

# TEMPLE BETH EL

# MEKOR CHAYIM

## A Few Words From the Rabbi... Judaism and Poverty

*Rabbi Paul David Kerbel*

Two months ago, Melissa and I saw an extraordinary Broadway play, *The Great Society*, about President Lyndon Baines Johnson and his flurry of legislative activity to fight poverty and illiteracy in America. Fifty-six years ago, on January 8, 1964, President Johnson declared his War on Poverty. The poverty rate in America in 1964 was 19%. President Johnson reasoned that “the richest nation on earth can afford to win it; we cannot afford to lose it.” Over a half-century later, it seems as if we have not made much progress in America. The poverty rate is at least 15% today and Congress continues to cut food benefits for 48 million Americans by 7% and at least temporarily has allowed the unemployment benefits of 1.3 million Americans to lapse. According to the *New York Times*, at least five million Americans will lose their benefits over the next year. Each year the government of Israel announces how many of its citizens live below the poverty line. The answer is 20%. And around the world, 865 million people live on approximately 99 cents a day.

The Torah teaches the following: “If there is a needy person among you, one of your kinsmen in any of your settlements in the land that the Lord your God is giving you, **do not harden your heart and shut your hand against the needy...rather you must open your hand and lend him sufficient resources for whatever he needs...For the poor will never disappear from the earth which is why I command you: open your hand to the poor....**” (Deut 15:7-11)

Notice the wisdom that the Torah suggests to us: for the poor will never disappear.... Many have written on poverty. Scholars from Jeffrey D. Sachs of Columbia University to Esther Duflo of

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## FOCUS ON FUNDS

Please contribute to the Minyan Tzedakah Fund and the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund in the months of March and April. There are two tzedakah related mitzvot connected to Purim and Passover:

1. matanot la'evyonim - gifts to the poor on Purim and;
2. Ma'ot Hittin for Passover

Through the contributions congregants make at minyan by placing dollars in the pushke in the chapel, we support many Jewish charities and organizations. Please help us replenish this fund by making a donation with checks payable to the TBEMC Minyan Tzedakah Fund.

In addition, I traditionally make donations before Passover to Mazon: the Jewish Response to Hunger and to Jewish Family Service Kosher Food Pantry to support those in need for the Passover holiday. Either when you send in your form to sell your Hametz, or any time before, please make a donation to TBEMC Rabbi's Discretionary Fund to support these worthwhile charities. -Rabbi Paul D. Kerbel

# 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 [sprfamily@verizon.net](mailto:sprfamily@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.**

MIT have studied and recommended often opposing strategies to dealing with poverty. All believe that there are things we can do to help alleviate poverty in our world. But Esther Duflo admits, "poverty has been with us for many thousands of years; if we have to wait another 50 or 100 years for the end of poverty, so be it; but let us join hands in the quest for the many ideas, big and small, that will eventually take us to that world where no one has to live on 99 cents per day."

Maimonides wrote over 700 years ago, "I have never heard of an Israelite community that did not have a charity fund and did not take care of its poor." The Jewish community can take pride in its long history of ensuring that people – both Jews and non-

Jews do not starve or lack clothing. Our Yom Kippur haftarah admonishes Jews who fast but do not participate in solving the ills of society – feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. Rabbi Elliot Dorff in his recent work on Tikkun Olam suggests that, "the task of discerning the just and the good for society and then on that knowledge our not just central to our Jewish identity, it is what God demands of us – 'do what is right and good before the Lord.'"

We may not be able to solve all of the complex issues that result in poverty in much of the world, but Judaism demands that we be part of the solution and take action through our tzedakah and volunteer efforts to help change our world. Perhaps the words of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy reflect my thoughts in this essay: "Let no one be discouraged by the belief that there is nothing one man or one woman can do against the enormous array of the world's ills against misery and ignorance, injustice and violence...but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and the total of all those actions will be written in history...each time we stand up for an ideal, or acts to improve that lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends a tiny ripple of hope and those ripples build a current which can sweep down the walls of oppression and resistance."

**SAVE THE DATE**

**TBEMC Membership Weekend May 1-3**

Friday night, May 1	6pm Shabbat Services 7pm Shabbat Dinner
Saturday, May 2	9:30am Shabbat Services 10:15am Family Service 11:45am Kiddush Lunch and Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kerbel
Sunday, May 3	10am Synagogue/Religious School Open House 12noon Men's Club BBQ, Family Activities

**Stay Tuned for More Details!**

# President's Report

I want to give a big thanks to John and Susan Harris, the entire Inclusion Committee, and everyone who participated in our Inclusion Weekend in February. Shelly Christensen was an inspiring teacher and facilitator and helped us take the next steps forward in being a more inclusive community.

What does being more inclusive mean? Ask five people and you'll probably get five (or more) answers. For me, there are some concrete things we can do to be more inclusive. As an example, we can adjust our language, such as asking members to rise in body and spirit during services. We can also do more to promote our inclusive community on our website and membership materials. But more than taking specific actions, I believe inclusion is a mindset. There are two big takeaways I had that I wanted to share.

1. Do things with each other, not for each other. Just because someone is differently abled doesn't mean they want things done for them. Ask them what they want.
2. One story does not define who we are. We are not defined by our disability. No one is "the person in the wheelchair" or "the person who is hard of hearing."

That second point applies to all of us, fully abled or not. We are multifaceted and have many stories to tell. We all have strengths and gifts: some are out in the open, and some are hidden and are only revealed through patience and if others convey interest.

One of the blessings of communal life, especially at TBEMC, is having the privilege to hear each other's life stories and benefit from each other's gifts. May we all take the time to learn from one another and really listen.

—L'Shalom, Mark

## 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.

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

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

## 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.

## 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  
lielaberns@comcast.net, (908) 233 - 0058

### 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!

## RUN TBEMC

Are you a runner? If so, consider joining our Run TBEMC community. We have an active email list where we schedule runs of various lengths and at various times. For more information, email Harold Roy ([hroy1@comcast.net](mailto:hroy1@comcast.net)).

# 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)

Rabbi Gold's 4th & 5th grade classes used the new Kindles with the PrayerTech app, a learning game-based app that helps students learn the t'fillot (prayers) while having fun. They also have been using the Kindles with several Hebrew language apps to strengthen their Hebrew decoding skills. Students are virtually always totally engrossed in the apps, and we have little to no classroom behavior issues when they learn t'filla and Hebrew this way. And they are really learning! Nearly every student in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades has sent me and their teachers recordings using the Kindle PrayerTech app of them reading the Amidah: Avot v'Imahot and some have started Amidah: G'vurot (6th grade), and all 4th & 5th graders have sent us recordings of the Shma, and will start V'ahavta now. Both classes have now had several class sessions with these apps so far. We'll soon bring them to the 3rd grade as well.

—Doni Remba



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Harley Wofsy figured out how to write a phrase in Hebrew on her own, during Homework Club before the Tuesday Religious School session started.



Men's Club sponsored the annual World Wide Wrap in February. This event is held on the same day as hundreds of other congregations, to give everyone a chance to learn or relearn how to wrap Tefillin.



Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim  
 Youth and Family Services  
 Winter/Spring 2020



**Friday, January 24** 5:45 -6:30 p.m.  
 Shabbat Family Service with Rabbi Kerbel

**Saturday, January 25** 10:15-11:15 a.m.  
 Junior Congregation with Ellie Barkin

**Saturday, February 1** 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
 Family Havdalah Service & Pasta Dinner with Rabbi Kerbel and Shirel Gidekel

**Friday, February 21** 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.  
 Shabbat Family Service with Shirel Gidekel

**Saturday, March 21** 10:15-11:30 a.m.  
 Junior Congregation with Ellie Barkin

**Friday, March 27**  
 Religious School Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
 Religious School Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 25**  
 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious School Service  
 10:00 – 11:15 in the Youth Lounge  
 11:15 – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade will join the main sanctuary service to  
 lead the concluding prayers and Cantorial Student Shirel Gidekel  
 will lead songs in honor of Israel Independence Day.



Our Israeli rishon Hadar made Israeli chocolate balls with Religious School kids.

## COMMUNICATIONS

In order to take full advantage of our communication resources please coordinate all events with the temple office. By doing so you'll have the ability to advertise your event in the following places:

- weekly eblast
- bulletin
- Facebook
- local newspapers
- website
- calendar
- Shabbat handout
- and more*

You'll also be able to request an electronic payment page on the website for your event. We look forward to helping all event coordinators "get the word out" and having all our events successful.  
 communications-team@tbemc.org

## LIBRARY

Library books are made possible by your DONATIONS. Thank you and please continue your generosity.

- Donate to just to donate
- Donate in someone's name, honor or special occasion
- Contribute to the new Howard & Abbie Halperin Library & Education Fund

Call the office or Abbie for more information, ANY suggestions or questions. Abbie can be reached at (908) 337-5256 or abhalperin@gmail.com. Remember to return the books as soon as you can so everyone can borrow them.

*–Thank you. Abbie Halperin*

## COMMUNITY

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Judah Kerbel who will receive his smicha (ordination) from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Rabbinical School (RIETS) of Yeshiva University on Sunday, March 22 and mazal tov to Judah's parents, Rabbi Paul and Melissa Kerbel.

Thank you to the kiddush donors.  
 –Joe Bloomfield

Registration for commUNITY Mitzvah Day 2020 is now open! Join us for a day of hands-on service opportunities for all ages and stages at 12 locations across Greater MetroWest. Choose the activity that is most meaningful for you – including projects such as Build-a-Bike for families with middle-school age kids, urban farming at the Newark Conservancy, ride-share technology training to combat social isolation, and so much more! Learn more and register here:

<https://www.jfedgmw.org/cmd>

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>



# 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)

## USY

**Purim Carnival** March 8

## JOIN US

Join us for a Megillah Reading Monday evening March 9 at 7:00 pm. Purim Eve is generously sponsored by Joy Veron. Purim Services are Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 am in the Sanctuary.

## PURIM VOLUNTEERS

Purim is getting closer! We are looking for youth and adult volunteers to help run the Purim Carnival. Use the Signup Genius below, to sign up for a slot or two (or three). There are slots open before and during the March 8 carnival. Feel free to send this along to your family and friends who might be interested in obtaining service hours for their school work.  
<http://bit.ly/38Y3wTM>

## 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)

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

## 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.

March 29, 2020 • April 26, 2020 • May 17, 2020 • June 14, 2020

# Purim is Coming!

Megilla reading will take place on both Monday evening March 9, 2020 at 7pm and Tuesday morning, March 10 at 6:30am. We are seeking both new and experienced chanters for the Book of Esther.



**Chanters Wanted** Adults and teens above the age of bar/bat mitzvah are welcome to chant Megilla at TBEMC! We need you for both evening and morning Megilla reading but if you can only come to one or the other, that's okay.

Are you willing to chant the same verses as you did last year? Please email Laura and confirm. Would you like to chant Megilla for the first time? Please say yes! We will help you prepare!

Short readings are available (3 verses). If your family member might be interested but did not get this message directly, please share this message with them. Lessons are available on Sunday mornings at Torah with Laura by arrangement.

Study Aids: Download "JOFA's Megillat Esther" (maybe \$2?) for iPhones (not sure about other devices). This app has dual views like a tikkun and voice chanting. Need a recording? Let Laura know. During the week before Purim, Megilla readers will have the opportunity to practice from the actual Megilla scroll—by request. If you need the page of the tikkun which has your verses for practicing, I have it for you in pdf form. Please let me know!

Questions?

Call/email/text/FB IM THANK YOU!

Laura Cohen: 848-702-9106 or [laura.cohen@gmail.com](mailto:laura.cohen@gmail.com)

## Plan Your Costume!



The Religious School and congregation came together for an intergenerational Tu B'Shevat Seder in February. We celebrated the bounty of Israel's fruits and vegetables and connected Tu B'Shevat to our modern concerns for the environment and preserving the riches of our earth. The Seder was generously sponsored by Carol Steuer and Herbert Marton in memory of Joe Steuer.

# 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.*

# 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

## 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](mailto:dsalomon8648@gmail.com)



Rabbi Kerbel helped the Religious School kids lead services on a Sunday morning.

## HINENI: HERE I AM AUTISM, JEWISH EDUCATION, AND INCLUSION

Thank you to all of our sponsors,  
supporters and attendees for  
**Inclusion Weekend February 7-10, 2020**



Thank you for being a part of our journey and supporting our efforts during this Inclusion Education and Awareness Weekend. Funds raised helped defray hospital-ity costs throughout the weekend and supported our ongoing vision to offer belonging for all in a faith-based community.

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

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Sidney and Stephen Solomon

# FUNDRAISING

## GIFT CARDS

Sisterhood sells gift cards all year long for all the major super-markets 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 (908-272-7256) 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 Libby Lulinski, 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)

## 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@jfedgmw.org](mailto:bkestenbaum@jfedgmw.org)



A community and Religious School Havdallah with Shirelle and Lincoln, followed by game night for the kids.



## VOTE FOR MERCAZ - Slate #6

IN THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTION

**Elections have consequences!**

Every five years, American Jews have a unique opportunity to voice their opinion on the future of Israel and to strengthen the foothold of Conservative/Masorti Judaism by voting in the World Zionist Congress election. This election is the only political arena in Israel where Diaspora Jews have a seat at the table — the only time that the Israeli government is accountable to world Jewry.

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## **MARCH 1-6, ADAR I 5-10**

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Debra Greenberg, wife of Marvin Greenberg  
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Martin Drechsler, husband of Marsha Drechsler  
Edwin Greenfield, father of Michael Greenfield  
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Morton Gershman, father of Annette Sarrazine  
Eugene Goodgold, father of Abraham Goodgold  
Max Scheiner, husband of Harriet Scheiner  
Mortimer Bilenker, father of Arthur Bilenker  
Irene Kramer, mother of Mitchell & Aimee Kramer  
Ben Stein, brother of Philip Stein  
Mack Vernon, father of Aaron Vernon  
Marion Cagan, mother-in-law of Fern Cagan  
Michael Veron, husband of Joy Veron

## **MARCH 7-13, ADAR I 11-17**

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Lillian Tepper, mother of Sandra Sussman  
Mary Belsky, mother of Beverly Scher  
Edna Bernstein, mother-in-law of Liela Bernstein  
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Sarah Gershman, grandmother of Annette Sarrazine  
Samuel Levine, father-in-law of Esther Levine  
Aaron Podolnick, grandfather of Tara Oporto

## **MARCH 14-20, ADAR I 16-24**

Shirley Siegel, mother-in-law of Seymour Schwartzbach  
Leonard Zirlin, brother of Dorothy Sourifman  
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William Sourifman, husband of Dorothy Sourifman  
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## **MARCH 21-27, ADAR I 25-10-NISAN 2**

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Joseph Schwartzbach, father of Seymour Schwartzbach  
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Albert Gorrin, father of Gail Rosenblum  
Ida Sussman, mother-in-law of Sandra Sussman  
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Leopold Rausch, father-in-law of Grace Rausch  
William Siegel, father-in-law of Seymour Schwartzbach  
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**The TBEMC Men's Club is proud to announce that on Friday night March 20 at 6:15 pm we will have a Shabbat dinner followed by the Men's Club leading Shabbat services.**

**For Men's Club members who have paid their dues, there is no cost and they can bring their families. For a non-Men's Club member the cost is \$12 per person and children 13 and under are FREE.**



**Please RSVP by Sunday March 12 to the Temple office at (908) 276-9231 or Lance Kandl at (908) 868-8191 so that enough food can be ordered.**

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# Confirmation of Commitment

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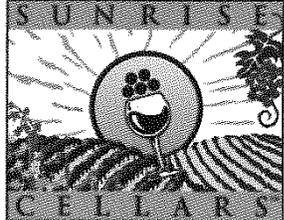
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