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Next July, Mara and I will be leading TBE’s Jewish Heritage Tour of Central Europe. I encourage you to join us on this unforgettable journey.

Some aspire to take the “trip of a lifetime,” but the significance of this one will span hundreds of lifetimes, as we look back upon central events of Jewish history, bearing witness to some of our greatest triumphs along with undoubtedly the greatest tragedy the world has ever seen.

Elie Wiesel believed that when we hear the story of a witness, we too become witnesses, and through us the story lives on; a living scroll ever unfolding. “Because I remember, I despair,” Wiesel said. “Because I remember, I have the duty to reject despair.”

Wiesel’s death a couple of years ago was the end of an era - he represented all the witnesses. He was our prophet, and the prophet’s voice has now been silenced. But he charged us with the responsibility of being witnesses in his stead. That is why this congregational trip is so important. This is not merely a tour of places like Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Prague and Berlin - although we’ll have lots of opportunity to enjoy these glorious cities. Make no mistake, this is a pilgrimage, to places where Jewish civilization thrived for a thousand years, and to Auschwitz, where human civilization nearly died in a thousand days.

Auschwitz was the epicenter of it all. It is a place where all civilized human beings must go, to remember, and pray, and to take upon ourselves the mantle of witness, to pick up the gauntlet from Wiesel. It is not a burden, but an honor to respond to that sacred calling.

Ultimately, this “trip of many lifetimes” will direct our attention less to the past than to the future.

The Jew has an obligation to remember, but then to shed the shell of victim, the confining shell of resentment and anger and despair, and to transform the disaster into an embrace of life and a relentless pursuit of justice and dignity for every human being. For a Jew is responsible not merely to be a witness, but to dream, to imagine a better future, despite the darkness that surrounds us.

The message of this trip is this: To be a Jew is to live acutely, relentlessly and compassionately, and to be moving forward while always glancing over our shoulder...to be a witness to the past and a beacon toward the future. To cling to life and purpose with all our might. And all the while to be totally and unabashedly human.

This trip will hardly be a downer: Along the way our group will encounter some true heroes to inspire us - like Mordechai Anielewicz and Janusz Korczak in Warsaw, Rabbi Moshe Isserles and Oscar Schindler in Krakow, Hannah Senesh and Raoul Wallenberg in Budapest, the Maharal of Prague and the beautiful children of Terezin. For those who opt for the trip’s supplementary first stop, we’ll explore Berlin, where the destruction began but where an incomprehensible Jewish renaissance is taking place, and where a new spirit of

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One of my most favorite instructors, during my five years at the Jewish Theological Seminary, was Dr. Tzipora Jochsberger who taught a vast variety of music of interest for budding hazzanim.

Tzipora Jochsberger, a composer, musicologist and educator, who survived the Holocaust due to her musical abilities, died in Jerusalem at age 96.

Lydia Kontos, who succeeded Jochsberger at the Kaufman Music Center in New York, of which Tzipora was also the founder and director of the Rubin Academy in Israel, was quoted as saying, “Working with Tzipora taught me to believe that anything is possible if you have a mission to which you are committed.”

Jochsberger was born in Germany in 1920, studied music from the age of 8, and in 1934 entered the Jewish Teachers Seminary in Würzburg – one of the few schools of higher learning available to Jews in Germany at the time. In 1939 she left Nazi Germany to accept an invitation from the Palestine Academy of music and another from the Music Teachers Seminary in Jerusalem. She earned a master’s degree in 1936 and a doctorate in 1972 in sacred music from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

In the 1940s, Jochsberger built a music program for Arab girls at the Woman’s Teachers Seminary for Arab Girls in the British Mandate of Palestine. In 1947 she was elected a director of the New Jersey Hebrew Conservatory and Academy of Music, later known as the Rubin Academy, where she ran the school’s music program all in Palestine.

She left Israel for the United States in 1950 with the assistance of the Culture Department of the Jewish Agency in New York, where she planned to use music to strengthen Jewish identity.

She founded the Hebrew Art School in 1952 with 16 students at the Ramaz School in New York with assistance from Moshe David, provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary and president of the Hebrew Arts Foundation. The Kaufman Music Center has become a major city institution. She served as the head of the school for 33 years.

After her retirement, Jochsberger returned to Israel and founded the Israel Music Heritage Project, which produced the 10-part, award winning video series, “A People and Its Music,” illustrating the music and lifestyles of Jewish communities in Israel.

Jochsberger, who lost most of her family in the Holocaust and never married, wrote music that has been performed in Israel and the United States, including Jewish choral works, as well as music for piano, recorder, violin, chamber music, ensembles and music for children.

As was my tradition, at the end of each school year I would give some musical gift to the Junior Choir singers. One year, I gave each singer a recorder with sheet music written for new players by Tzipora Jochsberger.

May Tzipora be remembered for all she has done for the world of Jewish music and the youth and students – counting me – who she inspired.

To all a wonderful festival of Hanukkah! And don’t forget the singable music we sing each day to remind us all of the meaning of Hanukkah. I’m sure music sheets are available at the Temple office or in the Religious School office.

Sing your hearts out!

Hazan Sidney Rabinowitz
SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL SERVICES

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 1
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Katie Kaplan, Cantorial Soloist
Neshama Carlebach, Guest Speaker

Shabbat, November 2
Services 9:30 a.m.
Kids-in-the-Round 11:00 a.m.
ShaBaBimBam 11:00 a.m.

Friday, November 8
POT LUCK SHABBAT
Young Families BYO Dairy Dinner 5:00 p.m.
Family-Friendly Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m.
Featuring Beth Styles, Music Director
Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat, November 9
Services 9:30 a.m.
LANA BUSCH, BAT MITZVAH
with Rabbi/Cantor Vicki Axe

Friday, November 15
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Katie Kaplan, Cantorial Soloist

Shabbat, November 16
Services 9:30 a.m.
JONAH ROSENBERG, BAR MITZVAH
with Rabbi/Cantor Vicki Axe

Friday, November 22
SHABBAT UNPLUGGED
with Cantor Deborah Jacobson 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, November 23
Services 9:30 a.m.
SHABBAT SCHOOL for RELIGIOUS SCHOOL and K’TANIM
7th Grade B’Nai Mitzvah Club 9:30 a.m.
Kids-in-the-Round 11:00 a.m.
ShaBaBimBam 11:00 a.m.

Friday, November 29
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Led by Hazzan Emeritus, Sidney G. Rabinowitz

Shabbat, November 30
Services 9:30 a.m.
Led by Hazzan Emeritus, Sidney G. Rabinowitz

DECEMBER

Friday, December 6
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Beth Styles, Music Director

Shabbat, December 7
SHABBAT-IN-THE-ROUND
Breakfast and Schmooze 9:15 a.m.
Shabbat-in-the-Round Service 9:45 a.m.
Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg delivers D’var Torah
Kids-in-the-Round 11:00 a.m.
ShaBaBimBam 11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 13
Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner 5:30 p.m.
Hanukkah Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m.
Featuring Katie Kaplan, Cantorial Soloist, and Musical Guests

Shabbat, December 14
Services 9:30 a.m.
Featuring Cantor Deborah Katchko-Grey

Friday, December 20
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Beth Styles, Music Director

Shabbat, December 21
SHABBAT-IN-THE-ROUND
Breakfast and Schmooze 9:15 a.m.
Shabbat-in-the-Round Service 9:45 a.m.
Featuring Cantor Deborah Katchko-Grey
ShaBaBimBam 11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 27
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat, December 28
Services 9:30 a.m.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A GABBAI?
Training available!
Please contact Rabbi Hammerman at rabbi@tbe.org.

Check out our special website Dedicated to TBE’s event space
www.thebigeventspace.com
Please let your friends and business associates know how we can fulfill their celebratory and meeting needs.
Services and Events

Kids-in-the-Round
Family Shabbat Service for families with children ages 5-8
November 2 and 23 at 11:00am in the Mo’adon (formerly known as the Youth Lounge)
Led by Bobby Doowah!
Services are followed by a special, congregational Shabbat luncheon.
Questions? Contact Jami Fener at youngfamilies@tbe.org or Lisa Gittelman Udi at eddir@tbe.org

ShabbatBimBam
A Shabbat program for families with children 5 and younger (older siblings welcome)
Shabbat mornings 11am - 12pm followed by Kiddush lunch - open to the community
led by Natasha Fenster & Steve Epstein
Join us for a warm family Shabbat experience in the TBE Clubhouse (in the rear of the building)
Dates: November 2 & 23; December 7 & 21; January 4 & 25; February 8 & 22; March 7 & 21; April 4; May 9; June 6

BabyBimBam presents...
Sunday Jam Sesh
Sunday, November 17 from 10:30-11:30am
In the “Clubhouse”
Join us for easy Sunday morning jams, singing, and playing with other families!
BabyBimBam is a program of TBE designed for babies under 18 months and their parents. Membership not required.
Questions? Contact Jami Fener at youngfamilies@tbe.org or 917-680-9413.

SAVE THE DATE!
MY GYM FOR YOUNG FAMILIES
Sunday, January 26 3:00pm - 4:30pm
At My Gym, Stamford

TBE POTLUCK SHABBAT!
Friday, November 8
5:00pm Young Families BYO Dairy Dinner
6:00pm Family Friendly Kabbalat Shabbat Service
7:00pm Pot Luck Dinner
Please bring your family and one dairy/pareve entrée, side dish, salad, or dessert to share!
Please see our guidelines for food preparation: http://bit.ly/tbeplg
RSVP and sign up to bring a dish: http://tinyurl.com/tbepotluck2019
Questions? Contact Carl Shapiro at cshapiro@optonline.net or Marilyn Sofer at mgsofer@gmail.com

GAME NIGHT FOR PARENTS AND YOUNG COUPLES
Saturday, November 9 at 7:30pm at The Postmark Harbor Point
301 Commons Park South, Stamford
Join parents and young couples of TBE for a night out with games, pizza, beer and wine. Bring your favorite board game!
This program is sponsored by TBE and is free and open to local parents and young couples who are interested in meeting others in the Jewish Community.
RSVP to Jami Fener at engagement@tbe.org or 917-680-9413.

Parents Night Out at Lucky Penny
September 12, 2019

JAMI FENER - ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR
Beth El Cares focuses on chesed and tzedakah by helping the poor and unfortunate through mitzvot, both in our synagogue and the greater Stamford community. We welcome volunteers! This is the work we are currently engaged in. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these endeavors, please contact the person listed.

Reyut (Friendship): Committed to serving the needs of those in our TBE community, including friendly visits, assistance with errands and transportation, Shabbat bag delivery to hospitalized patients. Contact Melanie Massell at reyut@tbe.org or 203-324-7190.

Project Ezra: Providing pre-shiva meals to the bereaved in the congregation. Contact Joy Katz at joyakatz@yahoo.com or 203-329-3359.

Serving the homeless: Helping prepare and serve food — you can do either or both — to the homeless at New Covenant Center in Stamford on the fifth Thursday of each month. Times are 2:30-4:15 pm and 4:15-5:30 pm. Contact Amy Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or 203-496-1309.

High Holiday and Passover food drives: Contact Ken Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or 203-962-1491.

Christmas dinners at local homeless shelters: Contact Amy Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or 203-496-1309.

If you have your own idea for a Beth El Cares project, please contact Ken Temple at kbtemple@optonline.net or call 203-962-1491.

Share your family’s simcha (engagement, marriage, birth, Bar or Bat Mitzvah of a child or grandchild) and other joyous event. Just contact the TBE office at office@tbe.org or 203-322-6901, ext. 301.

TODAH RABAH TO OUR TORAH READERS!

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RABBI JOSHUA HAMMERMAN ♠ NOA HARON
DOUGLAS HERMAN ♠ NATHANIEL HERMAN
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SUSAN SCHNEIDERMAN ♠ MERYL SILVERSTEIN
RABBI SHARON SOBEL ♠ ZOE SOBEL-DRUM
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Questions? Contact Linda at 203-322-6901, ext. 302 or lindar@tbe.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

TBE offers free family membership for the first year to any member’s child on the occasion of his or her marriage. For more information, contact Steve Lander at 203-322-6901, ext. 304.

SEEKING SHABBAT GREETERS

Do you like getting a warm “Shabbat Shalom” as you enter shul on Saturday morning? Our greeting program has been extremely well received. To keep this program going, we need volunteer greeters like you.

For more information Contact Barry Strom at barrystrom@gmail.com

Thanks for helping make Temple Beth El a warm and welcoming place to be.
BAR MITZVAH

Mazi TOV!

November 16, 2019
JONAH ROSENBERG
Son of Remi and Julia
Brother of Sylvie
Attends Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy
Mitzvah Project: Be the Match
Ronald McDonald House New Haven

The TBE Immigration Task Force is looking for physicians, nurses and other health professionals who will volunteer to work at Americares’ new specialist service in Stamford, providing quality health care for low income, uninsured adults from the community.

Americares, a not-for-profit organization with international scope, operates clinics in Connecticut that provide service in a continuity-of-care format (www.Americares.org). These clinics are staffed largely with primary care physicians, nurse practitioners and support staff. In the past year, working closely with Building One Community (the well-known service organization for Stamford’s immigrant population), Americares’ Stamford clinic had 565 active patients.

Americares is looking for a range of specialists to help alleviate long waits for specialty referral visits for its patients in Stamford. These efforts will supplement current on-site primary care volunteer efforts, including those by TBE members Dr. Craig Olin (who serves as the Medical Director) and Dr. Fran Ginsburg.

New volunteer specialists could work in the clinic itself (located at 401 Shippan Avenue) during the days it operates – Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays – or through electronic referrals and consults through a HIPAA-compliant network currently being discussed with Community Health Centers of Stamford (https://www.chc1.com/locations/stamford-fifth-street/). The following website provides additional info on how electronic referrals work https://www.confermed.com/. Alternatively, care for Americares patients could be done in specialists’ own offices, especially in disciplines where a patient visit might entail use of specialized equipment.

Americares sees needs in any of these formats for specialist clinicians in:

- Urology
- Endocrinology
- Dermatology
- Infectious Disease
- Neurology
- Cardiology
- Orthopedics
- Gastroenterology
- Rheumatology
- Pulmonology
- Allergy
- Nephrology

Americares will provide malpractice insurance for clinicians who work directly in its clinic. CHC will insure those who provide electronic consults through its network. In both cases, clinicians are required to have a Connecticut license and, if retired, to have practiced no later than two years ago. There is no minimum time requirement and extensive flexibility in hours.

In addition to help in setting up a specialty service, Americares will welcome volunteer help from additional primary care clinicians to deal with a large waiting list of patients. Americares also has a particularly pressing need for nurses and volunteers who are both familiar with medical terminology and could assist as translators at the clinic. The primary language needed is Spanish, but there is a need for other translators as well.

If you have an interest in any of these important volunteer opportunities, please get in touch with TBE Task Force member Dr. Betsy Herold (betsy.herold@einstein.yu.edu) or the Task Force Chair, Belle Horwitz (Bhorwitz@orintl.com).

SHABBAT UNPLUGGED

Friday, November 22
7:30pm
featuring musical guest
CANTOR
DEBORAH JACOBSON

Join us for a joyful, prayerful, song-filled, rocking, jumping, moving, grooving, spiritually-soothing, funky, folksy, fun Shabbat experience for all ages!

We bring the music and the outrageous desserts.
You bring your friends!
No reservations necessary. Everyone is welcome.
Come as you are...casual dress.

Havdalah Dinner
Saturday, December 7 6:00pm

Schedule for the evening
5:30pm Doors open
6:00pm Havdalah Service
followed by cocktails & hors d’oeuvres
Dinner at TBE for families with children
7:30pm Dinners at private homes

RSVP requested by November 25:
tinyurl.com/tbehd19
or call the TBE office 203-322-6901.

$45 per person for private home dining
$45 per family for dinner at TBE

Private home diners will be asked to select three cuisines when they RSVP and will be notified of their assigned home via email prior to the event.

Questions? Contact Carol Krim at 203-968-1075
or Jami Fener at 917-680-9413
ADULT LEARNING

INTRODUCTION TO HEBREW READING AND PRAYER
Led by Sue Shapiro
Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20, December 4, 11, 7-8pm in the TBE Conference Room
(No Fee)
Learn to read Hebrew - for beginners: Participants will learn the letters and sounds of the Hebrew alef-bet and begin to learn to read and chant the prayers of the worship service.

TBE ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASS
Led by Rabbi Joshua Hammerman and Cantor Moshe Bear
Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm in the TBE Library
Fee for educational materials: $36 for TBE members, $50 for non-members. Participants who paid the materials fee in 2018-2019 do not need to pay again.

New participants are welcome! If you’ve never had the experience of a meaningful Bar/Bat Mitzvah, this is your opportunity.

Each session will be divided into two parts: Intro to Judaism, led by Rabbi Hammerman, and Prayer and Synagogue Skills, led by Cantor Baer. For questions and registration, contact Rabbi Hammerman at rabbi@tbe.org.

Questions? Want to RSVP for one or more learning experiences? Contact Lisa Gittelman-Udi at eddir@tbe.org or call at 203-322-6901 x305.

ANNUAL SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH
October 27, 2019
Lauren Redniss, Guest Speaker

BEYOND DISPUTE
DEBATES THAT SHAPE JEWISH LIFE

A TBE Adult Learning Series
led by Rabbi Joshua Hammerman
Tuesday Evenings, 7:30pm
December 3 and 17
January 14 and 28, February 11 and 25
March 10 and 24, May 5, 19, and 26

Debates - philosophical, spiritual, ethical, and cultural, are at the heart of Judaism.
- Are religion and reason compatible?
- Can Jewish law change based on context?
- How do we teach and talk about the Holocaust and the State of Israel?
- Is our relationship with God defined by human obligation or divine compassion?
- Should we prioritize Jewish causes or universal causes in our giving?
- Is Jewish tradition intrinsically patriarchal and ableist?

Each session of Beyond Dispute includes a short video lecture featuring a JTS faculty member, text study, and guided group discussion. Join us for this unique opportunity to explore how these debates have been manifested over the course of Jewish history, and to discuss their continued resonance for contemporary Jewish life.

This course is made possible through the generous support of Mr. Earle Kazis and the Kazis Family Publications Foundation.

Torah Fund Pin for 5780 (2019-2020)

Every year Torah Fund offers a special pin for a donation of $180. The theme of this year’s pin is Chesed - “kindness” or “loving kindness” conveying the deep love of Jewish acts of kindness which are done without thought of reward.

The 5780 (2019-2020) Torah Fund pin depicts a heart surrounded by three circles, one larger than the next. This symbolizes the ever-widening realms of generosity: From family, to community, to the larger world; from North America, to Israel, to the world. As it is said in Psalm 89, “May we build a world of kindness.” What message could be more appropriate in today’s world? Purchase from Suzanne Stone, suzanneshorn@yahoo.com, 203-866-2273.
Shana Tovah 5780

Todah Rabah and thank you to all Sisterhood members for your participation in and support of Sisterhood. Your financial support is through annual dues of $36, High Holiday and Passover food sales, Gift Shop sales, Clothing Drive, and Mah Jongg Tournament fundraisers, to name a few.

Thank you to Beth Silver who was my co-chair for this year’s wonderful Break-the-Fast and to all the many volunteers. Sisterhood served over 500 people this year!

The Clothing Drive on October 6 earned over $750.00 and well over 3,000 lbs. of clothing, toys, bedding, etc., will be sent to those in need in developing countries and in the US. Todah Rabah to Committee Chairwoman Judy Schneiderman for her tireless commitment to running and organizing the event, as well as to volunteers: Barbara Berman, Alberto Eyzaguirre, Leslie Heyison and a special thank you to Joe Heyison who, once again, jumped in and helped carry many heavy bags!!

Sisterhood is planning several more exciting events. Watch for flyers and emails about upcoming programs that we are planning for the rest of the year. Please join us for as many as you can!

✦ Sisterhood sponsored Neshama Carlebach Musician-in-Residence weekend November 1-2
✦ Mark Albertson lecture on Amelia Earhart, The Untold Story. Sunday, December 8 at 9:30am
✦ Cooking in the Kitchen with Lieba – Challah baking - on Sunday, December 15 Time: TBD

We welcome a new member to the Sisterhood Board, Paula Shulman. Paula volunteered with chair, Leslie Heyison, on the extremely successful Jewelry Event this past summer and with our recent Sisterhood Brunch. We are very excited to add her new ideas and energy to the Sisterhood Board.

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Hi Ken,

Sincere thanks for once again leading this momentous food drive. It was a great day and I know I always feel a great sense of satisfaction as we close up after sorting. It’s been a great pleasure working with you and everyone at Temple Beth El. And while your participation in organizing will be missed I’m sure you have left the drive in capable hands with Sharon Turshen and I look forward to continuing our mission with her.

As I shared Sunday, the High Holy Drive is our second biggest drive next to the Postal Food Drive. So, as you probably know, by Polly’s count, this season Temple Beth El delivered 550 bags and after Sukkot all the other Temples are finished we expect a total of well over 1,000 bags or 10,000 lbs. of food! The pantry is bursting at the seems and you should all be very proud in knowing that you are helping hundreds of families in their everyday struggle to stability in a very expensive part of the country.

As you know P2P is a community supported agency and your partnership in this mission is invaluable. So, on behalf of P2P, please extend a big, heartfelt thank you to everyone at Temple Beth El for their love and generosity in food donations and time sorting!

We look forward to working with you in the fight against hunger!

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Sisterhood is extremely grateful to our volunteers for making Break-the-Fast 5780 a beautiful and delicious community meal filled with love and friendship. We thank you for your dedication, thoughtfulness, and hard work!

Todah Rabah to: Barbara Berman, Marsha Colten, Stacey Essenfeld, Alberto Eyzaguirre, Barbara Friedman, Fran Ginsburg, Yaffa Gross, Juli Harris, Leslie Heyison, Steven Lander, Ari Levick, Beth Levick, Stacey Nekritz, Sue Planin, Jenna Plotzky, Susan Plotzky, Sean Rose, Judy Schneiderman, Mollie Steinmetz, Rachel Steinmetz, Rad Vazquez, Bailee Wahren, Danielle Wahren, and Donna Wolff.

Karen Resnick and Beth Silver, Break-the-Fast Co-chairs ♥
YOM KIPPUR 2019

Good morning. My name is Carl Weinberg, and I am honored to serve as President of Temple Beth El.

There are so many people to thank for helping to create these High Holiday services – our High Holiday co-chairs, Jeff Cohen and Devra Jaffe-Berkowitz; our Torah and Haftarah readers; our gabbaim who guide our honorees on the bimah; our Honors Captains who guide them to the bimah; our choir members and musicians who lift our spirits in song and prayer; Lisa Gittelman Udi and Jami Fener and the teachers, madrichim and parent volunteers who are upstairs leading meaningful programs for our children; Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg for his teachings and Steve Leiterstein for leading services; and of course Steve Lander, who is truly amazing, and his dedicated staff.

Katie Kaplan and Beth Styles deserve special thanks for uplifting our spirits through their beautiful music and their love of prayer. For most of us, these services just happen, and they’re beautiful. I’ve watched the hours of preparation Beth and Katie have invested in them. You both have our profound appreciation and love.

Each of us sees a glimpse of what Rabbi Hammerman does on our behalf. But it’s only since becoming President that I’ve understood how much of his time is spent with us when we are at our most vulnerable. Whether it’s consoling a family before a funeral, or leading a shiva minyan at the end of a long day, visiting our local hospitals every week, teaching a nervous b’nai mitzvah student how to craft a compelling speech, or applying his understanding of Torah to repair an injustice – Rabbi Hammerman is always there for us. Thank you, Rabbi.

Last year I reported to you that Temple Beth El was swimming upstream, and we were thriving. Well guess what – we are still swimming upstream, and we are still thriving. We ended last fiscal year with a balanced cash budget, and we have been doing so well financially that we have paid off the loan on the roof several years ahead of schedule. Last year 45 families joined TBE, and this year we already have 30 new members. Just as important, about one-third of our new members are either young families or young singles. 170 of our members have collectively pledged about three million dollars to the Campaign for Temple Beth El, and we are receiving new pledges every week. And that doesn’t count all the members who have included TBE in their estate planning. You can find an updated list of our Campaign donors in the lobby. If your name is not on the list yet, let’s meet soon.

Almost 200 children are upstairs, strengthening their Jewish identities. About 500 people were in this building a few weeks ago for the annual Hoffman Lecture, and about fifteen hundred are here now.

We continue to invest in innovative programs that respond to the interests of our diverse membership. Guest musicians will join Katie, Beth and Rabbi Hammerman at Friday night services throughout the year, along with an exciting lineup of guest speakers. Building on the success of Shababimbam, our Shabbat morning program for preschoolers, this year we are launching Kids in the Round, an age-appropriate Shabbat service for kids ages five to eight.

International recording star Neshama Carlebach will be our Artist-in-Residence at the beginning of November, including a cabaret-style concert here on November 2nd. Cantor Deborah Jacobson will bring Shabbat Unplugged back home to TBE on November 22nd and January 24th. Ruth Messenger will join us in March to speak about Judaism and Social Justice, and the Zamir Chorale will headline our annual spring concert in May.

Our Young Families and Empty Nester groups are scheduling events throughout the year. So are the Men’s Club and Sisterhood, starting with Scotch and Steak in the Sukkah a week from this Saturday and the Sisterhood Member Brunch on October 27th, featuring TBE’s own Lauren Redniss, winner of the MacArthur Genius Grant.

We will have enough adult education programs to keep Rabbi Hammerman – and Rabbi Gerry – happy and busy. And much, much more. Stay tuned and keep opening the thousands of emails we send you every week.

When someone claims that Conservative Synagogue Judaism is dying, they often use an insidious label to describe us. They call us “three days a year Jews.” I hate that label. Its purpose is to create division in the Jewish community between the allegedly pious and the allegedly non-pious. But mostly I hate that label because it is a falsehood.

I don’t believe that anyone here today is a “three days a year Jew.” I believe that everyone in this building who identifies as Jewish is a three hundred sixty-five days a year Jew. I believe that our Jewish beliefs, our Jewish education, our Jewish values, influence how we live our lives and how we treat our fellow human beings – and our planet – every single day of the year.

You found the evidence for three hundred sixty-five days a year Jews on your chairs this morning. This is a list of our Temple Beth El volunteers over the past year. There are over five hundred different names on this list. Some of them appear once, many appear more than once. This list is proof that we are 365 days a year Jews.

If you don’t see your name, well, a little Jewish guilt never hurt any of us. And if I’ve erred by omitting you, I apologize, please let me know and we will add your name to the official list.

Why is Temple Beth El thriving while swimming upstream? There are many reasons of course. But this list of TBE volunteers is one of the biggest reasons. Our members put their Judaism into action when they volunteer, and TBE thrives as a result.

Many of these committees have been around for years. But I want to highlight five new initiatives because they share something important. In each case, a group of congregants perceived a need and developed a plan for meeting it, and because of the success of last year’s Appeal, the Board was glad to allocate resources to support them. That’s what happens in a synagogue that is thriving.
First is TBE Connect, led by Carol Krim and Denise Greenman and Renee Migdal. They got together in June and said, “We can be doing so much more to connect congregants one to the other.” They have been planning Shabbat discussions, Havdalah dinners, and other activities that will strengthen our connections to each other. Thank you, Carol and Denise and Renee and your team of volunteers.

Second is TBE One Hundred, led by Sue Frieden and Sari Jaffe. They said, “Temple Beth El will be 100 years old in 2020 – let’s celebrate our centennial!” They are recruiting a team of volunteers who are planning a year of celebration and community service, starting at Temple Rock. So start digging out your photos of TBE events, stay tuned for more details, and please let Sue and Sari know if you want to join their team.

The next two committees are creating programs for young and young-ish families. Last year Lisa Manheim, our First Vice President, organized Club 56 – for fifth and sixth graders – and Club 78 – for seventh and eighth graders. Jamie Fener, Emily Klein, Jonathan and Allison Ostroff, Elise Feldman and others are leading our Young Families group. Because of their efforts, as I mentioned, one-third of our new members last year and this year are young families.

And last I want to highlight our Immigration Task Force, led by Belle Horwitz and Jonathan Weiner. Right now the Task Force is partnering with Building One Community to identify volunteer physicians to staff a new AmeriCares specialty clinic in Stamford. So if there are any doctors in the house, please see me for additional details.

So what does all this volunteering have to do with the Annual Appeal? As I said previously, the success of last year’s Appeal provided the financial resources to support all these important programs.

If you believe in the value of these volunteer programs, then please pledge to the Appeal. If you believe that these volunteer programs help to create and sustain the next generation of proud and committed Jews, then please pledge to the Appeal. If you believe that these volunteer programs help us to fulfill our obligation to repair the world, then please pledge to the Appeal.

Please support Temple Beth El and the Annual Appeal as generously as you can. If you can give ten or twenty percent more than last year, you’ll make up for those among us who are struggling financially. Our programming, our tikkun olam responsibilities, our ability to bring people together – they depend in large part on your generosity today.

As in previous years, every single member of our Board of Trustees is making a pledge to the Annual Appeal. Unlike some other synagogues, it’s not a major-donor Board. We have a large Board, deliberately so to reflect the diversity of our members, and their financial means are all over the lot – but every single one of us is pledging to the Appeal to the best of our ability.

And if you need additional inducement, my offer from last year still stands. Anyone who increases their pledge from last year by at least $200, or makes a first-time pledge of at least $200, will receive one pint of Carl’s of Connecticut Very Small Batch Maple Syrup. The sap will be flowing strongly in a few months. I’m going to have a lot of maple syrup, and no idea what to do with it all. Please help me out.

One more thing. When you get right down to it, Temple Beth El has three missions – to perpetuate and enhance a three thousand five hundred year collection of beliefs, traditions, and values; to do our part to repair the world; and to provide a community that celebrates our joys and holds us upright when we are staggering.

All three missions have been front and center the last few weeks. If you believe in the importance of these missions, please pledge as generously as you can.

So please take out your High Holiday ticket and punch your pledge level. If you can, increase your pledge by at least $200 so I can get rid of all that syrup, and hand your ticket to one of our Board members as they circulate through the room.

Many thanks for listening, and for the honor of serving you. May you and your loved ones have a sweet and good new year.

Carl R. Weinberg

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reconciliation is taking root.

Oh, and we’re going to have lots of fun. Still, as witnesses, we’ll represent this community, and one of our missions will be to bring the rest of you along with us through what we send back to you in real time. So, in early July look out for photos, videos and words from me and the others, testimony that will go far beyond a few random Trip Advisor ratings, as we embark on this trip of many lifetimes.

And one more thing: With the assistance of the Holocaust Memorial Committee and in gratitude to the legacy of Dr. Hesh Romanowitz, I am pleased to announce that we will be offering $500 scholarships for teens, college students and recent college graduates traveling with their families. It is our firm belief that a trip such as this can bolster Jewish identity and promote a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Jew in the 21st century.

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Rabbi Joshua Hammerman

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