



Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller



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In 1790, George Washington undertook to write letters to the leading Jewish congregations of the day, which were in Savannah, GA., Newport, R.I., Charleston, S.C., Richmond, VA, Philadelphia and New York. Recently elected the first President of thirteen states now united, bound together by a Constitution ratified just months before, the Father of our Country penned these words to the "Hebrew Congregation of Newport": "It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural right, for, happily, the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that those who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

225 years later, we are a country still seeking to be freed from the plague of intolerance. George Washington saw beyond his own parameters as a white, deist male to affirm that every person, regardless of race or religion, had an inherent right to be tolerated. He saw the diversity of America, and while it took another century for slaves to be granted full status as human beings, and even longer for women to be granted equal rights to the ballot, Washington understood that to be tolerated for one's presence was a human right, not an amenity

offered by the privileged class over the minorities. On the eve of the 19th century, with approximately 1,000-2,000 Jews in the United States, Washington voiced a message to the Jewish community of acceptance, shared prosperity and vision.

And while the Jewish story in America is not without dark periods of intolerance, the Jewish American narrative is a success story of a democratic country where "bigotry would find no sanction", and "persecution no assistance." We have endured through Southern racism, where "no Jews or coloreds allowed" was normative. We endured the lynching of Leo Frank outside Atlanta in 1915. And we endured decades of quota systems to ensure not too many Jewish students were admitted to prestigious colleges. Our current success is reflected in a 21st century America where intermarriage (signifying not just tolerance, but acceptance) is at an all-time high, where Jews have served in presidential cabinets, three of the current nine Supreme Court Justices and 37 Members of the 116th Congress are Jews.

It is for those very reasons that we might be complacent about the current iteration of anti-Semitism. This would be a mistake. In a world of growing intolerance, fear and populism, anti-Semitism here and abroad is a real issue reflecting the unique turbulence of our times. Yesterday's usual suspects of anti-Semites were neo-Nazi groups. Today, anti-Semitic rhetoric comes from across the political spectrum, from the alt-right who want a white-only country (Jews are not whites, and we are the ones, they claim, who have emboldened people of color.) Anti-Semitic

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL MOVIE SCHEDULE

1945

Saturday, February 9th at the Regency at 7:00 p.m.

Woman in Gold

Sunday, February 10th at Temple Beth Torah at 2:00 p.m.

Black Book

Saturday, February 16th at the Regency at 7:00 p.m.

Bag of Marbles

Sunday, February 17th at Temple Beth Torah at 2:00 p.m.

ADULT AND FAMILY LEARNING

Family First Fridays

Friday, February 1
Tot Shabbat at 6:00 p.m.
Congregational Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Family Services 7:15 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Shabbat Book Discussion

((SEMITISM)): Being Jewish in America in the age of Trump
Facilitated by Alan Kaiserman
Saturday, February 2 at 12:30 p.m.

#DoJewish@Home

With Student Rabbi Noah Diamondstein
February 3 at 9:30 a.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Taste of Judaism and Jewish Literacy

with Rabbi Michael Lotker
Tuesday, February 5, 12, 19 and 26
at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Sculpting with Susan Kaufman

Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

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rhetoric comes from the far left, who simplify the political world into oppressor and oppressed, and who vilify Israel for all the woes of the Palestinians, without holding the Palestinians or the Arab world accountable. The alliances of issues of the day make anti-Semitism fluid; when Benjamin Netanyahu meets with anti-Semitic populist leaders like Viktor Orban of Hungary and Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil, what message do Jews give to those who hate us? And when, in the intersection of social justice alliances, those advocating for womens' equality and LGBTQ rights also spread hatred of Israel, what message do we give to those who value the rights of women but condemn the only middle eastern country where women have equal status under the law?

In the weeks after TBT's welcome sign was vandalized with a swastika, I had the opportunity to talk face to face with three rabbinic colleagues who have faced horrific experiences of anti-Semitism in the last 18 months - Rabbi Tom Guthertz of Charlottesville, VA, Rabbis Aaron Bisno and Julie Newman of Pittsburgh. In Charlottesville and Pittsburgh, we saw things that we Jews never expected to see in America. Our community will never be the same, said Rabbi Newman, and Rabbi Bisno, whose Rodeph Sholom congregation now hosts the Tree of Life congregation. He spoke of the trauma that is now encoded in residents of Squirrel Hill, for all were affected. God forbid that incidents of anti-Semitism follow the same path

as that of mass shootings; that once it takes a foothold, it becomes the standard of acceptance.

What else is encoded in our history as Jews is the ability to hope when we see encroaching darkness. We will not succumb to anti-Semitism. We are the Washingtons of our generation, holding our government accountable that it will not sanction bigotry toward Jews or any people. We believe in Washington's vision for Jews in America: "May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit the good will of the other inhabitants—while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid."

George Washington concluded his letter to the Jews of Newport with these words: "May the Father of all mercies scatter light, and not darkness, upon our paths." We pray that this be so, and let us work together to make it so.

"Semitism: Being Jewish in America in the Age of Trump" is an excellent book for explaining the climate that has given rise to anti-Semitism today. Join Adam Kaiserman as he leads the book discussion on Saturday, February 2, at 12:30, in the Bank Family Library. Bring a non-meat potluck item to share for our Book Discussion & Shabbat Potluck.

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February 18, 2019*

Meister Scholarship Youth Trip to Israel

LEAH SEHATI has been awarded the Meister Scholarship-Youth Trip to Israel for the "URJ Heller High" (formerly NFYT-EIE) program. This is a four month-one semester study abroad. The goals of this program are to inspire students, the future leaders and members of Reform Judaism, a commitment to and deep love of North American Judaism, the Jewish people and the state of Israel.

Upon her return, Leah will write about her feelings and actions in the Shofar.

Congratulations!! We wish her a safe journey and an exciting adventure!!



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FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, February 1

PARSHAT MISHPATIM

"FFF—Family First Fridays"

Shabbat With Rabbi Lisa and Student Rabbi
Noah Diamondstein

6 p.m. Tot Shabbat

6:30 p.m. Community Dinner

7:15 pm. Family Shabbat Services

Saturday, February 2

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services

11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah study—
Bank Library

Book discussion & Potluck- "Semitism:
Being Jewish in America in the Age of
Trump" discussion led by Adam
Kaiserman

Friday, February 8

PARSHAT TERUMAH

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, February 9

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services

11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah study—
Bank Library

Friday, February 15

PARSHAT TETZAVEH

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 16

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services

Bat Mitzvah of Emily Sehati, daughter of
Shahar and Anna Sehati
No Torah Study this morning

Friday, February 22

Parshat Ki Tisa

6:00 p.m. Beatles-mania Shabbat Dinner

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services

"ALL YOU NEED IS SHABBAT" Shabbat
service inspired by Beatles' songs

Saturday, February 23

10 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services

Bat Mitzvah of Molly Globerman, daughter
of Bruce and Kim Globerman
No Torah Study this morning



Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 1, 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat

6:30 p.m. Community Shabbat Dinner
and Torah School time

7:15 p.m. Erev Shabbat Torah School
Family Services with Rabbis
Lisa and Noah

Please RSVP by calling the Temple office,
(805) 647-4181

President's Message

Pam Small



I burst out laughing and had to show the message to the other shoppers in the aisle.

Autocorrect can be helpful, maddening, amusing, alarming, and comforting. While entering books in the database for the TBT library, I typed out Yom Kippur only to see it become Tom Kipper (Deborah and I still laugh over that one). I was shopping in Petco a few months ago because my daughter was coming home for the weekend and bringing her cats. I couldn't remember which kind of food she usually bought or which store she shopped at, so I typed out, "I am at Petco looking for cat food. What brand do you buy?"

I sent the message and waited for an answer. I checked my phone and discovered that my message actually read, "I am at Percocet looking for cat food. What brand do you buy?" I burst out laughing and had to show the message to the other shoppers in the aisle. I thought about it later and was startled to realize that because the algorithm

corrects for the most commonly used words, a lot of people are regularly typing Percocet.

I am telling this story because autocorrect recently comforted me after the vandalism at TBT. I was there while the police were scanning through our video footage to find the incident and I was going to be late getting home. I texted my family to tell them that I was at temple and someone had painted swastikas on our sign. I typed in s-w-a-s- and autocorrect came up with swashbuckler. Perhaps I am a cock-eyed optimist, but I find it reassuring to know that more people are using the word "swashbuckler" than the word "swastika."

I sent a letter to all of you describing the incident and the efforts of our staff and the VPD to find the perpetrators.

As with all things, I will continue to be in touch about temple life. Humor may be one of the ways we cope with challenges, but please know, nothing deters us from our vision to live fulfilling Jewish lives in a strong community TBT!

B'Shalom,
Pam

Brotherhood

Ron Halpern



First, let me wish you all a Happy (secular) New Year. As usual, the Brotherhood is ready to help with much that goes on at TBT. This may include assisting with both the Torah School and Children's World's activities as well as the Family to Family community breakfasts.

On January 14 we had our first Brotherhood Brunch of the year with over fifty people attending the presentation of Artie Harris, a former scout with the Dodgers. Artie covered many interesting topics and had stories to tell regarding his thirty-year career. I encourage all of you who have not attended a Brotherhood Brunch to please join us. Not only will you savor a delicious brunch, you will enjoy the speaker and topics. In addition, you may meet and become friendly with some new congregants.

Each month I will be featuring some information on a special member of the Brotherhood. Jim Heller, who has served the Brotherhood as a second vice-president since last year, just retired from the Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center in Port Hueneme after a

38 year career. Jim brings many talents to the Brotherhood. He is always eager to help with our events, and has taken on the responsibility as acting secretary. Jim is married to Carol and their daughter Sara is attending college in Washington. He has been a TBT member since 2003.

At our most recent meeting we discussed many new activities in the making. Among them are a craft beer tasting, a local sporting event, and participating in the next MRJ Man of the Year Dinner scheduled for March 2 at Temple Beth Hillel in North Hollywood. If any of these sound interesting to you, the Brotherhood members would be happy to welcome you to our meetings in the TBT social hall, usually on the first Monday of the month at 6 PM. We share a nice meal, discuss interesting topics, and get to know each other better. Please call the Temple office and let them know that you are coming or contact me at rhalpern8@gmail.com

Shalom,
Ron Halpern President

UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D FROM PG. 1

Mindful Middot: Path of Jewish Self-Growth

with Rabbi Lisa

Sunday, February 24 at 9:30 a.m.

TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Family to Family**

First Sunday of the Month at 6:30 a.m.

DOWNTOWN VENTURA

Food Share

Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

TEMPLE BETH TORAH

River Haven Food Drop Off

Monday, February 4 at 3:00 p.m.

TBT KITCHEN

MEETINGS

AA Meeting

Every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Brotherhood Meeting

Monday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m.

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Ritual Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Director's Meeting

Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

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House Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.

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Social Action Committee

Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.

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Shahar and Anna Sehati in honor of their daughter Emily becoming a bat mitzvah on February 15, 2019

Bruce and Kimberly Globerman in honor of their daughter Molly becoming a bat mitzvah on February 22, 2019

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Torah School celebrating Tu'Bshevat by learning the yogi tree pose.

L'taken—Jewish Social Justice Values in action

For more than three decades, Barbara Meister has helped our teens participate in Israel programs, through the generosity of her Meister Scholarship Youth Trip to Israel Fund. But did you know that this same fund also generously underwrites our bi-annual trip to Washington, D.C. so that our teens can participate in L'taken, the remarkable-hands-on program led by the Religious Action Center of the Reform Movement? This is a trip that introduces 200 teens over a long weekend to a dozen current social issues and gives them a Jewish textual and historical background to understand why Reform Judaism takes the voice it does on issues ranging from immigration to the environment to support of Israel. The trip culminates in students writing presentations and meeting with members of our congressional and senatorial offices on Capitol Hill.

This trip, with airfare, registration and hotel expenses, would cost each student about \$900. It is remarkable that for the last three trips, our congregation has fully underwritten this expense for our teens! We have done that in three ways: 1) Barbara Meister's \$5,000 contribution; 2) the

financial support of TBT's wonderful Brotherhood men, who contribute \$1,500; 3) fundraising, which you support. This year, Inessa Gelman has volunteered to lead three fundraising efforts, donating so generously of her time, money and creativity. And you have supported the teens by responding to these fundraisers, joining us for Dodger World Series night, Latke Sale, and Paint n' Pour. Our gratitude to the tireless Inessa, who along with Cristina Muslow, Ina Fox, and other parents, pulled together fun programming that benefitted our teens.

Pam Small and I will chaperone Micah Wilcox, Talia Wilcox, Jessica Fox, Rachel Oplinger, Bella Dalto and Hannah Dearman-So to L'taken February 8-11. Follow our trip on TBT's Facebook page. We look forward to reporting back to the congregation about our meetings, what is learned and the experience of being a teen lobbying on Capitol Hill.

This is the 5th TBT trip in the last decade to bring teens to D. C. We are grateful to Barbara Meister, the men of Brotherhood, our Torah School families and our temple members for supporting this extraordinary program.



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Film Festival News

by Jody Shapiro

BREAKING NEWS!! NO TIME TO WASTE!!

We are thrilled to announce that Randol Schoenberg, the U.S. Attorney specializing in legal cases related to the recovery of stolen artworks, particularly those by the Nazi regime during the Holocaust, will be our guest speaker following the screening of *Woman in Gold*, on Sunday, February 10, at 2:00 P.M., at TBT. He will be joined by Judge Arthur Gilbert, Presiding Justice of the Second District Court of Appeal, based in Ventura County. Judge Gilbert assisted Mr. Schoenberg in the preparation of Supreme Court Case, *The Republic of Austria V. Altmann* (2004), on which *Woman in Gold*, was based.

A wine and cheese reception will follow their q&a.

Along with this remarkable event, the Festival is filled with wonderful opportunities to see excellent films from around the world that will entertain and enlighten you and your friends.

We look forward to seeing you these next two months. If you haven't gotten a season pass, it not too late. And if you are really clever you will join up with a friend and take advantage of the Screenwriter Sponsorship (\$200 apiece) that will get you two Sponsor's dinners, and two festival passes and two more tickets to any screening to bring along a friend. It's a great way to help support TBT, the Festival, and have all the amazing entertainment you could possibly want for the next two months. Email Lenore Kritekman at lenpaul263@att.net as soon as you read this, and before February 2, which is the correct date of the Sponsor's Dinner. The film that evening is the excellent Israeli/German film, *The Cakemaker*. Lenore can get you set up for the dinner and passes. You can access all information on this year's 16th Annual Season on our website VCJFF.org.

See you at the movies.

Expand Your Horizons— Learn Something New!

by Deborah Pollack, VP of Adult Learning and Programs

February may be our shortest month, but that's no excuse to miss out on expanding your mind and especially your understanding of all things Judaic. Here's what's going on at TBT this month—bring a friend and join in!

#DoJewish@Home: Jewish Rituals, Practice, and Observances that Will Enrich Family Life, Deepen Family Jewish connections, and Integrate Family Values Into Family Behaviors
Student Rabbi Noah Diamondstein
Sunday morning, February 3, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Every family that has a connection to Judaism, whether all, most, or some of the family members are Jews, has a set of values that guide family life. Sometimes those values are spoken and specific, sometimes they are implicit and very general, but values shape family life. Jewish values are an amazing resource for imbuing a life with Judaism, and Judaism has an entire series of rituals and practices (some daily and some just once or twice a year) that can take those immaterial values and make them tangible! In this class we'll discuss major categories of Jewish ritual and practice, learn where they come from and how to perform them, and make Jewish actions feel doable, customizable, and ready to plug-and-play at home. You get out what you put in! If we take Jewish practice and action seriously, they will meaningfully enrich our lives every single day.

Jewish Literacy

Rabbi Mike Lotker

Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Jewish Literacy classes touch on most of the areas of concern and interest to adults who wish to explore the holidays, sacred literature, history, spirituality, mysticism, and living a full Jewish life.

Tuition: There is no cost for these classes for members of area synagogues. The suggested donation for non-members deciding to “drop in” on classes is \$10 per session. If these fees are a barrier to anyone's participation, please speak with Rabbi Lotker; nobody will be turned away.

This program is made possible by Temple Beth Torah and the Jewish Federation of Ventura County.

2/5 Midrash, Halacha, Jewish legal codes and issues

2/12 Jewish mysticism: Kabbalah & Zohar

2/19 The Prayerbook

2/26 All of Jewish

Mindful Middot: The Path of Jewish Self-Growth

Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller

Sunday morning, February 24, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Encountering a trait each month, we will read core Jewish texts that help us understand which of our personal traits need growth and/or repair, so that we can be the person we want to be! Using the techniques of Rabbi Israel Salanter, the 19th century rabbi who brought the practice of mussar (mindful self-discipline) into popularity, we will work on our own traits toward self-growth. The discipline of mussar invites us to journal, reflect, pray, and consciously work on qualities such as Equanimity (peace of mind), Anger, Holiness, Feeling Secure, and more.

February B'nai Mitzvah



Emily Sehati (February 16, 2019)

Hello, my name is Emily Sehati. I live in Ventura with my parents Anna and Shahar Sehati, my grandma Gala, and my younger sister Sofia Sehati. I attend seventh grade at Cabrillo Middle School. I love music, I play piano, and love listening to Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley together with my dad, and Josh Groban and Michael Buble with my mom. I also enjoy playing tennis, I am a member of United States Tennis Association (USTA), and started

to participate in their tournaments. My favorite school subject is math, I enjoy figuring out puzzles, like Sudoku and Kenken. For the past 6 months I have been going to kindergarten students and reading to them once a week. I hope they will be inspired to read, like I do! I help my mom around the house, and I like cooking and baking. I'm inspired to find healthy and delicious recipes.

As long as I remember, I wanted to become a dentist, now I'm attracted to become an orthodontist. It gives people so much confidence when they have a beautiful smile! I'm also passionate about the fashion industry. I'm blessed being Jewish. Judaism has molded my character and future. Jewish prayers help me to find peace and compassion. I'm looking forward to raising my children with Jewish traditions and rituals. I'm excited to become a Bat Mitzvah!



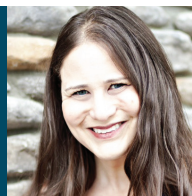
Molly Globerman (February 23, 2019)

My name is Molly Globerman. I am 13 years old and my parents are Kim and Bruce Globerman. I live in Ventura, California and I'm a 7th grader at Cabrillo Middle School. I like listening to music and reading. I've been a dancer at Ballet Academy Ventura for 9 years. I've been a Girl Scout for 6 years, and have done a lot of volunteer work with my troop. I want to be an archaeologist, historian, or actress. To me being Jewish means being part of an accepting community and a very old religion with a lot of culture.

**Awake your inner Torah
Come learn with us!**

Education & Family Programs

Marisa Schrier



This is also a great time to learn about our environment and fulfill the mitzvah of being partners with God as we care for our world.

This past January, we celebrated Tu B'shevat, marking the beginning of Spring. Originally an agricultural day, it has now become a tree-planting festival. Israelis and Jews around the world plant trees to commemorate the memory of loved ones and friends. This is also a great time to learn about our environment and fulfill the mitzvah of being partners with God as we care for our world. The Torah School students celebrated the holiday by making handmade Seed Balls. Made of soil and flower seeds, the Seed Balls were sent home for the students to "plant" anywhere they wanted to see more beauty. Classes discussed the story of Choni, who plants trees for his future great grandchildren.

Our 3rd-6th Grade community had the opportunity to honor this day in a meaningful way. The teaching staff led a special seder, similar to a Passover seder, recognizing Tu B'shevat. Students ate different types of fruits and nuts; some with

pits and others without, fruits you peel and others you eat whole and nuts with hard shells and some with shells you can eat.

Mark your calendars for March 24th, 2019, Temple Beth Torah's Torah School Purim Carnival. The Purim Carnival is Torah School's largest fundraiser of the year. This year's theme will be Enchanted Forest. Jump down the rabbit hole into a world of fairy gardens and Robin Hood activities. Come support Torah School and get excited about making Ribbon Wands.

We are wishing our teens, Rabbi Lisa and Pam Small (TBT's Temple President), a wonderful and meaningful trip to Washington DC, for RAC's (Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism) L'taken (Social Justice) Seminar. We are looking forward to the great energy and knowledge that you will be sharing with us when you return.

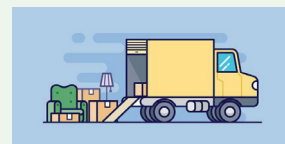
The 1st Shabbat of every month is a special schedule for Families. 6:00 Tot Shabbat, 6:30 Dinner (RSVP or BYODD) and 7:15 Services. Join the congregation as we come together to welcome Shabbat.

VCTRY has been busy bonding, creating and having fun. On 03/03/19, the 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders will participate in Social Action. On 03/23/19, 6th, 7th and 8th Graders will join to-

gether with other regional youth for a NFTY (National Federation of Temple Youth) Event. Jr VCTRY participants will spend the day in Ojai; engaging in team building games, playing gaga and enjoying Havdalah. Email all questions to: youth@templebethtorah.com

I'm looking forward to our continued learning and growing together as we move into 2019!

B'shalom,
Marisa



Have you moved?

Please call the Temple office to keep us informed of any new addresses, phone numbers or e-mails.

B'nai Mitzvah News

B'nai Mitzvah Families, get ready for yad-making on Wednesday, Feb. 6! Our B'nai Mitzvah Family program brings together parents and teens in the b'nai mitzvah year to learn about bible, prayer, what it means to become a bar or bat mitzvah, and ...to make a yad!

This year's b'nai mitzvah begin in February with the b'not mitzvah of class members Molly Globerman, daughter of Kim and Bruce, and Emily Sehati, daughter of Shahr and Anna. Our students meet each Wednesday evening as a B'nai Mitzvah class with teacher Ravit Shemesh, and individually for prayer and Torah preparation with Cantor Michael Anatole. The students, parents and Cantor Michael are happily succeeding in this specialized, one-on-one preparation. We invite you to join us on these special Shabbat mornings as we welcome these young adults into their place in the adult Jewish community,

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Children's World & TBT Preschools

Marion Levin-Welch



Did you know that we provide our preschoolers snack from our produce?

February, what a month! It is a month of healthy hearts, jog-a-thons for both preschools, and the continued celebration of planting, continuing celebrating Tu'BShevat every week. We just don't stop. We are always playing, watering, planting and pulling weeds. But this time Mother Nature helped us with some rain. Amen. Thank you Adonai. Part of the advantage of having land to plant in is the education component of seeing how things grow, what fruit our trees produce and how many worms and lizards we can find. We love it. Did you know that we provide our preschoolers snack from our produce? Or that we supply Food Share with produce on a regular basis? All the trees that were planted by families March 2016 will reap the benefits of the rain and your caring and love.

We are very proud to announce registration for the school year 2019-20 starting in February. And did you know that we will be holding hours from 7:30 to 5:30 pm? We have extended our hours starting this year to allow more parents to join us. Let your friends know that we would love them to be with us. The ages of our students are from 2-6 years of age. We provide a great curriculum as well as enrichments throughout the mornings and afternoons. Our staff is so committed to the education of your children as well as assisting you in any way we can.

In January we celebrated by having a School of Choice evening where parents could come to meet teachers and ask questions of them and the great curriculum we provide. This was open to the community as well. We had a Winter Fest, Soccer, Kindermusic as well as a Magic Show and Dinner for our families. We cleaned in the garden between the rain drops, enhanced our Butterfly Garden area and had educational days for our families in the same spot. Students from the Boswell School (Special Needs) continue to help make the garden projects possible. Specialists join the teachers at staff meetings to enhance our education about sensory issues, autism, language challenges, Tri-Counties services, Easter Seals, Jewish Family Services and so much more.

Our Jewish Pre-School classes celebrate Shabbat each week and the kids love it. TBT preschool will be getting ready for Purim with all its merriment and noises as well as the wonderful distractions. Look for pictures in the next issue of the Shofar.

B'Shalom,
Marion Levin-Welch M.A.
ECE Director

TRANSPARENT TBT

1. We are scheduling a power point on active shooter drills for the Board.
2. Beatles Shabbat! Friday, February 22, 2019
3. DC trip with TBT teens! Rabbi and President are chaperones

Torah School Calendar

Torah School Dates:

Wednesday, February 6, 13, 20, 27
Sundays, February 3, 24

No Torah School Dates:

Sundays, February 10, 17

Mishpacha Dates:

Sundays, February 3, 24

Tot Shabbat

Friday, February 1, 6:00 p.m.

VCTRY

Upcoming Events

VCTRY has been very busy this last month.

Sr VCTRY met for Starbucks and donuts to discuss the future of VCTRY, upcoming events and social action.

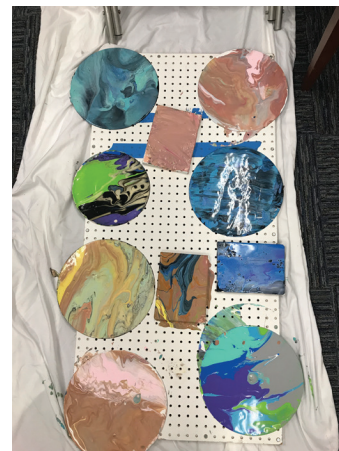
Junior VCTRY got together on a Sunday afternoon for some serious chilling. They shared pizza and watched some Friends and The Office! They ate TONS of Mike and Ikes and Skittles (candy salad!!). Next, they did an awesome acrylic pouring project. They poured on some old scratched records (that we are going to turn into clocks) and it was a delicious relaxing mess.

Mini VCTRY members are enjoying their tie dyed shirts and are looking forward to the next opportunity to get together.

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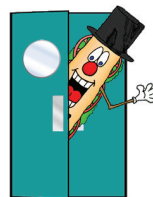
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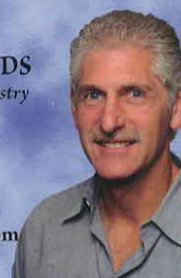
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