



Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller



We are a reflection and a product of the people and the life events that have come before us.

da Berman. Golde Sammet. Joseph Kreeger. Moshe Hochberg. These were names I'd never heard...until I found my grandparent's marriage license issued on February 19, 1918. Along with their ketubah signed five days later, I had just unexpectedly opened up a world into my family history. These were the names of my great-grandparents, long hidden in family history. I have great-grandparents names Moshe! And Joseph! And Ida and Golde! In the 1870s and 1880s they lived in Galicia and Russia and Germany. At this time of year, when we naturally turn toward looking at the future- after all, the school year has started and the High Holy Days will soon arrive-- I am reminded about how much of who we are is rooted in our past- even the past that we didn't know about. We are a reflection and a product of the people and the life events that have come before us. Our response to today's world events is, in many ways, encoded in us, based on our history. Do we not respond to the current influx of immigrants and their desperation through the lens of our own family's immigration story, or our own people's experience of discrimination on these very shores, whether it was anti-Jewish immigration legislation in 1924, or the closing of borders to the Jews aboard the St. Louis, in 1939? And do we not respond to rising rhetoric of anti-Semitism and racism against minorities with a backward glance to the moments we too have experienced anti-Semit-

ic remarks personally, or collectively as a people, knowing that the rise of intolerance never bodes well for Jewish communities, in any country, in any century. Indeed, we reflect our history, which is why wisdom teaches that we should seek to understand our own personal narrative and biases as we respond to today.

Beyond our political nature, this gives insight to our inner nature as well. Just like the eye color or allergies we inherit from parents, our personal behaviors often reflect the homes we were raised in and the models encoded within us. Do we shame our children or blame our partners- because that was what was normative in our childhood homes? Do we avoid conflict at all cost, or find ourselves righteously argumentative about everything? Do we hold ourselves to impossible standards, or hold irrational frugalities? Understanding the imprint of our formative years is a different lens by which to see our personal history and coming to know what is implanted in us.

In both the political landscape and the personal landscape we often feel helpless to imagine that things can be any different, that we can change or others can change. Our behaviors and attitudes, are hard-wired and static.

We may be letting ourselves off too easily. We do hold the capacity to understand and respond differently than the narrative we inherited or cre-

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TBT 5779:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

HAPPENINGS

Adult Education

Fiddler on the Roof with Rabbi Lotker
Tuesday, September 10 and 17 at 7:00 p.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

Women of TBT

Crafting and Kibbitzing
Every First and Third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH LOBBY

Mahjong

Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
Every Thursday at 2:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

River Haven Food Drop Off

First Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m.
TBT KITCHEN

Tot Shabbat

Friday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH SANCTUARY

TBT Brotherhood Fundraiser Event

Craft Beer Festival & Chili Cook-Off
Saturday, September 7 at 4:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 3, 5, 10, 11, 17, 19, 24 and 25 at 7:00 p.m.
TBT SANCTUARY

Torah School 3rd Fridays

Family Shabbat
September 20th
6:00 p.m. Family Services
6:45 p.m. BYO Dairy Dinner

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ated for ourselves. Recognizing our inherent biases are not justification for them, but they are the starting point for teaching ourselves how to respond differently, if we can see that our mindset or our behavior is limiting us. We begin Elul the evening of August 31, the month when we are potently reminded to engage in the spiritual work of inner growth by letting go of what has been limiting us. For each of the 29 days of Elul we can prepare for the High Holy Days by quieting ourselves, listening to our inner voice, acknowledging the fears we hold inside, the shortcomings that impact our character and our relationships with others. We can listen for the still, small voice within that calls us to reconcile with our past, with others, to take initiative, have courage and change the patterns that limit our becoming the kind of person we want to be. And this work applies as much to our political nature (how do I respond to events and people in the current world climate?) as it does to our inner nature (how do I interact with people around me, how do I measure up to my character traits for myself?) This journey through Elul will be our focus through September Shabbat worship, and I invite you to come be a part of the Days of Elul.



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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, September 6- Parshat Shoftim

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service in the Sanctuary
Followed by oneg

Saturday, September 7

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
11:30 a.m. Torah Study, Bank Family Library

Friday, September 13- Parshat Ki Tetze

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
Followed by oneg

Saturday, September 14

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
11:30 a.m. Torah Study, Bank Family Library

High Holy Day Services and Programs Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Sunday, September 29, 8:00 p.m. Evening New Year Service

Rosh Hashanah – Monday, September 30, 10:00 a.m. Morning New Year Service

Children's Programming- begins 9:45 a.m.

Family Celebration at the Beach – Marina Park, 4:00- 4:45 p.m.

Tashlich at Marina Park – 5:00 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah, 2nd Day – Tuesday, October 1, 10:00 a.m. Morning New Year Service

Erev Yom Kippur – Tuesday, October 8, 8:00 p.m. Kol Nidre Services

Yom Kippur – Wednesday, October 9

9:00 AM –9:45 a.m. Young Family Services

Children's Programming- begins 9:45 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Community Morning Service

Services and Programming continuously through Neilah Service

Sukkot-

Sunday evening October 13 through Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah, Monday, October 21

Order your High Holy Day Prayer books!

We will be praying from the two-volume Mishkan HaNefesh, the deeply spiritual , contemporary prayer book published by the Reform Movement three years ago. Filled with traditional liturgy, contemporary readings, insights, texts and poetry, this Holy Day machzor (prayer book) is a rich spiritual text for the Jewish home whose readings can bring meaning and insight all year long. If you do not yet own your own set, please order online at ccarpres.org.

While the temple office has a limited supply of prayer books to loan, these are provided as a courtesy to guests visiting our congregation- not to substitute for congregants owning their own prayer books. Each TBT B'nai Mitzvah student receives a set as a gift from the Board of Directors. Meaningful prayer is an engagement with the divine through the written word and song- we encourage every adult in your household to bring their own machzor for personal use.

Friday, September 20 - Parshat Ki Tavo

NOTE THE TIME!! INTRODUCING:

6:00 p.m. Torah School Family Shabbat
6:45 p.m. BYO (non-meat) Shabbat Dinner
Followed by oneg

Saturday, September 21

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
11:30 a.m. Torah Study, Bank Family Library
7:30 p.m. Slichot Evening Program
9:00 p.m. Slichot Service

Friday, September 27-Parshat Nitzavim

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 28

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
11:30 a.m. Torah Study, Bank Family Library



Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, September 20, 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Torah School Family Shabbat
6:45 p.m. BYO (non-meat) Shabbat Dinner

Please RSVP by calling
the Temple office (805) 647-4181
by noon Wed., September 18

President's Message

Pam Small

I may serve as the organization's head, but Rabbi Lisa is our community's heart.

We were unable to celebrate Rabbi Lisa's twentieth anniversary with Temple Beth Torah because we were in the middle of remodeling and this has troubled me. The Beach Boys Shabbat was an unofficial celebration of Rabbi's birthday and I wrote the following to let her know how much she means to all of us.

In serving as the President of TBT, I have had a very intimate view of Rabbi Lisa's professionalism and dedication to this congregation. I continue to find great joy in the role of President and much of that comes from working with such a fine and inspirational woman. I may serve as the organization's head, but Rabbi Lisa is our community's heart. Her scholarship enriches her sermons and our Torah studies. Her thoughtful and heartfelt services comfort us and lift our spirits. Her humor enlivens our Purim Carnivals and Hanukkah festivities and her kindness touches every aspect of her work. She gives so much to all of us and it is a pleasure to celebrate her on this special birthday and say thank you for all you do and have done for all of us.

Michelle Gould, artist and author, wrote a children's book about Shabbat and Rabbi Lisa was the

model for the emu rabbi in the book. Michelle gave us permission to use the illustration and the Board gave Rabbi Lisa a framed copy as her birthday gift. Look at her smile! I think she loves it! B'Shalom,

Pam



UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D FROM PG. 1

MEETINGS

AA Meeting

Every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Ritual Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 5 at 5:30 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Brotherhood Meeting

Monday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Board of Director's Meeting

Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Women of TBT Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

House Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Social Action Committee

Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

**OFFSITE

Brotherhood

Ron Halpern

This month as we bring in the new year (Rosh Hashanah), we will also be reconvening our monthly meetings. The first will take place on September 2 at 6:00 P.M. in Meister Hall. As usual, our friendly members will get together to enjoy a nice dinner, watch some sporting events, discuss our activity calendar, and just socialize as the meeting progresses.

During the course of the year we often select contemporary Jewish topics to explore. The resulting lively discussions make the evening meetings even more meaningful. If you are interested in joining or just coming by for a fun night, please do. We would love to meet you.

Although we did not have a formal meeting over the summer, the Brotherhood was active at the Beach Boys Shabbat night. A big shout out to Bruce Gilbert, and Bob Kerman for helping me

cook all the food and others that pitched in to help clean up. In addition, we attended an exciting Dodger game (they won, against the Diamondbacks, 9-3), and planned our September 7 Beer/Chili/Dessert fundraiser, something we've never tried before. Hopefully your participation will help make it a success!



Mark your calendars for our first Brotherhood Brunch of the year, November 3, featuring the Senior Director of Tea at Coffee Bean, Tea and Leaf, David De Candia. His presentation will cover the cultivation and development of high-end teas, and afterwards there will be a tea tasting.

As always, your presence at the events that we plan are very much appreciated. May the coming year bring health and peace to you and your loved ones. L'shana tova,
Ron Halpern



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Dear TBT family,

What I looked forward to on August 9 as Beach Boys Shabbat became much more than I ever expected! Thank you for creating the most wonderful birthday party and celebration with my community! I can hardly begin to thank the Ritual Committee for all the work of running the dinner and decorating, Robin Faigin and those of you who participated in choir and the band, Joel Levin for an amazing drosha, Ron Halpern, Bruce Gilbert, Bob Kerman, Camilo and the men of Brotherhood for the BBQ, Nancy Marcus for shopping, Tuesday's Sisters Rosh Hodesh for the cakes, and Nancy and Pam Schuman for bartending ... the list goes on and on! Your well-wishes were a wonderful gift for a special birthday!

Love, Rabbi Lisa

VCTRY, Looking Ahead...

Looking ahead, this upcoming year is FILLED with fun and engaging activities for Mini, Junior, AND Senior youth group members.

Seniors: Our next event is going to be one for the books. We are going K-A-Y-A-K-I-N-G at the Ventura Harbor! We will meet at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 21, 2019 to rent out two-person kayaks. Two people will be able to split the cost of a kayak bringing it to \$10 per person. The last single rider will split a kayak with Tassi. After our kayaking adventure, it will be a team decision as to whether we eat a late lunch, or grab a coffee, OR just enjoy some ice cream. Please see the flyer for more details.

Juniors: Have you every cozied outside to watch a movie? It's so delicious! We are planning to get together on Saturday, September 14, 2019 for an outdoor picnic and a movie. Be sure to be dressed cozy and to bring your favorite pillow and blanket to sit on in the grass. We will vote on the movie we want to see and project our feature presentation on the back wall. Sometime in the evening, we will break for a beautiful sundown Havdalah ceremony together and then continue with our movie and dessert. The cost is only \$12 per person (unless VCTRY Pass was purchased). Please see the flyer for more details.

Mini: The Welcome Back Party is in full effect! Come join us on Sunday, September 15, 2019 right after Torah School for an afternoon filled with yummy food and fun games. This event will be a great way to welcome the incoming third graders and to hang out with old friends! It will FOR SURE not disappoint. The cost is only \$12 per person (unless VCTRY Pass was purchased). Please see the flyer for more details.

Membership

SENIOR VCTRY MEMBERS: All Senior VCTRY members must sign a Brit Kehillah (Code of Conduct) upon joining youth group. This year we will require a one-time annual membership fee of \$40 (which includes a t-shirt). This membership fee does not include the cost of events. Costs per events may vary. Membership fees are due by September 21, 2019. If for any reason the membership fee cannot be paid or an extension is required, please

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Expand Your Horizons— Learn Something New!

by Deborah Pollack, VP of Adult Learning and Programs

As we approach the year 5780, I hope that one of your resolutions is to learn something new! Temple Beth Torah is hopping and it's easy to jump right in, so please look over what's coming up in September and October and PAY ATTENTION TO REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Bring your friends along and meet new ones. Please contact me at rp5dp@sbcglobal.net with any questions you may have about upcoming educational opportunities.

SEPTEMBER

WHAT FIDDLER ON THE ROOF HAS TO TEACH US ABOUT JUDAISM

Rabbi Mike Lotker

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
September 10 & 17

Although it may not be apparent on the surface, there is quite a bit of Jewish tradition, insight and depth in the music and story of *Fiddler On The Roof*. In this class, we will enjoy many of the scenes and songs from the movie and discuss such issues as our relationship with God, perspectives on the afterlife, superstitions, a reason for Jewish intelligence, Talmudic logic, the true meaning of "Mazel Tov," Jewish understanding of miracles, Jewish marriage customs and a lot more. It's even OK to sing along with the wonderful music!

OCTOBER

ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH

Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller and Kathy Fink

Sundays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

October 13, November 17, 24, December 8, 15, January 12, 26, February 2, 9, 23, March 1, 15, 22, 29, April 19, 26, May 3, May 17

Hebrew is the beautiful key that unlocks much of the spirituality of Judaism: the ability to pray fully, sing heartily, and chant the sacred Torah words from the scroll. This year, we invite you to expand your Hebrew skills, immerse in a deep understanding of liturgy, find new comfort and ability in worship and song, and...read from Torah!

Join our 18-week Adult B'nai Mitzvah class, which is equal parts building on Hebrew reading skills to include familiarity with Hebrew prayers, and learning key Hebrew words and spiritual ideas to unlock the meaning within prayers. Co-taught by Kathy Fink and Rabbi Lisa, this Sunday morning program will culminate in an Adult B'nai Mitzvah on Shabbat morning, May 30, which is Shavuot, the celebration of receiving Torah at Sinai. You will be reading Torah! If you have participated in an adult b'nai mitzvah in the past, you may always participate again! It is open to any Temple member who has completed Kathy's Hebrew class or is of equivalent proficiency. **This program is available only to Temple members.** There is a \$50 materials fee. Please register and pay in the Temple office by October 10.

SHABBAT BOOK DISCUSSION & POTLUCK LUNCH

Kaddish.com by Nathan Englander

Marilyn Baron, facilitator

Saturday, 12:30–2:00 p.m.

October 26

Larry is the secular son in a family of Orthodox Brooklyn Jews. When his father dies, it's his responsibility to recite the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead, every day for eleven months. To the horror and dismay of his sister, Larry refuses—imperiling the fate of his father's soul. To appease her, Larry hatches an ingenious if cynical plan, hiring a stranger through a website called kaddish.com to recite the prayer and shepherd his father's soul safely to rest.

Sharp, irreverent, and hilarious, Englander's tale of a son who makes a diabolical compromise ingeniously captures the tensions between tradition and modernity.

[Read the book and bring a non-meat item to contribute to the potluck.](#)

STORY DISCUSSIONS

Deborah Pollack

Tuesday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

October 29

A Rose for Emily by William Faulkner. Download and print a copy of the story or pick it up in the TBT office.

Women of TBT

As we move into the High Holy Days, we encourage you to reflect on what our community of women has meant to you this past year and what your hopes are for the coming year. We hope Women of TBT can provide new opportunities for you to meet other temple women, support TBT and of course, have fun. But we want to hear from you!

Mark your calendar for our Monthly Meetings, the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Plan on a short general meeting, followed by an activity, speaker or some kibbitzing, and of course, some noshes. Let us know if you need a ride, and we'll do our best to get you there.

Don't forget to join/rejoin Women of TBT on your Temple Membership renewal form. We have an exciting year ahead! For more information or questions please email us at womenoftbt@gmail.com.

Warmly,

Ann Kerman & Kathy Randall

Sun Protection Bags for River Haven

By Heidi Sohn

Temple Beth Torah's evening Rosh Hodesh group sewed and filled 24 drawstring backpacks, adding sun protection items for the residents of River Haven, a transitional living facility for homeless individuals in Ventura. Each bag contained sunscreen, a water bottle, a hat, lip balm, water-flavoring tablets, and pre-moistened towlettes.

Members of the group purchased the items in advance and brought them to Heidi Sohn's house for a Sunday afternoon of sewing and assembling. A couple of ladies brought friends and those who knew how to sew helped those who didn't. It was a lot of fun and all for a good cause!

Heidi and Marilyn Baron delivered the backpacks to River Haven on Friday, July 19, where they would be given out at the next residents meeting, said case manager John Friedeck.



Education & Family Programs

Marisa Schrier



Being surrounded by Jewish specialists who are as excited and energetic about Jewish education as I am is a professional dream come true.

I am happy to welcome you all back to Torah School after what I hope was a fun and reenergizing summer break. I was honored to attend 2 Educational Conferences over the break, and I am looking forward to sharing what I learned with our community. The first was an Immersive Retreat focused on Jewish Mindfulness for Educators, facilitated by, The Experiential Jewish Education Network. EJEN's goal is to strengthen the professional knowledge, skills, connections and leadership capability of experiential Jewish educators. Sharon Spielman (Our 1st/2nd Grade Teacher) and I spent 2 1/2 days absorbed in many different mindful modalities that were shared as teaching techniques. Art, breathing, yoga, silent eating, storytelling and guided imagery filled our time and nourished our souls. We both have come back ready to integrate some of the techniques we learned.

Later in the summer, I traveled to Portland, OR, to join with more than 450 Jewish Educators at the 10th Annual NewCaje Conference. NewCAJE's mission is to connect, inspire and affirm all Jewish educators to build a stronger Jewish community. Their goal is to raise up Jewish educators through transformational experiences, professional development and Jewish learning in a joyful and intentional community. This was my second time going to a NewCaje Conference, and it was even better than I had remembered. Being surrounded by Jewish specialists who are as excited and energetic about Jewish education as I am is a professional dream come true. Each workshop, meal, song session and service was thought out to ensure long

lasting impact. I met with Directors who have similar dynamics to ours to brainstorm responses to our specific needs. I collaborated with other Educators and created new whole school programs that we will experiment with during the High Holidays. I had the opportunity to sample new and innovative curriculum and I am looking forward to incorporating.

The Living Our Mitzvot curriculum will utilize value based lessons that are integrated into the Holiday Cycle. The school year will be divided into 7 units:

1. Teshuvah-taking responsibility for your actions
2. B'tzelem Elohim-honoring the image of God in ourselves and others
3. Gevurah-using one's inner strength to do what is right
4. Achrayut-doing what you can to make the world a better place
5. Hakarat Hatov-seeking joy and being grateful
6. Koach Hadibbur-understanding the power of words
7. Shalom-Helping to create a calmer more passionate world

I know that using these values as our foundation for teaching Jewish texts, history, life cycle, prayer and holidays will make for an educational and enriching year.

I am thrilled to be partnering with such an amazing teaching staff. Alli, Katie, Sharon and Gil will be returning and Tassi, our VCTRY Youth Group Advisor, will be joining them as the upper

grade Judaica teacher. We all spent time this summer lesson planning and calendaring educational programs to enhance the students and families experience. Taylor Paskin, Temple congregant and mother to Asher and Rory, will be joining our staff as an Art Specialist. We are looking forward to creating beautiful art experiences for everyone.

September 20th, 2019 will be our first 3rd Friday Torah School Family Shabbat. Family friendly services will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Bring Your Own Dairy Dinner or RSVP for pizza and salad, \$5 per person. Families will have the opportunity to eat, socialize and pray together.

Everyone here at Torah School is ready for a fabulous and enriching year. Please let us know what we can do to enhance your families experience here at Temple Beth Torah.

L'shalom,
Marisa

Social Action Committee

By Ruth Schwartz

WHY OUR FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE IS A TRADITION: NO CHILD ... NO PERSON ... SHOULD GO HUNGRY.

1. Project Understanding and Brotherhood Food Distribution help people remain in their homes because they cannot afford both food and rent.

2. Kids and Families Together distributes food, infants' and children's clothing and diapers to grandparents and others who are raising children whose parents can't care for them. Many caregivers could barely afford to support themselves.

3. Older Foster Kids are grateful for your clean, gently worn casual clothing.

4. Lift Up Your Voice depends on our TBT Drive for 4 months of the clothing they distribute to the homeless at parks, Family to Family or share with shelters.

5. Food SHARE is able to provide almost 3 meals for each dollar you contribute to them directly.

6. Our traditional High Holy Day Food and Clothing Drive can accomplish as a congregation what each of us cannot do as individuals.

We are grateful to Children's World, PODS Tri-Counties and Trader Joes for their support.

Look for our flier enclosed in the Shofar. Ruth Schwartz and Ruth Owens, SAC

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Children's World & TBT Preschools

Marion Levin-Welch



The hands-on experiences and various art media are the bridge for acquiring languages that allow the children to express themselves and to communicate their ideas and feelings to the classroom community.

As Early Childhood Educators, we are careful to make sure that there are many components that are "hands on" whenever we are preparing learning experiences. Active hands-on activities provide the necessary learning experiences to be interwoven throughout any given experience for young children for true learning to take place. The hands-on experiences and various art media are the bridge for acquiring languages that allow the children to express themselves and to communicate their ideas and feelings to the classroom community.



Taking that all into consideration, we utilized the methods and ideas to have ongoing programs where the children can think, engage, use critical thinking skills and play and create instead of being on electronics and housed on a chair with computer devices. Let's explore our science center, our farmers market, as we live in an agricultural environment, and use the mind for direct learning.



We begin with introducing children to our flexible curriculum and opportunities to make friends in their new classrooms, go to Yoga, Soccer, Stretch and Grow, Music and the preschool home sites that promote earth care as well as maintaining a delightful garden. The tree we planted 12 years ago in our inside garden is now welcoming the arms of current and future climbers. Our staff works so hard to engage, promote learning, and get the children to use their beautiful brains to be

creative as they engage in the journey to learning. We have added a painting area, a weaving area, a fairy garden, a reading area that each child can participate in when outside in the garden. Let's stay outside as often as we can. Please feel free to visit the garden when you are on site of TBT.

So what do we do here at preschool? Make memories. We have some children coming to us very confident, some who are shy, some who are scared and do not want to leave their parent's side and will do anything to keep them there. Preschool is where the socialization process is part of the experience and a place to help them get ready for the future. We have children of all learning abilities, all interests, and desires for growing into who they are. We are one of the beginnings of their learning careers. Did you know that we now have the children of the children that attended our preschool?

The children and their families will participate in classroom Picnics this month, in making decisions on what they would like to do in school, start enrichment programs in art, gymnastics, soccer, Karate, cooking, dance, Spanish, Yoga and so much more.

Our outreach to the community this month will be helping with the Social Action committee in collecting food. The children love to participate and see how many cans and packages they can bring to school. We will keep a graph of how much the students will be bringing to school so they can visually gage their progress. We are looking forward to venturing into the valleys of multiple areas of education and help by outreaching to help those in need.

The trees in the outside fruit orchard has yielded so much fruit for our food share program here at Temple. We figured that about 200 plus pounds of plums, apples, and peaches were distributed to families in need. Thank you to the volunteers who picked, cleaned and disposed of weeds. Thank you to the families that donated the trees 3.5 years ago. We refurbished the stakes holding up the signs and encourage you to go and pick fruit in the orchard now, and then in June and July and August of next year. Hoping that we will have rain again, LOL. Best wishes for a Good New Year...

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

VCTRY

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contact Tassi at youth@templebethtorah.com to discuss options.

VCTRY PASS: This year our VCTRY PASS applies to all Mini and Junior members although pricing varies.

JUNIOR PRICING: \$140 for the year + a t-shirt (this includes all off-site expenses and food)

MINI PRICING: \$70 for the year + a t-shirt (this includes food)

A VCTRY PASS is an option we offer, but not required. Each Junior and Mini VCTRY member is allowed to pay per event. We do not charge membership fees at the Junior and Mini level, but still require each participating member to sign a Brit Kehillah (Code of Conduct). Due date for the VCTRY PASS and B'rit Kehillah will be on September 14, 2019 (Juniors) and September 15, 2019 (Mini). If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Tassi at youth@templebethtorah.com.

Recycling Program

This year we have also implemented a recycling program as our way to give back to the world and help our youth group raise funds. This program is a team effort that will seek help from our TBT community by bringing their plastic and metal recyclables for us to process. Some FAQs:

How can I participate?

Well! There are a couple ways. VCTRY has set up some beautifully decorated recycling boxes around TBT where you can leave your empty plastic bottles and cans. Do not worry about separating them because we will go through it.

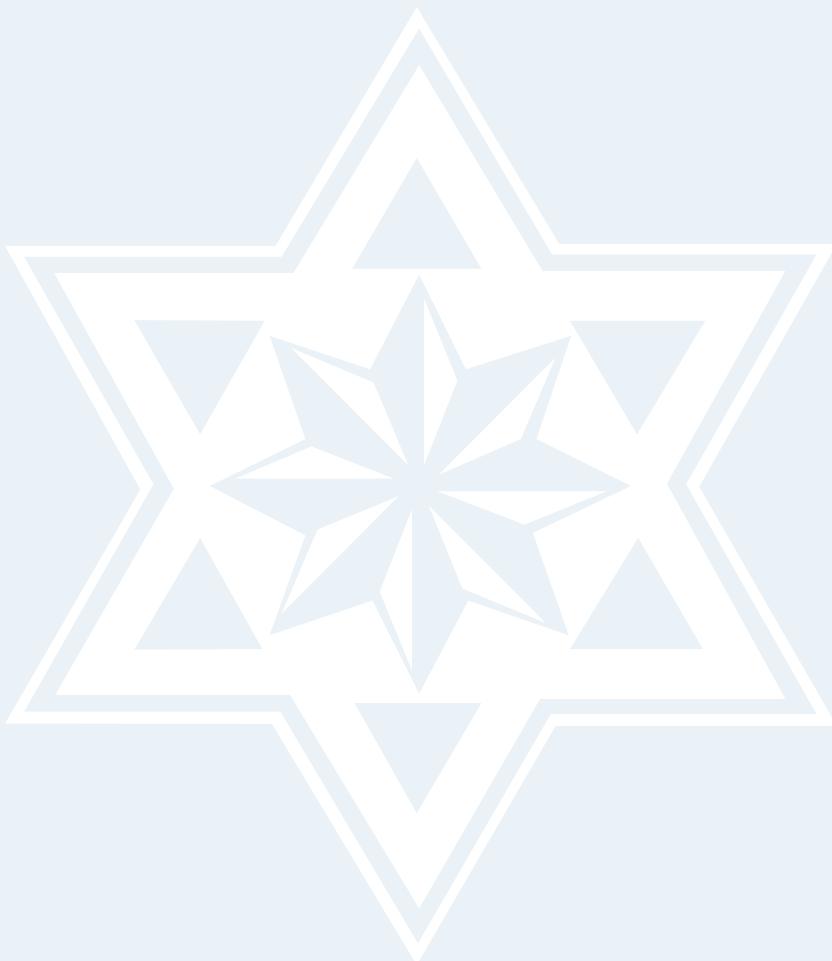
Another way is...

Start collecting your plastic bottles and cans at home and then drop them off at 9:30 AM on the dates below. We will separate them that day. You will be helping the planet AND helping out our youth group raise money.

Do I need to wait until the drop off dates to leave my recyclables?

Nope! Simply bring them to TBT whenever you are local and drop them off in one of our VCTRY receptacles.

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It was my pleasure to arrange the housing for Noah Diamondstein, our Rabbi Intern for the 2018–2019 year. Our congregants were wonderful in coming forth to host Rabbi Noah for a weekend or two. The experience was awesome for both host Families and Rabbi Noah.

Thank you for the following families:
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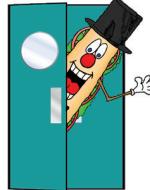
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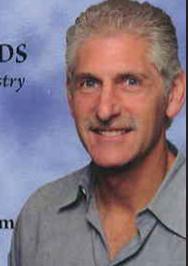
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