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ON ONE FOOT

On Sunday, March 15, a full busload 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 the



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, Shtisel, 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 gifting 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-datingpopular-way-u-s-couples-meet/



SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL SERVICES



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

DID YOU KNOW?

TBE offers free family membership for the first year to any member's child on the occasion of his or her marriage. For more information, contact Steve Lander at 203-322-6901, ext. 304.



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



Services and Events

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 followed 6:30pm by games. activities, and a family Havdalah service at 7:40pm.

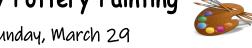
> \$7 per family for TBE members \$10 per family for non-members

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

Young Couples Happy Hour

MARCH 22 AT 4:00 PM AT TACO DADDY 121 TOWNE STREET, SUITE 2, STAMFORD

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.

INTRODUCING ... MITZVAH MONDAYS!

Join TBE and Schoke Jewish Family Service for Mitzvah Mondays! From toddlers to teens, bring your kids and some kosher, non-perishable food items and help stock the shelves of the Freedberg Family Kosher Food Pantry!

This program takes place on the 3rd Monday of each month from 3-5 pm: March 16, April 20, and May 18.

This is a great way to perform a family mitzvah that will benefit the whole community! The Freedberg Family Kosher Food Pantry is located at Schoke JFS at 196 Greyrock Place, Stamford.

SAVE THE DATE!

Back by popular demand...

My Gym Family Party!

Sunday, August 9, 3:00 - 4:30 pm Details to come!

TEMPLE BETH EL 100 | CELEBRATING OUR FIRST 100 YEARS

RUTH MESSINGER Sunday, March 8, 9:30am From Service to Advocacy



What is our obligation as Jews to pursue social justice?

What does advocacy look like in a synagogue? What happens when advocacy and politics collide?

Join us as we discuss these questions and more with our honored guest speaker, Ruth Messinger.

Ruth Messinger is the global ambassador for the American Jewish World Service and was its president for 18 years. A tireless advocate and social change visionary, Ruth works to mobilize faith-based communities in the U.S. to promote human rights and, in 2017, became the inaugural Social Justice Fellow at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Breakfast will be served. There is no charge.

This event is sponsored by the TBE Sisterhood and Men's Club.



MONDAY, MARCH 9

Special Performance by

THE FABULOUS CHINESE ACROBATS!

After spending over a year in the U.S. and straight from the Cirque Du Soleil, the Fabulous Chinese Acrobats come to us on their world tour. Their astounding feats of skill, focus, and athleticism will wow young and old alike!



5:00pm: 3rd - 7th grade Religious School session and mitzvah project. We'll provide dinner. (This will be in lieu of class on Thursday, March 12)



6:00pm: Family Service and Megillah Reading, Costume Parade, Hamantaschen, Music, Fun!

Immediately followed by THE FABULOUS CHINESE ACROBATS!

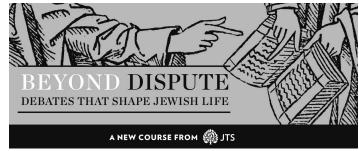


8:00pm: Adult Megillah Reading in the Chapel

NO CHARGE

Sponsored by the TBE Sisterhood and Men's Club

Questions? Call the TBE office at 203-322-6901.



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.

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





EMMET'S PLAYGROUND

Emmet's Playground is being built in memory of 10-year old Emmet Manheim, who passed away last September. We have been working with engineers and designers to transform the land behind Temple Beth El's parking lot into a state-of-the-art accessible playground as well as a beautiful space for reflection and peace adjacent to the playground. Our team includes TBE members Rick Redniss and Sylvan Pomerantz, who are helping to make our dream of Emmet's Playground a reality.

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.

Donations are also accepted at www.tinyurl.com/tbe-emmet

Lisa and Jeff Manheim

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A GABBAI?



Training available!
Please contact Rabbi Hammerman
at rabbi@tbe.org.



CELEBRATING A SPECIAL EVENT? COMMEMORATING A YAHRTZEIT?

Please consider sponsoring a Kiddush, following Shabbat Services, or an Oneg Shabbat, following our Friday evening services.

Contact Steven Lander for all of the new, reasonably priced Kiddush options at 322-6901, ext. 304 or execdir@tbe.org.

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



JAM SESSION WITH OTHER TBE MUSICIANS! JOIN NOW!

Do you like to sing? Do you know how to play a musical instrument but haven't played in a while? Well then, TBE is looking for you!

TBE Connect is interested in connecting any musically inclined people for a Jam Session to plan future activities and events - possibly as part of one of the many events being planned to celebrate the 100th anniversary of TBE.

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

Stay tuned for a meeting date/Jam Session in the near future.

Check out our special website Dedicated to TBE's event space

www.thebigeventspace.com

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

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.

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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.

HONORABLE MENSCHEN TODAH RABAH TO OUR TORAH READERS!

STEVE DANZER & AMANDA GEFFNER
RABBI GERRY GINSBURG
RABBI JOSHUA HAMMERMAN & KATIE KAPLAN
JOSHUA LEVINE & BERT MADWED & NAOMI MARKS
STUART NEKRITZ & JULIE ROSENBERG
SUSAN SCHNEIDERMAN & HAZZAN BRIAN SHAMASH
LAEL SHAPIRO & JAKE SIGMAN & NATE SIGMAN

WE THANK OUR VOLUNTEERS

EILEEN H. ROSNER, JEFF TURSHEN, SHARON TURSHEN, CAROL SANDER, JUDY SCHNEIDERMAN

Thank you to Finescape and Sons, our landscapers, for the beautiful, new Copper Beech Tree and Carex plants donated to Temple Beth El.



BETH EL CARES

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.

Reyut (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 reyut@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.

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 barrymstrom@gmail.com

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

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

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 <u>payable to Sisterhood TBE</u> 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



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We are pleased to offer beautiful Judaica items including mezzuzot (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.

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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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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.

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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.

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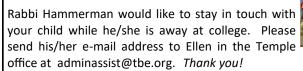
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- •Deliver meals and food items to homebound clients. Time is flexible.
- •Participate in Mitzvah Monday with your kids on the third Monday of each month (Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18 ...) from 3 pm-5 pm. Bring kosher food items to the pantry and help stock shelves. GREAT for teens!
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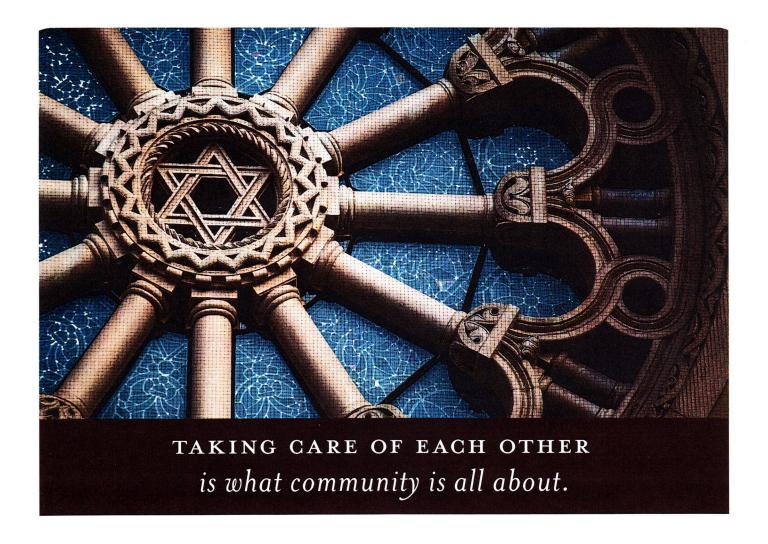
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