

# Temple ADATH YESHURUN

## Tragedy Shakes U.S.—Rabbis, Pres., Community Respond

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Bersak

[Editor's Note: President Bob Bersak and Rabbi Beth Davidson each addressed the audience at the Temple Candidates Forum on the day after the Tree of Life shootings in Pittsburgh, PA on October 27, 2018.

Then Rabbi and president participated in a joint community service held on October 31, 2018 at Temple Adath Yeshurun. Our congregation joined with Temple Israel, along with clergy and laity from the city of Manchester.

Also speaking at the memorial service were Rabbi Jeremy Szczepanski of Temple Israel, Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig, U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan, and President Steve Sauten of T.I. Rabbi Szczepanski's remarks are used with his permission, page 8 of this [Bulletin](#).]

November 7, 2018

What can I say that has not already been said?

My message for this Bulletin was due by the end of October. Early in the month I jotted down several subjects that I thought were informative and perhaps even entertaining for the membership.

Then came Saturday, October 27. Squirrel Hill—it sounds like a bucolic location for a children's book where all the animals live in harmony.

Now, it is the scene of a senseless, hateful massacre of Jews and police officers. I liked my previous mental image of Squirrel Hill, which is now gone forever.

The violence of that Saturday morning was directed toward our fellow Jews due to their religious beliefs.

But just days (alas, hours) before, that same violence was directed in the form of pipe bombs against over a dozen citizens due to their political beliefs. And hours later, a student

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### Simchat Torah at Temple Adath Yeshurun

Sunday, September 30, 2018. Congregation gathers to unroll and re-roll the Torah scroll. Seven children look on while Nicole Leapley reads and President Bob Bersak anchors the end.

~Photo by Ami Cadugan.

### RABBI'S MESSAGE

Beth D. Davidson

### Tonight, and for days and nights to come, we mourn...

We remember the 11 innocent lives that were lost to a brutal and chilling act of violence. A synagogue is supposed to be a place of warmth, of family, of love; a tangible expression of our covenant with God, and the way of life it demands.

And yet the sanctity of Shabbat, and the joy of a *Brit Milah*—the ritual circumcision welcoming a new baby boy to the Pittsburgh Jewish community—was interrupted by an act of devastating evil. Nearly unbearable grief, anger, disbelief, resentment and fear: each of us has run the gamut of emotions that has left us numb and exhausted.

And so, we came this evening to THIS synagogue, to cry together and to be in community with others, as we attempt to comfort each other even as we try to understand the age-old hatred that led to this tragedy.

As the news got out, of course we felt an immediate connection to the Jewish commu-

nity of Pittsburgh; and when we learned that the Fienbergs and the Kushners lost family, our sorrow become more personal. While I don't think any of us had met Norm's cousins, some of us had been fortunate enough to meet Nona and Lorne's sister-in-law at several *simchas* (Joyce had a smile that could light up a room); and suddenly we had a personal connection that only made the tragedy more intense.

It was no longer miles away in Pittsburgh, it was here in our community.

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was murdered in a school hallway as the tragic end to a school-day dispute.

Violence and hatred are seemingly everywhere. Jews nationwide are asking whether coming to their synagogue is too big a risk.



We face risks of all sorts each day in every aspect of our lives. Thirty-two years ago, my youngest brother ran out to the store in Denver to pick up some bread and milk for his wife and two-year old

son. He never made it to the store; he never made it home. A drunk driver broadsided his car.

Risks are all around us.

My role as Congregation President is set out in our By-Laws: “the President shall in general supervise all of the business and affairs of the Temple.”

That is a broad charter that includes being responsible for ensuring that risks related to the safety and security of our members, our students, and our guests are addressed. Unfortunately, that aspect of my and the Board’s responsibilities has grown disproportionately large.

Nevertheless, we take that charge seriously. What are the risks? How do we address them? Each input from every member is given due consideration.

Regarding our safety and security goals, we balance the risks, the benefits, and the costs. If money was no object, instead of trying to deal with 21<sup>st</sup>-century issues in a 60-year old facility, we might start over from scratch. But fiscal constraints must be considered. If we price membership beyond the means of our members, we will put this congregation out of business.

We try to please every member all the time—an impossible task. There are differences of opinion on some of the

smallest things (like what melody should we use for some of our hymns; is the sanctuary too hot/too cold?) to the largest and most significant (should we have armed guards at our facility whenever we have congregants or students in attendance?).

There is no right answer to these questions, nor for the myriad other questions that arise from a Reform congregation such as ours.

All I can promise you is that the Board is dedicated to “protect and to serve.” Thank you all for your support. Please continue to ask questions, make recommendations, and most importantly, to continue to participate in services, celebrations, and events to keep our Congregation vibrant and strong.

Otherwise, we will all lose by default.

*Shalom,  
Bob Bersak*

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I am thankful that Joyce, Cecil, and David felt that *Tree of Life* was their family, and I hope that our Temple family will be able to share the same kind of support and love with Norm and Andy, Lorne and Nona, in the weeks and months to come.



We have experienced such evil before, but never here. America was the land of dreams and aspirations, where we could live secure in the promise of truths that were held self-evident. Our grief for the people who were

murdered is intertwined, I think, with the shock that this could happen here. For many, we no longer felt safe.

As I said on Sunday morning, we live with the frightening reality that “... **the Tree of Life Synagogue is one much like our own, and yesterday’s events serve as a stark reminder that senseless hatred and violence can walk through our doors at any time.**”

“The recent spike in Antisemitic violence in this country is, I believe, alarming and a matter of great concern; and sadly we are not the haters’ only targets: people of color, members of the LGBTQ community, immigrants, refugees, those from other ethnic and religious minorities, have found themselves increasingly in the sights of those whose hatred, fear, and intolerance are antithetical to our country’s morals and our democracy.”

Just in the past week or so, even before Pittsburgh, think for a moment about what took place in our country. Politicians and news outlets were not immune to the threat of violence from those who disagree with them, as the recent spate of pipe-bombs taught us. Thankfully they did not go off.

And last Wednesday, Maurice Stallard and Vickie Jones—two African American shoppers—were killed in a Kentucky Krogers by a man who is quoted as saying ‘Whites don’t shoot Whites.’ That sentiment may or may not be true, but tonight this community of hope and faith pauses to remember Mr. Stallard and Ms. Jones.

As Americans of all colors, we mourn their passing.

Please join me as we pause for a moment of silent remembrance ...

Once relegated to obscure corners, purveyors of hate have been emboldened to creep out of the dark and into grocery stores and synagogues. I don’t think the events of Saturday or last Wednesday could have happened without the fact that we Americans find ourselves so horribly divided.

Too many of us have lost the ability to talk to each other, to agree to disagree while simultaneously working together for the greater good.

I fear that the more fractured we become as a Nation, the more emboldened those hate groups will be. With incivility as the tone in this country, the hatemonger’s messages of intolerance,

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violence and their dehumanization of the other grow louder, directed at any and everyone who isn't just like them.

The more divided we are, the easier we fall, a lesson not lost on the purveyors of hatred.

Which is why I am so thankful that tonight we aren't alone. Our Jewish community is joined by our Christian friends and neighbors, and those of other religions and communities, as we mourn together. We are joined by Mayor Craig, Senator Hassan, and former Senator Humphrey, who remind us of the best that our government can offer: support when times are hard. Thank you for being with us tonight.

And thank you to the Manchester Police Department, and the Manchester Department of Parks and Recreation who responded immediately to the swastikas in [Pretty] Wagner Park.

Thank you to all of you who came out this evening, and to those who have called and emailed, reminding us in such a terrible time that we are a citywide, and statewide community of hope and many faiths.

I hope we have drawn comfort from each other as we wrestle with our grief. Sitting together is a statement of solidarity and strength, of openness and acceptance, of saying none of us is "other."

Tonight, our grief may still be raw, but I believe that when we begin the process of turning our sadness into resolve, we can become a force that will help to silence the haters.

Believe me, I am fully cognizant of the irony that we have come together on October 31. Historically speaking, Halloween has been a difficult time for Jewish communities; incidents of vandalism, particularly in Jewish cemeteries, are common, making Halloween only about mean and destructive tricks, with no kind of treats.

But for me—at least for this year—my antipathy to Halloween takes a back seat to the hope that this October 31, 2018,

energizes us to work together and return the scary voices to the fringe, marginalized. What better way for us to honor our dead?

Christians and Jews, people of all skin tones and ethnic backgrounds, when we treat others with respect and dignity, we CAN come together to quiet the haters among us.

Here's how we do so:

- When we hear so-called ethnic humor, or watercooler talk that denigrates others, we can call the person on what he or she has said, sending a clear message that what they have said isn't funny, isn't acceptable. We refuse to empower and tolerate such hatred.

- We can assist organizations like HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the venerable Jewish group mentioned by Saturday's shooter, by supporting the good work that they and other organizations do, resettling those who lives are torn by violence and prejudice. [Ed. Note: See the article on HIAS on p. 16 of this Bulletin.]

- We can participate in the most sacred of American activities by voting next Tuesday, helping to choose those who will have the honor and responsibility of local and national leadership.

- Each of us can live as Joyce, Cecil, and David did, as active and committed members of our synagogues and churches, uplifted by our faith as we work to make our community and nation a better place.

- We will never be able to reclaim the joy and love lost when 11 Jews were murdered last Shabbat, but any of us can honor their memory and the Tree of Life Synagogue by planting living trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund, or here at home through the National Arbor Day Society.

- We each can give the gift of life by donating blood or joining the bone-marrow registry.

- All of us can give thanks for our many blessings, by hugging our loved ones, and celebrating every moment we share with our families, remembering and supporting those whose families are irreparably torn.

These too are lessons we can learn from the horror. We must not allow our grief

and our anger to immobilize and paralyze us: we must respond by acting.

We began our service by lighting *Yahrtzeit* candles, honoring and remembering 11 lives lost, bringing a little light into a world darkened by grief.

**Let each of us, indeed all of us—work to become points of light, illuminating the darkness around us.**

~Beth D. Davidson

[Editor's Note: Rabbi Beth Davidson prepared her first public remarks for the public Candidates Forum on Sunday, October 28, 2018. Then she prepared a summary of her remarks for the November Bulletin. Rabbi Beth's November 1 Bulletin remarks include a reference to her words from Sunday, October 28th.

Simultaneously, Sol Rockenmacher submitted his first-person report on the Brotherhood-sponsored Forum, and quoted the Rabbi's words also. Rather than change either text, we made the editorial decision to retain the quotes in both documents, for these powerful words of Rabbi Davidson can bear repeating. See Sol Rockenmacher's article on page 7 of this Bulletin.]

## Before Candle Lighting

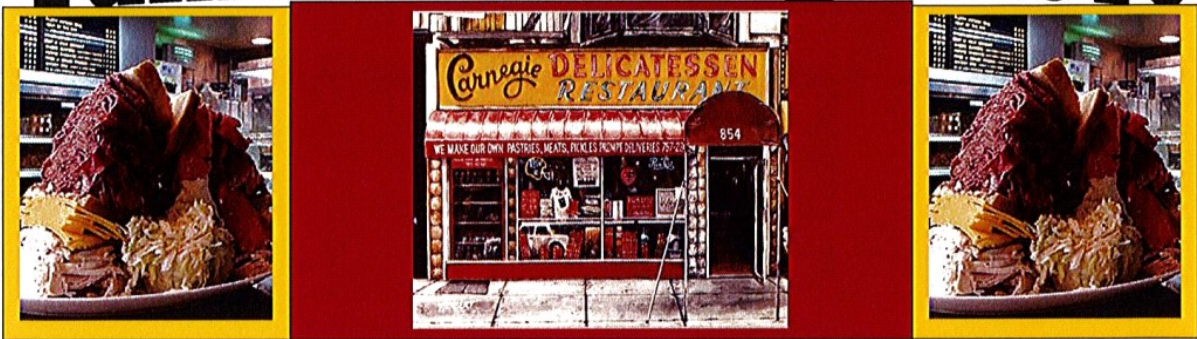
### IN THE BEGINNING:

emptiness and chaos;  
a great darkness over the deep.  
The spirit of God moved over the waters.  
Explosion of light—  
the long chain of emerging life;  
behold: it was very good.  
These candles evoke the very first light.  
Out of the darkness came reason, purpose,  
consciousness of beauty;  
the power to discern and do what is right.  
Let us hold the light in our hearts.  
Let us bring it with us into the darkest  
corners of creation.  
Where there is pain and fear, let us offer  
the light of love.

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# 32nd Annual TAY Brotherhood Famous Deli Night 2019



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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

Linda Rockenmacher

About forty of our members gathered for an evening of wonderful food, good company, and to learn about the Jewish history of Morocco. Roslyn Block selected an amazing menu with a wide assortment of flavors that characterize the food of that country.

Many members assisted in preparing and serving the meal along with Roslyn and Linda—including Ruth Kleinfeld, Reva Rovner, Priscilla Malcolm, Cate Tanzer, Elaine Silberberg, Brenda Schadick, Linda Abels, Patty Rosenzweig, and Deb Benton.



### Moroccan Sisterhood Dinner

10-22-18. Co-President Linda Rockenmacher thanks Roslyn Block (right)—who planned the menu and supervised the preparation. ~Ami Cadugan

Our Woman of the Year Award was presented to Cate Tanzer this year. After serving on the Sisterhood Board for many years, Cate joined the Temple Board and was the president for the past two years. Even though she could not attend the dinner, she helped with the cooking the day before. She is always one of the first to volunteer when a need arises; we appreciate all

### Former Sisterhood Women of the Year Recipients

10-22-18. At the 2018 membership dinner, former Women of the Year pose. From left, Ruthie Gordon, Linda Rockenmacher, Nancy Frankel, and Karen Rothstein. Not shown are Frankie Shapiro and the award winner for 2018, Cate Tanzer. ~Photo by Ami Cadugan

she has contributed to our Temple and Sisterhood.

On Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018, the Sisterhood-sponsored Breakfast with the Rabbi at 9:30 AM was provided by JoAnn Meyers—preceding an engaging discussion of 21<sup>st</sup> century moral dilemmas by 23 engaged participants, including Simon Ratinoﬀ.

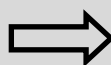
On December 1, 2018, Linda Rockenmacher will host the Breakfast with the Rabbi at 9:30. Our Torah regulars usually attend. All are welcome.

Our See's Candy sale orders were placed on November 10, and the candy should be available to distribute right after Thanksgiving.

When you come to the temple, be sure to check out our Judaica Shop. Ruthie Gordon has recently revamped it and stocked some new items for our Chanukah Fair on Sunday, December 9, 2018.

We will have extra help there on Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons for the 2 weeks prior to that date to assist people with their purchases. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

See New Members on page 15!



### New Members Welcomed at November Family Service

On Friday, Nov. 2, 2018, new members were welcomed on the Bimah with these words—excerpted from the service folder.

**Rabbi:** . . . We hope and pray that as you join with us, our community is a source of strength and pride for you, as we are strengthened by your energy and commitment. Then, together, we will be able to walk by the light of the Eternal, inspired by our tradition.

#### New Members:

We have come here to unite with all who maintain this synagogue for prayer, study, and deeds of loving kindness. We bring our heart, soul, and minds to enrich and be enriched by Temple Adath Yeshurun.

#### Congregation:

*We welcome you into our community into this holy place. May we open our hearts and minds to you. Let us share each other's stories and traditions. May you join us in our commitment to the study of Torah, Repairing the world, the joyous celebration of Jewish Life, and active participation in our Synagogue.*

#### Rabbi:

May you find this community to be a source of joy in the years ahead: May God bless you and keep you....



## Family Services & Potluck Suppers

*Everything You Want To Know About Pot-Luck Suppers at Temple.*

### Check your calendar and Sign UP!

As you may know, the first Friday of the month is a 6 PM family service followed by a potluck dinner. It has been great to get the religious school families together at these dinners along with our regular Shabbat service adults who attend Shabbat services every week.

The Frank family (our son Elliott who started this year as *schlichot* in Hebrew, my husband Barry, and Mandy) has agreed to organize volunteer families for the potlucks. We hope that the school class families (as assigned below)—along with other volunteers—can help us host each potluck.

The potluck dates are below for this school year. Where many of them are class services, we have designated a different class from which one or two of the families should plan to help. Please take a look at when your class is sponsoring, email me to let me know which 2 families from the class can help:

[mandyfrank@comcast.net](mailto:mandyfrank@comcast.net).  
(Please do NOT copy all :)

Other families from the congregation (without kids in school) are also encouraged to take a night to help, and of course families of 8th graders and older are welcome to take a turn too.

The potluck dates with class assignments for potluck sponsorship for 2018-19 are below. (Some dates are still to be confirmed.)

**12-7-18:** Grade 5 sponsors potluck.

**1-4-19 or 1-11-19:**  
(still to be confirmed): Grades K-2 sponsor the potluck following the grade 5 service.

**2-1-19:** Grade 3 sponsors the potluck following the grade 4 service.

**3-1-19:** Need volunteers to sponsor potluck following a normal family service.

**4-5-19:** Grade 4 sponsors the potluck following the grade 3 service. Also teacher appreciation Shabbat.

**5-3-19:** Need volunteers to sponsor potluck following a normal family service.

**6-7-19:** Need volunteers to sponsor potluck following a normal family service.

Our family is at many of the potlucks and will help you when we can be

there. Bob, our caretaker, helps with many of the responsibilities and can show you where everything is in the kitchen, help to operate the oven/stove, etc. The key responsibilities for the volunteer families are to:

- Buy and prepare a large green salad (save receipts for Temple reimbursement if you'd like)
- Buy and prepare dessert (cookies/brownies and something healthy such as fruit salad is perfect, save receipts for reimbursement if you'd like)
- Arrive at 5:30pm to greet congregants and accept their potluck items
- Heat up food items that require it
- Bring out food near the end of the service
- Direct congregants to bring home their containers and clean up their tables
- Help put away unused dessert items

As a reminder, if you are coming to the potlucks, it's best to bring a main course, particularly a protein item. We always need rotisserie chickens that can be easily cut up as a main course. Temple Adath Yeshurun will provide salad and desserts, so those items are not needed.

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Service Dates	PROGRAM	Potluck Hosts
FRI., Dec. 7, 2018	Family Service	Grade 5 sponsors potluck
SAT., Dec 8, 2018	Grade 6/7 leads 10am service, Chanukah Family Ed Program	No potluck Kiddush only
FRI., Jan 4th or 11th, 2019 - TBD	Grade 5 leads service	Grades K-2 host potluck
FRI., Feb. 1, 2019	Grade 4 leads service	Grade 3 host potluck
FRI., Mar. 1, 2019	Family Service	(Need volunteers.)
FRI., Apr. 5, 2019	Grade 3 leads service, Teacher Appreciation Shabbat	Grade 4 hosts potluck
FRI., May 3, 2019	Family Service	(Need volunteers.)
FRI., June 7, 2019	Family Service	(Need volunteers.)

## Candidates Breakfast Forum Rises Above Politics

by Sol Rockenmacher

Sunday morning, October 28, 2018 saw a traditional political event—our Temple Brotherhood Candidates Breakfast Forum—rise above the sphere of politics. An audience of about 150 filled the auditorium.

Candidates for NH Governor Chris Sununu and Molly Kelly, candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Chris Pappas and Eddie Edwards, and 4<sup>th</sup> District Executive Council candidates Ted Gatsas and Gray Chynoweth had already arrived so that they could present their case for election (or re-election in the case of the Governor) to their desired office.

Because of the tragic events at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Temple the day before, the atmosphere at the onset of the event was a somber one.

After the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy and Cub Scouts

(including Temple Adath Yeshurun's own Ryan Rosenberg), Rabbi Beth Davidson led us in prayer and then reminded us in her opening remarks, "The frightening reality is that the Tree of Life Synagogue is one much like our own....Yesterday's events serve as a stark reminder that senseless hatred and violence can walk through our doors at any time."

In the sessions for NH Governor, U.S. Congress representative and Executive Councilor, each candidate gave opening statements, then answered questions from the audience before giving concluding comments. In their opening comments they all called for a united front to combat bigotry. The program evolved into an uplifting event. We were reminded that we cannot let the forces of evil change



10-28-18. At the Sunday morning Candidates breakfast, the 1st Congressional Candidates address the audience. From left, Eddie Edwards, Moderator George Bruno, and Chris Pappas. ~Photos by David Rosenzweig

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Some suggestions might be: a rotisserie chicken, mac and cheese, pizza, baked ziti, tuna casserole, chicken, fish, meatballs, etc, anything that can be easily portioned and shared.

It is always really helpful if you can help to prepare your dish for serving. For example, if you bring a rotisserie chicken, come into the kitchen, cut up the chicken and put it into a pyrex dish to keep warm.

If you brought a frozen pizza, put it onto a pizza tray and put it into the oven (letting the host family know the time to take it out). This will minimize the amount of time the host families need to be in the kitchen during the service.

Thank you for your help in continuing this wonderful community-building tradition at our temple.

Please call me with any questions or concerns,  
Mandy Frank

Rabbi Beth told us that gatherings such as the Breakfast forum were crucial if we are to combat the growth of the cancer of discrimination: against religious and ethnic minorities, immigrants and refugees and members of the LGBTQ community. She stressed "the need for us to listen carefully, courteously and civilly, especially when listening to those with whom we may not agree."

Temple Adath Yeshurun President Bob Bersak then discussed the need for maintaining the best security situation at the temple.

Brotherhood member George Bruno—former Ambassador to Belize—was once again the moderator of the program, a role he has taken for many of these political gatherings.

the way we live our lives, including the way we choose to worship.

An atmosphere of passionate enthusiasm and civility developed, a wonderful combination. It was Democracy in action, moving forward with the spirit of brotherhood, community, and solidarity.

As one congregant said succinctly, "I needed to be here."

She wasn't the only one. It was a special morning indeed.

### See Also:

*Rabbi's Message, p. 1-3.*  
*President's Message, p. 1-2.*  
*Shining & Poem for Pittsburgh, p. 8.*  
*HIAS After Pittsburgh, p. 16.*

## “Shining God’s Light” at Chanukah

by Rabbi Jeremy Szczepanski

In a little over four weeks we the Jewish People will gather in our homes to spin dreidels and eat a plethora of fatty fried foods—*latkes* and *sufganiyot* being the frontrunners—in celebration of Chanukah. But none of these things are the heart of Chanukah. The one *mitzvah*, the one commandment, of Chanukah that we are required to observe each of the eight nights is to light the appropriate number of candles for each night on the *hanukkah*, the special eight-branched menorah.

Why do we do this? Our Sages of blessed memory in the Talmud teach us that we do so to *pirsumei nisa*, to publicize the miracle of Chanukah to each other and humanity at large. We place our *hanukkiyot*—our candelabras—in the windows of our homes for all to see. In Israel, many people put them in windproof plexiglass cases outside their homes altogether. It is a holiday in which the main commandment is to be loud and proud about being Jewish.

There is a mystical teaching from a Hasidic rabbi known as the *Sfat Emet*, in which he says that kindling the light of the menorah each night of Chanukah also symbolizes shining a light on ourselves. This light is no ordinary light, as it shows us where within us, in our souls, God dwells. Living a life of Jewish observance and piety is meant, according to the *Sfat Emet*, to illuminate all the places in ourselves in our lives where God dwells.

As one embarks on this quest one eventually is supposed to discover that God is not only everywhere, but that God is everyone. We are all not just children of the Divine, but each of us is a living emanation of the One God Who created us and is the Source of All Life. The grand illusion, the darkness that surrounds us, is that only some of us bear the mark of God while others remain bereft. To deny this is to deny God.

It is this adherence to duality, this dwelling in spiritual darkness, that allows terrorists such as Robert Bower and Gregory Bush the carte blanche to commit heinous acts of murder, terror, and violence against their fellow human beings. It is because they dwell in perpetual darkness, actively blocking God's light from their souls, that Bower felt empowered to massacre eleven inno-

cent people who came together on the Sabbath in their beloved synagogue, Tree of Life, to pray in community and celebrate the ritual circumcision and naming of their newest member, an eight-day-old baby boy.

It is this empowerment to hate that allowed Bush to murder Maurice Stallard and Vickie Lee Jones, who were shopping at their local Kroger in Louisville, simply because they were African-Americans. Before, during, and after his rampage, Bower was heard screaming that he wanted to kill Jews. After murdering Maurice and Vickie, Bush told a frightened white onlooker, "Don't worry, whites don't kill whites."

Normally I am quite cynical about Chanukah, owing to the misconception of it as being a major holiday. Now, however, I think its messages are more relevant and necessary than they have been in a long time. These homegrown terrorists who have been emboldened to snuff out the light of God in others because they

choose to live in darkness want us to be afraid. They want us to hide not only from them but to hide who we are.

Now more than ever, friends, we need to make God's light shine bright and bold in this dark time. We need to shine it so brightly that God's presence in all of creation, in every human being, cannot be denied.

These forces of evil, these homegrown terrorists, want us to hate, despise, and mistrust one another. So long as all of us—regardless, of race, religion, gender, sexual preference, or political affiliation—stand united against them, they will not win.

May God's light ever shine on and in every one of us.

[Ed. Note: Rabbi Jeremy Szczepanski of Temple Israel gave this speech at the Community Memorial Service held at Temple Adath Yeshurun on 10-31-18. He gave permission to publish his words in this November-December Bulletin. The title is the Editor's choice. —MS]



### Poem for Pittsburgh

blossoms falling  
from the Tree of Life  
blood-red  
its deep root watered  
by rainbow-colored tears

~Jenny Ward Angyal

Poet Jenny Ward Angyal (author of *Moonlight on Water*, 2016, available from Amazon.com) is a life-long friend of Bulletin Editor Mary Singer. She emailed this poem to Mary shortly after the tragedy in Pittsburgh and added:

"Mary, I'm sorry to hear that your own congregation was touched so closely by this tragedy. I used *rainbow-colored* because rainbow colors are often used as an emblem of human unity in diversity, and **I wanted to suggest that all of humanity weeps in solidarity with the Jewish people.**"



# TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

*What is Jewish Music?*  
Hear a Klezmer Band  
Dec. 1, 2018

**Start your Chanukah off Right!**

The Temple Adath Yeshurun Lifelong Learning Committee is sponsoring a year-long program to answer the question "What is Jewish Music?"

Adult classes and a series of concerts make up the bulk of the learning opportunities. The first concert will be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2018, at 7:30 PM** and will feature the music of the Raymond Street Klezmer Band.

The Raymond Street Klezmer Band calls Nashua's Temple Beth Abraham home. Raymond Street is in Nashua, and Temple Beth Abraham is on that street.

Together since the early 1980s, the band plays a wide variety of traditional and contemporary Jewish music, with vocals in English, Hebrew, and Yiddish. The band members are Ray Aucoin, Sandy Dickens, Alan Green, Ruth Weiner-Harris, Gordon Hegfield, and Bruce Smith.

Klezmer music is a type of Jewish folk music generally used to accompany dancing and celebratory events. The style features mainly acoustic instruments such as accordions, clarinet, trumpet, violin, trombone, saxophone, piano, flute and double bass. These talented musicians are sure to rock the rafters so bring your dancing shoes and your friends!

Dr. Alan Green *kvelled* [Yiddish for swelling with pride] that "...The band has played at s'machot and synagogue events throughout southern New Hampshire. It was honored to represent New Hampshire at the 1999 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington DC and has performed at local and regional cultural events including the Lowell Folk Festival, International Day of Peace on the Boston Common, and Bread and Roses Heritage Festival in Lawrence."

What is Klezmer? It is the folk music of Ashkenazi Jews from Eastern Europe, which came to this country with



## 5779 Blessing the Pets 2018

10- 18. At right, from left to right, new Temple member Susan Punskey-Pinard who writes, "Rocky is my little 4-year-old Shih Tzu!" After Rabbi Beth Davidson, Mandy Frank with Reizel and Barry Frank with Mendel. Both Frank pets are Portuguese water dogs named for the characters in a P.J. Library book called Mendel's Accordion.

the massive waves of Jewish immigrants in the last century. Its popularity waned as the new Americans began to assimilate, but the genre was rediscovered a few decades ago as Jewish musicians expanded their reach into the world-wide music of Jewish communities.

"...From its inception in Europe, klezmer had always reflected a unique amalgamation of the music of the Jewish community with the music of the surrounding culture. *Klezmerim* [musicians playing this style of music]...contributed to a cross-pollination between Jewish and gentile cultures, enriching both. Like the community, which eagerly embraced the potential of any melody to bring greater glory to the Creator, klezmer musicians adapted a wide variety of tunes to serve their purposes.... [My Jewish Learning website; Excerpted there with permission from *Discovering Jewish Music* (Jewish Publication Society)].

There is no cost associated with attending the concert, but you **MUST call the TAY Office (669-5650) and RSVP**. Your name on the attendance list guarantees you a seat.

## Joke for November-December 2018

by Ted Yegerman



Down through history there have always been those bigots who will not support a Jew for public office. Disraeli encountered one when he first ran for Parliament.

When Disraeli solicited the anti-Semite's vote, the man hissed, "I would rather vote for the devil himself than vote for you."

"I understand perfectly," countered Disraeli in an even voice. "But in case your friend decides not to run, may I count on your support?"

*Benjamin Disraeli (1804- 1881)*

## PART 1: Getting to Know Bob Bersak, In His Own Words

Oct. 2018

Hi Bob,

I would like to write an article for the Bulletin to introduce you to the Temple membership on a more personal basis. So, with that in mind here are a few areas I hope you will address:

1. Family members, places you have lived, pets.
2. Hobbies and activities that interest you, places you have traveled, where you work...

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You have a great sense of humor and a warmth that many have commented on.

~Bobbie Brayer

### 1. Family members, places I have lived, pets

I was born at an early age in New Jersey. I was in Newark virtually every weekend, as my grandparents, aunts, and my dad's business were located there.

(Interesting note: My mom's family were life-long members of Newark's Temple B'nai Abraham, where I believe Barry Scotch became a bar mitzvah!).

[Ed. Note: Barry Scotch—a former President at T.A.Y.—is now on the Board of Directors, chairing Personnel and the Social Action Committee.]

I had two younger brothers, and a decade-younger sister. (Only the oldest of my siblings is still alive. My younger brother was killed by a drunk driver in Denver 30+ years ago, and my sister lost a valiant fight against leukemia.) My surviving brother and my Mom still live in New Jersey. (Another interesting note: My Mom and Cate Tanzer's Dad live together....sort of. They are at the same independent-assisted living facility in Cherry Hill, NJ. Cate stops by and says HI to my Mom when she is visiting her Dad, which make my Mom VERY HAPPY!) [Ed. Note: Cate Tanzer just finished her two years as President and sits on the Board this year as Past President.]

During high school, we lived in Parsippany, New Jersey. Also living in Parsippany was a girl named Toby Levine. We

went to different high schools together (me, Parsippany High; her, Parsippany Hills High). But, we were both musicians (me, sax; her flute) and serendipity had me sitting behind her during our summer band experience. We wound up dating; going to the same college (University of Colorado in Boulder); getting married; and somehow tolerating each other now for almost 50 years from our first meeting.

Other than the occasional fish and small turtles, all of which eventually made a run for it via a convenient toilet, we had one pet that arrived while I was in high school. My parents were returning to JFK Airport from a trip to England. When I met them coming out of customs, in addition to my sister, they had a tiny Dalmatian puppy with them they had named Hamlet. Hamlet was a great dog. Just ignore the black and white hairs that clashed with everything else.

### 2. Hobbies and activities that interest me, places I have traveled, my work

I never liked gambling. Perhaps that is because early on, I was a lottery winner. Unfortunately, it was the draft lottery. I was in the top ten percent: i.e., #35. This was in a year they were taking up through #95 for the Vietnam War. I tried to get "bone spurs" but was unsuccessful.

So, my Plan B was to sign up for Air Force ROTC. I figured that being an Air Force officer was better than some of the alternatives. The Air Force offered me a full scholarship in exchange for 4 years of my life. Sounded like a good deal to me, so I took it. But I lost track of time and wound up doing nearly 10 years on active duty in the Air Force, followed by another 22 or so in the Air Force Reserve (including a year back on active duty during



3-11-18. Bob Bersak relaxing at the Purim Carnival at Temple Adath Yeshurun. ~photo by David Rosenzweig

Operation Desert Storm, when I got to visit Saudi Arabia).

I graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in engineering. In order to avoid an Air Force job I did not want, I immediately went to law school.

After my first two years of law school, my partner, life-long pal, and now wife, Toby, also graduated from University of Colorado with an engineering degree, and she started a great job as an engineer with Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati. She somehow convinced P&G that as part of her employment package, the University of Cincinnati would have to accept me as a third-year law transfer student—which they did.

After I'd finished school and passed the Ohio bar exam, the Air Force debt came due. We received orders for a 3-year assignment at Royal Air Force Bentwaters, 100 miles northeast of London in Suffolk, England.

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*His Own Words, cont. from p. 10.*

We were there for over three years during which I was an Air Force lawyer (Judge Advocate) prosecuting and defending courts-martial, and doing other lawyerly things.

In addition, the Air Force thought it would be a great idea to make me the “Jewish Lay Leader” for RAF Bentwaters/RAF Woodbridge. Being the “lay leader” was kind of like being the congregation president. But without a Board. And no dues. And no Rabbi. And having to deal primarily with doctors or 18-year old airmen (pretty much the same).

We travelled a lot—including a trip to Berlin, Germany while it was still an occupied, divided city and the wall and Checkpoint Charlie were still there. We got to Berlin via an overnight train operated by the U.S. Army from Frankfurt. Crossing from West Germany into East Germany was an event that Toby & I still vividly remember. (And, ask Toby sometime about our trip into East Berlin, walking through Checkpoint Charlie!)

While in England, we did NOT get another Dalmatian. Instead, in 1980, our son Dan was born in Ipswich, England.

From England, the Air Force sent us to another great place: Pease Air Force Base! We were there for another three years. We lived in Rochester, NH, and enjoyed life on the Seacoast. One of the tasks I was given at Pease was to represent the United States federal executive agencies before the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission regarding utility and telephone matters. Our daughter, Caroline, was born at the Pease AFB Hospital, making her a native of New Hampshire—even though we moved away when she was exactly 5 weeks old.

The Air Force had decided it needed a dedicated team of lawyers to deal with energy and utility matters nationwide. I was one of that new office’s founding group of three lawyers. We would be travelling throughout the country on a weekly basis, so our office was put near the most inconvenient place possible: Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Florida. Great beaches! Lousy air service! (Yes – the Panama City and Air Force Base recently devastated by Hurricane Michael). One of my

most important cases was centered in Rapid City, South Dakota—a 3 plane, 2-day trip each way—at best. I spent several nights sleeping at the USO in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport during snow storms.

Panama City had no synagogue back then. So, we created our own Jewish school on the Air Force Base, which was open to folks in the area. We met some of our best Air Force friends as a result. Friends we still see to this day (one of whom now lives in Bradford, NH). Friends who were sent to the U.S. by the Israeli Air Force to teach and learn about “rapid runway repair”—that is, how to patch up an airfield after an attack so that it is useable as quickly as possible. (Skipping ahead, we joined one of Temple Adath Yeshurun’s trips to Israel led by Rabbi Starr, and were able to travel out a week early to spend time with our Israeli friends.)

Our son started school in Panama City, Florida. Not only was Panama City not an airline hub; it also had terrible schools. Schools that banned books. Schools that paddled kids. Including mine. Toby wisely determined that travelling around the country to random places with bad schools and no Jewish presence was not her dream life. (Our next Air Force assignment was going to be in Montgomery, Alabama.) So she challenged me to look for a job outside of the Air Force.

In late 1986, I was offered a job with Northeast Utilities in Connecticut. We moved to Glastonbury. The schools were great! We joined Congregation Kol Haverim. Toby was on the Board. I was on the Rabbi Search Committee. Dan became a Bar Mitzvah. And Connecticut was located close enough—but not too close—to New Jersey, where both our families were.

When Public Service Co. of New Hampshire (PSNH) went bankrupt in 1988, Northeast Utilities was interested in acquiring PSNH and resolving the bankruptcy. I was part of initial “due diligence” teams reviewing every aspect of PSNH’s operations. In 1990, the State and bankruptcy committees agreed to endorse Northeast Utilities’ reorganization plan, and I started commuting from Hartford to Manchester.

We waited to move to New Hampshire until Dan was starting high school. After surveying all the local schools, Manchester West was the school of choice, so we moved to Bedford. (P.S. – West was a

GREAT school. Our kids made a ton of friends, and ultimately Dan went to MIT then Yale, and Carrie went to Brown, then NYU. I went to the Poorhouse.)

After leaving the active duty Air Force, I stayed in the Air Force Reserves, spending 13 years at Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts. I eventually got promoted to Colonel and got a new Air Force job as Staff Judge Advocate (head lawyer) for 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Force at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta, Georgia, where I had functional supervision over more than 100 lawyers and paralegals spread across the U.S. at over a dozen locations).

That assignment resulted in travels several times a month from Manchester to Georgia or other Air Force installations with legal offices that fell under my reign of terror. After 5+ years, the Air Force moved me to Air Force Space Command (yes—we already have a “Space Force”!) at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, where I was the senior reserve lawyer. Three years later, I was assigned to the Air Force Reserve Command headquarters at Robins Air Force Base, in Warner-Robins, Georgia, where I stayed until I retired.

I continue my “day job” with Eversource Energy (formerly Northeast Utilities) here in Manchester. I am the company’s “Chief Regulatory Counsel” in charge of legal affairs before multiple state and federal utility regulatory agencies. By default, I am also in charge of Eversource-NH’s general legal needs in New Hampshire.

***Coming in the Jan-Feb 2019 Bulletin:***

## **Part 2: In His Own Words**

Bob answers—more briefly—Bobbie Brayer’s next four questions:

1. Vision for what you would like to change or accomplish at TAY while you are President.
2. Worst part of the job that you didn’t expect; and a welcome surprise.
3. A secret about you that you would be willing to share...
4. At the end of your term, what would you like people to remember about your time as President?



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## Security Reminders for ALL

November 11, 2018

A reminder for new members: We already have in place a video surveillance and admission system, and a locked door that is released by office people.

When the office is not open, the policy of locking the front door 15 minutes after the start of any service or class is in effect, since we don't have anyone working the buzzer to screen visitors.

We understand this may sometimes be an inconvenience.

President Bersak says, "The Security Committee will be making recommendations to the Board that may result in changes. Members will be kept updated between Bulletins via email."



Next ***Bulletin*** Deadline:

**January 10, 2018**

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## BROTHERHOOD NEWS

*Sol Rockenmacher*

Your TAY Brotherhood began its Fall agenda with our traditional Candidates Breakfast Forum on Sunday morning, October 28, 2018. Please see the separate article on this event on page 7 of this Bulletin.



We had an unusually large turn out for a year with no national election, perhaps because the tragedy in Pittsburgh the day before caused people to come together for community.

Sunday morning, December 9, 2018, will be our annual Chanukah Party—"Chanukah, the Game Show," once again headed up by maestro Joel Gordon. Joel says "This year we are adding to the *mishegas* [ ] with a self-serve latke bar. Top your latkes with chocolate bits, butterscotch, whipped cream, sprinkles!" Should be another great time.

And then it is on to putting together the Christmas Mitzvah Program. We will once again be staffing the Information Desks at Elliot Hospital and Catholic Medical Center on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and serving meals at Manchester's New Horizons program on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

We will be delivering Meals on Wheels and bringing luncheon platters to Manchester and Bedford Police and Fire Stations on Christmas morning.

Christmas night will find us helping to run the Bingo game at the Veterans Hospital. If you would like to help with any of these *mitzvot*, please contact Sol at [rockenmacher@comcast.net](mailto:rockenmacher@comcast.net).

Our winter schedule next features our ever-popular Deli Night, under the aegis of David Penchansky, scheduled for Saturday evening, **January 26, 2019**. It is always a packed-house event. For ticket information contact David at [docpen@comcast.net](mailto:docpen@comcast.net).

Bob Katchen will again be in charge of Winter Wonderland Breakfast for our

MANTY members and guests, scheduled for Sunday morning, February 3, 2018.

The Brotherhood crew continues its tradition of support and service to TAY and to the community. Guys, if you are not involved, please join our campaign. We do work hard at what we do, with a spirit of collegiality. We have fun in the process.

Stay tuned for future developments.

### Brotherhood Meeting Dates

*Through February 2019*

Tuesday, December 5, 2018  
Wednesday, January 2, 2019  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019

## MAZEL TOV! For November-December 2018

October was a memorable month for Past-president **Cate Tanzer**, of Bedford. First she received the Shem Tov award at the Jewish Federation annual meeting on 10-8-18, and on October 22, she received Sisterhood's Woman of the Year at the Sisterhood Annual Dinner. Mazel Tov and thanks to Cate for all of her time and caring, which have helped to build community at Temple Adath Yeshurun.



**The New Lawson Family**

*First grandchild of Sherry (Corbett) Goldberg in the lap of Carla (Corbett) Lawson of San Francisco.*

In October, Temple member Sherry Goldberg journeyed to the West Coast to join her daughter Carla (Corbett) Lawson and welcome Sherry's first grandchild: Jackson David Lawson born in San Francisco in mid-October to Carla and her husband Jonathan Lawson—known as JD. The picture (above, right) was taken by the other grandparents—JD's mom and dad, who are equally involved. Sherry and her husband Steve Goldberg live in Nashua. [See the family picture in the bottom middle of this page. Sherry says "The dog's name is Fenway, and he and Jackson are wearing NE Patriots clothes to get ready for the game!" ]

Mazel Tov to **Peggy & Jonathan Arnold** of Goffstown on their daughter **Kelly Arnold** being called to the Torah in November. Younger sister **Shannon** was also on hand.

Congrats to **Ted Yegerman** of Manchester, whose grandson Rory Yegerman is marrying Courtney Melissari at the beginning of December. The happy couple will honeymoon in Hawaii. Then they will come to visit Grandpa Ted in January, 2019, planning to attend Deli Night 5779. The couple lives in Virginia Beach, VA.

Last month Bulletin Editor **Mary Singer**, now a resident of Manchester, was pleased to see her first tanka sequence (a Japanese poetic form) appear in a paperback anthology published overseas by Women Empowered India. The 428-page paperback in which her poem appears contains poetry, short fiction, essay, discussions, review, and book excerpts. Edited by Smeetha Bhoulmik, the title is *EquiVerseSpace: A Sound Home in Words*, released first in India by Notion Press in October, 2018. It can now be ordered: Amazon.com. For more information, contact Mary Singer at her gmail address.



A special congratulations to Phil & Carolyn Hollman who celebrated their 55th Anniversary in November. They have been Temple Adath Yeshurun members since 1967; that's 51 years.

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## November Anniversaries

- 11 Andrea & Ivan Jaffa  
23 Ruthie & Joel Gordon  
23 Rosalind & Gerry Angoff  
28 Carolyn & Philip Hollman  
55 Years!



## December Anniversaries

- 12-05 Cheryl and Jeremy Waldman  
12-18 Marilyn and William Cavanaugh

**SAVE THE NEW DATE**  
**Saturday, March 23, 2019**  
6PM - 9PM  
TAY Progressive Dinner

Last year's event was so well received,  
we're doing it again!

We'll start off with appetizers at TAY,  
have dinner in North End member homes,  
then come back to TAY for dessert.

Volunteers needed to host and provide  
dinner in their North End homes

Please contact Ami Cadugan  
if you are able to Volunteer:  
[ami@cadugan.com](mailto:ami@cadugan.com)

## DONATIONS

*Donations from October 2, 2018, through October 29, 2018.*

### Special Purpose Funds

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

By Rochelle and Gary Lindner in memory of Raymond Lindner.  
By Nancy Frankel in memory of Evelyn Frankel.  
By Fran and Steve Short to Rabbi Beth D. Davidson in appreciation for  
naming Miriam Ruth Shattuck.  
By Charlotte Krentzel in memory of Alan Krentzel.  
By Jonathan Canter in memory of Ronda Canter.  
By Rochelle and Gary Lindner in memory of Murray Lindner.  
By Margie and Jay Hodes to Sherry and Stephen Goldberg--in honor of the  
birth of your new grandson, Jackson David Lawson.

#### Religious School Fund

By Ruthie and Joel Gordon to Dot and Marty Warshaw, in memory  
of David Greene.  
By Ruthie and Joel Gordon to Cate Tanzer in honor of receiving the  
Shem Tov Award!

#### Short Family Youth Fund

By Ruthie and Joel Gordon to Fran and Steve Short, in honor of the naming  
of your granddaughter, Miriam Ruth Shattuck.

#### Trees in Israel

Saundra Wexler to Andrew Elefson in memory of your Uncle Alan.

#### Whitaker Music Fund

By Linda and Sol Rockenmacher to Fran and Steve Short, in honor of the  
birth of your granddaughter, Miriam Ruth Shattuck.  
By Karen and Steven Rothstein to Dot and Marty Warshaw, in loving  
memory of Dot's brother David Greene.

### Yahrtzeit Fund

By Millie Eisman in memory of Yetta and Kalman Eisman.  
By Delores Younger in memory of Mark Younger.  
By Margie and Jay Hodes in memory of Ann Hodes.  
By Margie and Jay Hodes in memory of Joseph Scheiner.

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## Welcome New Members 5779

*As of November 2, 2018*

- ♦ **Deborah & Dave Gerson** of Bedford, and their girls—**Rachel** and **Erica**.
- ♦ **Sarah & Ben Kant** of Amherst, and their girls—**Talia** and **Rebecca**.
- ♦ **Ruvina & Thomas Mechin** of Bedford, and **Spencer** (daughter) and **Braden** (son).
- ♦ **Kelly Williams-Ruback & Samuel Ruback**. The Ruback-Williams family of Bedford, and their girls—**Eve**, **Ayla** and **Faye**.
- ♦ **Andrea & Ivan Jaffa** of Bedford, and their children **Yvette** and **Isaac**.
- ♦ **Devlin Linett** (Dad) and **Daniel Linett**, of Manchester.
- ♦ **Susan Punskey-Pinard** of Manchester.
- ♦ **Patricia Rosenzweig** joins her husband **David Rosenzweig** of Bedford. (Now a family membership.)
- ♦ **John Greenwood** joins his wife **Sonia Ascher** of Manchester. (Now a family membership.)
- ♦ **Jerry Ellner** of Manchester. Rejoin.
- ♦ **Marilyn Cavanaugh** of Auburn. Rejoin.
- ♦ **Len Ruvinsky** and his father **Aaron Ruvinsky** of Merrimack. Rejoin as a family membership.



## November Birthdays

**Kylie Harrison**

**Robert Izsak**

**Yvette Jaffa**

**Elias Pound**

## December Birthdays

**Samuel Izsak**

**Jack Krasnof**

**Eve Ruback**

## Birthday Blessings

At FAMILY SERVICE, children under the age of Bar or Bat Mitzvah are called to the Torah for birthday blessings.

November's Family Service was on November 2, 2018.

DECEMBER's Family Service will be DECEMBER 7, 2018.

JANUARY'S Family Service will be JANUARY 4, 2019.



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## Join the Temple Adath Yeshurun FaceBook page!

Search for  
"Temple Adath Yeshurun  
Manchester NH"  
on FB,

or contact

[Short.Steven@comcast.net](mailto:Short.Steven@comcast.net)

To be added to the group!

## HIAS in the Aftermath of Pittsburgh Shootings

by Bobbie Brayer

*[Because HIAS was mentioned as a possible motive for these shootings, we felt it was important to share information on the work of this organization—the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society.]*

On Friday evening October 18, 2018, Temple Adath Yeshurun was the only congregation here in New Hampshire to participate in the National Refugee Shabbat, a project of HIAS, the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society. This Shabbat experience was dedicated to refugees.

The *parsha* for this shabbat was Lech Lecha which described the beginning of the experience of wandering in search of freedom for the Jewish people. This *parsha* made it a particularly meaningful opportunity to deepen our understanding of today's global refugee crisis, connect with the Jewish movement for refugees, commit to acting, and either celebrate our community's efforts in working with refugees or launch new efforts.

Today, HIAS has grown from its early roots in 1881 to assist Jews fleeing pogroms in Eastern Europe and Russia. In the beginning, HIAS provided meals, transportation and jobs for new arrivals. As time and needs went on, by 1904 a bureau was established to provide translation services guiding them through medical screenings, obtain bonds to guarantee employable status, locate relatives detained on Ellis Island and many other services.

As HIAS' reputation spread worldwide, by 1921 laws were changed to recognize the need for safe havens. The U.S. established legal requirements for resettlement and Jewish refugees found welcome and safety. With the outbreak of World War I, the largest influx of Jews from Eastern Europe arrived – 138,000! Over the next several decades, more restrictive admissions policies were established.

After World War II, HIAS was instrumental in evacuating displaced persons camps in Europe and aiding in resettlement of over 150,000 persons. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as the 1951 Refugee Convention became the basis for U.S. asylum law.

Following the fall of Saigon in 1975 the U.S. State Department requested HIAS' assistance with resettlement of Vietnamese, Cambodians and Laotians. For the first time, HIAS had assisted with resettlement of non-Jews. HIAS is uniquely qualified to lend its expertise for the modern refugee situation which has mushroomed into a global humanitarian crisis.

Better than anyone, HIAS provides welcome, safety, and freedom to refugees of all faiths and ethnicities from all over the world. Hatred, bigotry and xenophobia must be prohibited in domestic and international law. Persecuted people have the universal right to seek refuge is a human right

### WHY NOW?

Currently, 65 million people have fled their homes due to persecution or violence. In this moment of unprecedented need, our government has halted and cut humanitarian aid for U.S. refugee admissions.

Whether or not one is a refugee, a displaced person, a migrant or asylum seeker, this is the moment when we must give voice to our values as Jews and as Americans. One thing everyone can do is to stand up to hate speech. If you hear or see something, say something!

### Spotlight on Our Newest Artist

by Richard Kudler

Did you ever wonder how you would use your free time when you retire? I did. Since I had worked in stained glass as a hobby for many years, this was a possibility. But I realized one house could consume only so much stained glass before it looked like a house of worship!

So, I had to find another hobby. I tried my hand at woodworking, jewelry chain construction, and fused glass. I settled on fused glass because

the design possibilities were endless and the materials were readily available locally.

Retirement has allowed me to take master classes, increasing my technique and design skills. When Ruthie Gordon saw my fused glass during the Temple Adath Yeshurun progressive dinner earlier this year, she asked if I would make something for the temple gift shop.

The results are Chanukah menorahs: colorful, functional, and different from those usually seen. Each is made of three layers of glass that have been fused together in a kiln at 1490 degrees F.

The glass sheet is cut into strips on a tile saw with a very thin glass-cutting blade, then rearranged and re-fused to produce a sheet of multicolored, patterned glass. The new sheet is cut to size and draped, with the kiln, over a mold to produce the final glass shape. Repurposed brass was used to make the candleholders, each of which is removable for cleaning.

The menorahs are unique, one-of-a-kind pieces of religious art that can be purchased from the Sisterhood's Judaica gift shop.





## Kudler Creates Glass Menorahs for Sisterhood's Judaica Shop

*Photos by Ruthie Gordon*



11-12-18. In Photo at bottom of page 16, Richard Kudler is finishing a glass piece on the lap wheel.

## Tikkun Olam—Repair the World and Pursue Social Justice While Spending your Gift Dollars at the Holiday Season

By Ruthie Gordon

The Sisterhood Judaica Shop is changing our offerings in support of our Jewish values.

We are now carrying new lines of merchandise to support social justice causes in our communities and around the world. We will sell free-trade items that will support women, small farms and small companies whose profits directly benefit women, children, farmers and/or a specific region.

Purchases from the Judaica shop will make you feel good by doing good. Support these causes and the Sisterhood of Temple Adath Yeshurun.

Ajiri tea employs over 60 women in Kenya to handcraft the packaging for the tea boxes using dried bark from banana trees. The tea name Ajiri means “to employ” in Swahili. The award winning tea is handpicked on small-scale farms in Kenya and comes in a variety of flavors: Black Tea, Black Tea with Mango, Black Tea with Ginger, Black Tea with Lemon, Organic Chamomile and Organic Green Tea.

Every box is different and is a unique work of art. Each box of tea includes a handmade bracelet made by the women

of Kenya. The tea sells for \$10.00 per box. Buy two boxes for chai. We also have gift boxes that will hold 4 boxes and come with a handmade wooden spoon.

King David Coffee supports small (3 to 5 acre) farms in Central and South America, Southeast Asia, Hawaii and Africa. King David is family owned and all coffee is hand roasted. We carry light and dark roast and ground and whole bean.

Devine Chocolate is co-owned by 85,000 farmer members of Kuapa Kokoo. As owners they share 44% of the profits. Profits from Devine Chocolate have built schools in Kuapa Kokoo, built separate toilet facilities for men and women, created a bicycle program for children to help them get to school and built wells to access clean water.

In addition Devine invests 2% of its revenue in funds that are aimed at empowering women, maintaining adult literacy maintaining, supporting good governance, and testing different farming techniques.

If you know of other companies that support Tikkun Olam and would like to share their information with me, tell me about them, so we can do more good with our gift purchases.

## It's Mitzvah Time Again!

The annual call is out for volunteers for the TAY Brotherhood-sponsored Christmas Mitzvah program. In existence for over 35 years, this program was formed to help our Christian neighbors at Christmas time, taking over certain functions and allowing them to enjoy their holiday with family and friends.

1. Delivering of Meals on Wheels on Christmas Day.
2. Taking charge of the information desks at both Manchester hospitals, Elliot Hospital and Catholic Medical Center on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
3. Running the Bingo event at the Manchester Veterans Administration Hospital on Christmas night.
4. Delivering lunch and refreshments to the police and fire stations in Manchester and Bedford on Christmas Day.
5. Preparing, serving, and cleaning up Christmas Eve and Christmas Day meals at the local soup kitchen: New Horizons.

Each year over 100 volunteers participate, often as families.

**They enjoy camaraderie, but especially enjoy a sense of fulfillment as neighbors helping neighbors.**

If you are interested, or have any questions, please call Sol Rockenmacher at **603-232-3477**

or e-mail: **rockenmacher@comcast.net**.



The TAY Brotherhood Presents...  
**2018 Hebrew School Chanukah Party**

Competing to become the  
**Best Day of Hebrew School Ever\***

**Bring the kids, bring the grand-kids, bring the nieces,  
 bring the nephews, bring the neighbor's kids, just come!**

# CHANUKAH THE GAME SHOW

**December 9, 2018**

**11:00AM**

**TAY Social Hall**

Parents – School pick-up is 10:45 AM to participate with your kids.

Sisterhood Judaica Shoppe will be holding a COLOSSAL sale!

Awesome fresh made breads, bagels, Challahs will be available too.

\*NOTE FROM PURIM CARNIVALS EXTREME LTD:

*March 24, 2019 Will Win Hands Down.*

## Bakery Goods for Sale: OMG!

**Sunday, December 9, 2018  
 10 AM to Noon**

Come and treat yourself to the delicious traditional Jewish baked goods from OMG bakery.

We have ordered a wide variety from which to choose: large and small braided Challah with and without raisins; Challah-based bulky rolls, tea rolls, and finger rolls; marble rye, light rye and pumpernickel breads; and a selection of bagels: salt, egg, onion, garlic, egg, marble, and Israeli bagels too. And we have included English Muffins: traditional, whole wheat, and cinnamon raisin.

For those of you that came to our recent tasting, you know just how delicious their breads are.

For those who missed it, here is your chance to pick up some truly delicious breads and also support the Temple.

OMG bakery is based in Framingham Massachusetts and delivers to New Hampshire 7 days a week. We will offer fresh breads delivered every Friday to the temple—for your enjoyment and convenience.



*Special Anniversary Wishes*

*55 Years*



*Carolyn & Philip Hollman*

*November 28th*

## The Judaica Shop Is Having a Colossal One-day Sale!

**Sunday, December 9, 10 AM—Noon!**

It's the day of the Brotherhood-sponsored Chanukah Party during Religious School.

- o 50% OFF ALL IN-STOCK JEWELRY.
- o 25% OFF ALL CHANUKAH ITEMS
- o 30% OFF ALL JUDAICA ITEMS
- o 10% OFF ALL JBrick-Jewish Legos

### Excluded from this sale:

*Our new hand-made glass Menorahs by Richard Kudler;*

*Our new line of Free-Trade items: Ajiri Teas, King David's Coffee*

# TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

## DATES & TIMES: Mark YOUR Calendar



BULLETIN

### Save the date!

**Monday, January 14, 2019**

Sisterhood will host

a Tu B'Shvat Seder

& potluck dinner.



This will be open to all families and Temple members who wish to participate—not limited to Sisterhood members.

## DECEMBER

**Thursday, Dec. 6**

Seniors Forever Young Chanukah Party  
11:00 AM

**FRIDAY, Dec. 7**

Family Shabbat Service 6 PM, with  
potluck supper to follow.

**SATURDAY, Dec. 8**

Shabbat Service led by Grade 7,  
10 AM

**Sunday, Dec. 9**

Religious School 10 AM—Noon  
Brotherhood Chanukah Party 11 AM  
Sisterhood Chanukah Shop, Open from  
9:30 AM to 1 PM.

**Monday, Dec. 10**

Seniors Forever Young Board 10 AM

**Tuesday, Dec. 11**

Religious School 4—6 PM

**FRIDAY, Dec. 14**

Shabbat Service 7 PM

**SATURDAY, Dec. 15**

Torah Study 10 AM

**Sunday, Dec. 16**

Religious School 10 AM—Noon  
After School at 12:15:

Pizza lunch and Cookies-in-a-jar Tzed-  
akah Program

**Monday, Dec. 17**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, Dec. 18**

OFFICE Open 3:30 —6 PM

Religious School 4—6 PM

**Wednesday, Dec. 19**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Thursday, Dec. 20**

OFFICE CLOSED

Board Meeting 7 PM

**FRIDAY, Dec. 21**

OFFICE CLOSED

Shabbat Evening Service, 7 PM

**SATURDAY, Dec. 22**

Torah Study 10 AM

**Sunday, Dec. 23**

NO Religious School.

OFFICE CLOSED for Vacation

Through Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018

**FRIDAY, Dec. 28**

Shabbat Evening Service, 6 PM

Temple Israel will be our guests that  
night

**SATURDAY, Dec. 29**

Torah Study 10 AM

**Sunday, Dec. 30**

NO Religious School

## JANUARY

**Tuesday, Jan. 1**

Holiday: OFFICE CLOSED.

**Wednesday, Jan. 2**

OFFICE OPEN

**FRIDAY, Jan. 4**

Family Shabbat Service 6 PM,  
Followed by potluck supper

**SATURDAY, Jan. 5**

Torah Study 10 AM

**Sunday, Jan. 6**

Religious School, 10 AM—Noon

**Monday, Jan. 7**

Executive Meeting 5:30 PM

**Tuesday, Jan. 8**

Religious School 4—6 PM

**Thursday, Jan. 10**

Seniors Forever Lunch at Noon with No-  
am Wolf, *schlich*

**FRIDAY, Jan. 11**

Shabbat Evening Service 7 PM  
led by Grade 5 students

**SATURDAY, Jan. 12**

Torah Study 10 AM

**Sunday, Jan. 13**

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

**Monday, Jan. 14**

Sisterhood Tu B'shvat Seder

**Tuesday, Jan. 15**

Religious School 4—6 PM

**Thursday, Jan. 17**

Board Meeting 7 PM

**FRIDAY, Jan. 18**

Shabbat Evening Service 7 PM

**SATURDAY, Jan. 19**

NO Torah Study

**Sunday, Jan. 20**

NO Religious School

**Monday, Jan. 21**

MLK Celebration at T.A.Y. 2 PM

**Tuesday, Jan. 22**

Religious School 4—6 PM

Tu B'Shvat & School Seder

**FRIDAY, Jan. 25**

Shabbat Evening Service 7 PM

**SATURDAY, Jan. 26**

Torah Study 10 AM

**Brotherhood Deli Night**

**SOLD OUT!**

~Cocktails 6 PM—Dinner 7 PM

**Sunday, Jan. 27**

Religious School 10—Noon

**Tuesday, Jan. 29**

Religious School 4—6 PM

## What is Jewish Music?

Save These Dates & Find Out!



The Raymond Street Klezmer Band got  
our concert series off to an enjoyable  
start on Dec. 1st. The fun continues  
with two additional concerts:

- March 30, Cantor **Jeff Klepper**
- May 18, A return performance by  
**The Arayaloka String Quartet**

We began with Klezmer, we move on  
to Contemporary, and then to Classical,  
as we attempt to answer the ques-  
tion: What is Jewish Music?

*Watch your email/Bulletin  
for more information.*

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