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ON ONE FOOT

On Sunday, March 15, a full load of 40 people from our TBE family will be departing for a one-week journey to Cuba. In a sense, we will be representing all of you on this trip, as we reach out in love to these small but vibrant Jewish communities there, totaling about 1,200 in Havana with others scattered around the country. This is a tight knit group that survived Castro’s revolution, one that, despite the challenges and uncertain future, claims to be there to stay. This is classified as a religious – humanitarian trip (just about the only type that can go there now). About 95 percent of the Jewish population left in 1959 and the rest were frozen in time and forgotten by most of the world. But they are still there, and we will come bearing hugs – and gifts.

WiFi is sporadic on the island, so I may not be able to send back any reports or photos, but you’ll hear lots of stories when we return. And if you would like to see us off with a blessing, join us at services on Friday night, March 13.

That night is also our commemoration of National Refugee Shabbat, an annual event sponsored by HIAS. For the rest of the country, the commemoration will take place on the following week, but because of our trip, we’re moving it up. And given the many times Cuba has played a central role in the struggles of political refugees, whether they be Jews during the Holocaust or Cubans themselves since 1959, March 13 will carry added meaning for us.

On the prior Sunday, March 8, Ruth Messinger, the visionary who brought us the American Jewish World Service, will be visiting us to help us to do some of our own visioning, as we shift our focus “From Service to Advocacy,” - the title of her talk.

There is so much happening here at TBE as we fully engage our mission during this, our 100th year. Whether or not you are coming with us to Cuba, I hope you will join us on this 100th year journey.

And a reminder that we still have space on our Eastern Europe trip in July.

Rabbi Joshua Hammerman

ANNUAL CANTORS CONCERT
Sunday, May 17, 2020
4:00 p.m.

Featuring 75 singers from
The Zamir Chorale & Zamir Noded
PLUS!
Honoring
Alberto Eyzaguirre
for 45 years of dedicated service to Temple Beth El

THE HAZZAN’S VOICE

FROM A MATCHMAKER’S PERSPECTIVE

I began to write my article when it dawned on me that the one to write on the subject is my daughter Tamar who is a matchmaker, very well-known and highly regarded in the Orthodox community. So, thank you “Tami.”

“Matchmaker, matchmaker make me a match...” These words from Fiddler on the Roof conjure up an old-fashioned busybody who knows every family’s secrets. Even in the more recent Netflix show, Sh’tisel, an elderly bookbinder has a side business as a matchmaker and it almost appears that his true area of sales is not books, but unmarried Jews.

In our current world, many singles turn to online dating sites, dating apps and even dating services to help them find their match. In a new study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a Stanford University scientist has found that couples are more likely to meet online than through personal contacts and connections.* In the ultra-Orthodox and Chassidic worlds, a matchmaker (shadchan in Hebrew) has always played an integral part in the marriage process. For the past decade, increasing numbers of modern and non-Orthodox Jewish singles have been turning to websites, apps and, yes, shadchanim (plural) to help them find their bashert (soulmate). I have been working in this capacity for over six years and am blessed to have made several matches.

I meet singles at events and, thank G-d, get a lot of referrals as well. I typically interview the single either in person or by phone, then review my database of singles to see if anyone matches their interests, religious level, personality, age and values. If two individuals seem like an on-target idea, I reach out to them and explain why I am making this particular suggestion. Hopefully, it results in a date and, sometimes even in a marriage.

Modern-day shadchanim are not Yentas. We guard the privacy of each individual and do not go nosing into previous relationships or share family skeletons. Certain considerations should be disclosed in advance, but mostly it is up to the couple to discuss important topics on their own.

Websites and apps that do not have the personal touch of a human being on the other end can stress quantity over quality. The website I work with, for example, does have assigned matchmakers for each member, so there are real people fine-tuning the platform’s algorithmic results.

It is customary to give the shadchan a gift when a match has been made. Some rabbis say giving the shadchan is mandatory. However, matchmakers do not go into this business for the money but rather to help Jewish singles and the Jewish community as a whole.

In Genesis 24:11-20 we see Eliezer as the shadchan trying to find a match for Isaac and he comes back with Rebecca. It is said that G-d has preordained every match in heaven, but the modern matchmaker has to bring it to fruition here on earth.

Tamar Gold Rabinowitz

*https://news.stanford.edu/2019/08/21/online-dating-popular-way-u-s-couples-meet/
MARCH

Friday, March 6
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Beth Styles, Music Director

Shabbat, March 7 - Shabbat Zachor
Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.
Featuring Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray
Kids-in-the-Round 11:00 a.m.
ShaBaBimBam 11:00 a.m.

Monday March 9 - Erev Purim
Megillah Reading for Families 6:00 p.m.
THE FABULOUS CHINESE ACROBATS!
Megillah Reading for Adults 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 13
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Cantor Arielle Green, Cantorial Candidate
HIAS National Refugee Shabbat Send-Off for Trip to Cuba

Shabbat, March 14
Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.
Cantor Arielle Green, Cantorial Candidate
Havdalah in Pajamas 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 20
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Beth Styles, Music Director

Shabbat, March 21
Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.
Kids-in-the-Round 11:00 a.m.
ShaBaBimBam 11:00 a.m.

Friday, March 27
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 p.m.
Featuring Beth Styles, Music Director
TBE Connect Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, March 28
Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.
5th Grade B’nai Mitzvah Club

APRIL

Friday, April 3
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Katie Kaplan, Cantorial Soloist

Shabbat, April 4 - Shabbat HaGadol
Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.
Kids-in-the-Round 11:00 a.m.
ShaBaBimBam 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 8 - Erev Passover
First Seder

Thursday, April 9 - Passover, Day 1
Passover Services 9:30 a.m.
Second Seder

Friday, April 10 - Passover Day 2
Passover Services 9:30 a.m.
Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg - D’var Torah
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, April 11, Chol Hamoed Passover Day 3
Breakfast and Schmooze 9:15 a.m.
Shabbat-in-the-Round 9:45 a.m.
Featuring Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray

Wednesday, April 15 - Passover Day 7
Passover Services 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 16 - Passover Day 8
Passover Services 9:30 a.m.
Yizkor

Friday, April 17
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Beth Styles, Music Director

Shabbat, April 18
Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.
ALEX COHEN, BAR MITZVAH
With Rabbi/Cantor Vicki Axe

Friday, April 24
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Beth Styles, Music Director

Shabbat, April 25
Shabbat Services 9:30 a.m.
BRANDON NADEL, BAR MITZVAH
With Rabbi/Cantor Vicki Axe
ShaBaBimBam
A Shabbat program for families with children 5 and younger (older siblings welcome)

Shabbat mornings 11am - 12pm
followed by Kiddush lunch - open to the community
led by Natasha Fenster & Steve Epstein

Join us for a warm family Shabbat experience in the TBE Clubhouse (in the rear of the building)

Dates: March 7 & 21; April 4; May 9; June 6

Kids-in-the-Round
Family Shabbat Service for families with children ages 5-8

March 7, 21 and April 4 at 11:00am
in the Mo’adon (formerly known as the Youth Lounge)

Led by Bobby Doowah!

Services are followed by a special, congregational Shabbat luncheon.

Questions? Contact Jami Fener at youngfamilies@tbe.org or Lisa Gittelman Udi at eddir@tbe.org

HAVDALAH IN PAJAMAS!
SATURDAY, MARCH 14 at 6:30 p.m.

For families with children age 5-11 with siblings welcome.

Join us for breakfast for dinner at 6:30pm followed by games, activities, and a family Havdalah service at 7:40pm.

$7 per family for TBE members
$10 per family for non-members

RSVP by March 11 at: www.tinyurl.com/tbepj3-14

Family Pottery Painting
Sunday, March 29
3:00 - 4:30pm

Lucky Penny
1012 Hope Street, Stamford

Painting | Games | Snacks | Family Fun!

Register by March 12 at: www.tinyurl.com/tbepottery3-29

Sign-up to paint Passover items!

Questions? Contact Jami Fener at 917-680-9413.

SAVE THE DATE!
Back by popular demand...

My Gym Family Party!
Sunday, August 9, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Details to come!
A TBE Adult Learning Series
led by Rabbi Joshua Hammerman

Tuesday Evenings, 7:30pm
March 10 and 24, May 5, 19, and 26

Fee: $36 TBE members, $50 non-members
Register at www.tinyurl.com/tbeadulted or call 203-322-6901.

Future debate topics - Philosophical, spiritual, ethical, and cultural, are to be addressed in sessions:

- Are religion and reason compatible?
- Can Jewish law change based on context?
- How do we teach and talk about the Holocaust and the State of Israel?
- Is our relationship with God defined by human obligation or divine compassion?
- Should we prioritize Jewish causes or universal causes in our giving?
- Is Jewish tradition intrinsically patriarchal and ableist?

Join us for this unique opportunity to explore how these debates have been manifested over the course of Jewish history, and to discuss their continued resonance for contemporary Jewish life.

This course is made possible through the generous support of Mr. Earle Kazis and the Kazis Family Publications Foundation.

ADULT LEARNING

TBE ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASS

Led by Rabbi Joshua Hammerman and Cantor Moshe Bear
Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm in the TBE Library

Fee for educational materials: $36 for TBE members, $50 for non-members. Participants who paid the materials fee in 2018-2019 do not need to pay again.

New participants are welcome! If you’ve never had the experience of a meaningful Bar/Bat Mitzvah, this is your opportunity.

Each session will be divided into two parts: Intro to Judaism, led by Rabbi Hammerman, and Prayer and Synagogue Skills, led by Cantor Baer. For questions and registration, contact Rabbi Hammerman at rabbi@tbe.org.
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We are more than halfway to our goal of $400,000, and we are grateful to everyone who has contributed to this very special project. To see the progress of the playground and to learn about donation and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.emmetsplayground.com.

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JOIN NOW!

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If you’re interested in joining a group of music lovers, please email Lisa Grove-Raider at lgroveraider@gmail.com.

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www.thebigeventspace.com

Please let your friends and business associates know how we can fulfill their celebratory and meeting needs.

B’NAI MITZVAH

April 18, 2020
ALEX COHEN
Son of Sherry and Kenneth
Brother of Jonathan
Attends Northeast Elementary School
Mitzvah Project: Kids Helping Kids

April 25, 2020
BRANDON NADEL
Son of Jill and Mitch
Brother of Kyle, Anya, and Eliana
Attends Whitby School

TBE CONNECT

TBE POTLUCK SHABBAT!
Back by popular demand...

Friday, March 27, 2020
6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat
7:30pm dinner

Please bring your family and one dairy/pareve entrée, side dish, salad, or dessert to share!

RSVP and sign-up to bring a dish:
www.tinyurl.com/tbepotluck3-27

Please see our guidelines for food preparation:
www.tinyurl.com/tbeplguidelines

Questions:
Contact Carl Shapiro at cshapiro@optonline.net
or Mark Kobliner at markkobliner@gmail.com

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Beth El Cares focuses on *chesed* and *tzedakah* by helping the poor and unfortunate through mitzvot, both in our synagogue and the greater Stamford community. We welcome volunteers! This is the work we are currently engaged in. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these endeavors, please contact the person listed.

**Reyun (Friendship):** Committed to serving the needs of those in our TBE community, including friendly visits, assistance with errands and transportation, Shabbat bag delivery to hospitalized patients. Contact Melanie Massell at reyun@tbe.org or 203-324-7190.

**Project Ezra:** Providing pre-shiva meals to the bereaved in the congregation. Contact Joy Katz at joyakatz@yahoo.com or 203-329-3359.

**Serving the homeless:** Helping prepare and serve food — you can do either or both — to the homeless at New Covenant Center in Stamford on the fifth Thursday of each month. Times are 2:30-4:15 pm and 4:15-5:30 pm. Contact Amy Temple at aetemple@optonline.net or 203-496-1309.

**High Holiday and Passover food drives:** Contact Ken Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or 203-962-1491.

**Christmas dinners at local homeless shelters:** Contact Amy Temple at aetemple@optonline.net or 203-496-1309. If you have your own idea for a Beth El Cares project, please contact Ken Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or call 203-962-1491.

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**MAZAL TOV TO...**

*Debra and Stephen Pollack made a donation in honor of the marriage of their son, Adam, to Gabriela Costa Pollack.*

*Wil Brewer on receiving the Award of Master Corporate Executive Coach Designation from the MEECO Leadership Development Institute.*

Share your family’s simcha (engagement, marriage, birth, Bar or Bat Mitzvah of a child or grandchild) and other joyous event. Just contact the TBE office at office@tbe.org or 203-322-6901, ext. 301.

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**HONORABLE MENSCHEN**

TODAH RABAH TO OUR TORAH READERS!

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**SEEKING SHABBAT GREETERS**

Do you like getting a warm “Shabbat Shalom” as you enter shul on Saturday morning?

Our greeting program has been extremely well received. To keep this program going, we need volunteer greeters like you. For more information Contact Barry Strom at barrystrom@gmail.com

Thanks for helping make Temple Beth El a warm and welcoming place to be.

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**Torah Fund Pin for 5780 (2019-2020)**

Every year Torah Fund offers a special pin for a donation of $180. The theme of this year’s pin is Chesed - “kindness” or “loving kindness” conveying the deep love of Jewish acts of kindness which are done without thought of reward.

The 5780 (2019-2020) Torah Fund pin depicts a heart surrounded by three circles, one larger than the next. This symbolizes the ever-widening realms of generosity: From family, to community, to the larger world; from North America, to Israel, to the world. As it is said in Psalm 89, “May we build a world of kindness.” What message could be more appropriate in today’s world? Purchase from Suzanne Stone, suzanneshorn@yahoo.com, 203-866-2273.
Our 2020 Spring schedule is full of exciting events!!

First, we would like to thank Lieba Lander for teaching us how to make the best challah ever! This event was sold-out, and everyone had a wonderful time, and thank you to Dora Salm for leading this event. Thanks to Mark Albertson who gave a fascinating lecture about Amelia Earhart, the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean – very informative!

Events for the Spring:
Please join us for as many events as you can! We look forward to sharing these programs with you. Read the Shabbat Announcements for all of the details.

◊ REDUCE YOUR CLUTTER with Matt Baier, March 1, 10am (President of Organizing Professionals in CT, NAPO-CT and best-selling author) who will help us get our lives in order so we are more in control! All are welcome. No RSVP necessary.

◊ RUTH MESSINGER, Guest Speaker on March 8, 9:30am.
Sponsored by TBE Sisterhood and Men’s Club.

◊ CURTAIN CALL IN THE DRESSING ROOM THEATER Show: CROSSING DELANCEY STREET on April 30
Please make your check for $25 payable to Sisterhood TBE and mail to Temple Beth El to reserve a seat!

◊ SISTERHOOD SHABBAT SERVICES - May 9, 9:30am
We encourage you to participate in this annual Shabbat service – led by Sisterhood members. There is a variety of parts available including Torah readers, Hebrew readers, English readers and many other non-speaking parts. Contact Leslie Heyison at lheyison@gmail.com or 203-964-9386 if you would like to participate in this wonderful service.

◊ FASHION SHOW at Lord & Taylors, June 4 in the evening
If you would like to be a model or volunteer, please contact Juli Harris at jaharris99@aol.com

Always read the Shabbat Announcements for details and any changes.

Please contact Sisterhood board members at sisterhood@tbe.org or feel free to call/email a Sisterhood board member with any comments. We love hearing from you and are always looking for volunteers!

With friendship, and appreciation on behalf of Sisterhood,
Karen Resnick

Sisterhood of TBE
Judaica Gift Shop

We are pleased to offer beautiful Judaica items including mezuzot (for home and wedding), holiday and Shabbat candles, tzedakah boxes, kiddush cups and more. You can special order Judaica items that we don’t carry in stock.

For special events, we have tallit, bulk kippahs and tefillin. We no longer carry invitations and stationary.

Please see the window showcases in the upstairs and downstairs lobbies that hold a lovely selection of Judaica items for purchase.

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Proceeds Support TBE and Youth Education!

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BAKING CHALLAH WITH LIEBA LANDER
REYUT - A VOLUNTEER’S EXPERIENCE

Delivering Shabbat Reyut Bags at the hospital is always an unexpected and rewarding volunteer experience. Friday’s day of delivery was no different. Frequently when you walk into a room, the patient and the visitors are surprised to see a festive bag with colorful tissue paper in your hand, and they wonder, “Is this for me?”

So, on Friday when I walked into a room, after knocking first of course, I caught a 60ish year-old patient and his wife surprised to see me. I handed the patient his Shabbat bag, and told him that it was from the Jewish community of Stamford, and I wished him a good Shabbos. We had a brief conversation. He was obviously very moved and pleased. As I was leaving, he asked me whom he could thank. Pointing to the Shabbat bag, he asked, “Who is this from?” I said, “It’s from the Board of Rabbis and the Jewish community of Stamford. He said, “But I don’t know who it is from. I don’t know whom to thank. And I said, “You can thank me. You already did.”

He said, “No, No. I want to thank someone.” I said, “It is from the Board of Rabbis of Stamford and the Stamford Jewish community. You thanked me. That is sufficient. I will extend your thanks.”

As I turned to leave the room, I said, “Shabbat Shalom.” He turned to his wife and said, “What did she say?” His wife said, “She said ‘Shabbat Shalom’”. He said, with what sounded like a quiver in his voice, “I haven’t heard those words in years.”

And that made my day.

Caroline Temlock Teichman

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Call Mindy in the office at 322-6901 ext. 301.

MEN’S CLUB

THE YELLOW CANDLE PROGRAM

The Men’s Club of Temple Beth El will participate in the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs Yellow Candle Program again this year by providing Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles to our congregation.

We ask that you pick up your candle at TBE and light it to “Remember the Holocaust” in the evening, Monday, April 20 - the start of Yom HaShoah.

We ask for your generous support to ensure that we are able to not only continue this program, but continue other educational efforts about the Holocaust as well.

Please make your donation either online at www.tinyurl.com/tbeyellowcandle or by mailing a check to Temple Beth El, made payable to: Temple Beth El Men’s Club. This will ensure that all may “Light a Candle and Preserve a Memory.”

Reyut Presents:

LONELINESS: A MODERN DISEASE

with Roni Lang, LCSW

Thursday, April 2, 7:30 pm

There’s growing evidence that there are simple, intuitive ways to combat social isolation which could make just about anyone feel happier. Loneliness can be overcome.

In this Reyut sponsored discussion, the community is invited to explore how to alleviate one’s loneliness and simultaneously improve one’s physical and mental health, and sense of well being.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact Melanie Massell: sparky1092@aol.com

TRIVIA NIGHT @ TBE

21+

Saturday, April 4 at 8:30 p.m.

Team up with friends and see if you’ve got what it takes or test your skills as an army of one. Multiple rounds to show off your knowledge of history, pop culture, TBE and more! Win prizes!

Hosted by TBE’s own Dan Romanowitz.

$36 per person. BYOB (Brains, Booze and/or Beer) - Desserts provided. A night of fun for all ages!!

RSVP by March 27 at: www.tinyurl.com/triviatbe
SAVE THESE DATES

Sunday, March 8, 9:30 a.m.
Breakfast with Ruth Messinger: “From Service to Advocacy”

Friday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Services
Celebrating our members who joined 1920 – 1972

Sunday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.
Annual Cantor’s Concert featuring the Zamir Chorale

Wednesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting
Preview of Video: “Celebrating 100 Years!”

Friday, June 5, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Services
Celebrating our Past Presidents.

Sunday, September 13, 10 a.m.
100th Anniversary Relay and Brunch

Friday, October 30, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Services
Celebrating our members who joined 1973 – 2000

Friday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Services
Celebrating our members who joined 2001 – 2019

Saturday, December 5, 8 p.m.
Celebration Finale
YOM HASHOAH
Sunday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m.
Kurt Kleinman, Guest Speaker
Brunch co-sponsored by TBE Sisterhood and Men’s Club

Join us as we remember the many lost during the Holocaust as we observe Yom Hashoah.

Through the intervention of the Jewish Children’s Aid Organization in New York, Kurt Kleinman, then 11 years old, was sent by his mother to the United States, in 1941, as one of the 1,000 + unaccompanied children from Europe to escape the horrors of the Holocaust.

Kurt, the great uncle of TBE member Lisa Grove-Raider and the recipient of the Medal of Valor, from the Simon Wiesenthal Center in California, will speak about his journey to America and the true account of his father and brother’s story of love, courage, and survival of five concentration camps during the Holocaust, as written from his father’s secret diary. **The Boy Who Followed His Father into Auschwitz** is a true story, meticulously researched and told by author Jeremy Dronfield.

Books will be available to purchase - with pre-order.

SALE OF HAMETZ FORM

I, ______________________________________________, hereby authorize Rabbi Joshua Hammerman to act as my shaliach (representative) and empower him (or any agent operating on his behalf) to sell all hametz owned by me, or in which I have a share, whether it is in my possession, being shipped to me, or stored elsewhere, as of 10:00 a.m. on April 8, 2020. This includes any stocks or shares in corporations or businesses that buy or sell hametz. (The term, “hametz,” is understood according to the Rabbinic definition of leavened food and is to include all types of such food or liquids in pure or mixed forms). Since the buyer must have free access to the hametz he purchases, I also agree to authorize him to rent those premises in which these foods are stored and agree to keep these items separated and to seal them off. This sale is to be concluded in accordance with all the requirements of Jewish law and the terms of the general authorization contract used by the Rabbi for this purpose. Stores engaged in the sale of hametz during Passover are excluded.

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One way to boost your charitable contributions to Temple Beth El is to give shares of appreciated stock instead of cash. You do not pay any tax on your capital gain, and your charitable deduction is the shares’ entire fair market value.

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Inscribe the names of your loved ones on a plaque for our Chapel wall along with a light to commemorate their yahrtzeit and yizkor observances throughout the year.

For details, contact Mindy at office@tbe.org or 203-322-6901, ext. 301.
SHIVA NOTICES AVAILABLE ON-LINE

Congregants who are looking for shiva information can now quickly look online instead of searching their inbox for the announcement or calling the synagogue office. Just go to TBE’s website (www.tbe.org) and click “Shiva Notices” under the WHAT’S NEW menu.

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Mitzvah Opportunities at the Schoke Jewish Family Service of Fairfield County

• Work at the kosher food pantry at SJFS. Distribute food during walk-in hours: Monday - Wednesday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Organize and maintain the pantry: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.
• Deliver meals and food items to homebound clients. Time is flexible.
• Participate in Mitzvah Monday with your kids on the third Monday of each month (Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18 …) from 3 pm-5 pm. Bring kosher food items to the pantry and help stock shelves. GREAT for teens!
• Visit a homebound client for a “friendly visit” to alleviate loneliness. Time is flexible.
• Donate food and non-food items. Items can be dropped off at the TBE office or at SJFS.

If you are interested in doing one or more of these mitzvahs, please contact Jill Knopoff at (203) 921-4161.

Don’t forget to mention you’re from TBE.

After completing a mitzvah, please send a note to mitzvah100@tbe.org with the name or names of the family members who participated, the mitzvah, and a photo if possible.

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