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Schedule of Services

Friday, January 6	
Pre-Neg Service	7:00 PM 7:30 PM
Saturday, January 7	10:00 AM
Bar Mitzvah—Sam Krugel	
Friday, January 13	7:30 PM
Rabbi Emeritus Dresner Delivers MLK Sermon	
Saturday, January 14	10:00 AM
Friday, January 20	
Tot Shabbat Service	6:45 PM 7:30 PM
Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	
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Renaissance Shabbat Service & 7th grade participates in service	
Friday, January 27	6:00 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat—grades 3 & 4 lead the service	
Saturday, January 28	10:00 AM
Grades 5 & 6 Family Education	
Friday, February 3	7:30 PM
Saturday, February 4	10:00 AM
Friday, February 10	
Pre-Neg Service	7:00 PM 7:30 PM
Birthday & Anniversary Blessings	
Saturday, February 11	10:00 AM
Friday, February 17	7:30 PM
Saturday, February 18	10:00 AM
Friday, February 24	6:00 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat—grades 5 & 6 participate in the service	
Saturday, February 25	10:00 AM
Grades 3 & 4 participate in service	

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Please Join Us

on Sunday, February 5, 2017

at Temple Beth Tikvah's

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Complete with Chocolate Chips, Strawberries and Pomegranates

10:30 AM



See Flier Inside
for More Details

Temple Beth Tikvah's
60th Anniversary Celebration
Continues with Interactive Entertainment
for Kids of ALL Ages



Sunday, February 12, 2017
3:00—5:00 PM



See Flier Inside
for More Details



From Rabbi/Cantor Meeka Simerly

Plant a Tree - Secure our Future

"In the hour when God created the first person, God showed him the trees in the Garden of Eden, and said to him: 'See My works, how fine they are. Now all that I have created, I created for your benefit. Think upon this and do not corrupt and destroy My world, for if you destroy it, there is no one to restore it after you.'

(Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7:28)

Trees. Most of us take them for granted; they have been on Earth longer than humans and will likely still be here long after we're gone. But in our tradition we don't take trees for granted. We celebrate a very special holiday called **Tu B'Shvat**. We honor trees and take the opportunity to discuss, consider, and study ecological issues.

Tu B'Shvat occurs on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Sh'vat. It is also called **Rosh Ha'Shanah La'Ilanot** (the New Year of the Trees, *Mishnah Rosh Hashana: 2a*). In the 16th century, the Kabbalist Rabbi Yitzchak Luria of Safed and his disciples instituted a **Tu B'Shvat Seder** in which the fruits and trees of the Land of Israel were given symbolic meanings within a special Tu B'Shvat **haggadot** (booklets with blessings, songs and inspirational readings specific for this holiday).

In the Chassidic community, some Jews candy the **Etrog** (citron) from Sukkot and eat it on Tu B'Shvat. I now understand why my mom used to enlist my sister, brother, and me in making "candied lemon peels" for Tu B'Shvat: we simply didn't have enough Etrog for all of us!

Growing up in the secular Zionist Israel of the 70s, Tu B'Shvat held a special place in the hearts of my generation (and not just from eating ourselves into oblivion on the abundant and exotic fruit and nuts). In our schools, for weeks prior, our teachers would prepare us to perform one of the greatest *mitzvot* in the relatively new and developing land of Israel: to plant trees. We were told many stories of the ancient olive and carob trees in our neighborhoods—most are still standing strong today in my old neighborhood of **Neve Sha'anani**—in the midst of a busy, noisy, and modernized city of Haifa. We studied the names of countless types of trees, and each tree had a purpose and special characteristics: the Eucalyptus helped dry up the marshes; Carob trees nourished ancient Jewish characters such as Choni the Circle Maker; and the old oak trees provided shade for the pioneers laboring in the sun. Each year we took field trips to different areas to engage in "**Ne'ti'at Etzim**" (the planting of trees). We learned from our teachers that planting trees signified continuity. Our grandparents escaped pogroms and the Holocaust to build and give us our land, thus it is up to us to continue their work. We were taught that we must continue to plant, develop and live in our land, **Eretz Yisrael**, until the end of time.

We also reenacted songs. While holding a spade on our shoulder, wearing shorts, boots, and a funny pointy hat called, "**Kovah tembel**," which literally means "silly hat" (yes, I still have one of those...), we used to pretend that we were pioneers on our way to "conquer the wilderness."

Many Jewish schools around the world teach our children to take action to actively preserve the environment. Trees belong to God, not to us, so we have no right destroy them. **Bal tashchit** ("do not destroy") is a basic ethical principle in Jewish law, rooted in the Biblical law of Deuteronomy 20:19–20: "*And these words shall be upon our hearts, and will be taught to our children: 'bal tashchi't!'*" (*You shall not destroy!*)". Contemporary Jewish ethics and ecology often point to bal tashchit as an environmental principle.

In Israel—every tree is considered a precious treasure; and when 600,000 trees in about 4,150 acres of forests and natural woodlands went up in flames in November, all Israelis, including yours truly, felt a tangible and fundamental sense of loss. In a statement, **Keren Kayemet Le'Yisrael – Jewish National Fund (JNF)** World Chairman Danny Atar said that the most immediate challenge facing Israel is "...*the mobilization of all its departments and partners in Israel and abroad to rehabilitate the parks and forests that were critically damaged in the recent wave of fires.*"

And our congregation, Temple Beth Tikvah, has joined to help Israel in its efforts to restore forests that went up in flames. With *your* support, we will collect funds to send with our blessings and prayers to our homeland.

For the holiday of Tu B'Shvat, our children will continue to learn and study the importance of preserving our environment. We also invite you to please join your clergy in celebrating TBT's annual **Tu B'Shvat Seder** on Sunday 2/5/2017. We'll sing songs, engage in reading from the **Tu B'Shvat Haggadah**, eat fruit, nuts, and other "**Kol tuv min ha'aretz**" (great goodness from the earth). It will be a fun and educational Seder!

I shall end here with JNF's World Chairman Danny Atar's encouraging words: "Israel's spirit is strong and determined. Whoever wanted to scar our country's lands and to turn flowering green lands into heaps of ashes—failed.... for every tree that was burned, we'll plant two new ones."



President's Message

Janice D. Paul

As the new secular year begins, many of us make resolutions, and, according to a study by the University of Scranton, nearly half of those resolutions will likely be related to self-improvement or education. Some, one might even say, will be spiritually related. Indeed, among the top ten resolutions made this time last year, according to this same study, were "Enjoy life to the fullest," "Learn something exciting," and "Help others in their dreams." But did you know that only 8% of us will be successful in achieving our resolutions? Want to be one of the few who do? It's important that those resolutions are not too broad to be useful. After all, people who explicitly make resolutions are 10 times more likely to attain their goals than people who don't explicitly make resolutions. For example, if one of your resolutions is "learn something exciting?" It would be more helpful to include a place and time. So "learn something exciting" might become "attend Rabbi Meeka's Adult Education course beginning in February" or "attend services on Saturday mornings once a month to learn and discuss Torah." It's easier to reach a goal when you know exactly what it will take to get there. Makes it easier to evaluate progress, too.

Actually, Temple Beth Tikvah can help you achieve a bunch of your New Year's resolutions, but like anything else, it's up to you to show up and take advantage of the opportunities offered. If your resolution is to participate in more acts of Tikkun Olam (repair of the world), Temple Beth Tikvah offers opportunities every single month--food drives, clothing drives, blood drives, visits to nursing homes, planting trees in Israel and more are efforts we encourage not only your children and grandchildren but also you to participate in! It feels good! And if your resolution is to enjoy life to the fullest, then we can help there, too. Temple Beth Tikvah offers lots of opportunities throughout the year to socialize, to learn, to listen to speakers and to music, and, yes, to just have fun! Sometimes, we have to remind ourselves that enjoying life to the fullest may mean just taking a break from the "real world" on Erev Shabbat or on Shabbat morning and sitting in a beautiful sanctuary, soaking in the colors, the calm and the camaraderie.

As President of our synagogue, I do hope one of every Temple Beth Tikvah member's resolutions in 2017 is to help celebrate our House of Hope's 60th anniversary. We have already enjoyed a most memorable installation ceremony for our new rabbi and a most fascinating evening for our annual Rabbi Shacknai Memorial Lecture.

We've got lots more great events coming up for members of all ages—starting on January 7 with a lovely wine tasting event and on February 12 with our Game Show Mania/Brain Challenge. You'll find fliers on both of these events within this Bulletin. And then the celebratory events continue in March with our special Purim lego project, in May with our exciting Casino Night and Cantor Romalis' post-Jubilee concert and culminating in June with our dinner/dance honoring Ellen Goldin's 25th year of service to Temple Beth Tikvah and recognizing all of our Past Presidents. We've also got exciting speakers coming to Temple Beth Tikvah, including author, feminist icon and one of the most significant voices in Jewish life, Letty Cottin Pogrebin joining us in early April. Be there. Show your support by showing up!! Make it a promise to yourself to attend...and then keep your promise. Please read this Bulletin and watch your regular e-mails for details on all of these events.

As Jews, we are lucky to have two times of year to take stock and to move forward on a new path—at our Jewish High Holidays and again as we start a new year. We remind ourselves of our values. We remind ourselves of what's important. We remind ourselves to be grateful for all that we have.

As we begin 2017, I propose that we all resolve to not take Temple Beth Tikvah for granted. But that's too broad a resolution. Make it specific in your own way. Volunteer to help plan an event. Support our fundraisers. Introduce our synagogue to a prospective new member. Study a Jewish history lesson with your child or grandchild. These are achievable resolutions!!

Wishing you all joy in your hearts, love in your homes and peace in your lives as we move forward together with hope.
Kadimah v'Tikvah.

Happy 2017!
Janice



Educator's Message ~ Ellen Goldin

January/February 2017

January brings us to the midpoint in the Religious School year. This is a time to pause and evaluate our new schedule, curriculum and our focus on educating the family with the child. Religious School is not the same as secular school in the sense that we are not obligated to "teach to the test". What we are doing here is building **Jewish identity**. This is a more qualitative than quantitative process and often difficult to assess at this juncture. However, just being in the Temple environment with all Jewish peers and teachers is an important piece of what "happens" here. Thus, regular class attendance and attendance at worship services as well as holiday and family events are essential elements for success in this educational process.

In addition, informal Jewish educational experiences like summer programs, Jewish socialization experiences like youth groups, and home attitudes/practices are some of the ingredients involved in the nurturance of Jewish children into adults with solid Jewish centers. How can parents help with this process? Setting an example is an effective way to build identity and character in children. Here are a few simple Jewish parenting suggestions:

- Attend worship services with your children.
- Be attentive and respectful in the Sanctuary.
- Light Shabbat candles and eat "Shabbat dinner" together as a family, even if dinner is pizza.
- Observe Jewish holidays with family and friends.
- Make Religious School a priority on Thursday when your children are here.
- Communicate with the Religious School faculty and with me about issues that need attention. We are here for you and your children.
- Send your children to Jewish summer camps and programs. Camp Eisner in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts is our URJ (Union of Reform Judaism) camp affiliate. We can provide you with information. www.urj.org has additional resources for high school and college youth.
- Let your children know that being Jewish is important to you not only by your words and but also by your actions. Tell your children what Judaism means to you. Why you have joined Temple Beth Tikvah and why you are sending your children to Religious School.
- Read the Temple bulletin, weekly email news and flyers for upcoming events.

For contemporary helpful hints on Jewish parenting:

The Blessings of a Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Self Reliant Children by Wendy Mogul. (paperback)



SAVE THE DATES Jewish Living through Family Education



January 2017:

Sunday, Jan. 15	Pre-K Workshop—Shabbat: The Most Special Day of the Week	9:30 - 11:00 AM
Saturday, Jan. 21	Renaissance Shabbat. Grades 7-9 participate	10:00 AM
Friday, Jan. 27	Grades 3-5 participate in Kabbalat Shabbat service	6:00 PM
Saturday, Jan. 28	Grades 5 & 6 Family Education	9:30 - 11:00 AM

February 2017:

Saturday, Feb. 4	6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Shabbaton, Part 2	10:00 AM
Sunday, Feb. 5	Tu B'Shevat Seder	10:30 AM
Thursday, Feb. 9 & 11	7 th Grade Mitzvah Fair - Parents invited	4:00 - 5:00 PM/10:00 AM
Sunday, Feb. 12	Game Show Mania	3:00 - 5:00 PM
Friday, Feb. 24	Grades 5-6 participate in service Kabbalat Shabbat "Challah and Home"	6:00 PM
Saturday, Feb. 25	Grades 3-4 Family Education	10:00 AM



January & February Highlights



Please note these important dates on your calendar

Monday, January 2	Office Closed/New Year's Holiday
Friday, January 6	Pre-Neg – 7:00 PM
Saturday, January 7	Wine & Cheese Event at Sandler Home – 7:30 PM
Thursday, January 12	Renaissance Club Movie Night
Friday, January 13	Rabbi Emeritus Dresner Delivers MLK Sermon – 7:30 PM
Sunday, January 15	Pre-K/K Family Workshop – 9:30 AM
Friday, January 20	Tot Shabbat – 6:45 PM Birthday & Anniversary Blessings – 7:30 PM
Saturday, January 21	Renaissance Club Shabbat – 10:00 AM
Monday, January 23	Board Meeting – 8:00 PM
Friday, January 27	Kabbalat Shabbat Service – 6:00 PM 3 rd & 4 th Grades lead the Service
Sunday, January 29	Jewish War Veterans – 9:30 AM
Sunday, February 5	Tu B'Shevat Seder – 10:30 AM
Tuesday, February 7	Senior Event – 1:00 PM Rabbi Emeritus Israel Dresner on “The Life & Times of Shimon Peres”
Friday, February 10	Pre-Neg – 7:00 PM Birthday & Anniversary Blessings – 7:30 PM
Thursday, February 9 &11	Religious School Mitzvah Fair – 4:30 PM/10:00 AM
Sunday, February 12	Game Show Mania – 3:00 PM
Monday, February 20	Office Closed
Tuesday, February 21	Adult Ed with Rabbi Meeka – 12:00 Noon
Friday, February 24	Kabbalat Shabbat Service – 6:00 PM 5 th & 6 th Grades lead the Service
Saturday, February 25	3 rd & 4 th Grades lead the Service – 10:00 AM
Sunday, February 26	Jewish War Veterans – 9:30 AM
Monday, February 27	Board Meeting – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, February 28	Adult Ed with Rabbi Meeka – 12:00 Noon



Temple Beth Tikvah to Support Israel's Loss in Recent Fires!



Please Gift a Tree in Your, Your Child's or Your Grandchild's Name
to Help Israel Replace the Thousands of Trees Lost



Help us help Israel's restoration of thousands of trees and forests consumed in recent fires by donating a minimum of \$18 to Jewish National Fund (JNF).

Each individual will receive a certificate that a tree on their behalf was planted in Israel.
And you can choose which certificate you would like by visiting:

<http://www.jnf.org/jnf-tree-planting-center/select-a-certificate.html>



Here's how you can help:

1. Please write a check made payable to Jewish National Fund for \$18 by Monday, January 9th. (Please consider donating MORE, as the devastation of burnt trees is unimaginable.)
2. Return along the completed portion below either by mail or in person to the Temple office (950 Preakness Ave, Wayne), Attn: Rabbi Meeka.

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

OF TREES (\$18 EACH) _____ CERTIFICATE CHOICE(S) (*optional*) _____

IN HONOR OF/IN MEMORY OF (TREE #1) _____

(TREE #2) _____ (TREE #3) _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$18 PER TREE) _____

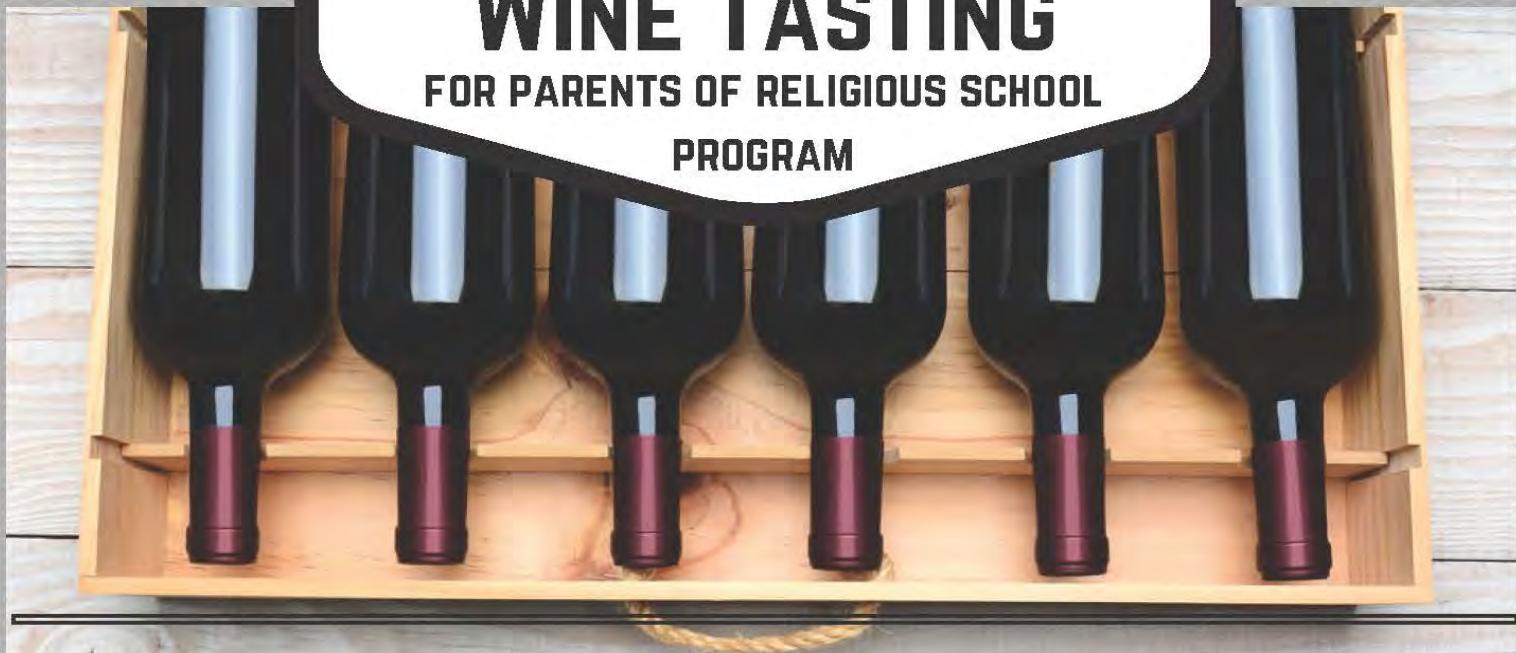


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ISRAELI

WINE TASTING

FOR PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
PROGRAM



SATURDAY JANUARY 7TH

7:30-10:30PM

Join us at the

home of

**LAUREN & GREG
SANDLER**

45 Ponds Circle
Wayne

Make checks payable to TBT
Mail to: The Sandlers

45 Ponds Circle, Wayne NJ 07470

- Tasting led by wine expert from Kedem Winery
- Appetizers & desserts
- \$20/person
- Proceeds towards Temple Beth Tikvah Religious School and Family Programs

RSVP by 12/17
Text Greg
201.704.3768

Membership Updates

(between 10/25/16 and 12/13/16)

Thanks To Our Temple Members
Who Have Stepped Up to the Call and
Done a Real Mitzvah by Becoming

Legacy Members

for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year

Platinum Legacy

Cye and Mel Schnur



Baruchim Ha Ba'im!

Blessed Are Those Who Come!

Welcome to Sharon Fromm Goldstein
and Bruce Sussman
who have returned
to the Temple Beth Tikvah family.



SAVE THE DATE

A Shabbat Together...

with food for the body, mind & spirit

Shabbat Vaera

January 28, 2017



Regional Shabbaton

Saturday, January 28 at
Temple Ner Tamid, Bloomfield

Registration 8:30 am

A wonderful Shabbat experience including
study, lots of music, lunch & more

For details & registration info
contact Debbie Stone at dstone71@aol.com

Rabbi Emeritus Dresner Honors Martin Luther King with Presentations

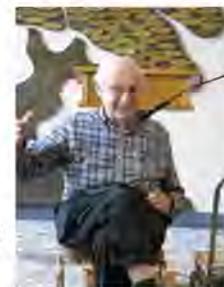
Friday, January 13



8:30 AM

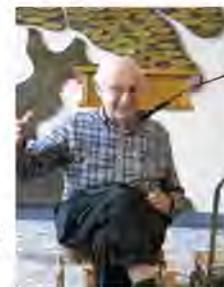
All Temple Beth Tikvah congregants
are cordially invited to attend
the Martin Luther King Assembly
at

Glenfield Middle School
25 Maple Avenue, Montclair



7:30 PM

Rabbi Emeritus Dresner
Delivers MLK Sermon
during Erev Shabbat Services
at Temple Beth Tikvah



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of Bergen and North Hudson

When talking to a
friend is not
enough...

Life's challenges can often leave us feeling lost. Whether one is new to a community or a long time resident, loneliness, stress and depression can be the natural result of our over-scheduled lives. Jewish Family Service is available to help you come to terms with some of these issues, and to develop coping strategies. Whether someone is experiencing financial stress, marital discord or other relationship challenges, help is available. We are also available to consult with and for children who may be going through life stresses of their own.

All calls are confidential and are handled with sensitivity to personal values. Please feel free to contact Paula Rozner at 201-978-2529; paular@jfsbergen.org.

BRING YOUR CHILDREN! BRING YOUR GRANDCHILDREN!

to
TEMPLE BETH TIKVAH'S

TOT SHABBAT



on
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
6:45—7:15 pm

Celebrate the Sabbath
with
Stories, Songs, Parades & Prayers
that Get Your Young Children & Grandchildren
Excited About Going to Temple!

**Don't Miss
This
Tot Shabbat!**

Followed by a special Children's Oneg Shabbat
complete with cookies & juice & play time!



- * Light the candles
- * Sing songs with the Cantor
- * Sit on the bima to hear a story
- * March around the synagogue
- * **Hug the Torah!**
- * Sip grape juice and
munch challah.



Perfect for
Children Ages Newborn
to 8 Years
& Their Families!

Casual Dress

Kids Free to Move Around

Participation Encouraged

Snacks Galore

Lots of Variety!

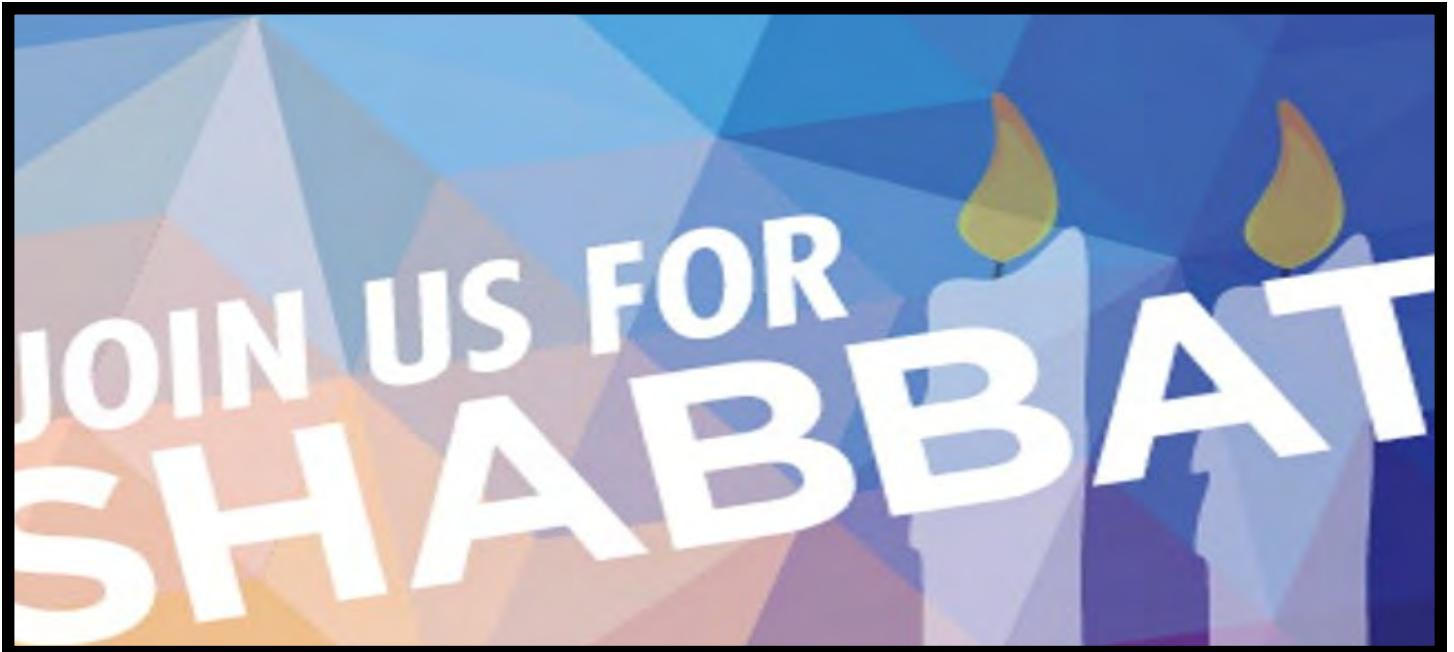
Looking forward to seeing you!

Please bring your own candlesticks.
Candles are provided.

Temple Beth Tikvah Membership or Religious School Enrollment Not Required to Attend These Events!
You can even have your children or grandchildren bring a friend to join them!

More details on future events to follow. For more information or to get on our Tot Shabbat mailing list,
call Tot Shabbat Chairs Janice at 973-694-1616 or Beryl at 973-696-7310.

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*Please join the Renaissance Club of
Temple Beth Tikvah in celebrating Shabbat
on Saturday, January 21, 2017*

Everyone is welcome!

*This is a warm and spiritual service that has
become an annual tradition in our congregation.*

*If you would like to participate in the service,
(Hebrew and English parts are available), please
contact Rochelle Banner at: brb47r@optonline.net*

or 973-942-0873

A sit-down Kiddush will follow services.

Come Join Temple Beth Tikvah's Joyous

Tu B'Shevat Seder

A Fun-Filled Celebration of
The Feast of Trees and Fruits
Designed Especially for Families



on Sunday, February 5, 2017
at 10:30 am

More than 300 years ago, in the beautiful mountaintop city of Tzfat,
the Tu B'Shevat Seder was created to honor
our close relationship with nature.

Led by Rabbi Meeka and Cantor Romalis, we'll:

- *celebrate the birthday of trees with readings, stories, songs and dance*
- *eat fruit and chocolate chips, drink grape juice and enjoy bagels for breakfast*
- *learn about all the good things that trees do for us and why it's so important to plant trees, especially in the Land of Israel.*

This is a FREE program for all TBT members!
For non-members, children FREE and just \$8/adult!

RSVP IS REQUIRED. Please contact Janice at 973-694-1616 or
tbtmembers@aol.com by no later than Sunday, January 29th.

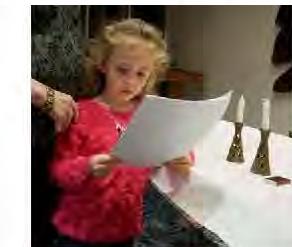
Temple Beth Tikvah Has a Whole New Year of Activities Planned for Children Ages Newborn to 8!

SAVE THESE DATES

FOR

TOT SHABBAT

AND OTHER YOUNG FAMILY EVENTS IN 2016-2017



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| September 16 | TOT SHABBAT (<i>Friday evening</i>) |
| October 16 | Sukkot BBQ |
| November 18 | TOT SHABBAT (<i>Friday evening</i>) |
| December 16 | Chanukah Dinner |
| January 20 | TOT SHABBAT (<i>Friday evening</i>) |
| February 5 | Tu B'Shevat Seder |
| March 12 | Purim Megillah Reading,
Carnival & Party |
| April 15 | TOT SHABBAT (<i>Saturday morning</i>) |
| May 12 | TOT SHABBAT (<i>Friday evening</i>) |
| June 3 | TOT SHABBAT (<i>Saturday morning</i>) |
| Plus High Holiday Children's Worship Services,
Family Shabbat Dinners, Kabbalat Shabbat Services
and More! | |

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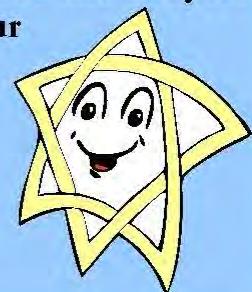
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You can even have your kids bring a friend to join them!

**Bring your children! Bring your grandchildren!
Make memories to last a lifetime!**

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A Very Special Daytime Social, Educational & Cultural Event

Don't Miss This
Outstanding
Senior Daytime
Program!

Tuesday, February 7
1:00—3:00 pm

Presenting
Temple Beth Tikvah's Own
Rabbi Emeritus
Israel Dresner
on



"The Life & Times of Shimon Peres"

Temple Beth Tikvah's own Rabbi Emeritus returns to our Senior Daytime Series to discuss the life and times of Shimon Peres, who just passed away in September 2016. Peres was the ninth President of Israel, in office from 2007 to 2014. He was in office twice as the Prime Minister of Israel and twice as Interim Prime Minister and was a member of 12 cabinets in a political career spanning nearly 70 years. At the time of his retirement in 2014, he was the world's oldest head of state. He was considered the last link to Israel's founding generation, and his mark on Israel is one worth noting. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about this important statesman from a man—Rabbi Dresner—who met him personally.



Coffee, Tea & Snacks Served

FREE TO ALL SENIOR TBT MEMBERS

Open to All Other TBT Members & Non-Members Alike at \$5 Each
Temple Beth Tikvah Membership Not Required to Attend These Events!
You can even bring a friend to join you!

For more information or to get on our Senior Daytime Programming mailing list,
please call Barbara Reiss at 973-694-7478.

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Temple Beth Tikvah

presents

GAME SHOW MANIA

Hosted by Hollyrock Entertainment!

Sunday, February 12th 2017

3:00-5:00 PM

Admission is \$10 per person (to a maximum of \$40 per family)

Includes a snack, drink, prizes and

LIVE Game Show Entertainment!

**Name That
Tune and
More!**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

To RSVP or for questions, please contact:

Beryl Paul - berylp515@aol.com or 973-696-7310

Dana Ruderman - dana.ruderman@gmail.com or 973-706-5245

Open to Member and Non-Member Families

Please make checks payable to Temple Beth Tikvah.



Rabbi Meeka Installed as Temple Beth Tikvah's New Rabbi

On Friday, November 4, Rabbi/Cantor Meeka Simerly was formally installed as Temple Beth Tikvah's new rabbi in a beautiful, touching and inclusive ceremony. Featuring a lovely, learned, personal and often humorous presentation by guest Rabbi Debbie Israel and a priestly blessing by Rabbi Emeritus Israel S. Dresner, Rabbi Meeka was welcomed to the Temple Beth Tikvah family by Cantor Emeritus Charles Romalis, past presidents, the current Board of Trustees, the Search Committee and, representing the next generations, the Bar Mitzvah that week, Jason Fein. Perhaps most meaningfully, it was the congregation of Temple Beth Tikvah that officially installed Rabbi Meeka with the words:

"With these ancient, loving words, we now greet our Rabbi: Yoreh, Yoreh. May your teaching give us the strength to endure with faith and courage in these times. Here and now we enter into a covenant with one another and with God, a pledge of faithfulness with one another, of mutual care and learning, compassion and forgiveness, faith and trust."

We look forward to sharing many years together.



Rabbi Meeka Installed as Temple Beth Tikvah's New Rabbi



TBT Families Do a Mitzvah on Mitzvah Day

On Sunday, November 6, approximately two dozen TBT members, both children and adults alike, met at Daughters of Miriam to help its residents enjoy a carnival of games and prizes on Federation's annual Mitzvah Day. A good time was had by all!





Eric Mayer Tells His Story of Resistance in Senior Daytime Program

On Tuesday, November 15, former Temple Beth Tikvah member and contributor of our Czech Holocaust Torah Eric Mayer told his story of Holocaust survival and resistance to our seniors as part of our Senior Daytime Program. Inspiring, learned and charming, Mr. Mayer conveyed in a way that had all in attendance in rapt attention the details of what daily life was like in the times before, during and after Kristallnacht and how and why he chose to take a stance. Special thanks to Mr. Mayer for his generosity and to Barbara Reiss for organizing the program.



Tot Shabbat Has Littlest Ones Dancing in the Sanctuary

On Friday, November 18, Rabbi Meeka and Cantor Romalis led our youngest members and friends in a song-filled, story-filled and prayer-filled Tot Shabbat that literally had the kids clapping and dancing around our sanctuary. Our next Tot Shabbat is January 20th—be sure to be there with your children and grandchildren ages newborn to 8 years old!



45th Annual Shacknai Memorial Lecture Addresses U.S./Israel Relations

On Friday, November 18, Temple Beth Tikvah welcomed Andrew Gross, Director of Political Affairs and Advisor to the Deputy Consul General of the Consulate General of Israel in New York, as our guest lecturer for Temple Beth Tikvah's 45th Annual Rabbi Shai Shacknai Memorial Lecture. Andrew spoke about "U.S./Israel Relations: Partnering for Peace," addressing various aspects of current geopolitical, economic and political events. Special thanks to Shirley Shacknai Freedman and her family for underwriting the lecture and to Marlene Siegel for sponsoring and organizing an extra-special Oneg Shabbat featuring a delicious variety of Israeli foods!

Pre-K/K Workshop Teaches Youngest Students about Ten Good Rules of Torah

On Sunday, November 20, Temple Beth Tikvah Religious School's youngest students—ages 4 through 6—enjoyed their first Pre-K/K Family Workshop of the 2016-17 Series, learning about Ten Good Rules of Torah from Rabbi Meeka and from their teacher Jayne Silverstein. A trip to the sanctuary, followed by decorating their own picture frames to take home with a picture of each holding a stuffed Torah, and a parchment and special pencil to practice being a "little Sofer" at home was all part of the morning's workshop. So, too, was a yummy breakfast for all!



Women of Chai Embroider Mezuzahs

On Thursday, December 1, more than 40 women attended a Women of Chai craft night to embroider our own mezuzahs under the tutelage of the co-owners of Gone Stitching in Bergenfield. Some of us were experienced and talented...and very helpful to those of us who were not...but a wonderful time was had by all! Lots of laughter and shared stories throughout the evening!





NFTY Comes to TBT Religious School for Chanukah

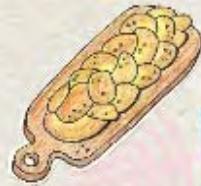
On Tuesday, December 13, NFTY, the Reform movement's teen youth organization, came to Temple Beth Tikvah's Religious School to introduce its programs to our 8th through 12th graders and to help celebrate Chanukah. Special thanks to the parents who helped cook, serve and clean!



Chanukah Celebration

Filled with Song, Latkes and Gelt Galore

On Friday, December 16, Temple Beth Tikvah celebrated Chanukah with a song-filled worship service with Rabbi Meeka followed by a delicious dinner, complete with latkes and applesauce, children's craft and gelt for all the boys and girls. Special thanks to Dani Grand for her help with all the dinner reservations! It was a warm and haimeshe evening enjoyed by all!



Temple Beth Tikvah will celebrate its 60th Birthday in 2016-2017.

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Religious School Committee



The Religious School Committee acts as an advocate for the educational programs of the school. The work of the committee is to enhance and encourage the continued Jewish growth and development of the students.

The committee establishes educational policies, organizes Judaic fundraisers, such as the Passover Candy Sale and Purim Carnival, and engages in ongoing study and evaluation of the Religious School objectives. In addition, the committee helps to facilitate special Religious School functions.

The committee is made up of a group of hard-working volunteers dedicated to Jewish education. It holds meetings every other month during the year and is the main liaison between Religious School and the Temple Board of Trustees.

Anyone interested in helping the committee with any Religious School events during the school year, please email Dana Ruderman at dana.ruderman@gmail.com.



The Wayne Interfaith Network (WIN) Food Pantry Needs Your Support



The WIN (Wayne Interfaith Network) Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items. Currently, the pantry provides food to 85—90 families. When you come to Temple, please try to remember to bring something for the pantry with you. Food donations can be placed in the donation collection box outside the Temple office. If you prefer, you can also make gift card or cash donations.

Something to keep in mind....sometimes when people move, they dispose of food. If you know of anyone moving that would like to donate any of their non-perishable food, please let Bill Rothenberg know and he will pick up the food for the food bank.

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If you have any questions, please contact Bill Rothenberg at 973-694-8997.

The Caring Community

As a congregant of Temple Beth Tikvah, you are automatically a member of our extended temple family known as **The Caring Community**. Just like family members, we care about each other and are ready to help each other at a time of need. Some of the ways **we help are providing rides to doctors' appointments or temple activities, arranging for meals and light shopping when you return from the hospital or Rehab, house sitting/ setting up during a funeral, visiting the homebound, and more.** All we need is a phone call from you to Rabbi Meeka at the temple or me, as Chairman of the Caring Community, to tell us how we can help. It is important that you know we will honor your privacy if you do not wish to share the reason for your call, but do not hesitate to call! We want to be there for you at that difficult time.

If you are able to give a small amount of your time this year to help your fellow congregants, please join us at our next **Caring Community Breakfast Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 10:00 AM** in the Chapman Atrium Room. It is a wonderful feeling to do a mitzvah by helping a member of our extended "temple family" who has reached out to us.

Questions?
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NOTES FROM THE UNITED NATIONS

By Estelle Perry

New beginnings and major changes to long-held international policies and goals are likely to occur this year with results and developments that are difficult to assess or predict. As we went to press at the end of 2016, new leaders were about to be installed in our country as well as at the United Nations and in several other Member States where elections were either taking place or scheduled to take place. The outcomes at stake ranged from our ability to slow down and eventually contain both climate change and terrorism as well as to halt the growing instability in Afghanistan and many other countries that we witnessed taking place as 2016 drew to an end.

Meanwhile, the continuing engagement of Iran, with the more active participation of Russia in the civil war conflict in Syria, has the potential to pit the United States against Russia and change some existing alliances based on the more interventionist views being expressed by the leadership team that the incoming Trump administration has announced it will put in place. Two-term governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, has been picked by our newly elected president to become our Ambassador to the UN. She has no known foreign relations experience, but the positions she will take at the UN are likely to be formulated by the policies put in place by the new administration. Nonetheless, she is expected to be a member of the President's Cabinet, which will give her an opportunity to express her views as foreign policy is set.

Under the UN Charter, the Security Council ("SC") has the prime responsibility to keep the peace, settle conflicts and help stabilize countries emerging from conflicts. Effective action, however, is usually blocked whenever two or more of the five permanent veto-wielding members of the SC are at loggerheads with each other, as they have been in the case of Syria. In such cases the General Assembly can intervene, and there has been some discussion by assembly members to do so as the number of deaths caused by the Syrian conflict continues to climb and the danger of the conflict drawing in additional countries grows.

Meanwhile, the massive flow of both refugees fleeing the violence in their countries and migrants looking for work has caused unrest in numerous countries undergoing elections, including the U.S. Many believe resistance to accommodating refugees, especially those coming from predominantly Muslim and Arab countries that could include the entry into our country of potential terrorists, played a role in the outcome of our presidential election. Additionally, a segment of the U.S. labor movement, who had either seen their jobs move out of the U.S., or were receiving fewer benefits or lower wages, or had been left jobless as we closed down coal mines to accommodate climate change policies of the Obama administration, voted for change.

In addition to trade and employment issues which are longtime, ongoing concerns at the UN, water, peace and security was the subject of an open debate at the Security Council in November last year. Look for more on this and other emerging issues at the UN in my next report.



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For over 50 years, the Morning Minyan has been an integral part of Temple Beth Tikvah. We are one of the few Reform congregations in the state of New Jersey that still has a Morning Minyan. For many years, services were held every day but Saturday. However as the years have gone by, the attendance has dwindled and now the Minyan only meets on Mondays and Thursdays, when we read from the Torah. We meet at 7:30 AM and by 8:00 AM the service is over. We want to be there for people saying kaddish, observing a yahrzeit, or who simply want to come and worship. Unfortunately, things have changed and we don't always have ten people to make a minyan.

No one is mandated to attend and some cannot attend for various reasons. There are usually four Mondays and four Thursdays in a month. Coming even one day every month would help. We are a religious institution. Although we want to continue the Morning Minyan, we cannot without participation. TBT is a community and we do not want to see the minyan die. This would be a sad day for the Temple. We are asking that those who are available to come at least one day each month. Please think about what the minyan offers. We recite prayers for mourners, for those who are ill, for those planning a trip, for our servicemen and other special life events.

If anyone has questions about participating in the minyan, I would be happy to meet and discuss it with them.

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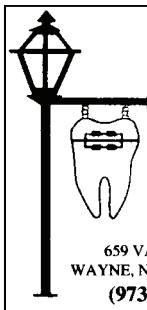
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