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## A Few Words From the Rabbi...

*Rabbi Paul David Kerbel*

A few years ago, while researching an idea for a sermon, I came across the following list of “Top Ten Words” in our Jewish tradition. The list and commentary were written by Rabbi Wayne Dosick, a rabbi in California. I will share with you his ten words with a synopsis of his definition and then share with you a few words he may have missed. I am curious for you to share with me your ideas on words that should be included.

Rabbi Dosick writes: “With apologies to the late-night comic, David Letterman for making serious what he always makes funny, here is the “Top Ten List of Words Jews Should Always Say.” These are words that will wrap us in our Jewish tradition and open our hearts and spirits to Jewish values.”

**#10 Sechel “wisdom.”** Sechel is more than book learning or acquired wisdom; Sechel involves the ability to perceive and discern; to understand and have insight. Sechel means having common sense and street smarts.

**#9 Fabrent “burning.”** In its usage, fabrent means passionate, deeply involved, committed. We speak of a “farbrenta yid”, a Jew who is passionate for God, Torah, Israel and the Jewish people.

**#8 Emes “truth.”** Our honor, our good name and our reputation all depend on our words being believable and believed. Being a Jew means to speak the truth always.

**#7 Kavod “honor.”** In Jewish tradition, it is imperative that we honor: our parents, our spouse, our children, ourselves. Show honor to those who deserve it but at the same time, we should not seek honor for ourselves.

**#6 Zeiskeit “sweetness.”** While often used to refer to the

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## HANUKAH PARTY

Thank you to all the families that attended this year's Zimriyah and Hanukah party! It was wonderful to hear the Religious School students sing and incredibly exciting seeing everyone celebrating Hanukah together. The children made so many beautiful clay hanukkiah's that demonstrated the creativity found in our temple. There were hanukkiah's shaped like dogs, pizza, dreidels, dragons and more! The food, catered by Jerusalem Pizza, was enjoyed by all!

And what better way could there be to celebrate Hanukkah than with some jelly-filled donuts from Krispy Kreme? Children and adults, young and old, left happy and well-fed. Thank you to everyone that helped to make this event a success! We look forward to seeing you again or for the first time at our next joint event with the Religious School and Kadima, Havdalah and Pajama Pasta Party on February 1st —Ellie Barkin, Youth Director

## Wall of Community

This is a reminder about our ongoing commemorative tile project. We will continue ordering tiles, and an order is placed when we have five or more or more orders. You can have three lines of text, 20 characters per line. Please see the flyer for details about ordering. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sandy Springer at 908-507-3291 or via email [sprfamly@verizon.net](mailto:sprfamly@verizon.net). You can order online at [www.tbemc.org](http://www.tbemc.org) with a credit card or send in a check to TBEMC, 338 Walnut Ave, Cranford, NJ 07016. Honor a special person, occasion, commemorate your years at TBEMC or celebrate our 101st anniversary.



**Commemorate the past.  
Celebrate the present.  
Inspire the future.**

innocence of childhood and children, it is a term that reminds us that we all have the ability to recapture the sweetness that has been implanted within us.

#5 **Tzedakah** usually mistranslated as “charity” but literally, **“justice and righteousness.”** We do not just give out of the goodness of our hearts but because “it is our obligation; the right thing to do.”

#4 **Chein** literally, **“grace.”** In the prayer Sim Shalom, we ask God for peace, goodness and blessing, chein – grace, lovingkindness and mercy. Chein is dignity and graciousness. It is what we want from God and what our fellow human beings want from us.

#3 **Rachmones** **“compassion”** from the word meaning “womb.” We ask God to deal with us not only with justice but with an overwhelming sense of mercy and compassion. We need to develop a stronger sense of compassion, caring and sharing. We need to speak kind, loving words, we need to have rachmones and give rachmones.

#2 **Naches** **“pleasure/satisfaction/pride.”** Most often used by saying, “My children give me so much naches.” We should not only enjoy the ‘naches’ our children and grandchildren give us, but also share in the joys of our extended family and friends.

#1 And the number one word that Jews should say: **Mensch. A mensch is a person of either gender who is decent, kind and honest; a good person who is fully human and humane.** It is the greatest and most worthy characteristic we can aspire to.

I can think of a few words that I think are missing from this list. I would have included: **Kedusha**, **“holiness,” teshuvah** **“repentance,” Mitzvot**, **commandment/good deed, and derech eretz**, **“appropriate way to act and treat people.”** Nevertheless, the ten words Rabbi Dosick chose are ten words that affect everything we do that is important and everything that we can do to shape the world and make it a better place.

Our Jewish heritage gives us wise words, words of goodness and greatness. Rabbi Dosick suggests that: “we speak these words for when we embody and live these top ten words, our humanity is enhanced, our existence is enriched and are lives are ennobled.”

# President's Report

*A version of the speech Mark Kaplan gave at Rabbi Kerbel's installation.*

I am delighted to welcome dignitaries, fellow congregants, and friends - on the occasion of Rabbi Kerbel's installation. It is our mission at TBEMC to meet the spiritual, educational, and social needs of our Jewish community in the greater Cranford area. We have done so with pride for over 100 years, and we look forward to keeping up the good work for the next 100 as well. There are many factors that have enabled us to fulfill our mission, and strong rabbinic leadership is at the top of the list.

I am grateful Rabbi Kerbel is with us as our spiritual leader. He brings a treasure trove of experience, a passion for being a congregational rabbi, a vision of Jewish community that is aligned with ours, and a sincere desire to help us all on our Jewish journeys. In just a few months he has positively impacted our community in a number of ways. Of particular note is his efforts to bring in new programming, from Friends of the IDF in August, to Professor Jack Wertheimer as our Scholar in Residence in November, and to having a Menorah Lighting and Deli and Games Night on December 24th. He has also been an excellent partner for me, as a lay leader, to work with.

I would like to add some thank-yous. First, to Jackie Baranoff, my predecessor as president, and to last year's Executive Board, who all served as the Rabbinic Search Committee. Jackie, and everyone involved, acted purposefully and decisively to bring Rabbi Kerbel to TBEMC. Special thanks also go to Jennifer Stoffman, our representative from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, for providing invaluable assistance during the search.

Second, to John Harris and his team: Harriet Mazur, Susan Harris, Ken Davidson, Lois Waldman and Joanie Finkelstein, for organizing all the festivities today. To say it was a lot of work is an understatement. Everything turned out great – kudos to you!

Also, to Shirel Gadenkel – you may remember her from our family High Holiday program this year, and I'm pleased she's here again today to bring a musical accompaniment.

And finally, thank you to all the sponsors of Rabbi Kerbel's Installation. Net proceeds from the Installation will support the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, which Rabbi Kerbel intends to use for our life-long learning and family programs, and tikkun olam efforts.

## MEN'S CLUB



Mazal tov to Art Werschulz, TBEMC's Man of the Year. He received his award at the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Northern Jersey Region South event.

## RITUAL

Even when it's not a holiday - Come to minyan and be counted! Evening minyan is Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30. Please see the online calendar for the minyan schedules for holidays and regular days.

# Rabbi's Installation



The Installation of Rabbi Kerbel took place on December 8, 2019



The Religious School kids in K-3rd grade officially welcomed Rabbi Kerbel on his installation day, with this hand-made card. Everyone in the RS signed the card.



# Thank You TO ALL SPONSORS OF *Rabbi Kerbel's Installation*

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# Religious School Students Shine at Annual Hanukah Zimriyah/Songfest

*Doni Remba, Religious School Principal*



On December 15, the Religious School held its annual Hanukah Zimriyah, or Songfest, before a packed sanctuary of parents, families and congregants. The event was conducted and accompanied by our guest music director Shirel Gidekel, visiting from Boston, who led our High Holiday family services. Students from every class, from Gan Katan through 7th grade, performed beautifully, singing 14 songs, 8 in Hebrew, 5 in English and 1 in Ladino. After the audience joined in the Star Spangled Banner and Hatikvah, the entire school ascended the bima to kick off the concert with "Oh Hanukah, Oh Hanukah."

The children of Gan Katan, Kindergarten and Kitah Alef/1st Grade, under the guidance of Morah Debbie Levyhaim and Morah Rachel Brill, followed with "I Have a Little Dreidel," and by K and 1st with a new, jazzy version of Am Yisrael Chai that had students swaying and clapping to the beat. 2nd Grade/Kitah Bet took to the bima next with the Ladino Hanukah song "Ocho Kandelikas/Eight Candles," as Morah Michael-Anne Regan helped conduct. Third Grade/Kitah Gimmel joined 2nd in a rousing rendition of "Hava Nashira/Let's Sing," set to a spirited new melody. Morah

Caryn Weingast's 3rd Grade introduced us to another exciting new melody, this time for "Hineh Mah Tov," by Israeli musician Elana Arian, followed by Sevivon Sov Sov Sov.

Fourth and 5th Grades, Kitot Dalet v'Heh, under Rabbi

Hillel Gold, offered not only the familiar "Maoz Tzur" melody, but the rarely-heard version by Italian Baroque composer Benedetto Marcello from the early 18th century. This was followed by a new rhythmic rendition of "Eileh Chamda Libi" by American Jewish musician Noah Aronson, also moving students to dance and clap to the beat. Cantor Ted Prosnitz's 6th Grade, together with 7th, Kitot Vav and Zayin, joined them in "Mi Yimalel," then took to the

bima on their own with "Banu Choshech Legaresh/We Have Come to Banish the Darkness," and Debbie Friedman's "Miriam's Song," accompanied by tambourine and a dance.

The concert reached its climax with the entire Religious School returning to the bima to perform "Light One Candle" by Peter, Paul and Mary, accompanied on the guitar by 6th-grader Ross Reibarkh together with Shirel Gidekel on keyboard, with the audience joining



in on the chorus, "Don't Let the Light Go Out!" The Zimriyah ended with Debbie Friedman's "Not By Might."

When the songs were done, students and families moved to the social hall for a joint Kadima/Religious School Hanukah party. The Zimriyah was made possible by the dedicated work of our students and teachers, the support of our Education Committee, under Leah Davidson and Phyllis Kandl; Ellie Barkin, our Youth Director, who designed our fabulous program; Susan Harris, who designed our lovely flier, and Rabbi Kerbel who helped in so many ways. A great time was had by all!



# Classes

## TORAH WITH LAURA

*We have many openings for upcoming haftarah!*

Have you thought about re-learning your bar or bat mitzvah haftarah? Do you want to try out a new ritual skill? Do you have a special family occasion coming up that would be appropriate for the honor of chanting a haftarah? Are you willing to put some time into practice? Lessons and assignments for Torah and haftarah readings! This is your one-stop shop! Please reply if you have a specific request or just want to learn how to do it.

Laura Cohen, cell (848)702-9106

## HEBREW

Hi everyone! I would like to start a new Hebrew reading class. The class would be for beginners and those who had training as a child, but their skills have lapsed. Contact me if you are interested! Liela Bernstein  
(908) 233-0058, lielaberns@comcast.net

## WE CARE

After a very successful first year, the WE CARE committee looks forward to continuing to provide support through doing deeds of loving kindness for our TBEMC community. Many thanks to all those that have volunteered this past year in the many areas that WE CARE provides services to our community.

### **Volunteer opportunities are available in the following areas:**

The We Care committee is looking for a volunteer to send out preprinted monthly birthday cards to our congregants. Also needed: meal prepping and delivery for those in need, Homework Club Tuesdays 3-4 pm at TBEMC, Shiva meals, providing transportation, helping with senior monthly gatherings, medical apparatus lending library, mailings and correspondence, monthly birthday cards and get well cards, making telephone calls, home visitations, hospitals and nursing home visitation and food bank collections.

We welcome anyone wishing to volunteer in providing deeds of loving kindness; any amount of time is appreciated no matter your age or availability. Please contact Dave Salomon at (908) 868-9028 or email dsalomon8648@gmail.com



# FUNDRAISING

## GIFT CARDS

Sisterhood sells gift cards all year long for all the major supermarkets in the area—ShopRite, Acme, Stop & Shop and Kings. Use them instead of your credit card when grocery shopping. When you buy your gift card through Sisterhood, TBEMC get a percentage of every card and it costs you nothing extra. Did you know that 5% of every ShopRite card you buy goes back to TBEMC, its library, Kadima/USY, etc. While you may forgo your credit card rewards in using the cards, you will be making a valuable donation to the shul. Please consider buying some throughout the year, either for personal use or to give to your college student or friends as a gift.

**HOW TO GET GIFT CARDS** Barbara Goodgold (908-276-6634) and Harriet Mazur (908 499-4760) will be selling them. The cards are also available in TBEMC office, so stop in with your check during office hours (including the start of Hebrew School on Tuesdays). The cards are also available at most TBEMC events.

Gift cards bring in thousands of needed dollars to TBEMC every year. Although it may take a little adjustment in how you do your grocery shopping, purchasing or ordering cards from Barbara or Harriet, does a mitzvah. Everyone needs to eat. Please consider purchasing some cards throughout the year!

## CARS FOR CASH

Are you looking for a tax break for next year? One great way to support TBEMC is by donating your used car. You get the full tax deduction and TBEMC gets the majority of the donation. To donate, go to the "Support the Temple" part of TBEMC's website, click "Support by Shopping" and then click "CARS." For questions or more information on this easy donation process, please contact Mark Kaplan at [markikaplan@hotmail.com](mailto:markikaplan@hotmail.com) or (908) 232-5498.

*Thank you to Amy and David Thaler, and Lance and Phyllis Kandl for their recent car donation.*

## SUPPORT TBEMC THROUGH SHOPPING

A reminder to use the Support by Shopping link on the TBEMC site, or just bookmark your computer: <http://tbemc.org/shopping/>

Amazon has historically generated the most revenue for the Temple in terms of support by shopping (with the exception of car donations), but we can do much better. Use this URL to support TBEMC by shopping with Amazon as well as Barnes and Nobel, Jewish National Fund, car donations, JDeal, Escrip and Israel Bonds: <http://tbemc.org/shopping/>

Please send an email if you have any difficulties or questions.  
David Thaler  
[mediatorthaler@hotmail.com](mailto:mediatorthaler@hotmail.com)

# Religious School News

## TBEMC Religious School Provides Education for All Age Groups

The TBEMC Religious School fosters love for G-d, prayer, Torah, and community. We offer a range of Jewish education for the entire family. Religious School is Sundays from 9-12 for all grades, and Tuesdays from 4-6 for 3rd-7th grades. When students reach Bar/Bat Mitzvah, they will have learned skills in Hebrew reading, prayer and understanding of Jewish holidays.

Students begin in kindergarten through 2nd grade with hands-on learning that includes holidays and Hebrew letters. Temple membership is not required until 3rd grade. With our new Sustaining Pledge Model, more young families are joining an earlier time, because we have a more flexible donation model without a set dues amount.

The Gan Katan class held bi-weekly for ages 3-4, is filled with joy through art, music, storytelling, dancing and friendship. Temple membership is not required for this program, which begins the foundation of Jewish life for each child.

Tot Shabbat for children 0-6 years is held monthly and helps light a spark that connects children to Judaism at a young age. We develop the habit and joy of praying with the community. Temple members and non-members are warmly welcomed.

Parents are encouraged to enhance their Jewish education through Shabbat Junior Congregation and Sunday morning prayer service.

We welcome you to register throughout the year for Gan Katan through 7th grade classes. Any time you decide to register is the right time! We recognize that there are traditional and non-traditional family units with unique spiritual needs. It is our goal to open our doors to all who seek a congregation such as TBEMC.

Contact the office or Doni Remba for more information at [principal@tbemc.org](mailto:principal@tbemc.org)



## Bima Accessibility

Thank you to ALL who have sponsored a part of this project.  
All donors will be recognized in a prominent display.

There are still many opportunities for sponsors and we encourage chair sponsorships.

Stair Railings (4)	\$7,200
Lift Railings	\$3,600
Stair Railing (Individual)	\$1,800
Congregational Seating Row	\$1,800
Clergy and Bima Chair	\$1,080
Ark Sheer Curtains	\$360
Individual Congregational Seat	\$180
General Support	any

Thanks to all who support our accessible sanctuary project! *Laura Cohen*



The 6th grade class volunteered at the Community Food Bank in December. They packaged over 2,000 boxes of food for those families in need. One in three families in NJ do not have enough money to provide adequate food for their families. These kids did a huge mitzvah and should be commended for all their hard work and dedication.



## TBEMC Youth

This year USY and Kadima have some great events planned. As always, we are looking for new and old members to register for USY. To register as a member of USY or Kadima, fill out the form here:

<http://bit.ly/2MZqZZV>

You can also email:

[TBEMCYouthgroups@gmail.com](mailto:TBEMCYouthgroups@gmail.com)

for more information!

Please take a look at the current calendar of events and kindly consider joining USY or Kadima!

—Ellie Barkin-Baron

[TBEMCYouthgroups@gmail.com](mailto:TBEMCYouthgroups@gmail.com)

### KADIMA

#### Family Havdala and Pajama Pasta Party

February 1, 5:45-9:30pm Family Event!

5:45-6:40 (Shabbat songs, Havdalah with Shirel, Shabbat crafts  
6:40 Pasta bar dinner.  
\$5/person, \$20 family of 4+  
7:00-9:30 Pajama party for grades 3-8.  
Movie, board games, video games, snacks, Tikkun Olam.

RSVP by December 28:

<https://bit.ly/2ZemEsR>

### USY

**Pizza Party** February 2, 7pm

**Purim Carnival** March 8

### JVS

#### JVS Offers a Broad Range of Job Counseling Services

If you or someone you know is unemployed and looking for work, changing careers, re-entering the workforce, or is a recent college graduate and seeking a job for the first time, we can help. JVS Career Counseling & Placement offers high-quality career services — at no or low-cost to you. Services include: one-on-one career counseling and job placement, resume writing, interview training, mentoring, support groups, workshops, vocational testing, and more. For information, contact Dr. Meryl Kanner at 973-674-6330 ext. 271 or [mkanner@jvsnj.org](mailto:mkanner@jvsnj.org)

Save the date for commUNITY Mitzvah Day through the Federation of Greater MetroWest. This is a day filled with hands-on volunteer experiences for all ages and stages, taking place all over Greater MetroWest. The date is March 29, 2020.

Financial assistance for fertility treatment, surrogacy, and/or adoption.

Interest free loans through the Hebrew Free Loan of NJ's Building Jewish Families Fund. Details: <http://bit.ly/2DYrhMO>

# Torah Fund

Every woman has the opportunity to participate in preserving, promoting and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism through active giving to the **Torah Fund Campaign** of Women's League in support of the Jewish Theological Seminary (New York, NY), Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles, CA), Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem), Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano (Buenos Aires), and Zacharias Frankel College (Potsdam).

The Torah Fund campaign began in 1942 as a scholarship fund. In 1963, it merged with the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall campaign that provided housing for undergraduate students. In time, the campaign identified needs and raised funds for specific projects, including:

Women's League Educational Pavilion (Kripke Tower)

Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall Renovations

Women's League Seminary Synagogue

Goldsmith Hall

JTS Quadrangle

JTS Library Bookshelves

Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies Garden

Residence Hall at the American Jewish University



For the past several years, funds raised by Torah Fund have gone toward scholarships to all the schools. There are continuing opportunities for sisterhoods and individuals to provide support to all four institutions through Torah Fund. Thousands of dedicated volunteers have contributed to the spiritual, esthetic and material well being of these educational communities by supporting Torah Fund projects.

*The 5780 (2019-2020) Torah Fund pin depicts a heart surrounded by three circles, one larger than the next. This symbolizes the heart of kindness, which Jews enact in ever-widening realms of generosity: from family, to community, to the larger world; from North America, to Israel, to the world; or from sisterhood, to region, to the larger world of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. And as it is said in Psalm 89, may we build a world of kindness.*



At the Senior Monthly Gathering, participants played Hanukkah BINGO and enjoyed latkes.



### DAWN OF A DREAM

As we begin 2020, we have much to be thankful for here at TBEMC. We celebrated the installation of Rabbi Kerbel and had a wonderful and joyous Zimriyah with songs for Hanukah. Many families attended both events, and that bodes well for the future of the shul. Another important way to assure our future remains leaving a legacy gift. This past month we enrolled our latest member into the Legacy Circle – Barbara Potashkin. Our sincere thanks to her for doing her part and joining so many other fellow congregants in doing so! A number of other congregants are also on the verge of making their commitments. We can't wait to sign them up!

It is our sincere hope that TBEMC continues to move in the positive direction we have seen since Rabbi Kerbel's arrival. There is a calendar full of events for everyone and we should all find something which interests us and participate. Legacy giving enables such a full plate of events to happen. Our Legacy Circle members were the first to recognize this. Their posthumous gifts have already made a difference. We want you to become part of our Legacy Circle now. Keep Judaism and TBEMC alive now!

Becoming a Legacy Circle member is painless and making a legacy gift does not take current dollars away from your personal needs now, and it will not significantly impact your legacy giving to your family down the road. Your commitment is a FUTURE gift. Our gifts range from \$1,800 to \$100,000 and each one matters, no matter what size! Call David Springer at 908-370-1890 or Laura Cohen at 908-389-1744 to join our Legacy Circle, or fill out the commitment form located in this Bulletin or online. Help assure that TBEMC will continue to be here for the next generation and beyond. We can't wait to hear from you! — David Springer and Laura Cohen

## SISTERHOOD PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Sisterhood would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Raffle. We'd also like to thank Deli-King of Clark and Simply Arts and Frames of Cranford for generously donating their gift certificates.

The winners are:

4th Prize: Leo Dulberger \$50 Gift Certificate to Simply Arts and Frames

3rd Prize: Janet Ballen \$70 Gift Certificate to Deli-King of Clark

2nd Prize: Phyllis Kandl \$125 Gift Card for ShopRite

1st Prize: Carla Berzon \$250 Gift Card for Amazon

Congratulations to our winners!



Sisterhood welcomed a magician for the paid-up member event in December.

## SAVE THE DATE Film Series

The Lifelong Learning committee runs on Sundays at 4pm in the Youth Lounge. Put the dates on your calendar! The theme is comedy films, with a Jewish theme and/or Jewish content.

January 26, 2019

February 23, 2019

March 29, 2019

April 26, 2019

May 17, 2019

June 14, 2019

## SISTERHOOD

### Sadye Ross Book of Memories

Whenever you need a card for a birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc., or for condolences, call or e-mail me. I can write your message and mail a Sadye Ross Book of Memories card for you. Just \$3.50 per card sends your message out and donates money for Sisterhood. You can also buy 10 cards for just \$30 to have cards on hand to send out on your own.

### LOOKING FORWARD

#### TO HEARING FROM YOU

Liela Bernstein

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### Oneg and Kiddish

Sisterhood joyfully prepares and platters the Oneg and Kiddush each week that it is not sponsored. Please sign up to help. Ask a friend to join you who hasn't experienced the Friday morning fun yet, beginning at 10 ending by noon or earlier. The more people who sign up, the more fun and easier it is on everyone! Don't just think that "someone else will do it." We need you one and all. (Men and women wanted. No experience necessary.)

Contact Carol Blank to volunteer at (908) 272-7254 or mail2duck@aol.com

### Sponsor a Kiddish

Birthday, anniversary, baby, new job, retirement, good news, good health, good luck, goodbye...the reasons are infinite. The best reason? To support Sisterhood.

Sisterhood provides the Oneg and Kiddush each week it is not sponsored. We financially support the Religious School, library, USY and Kadima youth groups. We joyfully present B'nai Mitzvah gifts and donate to synagogue projects.

The Sisterhood Saturday Kiddush is prepared for the congregants attending services, approximately 30-40 attendees each week. The cost is 10 times Chai, \$180. Please pick a date and let us know what to write on your special cake.

We appreciate your support!



## FIDDLER

Twenty-five people, including six from Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains, enjoyed the award-winning production of "Fiddler on the Roof" in Yiddish at the Stage 42 Theater in New York City on December 15. Our group participated in an exclusive post-performance discussion with several members in the cast, many of whom learned Yiddish for this production. One of the actors told us that her background was in opera and, although she has had to learn other languages for those performances, she was amazed how Yiddish has stuck with her. "I find that I'm using Yiddish expressions now in my everyday life because there are some words I just don't know how to convey their meaning in English!" she exclaimed to us. At some point during the performance, I stopped reading the sub-titles and just absorbed the Yiddish, as if I had been transported to the Pale in the early 20th Century. We learned that although the show will be ending its run in New York on January 5, 2020, it's scheduled to tour in 36 cities and has been invited to be performed for four weeks in China! Following the show, our contingent headed for Ben's Kosher Deli for dinner where we continued our discussion. —Marty Schwartz

## COMMUNITY

Rosi and I would like to thank our temple family for the tremendous volume of well wishes sent to her. She is doing well and appreciates all your caring.

—Marty Metzger



David and Gail Salomon thank everyone for the best wishes and donations, as they received the Miriam S. Karch Award from Jewish Family Services.

Thank you to the kiddush donors – Joe Bloomfield

# Donor-Advised Fund

As TBEMC members start your year-end charitable and tax planning, the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest announced its new Donor-Advised Fund Synagogue Incentive Initiative.

## How does this benefit your synagogue?

When a member of your synagogue opens a donor-advised fund (DAF) with the Jewish Community Foundation (JCF), your synagogue will receive a \$100 donation in their honor. (Your synagogue must be in Greater MetroWest NJ to participate. This opportunity is available through December 31, 2020.) Congregants set aside charitable funds that are available immediately. Congregants can pay for synagogue membership and High Holiday tickets (if applicable) from a DAF.

## What is a donor advised-fund?

A DAF is a flexible way for your members to give to their favorite charities, including your synagogue. It simplifies their charitable giving and maximizes tax savings. They can make donations of appreciated assets.

## Why choose JCF?

JCF's very competitive, all-in fees are reinvested in the community and support our work. In 2019, over 80% of JCF's grants stayed in the Jewish community. *For more information: <https://jcfgmw.org/daf-incentive/> or call Beverly Kestenbaum, Director of Donor Services, at (973) 929-3063 or [bkestenbaum@jcfgmw.org](mailto:bkestenbaum@jcfgmw.org)*

# Advance Commitments

The Advance Sponsorship Committee thanks the following people for their advance commitments to sponsor events and projects this year. All commitments are welcome! The list of opportunities is at the end of the bulletin.

### Rabbi's Lunch and Learn

Larry Posner

### Simchat Torah Luncheon

The Ershow-Levenbergs

### Erev Simchat Torah Refreshments

The Halperns & The Farbers

### Sukkot Dinner

Garry Solomon

### A Lulav and Etrog Set for Religious School

Carol Steuer and Herb Marton

### Bagels and Babies

Debbie & Mark Kaplan

### Babysitting for the High Holidays

Nancy Lubarsky & Donald Shapiro

### Flowers for High Holidays

Roz Rosenfeld

### New Sound System

Dave & Sandy Springer

### Senior Monthly Gathering

Fink Rosner Ershow-Levenberg, LLC, Attorneys

### Pirkei Avot Books

Linda & Jonas Leifer

### Contribution to Rabbi Discretionary Fund for Congregants in Need

Sharon & Michael Taub

### Set of New Machzors

Larry Posner

### Tu B'shevat Seder

Carol Steuer & Herb Marton

### Purim Refreshments

Joy Veron

### Fast of the First Born

Larry & Mindi Metz

### Pesach 2nd Seder

Dave & Gail Salomon

### Sponsoring a Saturday Kiddush for Personal Events

Liela Bernstein; Larry Posner

# *Yahrzeit Announcements*

## **JANUARY 1-3, TEVET 4-6**

Lillian Grodjesk, grandmother of Jane Abel  
Samuel Halperin, father of Howard Halperin  
Bernard Kessler, uncle of Frederic Kessler  
Helen Lieberman, mother of Libby Brenner  
Ronni Porbin, mother of Marci Semel  
Lillian Gross, mother of Norman Gross  
Fay Kramer, sister of Sara Zeidman  
Dorothy Rubenstein, aunt of Carol Forlander  
Mary Goldberg, mother of Ruth Silverman  
Arlene Rado, sister of Howard Halperin  
Morris Schalef  
Albert Tarler  
Ruth Watter, mother of David and Steve Watter

## **JANUARY 4-10, TEVET 7-13**

Yetta Averbach, mother-in-law of Michael Reitman  
Sylvia Galen, mother of Robert Galen  
Mollie Jacobson, grandmother of Roberta Einhorn  
Libby Kagan, mother-in-law of Neil Lavikoff  
Gussie Kramer  
Helen Goldfinger, grandmother of William Roth  
Esther Klein, mother of Robert Klein  
Nathan Scolnick, uncle of Deborah Simons  
Arthur Heicklen, brother of Linda Heicklen  
Arthur Parish, father of Howard Parish  
Rose Schultz, mother of Madeline Spitz  
Ronald Ginsberg, husband of Barbara Ginsberg  
Charles Korman, husband of Beverly Korman  
Sander Oslick, father of Harold Oslick  
Gussie Shur  
Samuel Zinker, grandfather of Sima Murphy  
Sara Zirlin, mother of Dorothy Sourifman  
James Herbst, uncle of Seymour Herbst  
Roger Feldman, father of Alyssa & Alyssa Amsellem  
Stewart Feldman, brother of Marilyn Kaback  
Bessie Gittlin, mother of Louis Gittlin  
Claire Hoffman, mother of Joseph & Barbara Garran

Sadye Ross, sister of Allen Weissberger  
Minnie Waldman, mother of Leonard Waldman  
David Fein, grandfather of Jill Schulz  
Sam Judas  
Sophia Rosenzweig, of Robert Rosenzweig

## **JANUARY 10-17, TEVET 14-20**

Joseph Sokolov, father-in-law of Marvin Greenberg  
Morris Rabin  
Frieda Rappaport, mother of Irwin Rappaport  
Samuel Reisfeld  
Wolf Steinberg, father of Reuben Steinberg  
Abraham Storchheim, grandfather of Howard Silverman  
Toni Ackerman, mother of Aaron Ackerman  
Florence Gerson, mother of Alice Goldfarb  
Rose Gorrin, mother of Gail Rosenblum  
Mary Kramer, grandmother of Audrey Silverman  
Alfred Rosman, husband of Betty Rosman  
Mae Shulman, mother of Karen Vinacour  
Morris Siegel, grandfather of Ruth Kerr  
Gerald Fishbein, father of Jonathan Fishbein  
Paul Fishbein, brother of Jonathan Fishbein  
Irwin Kaplan, of Lillian Kaplan  
Francis Patterson  
Stanley Schwartz, father of Alan Schwartz  
Leo Springer, grandfather of Russ Bleemer  
Anna Zeidman, mother-in-law of Sara Zeidman  
Leo Abramson, father-in-law of Geoffrey Bob  
Sol Dare, father of Sheila Levine  
Anna Foxman, grandmother of Gary Horowitz  
Albert Kessler, father of Frederic Kessler  
Israel Kramer, grandfather of Audrey Silverman  
Israel Joseph Roy, father of Harold Roy  
Mamie Bogner, sister of Rae Kane  
Reva Friedman, mother of Martin Friedman  
David Hosid, father of G. Kyla Grod  
Jack Rosen  
Alexander Schachter, husband of Sandra Schachter

## Yahrzeit Announcements continued...



### **JANUARY 18-24, TEVET 21-27**

Morris Fishkin, father of Natalie Eichner  
Lillian Greenzeig, step daughter of Joan Gottlieb,  
aunt of Ruth Kerr, mother of Jeffrey Schwartz  
Eleck Kipnes, father of Betty Rosman  
Sarah Sandlaufer, mother of Shirley Cuttler  
Joseph Schimkowitz, father of Alan & Lee Schimkowitz  
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Barney Cohn, father of Bobbi Binder  
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Sophie Mazur, mother-in-law of Harriet Mazur  
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Bessie Weingus, mother of Sidney Weingus  
Esther Fox, mother of Milton Fox  
Howard Lieberman, father of Alan Lieberman  
Doris Mandell, wife of Burton Mandell, mother of  
Phyllis Kandl  
Louis Rosenblatt, father of Florette Applebaum  
Harry Silver  
Jennifer Thaler, of David Thaler  
Alan Gardiner, father of Eric Gardiner  
Francis Hartz, father of Ilene Grisi  
Rinnette Peterson, aunt of Amy Weinstock  
May Schwartzbach-Goldber  
Ida Spring, mother-in-law of Sam Kimmelman  
Luba Wosk, grandmother of Sheila Levine  
Walter Ershow, father of Linda Ershow Levenberg

Helen Hecht, of Barry & Jane Kanig  
Fannie Katz, grandmother of Joel Katz  
Max Schoen, grandfather of Roberta Kessler

### **JANUARY 25-31, TEVET 28 –SH’VAT 5**

Alexander Harris, father of John Harris  
Rebecca Jacobson, grandmother of Roberta Einhorn  
Joseph Marcantuono, nephew of Louis Gittlin  
Eva Schwartz, mother of Bernard & Rita Schwartz  
Lewis Seligsohn  
Frances Simmons  
Milton Baron, father of Jerome Baron  
Bernice Bedrick, mother of Jane Abe  
Armin Steiner  
Herman Watnick  
Rose Cantor, grandmother of Roberta Kessler  
Sara Fein, grandmother of Jill Schulz  
Bertha Kasper, mother-in-law of Marilyn Melcher  
Muriel Ostroff, wife of Marvin Ostroff  
Gertrude Scher, mother of Michael Scher  
Simon Weinstock, father-in-law of Olga Weinstock  
Bessie Kaplan, mother of Tillie Coyle  
Marvin Mandell, brother of Burton Mandell  
Avraham Swarcbir, father of Mina Steinberg  
Bertha Beck  
Roslyn Jacobs, sister of Harriet Scheiner  
Eric Scheiber  
Irving Weinberg, father of Emily Goldberger



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## GENERAL DONATIONS

Charles & Esther Colodner, in loving memory of Mollie and Henry Sperling's granddaughter Robyn Perlman Harvan  
Gary & Judy Daniel, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach  
Marilyn Kaback, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach  
Robert Meth, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach  
Carol Steuer & Herbert Marton, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach  
Alida & William Woods, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach  
Helene & David Raush, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach  
Jane Glassman, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach  
Karen Kaplan, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach  
Marian Keitelman, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach  
Michael & Eileen Donlin, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach  
Gene & Dennis Berry, in honor of our high holiday p'ticha/aliyah

## LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE

David & Sandra Springer, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach  
Charles & Deborah Chamak, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach  
Steven & Carrie Wagner, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach  
Willford & Joann Morrison, in loving memory of Dorothy Steinbach

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL GARDEN

David & Sandra Springer, in loving memory of Fred Springer

## WE CARE

David & Sandra Springer, in honor of David & Gail Salomon receiving JFS award  
David & Sandra Springer, in loving memory of Kurt Steiner  
David & Sandra Springer, in loving memory of Rebecca Nadler  
Frederic & Adele Shafman  
Dr. Abraham and Barbara Goodgold, in honor of David & Gail Salomon receiving the Miriam S. Karch Award from Jewish Family Services  
Stephen and Sidney Solomon, in honor of David & Gail Salomon receiving the Miriam S. Karch Award from Jewish Family Services

## SHIVA FUND

Howard & Cari Epstein, in loving memory of Carol Epstein

## YAHRTZEIT FUND

Carrie Ferdinand, of Arthur Ferdinand  
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Eleanor Fishman, in loving memory of Nathan Tanenbaum  
Eleanor Fishman, in loving memory of Samuel Fishman  
Louis & Terri Gittlin, in loving memory of Benjamin Kleinert  
Linda Heicklen, in loving memory of Lewis Heicklen  
Gary Horowitz, in loving memory of Meyer Foxman  
Miriam Jarney, in loving memory of Anna Grunwald  
Barry & Jane Kanig, in loving memory of Elsie Siegfried  
Beverly Korman, in loving memory of Rose Silver  
Deirdre Olesky, in loving memory of Leonard Olesky  
Richard & Judith Rosenberg, in loving memory of Lillian Rosenberg

The Temple office can help you decide what the best giving opportunity is for you

908-276-9231 x10 or [office@tbemc.org](mailto:office@tbemc.org)

Please consider donations to these other charitable funds at TBEMC

Yahrtzeit Fund

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Stuart Kaback Memorial Fund

Accessibility Project Fund

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Temple Fund

We Care Fund

Dora Haleva Fund

Holocaust Garden fund

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Sisterhood Fund

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Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim

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Presents

## "THE JEWISH CONNECTION TO COMEDY" FILM SERIES

Our Next Film is  
**"BILOXI BLUES"**  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020 @ 4:00 PM

**ADMISSION FREE! BRING FRIENDS! POPCORN PROVIDED!!**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**"Broadway Bound"**  
**Sunday, February 23**  
**4:00 PM**

The second in Neil Simon's "Eugene Trilogy" stars Matthew Broderick, who originated the role of Eugene Jerome on Broadway. In this chapter, Eugene is drafted into the army during the final year of WWII and sent to Biloxi, Mississippi for basic training. In Biloxi, he encounters people very different from his Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn, including an eccentric drill sergeant, played by Christopher Walken. Directed by Mike Nichols.



Join USY for an awesome slice of fun!

# PIZZA + PARTY = FUN

February 2nd ▪ 7 PM

RSVP to Ellie at [TBEMCyouthgroups@gmail.com](mailto:TBEMCyouthgroups@gmail.com)

# FAMILY HAVDALAH AND PAJAMA PARTY

**Saturday, February 1st, 2020**

## **FAMILY EVENT 5:45 - 6:40 PM**

- Shabbat Songs
- Havdalah  
service lead by  
Shirel
- Shabbat craft

## **PASTA BAR DINNER 6:40 PM**

- \$5 per person
- \$20 for a family of  
four or more

## **PAJAMA PARTY 7:00 - 9:30 PM GRADES 3-8**

- Movie
- Board Games
- Video Games
- Snacks
- Tikun Olam

RSVP at  
<https://bit.ly/2ZemEsR>  
by January 28th.

PAJAMAS OPTIONAL BUT ENCOURAGED  
SPONSORED BY THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND KADIMA

**SAVE THE DATE**

# **Community Inclusion Weekend**

Join the TBEMC journey and learn how we welcome all people to our Jewish home. Presentations and programs all weekend long. Kiddush, oneg, dinners and more! Details to follow shortly.

Featuring renowned author, speaker and Jewish inclusion innovation expert Shelly Christensen

**February 7-9, 2020**

**Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim**

**338 Walnut Avenue, Cranford NJ**

**908-276-9231**

**[office@tbemc.org](mailto:office@tbemc.org) | [www.tbemc.org](http://www.tbemc.org)**

**All are welcome and invited. Members and non-members.**

This program is made possible in part by support from the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest of NJ's, Greater MetroWest ABLE, the Gary Aidekman Family Foundation, and the Sylvia and Seymour Rubenstein Special Needs Endowment Fund

SAVE THE DATE  
TBEMC PRESENTS

# TRIVIA? NIGHT!

*Saturday*

**February 29, 2020**

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM | TRIVIA BEGINS AT 8:30 PM

**EAT DRINK & TEASE YOUR BRAIN!**

**PRIZES RAFFLES**

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TEAMS OF 8 PLAYERS  
WATCH FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS  
TABLES FILL UP FAST!

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Cranford USY and Kadima Present

# TBEMC's Purim Carnival



CARNIVAL



**March 8th, 2020**

**Following the Purim Play  
Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim**

**Admission:**

**\$5 per person**

**\$20 for a family of 4 or more**



Bring the family and enjoy food, games,  
prizes and more!

# EARN MONEY FOR **TBEMC** & DONOR CREDIT FOR YOU WHILE YOU SHOP!

**Everything you ever wanted to know about raising money for the Temple by shopping with gift cards (scrip).**

## **What is it?**

The TBEMC Sisterhood's Gift Card program sells scrip for all of the local grocery stores.

## **How does it work?**

Participating retailers agree to sell the gift cards to us at a discount. You buy the cards at face value, and the synagogue keeps the difference. You get to participate in an important fundraiser, and it costs you absolutely nothing extra! You can use these convenient gift cards for your regular shopping or to give as gifts!

## **How can you participate?**

We make it easy! Vouchers are available weekdays in the Temple Office, during any Sisterhood meeting or event, or by contacting the Temple office or the chairperson, Barbara Goodgold (908-276-6634).

## **What else do you need to know?**

Sisterhood members earn 5% of their purchase price in donor credit, which covers the cost of attending the Donor Dinner Celebration in June.

Gift cards from these participating retailers are available in stock.

## **Groceries and Food:**

**Acme  
Shoprite  
Stop & Shop  
Kings  
Maple Kosher**

## **More Questions?**

Contact Barbara Goodgold at 908-276-6634.



# Join Temple Beth-El Mevor Chayim's

## Adult Israel Experience

LED BY

**Rabbi Paul Kerbel**

**June 7 - 19, 2020**

**Eilat - Petra Extension June 18 - 21, 2020**

View and download itinerary and application at [www.israeltour.com/rkerbel](http://www.israeltour.com/rkerbel)

### Tour Pricing

#### DISCOUNTED PRICE FOR CHECK PAYMENT

Land Only Package - \$3995

per person in a double room

Land and Air Package - \$5315

per person in a double room

Single Room Supplement - \$1360

#### FULL PRICE FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

Land Only Package - \$4147

per person in a double room

Land and Air Package - \$5520

per person in a double room

Single Room Supplement - \$1415

#### REDUCTIONS

3rd Adult in a room: -\$425

### Tour Package Includes

Hotels: Dan Panorama Tel Aviv, Mt Zion Jerusalem, Kibbutz Kibbutz Lavi in the north  
All Breakfasts, Friday night "Shabbat" Dinner and Lunch, 5 Weekday dinners and 2 lunches as per itinerary  
Touring with Rabbi Kerbel and one of Israel's Top Tour Guide educators in a WiFi enabled deluxe touring Motor Coach

### A Few Tour Highlights

Plant a tree in Neot Kedumim, Israel's biblical landscape reserve  
Guided tour of the Ayalon Institute - an underground bullet factory  
Tour the alleys of Old Jaffa, the ancient port city once known as the Gate of Zion  
Shekhiyanu-Welcome ceremony on top of Tel Jaffa overlooking modern Tel Aviv  
Tour the ruins of Caesarea, including Roman Theater, Promontory Palace, Hippodrome and Amphitheater  
Old synagogues and picturesque alleys of Tzfat, cradle of Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism) in the 16th century  
Walk in the lush Tel Dan Nature Reserve, one of the sources of the Jordan River, Kayak down the Jordan  
Tour the Golan Heights, special security briefing on Mt. Bental by Lieutenant Colonel (res.) Sarit Zehavi  
Wine tasting at the boutique Bahat Winery on Kibbutz Ein Zivan, BBQ dinner with young Israeli soldiers. Explore the bustling Machane Yehuda Market and take in a slice of local life  
Greet the Sabbath at the Western Wall. Option to pray together at the egalitarian "Masorti Kotel"  
Shabbat morning services at Conservative/Masorti synagogue, Kiddush, sponsored by Rabbi Kerbel  
Briefing on Israeli Politics by Steve Linde, editor-in-chief of the Jerusalem Report  
Explore the City of David, including its ancient water systems  
Set out across the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea, Swim in the Dead Sea  
Tour the ruins of Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and hear about the aesthetic Jewish sect  
Masada by cable car to tour the ruins of Herod's palace and the last outpost of Jewish independence. Lecture on Religious Pluralism in Israel and the Masorti Conservative Movement by Rabbi Andy Sacks

**Optional Eilat-Petra Extension: June 18-21, 2019 - Price per person based on double occupancy**  
4-5 Participants: \$1398 • 6-7 pax: \$1335 • 8-9 pax: \$1295 • 10 pax: \$1225 • tips for extension \$40

For additional information please contact Rabbi Paul Kerbel by email at [rabbip@tbemc.org](mailto:rabbip@tbemc.org) or call Rabbi 908-276-9231

Tour arranged by ITC Tours call Janine at 973-535-2575 or email [janine@israeltour.com](mailto:janine@israeltour.com)

Added to the costs above are tips for Guide, Driver, Restaurants, and Portage - \$195

\*Tour price is based on 15 participants; price will increase with less participants and be reduced at 20 or more participants

*"One does not travel to Jerusalem, one returns."*



## Sunday, June 7 - Depart USA

### Monday, June 8 - Going up into the Land

- Arrive in Israel to be met and assisted by your ITC representative (today's program depends on arrival time)
- **Plant a tree in Neot Kedumim**, Israel's biblical landscape reserve, in honor or in memory of a loved one
- Travel to **Rehovot** for a guided tour of the **Ayalon Institute** - An underground bullet factory used by Jewish forces before the founding of the State of Israel
- Tour the alleys of **Old Jaffa**, the ancient port city once known as the Gate of Zion. **Shekhiyanu**-Welcome ceremony on top of **Tel Jaffa** overlooking modern Tel Aviv.
- Check-in to the **Dan Panorama Hotel** on **Tel Aviv's Mediterranean Coast**
- Welcome Dinner at **Maganda Yemenite Restaurant**
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

### Tuesday, June 9 - The Hebrew City and the Jewish State

- Walking tour of historic "**Little Tel Aviv**" - Discover the quaint **Neve Tzedek** neighbourhood that gave birth to the "first Hebrew city in 2,000 years"
- **ITC Touch:** Discover **City of Sand and Sea**, a mosaic fountain created by artist and writer Nachum Gutman portraying scenes from the history of Jaffa and Tel Aviv
- Hear about the establishment of Tel Aviv standing at the **Founders' Monument** on **Rothschild Boulevard** and see the **Bauhaus architecture** for which central Tel Aviv was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit the new **Israeli Innovation Center** located in the **Tel Aviv Stock Exchange** to learn how Israel became the Start Up Nation
- Lunch on own and free time to explore the **Nachalat Binyamin Crafts Fair**. While there checkout the nearby **Carmel Market** and bohemian **Sheinkin Street** - All three of these Tel Aviv icons meet at the "**Magen David Junction**"
- Visit the **Palmach Museum** in **Ramat Aviv** to learn about the elite underground organization which played a critical role in founding the State of Israel
- **Free time to swim** in the **Mediterranean Sea** and enjoy **beachside promenade**
- Free evening. Dinner on own.
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

### Wednesday, June 10 - Cradles of Jewish Civilization in the Galilee

- Depart for northern Israel
- Tour the ruins of **Caesarea**, including its **Roman Theater**, **Promontory Palace**, **Hippodrome** and **Amphitheater**
- **ITC Touch:** Learn about a rabbinic debate over Jews attending gladiator games
- **OR:** Explore **Tzippori** and study a Jewish text in the ruins of the city where Rabbi Judah Hanasi sealed the Mishna. Discover its magnificent mosaics, including **Mona Lisa of the Galilee** and ponder why an ancient synagogue's floor features a wheel of the zodiac.
- Lunch on own
- Tour the old synagogues and picturesque alleys of **Tzfat**, cradle of **Kabbalah** (Jewish mysticism) in the 16th century. Discover the origins of our Friday night service where **Lecha Dodi** was written.
- Free time to shop in galleries and explore **Tzfat's Artist Colony** on own
- **Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee** followed by a lakeside dinner at **Decks Restaurant**
- Check-in to the **Kibbutz Lavi Hotel** by the **Sea of Galilee**
- Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi

### Thursday, June 11 - Ancient and Modern Geopolitics and Israel's Finest

- Walk in the lush **Tel Dan Nature Reserve**, one of the sources of the **Jordan River**, where you'll discover biblical intrigue and one of the oldest arches in the world
- **Kayak** down the **Jordan River** - Great way to cool off on a hot day
- Lunch on own
- Tour of the **Golan Heights** for a special perspective on Israel's complex geopolitics

as we "look down at Israel" the way the Syrian army once did and then look out at the border from strategic **Mt. Bental**

- **Geopolitical briefing** on top of **Mt. Bental** by **Lieutenant Colonel (res.) Sarit Zehavi**, a reserve IDF Intelligence Officer, on the current situation along the Israeli-Syrian ceasefire lines in the Golan Heights
- Wine tasting at the boutique **Bahat Winery** on **Kibbutz Ein Zivan**
- **ITC Touch:** **BBQ dinner with young Israeli soldiers**, who are giving some of the best years of their lives to the defense of Israel - Meet the human face of the Israeli army
- Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi

### Friday, June 12 - Across Israel: A Multicultural Jewish Society

- **ITC Touch:** Discover **Ethiopian Jewish culture** at the **Germachin Center** in **Belt Shean**. Hear a personal account of this community's modern day Exodus story and about the challenges facing the Ethiopian Israeli community today.
- Lunch on own
- Continue south through the **Jordan Valley** and ascend to **Jerusalem**
- **Shekhiyanu/Welcome** ceremony overlooking the **Old City of Jerusalem**
- Explore the bustling **Machane Yehuda Market** and take in a slice of local life as you see Jerusalemites prepare for Shabbat. On the way, see the nearby picturesque **Nachalot** neighborhoods.
- Check-in to the **Mt Zion Hotel** in **Jerusalem**
- Free time to relax and prepare for Shabbat
- Join hundreds of other Jews from around the world to **Greet the Sabbath** at the **Western Wall**. Option to pray together as a congregation at the **egalitarian "Masorati Kotel"**, where men and women can stand together.
- **OR:** Attend **Friday night services** at a local Jerusalem synagogue
- **Festive Shabbat Dinner** at hotel
- Overnight: Mt Zion Jerusalem

### Saturday, June 13 - And on the Seventh Day...In Jerusalem

- **Shabbat morning services** at a local Conservative/Masorati synagogue, followed by Kiddush, sponsored by Rabbi Kerbel
- **Shabbat Lunch** at the **Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism**
- **Shabbat afternoon options:**
  - Walking tour to the historic **Montefiore Windmill** to discover the first neighbourhood built outside the walls of the Old City. Then continue to **Ketef Hinnom**, a First Temple period burial site where archaeologists discovered the oldest biblical text ever found.
  - **Havdalah** with Rabbi Kerbel
  - Dinner on own
  - **Recommendation for the evening:** Visit the **First Station Compound**, Jerusalem's restored Ottoman railway station turned restaurant - cafe area
- Overnight: Mt Zion Jerusalem

### Sunday, June 14 - The Old City of Jerusalem - An Ancient Jewish Legacy

- Please choose one of the following ancient Jerusalem touring options for the group:
  - Explore the **City of David**, including its ancient water systems (without getting wet!), as we use the Bible and archaeology to decipher Jerusalem's ruins and uncover chapters in the city's past
  - **AND/OR:** Discover the archaeological story of the **Western Wall** and episodes from rabbinic texts while standing where Jewish pilgrims walked 2,000 years ago at **Robinson's Arch** and the **Southern Wall Excavations**
  - Visit the traditional prayer area of the **Western Wall**
  - Walk through the **Western Wall Tunnels** to discover underground Jerusalem
  - Lunch on own in the **Jewish Quarter**
  - Tour of **Jewish Quarter** including the **Herodian Mansions**, **Broad Wall**, **Roof tops** and **Cardo** followed by free time to shop and explore on own
  - Dinner at **Picolino Restaurant** in downtown Jerusalem

- **Dinner Briefing on Israeli Politics** by **Steve Linde**, editor-in-chief of the **Jerusalem Report** (and former editor-in-chief of the **Jerusalem Post**)
- Overnight: Mt Zion Jerusalem

### Monday, June 15 - Masada and the Dead Sea: Freedom Fighters or Fanatics?

- Set out across the **Judean Desert** to the **Dead Sea region**
- Tour the ruins of **Qumran**, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found and hear about the aesthetic Jewish sect that lived there 2,000 years ago
- Ascend **Masada** by cable car to tour the ruins of Herod's palace and the last outpost of Jewish independence
- **Swim** in the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth, at a local resort. The resort also has a fresh water pool and spa facilities. Massage and spa treatments available by prior reservation at own expense.
- Lunch at **Dead Sea resort**
- Time permitting: Walk in **Ein Gedi Nature Reserve** opportunity to bath in waterfalls and hear how David hid there from King Saul
- Free evening. Dinner on own.
- Overnight: Mt Zion Jerusalem

### Tuesday, June 16 - Holocaust, Remembrance and Continuity

- Guided tour of **Yad Vashem** Israel's national Holocaust memorial and museum, including the **Holocaust History Museum** and **Children's Memorial**
- Lunch at **Yad Vashem**
- Meaningful visit to **Mt. Herzl Cemetery** to discover chapters in the history of Israel while visiting the graves of **Yitzhak Rabin**, **Golda Meir**, **Theodore Herzl** and **Hannah Senesch**
- Engage in **hands on tzedakah** preparing food packages for distribution to some of Israel's neediest people at **Pantry Packers** in southern Jerusalem
- Free evening. Dinner on own.
- Overnight: Mt Zion Jerusalem

### Wednesday, June 17 - Modern History and Geopolitics in Jerusalem

- Drive along the former Israel-Jordanian **Cease Fire** lines which divided Jerusalem between 1948-1967
- Multimedia tour of the new **Six Day War Heritage Museum** at **Ammunition Hill**, the site of the fiercest battle in the Six Day War
- Lunch on own
- **Geopolitical tour of Jerusalem** to examine several key geopolitical issues impacting on the city, including borders, building and settlement (Jewish and Arab) and Israel's security fence
- Look out over the **Holy Basin** (Old City and Temple Mount) from the **Haas Promenade**
- Free evening. Dinner on own.
- Overnight: Mt Zion Jerusalem

### Thursday, June 18 - Wrapping Up and Departure

- Lecture on **Religious Pluralism in Israel and the Masorti (Conservative Movement)** by **Rabbi Andy Sacks**, Deputy Director of the Masorti Movement
- Visit **Yad Lakashish**, a unique employment project helping Jerusalem's elderly, including a stop in its shop "where shopping is a mitzvah!"
- Tour the **Israel Museum** to see the **Dead Sea Scrolls** in the **Shrine of the Book** and the **Model of Jerusalem** in the first century. Free time to explore additional exhibitions on own - **Recommendations: Modern Israeli art, Synagogue interiors** in the **Judaica** section and the **Archaeology Wing**.
- Lunch on own
- Remainder of afternoon free to explore on own and get in last minute shopping
- **Late check out**
- Farewell Dinner at **Olive and Fish Restaurant**
- Transfer to **Ben Gurion Airport** - See you again soon!

### Friday, June 19 - Arrive in USA

- Begin planning your next Israel trip with Rabbi Kerbel and ITC Tours!

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- ☐ I/We understand that you will inform the **designated organizations** of this gift.
- ☐ Please have a Jewish Community Foundation staff member contact me for a confidential conversation regarding my legacy gift.

*I/We understand that this commitment is revocable and may be modified at my/our discretion. I/We will endeavor to notify the recipient organization(s) accordingly.*

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# **TBEMC ADVANCE COMMITMENT**

# **SPNSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

## **A SUPPLEMENTAL PATHWAY OF GIVING**

### **DESCRIPTION AND CONCEPT**

TBEMC is a really active place with many recurrent activities that we provide every year. While our Sustaining Pledge Model is the major means by which we support our operations, our experience here at TBEMC is that people enjoy sponsoring specific projects or purchasing specific items as a member.

This program gives you the opportunity to do both. It enables the congregation to plan in advance.

### **RECOGNITION AND PUBLICITY**

The person who sponsors the event will be recognized in the programs or publicity related to the event.

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

Below is the form that needs to be filled out, signed and returned to the temple office. Members, their families and their businesses can be sponsors. For each sponsorship opportunity, payment in full now is needed for events occurring in September & October. After October payments are due to the office no later than 60 days prior to the event. We are asking for credit card authorization as a back-up if payment in full isn't received in time to enable the event to go forward as planned. If the sponsorship is for a non-event the payment is due in full.

### **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**

If more than one person sends in a request to be the sponsor, the first person whose form is received will be given that opportunity and we will call the subsequent donor.

### **ONE YEAR AT A TIME**

Each year is a new year, and one year's commitment doesn't obligate somebody to do it again.

### **CO-SPONSORING**

You can be a co-sponsor if you line up the other co-sponsor(s) to cover the full cost, and they also submit their forms.

### **EVENT PLANNING**

A Sponsor/Donor who is a TBEMC Member can be involved as a committee member with the event planning .

**QUESTIONS? Linda Ershow-Levenberg 908-351-9310 or  
908-507-2366 - [Linda.Ershow.Levenberg@gmail.com](mailto:Linda.Ershow.Levenberg@gmail.com)**

# TBEMC ADVANCE COMMITMENT

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

	Sponsorship	Cost
	<b>Library Acquisitions</b>	
1	Library Acquisitions (12 Mo-Rqrd)	\$25 a month
	<b>Flowers</b>	
2	Bima Flowers for special Events	\$300 each
3	High Holiday Bima Flowers	\$500
	<b>New Member Events</b>	
4	Wine and Cheese reception	\$350
5	Bagels & Babies	\$100
6	Friday Night New Member Kabbalat Shabbat	\$350 Each
	<b>Children Religious School</b>	
7	Rosh Hashanah Shofar Workshop	\$350
8	RH and YK Family and Youth Programs	\$300 each
9	Lulavi Etrog sets(3) for Religious School	\$180 each
10	Sukkot chol ha'moed events	\$250 each
11	Hanukkah Religious School Party	\$500
12	Pesach model Seder	\$500
13	Pesach Matzah Making Workshop	\$180
14	Siddur Ceremony Refreshments	\$360
15	Teddy Bear Sleepover	\$100
16	Patron of our special needs students	\$1000 each
17	Sponsor a Students Tuition	\$885
18	Religious School Leadership Development - 4 staff	\$1000 each
19	Supporting teen teaching Madrichim (6 teaching assistants)	\$500 Each
	<b>Full Congregation Events</b>	
20	Kabbalat Shabbat newly installed Board	\$180
21	High Holiday Baby Sitting	\$300
22	Yizkor Book Printing	\$500
23	Erev Simchat Torah refreshments	
24	Simchat Torah Lunch (taken)	\$675
25	Sukkot chol ha'moed events for adults	\$750
26	TuB'shevat Seder	\$360
27	Erev Purim Snacks, graggers and supplies	\$250
28	Purim Carnival	\$500
29	Second Night Seder	\$575
30	Shavuot Cheesecake /refreshments	\$225
31	Senior monthly gathering (taken)	\$1,500

32	Sponsor a Shabbat Dinner	\$750 each
33	Sponsor a Tot Shabbat with dinner	\$750
34	Friday Oneg	\$180 each
35	Saturday Kiddush	\$360 each
36	TBEMC has been invited to be a "Signature Synagogue" of The Anti-Defamation League a lead synagogue in teaching about and engaging in education about anti-Semitism	\$500
37	Sponsor Rabbi Kerbel's two summer lunch and learns	\$500 each
	<b>Office &amp; Administration</b>	
38	Computer	\$1,500
39	Adobe Creative Cloud	\$624/year
40	Constant Contact Email marketing	\$500
41	Website expenses (12 Month-Required)	\$30/month
42	Postage - Yahrzeit letters (12 Mo-Rqrd)	\$25/month
43	Floor Polisher	\$950
44	Advertising: Newspaper, online and direct mail advertising. 12 month-Rqrd)	\$50/month
	<b>Ritual Needs</b>	
45	20 copies new Rabbinical Assembly Pirkei Avot Lev Shalem for chapel for study and adult learning	\$550
46	20 Copies of new Rabbinical Assembly Mahzor Lev Shalem for chapel for study and adult learning	\$550
	<b>Rabbi's Office</b>	
47	Dedicate the Rabbi's office Furniture and accessories by contacting Rabbi Paul Kerbel individually. -Computer, Desk Lamp, Standing light, Desk with side hutch and table, computer table with shelves and drawers, 3 Large bookshelves 6 shelves wide,	Discuss with Rabbi
	<b>Tzedakah Opportunities</b>	
48	Purchase gift cards for ShopRite from the temple, for the Rabbi to give to families in need of food.	purchase in increments of \$50 and \$100

# TBEMC ADVANCE COMMITMENT

# SPNSORSHIP

## OPPORTUNITIES

### A SUPPLEMENTAL PATHWAY OF GIVING

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Credit Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I will sponsor the following event/project/program(s) per the attached Please include sponsorship number from the list below.

Sponsorship number #	Sponsorship Description	Amount Sponsoring
_____	_____	_____
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I will provide payment 60 days prior to the event in question. All event sponsorships in September and October are due now. I understand that if my payment is not received by the temple office by the due date, my credit card will be charged, and I authorize the temple to do so.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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# TBEMC Wall of Community



## New tiles are going up on our community wall:

In memory of Millie Lewis, Brenda Klein, Lewis & Martha Heicklen, Ted Spitz, Simon & Irene Holtz Raicer (parents of Abbie Halperin), Ann & Samuel Halperin (parents of Howard Halperin)

To commemorate the Davidson family & the Bar/Bat Mitzvahs of Cole & Chase Turnof, Micah Berger, Amelia Bluman (granddaughter of Jonas & Linda Leifer)

To celebrate the marriage of Mitchell & Marina Merman and the birth of Steve & Tammy Merman's grandson

Why don't you join them and other congregants?  
Become a part of this ongoing project; add to the wonderful menorah sculpture on our building. Watch it grow!

## Commemorate the past. Celebrate the present. Inspire the future.

Join Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim's permanent tribute to those who have been a part of our community. Commemorative wall tiles, engraved with an inscription of your choosing, will honor your loved ones, family, friends, and celebrate important events in your life. Add to the inspiring tiles that have placed on the exterior wall entering the front of the building for all to see. Each permanent tile is only \$180. Each tile can have three lines of text, 20 characters in each line. Order forms are available.

If you are interested in reserving your commemorative tile online with a credit card, go to [www.TBEMC.com](http://www.TBEMC.com) and look for information about the commemorative tiles or mail in your check with the wording you want inscribed.

More information or questions: Sandy Springer, 908-507-3291 or [sprfamily@verizon.net](mailto:sprfamily@verizon.net)  
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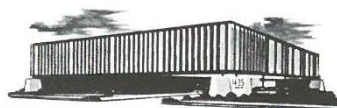
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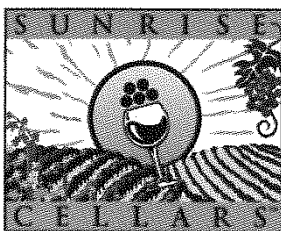
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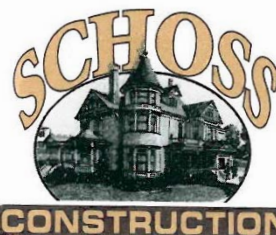


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