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A Few Words From the Rabbi... Passover: Asking the Right Questions

Rabbi Paul David Kerbel

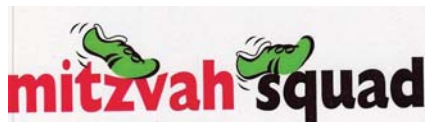
The Nobel prize-winning physicist, Isidore Rabi, once explained how he became a scientist. When he would come home from school, his mother did not ask him, "what did you learn today?" but rather, "Izzy, did you ask a good question today?"

To be a Jew is to ask questions. Our rabbinic tradition is based on asking questions about a word or verse in the Torah, or debating an aspect of law with pointed questioning. To be a Jew really means that we are a religion that encourages us to struggle with our beliefs, to act on our passions, and to strive to understand our relationship with God and our tradition.

Where does this passion for questions come from? Ultimately, it may come from our celebration and observance of Passover. In the Book of Exodus, the Torah describes a number of situations where children may come and ask us (the parents) to explain Jewish ritual and customs to them. Based on these verses, the Haggadah presents to us "the four questions" and "the four children." The central focus of the Passover Seder is to explain our traditions and history by encouraging our children to participate by asking questions.

The "Four Questions" is one of the most special moments of our seder. For some of us, our children or grandchildren are reciting them for the first time. In other homes, there may not be any young children, and teenage or college students are often embarrassed that they still have to recite the questions. But a number of scholars have pointed out that we have been misinterpreting the idea behind the four questions. It is not the mastery of these ques-

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The official in-person Walk MS for April was postponed, but you can still contribute to the Mitzvah Squad fundraising effort. Laura Cohen plans to walk 25 miles or more during that week. You can donate here <https://bit.ly/3dBWelf>, or contact Laura for more information on supporting the team.

laura.cohen@gmail.com, 848-702-9106

FOCUS ON FUNDS

Please contribute to the Minyan Tzedakah Fund and the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

There are tzedakah-related mitzvot connected to Passover: 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

SAVE THE DATE

April 22, 2020. Save the Date for the Holocaust Service. Details to come....

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	website
bulletin	calendar
Facebook	Shabbat handout
local newspapers	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

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tions that is so important. These questions were meant to be examples of the types of questions we can ask at the seder. In fact, the Mishna, our first code of Jewish law (c. 200) states that if children are too young to ask (spontaneous) questions, it is the father who teaches (questions like) the four questions, which are not really formulated as questions but as statements of wonder, encouraging the children to ask even more questions. The Talmud indicates that those at the seder can ask any question that stimulates discussion and allows us to act as free people.

So this year, I would like to assign to all of us a homework assignment. I would like to encourage you to take some time to prepare carefully the spiritual side of your seder. What will you include and what will you leave out? Where can you linger for a few extra moments with questions and commentary? And I would especially like you to prepare in advance four additional questions that you would like to ask or to discuss after we recite the traditional four questions. The haggadot of the secular, non-religious kibbutzim of the 1930s in pre-state Palestine give us some examples: "Why do people all over the world hate the Jews?" "When will there be peace and brotherhood the world over?" Let's go around the table. Let's linger a bit. Let's ask new questions: questions about Passover, questions about the Exodus, questions about the Torah or Jewish tradition, questions about Jewish survival and Jewish continuity, questions about Tikkun Olam and the lessons we learn from the Passover experience. Like Isidore Rabi, let us ask "Did I ask a good question today?" Questioning is truly a sign of freedom and crucial to re-enacting the Passover experience.

Melissa, Sam and Aliza, Judah and Eliana, Micha and I wish you a meaningful and spiritual Passover!

Pending our Ability to meet...

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 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

Before I get to what's on all of our minds – the COVID-19 outbreak – I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge what a terrific event Trivia Night was, and also how festive all our Purim events were. Thanks to everyone involved, and special thanks to Trivia Night co-chairs Jessica Suckerman and Marc Bromberg, to Ellie Barkin for organizing the Purim carnival, to Melanie Cantor for directing the Purim shpiel, and to Laura Cohen for organizing the Megillah readings.

COVID-19 has disrupted so many aspects of our lives, and our communal life at TBEMC is no exception. The need for social distancing has impacted our services, our educational programs, our social gatherings, and most dramatically, how we can grieve the loss of our loved ones and comfort those who lost loved ones.

The speed of events is also head-spinning. It seems like forever ago when the schools were open, we dined at restaurants, and did the million other things that make up the fabric of our lives, but in truth it's only been a couple of weeks. So despite the gracious extension from your Bulletin Editor Debbie Kaplan, whatever I am writing now in March is likely out of date when this goes to press in April.

At the same time, I am amazed and inspired by our community's resilience. Rabbi Kerbel is hosting classes and services through Zoom videoconference. Principal Doni Remba, our teachers, and Education Committee have quickly and successfully transitioned our religious school to online and remote learning. Judy and David Kupferberg, through our We Care committee, are coordinating volunteers to reach out to those in our community most in need of a personal connection. Our administrator Susan King, our custodial staff, and Marty Metzger and our House committee is keeping our office and building operational. And we are all staying connected through video, phone, emails, and Facebook.

During this time, I encourage everyone to stay connected:

If you would like a phone call from one of our We Care volunteers, or would like to do a mitzvah and help make calls to support We Care, please contact Judy and Dave Kupferberg at 908-272-7691 or judydavid34@gmail.com.

Join the Chevra e-mail list. Unlike the announcements e-mail list, which goes to all members and only a few people can post, the chevra list is opt-in and anyone can send messages. To opt-in, e-mail Art Werschulz at agw@comcast.net.

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SISTERHOOD

Sadye Ross Book of Memories

ORDER: Cards for All Occasions can be ordered by telephone or e-mail. Call Leila Bernstein, between 7PM–10PM. 908-233-0058. Or, email lielaberns@comcast.net

VALUE: Each card is \$3.50 and the sender is credited with \$2.50 in donor credit.

SPECS: To whom the card is to be sent; The occasion for the card; How the card is to be signed (Mr. & Mrs., The ____ Family, etc.); If the recipient is NOT a TBEMC member, please provide the complete mailing address.

Then, send a check for \$3.50 for each card ordered to "Sisterhood, TBEMC" and mail it to Liela Bernstein, 249 Eton Place, Westfield, NJ 07090.

Quantities of 10 or more are also available. You can have the cards on hand for your own use. \$30.00 buys 10 cards and receives \$20.00 in Donor credit.

Thank You for Supporting Your Sisterhood and helping us to contribute to TBEMC

Oneg and Kiddish

We look forward to providing this again, when services restart. Please consider volunteering then.

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!

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Join our Facebook groups. The main Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/TBEMC/>

and the Chevra Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TBEMCchevra/>

We have a Religious School page for RS parents as well.
that is intended just for RS families. Contact
communications@tbemc.org

We are still going strong, and may the day come soon when we are able to reconvene in person. Until then, stay healthy and safe. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the We Care Committee, Rabbi Kerbel, rabbi@tbemc.org, or myself, president@tbemc.org.

—L'Shalom, Mark



WHAT DOES TBEMC MEAN TO YOU?

Hard as this is to believe, one third of this calendar year has already passed. Here at TBEMC, we are always planning for the future, but with the uncertainty of the coronavirus outbreak, there is reason to step back and appreciate those things that are really important. This situation has greatly curtailed social contact in an effort to prevent rapid spread of this virus. Not being able to gather has affected us in different ways. We are all used to meeting with our friends for social and religious reasons, and being deprived of that has saddened us. COMMUNITY IS IMPORTANT. Imagine if we fail to plan for the long-term future of the shul by not leaving Legacy gifts! Those gifts have clearly impacted the shul this past year, for gifts left by departed congregants have helped bridge the gap between income and expenses, and allowed us to continue to provide services that our community needs.

So, now more than ever is the time to join our Legacy Circle by committing to a future gift to TBEMC. It is also time for those members of the Legacy Circle to review their previous gifts, and see if they are willing to commit more. Legacy giving enables such our broad range of activities to continue. 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!

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

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



Sisterhood Mishloah Manot bagging was a lot of fun.

WE CARE

The We Care outreach program would like to extend its services to the TBEMC community. We are available to provide comfort to the sick and support to those with needs by communicating with them on the phone, shopping assistance such as Shoprite and Kings, and to facilitate the acquisition of medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.). As members of the TBEMC family we must ensure that no member has an issue that is not addressed, and We Care is here to help.

To achieve these objectives we need your help. If the Outreach Program is not aware of an illness or a need they cannot offer assistance or help with a solution, so we encourage all members of the congregation to communicate illness/needs that need be addressed to David and Judy Kupferberg, 908-272-7691 or judydavid34@gmail.com. This information will be shared with Rabbi Kerbel and other appropriate members of TBEMC as needed. We don't want to infringe on the privacy and wishes of our congregants, but we can't provide comfort and support if we are not aware of the needs.

You may also do a mitzvah by volunteering to become part of We Care outreach program. Together, we all make up the TBEMC family. We must to watch out and care for each other, especially during this time of crisis.

Thank you David and Judy for taking the lead and getting this huge undertaking from putting together the lists to packaging and mostly the distribution. Thank you to Joanie who was "the" person that was able to secure the donation of matzah, from ShopRite. Joanie sono Bono. A huge thank you to Larry for picking the matzah up from ShopRite and for making making deliveries. To Julia Gottschott for making deliveries and for being a first time next generation volunteer, thank you so much. And last but not least to all of the telephone WE CARE outreach team; David and Judy Kupferberg, Joanie Finkelstein Dave Springer, Andrea Lankin, Marty Metzger, Lance Kandl, Becca Reissman, Alan Schwartz, Sharlene Barr, Gail Salomon, Elliot Ballen, Laura Cohen, Harriet Mazur, Joy Veron, Carol Blank and Les Levine. And to Rabbi, a grateful thank you for being there for the community through these difficult times.

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@jcfedgmw.org

Purim



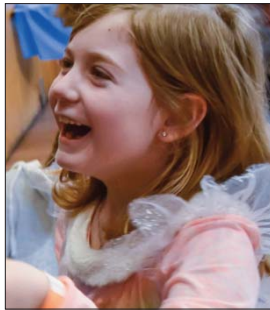
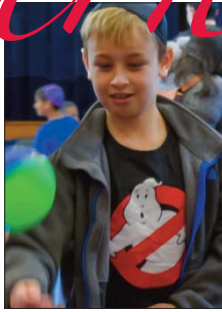
Many thanks to all who chanted the
Scroll of Esther/Megilla on Purim.

Art Werschulz
Joshua Metz
Larry Metz
David Springer
Debbie Kaplan
Phil Stein

Mark Kaplan
Noah Metz
Liela Bernstein
Evelyn Springer
Pat Werschulz
Laura Cohen



Carnival



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*

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.

COMMUNITY

Blood Donations: Blood donations have dropped tremendously yet the need continues. Donations can only be made at Blood Centers, like in Scotch Plains on South Avenue. To schedule an appointment call (732) 672-5281 or just show up.

Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest New Jersey: The Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest New Jersey has developed programs and a response to COVID-19. See what they're doing, how you can help or how you can get help here: jfedgmw.org/covid-19response

From Federation: Helping Those in Need: As we navigate these challenging times together, we are thrilled to announce that the Federation board has voted to allocate up to \$1 million in emergency funds to help address the enormous needs in our community due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Our partner agencies, Jewish Family Services of MetroWest and Jewish Family Services of Central NJ are continuing to provide vital services to our community.

Most synagogues are doing the best they can to support their vulnerable members. It is our hope that Federation's team of volunteers will be able to help bridge the gaps that synagogues may have in reaching everyone, including the specific need for Kosher for Passover food in the coming weeks.

If you are aware of gaps in helping your vulnerable congregants, please contact me at ssegal@jfedgmw.org so we can include those individuals in our planning.

Hebrew Free Loan of NJ will provide interest free loans to support individuals and small businesses with financial challenges caused by the Coronavirus outbreak. Email MRatzker@jfsmetrowest.org to start the process.

College Scholarships College scholarships are available through Cranford Clergy Council/Interfaith Human Relations Committee. If you have a child or grandchild graduating this year and want to apply, applications are due May 15.

Contact Marty Metzger at martyjmetzger@verizon.net or Debbie Kaplan at bulletin@tbemc.org for the application.

Cranford Jaycees has one as well, due April 2, cranfordjaycees.org/scholarship

Fertility Treatment Financial assistance for fertility treatment, surrogacy, and/or adoption. Interest free loans through the Hebrew Free Loan of NJ's Building Jewish Families Fund. <http://bit.ly/2DYrhMO>

Trivia Night

We had a fun and
successful trivia night.
Thank you to all who volunteered,
donated and attended.

Recognition goes to Co-Chairs

Jessica Suckerman
Marc Bromberg

Committee and Additional Helpers

Sandy Springer	Becca Reissman
Judi Wofsy	Bruce Solomon
Tammy Kaplan	Sidney Solomon
Debbie Kaplan	Barbara Goodgold
Susan King	Jessica Handsman
Karen Platt	Gail Salomon
Joy Weinstock	Julie Barkin
Jessica Mallo	Joanie Finkelstein
Harriet Mazur	

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Trivia Round Sponsors

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Debbie and Mark Kaplan

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Dr. Abe & Barbara Goodgold
Alan Schwartz
Schwartz, Barkin & Mitchell
Springfield Orthodontics
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Mondovi Dental

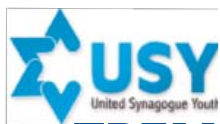
Friends of Trivia

Arnold's Pest Control
Hayden Landscaping
Hull-Vicci Construction Corp.
Kilkenny House
Mindy and Stanley Kipness
Triad Security Systems
Jonas and Linda Leifer
Martin Schwartz

Donations

Debbie Carthan
The Reissman Family
Elaine & Eli Zimble





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

for more information!

–Ellie Barkin-Baron

TBEMCYouthgroups@gmail.com

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

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



Sisterhood sponsored a Hamentaschen baking event for the congregation.



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 (908-272-7256) 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 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

Yahrzeit Announcements



APRIL 1-3, NISAN 7-9

Joe Babit, grandfather of Rhondi Solomon
 Richard Ross
 Bernie Kimmelman, brother of Sam Kimmelman
 Irving Klein, husband of Florence Klein
 David Rosenberg
 Bernard Bernstein, father-in-law of Leila Bernstein
 Aaron Ganek, father-in-law of Marjorie Ganek
 Harry Wosk, grandfather of Sheila Levine
 Allen Cohen, friend of Elliot Ballen
 Herman Siegel, father of Arlene Hertzoff

APRIL 4-10, NISAN 10-16

Ruth Zudiker
 Zita Buerger, mother of Ruth Lefkovic
 Michael Goldfarb, step-son of Alice Goldfarb
 Harvey Nimar, father of Robert Nimar
 Anna Sourifman, mother-in-law of Dorothy Sourifman
 Morris Sourifman, father-in-law of Dorothy Sourifman
 Sanford Gorrin, brother of Gail Rosenblum
 Chaia Steinberg, mother of Reuben Steinberg
 Isaac Scher, grandfather of Florence Finkel
 Philip Diamond, father of Edward and Lee Diamond
 and husband of Annette Diamond
 Hinda Swarcbir, mother of Mina Steinberg
 Louis Jacobs, father of Harriet Scheiner
 Philip Diamond, father of Iris Linson
 Paula Kornspan, Albert Kornspan
 Isaac Scher
 Rose Grayson, mother of Flora Klein
 Rachel Phillips, mother-in-law of Roberta Phillips
 Leonard Steinbach, father of Gary Steinbach
 Ernest Solomon, father of Bruce Solomon
 Leonard Steinbach, father of Gary Steinbach
 Theresa Edwab, mother of Ernestine Fox
 Samuel Weingus, father of Sidney Weingus
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APRIL 11-17, NISAN 17-23

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 Clara Eibschutz, mother of Marcus Eibschutz

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APRIL 18-24, NISAN 24-30

Rose Barkin, mother of Nita Heyman
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APRIL 25-30, IYYAR 1-6

Arthur Soberman, father of Liela Bernstein
Betty Slower Greenberg, mother of Marvin Greenberg

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Mindle Jawetz, mother of Stella Schechter
Dora Hecht, mother-in-law of Judith Hecht
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Samuel Kendler, father of Gary Kendler
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Benny Lurinsky
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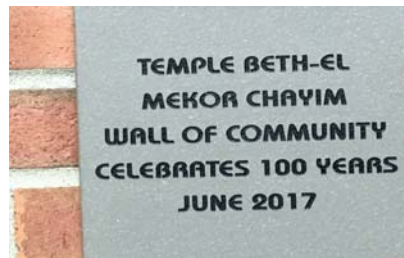
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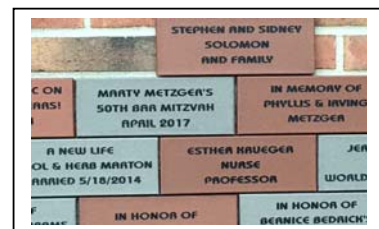
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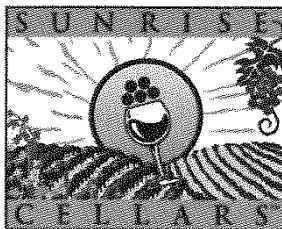
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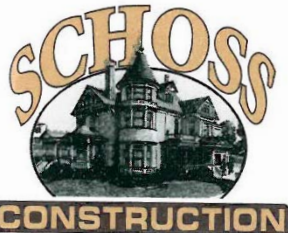
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