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From the Rabbi's Desk

Dear Congregants,

January 2025 is finally here! Armed with our boots and winter coats, we met the cold front comprised of snow, icy roads and chilling winds. The freezing weather did not discourage our holiday celebration and the Hannukah party was a well-attended success. Many thanks to the Men's Club, Ab Roher, Congregation Beth Tikvah's Religious School and its director Dalia Ross for a great job with our students, CBT's Band and all the unsung heroes who were involved behind the scenes, without you we could not implement our holiday plans. Special thanks to all those who joined, danced, sung and uplifted our spirits.

January is a month of financial planning, the beginning of the fiscal year. Many carefully evaluate their health plans, taxes and more. We are diligent with our strategies and think them through. It is imperative that we take the time to continue



nourishing our relationships and spirituality. It is crucial to maintain a well mental health. Significant improvement had been reported by those who maintained strong current relationships and built new exciting ones.

2024 has been a challenging year to say the least. We personally met challenges, as well as a community and as a society. Wars and uprisings erupted around the world, lands changed hands, hostages, economic crisis, hot election debates and more. As 2025 begins we pray that we can put these struggles beyond us and start fresh.

Although the future is unknown to us, I am confident that we will continue standing in the face of these struggles in unity and bravery. All our hearts join together and create a massive heart, the heart of congregation Beth Tikvah. We join each other in happy times just as in sad times. We are here for each other and will continue to be there for one another.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of our congregants that make it to the services despite the weather conditions. It is because of you that our congregation is vibrant and stands the challenges of the times.

Let us be grateful for what we have, our health, family, friends, community, and Congregation. Let's be spiritually inspired towards what awaits us in the upcoming year! Happy New Year!

Rabbi Moshe P. Weisblum, PhD



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Message from the President

First, I want to wish everyone a very healthy, happy and peaceful secular New Year! **May 2025 be a better year for many of us, a year of peace, health, happiness and wishes that come true.**

This past month we participated, specifically, in two very special events: a successful sisterhood shop til your drop vendor fair (something we haven't had at CBT for many years) and also a very joyous and uplifting Chanukah party. Christmas and Chanukah coincided this year – the practice of giving gifts exists in both holidays, although Christmas gift giving is more pronounced. I began to wonder what the significance and history of is giving gifts on Chanu-

kah. I found some of my answers in one of the National Jewish Outreach Programs (NJOP) articles on giving gifts. I would like to share with you excerpts from this short article.

The article began with a quote from Talmud Shabbat 23b: "A person who is diligent in lighting Chanukah candles will have children who are scholars".

The desire for scholarly children was actually one of the motivations for the custom of giving Chanukah gelt (money). In modern times, money has been replaced by Chanukah presents. What is the connection between Chanukah lights, intelligent children and gelt?

Publicizing the miracle of Chanukah is so important that even

a pauper, who has no money at all, is required to borrow money in order to buy oil for lighting. People therefore began to give a little money (*gelt*) to the poor so that they would not be embarrassed or forced to ask for assistance. Because the idea of "being diligent in lighting the Chanukah lights" is primary in both giving to the poor and meriting wise children, it became the custom to give children *gelt* as a reward for studying. Children who were diligent in their studies were rewarded with a shiny coin.

While gifts are an offshoot of the holiday, they represent an important element of Chanukah—*chinuch*, Jewish education.

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Donations

Please Note:

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In Memory of

Richard's father Bernard Bockstein,
by Richard Bockstein
Celia's husband Theo Garb,
by Celia Garb
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Sandra's husband Ira Shuchman,
by Sandra Shuchman
Selma's husband Bernard Stern,
by Selma Stern
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by Carol Feldman
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by Lorraine Levin
Myra's husband Marc Cohen,
by Myra Cohen
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Cuba, by Jacquelin Jager
Mara & Ira's grandmother Celia
Moskowitz, by Mara Moss &
Dr. Ira Moskowitz
Sandra's mother Mitzi L. Bergen,
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by Jacquelin Jager
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Mark's grandfather Max Drummer,
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by Mark & Sandra Drummer &
family
Sandra's father Theodore L.
Tetenbaum, by Mark & Sandra
Drummer & family
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Blumenthal, by Alice Eckstein
Alice's husband Barry Eckstein,
by Alice Eckstein & sons
Abe Peskoff, by Carole Katz
Jerry's son Victor, by Jerry Lutzker
Sandra's husband George G.
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Minnie Linschitz, by
Norma Drebsky
Annie Cohen, by Sol & Rosie
Cohen

Religious Activities

In Honor of

Wedding of Michelle Cohen & Charles Massry, by
Joel & Randi Cohen
Wedding of Michelle Cohen & Charles Massry,
by Joel & Randi Cohen
Tom & Robin Grantis's son Avery's bar mitzvah,
by The Board of Trustees
Tom & Robin Grantis's son Avery's bar mitzvah,
by Mike & Maddy Ross
Irving & Gita's grandson Lucas's bar mitzvah,
by Estelle Friedman
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Steven Malkiel's father Murray Malkiel, by Estelle Friedman
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by Mike & Maddy Ross
Jay Rothstein's father Howard Rothstein,
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Larry & Shelley Slutsky

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TREE OF LIFE

We are sure that you have noticed the Tree of Life in the Lobby of our Synagogue! There are plenty of Leaves available to commemorate a Special Occasion. How about a Bar or Bat Mitzvah Leaf or a Leaf for a New Baby in the Family? Please call Esther Kamlet @ 516-735-0796

Buy your Leaf now!

Condolences to...

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Howard Rothstein, father of our congregant, Jay Rothstein. Our condolences to the Rothstein family.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Murray Malkiel, father of our congregant, Steven Malkiel. Our condolences to the Malkiel family.

Thank You...

Thank you to everyone who assisted in making our Chanukkah Party a monumental success We broke an attendance record!

Larry Slutsky, Neil Bezerman, Fran Bezerman, Stu Spector, Aaron Landman, Jerry Lutzker, Jody Wald, Gary Davis, Sy Susswein, Suzanne Susswein, Harvey Rab-inowitz, Bruce Hartman, Bob Cooper, Rabbi Weisblum, The Rabbi's Band and the Rockers, Dalia and the Hebrew School, Sherry Cohen, Beth Stern, Patricia and Sylvia.

Thanks again,

Ab

Event Director

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The Maccabees fought so that their children and their children's children would be able to study Torah freely and be knowledgeable about their Jewish heritage. Jewish children are taught about Judaism not only for today, but for posterity as well, as it says in Proverbs 22:6: "Educate a young person in his/her own way, when he/she grows old he/she will not turn from it."

Over time, the simple practice of giving *gelt* (coins or presents) became a Chanukah custom – and not just for children. In truth, however, it is not surprising that gift-giving has moved beyond just children. In our own day and age, we, the adults, also need encouragement to learn about who we are and what our Jewish heritage means. Thus, hopefully, when we gave this year's Chanukah presents, we all remembered to give presents that represented the timeless messages of Chanukah.

In conclusion I would like to point out that in the Chanukah stories we recall the great miracles bestowed upon the Jewish people in the time of the Maccabees. While it may be harder to recognize in our busy lives, but miracles do often happen on a daily basis while we strive to hold on to the past while looking toward the future. Chanukah with its shining lights, surely projects a bright and bountiful future for all of us.

So, *this Chanukah, let the story of the Maccabees inspire us as to what is possible when we remain vigilant in defending our culture, values, and ideals, Let the story of the Maccabees motivate us to do everything in our power to protect Jewish lives. We must never be silent or paralyzed in the face of evil and terror."*

Shalom.

*Gail Jeby-Levy
President*

Announcements

DOLLARS FOR DONATIONS

Do you have a household item you want to sell? List it in the Beth Tikvah Times, and 100% of the proceeds of the sale will be donated to Congregation Beth Tikvah.

For example, if you have a chair that you no longer want, or a drum set that's just taking up space, you can list it for sale (with a suggested price), with all the proceeds going back to CBT.

Email your name, phone number, item description, picture of the item and what price you would like to list it for to AB ROHER at ab_roher@cotyinc.com. He will then post it and you will then negotiate the sale with congregant who wants it.

MONTHLY TEHILLIM PRAYER GROUP

Anyone interested in reciting tehillim of strength, gratitude or healing see Leah Hartman or Fran Rosenberg for details. This will occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month upon request, meeting in the shul library.

LEARN CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Interested in learning conversational Hebrew with the Rabbi? If interested, please call the office. We are trying to organize a morning, after-

noon, evening or possibly Sunday class. Why not give it a try!!!!!!

SISTERHOOD SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Sisterhood is looking for a few women to help with Social Action. Please give us a little of your time.

Get involved!! If you have any questions, please contact Doris Joltin.

CBT SUPPORT GROUP

The CBT Support Group met on Monday, Dec 2 at 11 AM. We decided we would stay with the 11 AM meeting time for our next 2 meetings, which will be Monday, Jan. 6 and Monday, Feb. 3.

If you have "cares to unburden" in a warm, welcoming, confidential, non-judgmental group, we are here to support you.

We continue to welcome new members. Looking forward to seeing you Monday, Jan. 6, 2025 at 11 AM.

Wishing all a peaceful, happy and HEALTHY secular new year!

Susan Wald

Publicity

If any group or club wishes to have publicity for an event published in local weekly papers, *Jewish Week*, *Newsday* etc. please e-mail all information to **Bob Cooper** at

flyingbob@brianel.com
680-3003

At least 5 weeks before the event.

Coming Events

Jan. 19 — Bikur Cholim Blood Drive

Jan. 21 — Men's Club Mets Stories

Jan. 26 — Virtual Bingo

Feb. 9 — Israel Bond Breakfast

Feb. 15 — Tu B'Shvat Seder



Ada Marcus

Sisterhood

2025 is here! We have many things to be thankful for. Many volunteers helped us with our Holiday Fair, which was a huge success. We are already planning another one for December 2025! Beth Stern and Karen Seltzer did a yeoman's job organizing and running this event. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Everyone enjoyed our Chanukah celebration on December 18th, with grab bags, songs led by our Rab-

bi, and latkes (of course).

We had an interesting book discussion on December 15th at the shul, led by Selma Stern who always does a wonderful job. There will be another discussion on February 2nd about "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. If you have not yet read it, or even if you have, join us for a morning of opinions and thoughts about this fascinating book.

We are also planning our White Elephant Sale on

January 8th. Be on the lookout for more information about this event.

Our Social Action committee, led by Susan Wald, is collecting warm winter clothes for those in need. This is our January mitzvah project. You can drop clothing at the shul.

Please join us for our events. We look forward to welcoming you! Enjoy a healthy and happy New Year 2025.

Ada



Jody Wald

Men's Club

Winter is upon us. It is officially the winter season and we got our first snow and single digit temperatures to prove it. Nonetheless, the Men's Club has been busy and has plenty of events planned for the coming months.

I would like to thank Neil Bezerman for arranging our trip to see the Islanders play on November 25th. Over 30 people from Congregation Beth Tikvah showed up to cheer on our home town Islanders. UBS arena even acknowledged us when they flashed a very large welcome to Congregation Beth Tikvah on the large screen hanging over center ice. A good time was had by all until the end of the

game when the Islanders managed to lose. Better luck next time.

Thanks to Dave Kamlet, the Men's Club will be presenting an evening with author and podcast host, Brett Topel on January 21st. Mr. Topel will be speaking in the sanctuary about baseball, especially the Mets. Again, all are invited so please come on down.

On February 18th, the Men's Club will be having its annual movie night. We will hold a wine sale before Pesach and we will be participating in another Men's Club Shabbat service later in the year. We are also looking into participating in a softball league this spring with oth-

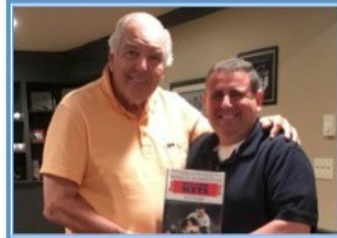
er Men's Clubs from different shuls on the south shore. These are just a few of the events that are currently planned for our 2024-2025 year.

I look forward to seeing you at many if not most of these planned events. Remember the more you put into something, the more you get out of it. My hope for this year is that you will all join the Men's Club and participate in all of the many activities that we offer. From my family to yours, we would like to wish you and yours a very happy Hanukkah and a very happy and healthy secular new year.

Jody

Congregation Beth Tikvah Men's Club

**Presents:
An
Evening
with
BRETT
TOPEL**



Author & Podcast Host

**PLEASE JOIN US ON TUESDAY EVENING
JANUARY 21ST AT 7:30 P.M.**



Brett Topel is the author of six books, including his newest, "New York Mets Firsts". Other titles include "Mount Rushmore of the New York Mets" and "When Shea Was Home: The Story of the 1975 Mets, Yankees, Giants, and Jets". He has hosted the podcasts "BT Talks Baseball" and "The BT5", and has appeared on "MLB Tonight," the MLB Network's flagship program. He is also the Director of Communications and Marketing at Brooklyn Friends School.



This evening is free and open to all Congregants and Friends and Family. We are also extending an invitation to All Men's Clubs Members of the New York Metro Region FJMC. The Event will be held in our Sanctuary. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

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Chavurah

We are looking forward to our Karaoke afternoon on Sunday, March 2, 2025 between 2-4. We will have further info as we get closer to the date.

Also if anybody has any other ideas for our get-togethers, please let Linda or I know.

Have a Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year.



Linda Katz



Sherry Cohen

Linda & Sherry

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Restaurants that we have inventory on are Starbucks, Cheese-cake Factory, Outback and Ruby Tuesday.

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Thanks for your support of this most important program.

Sol Zweben
(516) 532-6827

Shul Gifts

There are many happy occasions in our lives; births, marriages, engagements, anniversaries, bris, bar/bat mitzvah, birthdays, baby namings etc...

If you would like to share your joy with us by purchasing a gift from our shul, or sponsoring an oneg or kiddush, some of the costs are listed below.

If you have a loss in your life, perhaps you would like to make a gift to our shul that will memorialize your loved one.

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Contact Esther Kamlet
735-0796

Memorial Plaque \$235
Contact Harold Stern
516-524-0092
howster21@yahoo.com

Etz Chayim Chumash
\$75
Contact the office

Lev Shalem Machzor
\$36 - Contact the office

Stand up Basic Kiddush
Contact Bruce Hartman

Stand up Basic Oneg
Contact Bruce Hartman

Jerry Friedman
Memorial Walkway
\$75/brick
Contact Dave Kamlet or
Lorraine Levin

SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you are submitting an article, please e-mail it to me at marty.brochstein@gmail.com. If possible, please also include the article within the text of your e-mail in case I can't open your attachments. If you are submitting a flyer to be placed in the newsletter, e-mail it to me as a pdf.

All articles and flyers should be submitted by the 15th of the month for the next newsletter.

Thanks in advance for your help and cooperation.

Haftarot

Anyone who is interested in chanting or reading a Haftarah, please contact **Leah Hartman at anmsmama@verizon.net**. Thank you.

Marty Brochstein

ISRAEL BOND BREAKFAST – Sunday February 9th, 2025 9:45 AM

It gives us great pleasure to announce that this year's honorees will be Meredith Bernstein and Robin Stein-Grantis. Both are very active members of our congregation for many years, members of the Board of Trustees and are committed to the Jewish education of our children, evidenced by their major roles in our Religious School and junior congregation.

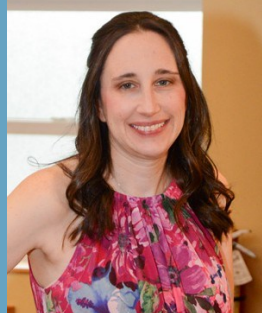
After reading the bios below, you too will agree that Meredith and Robin are both worthy of being this year's Israel Bond honorees.

So, mark the date of February 9th on your calendar and start your Super Bowl Sunday off right.

Meet our honorees:

Meredith Bernstein

I was born and raised in Wantagh, where my parents became members of the Wantagh Jewish Center (WJC) in 1975. I attended the Doris Kramer Preschool, GAN camp, and Hebrew School there. While growing up, I was a camp counselor in the camp program, active in USY and was the president of the chapter at WJC. In 1994 before my senior year of High School, I traveled with USY to Israel.



I attended SUNY Albany for college, where I majored in Biology and minored in Judaic studies. I graduated from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed my residency in pediatrics and fellowship in Neonatology at Cohen Children's Medical Center on Long Island. I currently work as an attending Neonatologist there.

After getting married, my husband and I settled back in Wantagh in 2009 to start and raise a family. My children attended the Doris Kramer Preschool and have continued in the Hebrew School. While my children attended Hebrew school, I joined with Robin to help improve the Junior congregation services. Together with Robin, we are helping the children learn the Friday night and Saturday Shabbat services to prepare them for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah's and Jewish life.

We are especially proud this year as our Hebrew School class did an amazing job leading the Family High Holiday Services. This year, like last year, we intend to organize a Challah bake for the Hebrew school families.

I am currently on the board of Trustees at CBT and hope to help further our Hebrew School and foster Jewish learning for our school children. I hope that they will enjoy Judaism as much as I did growing up!

Robin Stein-Grantis

I grew up in West Islip, attended West Islip High School and belonged to Congregation Beth Shalom in Babylon. I attended Hebrew School and had my Bat Mitzvah in 1989. I was also an active member of USY and attended encampment at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires for several years. After High School, I attended SUNY Albany and graduated with a major in Biology and minor in Judaic Studies. I then went onto Chiropractic School in the Finger Lakes. I have a Chiropractic Office in East Islip. I am the Treasurer for the Suffolk County Chapter of the New York State Chiropractic Association and a Long Island Regional Director for the New York State Chiropractic Association.



I moved to Wantagh in 2011. Once my boys were ready to attend Preschool-I enrolled them to the Doris Kramer Preschool at CBT. I joined CBT in 2022 and enrolled my two sons in the Hebrew School Program.

Around the same time, both Meredith Bernstein and I revamped the Junior Congregation Program. We developed learning materials for the children and taught them how to lead a Friday night and Saturday morning service. We also led the High Holiday Junior Congregation Services in 2023 and 2024. We organized and led a Challah bake in early 2024 and plan on hosting 2 more Challah bakes this year (one for the Hebrew School and one for the Sisterhood). I am one of the newer board members on CBT Board of Trustees.

Torah Fund Campaign

Torah Fund Stands With Israel. There's still time to register for this special Zoom call with Tal Itzhakov, Spokesperson for the Israel Embassy in Spain on Sunday, January 12th at 2pm ET. Register at [Torah Fund.edu](https://www.torahfund.org).

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91107978924?pwd=OTJlTGpGdXhkcC4tu9Y3POMQLWt1wN8Yz#registration>)

Thank you all for supporting Torah Fund. Thank you also to all of you who returned your full tzedakah jars and made other donations and purchased Torah Fund cards.



The theme for the year is “Am Yisrael Chai – The People of Israel Live”. The silver pin was designed and produced in Israel. It's not too late for you to be a benefactor with a donation of \$180 or more (by check, cash or by pledge) and receive the new pin as a gift please contact me at 516-783-1954 or by email fredbbb@optonline.net. Donations can be made by a check payable to Torah Fund or credit card online at <https://bit.ly/3kD8VL7> if you'd like.

Have you tried sending Torah Fund Ecards? The cards are sent by email with your customized message and cost \$5.00 each.

Remember to list our Sisterhood on the form so we get credit for your donation. Cards are available for Happy Birthday, Sympathy, Get Well, New Baby, Mazal Tov, All Purpose, Happy Holiday, Rosh Hashanah and Happy Hanukah. Go to <https://torahfundecards.jtsa.edu>.

Of course, we still have paper Torah Fund cards for sale too for all occasions. Contact Louise Goldberg 516-735-6008, Elaine Stein 516-694-5683 or Suzanne Susswein 516-785-5680. Cards are \$5 each or five for \$20.

Consider joining the Torah Fund Legacy Society with a bequest for the future. Go to this link <https://www.jtsa.edu/hidden-page/torah-fund-legacy-society/> for more information. There is no minimum gift required.

Your contribution of any size to Torah Fund provides scholarships and programs for students at the five Conservative/Masorti Seminaries around the world that educate our future Rabbis, Cantors, teachers, social workers and youth leaders.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carole Friedman
Torah Fund Chair

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WELCOMING BACK
Tal Itzhakov, Spokesperson, Embassy of Israel, Spain

Tal took on this role in mid-2024, after joining the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2020 and serving at the Embassy of Israel in Mexico as the Cultural and Press Attaché. Previously she worked at the Afula Municipality as the higher education coordinator of the *Hesegim* national program, which increases access to higher education for Israelis in the geographical and social peripheries. She also served as the Israel community emissary of The Jewish Agency for the Pensacola Jewish Federation. Tal has a degree in special education and mathematical education and teaching certification, and she is fluent in Hebrew, English and Spanish.

AND
A Special Dvar Torah Guest to be Announced

Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 2:00 pm ET on Zoom
RSVP to torahfund@jtsa.edu
(The Zoom link will be provided prior to the program.)

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January Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Suzanne Susswein	1/1	Yuval Malkiel	1/21
Irwin Cohen	1/2	Samuel A. Scheinhaus	1/21
Michael Ross	1/2	Harvey Susman	1/21
Lawrence Cohen	1/7	Phylliss Kayne	1/23
Donald Horowitz	1/7	Alvin Sedler	1/23
Seymour Susswein	1/7	Stephen J. Kressel	1/24
Stephen Zipper	1/7	Morey Solomon	1/24
Joshua Genn	1/8	Barbara Nadel	1/25
Rick Shansky	1/10	Eric List	1/26
Esta Lachow	1/13	Marlene Scheinkopf	1/26
Robert Goodstein	1/14	Lawrence A. Beck	1/28
Debra Marblestone	1/14	Allan Buchalter	1/28
Sherry Amowitz	1/16	Ab Roher	1/28
Richard Bockstein	1/16	Judith R. Kressel	1/29
Alan Weinstein	1/16	Nancy Cohen	1/30
Jerald Wohlstetter	1/16		
Steve Salem	1/17		
David Slodki	1/18		
Selma N. Stern	1/19		
Wendy J. Trontz	1/20		
Larry Friedman	1/21		

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Kathy Perlman	1/18
Richard & Harriet Schultz	1/18
Charles & Phyllis Rothman	1/19
Irving & Gita Freed	1/20



Sisterhood Book Discussion

Sisterhood's Book Discussion Group met on Sunday, December 15th at the Synagogue to discuss the novel "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict. The meeting was well attended and the discussion about the book was very interesting.

We will be meeting again on Sunday, February 2nd at 10:30 A.M. at the Synagogue for the next discussion. We will be speaking about the novel "The Women" by Kristin Hannah.

This is the story of a young nurse who serves in the United States Army Nurse Corps during the Vietnam War. This is about one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose

sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten.

The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters and a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

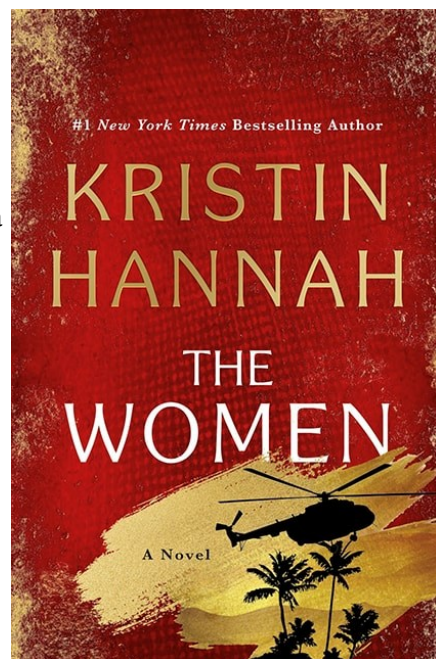
This a very interesting novel. It is about deep friendships and bold patriotism. We will have a lot to discuss!

This is a very popular book - still on the best seller list. Copies will be available at the Wantagh Public Library after January 2nd.

Looking forward to seeing you then.

Selma Stern

Book Discussion Chairperson

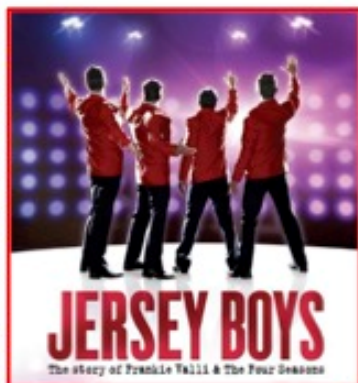




CONGREGATION BETH TIKVAH GOES TO:



“JERSEY BOYS”



With phenomenal music, memorable characters and great story telling, JERSEY BOYS follows the fascinating evolution of four blue-collar kids who became one of the greatest successes in pop-music history. Winner of Best Musical at both the Tony Awards and Olivier Awards, JERSEY BOYS takes you behind the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons to discover the secret of a 40-year friendship as the foursome work their way from the streets of New Jersey to the heights of stardom. They thrilled their audiences with electrifying performances of chart-topping hits including

“Sherry,” “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You,” “Dawn, and “My Eyes Adored You,” which brought The Four Seasons the highest honor: induction into the Rock’n’Roll Hall of Fame.

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2025 @ 2:00 PM. We have 30 seats reserved so please order your tickets quickly! **First come...First served!!**

Cost: CBT Group Tickets are only **\$73.00 each** for Orchestra seats, which are regularly \$90.00.

Venue: The Argyle Theatre, Merrick Road, Babylon, NY

Reserve: Neil Bezerman (neilbez@optonline.net) or CBT OFFICE @ 516-785-2445

All ticket requests MUST be MADE & PAID by JANUARY 24, 2025

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Special requests: _____

of Tickets _____ x \$73 each = _____

Return this form with your check to:

Congregation Beth Tikvah

3710 Woodbine Ave, Wantagh, NY 11793

ATT: JERSEY BOYS

Please make checks to “Congregation Beth Tikvah”



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ROUND 11

Dear Bingo Player,

NOVEMBER 1, 2024

We are pleased to announce our 11th Round of CBT's Virtual Bingo. It will take place on **Sunday Evening, January 26, 2025, at 6:20 pm.** Introduction and Rules will start at 6:30 pm, and we are planning to start Game 1 by 6:45 pm Sharp.

A donation of \$20 to help defray costs will entitle you to four (4) bingo cards which will be on 1 sheet of paper.

This event is open ONLY to members of CBT and their families and friends. Please note that our Zoom account includes 100 connections so please make sure you get your reservations in as soon as possible so you don't miss out.

To register, please mail or bring your check along with the form below to the CBT office. Please note that this donation **CANNOT** be billed to your account. Make your check payable to **Congregation Beth Tikvah. The Bingo cards will then be e-mailed to you** along with the game instructions as well as the Zoom log-on instructions. The deadline for registering is Tuesday, January 21st.

Small prizes will be awarded. We anticipate that this event will last approximately 2 - 2^{1/2} hours. There will be 2 short breaks to allow you to replenish your snacks, etc.

We look forward to having you join us for another fun-filled evening.

Len Cohen – Fundraising Vice President
Neil Bezerman – CBT Bingo Chairperson
Fran Bezerman
Esther Kamlet & David Kamlet
Freya Novack



Please make your reservations now by filling out the tear off below and return it to CBT with your check made out to: Congregation Beth Tikvah.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone: _____

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PICK UP YOUR CARDS AT THE OFFICE:

OF DONATIONS FOR 4 BINGO CARDS _____ x \$20 each = \$ _____

Fill Out & Return Form with Your Check to:
Congregation Beth Tikvah, 3710 Woodbine Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793
ATT: VIRTUAL BINGO

You can also email neilbez@optonline.net to register and then send your check to Congregation Beth Tikvah



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The BIKUR CHOLIM COMMITTEE is looking for blank greeting cards that you would like to donate. These cards are used to send speedy recovery and good wishes to those who are sick and recovering from an illness. Please bring any cards you have to the office. **Thank you.**



Bikur Cholim Committee News

Bikur cholim (also transliterated **bikur holim**) refers to the [mitzvah](#) ([Jewish](#) religious commandment) to visit and extend aid to the sick. It is considered an aspect of gemilut chasadim (benevolence, [selflessness](#), [loving-kindness](#)). It is traditional to recite prayers for healing, such as the [Mi Shebeirach](#) prayer in the synagogue, and Psalms on behalf of the sick. Bikur holim societies exist in Jewish communities around the world. The earliest bikur holim society on record dates to the early Middle Ages. The roots of bikur holim can be traced back to the [Torah](#), when G-d visits [Abraham](#) after his [circumcision](#) ([Genesis](#) 18:1).

Here at Congregation Beth Tikvah our committee strives to keep in touch with members who are ill or even just need to

have their day brightened a bit. We send cards, make phone calls, visit and may even provide a drive to an appointment or assist with occasional shopping.

If you think you could assist with any of the above activities... I would love to have you join our committee. Please contact Esta Lachow @ 516-520-1546 for more information.

If you or someone you know may benefit from this, please contact Rabbi Weisblum @516-785-2445 or 516-273-2748, or Esta Lachow @ 516-520-1546.

Shalom,

Esta Lachow
Committee Chair

Bikur Cholim Committee Members

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Tehillim, or Psalms, have been recited by Jews for thousands of years. These ancient prayers open our hearts and bring renewal and strength to our daily lives. We at CBT in conjunction with Bikur Cholim have formed a Tehillim Circle. Please join us on the second Tuesday of most months (on request) for our Tehillim Service for the healing of our sick. For specific schedules of services check our Shabbat Shalom or call Leah Hartman at home 516-221-5133 or cell 516-459-2021. The power of this group is that it utilizes the collective strengths of those who are saying the psalms together. Join us and bring the names of those persons to be included in our prayers. If you can't make it, call the office with the person's name and their mother's name, and we will include the person's name in our communal listing.

CBT Receives Grant from Citizens Philanthropic Foundation and Investors Foundation

By Jo-Ann Hertzman — Corporate, Foundation & Media Relations



Congregation Beth Tikvah was recently awarded two generous grants: a \$2,500 grant from Citizens Philanthropic Foundation and a \$2,500 grant from Investors Foundation. The Citizens Philanthropic Foundation partnered with Investors Foundation to underwrite Congregation Beth Tikvah Times, the High Holiday and Membership Guide and our Spring Holiday Guide.



Dr. Moshe P. Weisblum, Rabbi



Welcome to Congregation Beth Tikvah, a Conservative Egalitarian Synagogue
Our Religious School is Open For Registration
Together We Can Change the World!

Gail Jeby-Levy, President



Dalia Ross, Director of Religious School



Model Seder

Personalized Bar-Bat Mitzvah training by Rabbi Weisblum

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Kabbalat Shabbat on the Beach

Active Religious School PTA!

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Holiday Celebrations!

Hands on Activities!



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For more information please call: 516-785-2445

office@congbt.org www.congt.org



Sisterhood's Holiday Shopping Day

Sisterhood's first Holiday Shopping Day on Sunday, December 8th, was a great success. The Social Hall was sold out with 38 vendors and 42 table spaces sold. In addition, there was a Kosher Snack Bar and the Judaica Shop had brisk sales.

We received great feedback from vendors, many of whom asked to be notified of next year's Shopping Day. One vendor sent an email saying "Just wanted to say how much I enjoyed participating in your recent Holiday Shopping Day fair! Everybody was so kind and helpful! Your volunteer team was fabulous and made my time at your show quite enjoyable! Thanks for all your efforts in putting together a terrific fair!"

We both send a HUGE thank you to the many Sisterhood and Men's Club members and volunteers who helped throughout the day moving the vendors into the social hall, helping them pack up at the end of the day, giving them bathroom and food breaks and generally making our vendors feel special. Thanks to the volun-

teers for helping set up the room Saturday night, the Snack Bar Staff lead by Aaron Landman, the Judaica Shop workers, Cookie and Lenny Cohen for driving from Merrick to Seaford to put up our publicity signs and everyone who came to shop.

We also wish to thank our Sisterhood members for helping us secure vendors; the Board members and volunteers who helped publicize the event and distribute flyers; the Administration for their ongoing support, and the security volunteers and guards who kept everyone safe and directed traffic. We are grateful to Patricia, Mario and her custodial staff for keeping the facility well maintained and for taking care of so many things throughout the day.

The event would not have been such a success without the support of our entire CBT family.

Karen Seltzer and Beth Stern





Sisterhood's Chanukah Party

Chanukah Party!





CBT Sisterhood December Mitzvah Project

On Wed., Dec. 18, at the Sisterhood Chanukah party, lots more toys were donated to complete our November Mitzvah of giving toys to needy children for the holidays, and the start of our December Mitzvah Project, donating personal hygiene products, paper goods, and cat & dog food started off beautifully as well, with lots of bags of "goodies" as well. See picture taken in CBT lobby!

The first batch of toys were delivered to Goryeb Children's Hospital in Morristown, NJ.

The second load of toys was delivered to Assemblyman McDonough's Bellmore Office.

Yasher koach to all Sisterhood and Temple Members who give so generously to help make mitzvahs for those less fortunate!

Let's keep these mitzvahs going throughout the secular new year!

Jody joins me in wishing all a very happy, HEALTHY 2025!

Susan Wald

Sisterhood Social Action co-chairwoman



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Congregation Beth Tikvah
of Wantagh?

Check us out!

On Instagram



on
Facebook



on our
Website



Congregation Beth Tikvah



**HATZILU NEEDS
YOUR HELP!**

HATZILU IS IN NEED!

**HATZILU IS IN NEED OF MONETARY
CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE
DELIVERIES**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HATZILU AND
LEAVE THEM IN THE HATZILU MAILBOX IN
THE CBT OFFICE**

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(516) 297-7955 OR SUZANNEYS@VERIZON.NET**

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ORDER YOUR 2025 MAH JONGG CARD NOW

Tired of this year's card?

Ready to order your new one?

Place your order and help the
Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood at the same time.

Ask your friends and family to order their 2025 cards from Sisterhood.

*These are the Prices from the
National Mah Jongg League*

- *\$14 for the regular size*
- *\$15 for the large size*



DEADLINE IS JANUARY 19, 2025

Clip and send with your check made payable to Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood to:

Congregation Beth Tikvah
3710 Woodbine Avenue
Wantagh, NY 11793
Attn: Mah Jongg Card

or leave in Sisterhood mailbox in the office

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email address _____

#Regular _____ x \$14 = _____

#Large _____ x \$15 = _____

Total enclosed: _____

***Use a separate sheet for additional names and addresses**

***Cards will be delivered in late March or early April**



**Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood Judaica Shop
is open during select synagogue events and
by appointment.**

**Many beautiful Judaica items to commemorate all life-cycle
events are available.**

We are currently featuring: Tallis Clips and yarmulkes



**For more information, please contact Beth Stern at home:
516-432-0364, or by cell 484-557-2463
She may also be reached by email: bethcohen1971@gmail.com.**



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Did you forget to sign up?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY LEAGRAMS

SPECIAL END-OF THE YEAR OFFER

FEBRUARY to DECEMBER 2025 ONLY \$72!

❖ This price includes BOTH birthday and anniversary greetings for the entire Congregation. Send over 400 cards for one price!

❖ **NEWLY DESIGNED FULL COLOR CARDS FOR 2025**

SIGN UP BY JANUARY 19 TO GET THIS SPECIAL PRICE

REGULAR PRICE: Sign up after January 19 for \$136

You also have the option to be listed on Leagrams by paying an individual fee of \$1 per name.

The list of celebrants appears in CBT Times for individual purchases.

Return the information requested below with your check

Yes – I want wish my fellow congregants a Happy Anniversary and a Happy Birthday and I want to save money!

***Attached please find my check for \$72 FLASH SALE _____ (January 19 deadline)
Please make check payable to "Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood."***



SEND ALL ORDERS AND CHECKS TO: Karen Seltzer, 1A Chelmsford Drive, Glen Head, NY 11545.


NAME to appear of card: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I have enclosed a check for _____

Any questions contact Karen Seltzer at 516-817-4356 (phone or text) or karengseltzer@gmail.com



 Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood
January Mitzvah Project

Share the Warmth

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR...

Are you looking through the closets saying:
"Why do I still have my kids' winter clothes when they
moved out years ago?"

Are you looking through your wardrobe wondering:
"Why do I still have this when I haven't been that size in
years?"

Or maybe you just don't want/need some of your stuff
anymore?

PLENTY of people NEED your stuff

Our January Sisterhood Mitzvah project will be collecting
winter jackets/coats, scarves, hats, gloves, winter clothes, etc.

Open to ALL Temple Members and members of the
community. We will have a cart in the front lobby to drop off
your generous donations or bring to the Sisterhood Meeting on
January 8 or the Sisterhood Board Meeting on January 29

Start the secular new year off right!

JANUARY 8-29

Help us help our community!

For more information contact:
Susan Wald: allfivewalds@gmail.com
Carole Goldberg: goldj46@hotmail.com

THE CBT GIFT CARD PROGRAM SOMETHING FOR YOU AND YOUR SYNAGOGUE TOO!

Gift Cards are an easy way to pay for all your shopping essentials, and also make GREAT GIFTS and can save you lots of running around. EVERYONE LOVES THEM! THE BEST PART – GIFT CARDS ARE AN EASY WAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CBT AT ABSOLUTELY NO COST TO YOU!



The Gift Card Program is one of our EASIEST and most profitable Fund Raising Programs. Gift cards are enormously popular and are readily available for nearly every major retailer. Purchasing Gift Cards from the synagogue provides CBT with a steady stream of income. **MOST IMPORTANTLY, THIS COMES AT NO COST TO YOU!**

Gift cards are not only easy and convenient to use, they also make GREAT GIFTS. Simply buy the cards for retailers you normally frequent and the **SYNAGOGUE MAKES MONEY** while **YOU** receive 100% of the value you purchased.

BETTER CALL SOL! Sol Zweben is ready with Gift Cards to meet your needs. To place an order or if you have any questions, please contact Sol Zweben:

Phone: 516-795-5499 or
E-mail: Sol.Zweben@artintel.net

Gift Cards from Supermarkets and Butcher Shops are generally available any time. Cards from other retailers can be special ordered. Please allow 2 – 3 weeks for delivery of these cards.

SUPERMARKETS BUTCHER SHOPS

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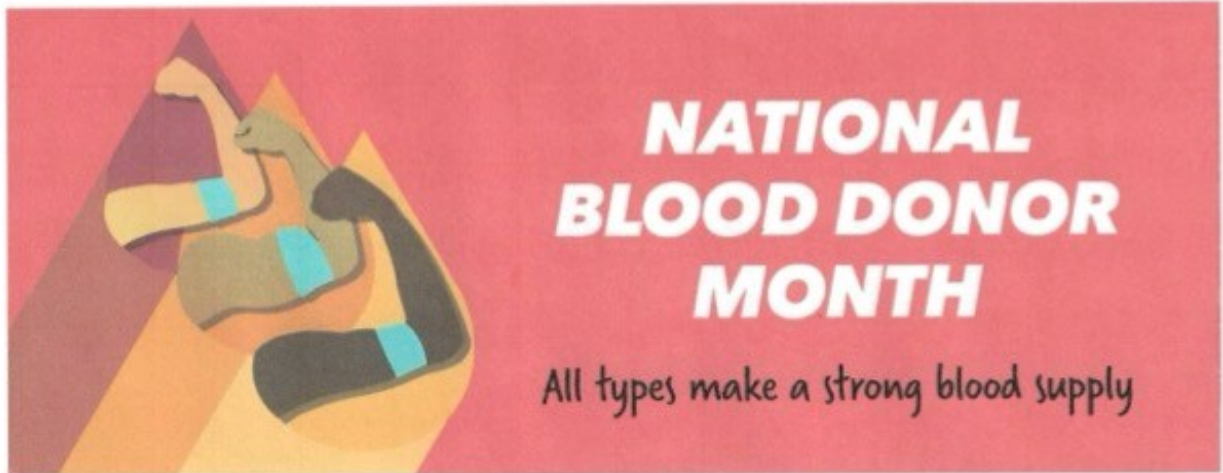
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BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 19, 2025

9:15am – 3:15pm

South Shore Bikur Cholim

Congregation Beth Ohr

2550 S. Centre Avenue, Bellmore

To make an appointment click on link below:

https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/320981

Or scan the QR code:

Or call 1-800-933-BLOOD



Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Mask requirements may change depending on CDC guidelines. Visit nybc.org/coronavirus for complete COVID-19 safety protocols.



800.933.BLOOD · nybc.org     [#nybloodcenter](https://nybc.org)



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Send your fellow congregants a
Happy Birthday or Anniversary Leagram!

February 2025 Birthdays

Shoshana Bazini	Sherry Cohen	Moss Kaufman
Fran Bezerman	Rachelle Cook	Jill Rovenger
Alice Cohen	Robert Cooper	Susan Sheiman
Randi Cohen	Carol Feldman	Bruce Skurnik
Richard Cohen	Carole Goldberg	Marilyn Spector

February 2025 Anniversaries

Sherry & Richard Bockstein	Jana & Harvey Rabinowitz
Barbara & Larry Cohen	Marilyn & Stuart Spector
Esther & Davide Kamlet	Alan & Mindy Weinstein
Esta & Glen Lachow	Linda & Stephen Zipper
Phyllis & Joseph Malcmacher	

Circle or highlight names you wish to congratulate at a cost of \$1.00 per name.
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ORDERS FOR JANUARY LISTINGS IS JANUARY 18
 Please make check payable to "Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood."

SEND ALL ORDERS AND CHECKS TO: Karen Seltzer, 1A Chelmsford Drive, Glen Head, NY 11545

Questions? Contact Karen Seltzer at 516-817-4356 (talk or text) or karengseltzer@gmail.com

Name to appear on card _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of names chosen _____ Amount enclosed _____



Sisterhood White Elephant Party

Wednesday, January 8 @ 7:30pm

Bring a new gift wrapped item and on
an index card write something about it,
but don't say exactly what it is.

OR

Bring a gently used unwrapped item.

**All items will be
auctioned off.**





JNF TREES FOR ISRAEL January might be cold, but Tu BiShevat, the New Year for The Trees is coming. There's no better way to celebrate this Holiday than to purchase trees to be planted in Eretz Yisrael, in honor of a Simcha, in Memory of a loved one, or for no reason in particular. Trees are \$18 each. More information on how to purchase trees can be found in the Tu BiShevat flyer in this month's edition of Beth Tikvah times.

THE ARGYLE THEATER: Do you like to see Broadway quality productions but you're put off by the prices and the thought of "shlepping" to the City? Once again, CBT has the answer. Discounted tickets are currently on sale for **"JERSEY BOYS"** on February 23, 2025 at 2PM. Tickets are going fast for this production, so fast that our original number of seats had to be expanded and there are only a few of these additional seats available. Future productions for this season at the Argyle will include **"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"** and **"THE MUSIC MAN."** You'll DEFINITELY want to "STAY" with Frankie Valli, empathize with Tevye and Golda as they navigate a new, modern world, and watch Professor Harold Hill manufacture some trouble in River City. Join us for all these shows. You'll be glad you did!

VIRTUAL BINGO There's still time to register for a fun evening of Virtual BINGO from the comfort of your own home. Virtual Bingo is on Sunday January 26, 2025 @ 6:20 PM EASTERN TIME.

KOL NIDRE APPEAL: For those of you who have responded to our Kol Nidre Appeal, **THANK YOU!** If you have not been able to respond, please accept this gentle reminder that it is not too late to do so. A reminder notice has been sent out with a response form on the reverse for your convenience. This is our most important fundraiser and its success is vital to the ability of our Synagogue to maintain a vibrant Jewish presence in our community. Please do not ignore this most important appeal. Our survival as the center for Jewish life in this part of Nassau County literally depends upon your generosity.

JULIETS: Not feeling that "January Thaw? Come on down Thursday afternoons to CBT and keep warm while playing your favorite games as you socialize with old friends and make new ones. Admission is \$5 and includes refreshments. Add a buck or two to the 50/50 and you might go home with a nice cash prize!

CBT GIFT CARD PROGRAM Over a quarter of the CBT membership has discovered that they can eliminate that annual surcharge by simply purchasing gift cards to supermarkets and other retailers they normally patronize. Single members purchasing \$1000 worth of gift cards and couple/family members purchasing \$2000 worth of gift cards get that surcharge waived while receiving the full dollar value of the cards purchased. This is one purchase that doesn't cost you anything; it saves you money while helping CBT. If YOU want to save some money, **BETTER CALL SOL** ([516-795-5499](tel:516-795-5499) or sol.zweben@artintel.net) and order your Gift Cards soon.

JERRY FRIEDMAN MEMORIAL WALKWAY We still have bricks available for installation in time for the Jerry Friedman Shabbat.

Trees for Israel



כִּי תָבֹאוּ אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְבַרְכֵם לֵאמֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲנִי מְבַרְכֵם וְאַתֶּם לֹא תִטְעוּ עֲצֵי הָאָרֶץ
"When you shall come to the land you shall plant trees." - Leviticus 19:23

NOW MORE THAN EVER

Trees are needed in Eretz Yisrael.

When you plant trees in Israel, you help combat desertification by preserving Israel's precious watersheds, promote soil conservation, support Israel's agricultural infrastructure, and maintain a suitable habitat for wildlife. Because of Israel's unique location, it is a stopping point for countless species of birds during their seasonal migrations between the northern and southern hemispheres, and those birds rely on the presence of trees. By planting trees, you actively participate in the global effort to create a greener, more sustainable world.

The current situation where Israel is constantly bombarded by missile attacks has taken its toll on Israel's tree population, so there is an extra need to replenish trees lost during the conflict.

If you have a Simcha you wish to commemorate, have lost a loved one and wish to leave a living memorial, or even for no reason in particular, planting a tree is one of the most vital things you can do to sustain the land.

To arrange for a tree to be planted in Israel at a cost of \$18 per tree, please contact Louise Goldberg at 516-735-6008 or call the Synagogue office.



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LET'S CONTINUE TO HELP OUR IDF

Are we still sending supplies to assist the IDF? The answer is "YES" because unfortunately, the war is ongoing. To continue this more efficiently, I am asking that specific supplies be ordered on Amazon but shipped directly to the location where we are packing duffel bags for shipment to Israel.

Among the items most requested by IDF commanders both in Gaza and in the North are:

- WETOLS Multitools \$23.99 each
- RISEN Israeli Bandage Vacuum Sterile Compression Bandages \$12.99 each
- JUSAID Tourniquet, \$19.99/3-pack, or other similar brand
- NOOLA 3-Liter Hydration Backpack \$35.99 each
- DURACLEANSE Shower Alternative Body Wipes 100 (2-pack of 50) \$30.99
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M	1/6	Support Group	11:00 AM
Tu	1/7	Men's Club Board Meeting	7:30 PM
W	1/8	Sisterhood General Meeting	7:30 PM
Th	1/9	Executive Council Meeting	8:30 PM
Su	1/12	Men's Club Bowling	9:30 AM
Tu	1/14	Lecture Series	7:30 PM
M	1/20	Martin Luther King Day	
Tu	1/21	Men's Club General Meeting	7:30 PM
Th	1/23	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:00 PM
Su	1/26	Congregation Meeting	10:15 AM
		Virtual Bingo	6:20 PM
W	1/29	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30 PM
Su	2/2	Men's Club Bowling	9:30 AM
		Sisterhood Book Discussion	10:30 AM
M	2/3	Support Group	11:00 AM
Tu	2/4	Men's Club Board Meeting	7:30 PM
W	2/5	Sisterhood General Meeting	7:30 PM
Th	2/6	Executive Council Meeting	8:30 PM
Su	2/9	Israel Bond Breakfast	9:45 AM
Tu	2/11	Ritual Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
		Lecture Series	7:30 PM
Th	2/13	Executive Council Budget Meeting	8:00 PM
Sa	2/15	Tu B'Shvat Seder	12:00 PM
Tu	2/18	Men's Club Movie Night	6:00 PM
Th	2/20	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:00 PM
Su	2/23	Argyle Theatre - Jersey Boys	2:00 PM
W	2/26	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30 PM
Th	2/27	Board of Trustees Budget Meeting	8:00 PM

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SATURDAY January 11

Vay'chi 10:00 AM

FRIDAY January 17/ 18 Tevet

Candle Lighting 4:36 PM

SATURDAY January 18

Shemot 10:00 AM

FRIDAY January 24/ 25 Tevet

Candle Lighting 4:44 PM

SATURDAY January 25

Vaera 10:00 AM

FRIDAY January 31/ 3 Sh'vat

Candle Lighting 4:53 PM

SATURDAY February 1

Bo 10:00 AM

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Sunday Morning 9:00 AM

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