

Learning About TOE, ACRC *B'Yachad* (Together)

Temple Or Elohim's Stained Glass Windows

By Toby Suroff



"From Generation to Generation" and "Divine Light" were the themes chosen by the congregation for the stained glass windows framing Temple Or Elohim's Ark. Designed and built by the renowned Israeli artist Ami Shamir in September 1995, these magnificent works of art took more than a year to complete.

Both windows are connected by a common thematic content and continuous unifying color scheme. The main coloration of the background consists of various shades on cool blues with outbursts of warm colors. A graduation of color values is emphasized by the use of dark shades at the bottom and the brighter colors at the top. The windows cover 800 square feet, each window consisting of 15 groups of 4 panes for a total of 120 individual panes. The windows face west; each one measures 208 inches high and 242 inches wide.

From Generation to Generation is the story of Moses and the visit of the Angel of the Lord, who appears to Moses in a burning bush. He is warned to be respectful of the holy ground he stands on and is assigned the mission to free the Children of Israel from Egyptian bondage and lead them to a new land. Moses, asking the name of the Divinity that has summoned him, is told: "I am that I am... YEHOVA, this is my name forever. This is my memorial from generation to generation." (Exodus 3:15)

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Fri.	Feb. 7	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Feb. 8	Twilight Service Bat Mitzvah Madison Birnbaum	6:45 PM
Fri.	Feb. 14	Musical Erev Shabbat Featuring Nishamah	7:30 PM
Sat.	Feb. 15	Bagels & Bible	10:00 AM
Fri.	Feb. 21	Erev Shabbat Svs	7:30 PM
Sat.	Feb. 22	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	Feb. 28	Erev Shabbat Svs	7:30 PM
Sat.	Feb. 29	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Noah Lucas	10:00 AM

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Co-Presidents' Message:

A Healthy and Happy New Year 2020 to all our congregational families and friends, for a New Year filled with all things good...AMEN. Let's pick up with Temple events right after 11/28/19 Thanksgiving weekend. On Shabbat of 11/30 Zachary Kaufman killed it at his Havdalah Bar Mitzvah service with masterful ease. December is always one of our busiest times as meetings galore fill up the first week. Whether its Men's Club secret offsite meeting, NOW , VP Laurel Fried's membership meeting, Adult Ed., Round Table Rap, getting addicted to the Rabbi's Shabbat morning Bagels & Bible or Lunch & Learn on Thursdays. It is very easy to get caught up in the magical web of Torah emanating in the halls of Or Elohim (the light of G-d), thanks to our dream team, Rav Judy, Cantor David and our DOE Deborah...Yasher Koach.



We started Erev Shabbat 12/6/19 with our band "Nishamah" and another packed sanctuary enjoying musical Shabbat to the fullest. Summer Ginsburg graced us with her exceptional Bat Mitzvah presence leading the entire service on 12/7, followed by another exemplary Havdalah Bat Mitzvah service conducted proudly by Brooke Dreyfuss the following Shabbat of 12/14, "OYSERGEVAINDLACH" (Yiddish for excellent).

The culmination of the month was the Hanukkah extravaganza like no other, as Co-President Howard Pastolove & VP Laurel Fried outdid anything that ever happened here as they orchestrated the best Hanukkah breakfast RED CARPET EVENT that the Temple has never seen before. This was the benchmark of all Hanukkah parties of the past. Special thanks to Shawn Farber and Haddon Caterers for pulling out the stops for this breakfast event that will go down in Temple history. As an extra added attraction, we had our very own Deborah Tract's sister Leorah Haberfield of "Shine Theatre Arts Project" have her youthful entourage perform "The Lights Of Broadway" as our social hall stage was lined with about a dozen 10-14 year old Broadway stars singing every current hit and familiar songs known. What a treat to see the future stars here at Or Elohim and that so many of these young stars were Jewish and from Long Island as well.

WOW, WOW, WOW - thank you Howard, Laurel & Deborah, that was beyond.

Erev Shabbat of 12/27/19 Hanukkah Menorah lighting in spite of vacation week was packed with over 60+ congregants trying not to burn us down. Rabbi Judy's husband Mike was our Hanukkah Chazzan, as streaming resumed for all who could not attend to view from home. Amen and Shabbat shalom to that.

Saving the best for last. My family got home from vacation on 12/29/19, just in time to get ready for the CLOSING of the "COMMUNITY REFORM TEMPLE" property and PARSONAGE, scheduled for 12/31/2019 at NOON in NYC right near Times Square. I was the only representative there from Or Elohim as five of the nicest people representing "Sant Nirankari Mission, Inc." came to the closing to say good bye, give us checks and try to get back the 225 chairs we took out of there and someone to fix the audio system and organ there. Sufficed to say all went smoothly and all money has changed hands and has been deposited. I got out of NYC just in time @ 3:30pm as the entire city was being locked down for New Years Eve. Real estate special mention and extreme Yasher koach for back and forth negotiations and discussions goes to CRT President Cary Markman, whose diligence, fortitude and precision handling of all real estate issues were exemplary on all levels.

Howard Pastolove and I, Michael Wilner, wish all congregants and families a winter filled with easy and happy family moments. May nothing bad ever happen to any of our loved ones ...Amen

Respectfully,

Michael Wilner & Howard Pastolove

Co- Presidents Extraordinaire

Rabbi's Corner:

On a cold, clear, Sunday morning, I joined the 25,000 people who gathered in Foley Square and then crossed the Brooklyn Bridge to a rally in Columbus Park to say NO to hate and fear caused by anti-Semitic acts. With me were Rabbi Harvey Abramowitz, Leora Cohen-Rosenberg, Laura and Neil Miller and Deborah and Larry Tract. We know we represented the entire Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation community who share the sentiments but couldn't make the trip. We were joined by a huge and genuinely diverse group of Jews and a smaller number of members of other faiths or no faith who wanted to be counted as telling the world that there is no room for anti-Semitism in New York and across the globe.



In what has been a dark period of Jewish life in New York, the No Hate No Fear Solidarity March caused a new light to shine in the city and in our hearts. People were supportive of one another, friendships were made along the way and ideas, big and small, were exchanged.

At the rally, which I heard from the warmth of the bus parked nearby, Matisyahu sang:

***All my life I've been waiting for
I've been praying for
For the people to say
That we don't want to fight no more
They'll be no more wars
And our children will play
One day***

While there were no new ideas to combat the recent attacks, this rally was a tremendous success because it was a quick and impactful response of a Jewish community unwilling to cave in and did show that the Jewish community, in all our varied and beautiful colors, stand together. The Jewish community at large has adopted our theme, **B'Yachad!**

Bivrachah (with blessings),
Rabbi Judy

B'Yachad (Together) We Make A Difference



Cantor's Message:



Now that we are all back into the swing of the new year, I hope it has started nicely for you and your family and that the things you may have set out to change or do this year are beginning to happen. Things are certainly moving and changing at Temple this year. Since our "New Year" of Rosh Hashana we have had a wonderful series of services, events and programs that have kept us all busy and much fulfilled. As a result of our amazing and successful consolidation, Shabbat service attendance has nearly doubled and the sanctuary is full of joy with our families singing along with the prayers and music. Our Bar and Bat mitzvah students have been leading services and reading Torah like never before! In addition, our band Nishamah has been leading the way on Long Island with a never-ending supply of beautiful music and energy.

However, services are not all that has been happening. In case you have been away or not able to come around much since the holidays and it may seem like some time ago, we have also had some tremendously successful events, like Rabbi Judy's installation. The sanctuary was overflowing with family, friends and guests. It was incredible to see and experience. The next morning, we had a brunch in her honor that was exemplary of our Temple and the way we honor and care for each other. I must thank our co-president Michael Wilner, once again, for hosting such a magnificent event in honor of our new Rabbi. We appreciate that you care so much and did that. Thank you.

At Hanukkah, our top of the tops Director of Education Deborah Tract, along with our other co-president Howard Pastolove and our membership, concert chairperson Laurel Fried, gave our Temple an incredible Hanukkah gift. They brought in one of the most amazing groups of young kids who were either on Broadway or are currently doing some sort of Broadway musicals, who gave us a concert to be remembered! If you missed it then you really cannot imagine how amazing it was. We all cannot thank you three enough for this gift. We hope there will be more to come in the future from this fabulous and talented group of kids.

These and many other events and programs are always happening at our Temple. We try to make sure that our families and friends have a continual supply of educational, fun and spiritually fulfilling things to do at Temple.

Coming up in the following months we will have plenty to do as Purim and Passover begin to get closer. Along with our band each month, Rabbi Judy continues to create thought provoking and stimulating study sessions, adult education and sermons to keep us connected. Not to mention her wonderful and easy way in which she extends herself to all of us. So, keep your eye out for the emails and flyers as well as reading through each month of the Shofar to keep up on everything that is happening.

B'shalom,

Cantor Katz

Here's an easy recipe from NOW's *Soup's On!* Meeting
(*proof that soup doesn't have to take hours to make*)

Tex-Mex Corn Chowder

- 1 can (15 oz) Corn, drained
- 1 can (15 oz) Creamed Corn
- 1 can (14 oz) Diced tomatoes with garlic and onion
- 1 can (15 oz) black beans or red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- ½ cup vegetable broth
- ½ cup water

Combine all ingredients in a soup pot. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer, covered, 10 minutes.

Sprinkle each serving with chili powder to taste and top with shredded cheddar cheese or scallions if desired.

Religious School:

Shalom Friends!

First, I want to say a HUGE thank you to everyone that contributed to the John Theissen Foundation Toy Drive! It was a success! Many thanks to Laurel Fried and Howard Pastolove for their support in this year's Hanukkah party. By now, many of you heard, we had close to 200 people! The breakfast catered by our very own Shawn from Hasson Caterers was over the top! Each station was creatively designed with delicious sweets, breads and various foods. The entertainment was spectacular! Thank you to Leorah Haberfield, Director/Producer at A Time to Shine NYC for bringing an ensemble of very talented young stars from theatre and Broadway productions. It was a memorable day for all. Thank you to all those who generously contributed to this event! Many thanks to our N.O.W. and Men's Club for your generosity.



It may be cold and snowy out, but in "Eretz Yisrael" it is the New Year of the Trees, a Jewish holiday that falls on the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. In Israel, people celebrate this holiday by planting trees.

Tu B'shevat in Israel is the Israeli Arbor day. It is customary to taste the delicious fruits that grow throughout Israel. We celebrate this holiday by donating money to the Jewish National Fund (JNF) to contribute to the planting of trees. We teach our children about the strong connection to the earth and the significance of caring for our land. During the week of February 10, we will have visits from Shinshinim, Israeli emissaries who will bring Israel and Israeli culture to our Religious School. I am excited to have our special guests celebrate the holiday of trees with us and to bring their culture into our classrooms. This is a great opportunity for our students to interact with Israelis. Your child (ren) will have an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the life of an Israeli-military requirements, schooling, Shabbat, etc.

Parents, I encourage you to have a conversation with your child and prepare him/her for this exciting program. In March we will begin to have our student-led Shabbat services. On March 20, 2020, our MONDAY Fast Forward students will lead our congregation in worship at 7:30 pm. On March 27, 2020, our THURSDAY Fast Forward and our TUESDAY/THURSDAY students will lead the service. Please mark your calendars. We look forward to having all our students participate.

Wishing all of you a safe and enjoyable Winter-Break.

B'Shalom,
Deborah E. Tract,
 Director of Education

Congratulations to our Bar/Bat Mitzvah Candidates and their families:

February 1, 2020

Jared Stone

Son of Esther and David

February 8, 2020

Madison Birnbaum

Daughter of Lynette and Bradley

February 29, 2020

Noah Lucas

Son of Yafit and Brian





Order yarmulkes for your special occasions.

Call Susan at 516-932-7112 for more information.

N.O.W...Here's the News!

The women of N.O.W. have been very busy!

Monday, February 10th is the date, 7:30 is the time, the Temple is the place for our next meeting. Don't miss it! We will review our programs to date and finish planning the remainder of the year. Delicious snacks are always provided. At this meeting we will choose the next book for our Book Club discussion, to be held at the March meeting. Bring your suggestions! We would love to see a big turn-out at this and every meeting.



Wish your Temple friends a Happy Purim by sending a Shalach Manot basket through NOW!! Order forms are currently available. Bags will include hamantaschen, candy, other goodies for Purim and a card with your name on it. Fill out the form and send it in ASAP. Let's make this Purim fundraiser the biggest and best ever! Pick-up will be on March 15th, during the Purim Carnival. Look for more details on the attached flyer.

Our Winter Warm-Up, with the theme *Soup's On!*, was a big success. Held at the lovely home of our Co-President, Robin Grossman, we sampled many different homemade soups, including Butternut Squash, Tex-Mex Corn Chowder, Vegetable Soup and more. Recipes were distributed to all who attended. (See Tex Mex Corn Chowder recipe on page 5 of this Shofar.) This was a great way to spend a cold winter evening with our NOW friends.

Later in January, we saw a fantastic performance of The Million Dollar Quartet at the John Engeman Theater. What a great show! We will plan another theater evening in the future.

Many thanks to Barbara Feinstein for once again coordinating the sale of Mah Jongg Cards. One crack, two bam! Good luck with the new cards!

Is anyone hungry? Activities coming up include a Progressive Dinner in April. We have some great cooks in NOW! Do you like to cook or entertain? Or would you rather attend as a guest? The Progressive Dinner is a great way to get to know some of your fellow Temple members. You will enjoy hors d'oeuvres at one home, dinner at another and then meet up for dessert at a third house. It's always a fun-filled evening. Please let us know how you would like to participate and if you can be one of the hostesses.

Hope all of you stay warm this winter. We hope to see you at many of our events and activities. Feel free to call one of us with any questions or suggestions.

B'Shalom,

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Co-Presidents of **N.O.W.** (Network Of Women)

Men's Club

The Men's Club held its December meeting at Syosset Lanes on Tuesday evening, December 3rd. Of course, bowling was included and it was a lot of fun.



The annual New Member Dinner and January meeting was held at DJ's International Buffet in Garden City on Monday evening, January 6th. The food was plentiful, attendance was good and we had our own private room.

The February meeting will be at 7:30 on Tuesday, February 4th, at the temple. At that time, we will start talking seriously about our spring events, including the Mother's Day Breakfast, the Men's Club Shabbat Service and a spring hike.

On behalf of the Men's Club, we wish everyone a happy and healthy 2020.

Ed Temple & Mark Heller

Co-Presidents

Home Cooked Meals for First Responders on Christmas

Members of Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation prepared meals and desserts for first responders who were working on Christmas Day and then delivered them to local police precincts and hospitals.

Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg, the temple's spiritual leader, has long championed the effort. The tradition continued this Christmas morning at Temple Or Elohim in Jericho, which earlier this year combined with Community Reform Temple of Westbury, the congregation Rabbi Judy led for nearly 27 years.

In keeping with that tradition, about 2-dozen volunteers gathered at the Temple on Christmas morning with their home-cooked meals and assembled them in packages to be delivered.

"When we consolidated, I wanted to make sure this was a project we could all embrace," Rabbi Judy said. "Clearly, we have in a very, very beautiful way. "We are going to be able to go to about 12 different places, across Nassau and Suffolk, and bring holiday cheer and appreciation to all the people who have to work on a very special holiday."

In addition to local police precincts, volunteers delivered the meals to Nassau University Medical Center, North Shore Hospitals and several veterinarian offices, among others.

<https://youtu.be/fdEcYLrrlJc>

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Social Action Committee:

Social Action Winter Comfort Food Drive!

Food Pantries need donations all year round. The Hatzilu Pantry needs KOSHER non-perishable food & paper goods/cleaning supplies (which are not covered by SNAPS formerly Food Stamps).

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Susan Levine, Chair
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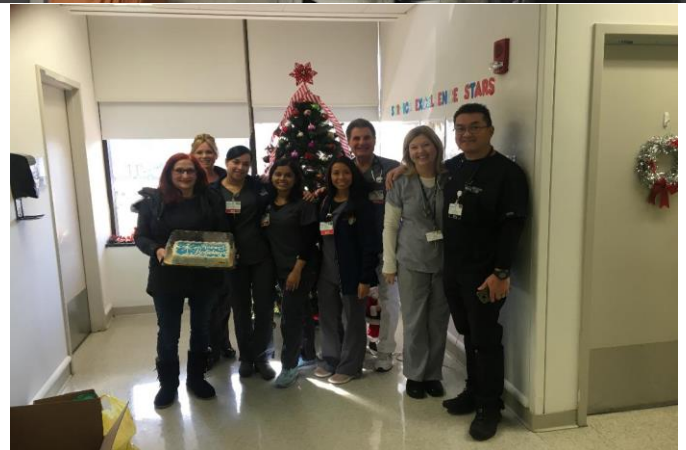
Purim Carnival is happening on Sunday March 15th. Deborah Tract has planned an amazing event sponsored by Crestwood Day Camp including Magic Jeff.

We truly need the help and support of everyone. As the main fundraiser of the school, we rely on our raffle sales to bring in the money!!! Our Purim Carnival is a FREE event open to the entire community. Although we charge a nominal amount for the participation in games, we count on the revenue from the raffles. Attached at the end of this issue of the Shofar is a donation letter. Please feel free to download and ask the places you frequent, (i.e., restaurants, nail salons, hair salons, jewelry stores, clothing stores, etc.) for a contribution. This also includes any seasonal sports and event tickets you might subscribe to and/or tangible donations, bottles of wine, home goods, accessories, electronics.... of course, new and unused.... Please take a moment to ponder the "contacts, connections, people you know" and help us to make a tremendously successful fundraiser for our school.

With tremendous gratitude...THANK YOU in advance for your efforts and generosity in making our Purim celebration the most successful ever.

Susan Bloomberg, School Board Chair

B'Yachad (Together) We Support Our First Responders



Shofar Spotlight Interview: Pat Tulchin

By Jeffrey Schwartz

When Pat and Ted Tulchin moved to Westbury in the 1950s, they were among numerous families in the burgeoning community who bemoaned the absence of a reform synagogue. A shared desire to do something about it fueled the movement that resulted in the founding of Community Reform Temple in 1958.

The Tulchins raised three children and CRT was at the epicenter of their family experience. Ted, who passed away in 2005, was a CRT president and donated the ark doors at CRT in the memory of his parents (see: CRT's Ark Doors Are Embraced). Pat was influential at CRT in her own right through the years and actively participated in activities at the temple, from the very beginning until the final farewell service, which she and her daughter Jill helped organize. While saying goodbye to CRT wasn't easy, both are happy to see CRT bring its legacy to its new home here in Jericho.



The Shofar sat down with Pat to discuss the formation of CRT.

Can you explain to those who don't know, how CRT was formed?

Pat Tulchin: It was Yom Kippur morning when Herb Altman and Burt Vigdor were out walking their dogs. They said to each other "it's too bad there isn't a reform temple around here." They continued talking and believed that a lot of other people were interested. Back then there were a lot of Jewish people in the neighborhood. So, they decided to find out for sure.

Was Temple Sholom (a nearby conservative synagogue) already there?

Pat Tulchin: Temple Sholom and Westbury Hebrew Congregation, both conservative synagogues were already established. He organized a meeting at the VA (Veterans Administration) house on Maple Ave. A bunch of us attended, about 30 people. Most of us didn't know each other, but had young children and wanted a place to educate them. Many gave a \$50 deposit to show their interest.

How did word get around?

Pat Tulchin: *The Westbury Times* was very helpful and we put up posters. Planning took place on Friday nights at people's homes and commuting on the LIRR. Word started spreading. Herb led the effort. His belief tended toward very reform and said there would be no kippot or tallit used [a restriction that was modified in later years].

What were the next steps?

Pat Tulchin: Herb, who became the first president, called the Union for Reform Judaism and asked for assistance. They were supportive and sent us a student Rabbi, Harvey M. Tattlebaum for the High Holy Days in 1958. He was very nice and supportive of our efforts.

Where was CRT originally located?

Pat Tulchin: CRT was originally located at the VA building where we held our first meeting. When we started to grow, we decided we needed to find a building in Westbury. It turned out that the Westbury Hebrew Congregation was constructing a new building in Old Westbury. So, we leased their old building on Ellison Ave. Eventually, when we were able to afford it, we bought that building.

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What were some memorable early activities that you recall?

Pat Tulchin: We had an interfaith Passover Seder and invited the members of the local churches to attend. It was covered by *The Westbury Times*. It succeeded. People worked very hard. We all had young kids and we believed in what we were doing. There was a nice spirit.

How did the merger with Temple Beth Avodah come about?

Pat Tulchin: I really wasn't involved with that merger. Ted (Pat's husband) was. It went pretty smoothly. After the merger, we had a lot of new members. In fact, so many that we had to hold the High Holy Day services at Adelphi University because we outgrew our building.

How did the religious and Hebrew school get started?

Pat Tulchin: Originally, we had paid teachers. Over time, we felt that we had enough knowledgeable members who volunteered to become teachers. It was very successful. I taught a class. Later on, it was hard to get volunteers and then we went back to having paid teachers.

And how did the pre-school get started?

Pat Tulchin: Rabbi Gluckman decided we had to have a nursery school in the neighborhood. He asked me to head it up. We hired a paid director from the neighborhood, Stephanie Freese. It became one of the better nursery schools in the area. At some point, we had more non-Jewish than Jewish students.

Tell us about Ted's involvement at CRT?

Pat Tulchin: Ted was very involved at CRT. He was a leader by nature. He never wanted to be in an office. He wanted to work from behind the scenes. He was very active in the Men's Club. Eventually, he was persuaded to become president for one year. When it became apparent that we needed a bigger building, after an exhaustive search, Ted found the location where we ended up. Of course, there was a lot of debate about it because it wasn't on a main road. We built it on a low scale. We wanted to fit within the community.

How did the sanctuary end up in the basement?

Pat Tulchin: The school, in the Ellis Avenue building, was located downstairs where there weren't any windows. We felt that education was the most important thing and the students shouldn't be in the basement. Therefore, when we were designing the new building, we made sure to explain to the architect our desire for the classrooms to have windows. There was a big circle in the sanctuary's ceiling that was supposed to be a skylight so you could see outside. However, when they started building it, they realized that the architect had made a mistake and it couldn't be done. We had the atrium to the outside entering the sanctuary, which was part of the design too, which offered some outside coming in. We prospered. Almost every Rabbi we employed, had a successful career after us.

Speaking of Rabbis, what impact did Rabbi Judy have on CRT when she arrived in 1992?

Pat Tulchin: Rabbi Judy brought a new level of warmth and humanness to the temple. She is very learned and compassionate. I think she's incredible. For her to have achieved such warmth and love from so many people is really a tribute. She has an endearing personality and with all of her knowledge, it's a great combination

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February Anniversaries

- 2 Harold & Marilyn Finkelstein
- 3 Sheldon & Matilda Wolfson
- 20 Jason & Shari Nocera
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From Generation to Generation contains representations of Mount Sinai, The Torah Scroll, a Hebrew calendar with a zodiac map, a Kabbalistic chart, the Tabernacles, the rainbow and depictions of the lower and upper worlds.

From Generation to Generation is the story of Moses and the visit of the Angel of the Lord, who appears to Moses in a burning bush. He is warned to be respectful of the holy ground he stands on and is assigned the mission to free the Children of Israel from Egyptian bondage and lead them to a new land. Moses. Asking the name of the Divinity that has summoned him, is told: "I am that I am... YEHOVA, this is my name forever. This is my memorial from generation to generation." (Exodus 3:15)

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What was your reaction when you found out that we were likely to merge with Temple Or Elohim?

Pat Tulchin: I was happy. I felt we needed some new life. Our building was becoming very decrepit and we didn't have enough money to do anything about it. I wasn't upset at all because I felt that a building is a building. I felt it was time. As long as the Rabbi was going with us, I was ready. When I went to the first service she led at TOE; I was very happy. Cantor Katz has a great voice.

And I see you have blended in quite well. I saw you helping out during the dinner that preceded the Shabbat Under the Stars service.

Pat Tulchin: I thought that was a nice thing to do. I don't want to be a fly on the wall. I want to be involved. Although, there are some limitations because of the distance to my current home. I intend to be more involved as time goes on.

And you feel right at home?

Pat Tulchin: I do. I really do. I was amazed at how many CRT people were there for the holidays. I felt at home in the midst of different people. Everyone was very nice. The leaders really made us feel comfortable. I give them a lot of credit for that. It takes time. I want to emphasize the work that Cary, Mark and everyone else did was extraordinary.

Thank you, Pat Tulchin for your insights.

Yahrzeits:**Week of February 7**

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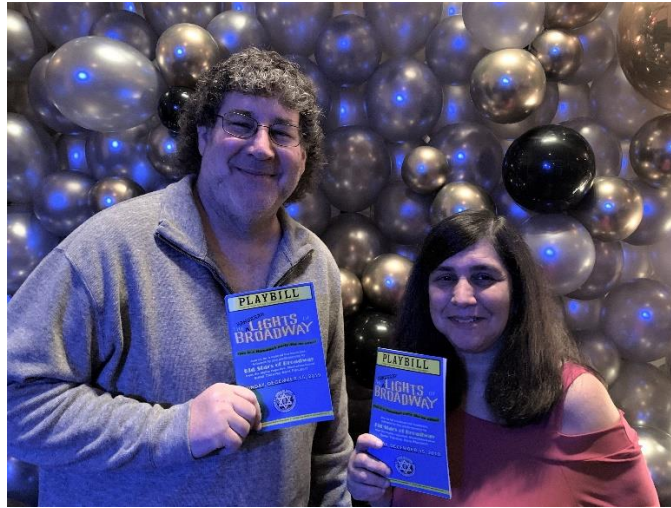
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Week of February 28

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Torah Notes:**February 1, 2020 Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:16**

The final three plagues rain down on Egypt, including locusts, and darkness. Before the final plague, God instructs Aaron and Moses about the Passover festival. God tells the people what to do to avoid being affected by the final and most gruesome plague yet: the death of the firstborn. After this plague, Pharaoh finally allows the Hebrews to leave Egypt. God repeats the commandments about Passover.

February 8, 2020 - Beshalach (Exodus 13:17-17:16)

The story of the Exodus from Egypt reaches its climax, as the Hebrews flee. Pharaoh changes his mind about letting the people go, and sends his army to retrieve them. The Hebrews come to the Sea of Reeds. Before them is a body of water too deep and too long to cross. Behind them are Egyptian soldiers. They are trapped. Suddenly, the water begins to part and the Hebrews are able to pass through as if on dry land. The water then closes behind them so that the Egyptian army cannot follow. As the Israelites reach the other side, they joyously sing the words *Mi Chamocho* "Who is like you, O God?" God provides the Hebrews with food called Manna. When the people complain about water, Moses hits a rock with his rod and water gushes out.

February 15, 2020 – Yitro (Exodus 18:1-20:23)

The portion is named for Moses' father in law, Yitro (Jethro), who comes to the Israelite camp with Moses' wife Zipporah and their two sons. Yitro watches Moses working in his role as judge and convinces him to create a hierarchy of courts filled with many judges. The newly liberated Israelites walk through the desert until they arrive at Mount Sinai. They agree to God's law and prepare for God's holy instructions. On the third day of preparation, Moses begins to climb up Mt. Sinai. He receives the Ten Commandments, all of which appear in this Torah portion.

February 22, 2020 - Mishpatim (Exodus 21:1-24:18)

Roughly translated as "laws" or "judgements" the Torah portion *Mishpatim* contains civil and criminal laws, as well as ritual-related provisions. The Torah discusses slavery, serfdom and injury law. Laws about theft, property, idolatry, false rumors and treatment of an enemy also appear in this text. There is particular focus on how we treat those most vulnerable in our society, which at that time included strangers, orphans and widows. Finally, the text turns to ritual matters such as Shabbat and the three festivals (Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot). God then instructs Moses on how to approach Mount Sinai so that he can receive the Ten Commandments.

February 29, 2020 – Terumah (Exodus 25:1-27:19)

God asks the Israelites to "make for Me a sanctuary so I may dwell amongst them." This portion contains a blueprint for construction of this Tabernacle. It discusses some important symbols that should appear in the tabernacle, including the menorah ark and altar. Complete with materials, dimensions and detailed instructions, this portion is any architect's delight.

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6 Ashley Koeppel	13 Harlye Greenberg	21 Jennifer Liebman	27 Matilda Wolfson
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						1 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah Jared Stone
2	3	4 Men's Club Meeting 7:30 PM	5 Adult Ed class 7:30 PM	6	7 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	8 Havdalah Service 6:45 PM Bat Mitzvah Madison Birnbaum
9	10 Tu Bishvat Programming in School Sisterhood Meeting 7:30 PM	11 Tu Bishvat Programming in School	12 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	13 Tu Bishvat Programming in School	14 Musical Erev Shabbat Service featuring Nishamah 7:30 PM	15 Bagels & Bible 10:00 AM
16	17 Presidents Day No School	18 No School	19 No School	20 No School	21 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	22
23 Roundtable Rap 10:30 AM	24 Religious School resumes	25 Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	26 Lunch & Learn 12 noon	27	28 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	29 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah Noah Lucas