

Temple ADATH YESHURUN

Mitz-VETS Appreciate Brotherhood Bingo Bunch



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Bersak

Keeping our Congregation alive and well is the principal job of the Officers and Board. We routinely consider programs that will stimulate members' participation.

We manage the revenues and expenses we incur. We ensure that our religious school and religious services are available to keep and attract members.

Lately, we have also had to spend considerable time, effort, and emotion considering the safety and security of our members and our Temple.

You recently received a letter from me describing aspects of the Board's decisions regarding these issues. I hope you have or will made plans to attend one of the open-houses our Security Committee will be holding so that you are better informed of what we have done, what we still are doing, and to provide us with any feedback and concerns you may have.

Meanwhile, there are numerous other efforts that the Board has undertaken to keep our Congregation strong and to meet changes that impact our operations.

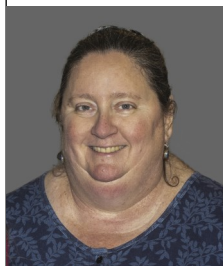
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On December 25, this crew from Temple Adath Yeshurun helped the Veterans play bingo: From left to right, Adam Flanders (home from college), his sister Brooke, Stephanie Flanders and Mark Flanders. Mark is behind Barry Scotch, Barbara Scotch, Becky LaForge, Sol and Linda Rockenmacher, and Jake Berry. See more photos (in color!) on page 4, with the article about the Mitzvah Program on page 5, "Gemilut Chasadim."

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Beth D. Davidson

When it comes to how to discuss and debate difficult issues, our tradition has some important advice to offer.



The *Mishnaic* tractate "Pirke Avot, the Teachings of our Ancestors," contains many pithy aphorisms, intended, I think, to help us determine the right way to live. On the topic of debate, Avot

offers two related maxims.

The first maxim: "When two people sit and words of Torah pass between them, the Divine Presence rests between them." [Avot 3:3]

While the rabbis who wrote Pirke Avot were probably focused on the study of the actual Torah, I have always understood this to mean that any time we gather to discuss issues that relate to our Judaism and to our congregation, God is present.

This reminder that God is proverbially sitting at the table with us requires, I

think, that we show respect for each other and for God by using appropriate language and by extending to others the same respect we expect for ourselves.

Pirke Avot teaches us to appreciate everyone involved in the discussion, those who agree with us, and perhaps more importantly, those who do not.

In Chapter 5, Pirke Avot continues our education with a second maxim: "Every debate that is for the sake of heaven will bear fruit; every debate that is not for the sake of heaven will not bear fruit." (5:20)

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One of these is a Board recommendation to the membership that we change our fiscal year.



Presently, our fiscal year starts on July 1 of each year. The Board is recommending that we change to a January 1 fiscal year. This recommendation will be part of a number of changes

es to the Temple's By-Laws that will come before the membership during our May Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

Why change the fiscal year? There are three primary reasons for making this change.

The current July 1 fiscal year results in annual membership bills going out in the July/August time frame. This time period coincides with our High Holidays. Thus, there is a significant administrative burden placed on our office as membership matters are dealt with at the same that High Holiday tickets, programs, roles, and pledges also have to be handled.

Moreover, our High Holiday greeters are often faced with "members" who have not yet responded to the new membership year mailing. Are these people "members in good standing" entitled to attend our High Holiday services or not? Our greeters should not have to arbiters of membership issues. Moving the fiscal year to a January 1 start would alleviate both the office burdens and the HH greeters' angst.

Changes in U.S. Income Tax laws have impacted many taxpayers' abilities to itemize their deductions. The new standard deductions are much higher. In order to adjust to these new law changes, some taxpayers wish to "bunch" their deductions; i.e., make deductible payments in one tax year, and not in the next tax year.

With our membership year starting on July 1, our members cannot easily bunch their membership payments into one tax year or the next.

By having a January 1 start to our membership year, members who wish to bunch their deductible payments can more easily do so.

The current July 1 fiscal year start results in the Board having to vote on the fiscal year budget in May or June. But new Board member and Officers elected during our Annual Congregation Membership meeting start their terms at the May meeting.

Hence, new Board members may have to vote on the fiscal year budget at their very first meeting. This is unfair to these new members, and unfair to the Congregation.

With a January 1 fiscal year, the year's budget will be voted on in October or November, meaning every Board member will have had some time under their belts before having to cast a vote on the budget.

If this recommended change to the fiscal year is approved at our Annual Meeting of the Congregation, we will have one six-month "stub" period to make the adjustment. That means we will have one six-month budget for the period of July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Membership bills for this half-year period would go out in the usual July/August time period. Later in 2019, the Board would vote on a full-year Budget for the new January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 fiscal year, with membership bills being sent in late December.

(The late December mailing will enable members who want to bunch their membership dues into the 2019 tax year to do so.)

There will more about this to come. As I noted, this fiscal year change will be part of a number of By-Laws changes that the Board will recommend and bring to the membership for its consideration.

As our By-Laws are our organization's "constitution," it is important that they be periodically reviewed so they are correct and up-to-date.

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"Bear fruit" means, I think, that the conversation will have lasting effect, and so I understand this as saying that **when we are discussing something that relates to and shapes our Judaism, if it is for the greater good, enhances our congregation and our tradition, it should have an impact.** If the discussion is shaped by other needs, it shouldn't.

Our current discussion over security at and for TAY is one of these discussions. People feel passionately, especially on the subject of an armed security presence—so passionately that it is sometimes difficult to see both sides of the debate.

As our Temple family continues to explore and discuss this issue, I hope that we can each remember that everyone has a right to an opinion, that there must be space for each of us to respectfully state our opinion, and that we are all taking part in this discussion because we care about our Temple.

I hope most of you will participate in this discussion. Our decision will help shape our congregation, and I believe that each of us should be part of this debate.

Come to the sessions organized by our Security Committee; learn how to be safe in our building, help determine what issues should be prioritized, and express your opinions on whether the guard is necessary.

Following the tragedy in Pittsburgh, I suspect each of us views the security of our community differently.

Come and learn, share your thoughts, and help us arrive at a decision that will bear fruit for our community.

~Rabbi Beth D. Davidson

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Questions? Every Officer and Board member is ready, willing and desirous of hearing from our members. Give us a call: our contact info is included in every Bulletin.

Thanks!

~BOB

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Chanukah, The Game Show

Step aside Monty Hall: on Sunday morning, December 9, 2018, the TAY Brotherhood brought a game show Chanukah party to the Temple community and Religious School.

Our own Monty, Joel Gordon, was once again in charge, and he was decked out in a very special Chanukah suit.

Joel was assisted by our clown Kugel (aka Nancy Frankel).

Students and parents competed individually and in teams in a host of contests to win prizes and audience adoration.

Competitions included emptying Kleenex boxes, stacking champagne glasses, a toilet paper wrapping event involving the audience (see picture at bottom of this page), Reynolds-wrapping, and a whipped cream toss. Parents and teachers joined in with children.

And let's not forget gourmet latkes prepared fresh by the Brotherhood Kitchen Krew served, with not only applesauce and sour cream, but with whipped cream, chocolate bits and syrup, coconut and butterscotch (Who knew?...).

To complement the latkes there were kosher hot dogs (served baseball park style) and, of course, chocolate gelt for all the participants. It was another very special TAY Brotherhood happening.

Reynolds Wrap time with MC Joel Gordon, Jack Krasnof, Jesse Sag, Max and Sam Woods and Simon Ratinoff, + helpers!



Above, Latke Lads Mark Granoff & David Penchansky.

Below, the Game Show audience is just rolling along with the show!



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BULLETIN

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BROTHERHOOD

MITZVAH 2018

See also "Bingo Bunch"
on page 1 of Bulletin.



12-25-18. At left above, New Horizons crew Rachel Spierer, Pam Englander, Peter and Linda Hunt, Mel Spierer. Front right, Elda Cordero-Goodman, Pat Kalik, Sandy Whipple, Steve Soreff.

12-25-18. At left, Team Ratinoff-Leapley (Eric, Nicole, Alix and Simon) are set to deliver luncheon platters to Manchester Police and Fire Departments.

12-24-18. At left below, Stephanie, Mark and Brooke Flanders at Elliot Hospital Information Desk.

12-25-18. Below right, About to deliver Meals-on-Wheels are John Greenwood and Sonia Ascher, Jonathan, Joshua and Al Shamash, and Steve, Donna, Caleb and Alea Dolman.



GEMILUT HASADIM 2018

Once More, Again with Feeling

The Jewish Almanac notes: "In Jewish tradition, *gemilut hasadim* are a category of *mitzvot* (commandments) that obligate the individual to act in certain ways on certain occasions as a mark of basic human decency and respect towards others, living or dead, rich or poor, using one's time, effort, and money whenever necessary."

They are deeds of lovingkindness involving "a degree of gentleness, extreme care, affection, tenderness- a summoning of all the human resources of sympathy for the benefit of others."

The Temple Adath Yeshurun Christmas Mitzvah Program, organized by the Temple Adath Yeshurun Brotherhood, has been in existence now for over forty years. It is a fine example of how members of our Manchester Jewish community have been giving back to their non-Jewish community, with enthusiasm, feeling and caring.

This year, once again, approximately 100 adults and children volunteered to participate on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The programs include staffing the Information Desks at Catholic Medical Center and the Elliot Hospital as friendly greeters to visitors, delivering luncheon platters to the Police and Fire Stations in Manchester and Bedford on Christmas Day, serving meals at New

Horizons Soup Kitchen on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, providing hospitality as well to those less fortunate, and helping with the evening Bingo game at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Manchester on Christmas night. Fortunately this year, there were no weather issues.

The volunteers came mainly from Temple Adath Yeshurun and Temple Israel. Some volunteers are as yet not affiliated with a congregation. They came to participate to help others, by covering for their Christian neighbors so that they could celebrate their holiday, by helping the less fortunate in our community, by delivering luncheon platters as a token of gratitude to those who are serving us so well in our local communities. And the lively crew on page 1 of this Bulletin spent time socializing with veterans who have served our nation.

"Think globally, act locally," can be one starting point directive in the process of *tikkun olam* (healing the world).

Thank you to all who participated, some of whom have been on board for many, many years.

Judging from the warm messages of gratitude we have received, this program is very much appreciated by our Christian friends.

~Sol Rockenmacher

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Linda Rockenmacher

Thank you to all who supported our fundraising events chaired by Ruthie Gordon with your sales and purchases. The See's candies and the Chanukkah Shop were both a success.

The new free trade items in the Judaica Shop were especially popular and make a thoughtful hostess gift. If you have not tried them yet, do check them out.

In mid-January, we hope that many of our Tu B'Shevat seder chaired by Fran Short on Monday, January 14. This year time we invited all who want to participate, last year some of our members wanted to bring other family.

Tu Be'Shevat always raises my spirits as we and celebrate trees and fruits together in the middle of winter, then enjoy a pot-luck meal together.

On December 1st we enjoyed a delicious Breakfast with the Rabbi thanks to Jo-Ann Meyers.

Our next Breakfast with the Rabbi will be on March 9 when we will be hoping for more predictable weather.

Sisterhood sponsors the Friday night oneg for MANTY Winter Wonderland annually. It was the week-end of February 8th this year. Active teens always have good appetites, so your generous contributions are appreciated.

Rachel Spierer and Miri Singer—both talented singers—will be presenting a program at Temple Adath Yeshurun about Debbie Friedman and her music on Monday, March 25 at 7 PM. Some of you may have had a taste of it at last fall's Interfaith Women's program. They will present an expanded version this time. This program is open to all who are interested, and Temple Israel members are also invited to attend.

Hill at Freiberg for Chanukah

In Dec, 2018, Lee Hill visited the city of Freiberg-im-Breisgau in the southwest corner of Germany, and went to Temple.

(See Lee's story on p. 8.)

At left, lighting Chanukiyot are the Rabbi, Cantor, and two congregational leaders, with American guest Lee Hill on the far right.



Peace & Pomegranates

Stacy Garnick

January-February 2019

When you were a kid, do you remember dropping coins into light blue and white metal *Tzedakah* boxes?

Those tins have since become cardboard boxes. The donations were for *Keren Kayemet L'Yisrael* (KKL), or, in English, The Jewish National Fund (JNF), supporting environmental projects in Israel, including planting trees. Giving *tzedakah* in this way helped Jewish children worldwide to have a connection to *Eretz Yisrael*, to the Land of Israel.

The JNF functions all year round, but has a few big pushes focused around worldwide Earth Days and Arbor Days. As I write this article, Israel's Arbor Day, the Jewish "New Year of the Trees" is upon us. It's always the 15th of the Hebrew month of *Shevat*, hence its name: Tu B'Shevat (15th of Shevat). This year in our Gregorian calendar, the holiday begins the eve of January 20 and ends the eve of January 21.

The traditions of the holiday are similar to our Earth Day, to bring more awareness of protecting the world around us reminding us to reduce, reuse, and recycle. On Tu B'Shevat we have a Seder that celebrates fruit, specifically the Seven Species that are indigenous to Eretz Yisrael and are listed in Deuteronomy 8:8. The other tradition is to plant trees in Israel; or to pay someone else to plant in our stead.

In Leviticus, the book of Torah that delineates all of our laws, in chapter 19, verse 23, we read that when we come into the land, we must plant all kinds of trees (for food). The importance of trees

is manifold, inside Israel, anywhere and everywhere.

Through the Jewish National Fund, anyone can plant a tree for \$18, although it is a myth that you can get to Israel and go visit "your" tree.

The trees are planted wherever they are needed most at the time you make your

certificate to the people who would most enjoy the news of our joy, of our *simcha*. In turn, we handed Darren's parents, my parents, Darren's Grandpa Bob, and my Grandma a tree certificate announcing our engagement.

Darren assumed that I would bring some colorful markers to snowy North Conway, as I always have markers in tow. Before we went back to Massachusetts, where we lived at the time, I filled out the certificates to bring to our respective people.

In February 2016 on our family Israel trip, we planted almond trees in the Tzora Forest in the Judean Foothills, where Darren arranged for a JNF ranger to meet us. According to the JNF website, "this area had sustained great damage during the August 2015 forest fire."

It was very emotional to be with our children and plant trees with our own hands there in the dirt, in the real land of Israel. It was a happy tearful "Shehechianu Moment." [See family picture with sapling on page 7.]

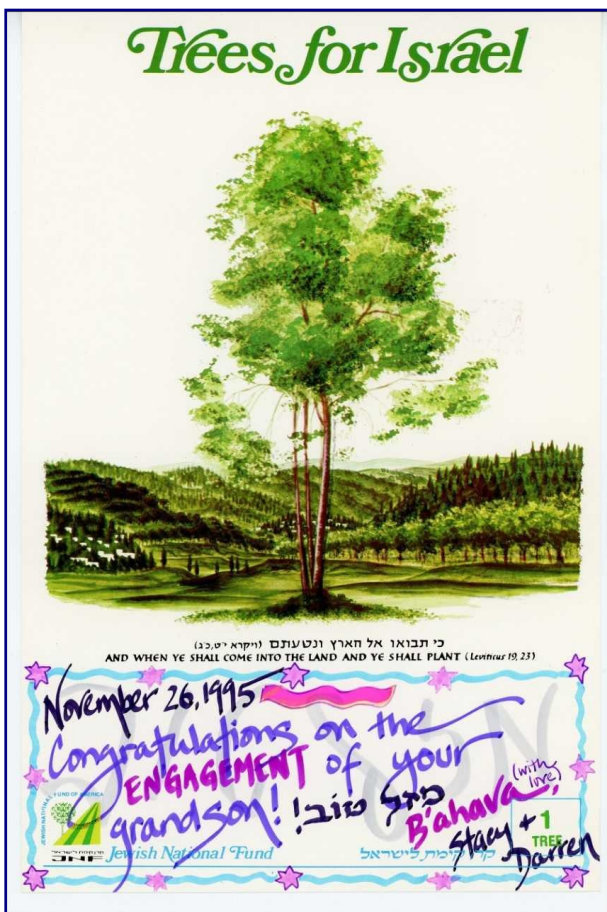
Another day Darren and Dahlia went to a blooming almond orchard where Dahlia reveled in the scent of spring almond blossoms.



Honoring an individual or their memory is a mitzvah, as is planting a tree in Israel.

The next time you wish to honor someone, consider planting a tree in Israel in their name and fulfill a double-mitzvah.

Peace and pomegranates,
Stacy



donation. We can have trees planted in memory of others, in honor of special people in our lives, for births, becoming bar/bat mitzvah, weddings, and other *simchas* (happy occasions).

Our family is a huge fan of planting "happy" trees. We have a long and strong history of planting trees in Israel. One such time was on a weekend getaway in November 1995 when Darren proposed we get married. He had already sent money to JNF and brought along with him the blank card stock certificates that JNF sent to him, one for each \$18 donation. The goal was to announce our engagement by giving a

Planting Trees in Israel: More Info...

At this link: <http://www.kkl-jnf.org/tourism-and-recreation/plant-a-tree-israel/info-planting-centers/>



Garnick Family Planting

The Garnick family planting their sapling in Israel. The sapling is in front of Darren's right knee. Stacy is hiding between Dahlia and Darren at right.

Family Services & Potluck Suppers

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 may be attendees at more Shabbat services.

The potluck dates are below for the 2019 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 families from the class can help:
mandyfrank@comcast.net
603-472-8773

(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 2019 are below.

Our March potluck is 3-1-19. The Galants have already volunteered. We need one family to bring a big salad, one to bring dessert, and workers in the kitchen to get things, and put things out.

Please let me know if you are around and able to help, and we can arrange who is doing what.

When 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.

It is helpful to prepare your dish for serving. If you bring a rotisserie chicken, come into the kitchen, cut up the chicken and put it into a pyrex dish to keep warm.

Temple Adath Yeshurun will provide salad and desserts, so those items are not needed.

Your help in preparing will minimize the time the host families need to spend in the kitchen.

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

Service Dates	PROGRAM	Potluck Hosts
FRI., Mar. 1, 2019	Family Service	Grades 5,6,7 hosts
FRI., Apr. 5, 2019	Grade 3 leads service, Teacher Appreciation Shabbat	Grade 4 hosts potluck
FRI., May 3, 2019	Family Service	Grades K-2
FRI., June 7, 2019	Family Service	Grade 3

New Face of Security at Temple Adath Yeshurun



Marc Lussier 1-15-1

~photo by Alan Kaplan, taken at Temple

1-11-19. Marc Lussier, an employee of Salerno Protective Services LLC, has joined our Temple team to provide security for Friday night services, during Hebrew school hours on Tuesday afternoon and Sunday mornings, and for special events—such as Saturday morning Bat and Bar Mitzvah and large public gatherings.

He is a long term resident of Manchester NH and has served with the Manchester Police Department from Oct 1980 through Dec. 2008 (over 28 years).

More recently he was Senior Security Manager for FairPoint Communications from Jan 2009 through Dec 2017. He has worked as a Private Security Consultant from Jan 2018 through the present.

While with the Manchester Police Department, Marc started as a Patrol Officer, rising through the ranks in both Patrol and Traffic Divisions, eventually becoming Detective Captain and Administrative Captain for Accreditation & Internal Affairs.

Marc was also in charge of the Manchester Police Department SWAT team.

Marc is a 1980 Graduate of Saint Anselm College and a graduate of FBI National Academy 225.

Marc will be presenting several safety lectures for the congregation in the coming months including

“What congregants, staff, and students should do in the event of Fire, Bomb Threats, or Active Shooter emergencies.”

Please join me in welcoming Marc who will be at the door or in the lobby when you arrive for services, Hebrew school, or Special Events.

Dr. Alan D. Kaplan
Chairman,
Security Committee
Temple Adath Yeshurun

Lee Hill Shares Travel Tale at Chanukah in Germany

This past December, Lee Hill visited the city of Freiburg-im-Breisgau in the southwest corner of Germany while on business. Lee has been teaching at conferences and corporations in Germany, France, and the U.K.

Prior to his trip, Lee found information about Jewish congregations in southwestern Germany. He emailed the Reform congregation in Freiburg to see if he could attend their annual Chanukah party listed on their website.

He was welcomed with a terrific holiday dinner of homemade latkes and salad, as well as creative musical entertainment with a Spanish flair from their choir, capped off by an English singalong, "The Eight Nights of Chanukah", sung to a familiar tune they claimed to be of British origin(!).

The service and music before the dinner was conducted in German.



Interfaith Seder in March

The TAY Sisterhood, the TAY Brotherhood, and Interfaith Women of New Hampshire are hosting an Interfaith Seder at 1:30 PM on **Sunday afternoon, March 10.**

This light lunch event will be led by Rabbi Beth Davidson.

Please watch your email updates for more information—on how to volunteer, and/or register for this educational interfaith experience.

Warm Thanks for Support From Mary Singer

February 3, 2019

Dear Temple friends and helpers,

Thank you all for your support as my mother Isabelle Douglas died on January 14, 2018 at the Hillsborough County Nursing Home where she had lived for the past 5 years.

Special thanks to the many drivers who made it possible for me to visit her weekly after I stopped driving in January, 2017. What a mitzvah! Blessings on your heads.

With warm gratitude for everything,
Mary Singer.

Lee and Ellen hope to move to Europe in the next few years. In the meantime, Lee has been busy drinking beer and networking in addition to his teaching.

[See picture of Lee Hill lighting the Freiburg Chanukiot with his hosts on page 5— at bottom.]

Watch for Weekly Email Updates on Security Discussions.
Be informed and Participate, as Prez. Bob and Rabbi Beth Suggest on pages 1&2.

Kaplan Awarded Loyola Alumnus of the Year

Alan D. Kaplan (MD '68), was recognized in October, 2018, for "Excellence in Community Service" by his alma mater, Loyola University. He traveled to Chicago, ILL to receive the honor [See picture below.]

Below is the text of the bio that appeared in the Awards program [Ed. Note: paragraphed for ease of reading in single columns].

Alan D. Kaplan, M.D. is a cardiologist who spent more than 37 years in practice, most recently as the CEO of a large cardiology and internal medicine group practice in Manchester, New Hampshire.

A 1968 graduate of the Stritch School of Medicine, where he received a combined MD and master's degree in Physiology,

Dr. Kaplan spent 23 years teaching at Harvard Medical School and 10 years at Dartmouth Medical School, with clinical appointments at Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham & Women's Hospital, New England Deaconess Hospital and the Atherosclerosis Research Center of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Kaplan is also a Lieutenant Commander in the US Navy, where he served as a Navy physi-

cian. Dr. Kaplan's clinical practice focused on invasive cardiology, nuclear cardiology and aerospace medicine.

His research includes pacing and electrophysiology, anti-arrhythmic meds, and atherogenesis inhibition.

Dr. Kaplan is founder and artistic director of the Manchester Community Theatre Players and its sister organization, Second Stage Professional Company. The groups provide education and performance opportunities in acting, dance, vocal performance and stage craft for youths or adults in Southern New Hampshire—whether they are financially challenged, or limited by physical or psychological disability.

Dr. Kaplan serves on the board of directors of Pastoral Counseling Service—a Manchester nonprofit that offers psychotherapy services. Also in Manchester, he is on the board and past-president of Temple Adath Yeshurun; and serves as a member of the community advisory board for the Palace Theatre.

Dr. Kaplan is a volunteer medical director and scoutmaster for New Hampshire Boy Scouts of America, and a volunteer medical director for the Union of Reform Judaism camping program in the US, Europe, and the Middle East.

10-13-18. Loyola's Dean of the Stritch School of Medicine, Steve A.N. Goldstein, MD and PhD, gives the Alumnus of the Year Award to Alan Kaplan.



Joke for January-February 2019

by Ted Yegerman

An elderly Hassidic rabbi is walking on a blustery day when his hat is whisked off his head. Fortunately, a young man passing by is able to retrieve it.

"Thank you, young man," says the rabbi. "That's so kind of you."

He places his hand on the man's head and says, "You did for me a mitzvah. You know what a mitzvah is? A good deed. And God will bless you for this with good luck."

As he walks away, the young man thinks, *Hmm, I've been blessed by the rabbi. I could use some luck.* Passing an off-track betting parlor, he decides to go in to try his luck.

In the first race he puts down \$5 on a horse named Stetson, which finishes first and pays off at 20-1.

Buoyed by his initial success, he bets \$50, half his winnings, on a horse named Blue Bonnet—another winner.

When he returns home, his wife says, "Where were you? The office called and said you didn't show up."

"It's quite a story" he tells her. He describes the incident with the hat, and the rabbi's blessing, and his decision to leverage his luck. "I kept betting on horses that had something to do with hats, and I was doing great."

"Oh? How much did we win?"

"Well, honey," he told her, "I was doing great until the last race, when I bet it all on a horse named Chateau."

"You idiot! Chateau is a castle, not a hat."

"So, what's a hat?"

"Chapeau. I can't believe you could be so dumb."

"What does it matter?" he says. "The winner was some Japanese horse called Yamaka."



PART 2: Getting to Know Bob Bersak, In His Own Words

Part 1 of our reprinted interview with Temple President Bob Bersak, he told us about these two topics;

1. Family members, places he lived, pets.
2. Hobbies and activities, places he traveled, where he worked.

“You have a great sense of humor and a warmth that many have commented on.”
~Bobbie Brayer

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 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?

1. My Vision...

I am very lucky to be following in the footsteps of Lee Hill, Alan Kaplan, and Cate Tanzer.

Lee addressed many business processes necessary to keep our organization legal and ethical. Alan put into place a successful capital campaign that has made our Temple physical structure better, brighter, safer, and more functional. And Cate has been the champion of many of our successful fund-raisers (think Bagels ‘n Biscuits; *L’Chayim*).

(THANK YOU to all three and to everyone who contributed to the Capital Campaign and our fundraisers!)

Most importantly – how do we ensure the safety and security of our members, our students, and our guests while re-



11-11-18. President Bob Bersak with his wife, Toby, attending “Take Back Wagner Park: A Vigil Against Hate”. The vigil was held in response to the desecration of the park with anti-Semitic graffiti, and in solidarity with victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue shootings.

~photo by David Rosenzweig

maintaining an open, friendly, and welcoming place of worship? That is job #1.

We have dealt with significant “physical” needs of the Congregation via the capital campaign; my attention is now on the fiscal needs.

How do we attract new members?
How do we keep dues as reasonable as possible?

How do we keep our religious school vibrant?

How did I take on a job that doesn’t get paid (only kidding!)?

2. Worst part of the job that you didn’t expect—and welcome surprise.

Worst part – the recent hatred and violence our country has experienced. The murderous rampage in Pittsburgh’s Squirrel Hill may hit closest to home, but all acts of hatred against any group are reprehensible.

I had hoped that our first priority would be to make a great Congregation even greater. Instead, safety and security concerns have taken over.

Beyond that, I didn’t realize that there weren’t “elves” that wrote High Holiday presentations and columns for the *Bulletin*. I get anxious when I have to write them.

The surprise comes when members say they enjoy and appreciate the final

products. So, thank you for all you feed-back!

3. My sharable secret.

Like most of us, I am willing to help with most anything. All you have to do is ask.

A while back, I was asked to join the board of a state-wide social services non-profit in Concord—FamilyStrength. I knew nothing about providing such services, nor of the difficulties of running multiple offices throughout New Hampshire (from Keene to the Seacoast to Coös County) while relying greatly upon state funding.

Eventually I became President and Board Chair of FamilyStrength: we had to deal with internal personnel issues and greatly diminished state funding for programs—leading to a merger with a larger non-profit with much deeper pockets.

Similarly, seemingly out of the blue I was asked if I would consider joining the Temple Adath Yeshurun Board (thank you Mandy Frank!). I said yes. Then Lee Hill asked if I would serve as 2nd Vice President. (He said don't worry, it's easy; never revealing the slippery slope to the Presidency!)

My secret is not all that secret: doing good things is fun. You are surrounded by other people also doing good things. It doesn't get much better than that!...

Except, perhaps, for grandkids—a 3 year old girl (Tali), a 1 year old boy (Zeke), and a boy (naming rights available) on the way for delivery in March—all of whom are in New York City.

4. What would you like people to remember about your time as President?

Most important, that Temple Adath Yeshurun is safe and secure, has a vibrant membership, and has a sound future.

And, I hope that everyone realizes that it is not the President, or even the Rabbi, who makes our Temple the great place that it is. I am always amazed by the ceaseless and selfless efforts of myriad members that make our congregation work. Brotherhood, Sisterhood, MANTY, religious school, office, our committees, our Board members, our Officers—each is indispensable.

A quotation from General George S. Patton, Jr. I learned during one of the military courses I attended perhaps sums it up best: "All a soldier desires to drive him forward is recognition and appreciation of his work." We'll all soldier on!

BOB



Shabbat settles on Jerusalem

Shabbat settles on Jerusalem
Like a dove,
Gliding on silent wings.

Shabbat settles in my heart,
A lover with open arms,
Embracing my soul with song,
Wrapped in quiet breathing.

I send blessings into the world.
Light.
Bread.
Prayers of peace.

by Alden Solovy



Rabbi's Reflective Message from Pittsburgh: Thanks from Tree of Life

Shloshim marks the end of a thirty-day period of mourning. Our self-imposed restrictions are eased.

But what of the emotional restrictions: The nightmares, fear, insomnia, and trauma? Who ends those? Where do we turn when our faith is shaken to its core?

In times of tribulation, we have always turned to the Psalms:

I turn my eyes to the heavens; from where shall my help come?

My help comes from God, Maker of heaven and earth.

The outpouring of compassion and love, not just from fellow Jews, but people of all faiths throughout the world, has been a soothing balm.

It has reassured not just our synagogue, but the entire Jewish community, that we are not alone at this time, that all good people stand with us. This renews our faith in all humanity.

I turn to You, Almighty Comforter,
in my time of need,
to gently cradle me toward a
restful sleep,
to be my porter and ease
my burdens,
to reassure me with Your
Divine Presence
to boldly and confidently face
day thirty-one, and beyond.

Thus, one day may I once again
fervently proclaim:

*You turned my mourning into a dance
for me;*

*You undid my sackcloth and Girded me
with joy.*

Jeffrey Myers
Rabbi, Tree of Life* Or L'Simcha
Pittsburgh, PA

Rabbi Beth D. Davidson shared this reflection by Rabbi Jeffrey Myers in the Temple Adath Yeshurun service program on Friday night, November 30, 2018.

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BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Sol Rockenmacher

January 2019

The Temple Brotherhood Constitution states that “The purpose of the Brotherhood shall be to act as an arm of the congregation to further the purposes and objectives of the Congregation, to perform worthwhile acts



of service to our Temple and our community, and to develop and build friendships and fellowship among its members.”

We feel that our actions and activities since the beginning of this temple year illustrate that we

are continuing to try hard to follow those objectives.

Take this year so far, for example. We reported on our Sunday, October 28, 2018 Candidates Breakfast in the last issue of the Bulletin.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find write-ups about a fabulous Chanukah Party and our annual Christmas Mitzvah Program, which once again saw over 100 people volunteer in service to our local community.

Please see Barry Scotch’s report [on page 16 in this issue] on the activities of the Temple Adath Yeshurun Social Action Committee and the \$1000 donation Brotherhood has made in support of the heart-warming outreach to children in need in some of our local public schools.

At the beginning of February, Brotherhood prepared a fabulous breakfastsendoff for our MANTY guests on February 10. This year’s Purimissi- mo! Carnival is scheduled for Sunday, March 24. [See top of page 12 for teaser.]

MAZEL TOV!

November 18 through January 19

Margie and Jay Hodes of Bedford welcomed their first grandchild, Isaac Ari Hodes, born Thanksgiving eve in Washington, D.C. Isaac’s dad Adam Hodes is now a primary care physician with George Washington Medical Faculty Associates, and is an Assistant of Medicine at George Washington Medical School. Adam’s wife,

Lauren Gottlieb, is a veterinarian at Clarendon Animal Care in Arlington, where they currently reside.

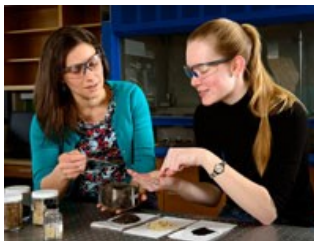
Joni Taub and Eliot Sirkin of Bedford also are first time grandparents to their granddaughter, Ari Taube Hershman—born at the end of December. Her parents are Kayla Taube Sirkin and Jesse Hershman. They are living in a newly-purchased home in Somerville, Massachusetts. Joni says, “She is a beautiful and happy baby.”

Mazel Tov to Bobbie Brayer of Manchester, whose grandchildren keep her busy from Salem, NH to Boston, MA. Bobbie’s granddaughter Lindsey Brayer, a junior at Windham High School, is an accomplished flute player who studies at the Manchester Community Music School. On December 1, 2018, Lindsey Brayer and her friend Shaunni Zhou played a flute duet as guest soloists with the Philharmonic in Salem, NH.

Bobbie’s grandson, Matthew Brayer, became a Bar Mitzvah on December 15, 2018—at Temple Beth Shalom, Needham, MA. Following a Kiddush lunch at the Temple, his reception was held that night at the House of Blues in Boston (opposite Fenway Park). Only 120+ boys and a few girls danced the night away!

Mazel Tov to Alan Kaplan of Manchester. [See why on page 9.]

Mazel Tov to Janice and Judson Belmont of Bedford for the accomplishments of their daughter Erica Belmont at the University of Wyoming (UW). Erica Belmont (l.), an assistant professor in UW’s Department of Mechanical Engineering,



received a National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER award. She will use the award to study wildfire emissions and how they change the atmosphere. Here, Belmont works with Emily Beagle, an NSF Graduate Research Fellow recipient, in finding productive uses for lodgepole pine trees killed by pine beetles. (UW Pho-

Combined Voices Rock the Congregants at Shabbat Shira

by Linda Rockenmacher,
participant

Those who attended the musical service on Friday, January 25, 2019 enjoyed an extraordinary experience. The chairs were arranged in the round with members of the choirs of both Temple Adath Yeshurun and Temple Beth Jacob of Concord, NH, seated in the back rows.

Rabbi Beth Davidson was opposite Cantor Shira by the row of chairs. Cantor Shira Nafshi serves as Cantor for both Temple congregations.

As Cantor Shira led us in song we were surrounded by the choir voices and it felt as if we were all members of the choir. The sound was further enhanced by Joe Rojek on piano, and Elliot Frank on percussion. It was a moving musical feast of prayer and song.

A Few Words of Thanks from Karen Rothstein

February 2, 2019

Dear Temple Family,

Thank you to those who made meals, called, made donations, sent cards and offered kind words, in memory of my Mom, Elaine Ruth Friedman.

Your friendship and warmth was very much appreciated during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Karen L. Rothstein

For more information about Erica Belmont’s research and work, see:

<http://www.uwyo.edu/ceas/news/2019/190108/index.html>

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January Anniversaries

- 4 Shirley and Jeffrey Ginn
23 Barbara and Kenneth Lerner
26 Nancy Frankel and Mary Atwell



February Anniversaries

- 13 Patricia and Paul Gladstone
15 Fran and Steve Short

SAVE THE DATE:
Sat., March 23, 2019

6PM - 9PM

(BAD WEATHER DATE: Sun., March 24)

TAY Progressive Dinner

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

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By Joan Izen and Joel Schwelling to Rabbi Beth D. Davidson, in memory of those killed in the Anti-Semetic Attack on the Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue.

By Judith and Martin Wolff to Loretta and Ernie Greenberg in honor of your grandson Joshua's marriage.

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By Margie and Jay Hodes to Cate Tanzer and family, in memory of John Schwartz.

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By Jeffrey Cohen in memory of Charlotte and Kenneth Cohen.

Religious School Fund

By Jean Shlager in memory of Julian Shlager.

By Ruthie and Joel Gordon to Margie and Jay Hodes. Mazel Tov on the birth of your new grandson, Isaac Ari Hodes!

By Ruthie and Joel Gordon to Cate Tanzer and family, in memory of John Schwartz.

Trees in Israel

By Jonathan Baron to Norm and Andy Kushner, in memory of your cousins Cecil and David Rosenthal.

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Trees in Israel, *cont.*

By Jonathan Baron to Nona and Lorne Fienberg in memory of Joyce Fienberg.

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Whitaker Music Fund

By Karen and Steven Rothstein to Margie and Jay Hodes. Mazel Tov on the birth of your new grandson, Isaac Ari Hodes!

By Karen and Steven Rothstein to Sherry and Stephen Goldberg. Mazel Tov on the birth of your new grandson, Jackson David Lawson!

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By Karen and Steven Rothstein in memory of Uncle Jerry Shultz.

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January Birthdays

Rachel Gerson

Jacob Herlicka

Braden Mechin

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Ryan Rosenberg

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Justin Silver

February Birthdays

Joshua Hill

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Birthday Blessings

At FAMILY SERVICE,
children under the age of Bar or Bat
Mitzvah are called to the Torah for
birthday blessings. Service starts at 6
PM and is usually followed by a pot-
luck supper.

January birthday blessings were on
January 5, 2019.

February birthday blessings were on
February 1, 2019.

March birthday blessings will be
March 1, 2019.



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Temple Adath Yeshurun Social Action Committee Adopts School

The first 5779 major project for the Social Action Committee (SAC) was to approach a nearby inner city school, the Beech Street elementary school, to see if we might help with some day-to-day needs for which adequate funding is a problem. SAC Chair Barry Scotch spoke with school administrators, and member JoAnn Meyers visited them to discuss what we might do to assist the school in a meaningful way.

We were told that frequently a child might have an "accident" while at school, and would need a change of clothes. So, we decided that unisex sweat pants and gender specific underwear would help with that situation. The art teacher provided JoAnn with a list of items that would be helpful. Included were air dried clay and color markers. With seed funding from Rabbi Beth's discretionary fund, JoAnn was able to get the project going.

At the suggestion of SAC members David Rosenzweig and Sol Rockenmacher, Barry attended a meeting of the Brotherhood, and made a pitch for funding. The reaction was overwhelmingly positive, and the Brotherhood generously agreed to provide \$1,000!

So, as the saying goes, the SAC is off and running. We have other projects planned to benefit our extended community, helping to make it a better place.

~Barry Scotch,
SAC Chair



12-1-18. **The Raymond Street Klezmer Band**, associated with Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua, performed on the first Saturday in December in the Temple Social Hall.

Above, featured singers sang in English and Yiddish.

Below, Tout Ensemble.

~Photos by Mark Bilech



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March Program:

*“Debbie Friedman,
Temple Trailblazer”*

On October 4, 2018, two members of Temple Adath Yeshurun’s Sisterhood presented a brief program for the Interfaith Women of New Hampshire (IWNH) as the “Jewish” part of a larger program: *Standing Up and Standing Out: Women of Faith in Our Time*.

Rachel Spierer of Temple Israel, and Mary Singer of Temple Adath Yeshurun selected Jewish singer song-writer Debbie Friedman (1951—2011) as their subject.

Spierer and Singer’s presentation was well-received at that first event, and Sisterhood is sponsoring a repeat of the presentation, inviting all interested members of both Temple Adath Yeshurun and Temple Israel—women and men—to attend at 7 PM on **Monday night, March 25, in the Temple Adath Social Hall**.

The presentation, titled “Debbie Friedman, Temple Music Trailblazer,” will share longer clips of songs and videos than were possible with the Interfaith Women time schedule. The IWNH event was one of four presentations and was presented to a broader, mixed audience, rather than a Jewish-centric audience, so some of the information and music had to be abbreviated.

Our Sisterhood program will not have the same constraints. Spierer and Singer will plan for an hour, with some time for questions and also, sing-along opportunities for the audience.

As Rachel says, “Friedman was a pioneer who transformed the sound and spirit of Jewish liturgical music. Her music is heard across the spectrum of synagogues. Jewish camps and youth groups play and sing her prayers and songs.”

The presentation will address these questions:

- Who was Debbie Friedman?
- How did she come to her calling, and in what ways did she transform Jewish prayer?
- Equally as important, why did she see a need to transform Jewish prayer?

Rabbi Beth Davidson and Nicole Leapley of the Temple Adath Yeshurun Lifelong Learning are excited because the subject fits so well with the selected focus for this year’s theme:

Lifelong Learning: About the Musical Psalms

by Rabbi Beth Davidson

“...God is my Shepherd, I shall not want...”

“...I will lift up my eyes to the mountains, from whence shall my help come?...”

“...Behold, how good and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in peace...”

“... By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea we wept, when we remembered Zion....”

The verses above come from the Book of Psalms, and are among the most famous lines in our Bible. The Psalms give us a glimpse into the world of Biblical theology, human connection, and examples of beautiful poetry praising God and nature. These poems are also some of the earliest musical settings in our Bible.

Do you know from which Psalms these quotations are taken? Are you interested in reading this beautiful and moving poetry?

If so, please join me on January 28, February 4, and February 11, 7-8:30 PM, for “An Introduction to the Book of Psalms.” Studying together, we will continue to explore the question of “*What makes Jewish music?*”

Cantor Jeff Klepper Will Sing at the End of March

Jeff Klepper is a cantor and influential figure within contemporary Jewish religious music, particularly the “American Nusach” scene. Since 1972, He has performed with Rabbi Dan Frelender as part of a group called *Kol B’Seder*.

Many worshipers are lulled by the beautiful melody of Shalom Rav which is most popularly sung in denominations of Judaism where prayers are sung rather than chanted. Close your eyes, and you will be transported by the haunting melody of this song with its peaceful lyrics.

In 1980, Jeff was ordained at Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion. He later earned a Masters of Music from Northeastern Illinois University. In 2005 he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Music from Hebrew Union College – JIR.

Many of the songs we sing at Temple are included in the Reform prayer book, *Mishkan T’filah*, which he co-edited. Along with Debbie Friedman, Jeff co-founded the annual Hava Nashira song leader workshop.

Please mark your calendars for a very special concert Temple Adath Yeshurun concert with Jeff Klepper on Saturday evening **March 30, 2019**, starting at 7 PM.

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FEBRUARY

FRIDAY, Feb. 1

Shabbat Family Service 6 PM

Followed by potluck supper

SATURDAY, Feb. 2

Torah Study 10 AM

Sunday, Feb. 3

Religious School 10AM—Noon

Monday, Feb. 4

Executive Meeting 530 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Religious School 4—6 PM

Friday, Feb. 8

MANTY Winter Wonderland

Shabbat Service 8 PM

Saturday Feb. 9

Torah Study 10 AM

Sunday, Feb. 10

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Religious School 4—6 PM

Friday, Feb. 15

Shabbat Service 7 PM

Saturday, Feb. 16

Torah Study 10 AM

Sunday, Feb. 17

NO Religious School

Tuesday, Feb. 19

Religious School 4—6 PM

Thursday, Feb. 21

Board Meeting 7 PM

FRIDAY, Feb. 22

Shabbat Service 7 PM

SATURDAY, Feb. 23

Torah Study 10 AM

Sunday, Feb. 24

NO Religious School

Tuesday, Feb. 26

NO Religious School

MARCH

FRIDAY, March 1

Family Shabbat Service 6 PM

Followed by potluck supper

SATURDAY, March 2

Torah Study 10 AM

Sunday, March 3

NO Religious School

Monday, March 4

Executive Meeting 5:30 PM

Tuesday, March 5

Religious School 4—6 PM

FRIDAY, March 8

Shabbat Service 7 PM

SATURDAY, March 9

Torah Study 10 AM

Sunday, March 10

Religious School 10 AM — Noon

Interfaith Seder 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 12

Religious School 4—6 PM

FRIDAY, March 15

Hadassah Service at Temple Israel.

NO SERVICE at T.A.Y.

SATURDAY, March 16

Torah Study 10 AM

Sunday, March 17

Religious School 10 AM— Noon

Tuesday, March 19

Religious School 4—6 PM

Wednesday, March 20

Purim Adult Megillah Reading 8 PM

Thursday, March 21

Board Meeting 7 PM

FRIDAY, March 22

Shabbat Service 7 PM

Purim Spiel

SATURDAY, March 23

Torah Study 10 AM

Progressive Dinner 6 PM starting at

Social Hall with hors d'oeuvres

Sunday, March 24

Religious School 10 AM

Brotherhood Purim Party 11 AM—



Monday, March 25

Sisterhood Program for ALL from TAY and Temple Israel:

“Debbie Friedman,

Temple Trailblazer”

Tuesday, March 26

Religious School 4—6 PM

FRIDAY, March 29

Shabbat Service 7 PM



SATURDAY, March 30

Torah Study 10 AM

Concert:

Cantor Jeff Klepper

Sunday, March 31

Religious School 10 AM— Noon

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 25, “Debbie Friedman, Temple Trailblazer” by Rachel Spierer & Mary Singer (Sponsored by Sisterhood)
- March 30, Cantor Jeff Klepper
- May 18, A new 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 question: *What is Jewish Music?*



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