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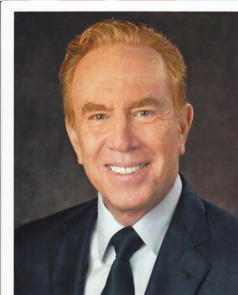
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Paddle Raise in honor of Alan Kalter, z'l (Big Red)

An old-time Rock and Roll Show with

BRO - BIG RED ORCHESTRA

Featuring Will Lee, Felicia Collins, Anton Fig of the original CBS Band, and featuring Bette Sussman on keyboard & vocals.



Special video tributes from Paul Shaffer, Cliff Davis, Richard Kind and Paul Williams



Will Lee



Felicia Collins



Anton Fig



Bette Sussman

SILENT AUCTION BIDDING OPENS ON MARCH 11.

If you cannot attend, join us on Zoom (details to follow)
Covid-19 protocols will be followed. Check www.tbe.org

Saturday, March 19 at 8:00 p.m.

Reserve at: www.tinyurl.com/tbetr2022

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Getting Our Jewish Booster Shots

I hope this bulletin finds you well, that the most recent Omicron surge is behind us, and we can now begin to look forward to a safer spring. But that doesn't mean that we're finished with booster shots.



As Passover approaches (even if it is later in the calendar than usual), it's a perfect reminder that our calendar is perfectly formed to provide such boosters twice a year, at six-month intervals, with our major festivals in the spring and in the fall.

Passover and the High Holidays are complementary in that the former focuses our attention on Jewish peoplehood and family – with the key activities taking place around the table at home, while the latter focuses more on universal themes, with the key activities taking place at the synagogue. In each case, we are challenged to figure out just what being Jewish means to us and how it speaks to our day to day lives.

Judaic scholar Vanessa Ochs has compiled a list of ten Jewish sensibilities, particularly Jewish ways of thinking that can – and often do – guide our actions. This list characterizes how Jews live out their ideals, loosely (but not always) corresponding with prescriptions of Torah. I share them here, in the hopes that his list might spark discussion around your Seder table, as the generations gather once again:

1) Making Distinctions: Havdalah

Making distinctions matters to us. They may be temporal — such as making a distinction between special times and everyday times. We take calendars seriously: We honor vacation time, family time, and birthdays. While we celebrate the blessings of everyday life, we understand that special occasions have a holy dimension that we mark. Some distinctions are personal and create new situations, like marriage ceremonies or graduations.

2) Honor: Kavod

We are aware that we do not live in a social vacuum and that our actions have consequences. We want to be respected. Thus, we aspire to act in ways that will bring honor to ourselves, to our families, and to the communities we belong to. We want to be worthy of honor after we have passed on and our deeds and choices are remembered.

3) Turning: Teshuvah

We believe it is possible to reflect upon one's life, turn it around, and experience forgiveness from others while also feeling a sense of renewal for ourselves. We are works-in-progress, and self-improvement is always possible. We give ourselves and others opportunities to change.

4) Dignity; Living in the Image of God: Tzelem Elohim

We seek ways to conduct ourselves and to treat others with the greatest of respect in order to preserve our own dignity and the dignity of each individual and to prevent

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As we turn the corner into March, I'm acutely aware that this marks two years since the beginning of our COVID pandemic and two years since I was offered the full-time position as Cantor at TBE. It is wild to reflect back on these two years and the varying challenges and successes that we faced together as a community. We've certainly been busy creating and innovating, learning and growing, and stretching out ahead into the new frontier. Zoom, Hybrid, Remote, Virtual - we learned to embrace tradition in non-traditional ways. We evolved, we expanded, we welcomed, we blessed, and we reached out through technology to maintain connection with one another.



I'm so proud of our community for adapting and adjusting with the needs of the time. It is incredibly difficult to plan anything in a pandemic when it is uncertain if another wave will come crashing down upon the best intentions and plans. Yet, we continue to persevere. As we embrace the joy of a double Adar, Purim, and the upcoming arrival of Pesach, I'd like to truly offer my thanks and gratitude to all who have helped to keep us connected and moving forward together at TBE. Heartfelt thanks to our tech mavens Stan Friedman, Steve Lander, Rabbi Hammerman, Lisa Gittelman-Udi, Mindy Rogoff, Eric Sigman, Jake Sigman, Jon Eisenstein, Eileen H. Rosner, Liat Feller, Alberto Eyzaguirre, Dan Eyzaguirre, Rad Vazquez, and each and every one of you who have tackled the learning curve associated with making technology work for us. Look how far we've come!

An Ode of Gratitude for Technology by Cantor Katie Kaplan

Technology, you weren't always my friend
Yet you've earned trust each time I've clicked send
With ZOOM, you've made our relationship better
Helping connect us through all kinds of weather
Though it hasn't always been storming outside
Through two years of COVID, we've had quite a ride
With meetings and services led from my home
Muting and unmuting, we've certainly grown
We meet together to comfort and praise
In boxes we sing and find many new ways
To connect with each other through time and through space
We still feel as if we can pray face to face
Our community you have helped us sustain
So in gratitude, I've penned this simple refrain
Thank you technology for all that you do
I don't know where we would be without you!

Cantor Katie Kaplan

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A GABBAI?



Training available!

**Please contact Rabbi Hammerman
at rabbi@tbe.org.**



TBE CELEBRATES PURIM!

**Wednesday, March 16
5:30pm**



PURIM FAMILY SERVICE AND MEGILLAH READING

Join us for an amazing Purim experience
led by Rabbi Joshua Hammerman and Cantor Katie Kaplan

Performance by Mentalist and Magician

GARY FERRAR!



7:30pm: Full Adult Megillah Reading

Can't attend in person? Join us online! (Details coming soon.)

Purim activities will take place in lieu of regular
Religious School sessions on Thursday, March 17.

Temple Beth El, 350 Roxbury Road, Stamford, CT 06902
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MAZAL TOV TO...

Nancy and Jerry Kapchan on the birth of a grandson, Maverick, born to Rebecca Kapchan and Andrew Chery.

Adrienne and Ben Kirschenbaum on the birth of a granddaughter, Charlotte Skye, born to Caitlin and Peter Kirschenbaum.

Carol Battin on the birth of a grandson, Levi Robert, born to Sarah Mayer Hazan and Max Hazan.

Barbara Aronica and Peter Buck on the birth of a grandson, Havi M born to Molly Aronica Ahuja and Arun Ahuja

Susan and Sandy Swidler on the birth of a granddaughter, Avery Blair, born to Alexandra and Tony Longhini

Laura Markowitz on the birth of a granddaughter, Olivia Ryan, born to Stacey and Daniel Warshaw.

Stewart Casper and Victoria deToledo on the birth of a granddaughter, Olivia Ryan, born to Stacey and Daniel Warshaw.



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!

JUDY ARONIN ★ KIRA DOFT ★ ZIONA DOFT
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JULIE and REMI ROSENBERG

THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING KIDDUSH AND THE ONEG-TO-GO

PHYLLIS and GEORGE HELLER

TBE UPDATES COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The TBE Reopening Committee has modified the set of COVID-19 guidelines governing in-person, onsite activities held at the synagogue. These changes are based on current guidance/regulations from federal, state and local public-health agencies, as well as best practices at other religious institutions.

To view the guidelines, please go to tbe.org/covid-guidelines.

The Reopening Committee is chaired by Past-President Gary Lessen and comprised of congregants with medical, safety and other needed areas of expertise.

SIDNEY G. RABINOWITZ, HAZZAN EMERITUS

On Holocaust Evening

Ernest Leitz II, the steely-eyed Protestant patriarch who headed the closely held photographic firm as the Holocaust loomed across Europe, acted in such a way as to earn the title "the photography industry's Schindler."



As soon as Adolf Hitler took control of Germany in 1933, Ernst Leitz II began receiving frantic calls from Jewish associates, asking for his help in getting them and their families out of the country. As Christians, Leitz and his family were immune to Nazi Germany's Nuremberg laws which restricted the movement of Jews and limited their professional activities.

To help his Jewish workers and colleagues, Leitz quietly established what has become known among historians of the Holocaust as the "Leica Freedom Train," a covert means of allowing Jews to leave Germany in the guise of Leitz employees being assigned overseas.

Employees, retailers, family members, even friends of family members were "assigned" to Leitz sales offices in France, Britain, Hong Kong and the United States. Leitz' activities intensified after the Kristallnacht of November 1938 during which synagogues and Jewish shops were burned across Germany.

Before long, German "employees" were disembarking from the ocean liner Breman at a New York pier and making their way to the Manhattan office of Leitz Inc., where executives quickly found them jobs in the photographic industry.

Each new arrival had around his or her neck the symbol of freedom - a new Leica camera.

The refugees were paid a stipend until they could find work. Out of this migration came designers, repair technicians, sales people, marketers and writers for the photographic press.

Keeping the story quiet the "Leica Freedom Train" was at the height in 1938 and early 1939 delivering groups of refugees to New York every few weeks. Then, with the invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939, Germany closed the borders.

By that time hundreds of endangered Jews had escaped to America thanks to the Leitzes' efforts. How did Ernest Leitz II and his staff get away with it?

Leitz Inc. was an internationally recognized brand that reflected credit on the newly resurgent Reich. The company produced cameras, with other optical systems for the German military. Also, the Nazi government desperately needed hard currency from abroad, and Leitz' single, biggest market for optical goods was the United States.

Even so, members of the Leitz family and firm suffered for their good works. A top executive, Alfred Turk, was jailed for working to help Jews and was freed only after the payment of a large bribe.

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SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL SERVICES



Shabbat and Festival morning services will be held on Zoom.

Please check the weekly Shabbat Announcements for the venue of future Friday night services.

MARCH

Friday, March 4

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.

HARP & HALVAH SHABBAT with LISA TANNEBAUM

Shabbat, March 5

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.

Friday, March 11

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Canon Nicholas T. Porter, guest speaker

Shabbat, March 12

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.

Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg will deliver the D'var Torah

Wednesday, March 16 - Erev Purim (in-person)

Family Megillah Reading 5:30 p.m.

Gary Ferrar, Magician and Mentalist

Adult Megillah Reading 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 17 - Purim

Friday, March 18

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.

Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg will deliver the D'var Torah

Shabbat, March 19

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.

Beverly Stein delivers the D'var Torah

Friday, March 25

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat, March 26

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.

APRIL

Friday, April 1

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat, April 2

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.

ShaBaBimBam 11:00 a.m.

Friday, April 8

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE

Shabbat, April 9

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.

JAKOB ZELAZNY, BAR MITZVAH

Friday, April 15 - Erev Passover

First Seder

No Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Shabbat, April 16 - Passover, 1st day

Shabbat Passover Service 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 17 - Passover 2nd day

Passover Service 10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 22 - Passover 7th day

Kabbalat Shabbat Passover Service 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat, April 23 - Passover 8th day

Shabbat Passover Service 10:00 a.m.

Yizkor

Friday, April 29

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat, April 30

Shabbat Service 10:00 a.m.

ANYA NADEL, BAT MITZVAH

PASSOVER 2022

Share the First Seder on Zoom with TBE

Friday, April 15



Watch for details!

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN

IN-PERSON and on ZOOM

STARTING MARCH 13 at 9:00am



Weekly Sunday morning minyan will meet in the sanctuary and on Zoom. Covid-19 protocols will be followed.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

SPECIAL KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES

TBE Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, March 4 at 7:00pm
HARP AND HALVAH!

Lisa Tannebaum will join us on harp for an ethereal and inspiring musical Kabbalat Shabbat service.



Take away tastes of halvah to sample with family and friends following the service.

Join us in-person in the TBE sanctuary or online.

TBE Shabbat Speaker
Friday, March 11 at 7:00pm

We welcome
Rev. Canon Nicholas T. Porter
Founding Director, Jerusalem
Peacebuilders, Inc.



Jerusalem Peacebuilders (JPB) is dedicated to a vision of a Jerusalem and a world where Jews, Christians, Muslims, and Druze live together as sisters and brothers in dignity, equality, and peace.

Nicholas Porter is the founder and Executive Director of Jerusalem Peacebuilders. A long time resident of Europe and the Middle East, Nicholas Porter is an educator and Episcopal priest. His academic credentials include: BA in Soviet and Middle Eastern Studies from Yale University, MA in Middle Eastern Studies from the American University in Cairo, MA in War Studies from the University of London, MA in Divinity (Theology) from Yale University.

Join us in-person in the TBE sanctuary or online.

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE?

www.tbe.org

Find out about the latest news and upcoming activities ... access our online membership directory ... register for events and make donations ... connect to TBE's Twitter and Facebook pages ... and much more.

YOUNG FAMILIES

TBE ShaBaBimBam

A Shabbat program for families with children 5 and younger (older siblings welcome!)



Shabbat Mornings
11:00am



Led by Natasha Fenster
and Steve Epstein!

March 5, 2022
April 2, 2022
May 7, 2022
June 4, 2022

MARCH 5

We will meet in the sanctuary.

PURIM and HARP MUSIC
with Cantor Katie Kaplan

featuring TBE's own Lisa Tannebaum
on the harp



Questions?

Contact office@tbe.org

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TBE CLUBS

TBE Clubs is a TBE initiative that engages small groups of congregants in meaningful activities that fuel the body and inspire the soul. Equally important, TBE Clubs act as a way by which congregants can pursue their passions and find new friends within the synagogue community.

Here is a current list of available clubs, which can also be found on the TBE website at: <https://www.tbe.org/tbe-clubs/>. TBE members interested in joining a club should reach out to the club's point person for more information. If you have any questions or have an idea to start your own club, new clubs will be forming in Fall 2021 - more information coming soon!

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING CLUB (See page 10)

TBE is looking to launch a Professional Networking Club. In an effort to develop a robust start, we are looking to create a database to assist other members. This professional networking group will engage members to: Build both personal and professional relationships, potentially growing their business, develop soft skills and assist other members in need. We are looking to:

Learn
Engage
Advise
Religion (Jewish Ethics)
Network

Point Person: Eric Sigman at ESigman1@gmail.com

Looking forward to networking and learning with you.

TBE MUSICIANS & SINGERS

This intergenerational club will bring together musicians and singers of all ages and experience levels to participate and hopefully perform at the synagogue when the COVID pandemic is behind us. The theme of this group is "Jews that Rock," performing material by Jewish artists, such as Carol King and Billy Joel. The point person, Paul, is a drummer, so he is looking for a bass, guitar, and keyboard player to create the core band. Other club members are invited to sing and/or rotate through different instruments.

Point Person: Paul Weinstein at drpaulweinstein@gmail.com or (203) 219-4191

HEART-TO-HEART

This group is focused on providing support for those dealing with or suffering from grief and loss. We will offer a safe space for listening and sharing, and provide tools to help members move through difficult situations and feelings. The group's intention is to guide members in reclaiming their light inside. Heart-to-Heart will meet over Zoom for now, twice a month, every other Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Point Person: Hope Stanger HHC, Trauma Therapist and Holistic Health Counselor, at theholisticempire@yahoo.com or (203) 357-0242; or Pamela Tinkham LCSW, Trauma Therapist and Yoga Therapist, at pamelatinkham@gmail.com

BROADWAY AND MOVIES REVISITED

Join other theatre and film lovers to watch movie versions of Broadway shows, as well as films of the past and present. We will compare and discuss shows beyond entertainment value, including their messages as reflections of society, history, and culture. The club will meet monthly over Zoom for the time being.

Point Person: Barbara Rothstein at brothstein320@gmail.com or (203) 614-8053; Carl Shapiro at cshapiro@optonline.net or (203) 273-1968

MITZVAH GARDEN CLUB

The club will provide its members the opportunity to plant and grow their own vegetables and/or flowers in TBE's very special Mitzvah Garden. Members will meet individually or as a family and each will be able to plant and care for their own bed(s) with the produce/flowers of their choosing. Beds are still available so please reach out soon!

Point Person: Meryl Silverstein at merylandhank@optonline.net or (203) 588-0026

HIKING AND WALKING CLUB

Club members will explore the beautiful trails, gardens and other venues within a one-hour drive of TBE. There may be a visit to a small museum or lunch after the hike/walk. Hikes/walks will be scheduled during the week and on Sundays to accommodate varied schedules. Point Person: Leslie Heyison at lheyison@gmail.com or (646) 354-3950

TBE STEMers

For those interested in learning and teaching others in the field of science, this is the club for you. We will discuss Jewish topics of interest, such as medical and research ethics, as well as present on individual areas in which we specialize. Meetings will take place monthly over Zoom for now. On occasion, we will also organize lectures and speakers for the congregation.

Point Person: Fran Ginsburg at ginsstamf@gmail.com or (203) 979-9570



B'NAI MITZVAH

April 9

JAKOB ZELAZNY

Son of Stephanie and Daniel

Brother of Hannah and Benjamin

Attends Turn of River Middle School

Mitzvah Project: Titans Care Project benefitting the students at Turn of River Middle School



April 30

ANYA NADEL

Daughter of Jill and Mitch

Sister of Kyle, Brandon and Eliana

Attends Whitby School

Mitzvah Project: Art for Life Foundation



WE'RE MOVING TO SHULCLOUD

We're excited to announce that Temple Beth El is in the process of migrating to a new online membership database and portal – ShulCloud. This powerful platform, used by over 1300 synagogues around the world, will allow us to provide you with a series of benefits we've been unable to offer previously. It also provides significant administrative benefits to our TBE clergy and staff.

With a few clicks of your mouse (or taps on your tablet or mobile device), you'll have the ability to easily manage, update and view detailed information about your synagogue account. For example, you'll be able to:

- Manage and update individual and family profiles, including contact details, photos, birthdays, anniversaries and yahrts.
- Make donations and send electronic messages to the person you are honoring.
- Register for TBE events.
- View transaction history, set up recurring payments and pay balances.
- Securely provide and store credit card information using an encrypted PCI-compliant payment gateway.

Some of these features, as well as other more advanced capabilities, will be phased in over time as we learn how to best use the wide array of tools ShulCloud offers.

We also know new technology can be overwhelming at first, so the migration team is creating "getting started" guides and Zoom classes for those who might need assistance.

Watch your electronic Inbox for more information as we begin to roll out ShulCloud to the TBE congregation in the mid-April timeframe.



ADULT EDUCATION

THE GREAT (AND LESS GREAT) JEWISH IDEAS OF THE PAST HALF CENTURY

With Rabbi Joshua Hammerman

On selected Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm

March 1, 22, 29 | April 5, 19, 26

This 20-session class is based on the new collection, "The New Jewish Canon: Ideas and Debates 1980-2015,"

The class will read and discuss excerpts from such classic works as Harold Kushner's "When Bad Things Happen to Good People," Elie Wiesel's Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, Abraham Joshua Heschel's "Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity," Jonathan Sacks' "The Dignity of Difference," and many more. We'll read from a wide variety of thinkers reflecting a vast spectrum ranging from Mair Kahane to Irving (Yitz) Greenberg to Peter Beinart.

It's recommended that participants purchase the textbook (\$39.00 paperback), but PDF files of assigned texts will also be available. Please register at www.tinyurl.com/greatideas21-22

We will begin on Zoom, subject to change to hybrid when the Covid-19 situation improves.

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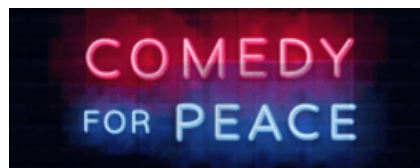
Katie Kaplan, Cantorial Soloist

March 15 and April 12 at 7:00pm



Join us as we use breath, chant, and visualization to carve out a moment of peace in our lives.

(Zoom link available in the Shabbat Announcements)



SATURDAY, APRIL 2 at 8:30 pm

In-person at TBE

JEWS. MUSLIMS. COMEDY.

No politics. Just laughs.

Comedy for Peace is a project that brings together the best Muslim and Jewish stand-up comedians for an inspiring, funny and unforgettable evening. The show proves Muslims and Jews can work together, laugh at themselves and each other and be friends. They refuse to be enemies!

Join us as four comedians (two Muslims and two Jews) entertain us for an memorable evening of comedy as part of their U.S. tour.

\$36 per person

RSVP at: www.tinyurl.com/comedy4-2



Finally, Spring is almost here! Covid-19 rates are down and soon we will be able to meet in person. Sisterhood continues to have many activities through the end of this fiscal year. We are in good financial shape due to all of you. Your Sisterhood membership of \$36 is hard at work. Thank you to over 220 Sisterhood members!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Paper Cutting Workshop for Purim - March 3 at 7:30pm on Zoom. Open to everyone, ages 12-100+. TBE is excited to partner with Sisterhood of Temple Sinai for this event.

Sisterhood's Annual Passover Food Sale brings you delicious, kosher for Passover food prepared by W Kosher Events (see below). Order by April 3, pickup at TBE April 14. Please see Shabbat Announcements for details.

Sisterhood Shabbat Service - May 7 Thanks to **Fran Ginsburg** for chairing this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Clothing Drive

The Choice: A Novel of Love, Faith and the Talmud by **Maggie Anton**. This book is coming out in May, and we plan to Zoom in with the author sometime after it is released. Thanks to **Rosalea Fisher** for bringing this to our attention.

Need a gift? **Bagel scoopers** for \$10 and **Sisterhood cookbooks** are still available at the TBE office.

I want to thank **Suzanne Fruithandler** and **Risa Pollack** for their work on mailing gifts to our TBE college freshman. Thanks always to the **Sisterhood Board** and **Steve, Mindy** and **Linda** for continuing to answer all my questions and making it so easy to be Sisterhood President.

Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a Board member of Sisterhood at sisterhood@tbe.org. If you have new ideas or would like to volunteer, we would love to have you join us – it is a great way to meet people!

With thanks, appreciation and friendship,
Karen Resnick, Sisterhood President



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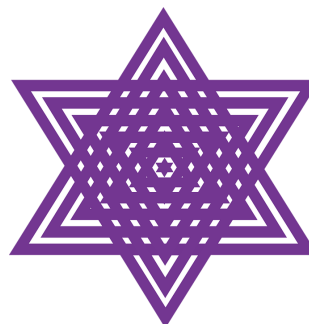
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A book talk with Prof. Roberta Kwall
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TBE TZEDEK COMMITTEE - MIDNIGHT RUN

The Interfaith Social Ministry Collaborative will be leading a **Midnight Run on Saturday, March 26**. Our congregations will work together to prepare for the Run and to distribute food, clothing, blankets and personal care items to homeless men and women on the streets of New York City. The late-night relief efforts are meant to create a forum for trust, sharing, understanding and affection. That human exchange, rather than the exchange of goods, is the essence of the Midnight Run mission and of all the work we do as a collaborative.

All donations should be brought to TBE by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25. A collection box will be provided.

Please join us at: St. John's Lutheran (844 Newfield Avenue, Stamford) from 7:00pm-8:30pm to prepare items and load the truck. A smaller team will go into NYC around 9:00pm.

TBE FOOD COLLECTION ASSIGNMENT:

Roast beef, pound of sugar, 60 bags of chips, hot chocolate, 5 bread loaves, 100 paper bowls for soup, 75 lids for hot items.

TBE HYGIENE PRODUCT COLLECTION:

Disposable Razors, Deodorant

ITEMS FOR ALL GROUPS TO COLLECT:

Clean/new T-shirts, new underwear, new socks, shirts, jackets, hats, gloves, pants, sweaters, blankets, sweatshirts, shoes

Questions? Contact Julie Rosenberg at julierosenbergsjp@gmail.com



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humiliation. We are aware that dignity is possible only when one is free and self-sustaining. We care about education because having knowledge enhances one's self respect and ability to live in a dignified manner. We might care about appearances, knowing that dressing appropriately enhances one's self-respect and honors others. We are likely to engage in political, charitable, and volunteer activities (such as mentoring the underprivileged, working for civil rights, or building housing for the homeless) that increase the dignity of others.

5) Saving a Life: *Pikuach Nefesh*

We believe that as long as one is healthy there is reason to celebrate. We toast, "L'Chaim!" "To life!" We do not take health, the number one blessing, for granted, and we feel the miraculous nature of every recovery. We understand that life is fragile and go to extremes to save a life.

6) Being a Really Good Person: "Be a Mensch"

We aspire to be a mensch, someone who acts with compassion toward others. In ourselves and in others, we value the human qualities of being attentive, empathetic, and discrete, and of making sacrifices when necessary. We try to be good friends and neighbors. A mensch's broad reserve of compassion extends toward all Jews, wherever they live, and toward all people, particularly the vulnerable.

7) Keeping the Peace: *Shalom Bayit*

Certain decisions or gestures are made not only because they are appropriate but also because they serve to keep the peace, settle differences, keep a family together, and create harmony instead of divisiveness.

8) Repairing the World: *Tikkun Olam*

We hold that each person should find ways to make the world a better and more just place. This stance of compassionate engagement occurs in simple individual ways as well as on larger platforms. We use our money and talents to make a difference. Engaging in world repair, we may feel as if we are "doing a mitzvah," doing something that we are divinely ordained to do even though it is our choice. We feel that doing good works justifies our having been put on this earth. If we have been fortunate, we feel responsible to "give back."

9) Maintaining Hope: *Yesh Tikvah*

We try to hang on to hope and resist despair. In relationships, we believe we will meet our *besheit*, our intended one. We dream expansively and even set off on uncertain journeys with feelings of promise on the horizon. At the same time, we accept that some things seem fated not to be. When a door closes, we face reality and move on to new possibilities.

10) Memory of One's Ancestors: *Z'chut Avot*

We feel connected to the people who came before us. We draw insight and wisdom from the experiences of our ancestors and seek to honor them with our actions. And we expect the same of our children. Thus, we honor our ancestors by transmitting the sensibilities that characterized

their ideas and actions onto the next generation.

Of course, no need to wait for Passover to ponder how these deep Jewish values can inform our day to day lives. We have the chance to do that all the time, here at home and online. The CDC has stated that it is perfectly safe, in fact, to have your Jewish booster shots every week, on Shabbat. No need to wait half a year!



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Rabbi Joshua Hammerman

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ANNUAL CANTOR'S CONCERT

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022
7:00 pm

WATCH FOR DETAILS!

HAZZAN SIDNEY RABINOWITZ, continued from page 4...

Leitz' daughter, Elsie Kihn-Leitz, was imprisoned by the Gestapo after she was caught at the border helping Jewish women cross into Switzerland. She eventually was freed, but endured rough suspicion when she attempted to improve the living conditions of the 700-800 Ukrainian slave laborers, all of the women, who had been assigned to work in the plant during the 1940s.

After the war, Kuhn-Leitz received numerous honors for her humanitarian efforts; among them the Ordre des Palmes Academiques from France in 1965, and the Aristide Briand Medal from the European Academy in the 1970s.

Why has no one told this story until now? According to the late Norman Lipton, a freelance writer and editor, the Leitz family wanted no publicity for its heroic efforts. Only after the last member of the Leitz family was dead did the "Leica Freedom Train" finally come to light.

It is now the subject of a book The Greatest Invention of the Leitz Family: The Leica Freedom Train, by Frank Dabba Smith, a rabbi in England.



To the entire Leitz family, Kol HaKavod!

Hazzan Sidney G. Rabinowitz

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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.

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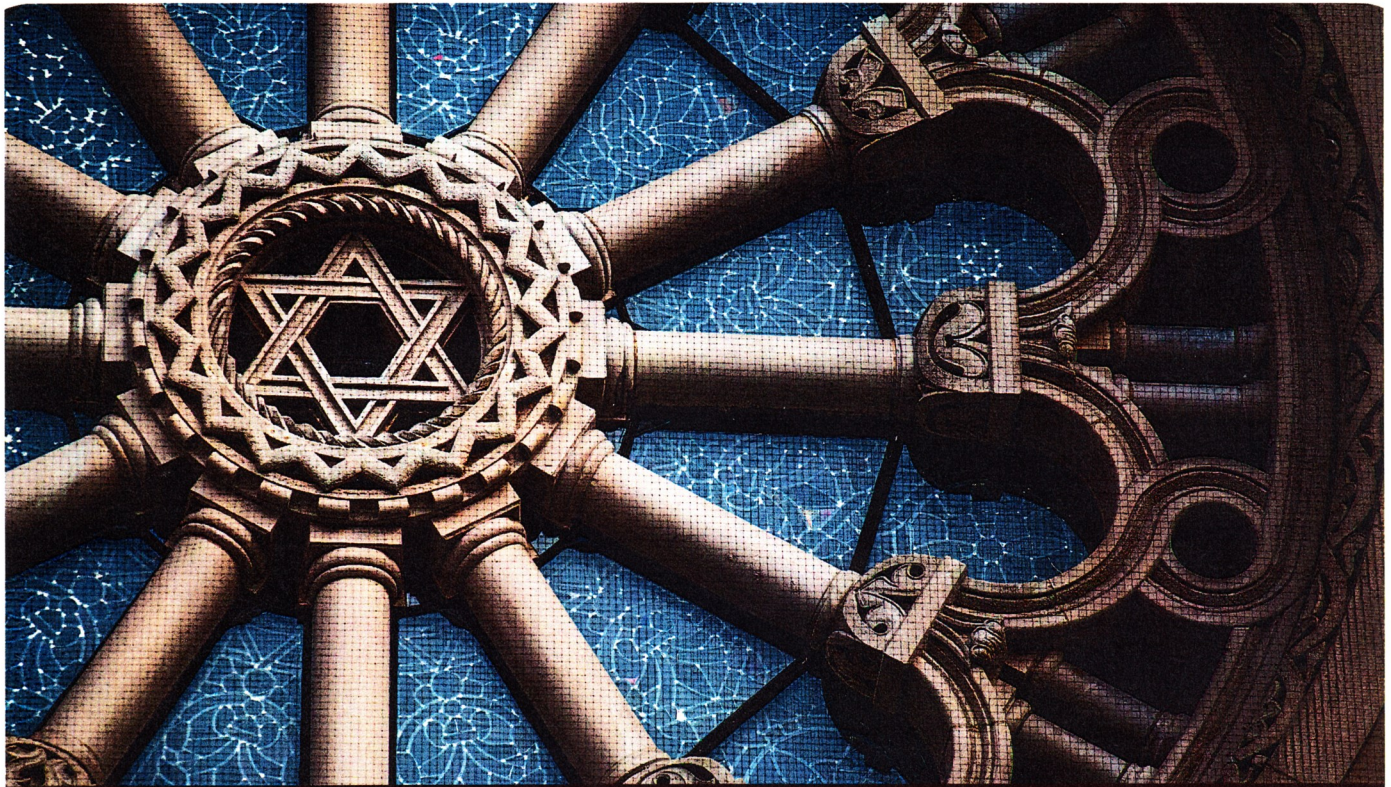
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