



Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller



This is a time for important and formative conversations, for Jewish families and for families who have non-Jewish members who might be celebrating Christmas.

The Heart of Hanukkah

In our commercialized world, it is often a struggle to remember the true message of our American and faith-based holidays. (You mean Thanksgiving isn't about Black Friday, Memorial Day isn't about mattress sales, and Christmas isn't a Lexus buying event?) Parents have the opportunity to embrace Hanukkah as the perfect anti-commercial holiday. This is a time for important and formative conversations, for Jewish families and for families who have non-Jewish members who might be celebrating Christmas. Here are the messages I think are worth raising this season:

1. **Holidays have meaning, deeper than the way we celebrate them.** Our gifts, decorations and parties express our joy over holidays, but are not what the holidays are about. Hanukkah is about the light in the human soul that motivates us to fight against oppression. We symbolize that by lighting a hanukiah for 8 nights. Christmas can be explained as a holiday that celebrates that god is present in our world. You can explain that for Christians, they see God's presence in the person of Jesus, who lived 2,000 years ago. For Jews, we see God's Presence in every person. What our two faiths can share in this season is the belief that having faith in God allows us to move the world to a more peaceful and loving place.

2. **Businesses are in the business of making money. But they do not make our holidays.** It is natural for them to advertise a lot right now, hoping people will buy gifts and deco-

rations. Our holidays are fun when we make decorations together, when we spend time as family together, when we learn songs and sing, bake special meals and desserts.

3. **Holidays are about people, not about things.** This is great season to share our traditions with others, to celebrate the diversity we see around us, to learn about other traditions, both of Jews and non-Jews. Having hanukkah parties that are about games, singing, lighting hanukkiyot and being with others is where the joy of Hanukkah is to be found.

4. **Holidays are vacuous unless the ideas and ideals they celebrate have meaning for you.** Read Hanukkah books with your children. Start with books or articles that tell the history of the Hasmonean revolt against the Hellenized Assyrian general, Antiochus, in 165 BCE. Find other examples of religious freedom, religious tolerance, or minorities standing up for their rights, or prevailing over larger forces. When your family understands why we make a big deal about Hanukkah, and why we celebrate enlightened thinking over the darkness of hatred and intolerance, they will value Hanukkah their entire lives, and it won't have anything to do with what's on sale.

Wishing you each the joy, peace, and enlightenment of the Hanukkah season!



TBT 5780:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult B'nai Mitzvah

Sunday, December 8 and 15 at 9:30 a.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Jewish Folksingers of the 1960s Leonard Cohen: Between the Mountain and the World

Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

B'nai Mitzvah Families Havurah

Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

December 8, 15 at 9:30 a.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Debbie Friedman: Folksinger as Jewish Feminist Revolutionary

Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Short Story Discussion

Tuesday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Hanukkah Cookie Decorating 101

Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

ACTIVITIES

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

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President's Message

Pam Small



Peace cannot simply appear whether it is in your home, your synagogue, your workplace, or your country. It takes commitment

The world around us is in turmoil; it feels greater than at any time in my life. Riots are on many continents. Israel is under missile attack. American troops remain overseas, engaged in seemingly endless conflict. I often reflect on my good fortune to have never personally known war in my lifetime. Vietnam ended the year I graduated from high school, so none of my classmates were drafted. Our military is now made up of volunteers and the people I know who signed up were not sent into battle. War and its destruction and casualties remain far away, in countries I have never seen, hurting and killing people I do not know.

In services every Saturday morning, I find the request for peace in many of our prayers. "God is called the Eternal Source of peace" and peace is "Your most precious gift". The prayers describe a peaceful world in which contentment would "reign within our borders and Health and happiness within our homes." Initially, I think small, when reading this because Sam and I both grew up in homes with conflict and unhappiness. The stability and love in our own home is incredibly precious to us. We both recognize that this is one of the greatest gifts we have given our children. Parental anger is terrifying and we both grew up with it and resolved not to expose our children to it.

This is not to say that we don't have our disagreements. As we struggled early in our marriage to not be like our parents, to lay down different rules for conflict, we decided that instead of resorting to fighting, we would tell the other that they were being very unpleasant. We soon discovered that this was the WORST thing you could possibly say in the heat of an argument. That phrase is now guaranteed to make us laugh, but it took a long time to reach that point.

Time and work. Peace cannot simply appear whether it is in your home, your synagogue, your workplace, or your country. It takes commitment. Our prayers for peace ask God to "strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship among all the inhabitants of our world". We have the power to do this. It's a small step towards creating peace and it can be a great pleasure to deepen the bonds of friendship and fellowship. At this time of the year, we hear the Christian wish for "peace on earth and goodwill towards mankind." Ours is an older faith, but this yearning for peace is universal. At this time of year, embrace one another, wish each other well, pray for peace on earth, and do all you can in big and small ways, in big and small places, to bring peace. Do this and each day of your life will be a blessing.

B'Shalom,
Pam

Bling on Hanukkah

We love to celebrate Hanukkah with our Torah School families, bringing the whole community together in joy! Since Hanukkah falls over winter break, our congregational celebration will be the last Friday of the semester, December 20, which just happens to be one of our Torah School Shabbat nights. Have Hanukkah pajamas, socks, silly sweaters, dreidel necklaces? Bling on Hanukkah with your fun and silly Hanukkah wear! "Bling on Hanukkah" starts at 6 p.m. with a Hanukkah-Shabbat family service, and is followed at 6:45 p.m. with a traditional brisket-and-latke dinner, followed by- of course- sufganiyot for one! This will be a night of activities, hanukkah singing, too much applesauce and potato pancakes, and just the right amount of fun and silliness!

Dinner reservations are a must! Our traditional brisket and latke dinner is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children, in advance- reservations are needed by Wednesday, Dec. 18. You are welcome to bring your own dinner- but no dairy or cheese, as our menu will be meat and pareve for that night. (eggs, fish, legumes, fruit and vegetables are pareve!) Please reserve space in advance even if you are BYO, so we can set enough tables and chairs for all!

The festival of lights begins sundown Sunday, December 22 this year, continuing for 8 nights. We light our last candle, filling our chanukiyah on Sunday evening, December 29, and Hanukkah will end at sundown on December 30. Of course, on the Jewish calendar, nothing changes- we welcome Hanukkah on the 25th of Kislev in 5780, just like we have for almost two millennia!

DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, December 6- Parshat Vayetze

6:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services followed by oneg

Saturday, December 7

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah Study

Friday, December 13- Parshat Vayishlach

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

Saturday, December 14

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah Study

3:00 p.m. Interfaith Homeless Memorial Service- downtown

Friday, December 20- Parshat Vayeshev

Bling on Hanukkah!

6:00 p.m. Torah School Erev Shabbat

Hanukkah Celebration

6:45 p.m. Hanukkah Brisket & Latkes congregational dinner

Come for fun, activities & our Hanukkah sing-along

Saturday, December 21

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

11:30 a.m. Kiddush & Torah Study

Friday, December -27 Parshat Mikketz

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 28

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service



Community Shabbat Dinner

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

6:00 p.m. Torah School Erev Shabbat

Hanukkah Celebration

6:45 p.m. Hanukkah Brisket & Latkes congregational dinner

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

Brotherhood

Ron Halpern



The Brotherhood has been very busy during the months of November and December. Not only are we planning new brunches and putting together the Temple Annual, we are brainstorming for future fundraisers and preparing for next year's Man of the Year festivities. As outreach is one of our ongoing objectives, our Vice President/Secretary Jim Heller was delighted to join new TBT congregants under Rabbi Lisa and Seth's sukkah to welcome them to our community.

During our monthly meeting in November, we were pleased to have Pam Shuman come by and discuss volunteer opportunities at the Ventura Community Medical Center. In addition, she brought her certified therapy dog, Livi, and we were all pleased to meet her. Livi, a gentle Bearded Collie, works with pediatric patients. If you are interested in volunteering for a worthy cause, you can contact VCMC.

Our upcoming brunch on December 8 should be particularly interesting as we are having a special presenter, Dr. John Fankhauser, CEO of VCMC, who will speak on the Ebola Crisis in West Africa. Our next brunch, planned for January 12, 2020, will feature Thom Hoffmann, Captain of the City of Ventura Fire Department.

As we approach Chanukah, the festival of lights, we invite you to join our growing Brotherhood at TBT. We especially need people who are willing to volunteer their time for our many worthwhile activities as we support many of TBT's endeavors. I want to give a big shout out to all of the Brotherhood members, too numerous to name here, who have helped out this past year. You know who you are, and you are appreciated.

Shalom and Happy Chanukah,
Ron Halpern, Brotherhood President

Women of TBT

Your Sisterhood

Ann Kerman and Kathy Randall



Planning has begun on several exciting projects for 2020 including a Women's Seder in April, Family Movie Night, and a Hanukkah Boutique next December. We are also seeking your feedback if there is interest in doing a Temple Beth Torah Holiday Cookbook. See below for more info. We hope you will join one of our committees by emailing us at WomenofTBT@gmail.com. It's a great way to make new friends and get involved!

Winter is around the corner and so is Hanukkah. Celebrations of Hanukkah focus on family and friends and include the lighting of the Hanukkah menorah, singing and playing special songs and games (dreidel); and eating foods prepared in oil including latkes and sufganiyot. And let us not forget, Hanukkah gelt. There are several theories as to the inventor of Hanukkah gelt. Per Tina Wasserman, from an article posted on the ReformJudaism.org website, "One traces the tradition back to the decision of the Hasmonians to mint their own nation's coins after their military victory over the Greek Syrians. Another theory focuses on the name of the holiday. Although Hanukkah means "dedication," it is linguistically related to *hinukh*, which means "education." Perhaps for this reason, some Jewish communities chose Hanukkah as the time to celebrate the freedom to be educated Jewishly."

Speaking of Hanukkah, the Women of TBT are planning a fun Hanukkah themed December meeting, which will be held on **December 11th, at 7:00 p.m.** We are concocting a special Hanukkah Signature Cocktail! In addition, we will be celebrating December birthdays. Come to be honored and have some cake with your Temple sisters.

As part of our December meeting event, we would like to encourage you to bring an unwrapped children's toy in new or in gently used condition, or baby items (diapers, wipes, blankets, etc.) for the purpose of donation to a local charity. All children should share in the magic of the holiday season! A wonderful Mitzvah!

Would you like to contribute a family holiday recipe(s) to a new Temple Beth Torah Cookbook? The working title is, "Women of TBT Holiday Cookbook". We need to know if this is something you are interested in, by submitting a recipe(s) or plan on buying the cookbook. Email us at tbtholidaycookbook@gmail.com and let us know your feelings. If we have minimal participation by the end of January, we may need to cancel the project. If we are getting recipes and find overwhelming support, we will take on the project and wish to have our final draft off to the printers prior to next year's High Holidays. The new cookbook will be a wonderful way to share with our community. When we share recipes, we are sharing a part of ourselves and our family heritage. *The cookbook will be organized by holiday: Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Hanukkah, Purim, Passover, and Shavuot. In addition to this, Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free, and other special recipes are welcome.

Cookbook Submission Details:

1. Submit up to 3 recipes that include the title of the recipe and your full name
2. Suggested Format: ingredients at the top, followed by directions, followed by a picture (if available) of the finished dish or a picture of you/your family

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UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D FROM PG. 1

Mahjong

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

River Haven Food Drop Off

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

Latke Fundraiser

Orders by December 17, to be picked up by December 20
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Tot Shabbat

Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m.
TBT SANCTUARY

Torah School 3rd Fridays

Family Shabbat
Friday, December 20
6:00 p.m. Family Services
6:45 p.m. Dinner

MEETINGS

AA Meeting

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

Ritual Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Brotherhood Meeting

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

Board of Director's Meeting

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

Women of TBT Meeting

Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

House Committee Meeting

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

Social Action Committee

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

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3. Indicate suggested section of cookbook you feel this recipe belongs* (See above)
4. Submit to tbtholidaycookbook@gmail.com and CC: WomenofTBT@gmail.com

Note: Please only submit original family recipes and not anything found in a published cookbook or online.

Also, please come forward if you are willing to share your life experiences, profession, or other interesting aspect of your life. You would be surprised how interesting your life is! Please come tell your story at one of our upcoming meetings. See Ann Kerman or Kathy Randall or email us at WomenofTBT@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting, which will be on December 11, 2019. As always, please let us know if you need a ride to the meeting and we'll do our best to accommodate you.

Warmly,

Ann Kerman and Kathy Randall

CARE

We take care of ourselves and our families in many ways; now is the time to take ultimate care: by making end-of-life arrangements before a time of grief.

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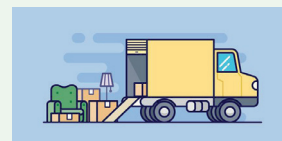
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TRANSPARENT TBT

1. Successful Torah School Sukkot Sleepover and Service
2. Four B'nai mitzvah families scheduled for next year.
3. Robin is looking at bringing the choir in for services throughout the year.



Have you moved?

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

Expand Your Horizons— Learn Something New!

by Deborah Pollack, VP of Adult Learning and Programs

The end of the secular year is approaching and we may be busy with holiday preparations, but that's no reason not to keep your mind active! The upcoming Festival of Lights demonstrates, among other things, the importance of enlightenment, so here are a range of educational opportunities to steer you in the right direction.

December Story discussion

Deborah Pollack
Tuesday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.
December 17
“The Loudest Voice” by Grace Paley

Hanukkah Cookie Decorating 101

Erica Walsh
Thursday, 7:00–8:00 p.m.
December 19



Want to learn how to make beautiful decorated holiday cookies people will love to look at as well as gobble up? This is a basic class on using royal icing on sugar cut-out holiday cookies or gin-

gerbread cookies. I will demonstrate skills that will up your cookie game. Materials provided will include four cookies to decorate, along with assorted royal icing and recipes. Materials fee of \$12-\$15 depending on the number of participants

**Reserve your place in the class
by December 12;
email Deborah Pollack at
rp5dp@sbcglobal.net**

January Creating Memoirs

Deborah Rose O'Neal
Tuesdays, January 7, 14, & 21 2:00 p.m.
Learn how to preserve your significant personal anecdotes, giving them special meaning through context and theme. Experience the satisfaction of telling (and retelling) a story that is uniquely your own. Give the gift only you can create through a memoir that only you can write--by your lights, through your eyes.

Shabbat Book Discussion & Potluck Lunch

“The Gallery of Vanished Husbands” by
Natasha Solomons
Alan Kirschbaum, Discussion Leader
Saturday, January 25 at 12:30 p.m.

When Juliet Montague's husband disappears on her 23rd birthday, so does she. As far as her Jewish community is concerned, she is invisible, an aguna, until, on her thirtieth birthday, she does something unexpected. Instead of buying a fridge, she impulsively spends her savings on a portrait of herself. The painting leads Juliet out of her suburban shtetl and into the heady art scene of 1960s London, where she proves an astute spotter of talent. Yet she remains an outsider in both her worlds: a mother of two, drawn to a reclusive artist who never leaves rural England, and unable to feel free until she has tracked down her husband – a quest that leads her to California and a shocking discovery. This is the captivating tale of an unusual woman's journey through life, each stage hinged on a portrait, written with infectious verve and humor.

Read the book and bring a non-meat item to contribute to the potluck

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Partners in our Jewish Community

Three times a year, a colorful, glossy publication lands in my mailbox, and appears in the Temple lobby. It is the "Kehillah," an 8- page newsletter prepared by Cheri DeKofsky, the executive director of the Jewish Federation. I am always amazed at how much our Federation accomplishes- and how much most Jews of Ventura County have no idea about what our Federation actually does. I want to share with you the ways I see our Federation in action. And I am so cognizant of the tremendous work that goes on behind the scenes, helping individuals, which most of us don't see.

From my office, I see the three annual luncheons, held to bring our senior community together. Cheri organizes a free lunch, sometimes hires entertainment, and brings Rabbi Lotker, whom Federation hires to be a part-time community rabbi, to celebrate Sukkot, Hanukkah and Passover with the seniors. I love getting to join Rabbi Lotker in co-leading the annual seder. For many of those attending, this is their only holiday celebration of Sukkot, Hanukkah and Passover. From my vantage point as a Ventura rabbi, I see the hustle and bustle of grant season, as our Director of Education writes long proposals for funding that will help us underwrite important TBT programs- such as the very popular Mishpacha class, that often has 20 young families, trying out Temple life with their preschoolers for the first time. The madrichim, our teen Torah School class aides, is often an underwritten program. Federation responds to these kinds of grant requests from every other congregation in western Ventura County. You and I also know of Federation underwriting our Jewish Film Festival, and the weekly Food Share program facilitated by our Brotherhood, that gives groceries to almost 50 households.

In the last few years, Federation has been right by our side encouraging and planning community celebrations, like our annual Simchat Torah celebration, Yom HaShoah commemoration, and Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study, Service & Celebration. With a staff comprised of just Cheri and administrative assistant Kate McGurn, and a Board of Directors that is comprised mostly of members who represent western Ventura County congregations, our Federation plans an annual fundraising campaign, including two fundraising events (December's Mitzvah Circle and February's Women's Philanthropy luncheon). And it's a rare year that Cheri hasn't lined up a few world-known speakers, often respected journalists, authors, and people who have served in politics, like former Ambassador Dennis Ross. I have long marveled at how she is able to utilize national Federation resources to bring quality speakers to our very small Jewish community.

Here are some of the things about Federation that may not be so apparent to the eye. A few years ago, our Jewish Family Services hit a critically low point. With a turnover of directors and the loss of key grants, Cheri oversaw the dissolution of its Board, and the Federation absorbed JFS, providing the oversight and support to keep the most needed services open to the community. With three licensed MFTs and 8 associate therapists working at some capacity at JFS, our JFS continues to provide private therapy, senior peer counseling, most especially to shut-ins, trains social workers, helps Holocaust survivors with the paperwork of reparations, and provides a free legal clinic. Please note- none of this is the traditional work of a Jewish Federation- but in our community, Cheri worked to find grants and provide stability so JFS can continue to exist. The truth is, Cheri spent a good portion of the last year after the Thomas Fire applying for grants to enable Jewish Family Services to serve those in need. The work of being there for those in need clearly has a special spot in her heart.

Let me remind you of the staff size! One of the ways that Cheri and I interact is to put our heads together when there is a family in need, or in a dire emergency. She is relentless in finding funding to help. Among other projects that "round out" the work of the Federation is helping to financially and administratively sustain a Hillel at Cal State- Channel Islands, sponsor 8th grade public school trips to the Museum of Tolerance by covering the cost of admission, and support more than a dozen Israel programs. And Cheri does this on the modest donation that each of us sends in each year.

I write this article because most Jewish organizations in the United States wrestle with trying to offer more services, with less donated dollars coming in. Recently I spoke with a group of Jewish professionals from other major cities. It is such an important time for Jews to affirm what they value, and to rise to support Jewish organizations. The generations that came before, leaving huge philanthropies to Jewish institutions, is a thing of the past. Our institutions thrive when many people help keep their mission alive, and realized. As we step into the end of 2019, and look toward another Hanukkah season, I'm grateful to be serving in a Jewish community that has a Federation. I am most especially grateful for the work that Kate does, and the leadership that Cheri provides. They are indeed lights in our Jewish community that deserve recognition!

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Children's World & TBT Preschools

Marion Levin-Welch



In the TBT preschool, Hanukkah songs, stories, dreidel making and cooking will be on the agenda for the first half of December. When you read this article the merriment will continue with parents and family being invited to a special Hanukkah event Tuesday the 17th of December with centers set up for kids to celebrate the season, a special take and make a memory craft and then a sing along with parents and Marisa and the teachers. Our local author Sylvia Rousse will read her Hanukkah story to all the children in TBT.

Although the children will be celebrating this special holiday this month they will continue learning the blessings for various mitzvot, being thankful to G-d, learning and preparing for the future as they practice to be a "mensch" as they build character through the years.

I would like to say thank you to the parents of the preschools for volunteering at the Harvest Festival, bake sales, gardening days, treating teachers to goodies, and joining us whenever they can.

Both of our schools benefit so much in working together, enjoying programming for children and families, teachers working as a team to accomplish our goals of making children's experience here rewarding and educational, all the while empowering them to stand on their own, sound and secure.

You, the parent, are an important element to our schools as we journey through the next year together enhancing our Jewish life and knowledge. Working together, communicating with each other and developing a relationship helps make this journey even more pleasurable. We know that the holidays for everyone are upon us and it often adds additional festivities, time commitments and pressures than any other time in the year. So, would it not be beneficial at this time to take a deep breath and say thank you G-d?

As we close the traditional year, we at the preschool wish each of you a very Happy Holiday and may you enjoy all of life's blessings.
Shalom
Marion Levin-Welch M.A.



Dana Jennings, a member of Torah School committee and the Ritual Committee, hosted a get together for new members with young families. Thank you to the Jennings family and Sloane Burt, VP of Education and Family Programs for greeting new families over brunch. Thank you Taylor and Allan Paskin, VP of Member Engagement, for planning the event.

Social Action Committee

By Ruth Schwartz

THANK YOU FOR A RECORD BREAKING FOOD DRIVE!

The generosity of our TBT members, Torah school and Children's World families made the 2019 High Holy Day Food and Clothing Drive the most successful yet. An estimated 2,200+ lbs. of food was collected and distributed to Brotherhood Food Distribution, Project Understanding and Kids & Families Together. Our members also donated \$1,540 to Food Share, enabling them to provide almost 5,000 meals in the Ventura community.

The families and neighbors raising children whose parents cannot take care of them because of drugs, alcoholism and other issues are always in dire need of diapers and wipes. Their budgets cannot cover that large expense. Children's World and you donated enough diapers to build 3 towers from floor to ceiling in the POD. It took 5 car loads for the staff of Kids & Families together to transport the diapers, food and children's & adult clothing for the give-away fair they held last week! Our Torah School & Children's World families provided children's clothes for all ages.

Did you know that the adult clothing you donate provides a 3-4 month supply of clothing that is distributed to the homeless by Lift Up your Voice Outreach in parks, at Family to Family and on the streets when it rains?

We want to thank the amazing Steve Yapp at PODS in Oxnard for donating a POD again this year. It is a generous gift.

Children's World joins us each year in supporting the agency that provides for the children most in need in the community.

Their generosity was awesome. Camilo, we could not have carried this out without your help. Finally, thank you to all the members of SAC and TBT who volunteered their time.

Hanukkah Latkes Fundraiser

Love Hanukkah latkes, and hate the mess? Your answer is here; a Torah School fundraiser that supports our Jewish education programs here and provides you with homemade delicious latkes, even homemade applesauce, without the smell of oil in your home, or the kitchen to clean up afterwards! Sponsored by our Torah School Committee and led by Inessa Gelman (who last year fried 150 pounds of potatoes!), you can place your order using the order forms in this Shofar, or found in the lobby. Our order deadline for Latkes is December 17 and will be available for pick up on Friday, December 20, the day of our congregational Hanukkah Shabbat dinner and celebration.

High Holy Day Appeal Contributors

We are grateful to those who responded to our Appeal, which sustains many programs and our building throughout the year. some of our donors request not to be listed; please forgive any inadvertent omissions.

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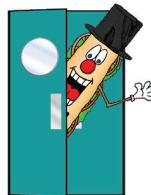
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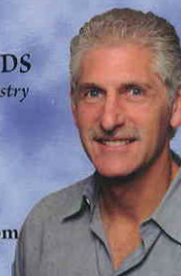
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