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Upcoming Temple Events

Religious School, K-7, 8/9 **Torah Tots** Adult Study Group Shabbat Services Anna Kaplan Bat Mitzvah Religious School, K-7, 10, Post Confirmation **Torah Tots** NO Religious School Scout Shabbat Tot Shabbat Learner's Service Adult Purim/Sock Hop Religious School, K-7, 8/9, 10 Torah Tots Shabbat Services Jacob Beny Bar Mitzvah Purim Shpiel, Lunch & Carnival Torah Tots (Purim Shpiel & Carnival) Adult Study Group Religious School, K-7, 8/9, 10 **Torah Tots** Ladies Book Club **Cantorial Concert** Religious School, K-7 Torah Tots Good Deeds Dav Shabbat Services Jeremy Mansfield Bar Mitzvah NO Religious School **Community Passover Seder**

Sunday, February 04, 2018 Sunday, February 04, 2018 Wednesday, February 07, 2018 Friday, February 09, 2018 Saturday, February 10, 2018 Sunday, February 11, 2018 Sunday, February 11, 2018 Sunday, February 18, 2018 Friday, February 23, 2018 Saturday, February 24, 2018 Saturday, February 24, 2018 Saturday, February 24, 2018 Sunday, February 25, 2018 Sunday, February 25, 2018 Friday, March 02, 2018 Saturday, March 03, 2018 Sunday, March 04, 2018 Sunday, March 04, 2018 Wednesday, March 07, 2018 Sunday, March 11, 2018 Sunday, March 11, 2018 Tuesday, March 13, 2018 Saturday, March 17, 2018 Sunday, March 18, 2018 Sunday, March 18, 2018 Sunday, March 18, 2018 Friday, March 23, 2018 Saturday, March 24, 2018 Sunday, March 25, 2018 Saturday, March 31, 2018

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TBT Caring Committee

Have you ever wondered how to notify the TBT Board of a life-cycle event? TBT is here to support you. Contact: Lori Kravchick at caringcommittee@bethtorah.net

Chaverim Signup Reminder

Please remember to sign up for Chaverim duties at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4aa8ac2aa64-temple We need everyone to sign up for two dates. Please help make our wonderful TBT services successful!

Weather closures will be announced via an Email Blast, on our Facebook page and posted on the home page of the website www.bethtorah.net. Please use your judgment, as weather conditions may vary depending on where you live.

The **Temple Beth Torah Yahrzeit Memorial Wall** is a way to honor the memories of our departed loved ones. It is displayed in our sanctuary. A light will burn next to their name on all yahrzeit and yizkor observances. The order form can be found on our website at www.bethtorah.net. Click on Make a Contribution on the top right of the Home page.



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A Message from President Jayne Ayers

Newtktktktk

New tktktktkt a funny thing, this "Village". If I weren't Jewish, I am not sure that Anetevka would necessarily come to mind, but it does.

As I started to ponder the question of what community means *mbrace it*. *Drink it in*. *Recognize it*. *Respect it*. *Value it*. *Nurture it*.

To my *Village*, thank you. You have given me friendship and filled my bucket. I hope that I have done the same for you.

-Jayne

Contemporary Issues in Judaism

Presented by Rabbi Block—meets once a month on Wednesday nights.

Please contact Rabbi Block, at *rabbiblock2@yahoo.com* to let him know which of the following topics (or any other issues of particular interest) you would like to discuss at the sessions.

- Is Democracy the Best Form of Government?
- Medical Ethics
- Military Ethics
- A new model of Israeli-Diaspora relations
- Combating Anti-Semitism
- Internal Divisions in Judaism
- Indifference and assimilation
- Interfaith Dialogue
- Christian Influences in Politics
- Is America a Christian Nation?
- Teen suicide
- The right to bear Arms
- Addiction

The remaining tentative dates are: **February 7**, **March 7**, **April 4**, **May 2**, & **June 6**. The blast will keep you current.

Cantor's Notes K-Rations and Sephardic Sounds

When I think about Jewish food, K-Rations come to mind. These aren't WWII-era ready-to-eat meals, but familiar "High Kalorie" (my term) comfort foods; Kishke, Kugel, Knish, Kreplach, Kneidl... All share a certain bland profile, and while some might debate this description, my point is we often have preconceived notions about things Jewish.

These Eastern European staples are, however, only part of the story. We sometimes forget the more flavorful,

spicy dishes of our cousins, the Sephardim. Sepharad is the Hebrew word for Spain, and Sephardim are those Jews who descend from ancestors who once lived (and Portugal) and practice Judaism according to their customs.

Anyone who has visited it knows Israeli cuisine has a style all its own, drawing both on the farm-fresh products and creative talent readily available there. Its most important influences, though, are the many cultures from where immigrants came to the Jewish state. There too Eastern European favorites have their place, but increasingly it is the Mediterranean and Middle-Eastern menu of Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews that is most popular. After all, over half of Israelis' families arrived from places had vibrant Sephardic and Mizrahi communities for many centuries, like Gibraltar, Macedonia or even Syria!

What's true for the palate is also true for the ear as well. The ethnic diversity increasingly important in Israel has brought an unprecedented revival of Sephardic musical traditions among people of all backgrounds in the last decade. Even for secular Israelis, these musical traditions, which are inherently spiritual, can be a substitute for religion in a place where it's "organized" form is often restrictive.

We Reform Jews can understand this. Even with our open approach to prayer and a broad variety of melodies from which to choose, need to get out of a musical rut. Sometimes our lack of familiarity with "so much Hebrew" presents a barrier to participation and we need to turn to fresh ideas. In fact, the Sephardim faced many of the same challenges, and it occurred to that we at TBT could learn from their musical traditions.

Jews lived openly in Spain from Roman times until 1492, when they faced forced conversion or expulsion. For roughly eight centuries prior, Jews played important roles in Spanish society, especially in urban centers like Cordoba and Toledo. In addition to Hebrew, which like us, was only used for prayer and study, they (along with everyone else) spoke Arabic in the street. Later, as more of Spain was ruled by Christian kings, they adopted a dialect of the emerging dominant Castilian Spanish. This was their language on their departure from Spain, and adding Hebrew, Greek and Turkish and other loanwords (depending where one went), it became known as Ladino or Djudeo-Espagnyol and was spoken by Sephardic Jews all across the world.

The Ladino music known as Romancas has been preserved and is remarkably beautiful. Though a majority in Israel, Sephardim are a minority among Jews in America and few outside New York, Miami, Seattle or Israel speak Ladino, let alone know these songs.

Their music was not limited to Ladino, though. Before their departure, Jews were highly valued as linguistic intermediaries, taking ancient Greek texts only preserved in Arabic as well as other documents, and translating them to Hebrew, which could be read by European scholars. Com-

peting Christian and Muslim rulers vied for power, and during peace, they expressed their rivalry through patronage of the arts. This led to an unprecedented revival of Hebrew poetry, which adopted and later preserved classical Arabic forms, whose metrical rhythm intended them to be sung or accompanied by an ensemble.

Many of the song-poems, called Piyyutim, are still with us today, though specific Sephardic melodies tend to be less familiar to our western ears. Each of the hundreds of Sephardic commu-

nities, whether in Syria, Morocco, Greece, Turkey, Sarajevo, Holland or even India adapted music of their local host communities to a degree, creating a rich tapestry of hybridized sounds of Jewish music. Due to the location of these Sephardic communities, much of this was based on the pan-cultural music system used throughout the middle-east known as Makam. Its Hebrew cognate, Makom, refers to a place. This idea, that our musical expression, which is truly part of our identity, is tied to a sense of place in time is fascinating.

That's especially so when we consider that for many of these Sephardic Jews, that identity was one of at once of being at home and displaced. The music they carried across the globe is so wonderful, I've decided to throw a concert to celebrate it at Temple Beth Torah called, "Makom: Sephardic Sounds of Home." on Saturday, March 17th. It will feature Sephardic music from around the world, a Havdala ceremony, instrumental ensemble and our own TBT choir. Watch your mail and inbox for an invitation to the concert and the reception to follow.

This event will also cap my Cantorial Certification from the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. I'm excited to share this momentous occasion and especially this wonderful music, which will enhance our congregation's spiritual and musical life. I'll see you on March 17th!

A Message from Rabbi Kenneth Block Jerusalem the capital

Spoiler Alert: I agree with the decision of President Trump to formally recognize Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel and to move our embassy to Jerusalem.

On Dec. 13, 1949, the first Knesset voted to relocate the nascent country's seat of government from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, which the 1947 UN Partition Plan had designated as an international city.

"There has always been and always will be one capital only — Jerusalem the eternal. Thus it was 3,000 years ago—and thus it will be, we believe, until the end of time," Ben-Gurion said.

A day after Israel declared its independence in 1948, its Arab neighbors attacked the new nation and were defeated. Jerusalem, home to some of the holiest sites of the three monotheistic religions, became a divided city.

Although Israel's government considers Jerusalem the eternal and indivisible capital, that is not recognized internationally.

In 1980, the Knesset passed a law declaring the "complete and united" city of Jerusalem to be the capital of Israel.

The US Embassy has always been in Tel Aviv, but in 1995, Congress passed a law requiring that it be moved it to Jerusalem.

Since then, Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama have declined to move it, citing national-security interests, and used a waiver every six months to circumvent a move.

Spoiler alert: I agree with a two state solution and before that can happen the 3 no's need to become the 3 yes's.

A two state solution is not only possible, but the only solution. Before this can happen Palestine leaders have to change the three no's to the three yes's. The three no's are: No peace with Israel, No recognition of Israel, No negotiations with Israel. From August 29 to September 1, 1967, eight Arab heads of state attended a summit conference in Khartoum where they formulated the consensus that underlines the policies of most Arab states in conflict with Israel. Among other issues, the resolution called for the continued struggle against Israel. By adopting the dictum of no peace with Israel, no recognition of Israel and no negotiations with Israel the Arab states have slammed the door on any possible progress towards peace. Arab leaders need to stop promoting: "the only good Jew is a dead Jew".

The Gaza Strip could have been a model for a Palestine. In August of 2005 Israel left the Gaza and turned control over to the Palestinian authority. Instead of working with Israel and Egypt to create a thriving Gaza leaders chose to use the Gaza as a base to attack both Israel and Egypt. Imagine if the Palestinians chose to make Gaza a tourist and Industrial powerhouse there would be no question about the creation of Palestine. Look no further than Vietnam as an example. The reality is that we can point to Gaza and say this is what would happen if there was a Palestine. No country would allow a terrorist haven to be built on its borders.

Note the difference in the Nationalist movements around the world and the nationalism promoted by Fatah, Hesbollah, the Palestinian Authority, and the Arab League.

The Corsicans do not promote the killing of all Frenchman and pushing France into the sea.

The Catalonians do not promote the killing of all Spaniards and pushing Spain into the sea.

The Scots do not promote the destruction of England and death to all Anglo Saxons.

The inhabitants of Quebec do not promote the destruction of Canada and death to all Canadians

Each of these nationalist movements focus on independence for their nationality not on the total destruction of the country that controls their land. The focus of Palestinian nationalism is the total destruction of Israel and death to all Jews. So how can there be a negotiated agreement?

The coexistence of the Israel and Palestine is the only real solution, but it cannot come about until the attitude reflected in this quote by Hezbollah's Hassan Nasrallah ends.

But I'll tell you. Among the signs [...] and signals which guide us, in the Islamic prophecies and not only in the Jewish prophecies, is that this State [of Israel] will be established, and that the Jews will gather from all parts of the world into occupied Palestine, not in order to bring about the anti-Christ and the end of the world, but rather that Allah the Glorified and Most High wants to save you from having to go to the ends of the world, for they have gathered in one place—they have gathered in one place—and there the final and decisive battle will take place. And the Jews will be destroyed.

ولكن انا اقول لكم. من العلامات (....) و لكن من الاشارات التي تهدينا وتدلنا وتقول لنا، في النبوءات الاسلامية وليس فقط في النبوءات اليهودية، ان تقوم هذه الدولة (الاسرائيلة) وان يجتمع اليهود من كل انحاء العالم الى فلسطين المحتلة، ولكن ليس من اجل يحكم مسيحهم الدجال العالم، وانما الله سبحانه وتعالى يريد ان يوفر عليكم ان تذهبوا اليهم في كل انحاء العالم، فهم سيجتمعون في مكان واحد—فهم يجتمعون .في مكان واحد— وستكون المعركة الحاسمة والفاصلة

Remember Iran does not recognize Israel as a state, and provides support for Hamas, Hezbollah and Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Iran is the cause of the unrest in the Middle East and has little or no concern for the local populations. Iran must be recognized as a terrorist state and dealt with accordingly.

There can never be a Palestinian State or peace until until the Muslim/Arab world stops promoting the destruction of Israel and the annihilation of all Jews. This is the issue and must be addressed before there is any discussion of land, capitals, or boundaries. It is ridiculous to expect Israel or any country to allow those who want it destroyed to dictate what its capital should be.

In Remembrance

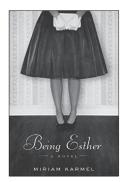
Congregant(s)	Remember	Relationship I	Date of Death	Hebrew Date	When Hebrew Date Occurs
Mary & Jeff Horner	Thomas Gibbs	Father of Mary	2/4/76		
Julie Pearl & Bob Borsato	Rose Ann Pearl	Mother of Julie	2/4/07	16 Shevat 5767	2/1/18
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Jeffrey Iancu	Brother of Barbara	2/4/13	24 Shevat 5773	2/9/18
Kathleen & Matt Kestenbaum	Dora Kestenbaum	Grandmother of Matt	2/5/14	5 Adar I 5774	2/20/18
Mary & Jeff Horner	Anne Gibbs	Mother of Mary	2/6/02	24 Shevat 5762	2/9/18
Daria & Jeffrey Parnes	Mary Makowski	Mother of Daria	2/8/93	17 Shevat 5753	2/2/18
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Beryl Goldman	Uncle of Barbara	2/8/82	15 Shevat 5742	1/31/18
Gail & Howard Sulkin	Henry Bisk	Grandfather of Howard	2/11/51	5 Adar I 5711	2/20/18
Gail & Howard Sulkin	Fannie Bisk	Grandmother of Howard	2/12/78	5 Adar I 5738	2/20/18
Gail & Howard Sulkin	Irving Bisk	Uncle of Howard	2/12/90	17 Shevat 5750	2/2/18
Andrea & Daniel Rosenthal	Nancy Rosenthal	Mother of Daniel	2/15/98	19 Shevat 5758	2/4/18
Sandie & Howard Beny	Linda Beny	Mother of Howard	2/16/03	14 Adar I 5763	3/1/18
Lori Childers	Maxy Buchhalter	Uncle of Lori	2/18/99	2 Adar 5759	2/17/18
Deborah Mayer & Todd Hillman	Charles Walker	Grandfather of Todd	2/18/96	28 Shevat 5756	2/13/18
Maria & Marcello Rotjman	Aldo Mario Rojtman	Father of Marcello	2/20/13	10 Adar 5773	2/25/18
Lori Childers	Diane Rappaport Alexander	Mother of Lori	2/22/16	13 Adar I 5776	2/28/18
Tamara Yaunches	Irving Uze	Grandfather of Tamara	3/3/97	24 Adar I 5757	3/11/18
Melissa & Jay Margolis	Elsie Serota	Grandmother of Melissa	3/6/92	1 Adar II 5752	2/16/18
Daria & Jeffrey Parnes	Marion Parnes	Mother of Jeffrey	3/7/03	3 Adar II 5763	2/18/18
Elizabeth & Stephen Ward	Henry Beecher Ward	Father of Stephen	3/8/06	8 Adar 5766	2/23/18
Kathleen & Matt Kestenbaum	Emanuel Kestenbaum	Grandfather of Matt	3/9/63	13 Adar 5723	2/28/18
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Stanford Thal	Uncle of Barbara	3/9/80	21 Adar 5740	3/8/18
Lori Childers	Paul Rappaport	Grandfather of Lori	3/11/98	13 Adar 5758	2/28/18
Lori & Eric Kravchick	Barry Kravchick	Father of Eric	3/11/06	11 Adar 5766	2/26/18
Josie & David Barondess	Edward G Spiegel	Uncle of David	3/15/07	25 Adar 5767	3/12/18
Alissa & Charles Blackmore	Steven Simon	Father of Alissa	3/15/89	8 Adar II 5749	2/23/18
Nancy Watson	Edward Goldfarb	Father of Nancy	3/15/88	26 Adar 5748	3/13/18
Joanne & Darcy Wertz	Esther Linchuck Bonesz	Mother of Joanne	3/16/10	1 Nisan 5770	3/17/18
Daria & Jeffrey Parnes	Anna Pflaster	Grandmother of Jeffrey	3/17/83	3 Nisan 5743	3/19/18
Josie & David Barondess	Jacob David Spiegel	Grandfather of David	3/18/69	28 Adar 5729	3/15/18
Susan & Ken Fried	Edward Chandler Doughty	Father of Susan	3/18/16	8 Adar II 5776	2/23/18
Stacey & Jeff Huse	Norman Weber	Father of Stacey	3/18/13	7 Nisan 5773	3/23/18
Deborah Mayer & Todd Hillman	Edward Feld	Grandfather of Deborah	3/19/96	28 Adar 5756	3/15/18
Ina Mayer	Edward Feld	Father of Ina	3/19/96	28 Adar 5756	3/15/18
Roberta & Ronald Milberg	Jack Davis	Stepfather of Ron	3/22/15	2 Nisan 5775	3/18/18
Deborah Mayer & Todd Hillman	Madeline Feld	Grandmother of Deborah	n 3/24/05	13 Adar II 5765	2/28/18
Ina Mayer	Madeline Salow Feld	Mother of Ina	3/24/05	13 Adar II 5765	2/28/18
Beth & Ron Glaser	Harold Glaser	Father of Ronald	3/26/73	22 Adar II 5733	3/9/18
Lauren & Pete Laird	Alice Sinsheimer	Grandmother of Lauren	3/27/11	21 Adar II 5771	3/8/18
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	David Mostov	Uncle of Barbara	3/29/05	18 Adar II 5765	3/5/18
Dorothy & Donald Lewy	Hortense Rothman	Mother of Dorothy	3/31/08	24 Adar II 5768	3/11/18
Joanne & Darcy Wertz	Jack Melnick	Uncle of Joanne	3/31/11	25 Adar II 5771	3/12/18

*After sunset

Additions and corrections to the yahrzeit list may be sent to yahrzeit@bethtorah.net

TBT Ladies Book Club

Please join us for this "pot-luck" style book club that meets every *other* month on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM. This club is open to all TBT women. Plan to bring a drink or appetizer to share! Our book for the March 13th meeting is *Being Esther: A Novel* by Miriam Karmel. You don't have to read the book to enjoy book club! Contact Beth Thomas at mbtjthomas@gmail.com for more information.



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Purim Title???tk

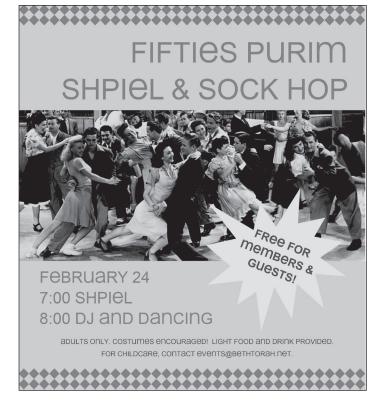
Everyone knows the basic story of Purim, right? The king needs a new queen. There is the big beauty pageant and feasting and Esther, the plain girl wins the crown. Things are going well - in the kingdom of Shushan. Esther moves into the castle and learns how things are run. She meets all the kings advisors, guards, and servants.

And then she finds out about the diabolical plan to kill off the jewish people. Uh, oh, the king does not know she is jewish. She must do something to warn him and save her people. Esther stands up to the king as her predecessor has done. Haman is found out and he hangs.

But, before this whole megillah, before the beauty pageants, before the feasts, before Haman was hung - there was Vashti. She also stood up to the king. She refused to appear before the king's drunken, raucous, feast when ordered to appear. She is said to be wicked and vain as she did not want to appear before the king and his men half dressed.

When Mordechai commands her to appear before the king and beg him to save the Jewish people, Esther has conflicts because those who go against the king are condemned to punishment as was her predecessor Vashti. She discovers she not much different from Vashti as she takes matters into her own hands. She decides she will go before the king when the time is right. She fasts, she prays, and she has a feast. After this, she appears before the king with her petition when the time is right.

Purim teaches us that we need to challenge our boundaries. We dress up, show up, and drink until the lines are blurred. We examine who we are, who we want to emulate, and who we want to be.



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Contribute to???Anna Caplan Bat Mizvah Project

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I decided to have a bake sale at theThe synagogue and with the proceeds make a donation to the DC Central Kitchen. Here's a quote from their website:

As the nation's first and leading community kitchen, DC Central Kitchen develops and operates social



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