

# TEMPLE BETH MIRIAM

# SHMOOZELETTER

# שמוזלטר



## Highlights

- Jan 5 Purim Spiel Auditions
- Jan 10 Primary Family Service and Installation of Officers and Board
- Jan 12 Pre-K to 3 Family Ed
- Jan 12 Purim Spiel Rehearsals
- Jan 17 Oldie but Goodie Shabbat and Pot Luck Dinner
- Jan 26 Canadian Picnic



### From Rabbi Cy Stanway

We are well-ensconded in a safe area here on the Jersey Shore. Nothing will happen to Jews here. Any anti-Semitism is a thing somewhere else. After all, nothing has ever happened so how can it happen here? These are the lies we tell ourselves in order to make believe that we have nothing to worry about.

But, in truth, all is not well.

The incidents of anti-Semitism total more than 1500 in 2019. This is an increase over last year which, itself, was an increase over the year before that. And that is just in the US.

England is awash in anti-Semitism. From the moment Jeremy Corbyn was the Labour party chairman, his embrace of anti-Semitism and his love for those who practice it, has only grown stronger emboldening every self-identified marginalized person from the extreme neo-Nazi to the Islamist to the die-hard Marxist.

France is filled with it. Far right and far left have found common cause

TBM is an egalitarian community where traditional families, LGBTQ people, interfaith families and partners, singles, Jews-by-Choice and anyone interested in finding a sanctuary will be welcome. You will always be embraced regardless of your background, previous affiliation, or Jewish knowledge. We believe that you are a vital part of the Jewish future and present and we are a place in which to nurture and protect your Jewish self. Join us anytime for a class, a service or an event.

At Beth Miriam, you will find a place to call home right away.



to hate the Jews. In fact, all over Europe, the hatred of Jews is now commonplace. ‘The oldest hatred’ is, once again, having its moment in the sun.

Here in the United States, the right and left seem to be determined to out-hate one another. Brazen attacks on Jews in New York, murderous attacks on synagogues, and threats have become almost commonplace. 1879 documented cases in 2018. We are on-track to break that sickening record.

Fortunately, Beth Miriam has not suffered any such attack. But it does not mean we are sleeping. Every service and hour in school has a guard watching the door. The staff is trained for emergencies

and the well-being of your family is our concern. But that does not mean that we don’t pay attention to what is going on outside our door.

Jews have always been the victims of the disease that is anti-Semitism. It is a disease borne by ignorance and permission to hate. But and, as Jews, what happens to all. As well, we know that er, ever stops with the Jews. the mind of the anti-Semite, can succeed with Jews, they everyone else who is the

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we are Americans to one, happens anti-Semitism nev- The Jews are, in easy prey. If they can succeed with target of their hate.

Sometimes, it seems hope-

less. But it isn’t.

Those who hate usually feeds or anonymous threats.

hide behind twitter They are, by and

large, cowards. And they are cowards because they think no-one will confront them. But very often that is exactly what happens. And when it happens, when they are confronted, they try to run and hide.

Our friends who support us are vocal in our defense as we will be vocal in theirs. When their spiritual leaders spout anti-Semitism and anti-gay or anti-black rhetoric, many have literally walked out of the church never to come back. Those are the people who we consider our friends.

And our voices must never be silent. We must be loud and persistent. The haters will hate, no matter what. Keeping silence does nothing constructive. Every voice - Jewish or otherwise - must rise. These are dangerous times to be a minority. The country has found a license to hate. These things never last but the only way to squelch the hate continues to be education, sympathy, empathy and civic engagement. That means responding with vigor and volume. Without it, we are inviting disaster.

# Canadian Picnic

Sunday, January 26



12:15 PM  
Immediately after  
Religious School

Everyone is welcome  
Bring a friend!



**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,  
Grilled Salami, Veggie Option, Fries  
and Rings from the  
Windmill & the famous  
Canadian specialty: Poutine!  
Smores!  
Bonfire!  
Beanbag Toss!**

**It's all 'aboot' fun!!**

**\$10/adult \$5/child. \$35 max per family of  
5 RSVP to 732-222-3754**

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Remarks from the Annual Meeting

I would like thank all of you for joining us this morning for our Annual Temple Meeting. The past year has been a challenging and most rewarding 1st year of my presidency. There are many to thank for their support. First, my wife Joanne. We had our first child's bat mitzvah March 30th, a merger of my practice, as well as the temple presidency.

Harry Silverman, our immediate past president, the Executive Board, Board of Trustees, the Rabbi and Cantor have all provided me with confidence to promote what our temple does best...create relationships. I would also like to thank the chair people of our various committees for their time and submitting their reports for this meeting.

This year we continued to be a most active synagogue. We had 9 new families join our synagogue within the past 3 months. 16 of our religious school students are under the age of 8. Our principal and teachers have incorporated a new curriculum combining Ju-



DR. BARRY EDISON

daism and technology.

Our rabbi had lead our congregation for over 20 years and he continues to motivate and provide religious spirituality to all of us.

Cantor Marnie continues to lead us in new and traditional music, as well as writing original Purim spiels used by congregations across the nation.

Guidance and wisdom are provided by our executive board and board of trustees. The Shabbat experience is vast with our visual tefilah, annual Beach service, Southern Fried Chicken Shabbat, Pizza and Beer, Ice Cream Sundae Shabbat, and Honoring Our Jew-

ish War veterans. Membership was active with movie nights, barbecues, Bingo, and the Canadian Picnic. The Sisterhood and Men's Club provide Softball games, Clothing drives, hatchet throwing, Asbury Park hunts, game nights, Scotch tasting meetings, and we look forward to the annual Dreidl tournament. The Family Affair Committee sent apple and honey themed gift to college students for Rosh Hashanna, Purim boxes, and delivers welcome baskets.

Social action is most important to us. We continue to solidify our relationship with Mercy Center, an organization in Asbury Park that not only feeds the hungry but runs a school for girls for impoverished families. We teamed with Trinity AME church to distribute food to the impoverished for Thanksgiving.

There are challenges in front of us. As many of you are aware, Temple Beth Miriam was involved in a lawsuit, which was recently settled. Since the case was active, we could not discuss details. Please understand that the settlement is confidential. This was difficult because our leadership knew how many were seeking answers we just couldn't provide. Now it is time to move forward and reunite. What makes our synagogue great is the relationships

we have made along the way. Let's continue to do this. We all are here today to show our passion for our temple.

I am happy to report our investments continue to do well. The investment committee met on Oct 31, 2019. Through the 3rd quarter the temple has received \$145,000 from our investments. The fund currently stands at \$1,867,376. Our budget was approved by our Board of Trustees at our meeting in November. For the first time we have a line item for fund raising. Our budget for 2020 has a proposed income of \$456,000 and proposed expenses of \$590,000 for

a proposed deficit of \$132,500. An audit was performed by Roger Stein, CPA. There were no irregularities found. Recommendations/best practices were made and are being implemented.

Key goals for next year are to continue to improve our membership and promote volunteerism. As Harry Silverman, our immediate past president has stated, Temple Beth Miriam thrives from the hard work of our clergy and those who volunteer their time to make the temple great. Let me know your interests. We can find a way to put this into place here. Our temple needs you. Call me any time. Thank you.

# **PRIMARY GRADE SHABBAT & INSTALLATION OF TEMPLE TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS**

**January 10  
6:30 PM (NOTE TIME)**

**MAZAL TOV TO OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**&**

**MAZAL TOV TO ALL THE  
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE OFFICERS  
ON THEIR DEVOTION TO BETH MIRIAM AND THEIR  
SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY**

**MAY YOU ALL GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH!**

## FROM THE CANTOR



Mazal tov to our amazing TBM Youth Choir! They did an amazing job singing for Chanukah on Friday, December 20 during Shabbat Services. We are so proud of them! Thank you to Joshua Brown, Melia Camhi, Addie Marowitz, Marnie Marowitz, Annael Shabat, Ray Shabat, Danielle Weisslitz and their families.

Now, get ready for another exciting Purim Spiel! This year we are doing my newest original spiel called Purim Pop Palooza based on current pop song hits like Señorita, Old Town Road and Bad Guy.

Auditions for TBM students in grades 3-12 will be on Sunday, January 5, during school time. Please prepare a short song that shows off your voice. The sign-up sheet is posted on the music room door. Students in grades 1 & 2 can be in the chorus (no audition). Adults are welcome to be in the show too. We also need help to create scenery.

Rehearsals will take place after school (till about 1:30) on the following Sundays: 1/12, 2/2, 2/9, 2/23 & 3/1. The performance is on Sunday 3/8 during school time. Attendance is very important for a successful show-out of respect for the players and the show, please check your calendars for your child's availability before committing your child to be in the spiel.

We will be taking photos and video of the performance and need 100% participation. By signing up your child to be in the spiel, you are agreeing to good attendance and for photo and video to be taken and posted online and in the newspaper. All cast members must practice their parts at home and come to rehearsals prepared.

If your child will be participating please click on the following link to receive text messages specific to the Spiel:

<https://www.remind.com/join/spiel20>

Please email me if you have any questions.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



In the last 6 weeks, I have attended with teens two NFTY Events, Fall Kallah and Taste of NFTY. It is evident that there have been some changes over the years, mirroring our own demographic changes. With the closure of NFTY's beloved and cherished "homeland" Camp Kutz (for a variety of reasons, and demographics being a big one), the leadership is working hard to reimagine the region and meet the needs of our teens who are pulled in so many directions.

One of the concepts that was discussed at a workshop for the adults was the

idea of opening up spaces. Whereas in most congregations, there have traditionally been distinct segments such as “youth group” or “madrachim” or “confirmation class” and teens participated in their areas of unique interest, today we are finding that keeping these spaces distinct keeps them rather small. According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation- Kids Count Data Center, New Jersey is experiencing a downward trend in the number of children under the age of 18. For example, there were 85,320 fewer teens in 2016 than ten years prior.

Opening up spaces means not boxing kids into separate and distinct programs, but allowing each teen to get what he or she needs. We have been working at TBM to do just that. For a while, Teen Academy takes place during school, where teens are already present as madrichim. We feed them a hot breakfast and excuse them from their classroom duties to study modern Jewish ideas with Rabbi Cy in a safe environment. We welcome them on the bima to sing, read Torah on the High Holidays, play an instrument during services and reach out to invite them to try anything they are interested in without labeling them a youth group member or confirmation student and so on. Whatever role they want to play, we encourage it and welcome them.

Our youth activities direction is now a part of the Religious School committee. The demographics issue applies to our adult leadership as well, so rather than having two separate groups with two meetings, we now have opened the space to unify all children’s activities both in school and out of school in one committee. This is working well. Not only does this group, led by Wendy Slotter, guide me in setting school policy and help maintain the function of the school, they are also helping me in engaging all our kids through the ages in activities and events outside of school to build the the young Jewish community, engaging our kids with each other outside of school.



Here is a bit from one of our Taste of NFTY participants:

**Pictured: Alex, Harper, Zach**



‘Although I’ve always been interested in the concept of going away on a NFTY weekend retreat, I never knew what to expect from it. So, I went to NFTY with a mindset to meet a few new friends and have a pretty good weekend. Well, it turns out I set my expectations too low. I had the best experience; I met tons of new friends, enjoyed the way of life, made everlasting bonds, and I just can’t wait to go back for the next session! If you ever have the opportunity to go to a NFTY event you definitely should go, because I had an amazing experience with old friends and new.’ (Zach R.)

## OLDIES BUT GOODIES SHABBAT

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January 17th, 2020

Everyone is invited to our first ever Oldies Shabbat, when we will hear classical music from the past, which Cantor Marnie has been busy planning for. It should be particularly nostalgic for those of us who remember the older melodies.

We will start the evening off at 6:30 with a potluck dinner. No charge - just bring a main or side dish (your own or purchased) for about eight people. We will all share, and enjoy dinner before the 7:30 service.

\*It would help us a lot if you respond by January 16th to the office so we know how many people to set a place for.

# MENS' CLUB 2019 WRAP-UP

## A busy year for the TBM Mens' Club

# 2019

was a busy year for the TBM Mens' Club.

In February, we sponsored a Bagel sale and raised several hundred dollars to support the Asbury Park Mercy Center and the West Long Branch Reformation Church food pantry, and presentations of the donations were made to both groups. In March, the Men's Club prepared and served food at the annual Purim Carnival, and the proceeds from the sales were given to the TBM youth group. In April, the Mens Club sponsored its first Beer, Pizza and Pirke Avot, held at the Jughandle Brewery. In June, we sponsored the tickets for Jewish Heritage Night at the Lakewood Blue Claws Baseball game, with Rabbi Cy on the field for a pregame ceremony. In July, the Mens Club softball team travelled to Manalapan for a game against Temple Shari Emeth. In August, the Mens Club fried hundreds of Latkes and gave out Literature over 5 evenings at the Italian American Festival at Joe Palaia Park in Ocean Township. In October the Mens Club decorated the Sukkah. Throughout the year, the Mens Club purchased and made the presentations of the Kiddush cups to our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students.



We have begun planning our 2020 activities, with a trip to see the NJ Devils in February or March in the works. As always, all ideas from the congregants for Mens Club activities are most welcome.

Alvin Goldman, President, TBM Mens Club.



## TBM makes a difference with Trinity AME at Thanksgiving

Rabbi Stanway and Phil Falcone, Social Action/Social Justice Chair, helped to feed the hungry at the Trinity AME church just before Thanksgiving. \*See page 12. More than 50 bags of food, a couple of dozen pecan and apple pies and other food items were distributed to those who needed a little boost for Thanksgiving.

Many thanks to TBM for being so generous.

# Yahrtzeits

May our loved ones' memories be an eternal blessing

## JANUARY 3

Nathan Cohen  
Mary Gladstone  
Michelle Goldman  
Lori Beth Levine  
Lena Malachowsky  
Kalman Weinstein  
Michele Raskin  
Shirley Skloff  
Julius Applebaum  
Marjorie Hersch  
Virginia Adler  
Pauline Bitterman  
William Falk  
Erna Friedman  
Oscar Reiner  
Irving Schnur  
Helen A. Spitalny  
Susan Warshauer  
Ruth Weber  
Estelle Hershoff  
Morris Pilver  
Moses Scher  
Anna Fisher  
Flora Housman  
Rose Adler Kochansky  
Irving Reingold  
Ethel Shevel  
Peter Stark  
Vincent Vitale  
Ellie Yankow  
Murray Rotwein

## JANUARY 10

Murray Rotwein  
Sigmund Eisner  
Joseph Pearl  
Myra Springer  
Lenore Agisim  
Lenore Agisim  
Bridgette Billings  
Solomon Brower  
Mildred Edelstein  
Gertrude Peters  
Abraham Revits  
Carol Bloom  
Serene Darnell  
David Hershoff  
Mortimer Jolles  
Frances Tiplitz  
Regina Weston  
Helen E. Zywotow  
Isaac Haskell  
Sally Levin  
Joseph Schapiro  
Max Zimring  
Mascha Bernstein  
Monroe Ehrenhalt  
Geraldine Willner  
Benjamin Baser  
Abraham Bergman  
Pearl Goldman  
Theresa Greenstone  
Mollie Halberg  
Mrs. Linda Ledwitz  
Edith Moss  
Martin Rosenberg  
Herman Turkel  
Lena Davis  
Sonya Grossman  
Bella Mihalovich  
Cecille Morris  
Arlyne Reiter

## JANUARY 17

Martin Chomsky  
Morris Cinnamon  
Marvin Daniels  
Florence Haupt  
Claire Bloom  
Sonia Epstein  
Jack M. Gussow  
Lucille Levy  
Nettie Brodbar  
Theresa Heimlich  
Anne Landau  
Harry Schoenberg  
Jeanette Applebaum  
Alex M. Cohen  
Rose Goldenberg  
Joseph Grossman  
Irving Krantz  
Louis Podell  
Betty Reiner  
Esther Rotwein  
Esther Cohen  
Marjorie Hollander  
Janet LaKritz  
Marion Sokol  
Mildred Cole  
Bernard Francis  
Margaret Lebowitz  
Stella Levie  
Sonny Brousell  
Rita Epstein  
Anna Scher  
Irving Singer

## JANUARY 24

Malvina Berger  
Elias Ehrenhalt  
Marc Friedman  
Ester Khajezadeh  
Helen Marlin  
William S. Myers  
Betty Neiderhoffer  
Samuel Edelson  
Sam Gross  
Minnie Kohn  
Mollie D. Schultz  
Julian Zellner  
Eve Brower  
Henry Reschke  
Milton Wasserman  
Martha C. Altman  
Irving Kaplan  
Bernard Miller  
Chaim Sagalovsky  
Blanche Silverman  
Sylvia Feinberg  
Mary Gray  
Annie Lubin  
Emil Sostman  
Nathan Holstein  
Fred Korn  
Henry Lager  
Morris Lefkowitz  
Jack Perlmutter  
Therese A. Schultz  
Jennie Brodie  
Sophie Buchsbaum  
Sady Francis  
Shirley Friedman  
Pauline Fromkin

## JANUARY 31

Anita Chomsky  
Sarah Gordon  
Erving Kastner  
David Reby  
Hyman Fastov  
Harry H. Goldberg  
Morri Goldman  
Nettie Itkoff  
Lucille Katchen  
Rose Fisher  
Murray Ziment  
Philip L. Cohen  
Julius Klein  
Shmuel Raz  
Pauline Spector  
Minnie E Susman  
Benjamin Bookbinder  
Sylvia Lawrence  
Philip Newman  
Josephine Specter  
Anne Alexander  
Stanley J. Behrman  
Janet Costanzo  
Morris Levin  
Mary Marshall  
Sidney Sloter  
Silvia Tepper  
Herman Blumenk-  
rantz  
Miriam Krosney  
Zelda Malachowsky  
Jack Miller  
Harry Berger  
SueAnn Lieberman  
Dora B. Snyder

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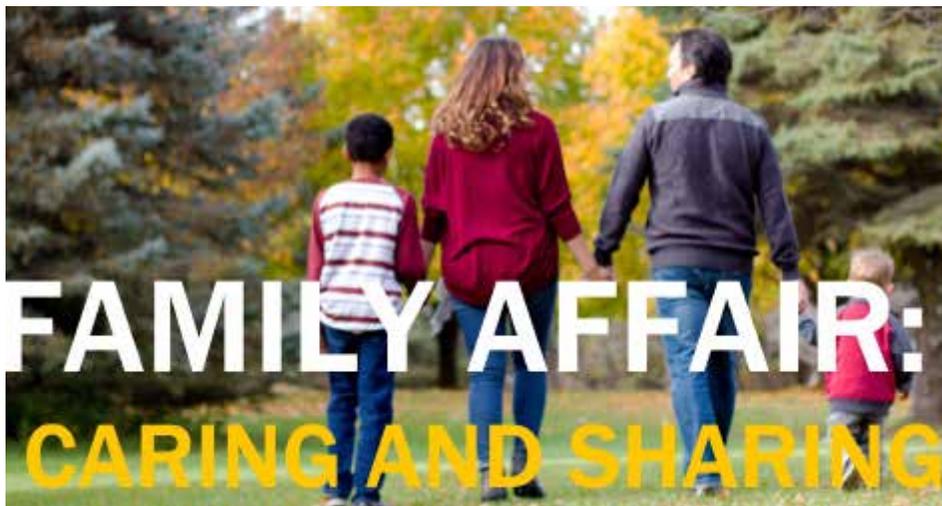
Standard business card ad \$250/year  
1/4 page ad \$500/year

Call the Temple at 732-222-3754 for details or send your camera-ready ad to 180 Lincoln Ave, Elberon, NJ 07740




## Mazal Tov!

Beth Miriam sends its most hearty mazal tov to Richard Krupnick and Randye Hubsher on their marriage in mid-December. It was a joyous event as the blessings of the community surrounded them. May they be blessed with a long life of joy and comfort with each other and may their families continue to bless them for decades to come.



**HAVE A SIMCHA YOU WANT TO SHARE? LET THE TEMPLE KNOW!**

MAZAL TOV TO HOWARD AND MARIAN JEWELL WHO CELEBRATED THEIR 70TH ANNIVERSARY ON DECEMBER 24!

thank you!

**Thank you for your tzedakah!**

Richard Agism                      Kol Nidre  
Stu and Ronnie Lippsett        Kol Nidre  
Paul Edelson                        Kol Nidre  
Vivian Fried and Family  
in honor of Stella Stanway and in memory of Al  
Fried  
                                         Religious School Renovation Fund

Vivian Fried and Family  
With thanks to the Family Affair Committee for  
their kindness  
                                         Family Affair Fund

Naomi Brodbar  
In memory of Patricia Pingitore, the mother of Don  
Pingitore  
                                         Library Fund

Vivian Fried    Capital Campaign and Renovation

Wendy Slotter  
In honor of the birth of Aliyana Rey and Micah Kai,  
the newborn twins of Sandra Maseda Perez and  
Mauricio Perez                      Family Affair

Eric Casriel    Kol Nidre

Vivian Fried and Family  
With thanks to Rabbi Stanway for helping us  
through a very difficult time  
                                         Rabbis Discretionary Fund

Anthony Leichter and the Sadie and Louis Roth  
Foundation  
                                         In honor of the wonderful congregation of  
Temple Beth Miriam

Dina Khajezadeh    Kol Nidre

Danielle DelCuore    In memory of Jerome Levy  
Tzedakah Fund

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**MAKE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
THE CANADIAN PICNIC!**

**JANUARY 26**

**RIGHT AFTER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

**#JUSTFORFUN #PRAYFORSNOW**

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Congratulations to Annael S. who won the grand prize in the world-famous Temple Beth Miriam Great Dreidel contest!



The Sisterhood sponsored Hannukah party and luncheon and dreidel contest was a ton of fun. The food was wonderful and the kids and their parents had a great time laughing, sharing and getting ready for the holiday. Kudos to Cindy Singer and Wendy Slotter who organized the food. Tons of thanks to Debbie Gerbman for getting the dreidel tournament organized and to Rachel Weisslitz who did a magnificent job running the tournament. A great start to a Hannukah season!

# TBM IN (SOCIAL) ACTION



## Thanks to the generosity of so many Beth Miriam people, we were able to feed dozens of families in Long Branch

November saw Beth Miriam very active in the Long Branch community. With great generosity, Beth Miriam collected dozens of bags of food with everything from stuffing to cranberry sauce to more than 2 dozen apple and pecan pies and everything in-between for a memorable and delicious Thanksgiving for so many Long Branch families.

Beth Miriam teamed up with Trinity AME church in Long Branch which is led by Rev. Lesly Deveraux. In participating with the church, Rev. Deveraux and her wonderful congregation have continued the very positive relationship that Beth Miriam and Trinity AME have established.

In the future, expect to see even more and deeper coordination and participation with this wonderful congregation. We have



pulpit exchanges planned, creative Social Action coordination and other ideas that are developing. To get involved, please contact the temple.

**BETH MIRIAM LIVING  
THE MITZVAH OF  
FEEDING THE HUNGRY**

**Get involved with our Social Action/  
Social Justice Committee today**

*Check out the temple website  
for news and updates at TBM  
[www.bethmiriam.org](http://www.bethmiriam.org)*



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**Share your simcha! Let us know at TBM!**

## TBM FUNDS

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Tree of Life – A beautiful way to honor any occasion of your family with an engraved leaf on the tree bearing the name of the person honored on occasions such as Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, birth, marriage or any other simcha. Contribution \$180.

The Yahrtzeit Memorials - memorialize your loved one in the sanctuary - \$500

Prayer Book Fund – Maintains our supply of prayer books for worship services. Bookplates are inserted in recognition of donation. Contribution \$36.

Social and Community Action Fund – Provides support for local community programs.

Family Affair – The goal of this program is to bring a little relief and a sign of caring to any of our temple members in good times as well as challenging times

Heimlich-Aaron Library Fund – Maintains an in depth library of books on current and historic themes for the use of all age groups in the congregation.

The Endowment Fund – For the preservation of our temple and to enable us to fulfill our spiritual, educational, cultural and social needs.

Tzedakeh Fund – To be able to help congregants who are in need of financial assistance.

Rabbi Joseph Goldman Fund for Jewish Learning – Proceeds support an array of educational programs.

Heimlich Memorial Scholarship Fund – Established to honor the memory of Ernest Heimlich.

Proceeds of this fund are to be used to underwrite a partial scholarship to a college or school of higher education.

Rabbi Discretionary Fund: utilized by the rabbi for purposes of tzedakah and discreet support.

Berg-Bialek Youth Leadership Retreat Fund – This fund is used to supplement the cost of youth leadership retreats.

Conn Music Fund – Established to honor Gert and Ralph Conn. Proceeds from this fund are used to provide special musical programs and/or performances during holiday or special celebration. The Norty Kern Youth Scholarship Fund – Proceeds of this fund will be used to send students of the 7th grade in our Religious School on a class trip.

Arthur and Hazel Harmon Fund – The fund is an annual award for a Temple Beth Miriam student Grades 8-12 who has accomplished an outstanding service project for the benefit of the local community or for the Temple congregation. The award will be \$200.

The Milton Ziment Fund for Scholastic Achievement - An annual prize(s) for students of the Religious School who gain recognition for exceptional academic performance.

The Katz Family Fund – Proceeds of this fund are used to help families in need of funds for Religious School education.

Temple Beth Miriam Wish List – Proceeds are used to help provide needed upgraded technological items and furnishings.

Pess Family Youth Group Fund – Established by Lois & Gary Pess & will be used for all Youth Group activities not covered by other existing funds.

Cantor Discretionary Fund – This fund is directed by the Cantor of the congregation toward non-budgeted musical activities in the congregation.

## PURIM IS COMING!

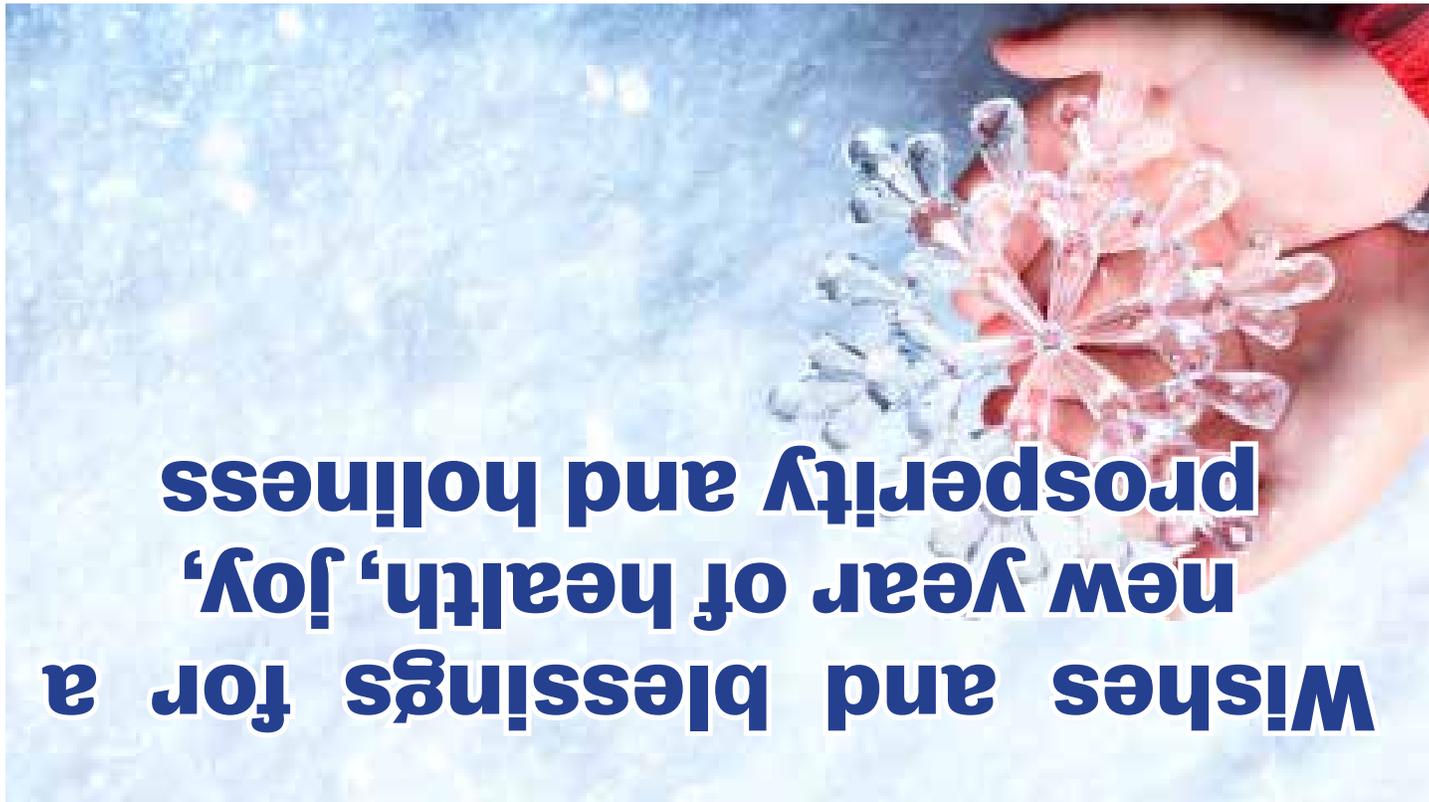
Purim begins on the evening of March 9th. Temple Beth Miriam will continue the custom of fulfilling the Purim mitzvah of Misloach Manot, the tradition of giving friends and family yummy gifts to spread the joy of the holiday. The Purim bags for temple members are \$5.00 each.

You will receive a letter of explanation; an order form; a two-sided list of temple members, staff, and teachers; and a list of those people you sent baskets to in 2019. Please indicate the names of people you wish to give Purim baskets to and send the order form and lists back to the temple by Friday, January 17, 2020 with your full payment. You may donate your basket, give baskets to non-temple members (\$10.00 each), and reciprocate with other temple members, as described in the letter.

You don't want to miss out on being a part of this wonderful tradition and donating to the temple at the same time!

Thanking you in advance, Wendy Slotter for the Purim Committee

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK	30	31	1 NO THEOLOGY CLASS	2	3 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	4 10:00 AM TORAH STUDY
5 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Purim spiel auditions during school 9:00 AM TEEN ACADEMY	6	7	8 Membership Meeting 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM THEOLOGY CLASS	9 7:00 PM RELIGIOUS PRACTICES	10 6:30 PM Pre K-3 FAMILY SHABBAT AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD	11 10:00 AM TORAH STUDY
12 11:00 AM Pre K-3 FAMILY ED 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Purim spiel rehearsals after school	13	14	15 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM THEOLOGY CLASS	16	17 7:30 PM OLDIES BUT GOODIES MUSICAL AND TRADITIONAL POT LUCK SHABBAT DINNER (DINNER AT 6:30) AND Shabbat Service	18 10:00 AM TORAH STUDY
19 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL. MLK DAY	20	21	22 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM THEOLOGY CLASS	23	24 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	25 10:00 AM TORAH STUDY
26 Canadian Picnic	27	28	29 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM THEOLOGY CLASS	30	31 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	1 10:00 AM TORAH STUDY



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