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## Temple Teen Steps Up to Bring Awareness of Antisemitism

**A**larmed by the rise in antisemitism nationwide and locally, which has reached its [highest level](#) in decades, TOEACRC teen Chase Brodsky is doing something about it. Chase, who completed her Jewish education at TOEACRC last year, culminating with her confirmation, announced an ambitious fundraising campaign earmarked for the [American Jewish Community's \(AJC\)](#) efforts to combat antisemitism through education and awareness programs.

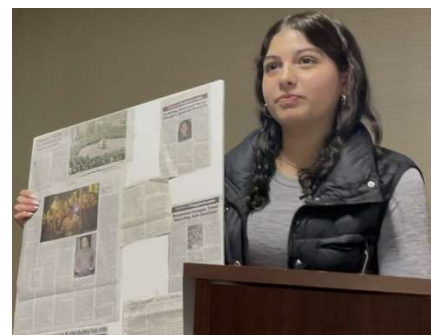
Now a high school junior, Chase is VP of Jewish Programming, Social Action, and Community Service at the local [Summit Neshet](#) chapter of the [BBYO](#) (formerly known as B'nai B'rith Youth Organization). Chase addressed 75 attendees at last month's Summit Neshet Stand Up BBYO Brunch, where she announced the chapter's fundraising goal.

"We are looking to raise an unprecedented \$1,800 that will go towards educating Long Island teens about the problem of rising antisemitism and how we can stand up and speak out about it with knowledge and confidence," she said. Chase demonstrated a poster with a montage of articles about antisemitism clipped from newspapers during the two weeks preceding the brunch.

"I think this just shows how important this organization is and how important it is to educate everyone on this topic," she said. The AJA responded: "We are grateful the chapter has chosen AJC to raise funds for in 2023 and thank AJC Leaders for Tomorrow participant Chase Brodsky for her leadership!"

TOEACRC director of lifelong learning Deborah Tract shared a video of Chase's presentation in a [Facebook post](#) and said: "I commend Chase and wish her a heartfelt Mazal Tov on her advocacy and passion for lifelong Jewish Learning. Her proud parents, Dr. Neil and Kim Brodsky, are longtime members of our synagogue. They are committed to working with Chase to further expand her goals and desire to advocate and celebrate Judaism today, tomorrow and in the future."

The fundraising campaign will run through June 1. Those wishing to contribute can send their donations via Venmo to @Chase-Brodsky-1 or with a check made out to Chase Brodsky. In the memo field, write "Summit BBYO." All donors will receive receipts.



**Chase Brodsky at the Summit Neshet Stand Up BBYO brunch on Jan. 8, where she announced the local chapter's fundraising campaign earmarked for the AJC's antisemitism education and awareness programs.**

## Services Schedule

Fri. Feb. 3	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. Feb. 4	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Brandon Kusnetz	10:00 AM
Fri. Feb. 10	Young Family Shabbat Service Erev Shabbat Service	6:30 PM 7:30 PM
Sat. Feb. 11	Torah Study with Rabbi	10:30 AM
Fri. Feb. 17	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. Feb. 18	Torah Study with Rabbi	10:30 AM
Fri. Feb. 24	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat. Feb. 25	Torah Study with Rabbi	10:30 AM

### **Congratulations To:**

Brandon Kusnetz

Son of Rebecca and Stephen

On the Occasion of his Bar Mitzvah



**Share your news, stories or memories in The Shofar  
Photos are also welcome!**



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### Thoughts & Prayers

We offer our prayers of healing and heartfelt thoughts to acknowledge those of us who have had an illness or are in need of healing (mind, body and soul). Please don't hesitate to contact Rabbi Judy, Cantor Katz or our Caring Committee.



### Share Your News

We encourage our members to submit articles, photos and simchas for us to include in The Shofar. Also, we would love to include any good news you have to share in our Tell and Kvell section. Let us know of weddings, births, awards, etc. Please forward information to Goldie: [office@templeorelohim.com](mailto:office@templeorelohim.com)

### Catering

We can accommodate your celebration: Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Kiddush, Havdalah Service, Luncheon, Wedding, Bris and all other types of parties. Shawn and Scott will be happy to help you plan a memorable occasion for your family. Please contact Hasson Caterers at (516) 937-0120 or 0121



### Sponsor an Oneg

A special way to celebrate your family's simcha is by sponsoring a Friday night Oneg. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged in the pamphlet and announced from the Bimah. You will not only be making a wonderful gesture on behalf of your family but will be helping your Temple as well. Please call Laurel Fried at (516) 794-0036.



### Baskets on the Bimah

A great way to honor a simcha is by sponsoring a basket on the bimah. Proceeds go to assist local needy families. All congregants can have a basket displayed on the bimah for Shabbat by bringing a minimum of \$36 to the Temple Office, at least one week in advance.

### Yarmulkes

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## Rabbi's Corner

**T**u B'Shvat, the Jewish Arbor Day, or New Year for the trees, the herald of Spring in Israel, occurs on February 6th this year. That Gregorian date corresponds to the 15th (tu) of the Hebrew month Shvat.

The rabbis of the Mishna teach that there are several New Years on our calendar. Think of them as fiscal years that don't always run from January to December. We are quite familiar with Rosh Hashana, our Jewish New Year, which falls on the first of Tishrei and is mentioned in the Torah.



**Rabbi Judith Cohen-Rosenberg**



**TU B'SHAVAT CELEBRATES OUR  
CONNECTION TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL, ITS  
ECOLOGY AND ECOLOGY IN GENERAL.**

A way to count the age of trees for tithing gave us the date of Tu B'Shvat. We are not obligated to tithe our produce but Tu B'Shvat has become a day of commemoration anyway.

Now Tu B'Shvat celebrates our connection to the land of Israel, its ecology and ecology in general. We often think of the JNF, the Jewish National Fund at this time of year. That is the organization to which many turn, when they want to

provide a tribute or memorial and plant trees in Israel. We can credit the JNF with planting many forests throughout Israel.

Colonel Ilan Ramon, the Israeli astronaut lost in the Columbia disaster, was in orbit on Tu B'Shvat. "I call upon every Jew in the world, to plant a tree in the land of Israel during the coming year," Ramon said from space. "I would like to see at least 13 or 14 million new trees planted in Israel," said the Israeli astronaut, whose first name, Ilan, literally means "tree". There are now memorial forests in Ramon's name.

Another ecological organization of note is the Society for the Preservation of Nature in Israel (SPNI). It is a wonderful resource for gains in preserving natural resources, environment, natural assets, and unique landscape of Israel. You can find more information about this organization at [www.natureisrael.org](http://www.natureisrael.org).

When you visit Israel, I hope you have the opportunity to see the beautiful natural sights such as the springs of Ein Gedi, the birds of the Hula Valley and the gazelles of the Valley of Elah, right outside Jerusalem.

Until then, celebrate Tu B'Shvat and remember that spring is coming here too!



--Rabbi Judy

## Cantor's Notes

**T**he month of February offers us, as Jewish individuals and a community, a very special opportunity. This opportunity can be found in the holiday and celebration of Tu b'shevat. The holiday of Tu b'shevat falls on February 5 (evening) and February 6 (day). Tu b'shevat is celebrated on the 15th day of the month of Shevat.

What in the world is Tu b'shevat, you may be asking? Well, for starters, let's begin with the actual meaning of the holiday in a literal sense. The Hebrew word "Tu" stands for Hebrew letters tet and vav, which together have the numerical value of 9 and 6, adding up to 15.



**Cantor David Katz**

Thus, "The 15th day of Shevat."



The English interpretation of the holiday has been referred to as "The Holiday of the Trees" or "The New Year of the Trees" or "The Jewish Arbor Day." Tu b'shevat is also noted as the date for calculating the beginning of the agricultural cycle, for the purpose of biblical tithes for the Jewish people. So, you can see from just this explanation alone, that Tu b'shevat is quite the holiday, even though you may have never heard of it!

Tu b'shevat has become a "green" holiday for Reform

Jews around the world. Many take the day to try and help the environment in any way they can. Some do this by planting a tree in Israel for themselves or a family member. Others walk to work, if possible, or take public transit on this day to reduce carbon emissions. Regardless of what you do, this year you can do something, as little as it may be, to connect yourself with the holiday, help the environment and enhance your connection to Judaism.

This holiday also reminds us of many of the benefits that trees and plants bring to us and how we could not survive without them. Gratitude, once again, becomes a predominant theme in the Jewish holiday cycle.

How lucky we are to have all that we have, including this wonderful planet, which is our responsibility to take care of and heal. I encourage you to try your best and do one small action towards celebrating Tu b'shevat. You may feel better and help our world all at the same time!

*B'Shalom*

*Cantor David Katz*



## Religious School

**W**e are in the cold months of winter. January was a good month in our Religious School filled with learning, music, Torah Restoration and learning about Tu b'shevat. The Jewish holiday begins on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. Jews all over the world celebrate trees and plants by eating a variety of fruits and planting a tree in Israel. The 24-hour celebration in Israel reminds us that spring will soon be arriving in Israel. The buds on trees are blooming and soon the trees will be filled with fruits, nuts and flowers.



**Deborah Tract**

I have heard from several college age students about their recent adventures in Israel through Birthright Israel. The Birthright Israel Organization gifts young adults the opportunity to visit Israel and explore their Jewish roots. This amazing opportunity strengthens their Jewish identity. Our curriculum in Religious School provides our children with a solid foundation for Jewish thought and understanding.

Today, colleges all over our country offer young adults, meaningful opportunities to study, visit and learn abroad. Over the December break, my son, a junior in college, traveled to Poland for a Jewish heritage trip. This turned into a transformative experience for 70 students. My son traveled back in time visiting places and learning about the catastrophe of the Holocaust that took the lives of many innocent people. He explored the walls of the Jewish ghettos and visited concentration death camps of Auschwitz and Treblinka.

Poland had a rich Jewish community prior to World War II. My son participated in a memorial service on the train tracks that transported Jewish people into the death camp of Auschwitz. While most ghettos were destroyed by the Nazis, my son touched the ghetto wall fragments, a reminder that the memory of the Jewish people lives on within our hearts. Cemeteries, synagogues and towns where our Jewish ancestors once walked were visited and remembered.



Our children are the future voices to combat antisemitism and Holocaust denial. My son and 69 other young people celebrated Shabbat together and concluded with Havdalah, promising to bring honor and life to the Jewish souls that perished during the dark years in history. These young adults are proud to be Jewish. They will stand up to anyone who challenges the truth of the dreadful acts that took place.

My son studied in our Religious School and was well prepared for what he saw. Our students in 7th grade will lead our Yom HaShoah Service in April. May we all continue to learn and remain proud of who we are as Jews.

**#NeverAgain**

**#NeverForget**

**#AmYisraelChai**

*B'Shalom,*  
Deborah Tract  
Director of Lifelong Learning

## Network of Women (NOW)

**F**ortune cookie fortunes are usually a good source of inspiration to help write an article so I had to open a few to see what I could come up with. Oh, what I do for inspiration!

Here are three that I received: “Be on the alert to recognize your prime at whatever time of your life it may occur.” “A difference, to be a difference, must make a difference.” And lastly, “Be receptive to new ideas from all fronts.”



**Robin Grossman**

I suppose all fortunes can be interpreted to fit our personal narratives, but the last one, “Be receptive to new ideas from all fronts.” is a really good one when it pertains to the temple. As the leader of N.O.W. I try to come up with and execute details for fundraisers, events big and small, to be on committees as part of the Board of Trustees and to keep you informed with our news.

However, like this article that has lack luster inspiration, I sometimes need help. I am always looking to change things up, hold new events or fundraisers that would be good fun across the generations, but after being in this position for over 12 years (not consecutively) I look towards you for help. Please send me your thoughts, your ideas, your comments, your expertise, your willingness to run a program. Take that first step as I am receptive to new ideas from all fronts.

### NOW for the News

- February 7 starts our Shalach Manot fundraiser whereby you send portions to your friends and family. Details on the flyer (keep scrolling!)
- February 12 is our Annual Super Bowl Fundraiser. Last day to sign up is Thursday February 9. Please see flyer at the end of the Shofar for all details.
- There is no book club discussion nor is there a meeting this month. Twice a year I “take off” and this is one of those months!
- Thank you to Barbara Feinstein for collecting all Mah Jongg Card orders. You should be receiving those late March/early April.
- Thank you to Sue Zichlin for coordinating this year’s AED CPR class and congratulations to all of our first responders on their certification.
- Be on the lookout for more daytime and nighttime Canasta lessons. We need 10 participants to effectively run each class. Details next month.
- Looking ahead into March if you ordered or are a recipient of Shalach Manot your pick-up date will be Sunday March 12 at 11 AM at the temple.
- Passover wine sale will begin March 20 which hopefully we will have a tasting as well.
- March 20 is also our monthly meeting at 7:30 PM and will most likely be a hybrid.
- March 27 our Book Club discussion returns.



**AED CPR training and certification class**

Cheers to you!

--Robin Grossman. President of N.O.W [Handson64@aol.com](mailto:Handson64@aol.com)



## Men's Club

**Y**eah, baby it's cold outside! As we are now in February, we are just about at the midpoint of winter, with cold days and unwelcome snow and ice. Unfortunately, we have some more weeks of winter to endure. It has also been a difficult, few months as the latest wave of the Pandemic has affected what we do and where we go.



**Mark Starr**

Here at Men's Club, we have had Zoom monthly meetings and even special Zoom chats scheduled while we watched the NFL playoff games in our homes. These events bring us together and allow us to enjoy the company of members as if we are in someone's living room (minus the snacks). Even if we didn't all agree on who we were rooting for, it was fun. This was the second year we joined on Zoom to watch a few games together.

In the next few months, we have our Comedy Night scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Details will be forthcoming.

The springtime will also bring planned hikes, park walks and a Mets game to look forward to.

So, join us at our meetings. March 7<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> are the next dates. Bring your conversation, jokes, riddles...anything goes. We are always looking to grow our membership with guys who are interested in taking part in the many activities we plan.

Stay well and warm!

*--Mark Starr, Men's Club co-president*

## Social Action

**T**he Social Action Committee is collecting comfort food items during the winter months. Soup, oatmeal, tea/coffee, pasta, and any other non-perishable food items you enjoy eating during the winter months is greatly appreciated.

We will also gladly accept paper good and cleaning supplies. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



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## February Birthdays



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1	Esther Reich	11	Bill Robeson	21	Edward Kislik
1	Judith Rosenberg	12	David Kugel	21	Jennifer Liebman
1	Ronald Schubert	12	Craig Lonshein	22	Rachel Debra Ross
1	Peyton Wayne	13	Brooke Braunstein	22	Samantha Wolff
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6	Robin Grossman	14	Katherine Synnott	25	Norman Karp
6	Linda Jankowitz	14	Thomas Synnott	25	Lori Lampert
6	Leslie Rosner	15	Ann Middleman	25	Debra Pastolove
8	Evan Beller	16	Seth Jared Wactlar	26	Daniel Green
8	Mitchell Beller	18	Eric Wasserman	27	Gabriela Hart
8	Laurence Doctors	18	Martin Weiss	27	Jackie Singer
8	Stephanie Drew Katz	19	Sherri Graber	27	Matilda Wolfson
8	Max Mogavero	19	Jeffrey Lomasky	28	Seth Feinman
9	Spencer Ross	20	Jeff Fried	28	Lisa Steiner
9	Edward Weintraub	20	Charles Goodman	29	Jessica Gerschitz
10	Harper Mermelstein	21	Emma Birnbaum	29	Shana Misorek
10	Maureen Pelofsky	21	Madison Birnbaum		

## February Anniversaries



3 Ed & Judy Kislik

3 Shelley & Matty Wolfson

## Torah Portions



### February 4, **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 Chamocha* "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 11, **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 18, **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 portion. 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 25, **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.

## We sorrowfully mourn the passings of:

### Iris Edelman

Mother of Scott Edelman

### Martin Meyers

Uncle of Larry Tract



# Yahrzeits

## Week of February 4

Irving Antosofsky, Toddy Blidner, Elsa Board, Fannie Burns, Bessie Clark, Al Cohen, Louis Davis, Jerome Deutschman, Edith Fradin, Abraham Friedman, Morton Ginsburgh, Stanley Gold, Martin Goldfarb, Leo Goldgrub, Joseph G. Granofsky, Hyman Grossman, Morris Kahane, Isidore Katzman, Milton Kaufman, Morris Kenwood, Sophie Kerner, Frank Kider, Michael Lehner, Edward Merlis, Sandra Moss, Joseph Newman, Janet Oscar, Ann Oster, Rose Pakula, Louis Peller, Carl Potashnick, Edward Rose, Jennie Rosenberg, Roger Schwartz, Estera Serko, Irene Steinberg, Louis Strell, Sally Syetta, Maurice Temple, Rose Weintraub



## Week of February 11

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## Week of February 18

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## Week of February 25

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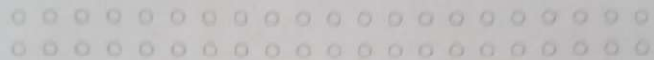
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			1 Torah Study 7:30 PM  Strategic Planning 8:00 PM	2 Ritual Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	3 Musical Erev Shabbat Service featuring Ann Middleman 7:30 PM	4 Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah Brandon Kusnetz  Caterer Party evening
5	6 Tu Bi'Shevat Program in School  Internal Controls Meeting 7:30 PM	7 Tu Bi'Shevat Program in School  Men's Club meeting 7:30 PM	8	9 Lunch n Learn  Tu Bi'Shevat Program in School	10 Young Family Shabbat Service 6:30 PM  Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	11 Torah Study 10:30 AM
12	13 Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	14	15 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	16	17 Musical Erev Shabbat Service featuring Nishamah 7:30 PM	18 Torah Study 10:30 AM
19	20 Presidents' Day Religious School Recess begins	21 Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	22	23 Rabbi's Reading Group 7:30 PM	24 Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	25 Torah Study 10:30 AM
26	27 Religious School resumes	28				

**PLEASE check our website at [orelohim.com](http://orelohim.com) for updated calendar information.**

# Minutes From the Temple's December 21, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting



## Board of Trustees Meeting December 21, 2022

**Attendees:** Mark Natelson, Jessica Gerschitz, Robin Grossman, Ira Warshawsky, Gary Corn, Laurel Fried, Sue Zichlin, Jami Schultz, Roz Vermut, Doug Ethe-Sayers, Cary Markman, Barbara Feinstein, Liz Wolkoff, David Schwartz, Jeff Schwartz, Susan Bloomberg, Rebecca Kusnetz, Neil Miller, Jill Zeller, Anne Edelman

**Absent:** Howard Pastolove, Deena Yaris, Susan Levine, Ivan Dolowich

**Clergy/Staff:** Rabbi Judith Cohen-Rosenberg, Cantor David Katz, Deborah Tract

### Approval of Minutes and Closed Session Minutes from the November Meeting

Motions to approve minutes from the December meeting carried.

Motions to approve minutes from the closed session of the November meeting carried.

### Rabbi's Report: Rabbi Judy

- Chanukah service will take place on Friday, and we would like to see more younger people attend.
- There's still time to participate in Christmas meal delivery. In addition to delivering to first responders, we will add families in need.
- We will be kicking off the Torah restoration project early next year.

### Cantor's Report: Cantor David Katz

- As soon as the new year begins, we will start preparing for Purim, with the Beatles as the musical theme.
- Trying to get the choir going again.
- Board members urged to attend Bar Mitzvah services.
- Kudos to all who participated in Vodka and Latkes event.

### School Report: Deborah Tract

- The Vodka and Latkes event was very successful. Several couples from outside the Temple came. One couple was interested in potentially joining. Everyone enjoyed the food, dancing, and the DJ and magic. Jeff Miller was supposed to stay for an hour and a half. He stayed the entire time. We made a \$1,683 profit.
- The Chanukah party had a good turnout. Thanks to NOW and Men's Club for contributing.
- We had Hanukkah in the school, and we had two programs Monday and Tuesday, followed by the candle lighting and donuts and hot chocolate. Thanks to Laurel for organizing it.

- We received numerous contributions for the annual toy drive.

**President's Report:** Mark Natelson

- Several significant events in November, like Latkes and Vodka and the Chanukah party, were both very successful. More are on their way.
- Rabbi Search is in full swing. We will have a congregation-wide update out by January. There will be at least one Rabbinical candidate coming to TOEACRC in January.
- The caterer's contract renewal discussions are ongoing.
- The Nominating Committee is still working on filling the open VP spot.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Rabbi Search (Laurel)**

Rabbi Melody Davis will be coming for a visit/interview with the congregation on the weekend of January 13, 2023. Details of the schedule for the weekend will be shared with the BOT soon. We plan to bring other Rabbis forward for the congregation to meet them. Please try to attend the events scheduled for the BOT and Congregation.

### **Website Design (Laurel)**

We have started work with HiDesign and are in the process of collecting pictures and videos for the new website. We will be switching to Word Press instead of Go Daddy. This project will hopefully be done in the next three months. Each committee is requested to write a summary about their committee for us to share on the website.

### **Membership (Laurel)**

We have a new young family with two young children, bringing our K-2 class to 11 children. Darien, Jami's daughter, is a tremendous help to all these students.

### **Publicity (Laurel)**

There have been multiple ads in the local newspapers, websites, and Facebook.

### **Caterer Contract Negotiation Committee for December BOT (Neil)**

As previously reported, we have come to tentative agreements with Hasson on yearly minimum payments, per-head fees and the length of the contract. We then met with Hasson to discuss other issues. Although there are other issues under discussion and more minor issues that have not been discussed, we sent a proposed contract to the Hassons on December 2. We have not yet had a response. More information will be discussed in the closed session.

### **Social Action (Susan Levine)**

Reminder! The Christmas Day Food Delivery still needs volunteers for the following: Cook a main dish, a side dish, or a dessert to be delivered to local families in need and essential workers. Deliverers are also needed to deliver the food. Please drop off food at the Temple on Christmas day at 10:00 AM. Deliveries should be at the Temple by 10:30 AM. Please contact Susan Levine at [susanlevine318@gmail.com](mailto:susanlevine318@gmail.com) for more information or any questions.

### **Ritual (Len) Report of Ritual Meeting on December 8, 2022**

1. Torah Restoration Project – Rabbi Judy shared before and after pictures received from Jill Kaplan illustrating areas of major soiling. “Copy” for the printed material is printer ready, as well as the donation levels and artwork. The total cost to date is \$4,900, and so far, we are under board approved budget of \$6,000. The fundraising project will “kick off” on January 1, 2023.
2. The Channukah service will take place on Friday, December 23. Nishama will perform, and families are encouraged to light their menorahs collectively at the service.
3. Rabbi Judy discussed revising the method for handling the:

Misheberach list - If a congregation member is added to the new list, the name will be read aloud for two weeks. The complete list will continue to be distributed with the Friday night notice. Congregants in the Sanctuary may add any names they wish.

1. The Rabbi will include all names silently in her prayer.
2. Yahrzeit list - The list of people who died this year and the yahrzeits will continue to be read aloud, but in a reorganized fashion, divided into those who died this week (Shiva), the past 30 days (Shloshim), and the rest of the year (Shana) for members and parents (for whom Kaddish is said for 11 months). Kaddish is traditionally recited for 11 months ONLY for parents- we will include congregation members for 11 months even if the survivor is not the deceased’s child.
3. Various methods of encouraging congregants to attend services were discussed.

### **Network of Women (Robin Grossman)**

- Our next meeting is on January 23 via Zoom.
- January 29 will be our annual AED CPR certification. If you are a member of NOW you can reserve a spot on us (for the first 15 people). Once those spots are filled, each attendee will cost \$85 pp. Please see the flyer attached.
- There is still time to order your 2023 Mah Jongg Card. Please see attached flyer.
- \$10,000 was donated to the Temple to help complete the Library Renovation Project.
- The next Book Club discussion will be on January 30, and the book is The Librarian Spy by Madeline Martin. See attached flyer.
- I am putting together two new classes: one for Mah Jongg strategies and one for Canasta Strategies. We need a minimum of 8 to run the class. See the flyers on the next page.

**Open session portion of the meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.**

Minutes recorded and prepared by Jeff Schwartz, secretary.