celebrating *Shabbat* every Friday morning with our ECC, singing and celebrating *Shabbat* with our Mishpacha Family Service or Mini Minyan, connecting with our teenagers through Makom and meeting our college students' home for vacation, together with the Cantor and Sharon, at Ben's.

As for adults, I have enjoyed celebrating Hanukkah at North Shore Towers, attending Comedy Night with Men's Club and as we look to the new secular year of 2024, I look forward to visiting our TBS family in Florida and of course the amazing Club TBS.

If we have not yet had the chance to meet, I hope to see you soon. I welcome you to reach out to the office and schedule time to meet with me.

Shalom,

Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon

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CANTOR'S NOTES

by Cantor Ofer Barnoy



ON A MISSION TO ISRAEL

October 7th 2023 is a day that will live in infamy. Every country has a day like that. A watershed day that becomes seared in the collective memory of its citizens – those who experienced it and those in future generations that will hear about it and study it to understand its impact.

For Israel, October 7th, 2023 will always represent one of its darkest days. A day when all of the forms of defense that were set up to prevent a large-scale terrorist invasion failed miserably and left behind an aftermath of death and destruction. It also left Israel with a huge dilemma because of a large number of hostages that were dragged back to Gaza for one reason only which is to be used as bargaining chips in what would inevitably ensue in response to their invasion – an all-out war on Hamas. Hamas knew this and planned for it. And that day it all went the way THEY planned, maybe even beyond their wildest imagination.

With all this in mind, many missions were planned for Jews and non-Jews who support Israel to go there to offer solidarity and comfort in their hour of shock and grief. Rabbi Ben-Gideon and I joined two such missions. I was there with 12 of my colleagues from the Cantors Assembly and the mission included singing at the bed-side of wounded soldiers, police officers and civilians recovering after that awful day, singing with soldiers on army bases waiting to go to war, visiting to witness the ruins left behind at one of the *kibbutzim* that was attacked and hearing analysis of the situations from various experts that were brought to speak to us so we can bring a message back to our congregations.

And the message from all of them was the same – no matter what caused the failure of October 7th, Israel is now united in a singular mission to defeat Hamas and completely dismantle its military terror capabilities so it never happens again. Of course, there was also a lot of discussion about the hostages which are so foremost on everybody's minds and as a matter of fact during the five days of our mission there were hostages released every evening. But on the last day of our



mission the pause was over and the fighting began again in earnest and my colleagues and I were *treated* to the experience of having to run to a shelter during a siren while barrages of rockets were being fired towards Israel. At that moment we felt like any Israeli, running for our lives. I can tell you that it is truly a jarring, scary feeling to be under attack and I cannot even begin to imagine the level of fear that must have been felt by those under attack on October 7th by hundreds of terrorists shooting at close range in those *kibbutzim* and at the Nova Party for Peace and Love.

By the time you read this article, Rabbi Ben-Gideon and I will have spoken about our experiences at a number of opportunities so I won't go into great detail here but I invite you to ask me about it anytime.



Visiting an army base on the border with Gaza

I would just like to say in closing that Israel's response to the massacre of October 7th has been nothing short of heroic and inspiring. No longer do Jews cower to bullies because of a lack of a way to defend themselves. The response on October 8th by volunteers to serve in the army was overwhelming. 350,000 men and women were willing to put their lives on the line to defend Israel

and thereby every Jew in the world and we need to understand here in America that we owe each one of them a debt of gratitude. Had they not done so, Hamas would have been emboldened to over-run Israel in an unimaginable attack that would have left behind horrible carnage but that did not happen. Israelis stood up to that monstrous regime and I have no doubt that before long, they will defeat it. They will pay a heavy price as over 100 IDF soldiers have already fallen in battle but the victorious outcome will bear that they have not died in vain and again, to them we owe an even larger measure of gratitude.

Let us hope and pray that God send strength and resolve to all of the Israeli forces that are involved in this war against evil and may they be absolutely victorious.



At the newly formed Square of the Hostages.

Cantor Ofer Barnoy

FROM THE ASSOCIATE RABBI'S DESK

by Rabbi Cara Weinstein Rosenthal

THE 614TH COMMANDMENT

On December 3-5, the rabbinical, cantorial, and synagogue leadership arms of the Conservative Movement came together in Baltimore for The Convening, a movement-wide gathering that afforded attendees an opportunity to process the recent events in Israel and in the American Jewish community, and to dream together about how we might use this pivotal time to reinvigorate Jewish life.

One of the topics that people were eager to discuss was the idea of *mitzvah*, commandment – or, as some put it, *commandedness*. It's a provocative topic in 2023, as many in the Jewish community are unsure about the role of commandedness in our lives. Do Conservative Jews still feel bound by *mitzvot* (commandments) and *halachah* (Jewish law) – or do we see Jewish practices as important but not obligatory?

The idea of commandedness is a tough one to sell these days, especially to Jews living in a postmodern Western society that sees autonomy and self-determination as paramount. We might wonder why we should let a bunch of old books or ancient rules tell us what to do. Isn't what we want the most important consideration?

At the Convening, one of the keynote addresses was given by Rabbi Aaron Alexander, senior rabbi of Adas Israel Congregation in Washington, DC. Before coming to Adas Israel, Rabbi Alexander served as Associate Dean and Lecturer in Rabbinic and Jewish Law at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, and is considered one of the Conservative Movement's foremost authorities on *halachah*.

Not surprisingly, Rabbi Alexander believes that the concept of commandedness – of considering ourselves bound by the *mitzvot* – is still a compelling idea that should be at the core of Conservative Judaism. In his presentation, Rabbi Alexander suggested that we move beyond the ways in which some people have viewed religious obligation in the past – as something that renders Jewish involvement soulless and rote – and embrace new ways of thinking about commandedness. Although one might think that obligation and inspiration are mutually exclusive, Rabbi Alexander suggested that the opposite is true – that authentic, passionate Jewish engagement comes about when one considers oneself *obligated to be inspired, and inspired to be obligated*.

I agree with Rabbi Alexander that today's Conservative Jews need to take the idea of commandedness seriously. Yes, each person has to determine how to observe Judaism to the best of his or her ability – and what that looks like will differ for each individual and each family – and that's not a bad thing. But – the



idea that we are all obligated to do this balancing act of figuring out how to observe so that we can live authentic Jewish lives – that's not something that I believe individual Jews have the right to opt out of. If we want Judaism to survive, it is incumbent upon all of us to do the work so that we can keep our precious traditions alive and vibrant.

The past three months have reminded us that our faith, and our membership in the Jewish people, are things that are worth fighting for, things that will buoy us even when we are faced with bigotry and hatred from those we considered our allies. Human nature is a tough nut to crack, though, and as important as Judaism is to us, if we don't feel like we have an obligation to uphold Jewish traditions, we are likely to let them fall by the wayside. That's why the concept of *mitzvah* is even more important today than it was in previous generations.

For centuries, *Torah* scholars have pointed out that the *Torah* contains 613 commandments. In the wake of the Holocaust, the philosopher Emil Fackenheim proposed a 614th commandment that he felt that the worldwide Jewish community needed to keep: *You shall not give Hitler a posthumous victory*. In this statement, Fackenheim warned against the collective self-sabotage that he saw within the Jewish community as Jews moved further away from religious observance. The idea of the 614th commandment was Fackenheim's way of reminding Jews not to be careless stewards of their precious heritage.

As the war in Israel continues, and as we witness the proliferation of anti-Semitism on our streets and our college campuses, we need to take Fackenheim's commandment to heart. Judaism won't survive unless we take it seriously, unless we consider ourselves obligated to maintain Jewish traditions and practices. But fulfilling an obligation doesn't need to be something that feels like an assignment or a burden – it can be something that gives us a sense of purpose and fulfillment. As the world around us challenges us to articulate what we believe, let us take this opportunity to let our obligations inspire us, and to take on Jewish practices with joy and with a deep sense of pride.

B'shalom – with prayers for peace,

Rabbi Cara Weinstein Rosenthal

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Debbie Dubowsky



YOUR SUPPORT IS PARAMOUNT TO OUR SUCCESS

It has been an emotional rollercoaster the past few months since the horrifying events of October 7 when Hamas attacked Israel, killing innocents and taking hostages.

Thanks to your generous donations to the Israel Emergency Fund, our synagogue has been working hard to assist our brothers and sisters in *Eretz Yisrael*. We have supplied troops with much needed supplies, sponsored foreign first responders to help in places where Israelis have had to leave for the front, and have even sponsored a soccer team for children displaced from their homes in the south. The Israeli Action Committee has spearheaded a letter writing campaign to let soldiers know that we in America support them and their mission. Our Religious School children are making packages to be sent to Israel and have collected money to sponsor a Hanukkah party for the displaced children.

Let us not forget that we also have an obligation to support Temple Beth Sholom so we can continue to support Jews in our community, educate our children and adults, carry on our mission to combat antisemitism and remain steadfast in connecting our people to those in Israel.

How can you help us here at home?

CONTACT US:

Reach out and inquire about our current needs and priorities. We can provide information on specific projects, ongoing programs, or areas where involvement and financial support are most beneficial.

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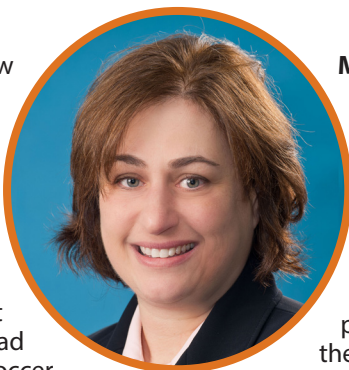
Consider setting up regular monthly or annual donations to provide consistent support. This can help the synagogue plan its budget and operations more effectively.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME:

In addition to financial contributions, consider volunteering your time and skills to a committee. We have various committees where volunteers are needed to help organize community events, assist with religious education, or participate in charitable initiatives.

ATTEND FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Participate in or attend fundraising events organized by the synagogue. These events not only raise funds, but also provide an opportunity for community members to come together and strengthen their bonds.



MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS:

Check if your employer offers a matching gift program. Some companies match their employees' charitable donations, effectively doubling the impact of your contribution.

LEGACY GIVING:

Explore options for legacy giving, such as including the synagogue in your will or estate planning. This can provide long-term support for the institution.

STAY INFORMED:

Stay informed about the synagogue's activities and ongoing needs. Regularly check your emails, the bulletin, or attend community meetings to understand how your support can make a positive difference.

As we start the secular new year, 2024, please continue to support our programs. Let us all remember that charity begins at home and that TBS needs your help in every way.

Debbie

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

by Eileen Olan Bohrer

WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW....

I have been known to take some things for granted. For example, I will start a conversation with my husband, assuming that he's in my head and knows exactly what I've been thinking. It's no surprise that he has a perplexed expression until I explain myself. Perhaps you've been guilty of something similar. In the same vein, there are so many things happening at Temple Beth Sholom, and it would be unfair to assume that unless you are regularly in the building, you know what has transpired over the past year, and what is being planned for 2024. Allow me to provide you with a few snapshots of these items.



The Early Childhood Center

The ECC has thrived this year with 72 students currently enrolled. Our parents were so pleased with the program that they rushed us to provide them with registration for next year.

The Religious School

ShinShin: Abigail has joined us from her home outside of Tel Aviv and will be with us until May. She enhances our programs with her firsthand knowledge of the current dilemma in Israel and relates to our students as someone closer to their own age, using their vernacular and reference points.*

We are thrilled to have more than 50 teenagers participating in Makom, which is made up of several programs including Limmud, Madrichim, Active8 and Teen Advocacy.

Security

We have strengthened our daily security coverage by adding an agent on *Shabbat*, when there are more than 100 congregants in the building, and while children are in the building.*

We received a *Securing Communities Against Hate* Grant which provides \$150,000 specified for target hardening and \$50,000 to augment our current cybersecurity.

Initiatives

Recently, Rabbi Ben-Gideon and a small group of leadership and I met with our congregants who live at North shore Towers over Hanukkah lunch and conversation. It was delightful to have the relaxed time to get to know each other better and hear how we can best engage with that community. From those discussions we came to understand that providing transportation for some of our more senior residents to help them get to TBS for *Shabbat* and programs would be greatly valued.*

We have continued with our TBS2U holiday bags for seniors and homebound congregants and make deliveries approximately

eight times a year. These deliveries are always followed by a flurry of appreciative notes and calls.* On January 22nd we look forward to joining with our Florida snowbirds and longtime congregants a long awaited reunion. Details to follow.

The Building

At the request of the family, the funds originally set aside for the Sheldon Sholom Basketball Court are being redirected towards developing a 21st Century library that will benefit the entire congregation. Rabbi Rosenthal is looking for a cadre of volunteers to assist her in culling through the many, many books on the shelves. There will be a child-centered nook, as well as flex spaces for individual, small and larger group study.*

Following the flood in the Religious School and Camp offices and classrooms, all Religious School classrooms were freshly painted and received new flooring.*

The Main Office received a fresh coat of paint and new flooring as well.

With ongoing leaks into the gallery, the ECC, the caterer's spaces, the Religious School and camp offices, we are nearing completion of replacement of our roofs. This has been a costly but worthwhile undertaking.*

I could go on and on, but space and time is limited. Please feel free to call and arrange to come into the synagogue and meet with me for a chat. I look forward to continuing my journey in getting to know each TBS congregant better.

This issue of the bulletin does not include our Wish List. You might notice that some of the items above are marked with an asterisk * and targeted contributions to those initiatives would be greatly appreciated.

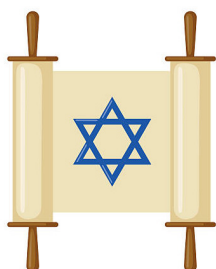
Wishing you beautiful moments, treasured memories, health, and happiness in the secular New Year.

Eileen



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EMMA FRIEDMANN
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BARNET & ANNETTE OSTROW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

by Stephanie Whalen, Director of Early Childhood Center



NEW HOPE FOR A NEW YEAR

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for a wonderful first chapter on our preschool journey. As we continue to settle into 2024, it is a time to reflect on the many wonderful things in our ECC.

Our year began with the High Holidays. Our Rabbi blew the *shofar* for our students, we ate and danced in the *sukkah*, and we unrolled the *torah* for our ECC children! We had our first ever school-wide Thanksgiving Feast, and immediately after, got ready for Hannukah. We played *dreidel*, lit *Hanukkah's* and practiced songs for our ECC Hannukah Family Party.

The PA conducted many incredible fundraisers, including a *Challah* Bake and organizing an extremely successful Scholastic Book Fair.



Additionally, we cannot forget about the many milestones the children have reached, separating from their parents for the very first time, building long-lasting friendships, and developing new skills and strengths each and every day. All these little *moments of magic* would not take place without the help and guidance of our amazing teachers. Each morning, the classroom door opens, and the children are welcomed with **love, patience, and hope**. Our teachers have shown your child it is OK and safe to play with others, to love new adults, and to explore new spaces. Your child went home each day filled with new ideas, words, questions, and experiences. Our teachers showed up for our children. That matters. Their bravery and consistency are resounding and will always be appreciated.

We welcome 2024 with some of the most important lessons in our preschool. Our pre-k classes will combine lessons about *Am Yisrael*, we are the people, and hands on classroom experiences about Martin Luther King Jr. The end of January brings Tu B'Shevat, a holiday that presents the opportunity to teach ways to take care of the world, *Tikkun Olam*. All the classrooms will explore the concepts

of recycling and replanting. Each class will celebrate *the birthday of the trees* by enjoying a variety of fruits in a mini-Tu B'Shevat seder. This holiday marks the beginning of the fruit crop in Israel. It is also tradition to plant a tree which serves as a symbol for life and rebirth, or perhaps an investment in the future and a future for our children.

February 1st, the children, families and ECC teachers will come together for our annual PJ Shema Party. The festivities begin with a pizza dinner, followed by the Rabbi teaching the preschoolers and their families about the Shema, a prayer affirming a declaration of faith in one God. After learning about the Shema, the children will decorate a pillowcase with the Shema prayer on it. The evening will conclude with milk and cookies, and home in time for *Laila Tov* (Good Night).

The month of February will also be filled with special themes such as Groundhog Day, National Pizza Day, and Leap Year Day!

Amidst a difficult several months, all these moments, in which we appreciate the journey and are grateful for the process that brought us here...brings me hope. Our next chapter promises to hold joy and celebration. I look forward to a brighter 2024 and maybe a snow day or at least some flurries.

Much Love,

Stephanie

January/February Highlights

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

1/2	School resumes
1/15	No School Martin Luther King Jr Day
1/25	Tu B'Shevat
2/1	PJ Shema
2/10	Club TBS
2/14 & 2/15	Picture Day
2/19-2/23	School Closed
3/8	Grandparents' Shabbat

If you or anyone you know would like to know more about our school, please call us at 516-621-1171.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Sharon Solomon,
Educational Director - Community Engagement



AN INTERVIEW WITH DAGAN COHEN

[Sharon] I had the opportunity to interview our Long Island Shaliach, Dagan Cohen, who works in the Israel Center at the Sid Jacobson JCC and serves the Long Island Jewish community. A Shaliach not only works hand in hand with the Jewish agencies but also with the local temples and Religious Schools and has a profound impact of bringing Israel to our community in a personal way. While interviewing Dagan, I had a chance to see up close his enthusiasm and love for Israel and to feel his deep connection with the land and the people. As we approach the Festival of Lights, I am reminded that we all have the power to infuse light into this world and Dagan for sure is lighting the way with *ruach* (spirit) and positive energy to our Long Island Jewish Community members. I have the privilege of working with Dagan closely and he guides us in the Religious School on Israel education and for professional development. We are privileged to learn from him and are delighted to give the congregation an opportunity to understand how important our connection is with him and with our *shinshinim* (gap year students) whom he supervises.

The following is part of our conversation, I hope it inspires you as much as it inspired me.

[Sharon] What is a *shaliach* and what is *shlichut*?

[Dagan] A *shaliach* is someone who comes to some place on behalf of someone else (an emissary). To me, *shlichut* is a privilege to represent my country and my people and to speak in their name and to show everyone who I am at the core and what we stand for. I don't look at *shlichut* as advocacy on behalf of Israel, rather, as human to human relationship and connection. Even though Israeli society is diverse my role is to be a unifying voice for our people.

[Sharon] What is your relationship with Israel?

[Dagan] I feel that I am privileged and proud to have come from Israel and feel a deep connection to the land and the people. I am a part of the fabric of Israeli society. I will do anything for Israel, whether it is to serve as a *shaliach* or to be called to serve in the army. Israel is my life mission.

[Sharon] What are your favorite things about Israel?

[Dagan] I love the people and the landscape. I love the ability to argue and to love at the same time and at the end of the day to come together for the greater good of Israel.

[Sharon] Can you share with us why you wanted to become a *Shaliach*?

[Dagan] I feel it is a privilege to represent Israel but also to be able to work with a community and to get to know them intimately while

bringing Israel to them. In so doing, by intertwining the aspects of both communities we all benefit from the experience.

[Sharon] Our mission at TBS is to help our members and students find connection with Israel. Can you share with us ways in which we can connect our members to Israel?

[Dagan] Creating experiences such as trips to Israel, especially connect communities with other communities is the first and foremost thing. The more practical hands-on connection is by having the *shinshinim* [Israeli gap year students] working alongside the students in your institutions. I know that you at TBS are very privileged to have Abigail Schlesinger in your school this year.

[Sharon] I want to switch gears a bit as we are currently in the midst of a war. How can the TBS community be a support to Israel at this time?

[Dagan] Aside from the monetary support, the most important thing needed is to continue to engage in letter writing campaigns and videos, school to school and student to student as well as congregants to soldiers or to the affected communities. This continued connection and contact lets Israelis know that we are there for them and that they are not alone.

[Sharon] I know that you have only been here for three months to serve the Long Island Community. Is there anything that you find surprising about the Long Island Community?

[Dagan] I never imagined how welcoming the Long Island Jewish Community's outpouring of love and support could be, not only for me, my family, and the *shinshinim* but for all the people of the Land of Israel.

[Sharon] Is there anything that you would want our community to know about Israel?

[Dagan] That we are united, and we shall prevail through this difficult time. Our soldiers will get the job done. We understand that it will take time, but our soldiers know what they are fighting for.

[Sharon] Is there anything that you want the Israelis in Israel to know about the American Jewish Community?

[Dagan] I want them to know that the love and care that the American Jewish Community has for Israel is an overwhelming, non-stop support and that the American Jewish Community is completely united in their support for Israel. I feel that our people are one and there is no I or YOU (Israeli or American) but rather it is WE (the Jewish community) united as one.

Sharon

FROM MAKOM

by Sharon Solomon, Educational Director - Community Engagement
and Silvia Kogan, Religious School Assistant Principal/B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator



MEETING THE NEEDS OF TEENS IN AN EVER CHANGING WORLD

The world we live in these days is an ever-changing one often filled with a lot of conflicting information, especially for impressionable young adults. Soon after the events of October 7th, many of the teenagers of Roslyn approached us with the idea of having a vigil and including in it an opportunity to be able to talk about the events of the days as a way of processing it. After much discussion with them after the vigil, we realized that this opportunity for relevant expression and ideas is something sorely needed, and not only as a one-time program.

Our teens are searching for different opportunities and safe spaces to explore their Jewish Identity and their relationship with our community and Israel. We listened to their needs and came to understand that they are calling out to be reached in two distinct ways, via advocacy and through social interaction.



Ultimately, we want to help guide our teens to be able to make a positive impact on the world and build the confidence needed to address issues that affect their lives and the lives of their peers. We believe that teen advocacy is not just about promoting change but also about empowering other teens to identify the issues or causes they are passionate about whether they be local causes, supporting Israel, antisemitism awareness, and so on.

They may identify and present their interests by using social media and other platforms to raise awareness about their chosen issues. They may share information, personal stories, and statistics to educate others. The key factor is that to be able to effectively advocate for something, you must first become fully educated in the issues. Our advocacy group is a good starting point for their development. Teen advocacy has played a significant role in raising awareness and effecting change on various issues. It's a powerful way for young people to voice their concerns, demand change, and contribute to building a better future.

Some of our teenagers have taken a leadership role in helping to create the **Makom High School Youth Group**. Along with an adult facilitator, Youth Group gives our teens a chance to meet other teens in the community and participate in fun activities and outings.

These two very timely and necessary initiatives can provide support, resources, and a platform for teens and teen advocates to realize their place in the world and to make a difference.

Sharon & Silvia

Recently, with the help of some teen leaders, we started a teen advocacy group whose goal is to promote, support and discuss issues related to the current Israel crisis and the rise in antisemitism both here in the United States and abroad. At our first meeting of the **Makom High School Teen Advocacy Group**, we invited Arnie Herz, President of the Long Island region of the American Jewish Committee to address the teens on the current events. The underlying message to be learned is that people have different beliefs and see the world in fundamentally different ways. Overcoming that barrier is key to opening communication.



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SISTERHOOD SCOOP

by Sherri Warshavsky & Rose Warshawsky, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

SISTERHOOD JUDAISM IN ACTION

I recently came across the website for the organization, 18Doors.org. The stated vision of the organization is to empower people in interfaith relationships to engage in Jewish life and to contribute to Judaism's enduring strength and community. The website includes a cheat sheet of Hebrew and Jewish greetings for lifecycle events, and holidays. We are the masters of a language that conveys multiple meanings with a few words (i.e. *shalom* or *beseder*). I wish there was a cheat sheet for expressions that we could use to express our feelings as we navigate a time that, for many of us, has deeply shaken our sense of safety and security as Jewish Americans.



and solidarity for the safe return of the hostages taken by Hamas and as a symbol of solidarity for all those who care about their safety. Likewise, the TBS Sisterhood has sponsored the lawn signs to *Stand with Israel*. The Sisterhood has also made multiple donations to organizations supporting Israel's war efforts including contributions to Mogan David Adam, the UJA emergency Fund, the FIDF, Brothers and sisters in Arms, and the TBS Rabbi's Fund.

We also hope that our members will find joy in the feeling of being part of the TBS Sisterhood community. We all enjoyed a Chinese food dinner welcoming our new Sisterhood members, as well as our scrumptious latke program featuring food historian Avery Robinson. We participated with the East Meadow Beth-El Sisterhood in the program, *Schmoozing with the Mavens*, an entertaining Zoom program with award winning authors and bloggers Joyce Eisenberg and Ellen Scolnic. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Sherri & Rose



As members of the Roslyn community, we have been somewhat insulated from the ugly specter of anti-Semitism. This is no longer true. It is evident at our children's schools and universities where messages of hate deface library walls, courtyards, and residence halls. Our concern for the many hostages still in captivity in Gaza, and our concern for the brave Israeli men and women serving in the IDF is ever-present. So, I can't help but wish for a cheat sheet that would help me express these feelings in response to: "Happy New Year, How are you? or How is your family?"

While it is not easy to put into words the feelings that many of us are experiencing, it is easier to take action. Even small gestures can make a difference. Sisterhood is behind the TBS community as we make these gestures. We have sponsored the blue ribbons to support the global initiative #BlueRibbonsforIsrael. Please take one from the many baskets at TBS and wear it as a symbol of support



We would love to honor you at
Shabbat Services during your
birthday and anniversary month,
so please visit our website tbsroslyn.org
and scroll down to RSVP for
Birthday and Anniversary Shabbat.
January 27th and February 3rd

MEN'S CLUB CORNER

by Evan Wagner, President



We had our first meeting of Men's Club this year just before Thanksgiving. We really had a great turnout. Lots of new faces which was great to see. Great to get to meet some new people and see some of the regulars too. Do yourself a favor come to our next event. I promise you that you will not regret it.



and always one of the best nights on the calendar.

We have a bunch of activities for the spring which will be in my next bulletin article.

If you have any suggestions for events, please contact me. I look forward to increasing our membership as we have a great calendar set up.

If you have any questions please contact me at Evan@gustbuster.com

Respectfully, *Evan*



Speaking of which December 16th is our big Comedy Night event. I want at least 100 people in attendance. It is open to everyone, so tell your friends! It is a night of laughs and drinks



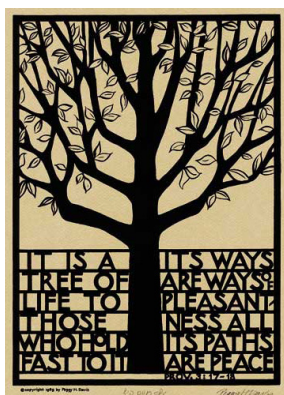
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Create a lasting legacy of your family's connections to Temple Beth Sholom with the purchase of a leaf to be added to our Tree of Life in the gallery. You can choose from two sizes:

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To purchase a leaf, go to tbsroslyn.org/get-involved/donate & click on the Tree of Life Form button.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

by Sharon Solomon, Educational Director - Community Engagement
and Ellen Walk, Vice President of Community Engagement

BELONGING TO A CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY IS THE KEY TO THRIVING

It has been said of the Jewish people that more than their keeping *Shabbat*, *Shabbat* has kept the Jewish people together during their journey in the diaspora. But *Shabbat* is not alone. Moments of supreme joy, as in the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, and more recently, moments of utter grief, as marked by the events of October 7th has also solidified us as a nation.

One of the most important Jewish thinkers of the twentieth century, Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan, taught us that the concept of *belonging* should be for the Jewish people a central Jewish experience. Unlike other Jewish thinkers who emphasized Jewish life and identity through a combination of behavior, belief and belonging, Kaplan focused primarily on belonging. People's beliefs and practices of Jewish rituals may be varied, but in the end, Jews share a civilization, literature, music, and traditions that is linked to thousands of years of common history. Kaplan's vision of *belonging* as a people to a people and to the core concept of peoplehood speaks to us now more than ever.



From the moment we awoke on that last day of the Sukkot festival and heard what transpired in Israel, Jews from all over the United States and around the world recognized that what had happened to their Israeli brothers and sisters mattered not only to the people of Israel but also to them. October 7th was a *wake-up call* for Jews all over the world.

For a long time, many communities became fragmented and even disconnected somewhat from Israel, with each community existing in its own *Jewish bubble* and focused primarily on its own community. Overnight, we realized we are all united by a shared *family*, a shared history, shared traditions, and even a shared fate. The cycle of events of last October has changed our perspective of peoplehood and involvement. The notion of *Kol Yisrael arevim*

zeh lazeh (all Israel is responsible for each other) has energized people to spontaneously spring into action from everywhere in the world and show a passion and energy and pride that they heretofore may never have tapped into.

At Temple Beth Sholom, we recognized this need for action to help our people, and so we organized a number of efforts and drives to address the specific needs of our people both here in the United States and abroad, in Israel.

- We participated in a rally in Washington D.C. in support of and solidarity with Israel
- We organized a letter writing campaign sending letters to the soldiers stationed all over Israel
- We created drives to collect much needed items and sent them to the soldiers
- We remembered the families displaced in Israel due to the conflict and we were able to collect from all our Religious School families enough funds to be able to provide them with a Hanukkah party in the hotel where they are currently living
- We organized an Israel Action Committee for the adults of our congregation to enable them to review and discuss the situation and plan how to respond – be it in letters, goods or actions
- We organized the Makom High School Teen Advocacy group for our teenage students and other Jewish teens from the extended community to hear and understand the facts from the fiction and to provide them with a safe space to be able to process media information and to understand how they can further handle local issues that have arisen around them from the present conflict
- We added to our resume of courses in TBS special Israel history classes taught by our clergy and specialists in Israel education, enlightening everyone about Israel, and how events from long ago finally led to the present-day situation
- We are encouraging adults, teens, and children to sign up for the Ulpan (Hebrew conversational) classes, some held in our building, some virtually on Zoom – classes will be for all levels, beginners to advanced speakers. Please be on the lookout for more information to follow

Although we may be forced to unite at times in crisis, this is not our essence. We, as a Jewish community are much more than this. We are a people that comes together as a community; to study, to celebrate *simchat*, to worship and even to comfort in times of sorrow; and the more we come together as a people, the stronger we will become.

Sharon & Ellen

DAY CAMP NEWS

by Becky Firestone, Day Camp Director &
Dee Dee Horowitz, Day Camp Assistant Director



The weather may be colder, but we are already thinking about summer. We are filling our programming with swim, arts and crafts, music, dance, drama, sports and so much more. We are booking some of our favorite special events like Nature Nick, Carnival, SportsMania, and Pony Rides as well as finding new programs to bring in.

Staff hiring has begun, as we look to recruit the strongest possible counselor and specialist staff for the summer. TBS High School and college students are always given the highest consideration, but don't wait to apply as spots will fill up! Keep in mind that parents make great staff too. Email office@bethsholomdaycamp.com for



more information.

Our EARLY BIRD RATES will run through January 31 with savings of up to \$300. Register now to save. For enrolled families, if you refer a new family and they register, you will receive a \$250 discount! Temple members receive discounts for children and grandchildren, so please consider Beth Shalom Day Camp, as a viable choice for your kids.

Open Houses are coming up on January 21st, February 4th, and March 24th. If you would like to schedule a tour these days or a different day, please call the camp office at 516-620-2022.

We are counting the days til summer!

Becky & Dee Dee



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of the homepage.

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Reflections of 2023





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

On December 5th Claudine Gay of Harvard University, Elizabeth Magill of the University of Pennsylvania and Sally Kornbluth of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, testified about antisemitism on their university campuses before Congress. Gay said in her testimony that *it depends on the context* in determining whether calling for the genocide of the Jewish people violates Harvard's code of conduct.

There is no context – the calling for killing any religious or racial group would almost certainly be considered harassment at a minimum, and the *mobs* chanting the hatred and inciting violence would have to face **some** consequences. However, when the hate filled cry is aimed at Jews the rules seem to have changed.

Since the barbaric attack on Israel by the Hamas terrorists occurred on October 7th the rise in antisemitic incidents has been astonishing. As of December 8th, there have been 2,031 recorded antisemitic incidents. 905 demonstrations have been organized against *Israel* and the Jews. 73% of Jewish University students are reporting that they are uncomfortable with the current situation on campus. These frightening statistics follow the FBI's report that 2022 saw anti-Jewish hate crimes increase by more than 37 percent, reaching the highest number in almost three decades and second-highest number on record.

We cannot ignore what's happening. We have to face it and obtain the tools to combat it. Within the next few weeks, we

will be partnering with the American Jewish Committee (AJC) to begin to address this issue and to educate us in what we can do about it! We hope that you will join us in taking the lead and obtaining the skills to fight the hatred.

In November we held a two part series examining the current wave of book banning entitled *First they came for the books.....* We were honored to welcome Dr. David Kraemer who focused on *Book Banning and the Jews* and Former Congressman Steve Israel and Susan Gottehrer, Director of The Nassau County Civil Liberties Union who confronted the current trends and what we can do about it. If you were unable to join us, both of these extremely important programs are available on the TBS website under Social Action or on YouTube.

Please visit the **tbsroslyn.org** website and under the Social Action link you will find resources and information on issues that affect all of us. We welcome your participation and suggestions. Work with us! Please email Wende Jager-Hyman at **wendejagerhyman@gmail.com** to get involved.

Together, we can be God's partners in creating a just society.

You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it. - Rabbi Tarfon, Ethics of the Fathers 2:21

Wende



Creating a CARING Community.
Sad news? Glad news?
Please share it with us so we can help.

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**. The more we know, the more we can show we care.

JANUARY 2024



Tevet - Shevat 5784

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 OFFICE CLOSED New Year's Day	2 Sisterhood Adult Education	3	4	5	6 Makom HS Shabbat Mishpacha Family Service Mini Minyan
7 The Wondering Jew	8 Conversational Hebrew Kids Edition Torah Trope Class	9 Sisterhood Adult Education Lunch & Learn Youth Group Executive Committee Meeting	10 Rosh Chodesh with Wende Jager-Hyman	11 Sisterhood Program	12	13
14 The Wondering Jew	15 OFFICE CLOSED Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Sisterhood Adult Education Two Jews, Three Opinions: Navigating Challenging Topics	17	18	19	20 Mikaela Rae Sundel Baby Naming Mishpacha Family Service Mini Minyan
21 The Wondering Jew BSDC Open House & Reunion	22 Conversational Hebrew Kids Edition Torah Trope Class Religious Affairs Meeting	23 Sisterhood Adult Education	24	25 Tu B'Shevat Board of Education Meeting	26	27 Bat Mitzvah Emma Friedmann Birthday & Anniversary Shabbat Babysitting
28 The Wondering Jew	29 Conversational Hebrew Kids Edition Torah Trope Class	30 Sisterhood Adult Education Executive Committee Meeting Board of Trustees Meeting	31			

FEBRUARY 2024



Shevat/Adar I 5784

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Makom Inclusion Shabbat Babysitting
4 The Wondering Jew BSDC Open House	5 Conversational Hebrew Kids Edition Torah Trope Class	6 Sisterhood Adult Education Two Jews, Three Opinions: Navigating Challenging Topics	7	8	9	10 Mishpacha Family Service Mini Minyan Club TBS
11 World Wide Wrap B'nai Mitzvah Program The Wondering Jew Lido Deli Super Bowl Pick Up	12 Conversational Hebrew Kids Edition Torah Trope Class	13 Sisterhood Adult Education Lunch & Learn Youth Group Executive Committee Meeting	14 Rosh Chodesh with Wende Jager-Hyman	15 Sisterhood Program	16	17
18	19 OFFICE CLOSED Presidents Day	20 Sisterhood Adult Education	21	22	23	24
25	26 Conversational Hebrew Kids Edition Torah Trope Class	27 Sisterhood Adult Education Executive Committee Meeting Board of Trustees Meeting	28	29 Board of Education Meeting		

JANUARY 2024/5784 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



Please Note: Schedule of Services are subject to change.
Please refer to the ***Schedule and Link for Services*** button on the homepage of our website
at www.tbsroslyn.org for up to date information.

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day

Morning <i>Minyan</i>	9:00 AM
Evening <i>Minyan</i>	7:30 PM

Friday, January 5

Candle Lighting Time	4:22 PM
<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service	5:30 PM

Saturday, January 6

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf	9:15 AM
Parashat Shemot	
Mishpacha Family Service	10:30 AM
Mini <i>Minyan</i>	11:00 AM
Makom HS Shabbat	
Humash with Rashi and Rabbi Ben-Gideon	
following Kiddush	
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	4:15 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:27 PM

Thursday, January 11

Rosh Chodesh Shevat

Friday, January 12

Candle Lighting Time	4:29 PM
<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service	5:30 PM

Saturday, January 13

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf	9:15 AM
Parashat Vayera	
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	4:30 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:34 PM

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Morning <i>Minyan</i>	9:00 AM
Evening <i>Minyan</i>	7:30 PM

Friday, January 19

Candle Lighting Time	4:37 PM
<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service	5:30 PM

Saturday, January 20

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf	9:15 AM
Parashat Bo	
Baby Naming of Mikaela Rae Sundel	
Mishpacha Family Service	10:30 AM
Mini <i>Minyan</i>	11:00 AM
Humash with Rashi and Rabbi Ben-Gideon	
following Kiddush	
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	4:45 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:41 PM

Friday, January 26

Candle Lighting Time	4:30 PM
<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service	5:30 PM

Saturday, January 27

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf	9:15 AM
Parashat Beshalach	
Bat Mitzvah of Emma Friedmann	
Humash with Rashi and Rabbi Ben-Gideon	
following Kiddush	
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	4:45 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:49 PM

DAILY MINYAN SCHEDULE

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

FEBRUARY 2024/5784 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



Friday, February 2

Candle Lighting Time	4:54 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5:30 PM

Saturday, February 3

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf	9:15 AM
Parashat Yitro	
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	4:45 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:57 PM

Friday, February 9

Rosh Chodesh Adar I	
Candle Lighting Time	5:03 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5:30 PM

Saturday, February 10

Rosh Chodesh Adar I	
Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf	9:15 AM
Parashat Mishpatim	
Mishpacha Family Service	10:30 AM
Mini Minyan	11:00 AM
Humash with Rashi and Rabbi Ben-Gideon	
following Kiddush	
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	5:00 PM
Shabbat Ends	6:05 PM

Friday, February 16

Candle Lighting Time	5:11 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5:30 PM

Saturday, February 17

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf	9:15 AM
Parashat Terumah	
Humash with Rashi and Rabbi Ben-Gideon	
following Kiddush	
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	5:00 PM
Shabbat Ends	6:13 PM

Monday, February 19

Presidents Day

Morning Minyan	9:00 AM
Evening Minyan	7:30 PM

Friday, February 23

Candle Lighting Time	5:20 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat Service	5:30 PM

Saturday, February 24

Shacharit, Sermon and Musaf	9:15 AM
Parashat Tetzaveh	
Humash with Rashi and Rabbi Ben-Gideon	
following Kiddush	
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	5:15 PM
Shabbat Ends	6:20 PM

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by Janet Cohen Eder & Nadine Kesten



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Upcoming Events

1/3 – Schmoozing with the Mavens

1/22 – Florida Reunion

1/28 – Lone Soldier Program

1/29 – AJC The Intellectual Iron Dome: Light Against Antisemitism

2/4 – 2/9 – Israel Mission

2/10 – Club TBS

2/15 – Mitch Albom - Discussing his book The Little Liar



Letter Writing Initiative

Grateful Responses From Our Soldiers

To Suzan Bruck

Hi Suzan,
Sorry I'm getting back to you so late but I wanted to personally thank you for your message. It brought tears to my eyes. It is because of people like you and your family that we will win and come out of this situation stronger and closer together than ever before. As a fellow Jew I send you my love and gratitude and hope, as we all do, to see better days and all of us together once again in Eretz Yisrael.
Thank you, Sasson

To Lisa

Hi Lisa,
I just wanted to thank you so much for your beautiful letter. All of us have those days where we lack motivation in our jobs and what we do on a daily basis in the army and these small yet largely impactful things are what keep us going. So wanted to reach out and say thank you for the kind words.
Hope you are keep safe
Warm regards
Michaela

To Helen Putterman

Dear Helen,
Thank you so much for taking the time to write such a thoughtful letter of support.
It is hard to explain the immense strength and support it gives us soldiers over here on the battlefield. We have currently been in this war for just over 2 months now and at times it is very tough for all of us over here. However, when we receive your letters, it empowers us to carry on fighting for our people and our country. It shows how many people from all over the world we are fighting for. We treasure these letters, putting them on our phones and taking them with us more than anything else.
Please G-d this will all come to an end soon and we can all enjoy our beautiful land!
Thank you for taking the time out to reach out!
Liron

To Marilyn Jacques

Please send this back to Marilyn
Thank you Marilyn Jacques for you beautiful letter. It's an honour protecting the country and Jewish nation. In these trying times it's important to remember we aren't the shy and weak nation we were and we are ready to fight and defend ourself. Take care of yourself and may we experience G-d's miracles like he did with the macabim. Lorenzo





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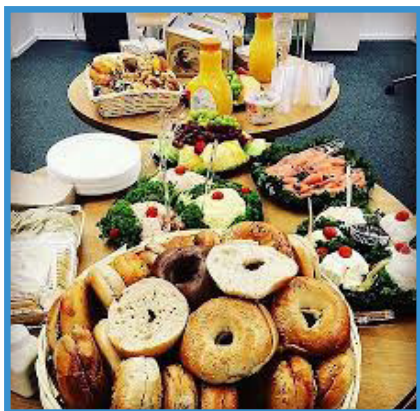
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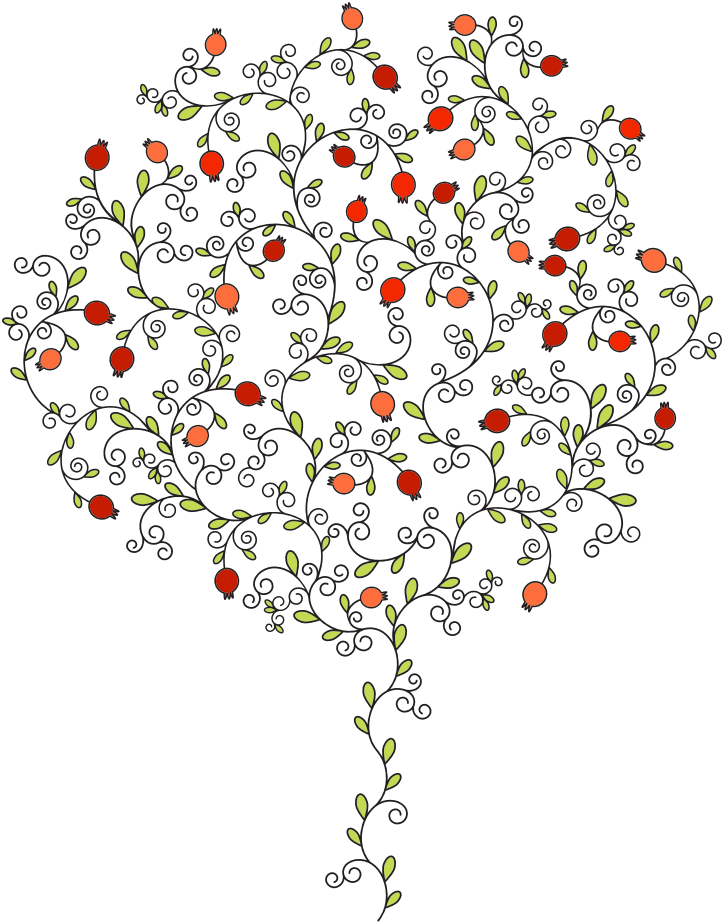
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