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From the Rabbi...

Parshiyot Behar & Behukotai The Symbolism of Mountains

Rabbi Paul David Kerbel

According to the Torah, God reveals the Torah and its teachings on Mount Sinai. Dozens of chapters later (and continuing until the ninth chapter of the Book of Numbers) the people of Israel are still at Sinai. The name of the portion "Behar Sinai" reminds us that God is continuing to teach Moses and the people of Israel the laws they will follow when they enter the land of Israel and create their own society there.

The mystic poet, William Blake wrote: "Great things are done when men and mountains meet." Mountains symbolize many things; among them: challenges to reach, obstacles to overcome, and the opportunity to achieve great things.

Think about the many instances in the Torah and Hebrew Bible where mountains play a significant role: Noah's ark rested on a mountaintop after the flood, God testing Abraham on Mount Moriah, the receiving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai, the confrontation initiated by Elijah on Mount Carmel and the meeting of the enemy on Mount Tabor by the judge and prophet, Deborah.

Since the beginning of time, mountains have symbolized the challenges we as humans can meet. When asked why he wanted to climb Mt. Everest, Sir Edmund Hillary responded, "Because it is there." Mountains are meant to be climbed. Each of us faces challenges in life, storms together with sunlit skies. Often, but not always, we can reach the mountaintop. We can achieve our goals. We can fulfill our dreams.

When we think about our Jewish tradition and the State of Israel, it is not a coincidence that most of Israel's major civic and reli-

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Wall of Community

TEMPLE BETH-EL MEKOR CHAYIM WALL OF COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS JUNE 2017 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 908-507-3291 sprfamly@verizon.net

You can order online 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.

FOCUS ON FUNDS

Please support all of our synagogue funds and projects! We thank the Men's Club for sponsoring the Yom HaShoah Candle Project which was created by the National Federation of Men's Clubs. Please make a donation to our TBEMC Men's Club so that they can continue to provide us with this important and vital program in the future.

Without a physical minyan in our chapel our Minyan Tzedakah Fund is not receiving the donations we usually count on to support numerous Jewish charities. Please make a donation (made payable to) TBEMC Minyan Tzedakah Fund to replenish this account.

Rabbi Paul D. Kerbel

BOOK CLUB

June 7th after minyan The Last Year of the War, by Susan Meissne gious institutions are on mountains. The Temple Mount and Western Wall (Mount Moriah), the Knesset, The Hebrew University, Hadassah Hospital, the Israel Museum and the Supreme Court can all be found on mountains.

In Israel, its mountains reflect our Jewish visions, our desire to achieve the heights of a meaningful, just and ethical society in the land, filled with art and beauty, justice and freedom. The verse "proclaim liberty throughout the land," found on the iconic Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, is found in this week's portion. As we reflect on our personal goals and the heights we want to achieve, we must also seek liberty, freedom and justice to all who are enslaved and help restore the vision of our country's founding fathers and those of the founding leaders of Israel, to create societies that are safe, secure and free. These are the values in the Torah this week and which serve as a pillar of democracy and a free society.

Patty and Art Werschulz are Making Aliyah!

DON'T LET THEM LEAVE FOR ISRAEL WITHOUT BIDDING THEM A FOND FAREWELL

For the past 35 years, in more ways than we can count, Patty and Art have been integral to the beating heart of the TBEMC community. They have truly been a gift, and their sensibilities inform every aspect of the community we are today.

They have contributed according to their individual strengths and interests to Ritual Leadership (leining, davening, gabbai), Temple governance (President, innumerable committees including Ritual and High Holiday, Trustee), financial support, and opening their home to many guests.

They embody the meaning of volunteering and genuinely love our Shul. They leave behind large shoes to try to fill.

Our intention was to hold a dinner to pay tribute to Art and Patty, but given the coronavirus pandemic, that is no longer a viable option. Therefore, we will be focusing on presenting them with a commemorative ad journal as our way to thank Patty and Art for their many meaningful contributions to our community. Ads will be accepted until June 1st.

The Tribute will be a live event via Zoom on Sunday, June 14th at 11:30 am and we invite everyone to attend. If you are interested in saying a few words or sharing a story about Art & Patty please let us know so that we can put you on the speaking schedule.

Please show your gratitude to them and wish them well in their new journey by placing an ad using the attached ad blank. If you have any questions or would like to say a few words at the event, please contact

imsonshine@gmail.com or laura.cohen@gmail.com

Jackie Baranoff and Laura Cohen, Co-Chairs

President's Report

This is a modified version of Mark's address at the annual meeting.

First, we should have a moment of silence for our members, and our family members, who we have lost during the COVID outbreak, as we have not been able to mourn their losses according to our traditional customs.

Second, I want to thank those who have made significant contributions to our community in this past year. It will be impossible to thank everyone, so I apologize in advance if you were inadvertently overlooked.

Thank you to...

Your Executive board: 1st VP Tammy Kaplan, 2nd VP John Harris, 3rd VP Phyllis Kandl, Treasurer Mindy Kipness, Financial Secretary Alan Schwartz, Secretary Becca Reissman, and Immediate Past President Jackie Baranoff. You have served as individuals – in the committees, initiatives, and events they led - and as a collective - by always being available to deal with whatever hot button issue there was – and there were plenty – deep thanks for your commitment to and involvement in TBEMC.

Your Board of Trustees – thanks for your service this year, thanks for those who are continuing to serve next year, and thanks to Jessica Hoff and Rachel Schwartz - who will be stepping down after their term ends.

Elliot Ballen as our High Holiday Chair and everyone else who volunteered to make our High Holidays joyous and meaningful.

Phil Stein, Art Werschulz, Laura Cohen, Girsh Sorkin, and all of our Torah and Haftarah readers and daveners for Shabbat and weekday services.

Leah Davidson and the Educational Committee – for hiring our religious school principal Doni Remba, helping to get him up to speed this year, and continuing to make our religious school an integral part of our community.

Joe Bloomfield, Sandy Springer, Linda Heicklen, and everyone else who volunteered in our office, particularly in the gap before Susan King came on-board.

Marty Metzger and Harold Oslick as our security co-chairs, for not only working on our security grant, but dealing with the spate of anti-Jewish violence in our community – which is what I thought would be the big crisis of the year. How naïve of me, I know.

Abbie Halperin and Marty Schwartz for co-chairing our lifelong learning committee, and giving all of us opportunities to continue to expand our minds.

Jessica Suckerman and Marc Bromberg for chairing our second, even more successful Trivia Night.

Fred Kessler for chairing the budget committee.

All of the past presidents, for your continued service and leadership, and for your being there for me, on all kinds of issues.

David Salomon, Judy Kupferberg and David Kupferberg, who are collectively co-chairing our We Care Committee, which has always been a crown jewel in our community, for their service to our seniors and others needing a helping hand, and especially now during the COVID pandemic.

SISTERHOOD

Sadye Ross Book of Memories

ORDER

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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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Speaking of which, our communications team, religious school, Men's Club, Sisterhood, lifelong learning and house committees have all stepped up during this outbreak; it is testament to the fact that TBEMC is not a building - we are a community - and even virtually we are strong.

Finally, thanks to all our member donors who continue to support TBEMC, especially those who have increased their giving.

As I previously announced, I've established a reopening working committee, chaired by Becca Reissman, and with Sarah Kramer, Carol Blank, Marty Metzger, and Elliot Ballen, to deliberate on how and when we bring activities back into TBEMC, consistent with state law and regulations. While there are many unknowns, it's almost certain it will be in phases. Please follow announcements for when activities resume, and please reach out to any of the committee members with ideas or concerns.

Among the issues being considered is the High Holidays. While it is too early to know what the High Holidays are going to look like, they are going to look different. Elliot Ballen as High Holiday chair, Laura Cohen as ritual chair, Rabbi Kerbel and I have had several discussions about possible High Holiday scenarios. Becca Reissman, Marty Metzger, Howard Epstein, Douglas Kandl and Aaron Werschulz have been discussing how to enable live streaming for the High Holidays. Over the summer, you will be informed as plans materialize.

Finally, I wanted to share a broader perspective, a sort of "State of TBEMC." We must not lose sight of our strengths and our mission as a community. We have a great spiritual leader in Rabbi Kerbel. His warmth, his passion for teaching, his caring for our members, and his commitment to helping us on our Jewish journeys are clearly evident. We continue to have strong lay leadership and volunteers involved in all aspects of synagogue life. We have an engaged membership, as evidenced by the participation in Zoom services and events over the past weeks. It is not a cliché to say we really care about one other. The number of people who joined Friday night services when Max Reissman led, on what was supposed to be the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah, is testament to that. Despite all the uncertainty, we have reasons to be optimistic in how we proceed together as a community.

At the same time, we must all recognize what it takes to keep our community going. We have certain expectations of our TBEMC community – that we have a first-rate religious school, that we offer meaningful communal worship, that there are learning opportunities, that there are fun activities, that we are cared for, that our loved ones are remembered. In short, that we fulfill our mission to meet the educational, spiritual, and religious needs of our community.

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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 9-12 for all grades, and Tuesdays 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 continued from previous page

This can only happen if we fund it. And frankly, right now, we're not. Under Fred Kessler's leadership, the budget committee has worked hard to find savings the last two years, but unfortunately our revenue has been declining as well – mostly due to declining membership - so we are still running deficits. And unlike the government, we can't print money. There's really not much more to cut, so we need to raise our revenues to get to get to a place where we are sustainable.

Of course, we aim to recruit new members, and as I mentioned earlier, we have reasons for optimism that we remain an attractive community to join. But we current members must increase our giving as well. There are several ways to do this.

First, be current with your obligations, whether it's your annual pledge, religious school or b'nai mitzvah fees, or the security fee. This is not a new problem, but as we continue to run deficits every year, this is getting to be harder and harder to deal with. Plus, it puts a real burden on our lay leaders having to follow up with members who are lagging in payments.

Second, support our fundraisers, and our fundraising committees. We have our June 14th event honoring Patty and Art Werschulz, before they make Aliyah. If you have not already contributed to the ad journal, I urge you to do so. For the coming year, Tammy Kaplan has stepped up to be our fundraising chair for the year, and she is planning to help organize both a fall and a spring event. She cannot do this alone. Please do not wait for Tammy to call you – please reach out to her if you will be part of the committee doing this important work.

Finally, be as generous as you can with your annual pledges. While the amount of the pledge is voluntary, the Sustaining Pledge Model only works if members are being as generous as they can be. Each family, on average, must give about \$2,900 next year for our community to meet our budget goal. This is for annual giving only, in addition to any other fundraising, or fees. I fully recognize not all families are able to reach the Sustaining Level, and it is a virtue of the SPM that you no longer have to ask for dues relief. However, if you are below sustaining level, you should make it your goal to work towards the sustaining number. And if you are at or above Sustaining, please also consider increasing your giving, so we can continue to be an inclusive community, where anyone can join irrespective of means. We had a generous, anonymous member give an additional \$7,000, and other families, including the Kaplans, have increased their giving as well.

I'm happy to answer any questions or entertain your thoughts. *Stay healthy and well, Mark*

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

COMMUNICATIONS

In order to take full advantage of our communication resources please coordinate all events with the temple office. You'll have the ability to advertise in:

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

FACEBOOK

Join our Facebook Groups

The main Facebook page at: facebook.com/TBEMC/

and the Chevra Facebook page at: 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

KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS

Help Others Needing Kidney Transplants

Dear Friends.

As you well know, I was fortunate to have my life saved upon receiving a kidney. My return to life has been nothing short of remarkable. I am so grateful for each day experienced afresh. At times I wish I could give to others as my kidney donor has done for me. And so, I have committed to raise funds to support additional kidney transplants through Renewal, the organization that has made my transplant possible.

You may be wondering why I am campaigning now, during this time of illness and uncertainty. It is precisely because of these times that I am forced to reach out to you now.

As Covid-19 has wreaked havoc across the globe, our community, like others, has suffered numerous tragic deaths. Thankfully, there are many who have survived the coronavirus.

But the effect of Covid-19 has become more fatal than we initially thought.

A team at Columbia Presbyterian, one of New York City's largest hospitals, found that 32% of the Covid-19 patients they admitted developed kidney failure. As you well know, dialysis gives these patients a brief lease on life, but it is a short-term band aid and not a long-term solution.

Renewal has already begun assisting patients who have been struck by post-Covid-19 kidney failure, and anticipates a large need for transplants.

Today, they begin a campaign to raise enough to cover the cost of each transplant needed. Without these funds, Renewal cannot save more lives.

I implore you to join me in raising the \$18,900 needed for each transplant. The Renewal campaign goal is set for \$2,000,000.

Donations can be made through the webside below or call: www.rayze.it/kidney/dsalamon 847-0767-8100

I have merited, to have my life saved, and now you can help me save another. Together we can do this. Let's support Renewal in Giving Life, not just Hope to those anxiously waiting.

With much love and gratitude, Dave Salomon

SISTERHOOD SAVE THE DATE! COMING SOON!

VIRTUAL CONVENTION 2020 JULY 12, 2020



Yasher koach to Sisterhood, who will be awarded the Jewels in the Crown Award for our sisterhood. This award will be presented during the Virtual 2020 Convention on Sunday, July 12, 2020.

Sisterhood was told, "We want to express our sincerest appreciation to you all for the outstanding work you do to promote your Sisterhood. We salute your outstanding programming, devotion to social action and your commitment to Women's League for Conservative Judaism."

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@ifedgmw.org

Classes

TORAH WITH LAURA

We have many openings for upcoming haftaroth!

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

LIBRARY

So many new books added. Please check them out. Books are made possible by your DONATIONS. Thank you and, I hope all TBEMC readers will please continue their generosity.

- · Donate to just to donate
- Donate in someone's name, honor or for a special occasion.
- Contribute to the new Howard & Abbie Halperin Library & Education Fund (HLEF)

Call the office or Abbie, for more information. ANY suggestions or questions welcome. You can reach Abbie at:

abhalperin@gmail.com (908)337-5256

Remember to return the books as soon as you can so everyone can borrow them. Thank you,
Abbie Halperin

WE CARE

Judging from the overwhelming response and extremely positive acceptance of the We Care outreach program, we would like to expand it to cover the entire senior population of the TBEMC family. In order to implement this expanded initiative, we need your involvement. Please help us achieve our goal by volunteering some of your time.

We would like each volunteer to reach out to our four temple members on a regular basis to let them know WE CARE!!

Thank you for caring about other members of our TBEMC community. To volunteer, please call David and Judy Kupferberg 973-263-3355, or email Davidjudy34@gmail.com.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT



Renay Sussman Whirley and granddaughter of Sandi Sussman (*left*), is graduating from Allen High School in Allen, Texas. Samantha has a passion for art and will pursue a career in interior design.

Samantha Whirley, daughter of

Matthew Saliman, son of Stacy and Mark Saliman and grandson of Judy and Gary Daniel, graduated from Georgetown Law School in Washington, D.C.



Ari Wolf, son of Devorah and Greg Wolf (*left*), is graduating from Westfield High School. Ari will be attending Quinnipiac School of Business in the Fall. Devorah and Greg would like to share their pride in the completion of Ari's Senior Project (below), a

stained glass window in memory of Dr. Derrick Nelson, the Westfield High School Principal who died while donating bone marrow in April, 2019.



Do you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school, college or graduate school this spring? Please send a photo and bio to bulletin@tbemc.org.



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

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Raffle Fundraiser

The annual raffle is our biggest fund raiser. Irwin Rappaport sent out the raffle tickets and we would appreciate great support from our congregants. Please buy tickets for yourselves, and also sell tickets to your friends, relatives, and businesses in the community.

The Men's Club uses the money raised for all of its great programs, such as the Thanksgiving Kids' Party where we supply the food, play BINGO, and give away a Kindle.

With Father's Day coming up, please consider giving "Dad" one or more raffle tickets. The winning raffle tickets will be picked on Thursday June 11. If you need more raffle tickets or have a question please contact Irwin Rappaport at (908) 419-8621.

COMMUNITY

Mazal tov to Max Reissman for leading Kabbalat Shabbat services in May, on the occasion of reaching bar mitzvah age. His bar mitzvah is postponed until October, but he made everyone proud at the overflowing Zoom service.

Mazal tov to Melissa and Rabbi Paul Kerbel, on the birth of their granddaughter, Nessa Dalia, son of Sam Kerbel and Aliza Romirowsky.

Mazal tov to parents Jackie Steinbach and Rod Chay, and grandparents Laurie and Stephen Steinbach, on the birth of Joshua Rafael Chay on May 12, 2020.



WHERE DO WE GO NOW?

As we sit here today, social distancing has unfortunately become the new norm, and life as we knew it has changed forever. These are very sad times. Past president Stephen Solomon succumbed to the virus, and a number of other congregants and/or members of their families have also passed, not necessarily related to that virus. The TBEMC community, under the strong leadership of Rabbi Kerbel, is doing all that it can to bring comfort and support in times such as these, though it grieves us all not to be able to come together personally to help our members who have suffered loss. Thanks to Becca Reissman, the use of technology has enabled us to share shiva, Shabbat and holidays online. We are very thankful for that.

So in times such as these, where does Create a Jewish Legacy fit in? Because life is uncertain, and organizations like TBEMC are so vital to our community, what better time to plan for our future than right now? If you are already a member of the Legacy Circle, perhaps now is the time to review your commitment and see if you can do more in the future than your original commitment. IT IS ALSO THE TIME TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL CURRENT DONATION TO THE SHUL. If you have not yet joined CJL, now is the time to do so. Community remains vital to all of us, as evidenced by the large numbers of congregants joining us online for services and study. Now more than ever, the shul is relying on gifts left by departed congregants to bridge the gap between income and expenses, and allow us to provide services that our community needs.

Keep Judaism and TBEMC alive now! Becoming a Legacy Circle member is painless and making a legacy gift now does not take current dollars away from your personal needs, and it will not significantly the amount you leave to your family down the road. Your commitment is a FUTURE gift. Our gifts range from \$1800 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 or fill out the commitment form located in this Bulletin or online. Please join the Legacy Circle now. Thanks.



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.

Blood Donations

As you are aware, blood donations have dropped tremendously yet the need continues. Donations can only be made at Blood Centers, like the one in Scotch Plains on South Avenue. Call to schedule your appointment (732) 672-5281 or just show up.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF CENTRAL NJ

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 all 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.

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.

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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.

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Yahrzeit Announcements

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Arnold Schoss, brother-in-law of Sadie Schoss

JUNE 6-12, SIVAN 14-20

Joseph Hecht, father-in-law of Judith Hecht Kevin Dulberger, son of Davita Dulberger Lillian Friedman, mother of Pearl Rieder Kevin Dulberger, nephew of Leo Dulberger Dorothy Zinker, aunt of Robert Zirlin Philip Friedman, brother of Hy Friedman Beatrice Langer, mother of lan Langer William Rosenblum

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Edward Cagan, husband of Fern Cagan
Dinah Horowitz, grandmother of Gary Horowitz
Leser Hoffnung, father of Mollie Sperling
Selma Schneider, sister-in-law of Leonard Farber
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Jakob Hoffnung, brother of Mollie Sperling
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