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## RABBI'S NOTES

by Rabbi Michael Mishkin

# Israel and the Deportation of 35,000 Migrants



Shalom Friends,

I would like to share with you a sermon I delivered on February 10, 2018.

While the external threats to Israel are profound and we should be following the news closely, we cannot ignore what's happening internally. Tragically, in early February, the Israeli government officially began notifying thousands of North African immigrants and asylum seekers that they

were going to be forced to leave the country.

These migrants, who came to Israel illegally, were being offered \$3,500 plus a plane ticket to depart; those who refuse to leave "voluntarily" would be jailed. What the Israeli government did not tell these presumptive deportees, was where they would be sent. It is widely assumed by the Israeli press that the countries they would be sent to are Rwanda and Uganda, because their lives would not be in danger in those countries.

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Preschoolers celebrate Purim in costume and song.



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On one level, this is understandable. Most people feel empathy for others who are suffering, but that empathy is usually for people who are most like us—family member, friends, and neighbors. It's much harder to feel empathy for people who are very different from us. As Rabbi Jonathan Sacks writes, "Fear of [people who are not like us] is capable of disabling the empathy response." That is why the Torah tells us in Parshat Mishpatim, "You shall not wrong or oppress the stranger, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt," (Exodus 23:9). It's hard to feel empathy for the stranger, but here the Torah is providing us with an insight into how we can do it. We can summon empathy for strangers, because—having experienced it ourselves—we should know how they feel.

This goes for anyone who lives within our community and is politically power-less, like the stranger. In addition to the Israelite's enslavement in Egypt, our history is full of times when we were mistreated, persecuted, and kicked out of our own communities. Echoing a line in the Haggadah, today—post World War II—we could and should say: "In each and every generation, a person should see himself or herself as if he or she were in Nazi Europe, and no country in the world would open its doors to let us in."

Now the good news in Israel. Many Israelis, from all walks of society, are protesting this deportation order from the Israeli government and their protests are based on values from the Torah, and from our historical experience. Rabbi Daniel Gordis describes these words and acts of protest, saying: "Perhaps the most powerful objections have come from Holocaust survivors, who are held in unique regard in a country which has always claimed that had Israel existed, European Jews would have had a place to which to flee and would not have been murdered by the millions. Numerous survivors, some pointing out that they only survived because others helped them, have pledged to hide the African immigrants in their own homes. 'The Times of Israel' quoted one survivor, Veronika Cohen from Budapest: 'I always asked myself what I would have done if, during the Holocaust, I was on the other side — would I have been strong enough to do what the Righteous Among the Nations did? .... I feel that to do this is my humanitarian duty.' Similarly, a group of El Al pilots announced that they would refuse to participate in transporting the migrants to African countries. . . Rabbi Benny Lau, a leading Jerusalem Orthodox figure, recently wrote an impassioned column pleading for the government to back down: 'How can we continue life as it is while the works of God's hands are drowning in fear and uncertainty? What will we tell our children and grandchildren when they are old enough to ask us what we did on behalf of the African children who were living in Israel?"

(Rabbi Daniel Gordis, "Israel's Conscience and 35,000 Migrants," Bloomberg News, February 9, 2018)

While Israelis are advocating for the strangers in their midst, we as American Jews have a responsibility to advocate for the strangers in our midst. This includes immigrants and refugees. The prohibition against wronging and oppressing the stranger—and the obligation to love the stranger as we love ourselves—are not mitzvot that are limited, geographically, to the State of Israel. No, these mitzvot apply to Jews all over the world, which means they apply to us. We can't take in everyone, but we can take in more refugees—and most importantly—when thinking about these issues, we should always remember that we are talking about fellow human beings, created in the image of God, and therefore deserving to be treated with great dignity.

Let's make our voices heard regarding this debate in Israel. And let's also make our voices heard—here—in Port Washington, in Albany, and in Washington DC.

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#### PRESIDENT'S NOTES

## Welcome Aboard, Diana Snaider

By Matt Engel



The pace of activity through the halls of TBI continues to be feverish! So much is going on and this year, perhaps more than in many years, so many pivotal initiatives are happening! As you may recall, we have had three dedicated search committees pursuing leadership transitions. While

our cantor and director of education committees continue to make wonderful strides, I am happy to report that our search for a permanent Director of our Preschool has concluded.

Led by great efforts of Sheryl Gordon & Eden Kastle, our committee has recommended to the Board who has concurred that the leader we have sought is none other than our wonderful Interim Director, Diana Snaider. After a thorough process, and with much input from so many in our congregation and our Preschool, we are excited to move forward with Diana and her staff's leadership in the Preschool.

Diana has been a wonderful, beloved teacher for many years at TBI and over the last 8 months, has demonstrated her leadership capabilities. She has led the transition with a steady

hand using her collaborative style. It is not rare to see Diana participating in each of the classes daily, while tackling the administrative responsibilities at the same time!

The TBI Preschool is a Quality Stars program and offers extended day both before and after hours. In addition, Diana is consistently enriching the children's programming with movement classes, STEM classes and music as well.

While our programming and enrichments continue to be best in class, Diana is consistently brainstorming new methods of recruitment to try to increase enrollment for the future. She has already signed up the largest incoming 2s class we have had in several years, and that's with many months to go!

Diana has been working with our Executive Board as well to help plan for a redevelopment of the TBI Playground! In order to achieve this, we will need lots of help! What better way to support the synagogue and its continuity than contributing to a project that supports our Preschool and our children in general!! If you would like to make a contribution to our upcoming Playground fund, please reach out to me directly at matte@langsamprop.com

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#### March Anniversaries:

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David & Carin Blejwas
Mark & Gail Mancher
Robert & Florence Rose
Andrew & Rebecca Schwartz
Mark & Emily Borell
Jeffrey Freilich & Adina Schneider
Lane Palmer & Lisa Menasse-Palmer
Stephen & Beverly Hazelkorn
Steven & Lana Friedman
Steve & Carolyn Glassberg
Laurence & Ronnie Charney
Bart & Susan Steinberg

We list all children's birthdays up until the age of ten. We make every effort to include everyone, but if we miss your child's birthday or your anniversary we do apologize and ask that you let us know as soon as possible so we can be sure to correct it.



BAR MITZVAH OF

## Oliver Goldman



With a tuft of hair that stood straight up, Oliver Rene Goldman made his debut in the early morning hours of April 9, 2005. His restlessness apparent by the constant twists and turns in utero; we now know that Oliver's personality was solidified from the start. Despite his inability to remain still, Oliver was the calmest, easiest baby around. He let anyone hold him, never one to be attached to his parents, and slept peacefully and easily through any commotions. And Oliver's early life was anything but calm. At one

month old, Oliver moved from Brooklyn and spent his first 4 years of life as a Floridian, which was apt as his sunny personality charmed our new acquaintances and allowed him to easily interact with other babies he met.

From an early age, Oliver had a remarkable ability to focus on books. A picky eater from the start, the only way to get Oliver to eat was to distract him with his favorite Thomas the Train book. No matter what was happening around him, if we cracked open a book, he would turn and keep his attention focused on it until the very last page. His favorite books were read so often, we believed he was able to read, when in fact he was reciting them from memory. This included books about trucks, as his fascination stemmed from his visits to his father's construction site, where he would delightfully name each vehicle he encountered. His interests have continued to be as singular and intense as he devotes his time and energy to whatever he chooses to pursue.

Oliver's love for computers and gaming began early and has fostered many of his friendships. From his coding classes, Magic and Pokemon at lunch, and robotics club, to endless hours playing video games with his friends, Oliver's fascination with technology has helped define his existence. This includes anything science-related, which is his favorite subject in school. He also loves to draw, his doodles fill the pages of his notebooks, and even his tests have been known to entertain his teachers. Finally, Oliver is an avid skier, to his father's delight; he's been hitting the slopes since he was just a tot. This is also something his sister, Lily enjoys, and the two of them spend many winter weekends enjoying the mountains together.

Although Oliver is often shy around adults, he is extra loving to his grandparents, Lesley, Jerry, and Sarah, who he reserves his long hugs for. He also maintains a big place in his heart for his Papa Abe, who passed away 4 years ago. Oliver takes so much pride in his similarities to his late grandfather, keeping mementos of his close by to ritualistically remind him of how special he was.

We are so proud of Oliver and how hard he has worked for his Bar Mitzvah. His dedication to and understanding of this day, has truly helped him to mature into a special young man. Oliver continues to amaze us every day and we are so lucky to have been blessed with a son like him.

# SAVE THE DATE GUN VIOLENCE PANEL DISCUSSION

Tuesday, April 3, 7:30pm @ TBI

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## Gillian Wynne Landau



We are beyond excited as we prepare for our daughter, Gillian Wynne Landau, to become a Bat Mitzvah. It feels like yesterday that we brought

Gillian home from the hospital, having patiently taken her time to join us. She is the eighth grandchild on Rob's side of the family and, at the time of her arrival, was the first child on Laura's side of the family in 35 years! Needless to say, she immediately became the center of attention for both of our families, who found her light blonde curls, huge smile and special hugs to be irresistible.

Gillian was a very happy and friendly baby. Spending a lot of time being strolled around our beloved Brooklyn Heights neighborhood, Gillian was always smiling and would wave hello to anyone and everyone who passed us. Inevitably, getting down the street seemed to take a few extra minutes as Gillian would socialize with strangers, storeowners and especially other children, big and small.

When asked what Gillian is like today, some of the things that always come to mind are her kind heart, good nature and strong sense of fairness. Fortunately for us, those characteristics have only strengthened as she continues developing into a remarkable, caring young lady. This is most notable as we watch Gillian with younger children, for whom she has always demonstrated great warmth, care and joy. Young kids typically flock to Gillian at any social occasion, and it is never clear who is having more fun in those moments. Gillian remains sensitive to others and always tries to include people in her life. She continues to have an unwavering commitment to making and keeping friends by her side, remaining fiercely loyal to those who have found a rightful

place in her heart.

As we have watched Gillian over the more recent middle school years, we cannot be more proud. She has worked very hard and excelled at her studies and has taken on new challenges that might be outside of her comfort zone. Gillian has become more curious and inquisitive both in and out of school; but more importantly, she knows to ask the right questions and is not accepting of every 'just because' answer when things don't sit right with her.

Family has always been important to Gillian and she loves spending time with her grandparents, aunts and uncles and all of her cousins. Her relationship with her younger brother, Charlie, however, is very special. There is no greater joy than hearing the two of them laugh and giggle together, no more special

moment than seeing them support and console each other in times of sadness or despair, and no greater challenge than when the two of them conspire against their parents. Gillian is very protective of Charlie and, when they aren't getting into trouble together, they are the best of friends.

We have been especially proud that Gillian has a strong sense of what is right and wrong, also demonstrating a natural leaning toward Tikkun Olam at an early age. She was always the first to make a lemonade stand on our block, only to donate her earnings to a charity. When concerned about a natural disaster where people lost their homes, Gillian was quick to recommend that we help them in the rebuilding effort. When she became more advanced in her baking skills – probably her favorite

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## Owen Schindler



You can't help but worry a little when you have a middle child, especially when the child is a boy sandwiched between a bouncy, adorable younger brother and a golden older brother. Would he get lost? Struggle finding his place? The answer in my house is a strong, hard no.

From the moment Owen was born, he stood out. More fair than his older brother with enchanting green eyes that didn't miss a trick, Owen could never be overlooked. In fact, he refused to be. Even at three months, he was in charge.

I'd put him in the swing or bouncy chair and he'd scream until I picked him up. When it came time to sleep train, he schooled Dr. Ferber and the Happy Baby and absolutely sleep trained me. I called him my little monkey because he was always on my hip or with his arms wrapped around my neck.

When Owen started talking, he never stopped, chatting up anyone within ear shot. The supermarket checkout person, the mailman, all the moms on the side-lines—everyone was charmed by his wide eyes and curious nature. Although the elderly neighbor who told him she was a proud 92 years old, to which a much

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## Learning About Refugees





More than 50 people attended a presentation in Port Washington on the Global Refugee Crisis as seen through a Jewish lens. The event was held at Temple Beth Israel, but additionally sponsored by The Community Synagogue, the Reconstructionis Synagogue of the North Shore, and Port Jewish Center. In an interactive workshop format, Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer of HIAS (the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) took attendees step by step through the facts and figures of today's immense refugee crisis.

Over the past year, the number of refugees and displaced people around the world has grown to more than 65 million people — more than at any other time in history, including the years around World War II.

We discussed the roots of our families and their immigration stories. We also learned about the distinction between those who today are designated "refugees" versus "asylum seekers" or "internally displaced persons."

(In a nutshell, anyone designated as a refugee has not only crossed an

international border fleeing persecution in their home country, but has also been vetted by numerous government agencies, and officially designated a refugee by their host country's government, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, or both. "Asylum seekers" may be seeking such status but it has not been granted yet; "Internally Displace Persons" have been forced from their homes but have not crossed an internationally recognized border.)

For a religious perspective, clergy led a discussion on a Biblical story about Abraham interrupting his own conversation with God to welcome strangers appearing at his doorstep, thus exemplifying how important it is that we honor strangers among us.

Rabbi Meyer gave an overview of HIAS' various operations, both in the U.S. and abroad.

The evening concluded with a brief discussion of how to contact our government representatives to express support for settling refugees.

## The Port Washington Rosh Chodesh Group 5778

Thursday, March 15 9:30–11:00 am

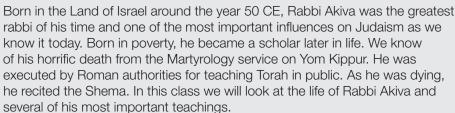
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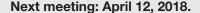
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JUST FOR YOURSELF,
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Join us as we discuss

## Who is Rabbi Akiva and why did he play such an important role in Rabbinic Judaism?

With Rabbi Michael Mishkin





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# The Syrian Refugee Crisis and How You Can Help





Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7:30 pm Temple Beth Israel Speaker: Adam Haber

Adam Haber will be speaking about his work with an organization called Najda Now Canada. NAJDA Now began its efforts by providing refugees will all forms of aid and currently is active with refugee resettlement into Canada.

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impressed 2 year-old Owen declared, "Wow, you're almost dead!" never did stop to talk after that.

As Owen grew, his strong sense of self grew as well. He always knew exactly what he wanted or didn't want, and no amount of coaxing (or bribery) could sway him. Everything from potty training to the foods he would eat were on his terms. Even the first day of Nursery School, he marched right in with barely a glance back. He was always so confident and independent and still is today, accomplishing whatever he sets his mind to. Whether learning to complete the Rubik's Cube on a bet, getting straight A's, convincing his Yankee loving father every year to take him to Mets' opening day or going out for Pop Choir, Math Olympiads or the solo in chorus, Owen always puts himself out there and gives it his all. In sports, he is never the biggest on the team, but he is so full of fire and heart that you can only look up to him.

But the most important thing to know about Owen is that he is kind, good and sensitive to other people's feelings. He truly values his friends and is extremely loyal. He loves his family, his cousins and his dog, Rocky and cat, Waffles.

In a million ways, Owen lights up our lives and makes us so proud. He's no middle child, except that he fits right in the center of our hearts.

We'd like to thank Cantor Blum for his tireless schedule rearranging and for keeping Owen accountable, Rabbi Mike for his guidance and Murray Singer for finding ways to make a difficult Torah portion far more interesting.

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thing to do – Gillian would join on the trips to bring cookies to some of the local community centers or make soup for a local homeless shelter. In this same spirit, Gillian's has chosen as her Mitzvah Project to spend Saturday mornings playing various sports with autistic children through the 'Be the Best' program.

Gillian's sense of compassion continues to fill our hearts every day. It is thereby very fitting that the upcoming weeks will not only be a celebration of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah, and all that she has accomplished to date, but will also focus on giving back to others. Specifically, Gillian has chosen a number of charities to support at her Bat Mitzvah party...something that perfectly illustrates her desire to celebrate in good fashion while not losing sight of the needs and causes of others.

We eagerly look forward to all of the great things ahead for Gillian. Her Bat Mitzvah is only one of the many life celebrations and joys that we hope to share in the upcoming years. We are tremendously thankful to Rabbi Mishkin, Cantor Blum and Cathy Seldin for all their help in getting Gillian ready for our family's special day.

### **TBI Office Hours**

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## Soup's On: How Bowls of 'Jewish Penicillin' Can Soup Up Your Day, No Matter What Ails You

By Mark A. Schneider, TBI Tablet Editor-at-Large

When my husband, Ben, who's Jewish, feels a cough coming on, he laments that we live in Eastern North Carolina and there's no matzo ball soup to be found. I guess I could make some, but I'm sure my matzo balls would be dense and disappointing.

—Vivian Howard, CBS News, Reporting on the Goodness of Broths

Coughs, chills, colds...fever and the flu...

Turns out "The Big Sick" wasn't just an Academy Award-Oscar nominated movie that I watched recently, but also an appropriate title for the leading medical condition of this unfortunate flu season.

"Oy, I've got the flu" became one of the most oft-repeated wintery medical expressions of the last few months.

Despite taking my annual flu shot, I still became a member of the "flu fighters" when my temperature spiked, my cough continued, and my doctor added words like Tamiflu, Z-Pak and Benzonate to my pharmaceutically-challenged vocabulary.

But fortunately, aside from the prescriptions, plus lots of rest and stayat-home relaxation, there were lots of doses of Jewish Medicine, aka Jewish Penicillin, aka Soup, including various menu variations like my favorite chicken-noodle-matzo-ball-soup. I'm not saying that you don't need medical attention and prescription drugs when the flu hits, but the most feel-better treatment of the day (and weeks) as I slowly traveled on the recovery road was enjoying big bowls of delicious, tasty, soup! I actually felt better just looking at each daily dose of that flavorFULL frothy brothy non-prescription medicine.

Sure, I love gazpacho but but my favorite cold soup was off the menu for this season's treatment plan. And so day by day, each serving of hot soup was just what the doctor ordered...well, not really by order of my doctor, but medically speaking, those nonprescription bowls of delicious indulgence were indeed on daily prescribed order.

As I traveled on the bumpy road to feeling better, I took note of the huge part that soup plays in people's lives. I watched and heard the introductory quotation at the beginning of this column as I was viewing a CBS-TV Sunday Morning segment featuring Vivian Howard as she took note of the many delicious broth-filled menu ways to create soupy variations.

Jewish Penicillin/Jewish Medicine, historically speaking? I read that medical historians claim that the 12th century Jewish physician, Maimonides is said to have begun the chicken soup as medicine concept. His book, "On the Cause of Symptoms," might have been first to recommend the broth of hens and other fowl to "neutralize body constitution." One might say, he was using his noodle to soup up the day!

Aside from variations of my favorite hot chicken noodle matzo ball soup which I eagerly devoured, I also took a serious look at some soups that I felt I could comfortably enjoy perhaps the next time I'm medically looking for some Jewish Penicillin. Just reading about a deliciously sounding Tuscany Rice & Bean Soup made me feel better. The Jewish Week invited me to "Cure a Cold" with Golda Meir's Famous Chicken Soup. A copy of her typewritten recipe included a pinch of paprika along with a tasty note that Golda Meir "prefers serving her chicken soup with kneidlach." Yummy. Then there was Matzah Ball Pho, which was deliciously defined as Jewish and Vietnamese "comfort food meeting in one delicious bowl." Another recipe called "Cuban Chicken Soup" was appropriately defined as "Jewban Penicillin." I'm a big Ben's Deli fan and I took note that their marketing/advertising slogan is right on target: "We Cure Our Own Corned Beef...Our Chicken Soup Cures Everything Else."

Sushi Soup? It, of course, will never replace the noodle matzah ball variety but I learned that a Japan restaurant chain in Tokyo, has creatively combined sushi like salmon (aka lox?) with an udon/soba (noodle) broth into what was defined as an "easy-to-make, so-crazy-it-might-work-meal." One Japanese restaurant writer noted after trying her delicious Sushi Soup that "it's a clever and enjoyable way to keep yourself warm and full on a chilly winter's night."

One can assume that just about every Jewish grandmother, not to mention parent and spouse has her (and his) recipe for serving up bowls of Jewish Penicillin. I know my Brooklyn grandma always loved welcoming our family visits by serving us a hot bowl of her delicious soup within five minutes of our walking through her front door.... and we weren't even sick!

The month of January was celebrated as National Soup Month. No doubt, the surrounding months from last Fall through this Spring have generated lots of positive, pardon the pun, 'soupy sales' for restaurants, supermarkets, as well as companies like Campbells, Progresso, Healthy Choice, Manischewitz and others, all helping us cope with the flu and other seasonal ailments.

Leave it to our 'Super Bowls' to warmly make us feel "M'm, M'm, Good!" in so many deliciously souped up ways.

Questions or comments? Please serve them up by emailing me at copymark@gmail.com.

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We have the power to help more people. We have the power to advocate for immigrants and refugees. Our advocacy will make a difference and save lives. Our advocacy will be a statement to the world that even though—throughout our history—many people have turned their back on the Jews, we—the Jewish community—will not turn our back on others, who are in need.

To find out how you can be more involved in supporting refugees, please click on this link from HIAS –https://www.hias.org/sites/default/files/welcome\_campaign\_make\_a\_difference\_online.pdf

I also invite you to participate in the TBI Social Action Committee. Please contact me or the synagogue office if you would like to get involved.

B'shalom,

Name

Rabbi Michael Mishkin rabbimishkin@tbiport.org



## Delegation of Power of Attorney for Sale of Hametz

Please email, mail or deliver this form to the TBI Main Office by Thursday, March 29, 2018.

I, the undersigned, fully empower and appoint Rabbi Michael Mishkin to act in my stead, and on my behalf, to sell all hametz possessed by me (whether known to me or unknown to me) as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic Law (e.g. hametz; doubtful hametz, and all kinds of hametz mixtures), and to lease all places where the hametz owned by me may be found.

Home Address					
Business Address					
Rabbi Michael Mishkin has the full right to see and to lease by transactions as he deems fit and proper and for such time which he believes necessary. This general authorization is made a part of this agreement.					
The above given Power is in conformity with Torah Law and Rabbinical regulations.					
To this I hereby affix my signature on 2018.					
Signature					

## Passover Calendar

#### Thursday, March 29

 B'dikat Hametz, the "Search for the Leaven," takes place this evening.
 Have your hametz ready, along with your candle, feather and spoon.

#### Friday, March 30

- Siyyum (pronounced Seeyoom) to exempt First Born children from the requirement of fasting this day. Come for a short study session, and a quick meal. We begin at 6:30 am. for speedy davening and shiur (lesson) so you can be on your way.
- Absolute last chance to sell your hametz (M'khirat Hametz)—come to the synagogue by 10:00 am. Otherwise, it will be too late.
- Bee'ur Hametz—"Burning of the Leaven" happens this morning before 11 am. No hametz may be eaten after 10:30 am.
- Light candles for Shabbat & Yom Tov no later than 7:01 pm., although you may light earlier. Most importantly, enjoy your Seder and ask lots of questions!

#### Saturday, March 31 1st Day of Passover

- Shabbat and Pesah services at 9:30 am.
- Light your Yom Tov candles from an existing flame after 8:01 pm. Enjoy your second seder! Don't forget, tonight we begin counting the Omer.

#### Sunday, April 1 2nd Day of Passover

- Shabbat and Pesach services at 9:30 am.
- We continue counting the Omer every night until Shavuot.

#### Friday, April 6 & Saturday, April 7

- The last two days of Passover are full scale Yom Tovim with services at 9:30 am.
- Saturday includes a Yizkor service.
- Saturday evening at 8:08 pm. we move from the sacred time of Yom Tov back to ordinary time (and back to bagels and pizza!).

## Religious School Reflections

by Dale Gindi



Match the Picture with the Caption to see what we have been doing in Religious School...

- Kitah Bet students devouring their books during a visit to the TBI Library. This photo was taken after Susan Levin, from the library committee, shared The Potato Chip Champ by Maria Dismondy with the class and Sophie Gindi and Maya Konoff helped the students check out books.
- Youth Group playing four square with a twist with Jon Weinreich, youth group leader extraordinaire!
- Kitah Alef students show off their silly poses in their newly created masks!

- Kitah Bet and Gimel Arts & Crafts elective showing off their masterpieces! In honor of Tu B'Shevat they created beautiful works of art using recycled materials!
- Students participating in a dancing challenge during our Chanukah Game Show presented by Mainstages. Many thanks to Madrich's Aidan Sieden and Aaron Cotumaccio for being team captains and Betsy Golan for connecting us with Mainstages. We all had a blast!









## **Preschool News**

by Diana Snaider, Preschool Director

The month of February was so much fun! We began with Dental week and had Stephanie from Kidsmiles come to show our friends how to take care of our teeth and keep them strong and healthy. Later in the month we collected pajamas and donated to the Pajama Program. We donated 34 pairs of pajamas with our tzedakah, along with family donations. The children were all so proud of being mitzvah makers! We concluded this

special event by having a pajama day.

As we all know the Winter Olympics began in February and we talked about all of the events that take place. We had an Olympic week which began with some training with Miss Diana. We talked about what athletes need to do to be prepared to compete. Eating healthy food and conditioning our bodies to be strong was the focus of our talk. Next we played in some Olympic games in

our social hall. We also went "ice skating" on the carpet. It was so much fun!

We also prepared for our Purim celebration and sang many songs. We made shalach manot baskets for our family and friends. We baked yummy hamantashen cookies too!

We can't believe that Passover is around the corner!



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## Purim at TBI

There were Megillah Readings, Hamentashen (4 flavors!), Mishloach Manot Baskets, Preschool Purim Celebration and Carnival, and College Packages all happening at end of February and the beginning of March. Costumes included superheroes, princesses, a doctor (does it count if he is really a doctor) and a collection of crayons, artfully disguised as the Rabbi, Tamara, Lily, Ben and Nathan. Checkout the scene!



## **Donations**

#### THE B.A.M (BE A MENSCH) FUND

Sylvia Mermel in loving memory of Fred Sivan, her beloved brother.

Marilyn Oser "In honor of my matchless friends who offered salutary aid to a strengthless sickling: Sodra Winder, Nancy Feldman, Susan Levin, Rita Shumsky and Beverly Taubel."

Beverly Taubel in honor of Sela Grabiner for a "Job Well Done!!"

Beverly Taubel in honor of Neal Cohen and Nanaho Kamei on their upcoming marriage.

Beverly Taubel wishes mazel tov to Betsy and Howard Golan on Ari becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Beverly Taubel wishes condolences to Karen Chiel on the loss of her beloved father Sam.

Nancy and Jay Feldman in honor of Sela Grabiner and her wonderful Peace Corp presentation.

#### THE BUILDING FUND

Joan Hulkower wishes condolences to Donald Goldblatt on the loss of his beloved brother Nicholas. Susie Orenstein and Andrew Sollinger and family in honor of Geordan Sparber's becoming a Bat Mitzvah! Mazel Tov!

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In loving memory of Cantor Arele Diamond, beloved father of Seth Diamond...Seth and Susanne Diamond

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Beth Hisler and Bob Epstein in loving memory of Dave Epstein.

Sherrie and Michael Pollack in loving memory of Abraham Pollack, beloved father of Michael.

Nancy and Jay Feldman in loving memory of Sybil Tobias.

Beth Hisler and Bob Epstein wish a hearty mazel tov to Mark and Alina Heller on the engagement of their daughter Melissa.

Beth Hisler and Bob Epstein wish a hearty mazel tov to Elkan Abramowitz on being named as the 2018 recipient of the Charles F. Crimi Memorial Award for exemplifying the highest ideals of a criminal defense practitioner.

Marilyn Oser in loving memory of Mary Lou Kallman.

Nancy and Jay Feldman in loving memory of Morris K. Feldman, beloved father of Jay Feldman.

Nancy and Jay Feldman in loving memory of Della Feldman, beloved mother of Jay Feldman.

Susan and Richard Levin wishing Beth Hisler a full recovery, Refuah Shlemah.

Nancy and Jay Feldman wish condolences to Donald Goldblatt on the loss of his beloved brother Nicholas.

Nancy and Jay Feldman wishes continued good health to Judith Wolf.

Mazel Tov to Neal Cohen and Nanaho Kamei on their upcoming marriage.

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Rita Shumsky wishes Refuah Shlema to Lance Pittman...speedy recovery. Dale and Steven Gindi in honor of Rabbi Mishkin.

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Shula and Henry Mustacchi in loving memory of Toni Leisner, beloved mother of Shula Mustacchi.

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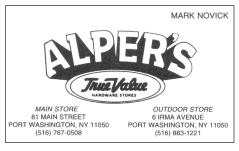
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