



Congregation

Beth Tikvah Times

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From the Rabbi's Desk

Dear Congregants,

A new year stands before us. Not as a promise that everything will be easy, but as an invitation to become more intentional, more grounded, and more faithful to what truly matters.

The past year has shaped us. Some of its lessons were learned publicly, others privately, in moments of struggle, loss, or quiet endurance. Jewish tradition never asks us to look away from complexity. It asks us to meet reality with honesty and to sanctify it through how we live.

Welcoming 2026 means choosing depth over noise. Thought over reaction. Responsibility over resignation. Our tradition is rigorous because life is rigorous. Torah does not offer escape. It offers meaning. It teaches that moral clarity is built slowly, through daily choices, disciplined learning, and ethical action.

This year also reminds us how much strength already exists



within this community. Strength that has carried families through difficult seasons. Strength that has sustained learning, prayer, and acts of care even when energy was low and answers were unclear. That strength is real, and it is enduring.

This year calls for strengthening what sustains us. Learning that challenges the mind. Prayer that refines the heart. Acts of kindness that restore human dignity. The sages taught that the world stands on truth, justice, and peace. These pillars are not ideals alone. They are practices, expressed in speech, behavior, and the way disagreement is handled.

Community is not created by uniformity. It is created by covenant. By the willingness to carry responsibility for one another even when differences remain. In a fractured world, that commitment is not only demanding. It is deeply hopeful.

Let 2026 be a year of earned hope. Hope grounded in effort. In consistency. In small, faithful acts that may never be noticed yet never go to waste. Let it be a year of growth without pretense, courage without hardness, and faith that strengthens both mind and soul.

May this year bring healing where there has been pain, clarity where there has been confusion, and renewed confidence in the goodness that can still be built together.

With blessings for a meaningful and elevating year ahead,

Rabbi Moshe P. Weisblum, PhD



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Message from the Co-Presidents

First, we want to wish everyone a very happy and healthy secular New Year! May 2026 be a year of peace, health, happiness, and wishes that come true.

This past month we celebrated a very joyous and uplifting Chanukah party—one that we will long remember.

As we step into January, we are reminded that the Jewish calendar gives us a rare gift: the chance to begin again more than once. We've already welcomed 5786 with the introspection of the High Holy Days, and now the secular New Year invites us to pause once more—this time not with solemnity, but with possibility. It also brings Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees. It's a holiday that reminds us that growth often begins invisibly, beneath the surface. Even in the coldest months, roots deepen. Our community is no different. The seeds we plant now—through learning, connection, and generosity—become the strong branches that support us throughout the year.

January always arrives with a kind of quiet afterglow. The candles of Chanukah have long since burned down, Christmas lights are slowly disappearing from our neighbors' homes, and the world feels like it's exhaling after a month filled with celebration, family, and ritual.

It's a good moment to reflect on the unique relationship between these two holidays (Chanukah and Christmas)—distinct in meaning, history, and theology,

yet inevitably intertwined in the rhythm of American life.

For Jews living in a predominantly Christian society, Chanukah often becomes part of a broader cultural season. Many of us grew up navigating the dual experience of honoring our own traditions while being surrounded by the imagery, music, and excitement of Christmas. And while the holidays are not parallel—one marks a military victory and the rededication of the Temple, the other celebrates the birth of Jesus. But perhaps the most meaningful connection between them is not historical or religious at all.

It's emotional.

Both holidays bring light into the darkest time of the year. Families gather around tables, stories, and rituals. Both remind us that hope is something we kindle—sometimes with a match, sometimes with a melody, sometimes simply by showing up for one another.

In recent years, many interfaith families have found thoughtful ways to honor both traditions without blending them. They light the menorah with intention, celebrate Christmas with relatives respectfully, and teach their children that identity is strengthened—not diluted—when we understand the traditions around us. These conversations, held around kitchen tables and living room sofas, are part of the evolving story of American Judaism.

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Wendy Trontz, by Gail Jeby-Levy
Wendy Trontz, by The Board of Trustees
Susan Wald, by Shelley & Larry Slutsky

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TREE OF LIFE

We are sure that you have noticed the Tree of Life in the Lobby of our Synagogue! There are plenty of Leaves available to commemorate a Special Occasion. How about a Bar or Bat Mitzvah Leaf or a Leaf for a New Baby in the Family? Please call Esther Kamlet @ 516-735-0796

Thank You

Thank you to our 190 guests who attended this year's Chanukah Party. A special thank you to everyone on the Chanukah Party Committee. They are:

Meredith Slutzah-Bernstein, Fran Bezerman, Neil Bezerman, Bob Cooper, Bruce Hartman, Leah Hartman, Harvey Rabinowitz, Ronald Schwartz, Larry Slutsky, Stu Spector, Jody Wald, Rabbi Weisblum, Jerry Wohlstetter, and Avery Grantis

Thank you also to Dr. Mark Perlman and Dylan Perlman for donating tickets to their Argyle Theater in Babylon for our raffle.

Ab Roher
Chanukah Party Chairperson

Thank you to my CBT family for your well wishes and donations to CBT for my speedy recovery after my recent surgery. Knowing that people are concerned helps during my recovery.

Larry Slutsky

Thanks to everyone for good wishes and donations following my knee surgery. It was much appreciated.

Marty Brochstein



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For example, if you have a chair that you no longer want, or a drum set that's just taking up space, you can list it for sale (with a suggested price), with all the proceeds going back to CBT.

Email your name, phone number, item description, picture of the item and what price you would like to list it for to AB ROHER at ab_roher@cotyinc.com. He will then post it and you will then negotiate the sale with congregant who wants it.

MONTHLY TEHILLIM PRAYER GROUP

Anyone interested in reciting tehillim of strength, gratitude or healing see Leah Hartman or Fran Rosenberg for details. This will occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month upon request, meeting in the shul library.

LEARN CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Interested in learning conversational Hebrew with the Rabbi? If interested, please call the office. We are trying to organize a morning, after-

noon, evening or possibly Sunday class. Why not give it a try!!!!!!

SISTERHOOD SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Sisterhood is looking for a few women to help with Social Action. Please give us a little of your time.

Get involved!! If you have any questions, please contact Doris Joltin.

CBT SUPPORT GROUP

The CBT Support Group met on Monday, December 1. Looking ahead, we hope to meet again on Monday, January 5, Monday February 9, and Monday March 9th. All of our meetings are at CBT at 11 am.

If you have any "cares to unburden" in a warm, welcoming, confidential, non-judgmental group, we are here to support you.

We continue to welcome new members. Whether you are a member of CBT or not, we are here for you. Looking forward to seeing you on Monday, Jan 5 at 11 am.

Susan Wald

Coming Events

January 3 — Champagne Kiddush (rescheduled!)

January 10 — Wohlstetter Family Torah Dedication

January 13 — Lecture Series: The Life of Mickey Marcus

January 18 — Bikur Cholim Blood Drive

January 25 — Sisterhood Challah Bake & Breakfast

January 31 — Tu B'Shevat Seder



Ada Marcus

Sisterhood

We are already into our new secular year. Time is flying, and it's time to join Sisterhood in some upcoming events!

We enjoyed a delicious and fun Chanukah celebration on December 2nd.

Thanks to Sherry and Arline, and all the volunteers who helped put it together.

Our shopping day was a great success.

We joined forces this year with our Men's Club, and we had many volunteers as well as vendors in this joint venture.

Thank you to Beth and Karen for doing all the planning and work that went into making this successful, and thank you to all the volunteers and Men's Club members who contributed to this event.

Our January events include a book discussion on January 4th about "All Who

Go Do Not Return" by Shulem Deen. This is a true story of a man leaving his orthodox community. Join us for an interesting discussion.

On January 7th we will host our annual Game Night. Bring your game (mahjong, canasta, Scrabble, etc.) and enjoy an evening out with friends.

On January 25th, at 9:30 AM, come bake some challah and enjoy a light breakfast. Merri and Robin will be leading us in the art of baking challah. You will bring home your challah to bake. The cost is \$5. Please sign up in advance. Look for the flyer with all the information.

Our toy drive is over. The mitzvah pro-

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CBT Irving Freed Men's Club



Jody Wald

By the time this article goes to print, Hanukkah will long be over. It doesn't matter to me if you like your latkes with sour cream or apple sauce, as long as you eat in good health. I hope everyone enjoyed the Hanukkah Holiday celebrating the festival of light. Of course, by now, you must have cleaned the candle wax out of your menorah and put it away till next year.

We are all still recovering from the horrible massacre on Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia. Again, we were all glued to our television sets watching our fellow Jews being murdered at a holiday celebration on the beach. This had nothing to do with Israel or Gaza or politics. This was a religious celebration, celebrating the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. Just shows that we must always remain vigilant. We can never let our guard down, whether we are on the beach in Sydney, in downtown Buenos Aires, Argentina or outside the main

synagogue in Rome, Italy. All of these places are sites of recent attacks against innocent Jewish people trying to live their lives in a peaceful manner.

The Men's Club, together with the sisterhood of Congregation Beth Tikvah worked hard and had another successful holiday bazaar to show for it. All the vendors I spoke to had only good things to say about the event. I would like to thank the committee of Beth, Karen and Larry and all of the volunteers who came down to help make the bazaar such a success.

On December 11, the Men's Club went back to the UBS Arena for Jewish Heritage night. Over 20 of us came out to root for the Islanders and watch them win a very exciting game. Thanks, Neil, for arranging another great evening. Neil has already said he will try to arrange another outing at another Islander game this year, so if you did not come to

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Chavurah

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Restaurant

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Sunday, January 11 1pm

Cost: \$45

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January 4!



Linda Katz



Sherry Cohen

Linda and Sherry

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Thanks for your support of this most important program.

Sol Zweben
(516) 532-6827

Shul Gifts

There are many happy occasions in our lives; births, marriages, engagements, anniversaries, bris, bar/bat mitzvah, birthdays, baby namings etc...

If you would like to share your joy with us by purchasing a gift from our shul, or sponsoring an oneg or kiddush, some of the costs are listed below.

If you have a loss in your life, perhaps you would like to make a gift to our shul that will memorialize your loved one.

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735-0796

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contact Bruce Hartman

Stand up Basic Oneg
Contact Bruce Hartman

Jerry Friedman
Memorial Walkway
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Lorraine Levin

SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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All articles and flyers should be submitted by the 15th of the month for the next newsletter.

Thanks in advance for your help and cooperation.

Haftarot

Anyone who is interested in chanting or reading a Haftarah, please contact **Leah Hartman** at anmsmama@verizon.net.
Thank you.

Marty Brochstein



Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood



CHALLAH

*Bake &
Lite Breakfast*

Sunday, January 25, 2026

9:30 AM

Cost: \$5 for Sisterhood Members

Learn how to bake your own challahs.
Led by Merri Bernstein & Robin Grantis
Let it rise and take it home to bake and smell the
fresh aroma of home baked challah!

RSVP to merri0928@aol.com by January 18

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Message from the Co-Presidents *continued from page 2*

As we move into January, the lights of both holidays may be packed away, but the values they represent remain with us: resilience, generosity, gratitude, and the belief that even in the darkest season, we can create warmth and connection.

Every January, after the wrapping paper has been recycled and the menorahs have been polished and put away, many of us find ourselves reflecting on the unique dance between Christmas and Chanukah. These holidays—so different in origin and purpose—often meet in the same living rooms, the same families, and the same hearts.

And some of the most meaningful insights come from the stories we tell.

One congregant once shared that her grandchildren, growing up in an interfaith home, would run to the window each night in December—not to look for Santa, but to see whether the neighbors' Christmas lights or their own menorah would shine brighter.

Her daughter told them, “Both lights matter. One reminds us of miracles, the other reminds us of generosity.”

The children didn't compare; they simply delighted in the glow. It was a reminder that children often understand coexistence better than adults do.

Another member recalled a year when her son asked why Chanukah gifts were “smaller” than the Christmas presents his friends received.

She answered honestly: “Chanukah isn't about gifts. It's about courage, identity, and rededication.” One of her sons “still remembers that Chanukah as his favorite. The “small” gifts turned out to be the ones that lasted.

Many years ago, Gail invited a close Christian coworker to a Chanukah gathering. The coworker had never seen a menorah lit in person.

As the blessings were sung, she whispered, “This feels like Christmas Eve—quiet, hopeful, full of warmth.” It wasn't a theological comparison; it was an emotional one. Two traditions, each with its own sacred story, but both offering a moment of stillness in a noisy world.

Gift-giving has become a shared language of December in America. But the meaning behind the

gifts differs:

- Christmas gifts often symbolize generosity, love, and the spirit of giving.
- Chanukah gifts, in their modern form, reflect joy, family connection, and the desire to make the holiday feel special for children growing up in a multicultural environment.

Historically, Chanukah gifts were modest coins, gelt, small tokens. The holiday was never meant to compete with Christmas. Yet in many Jewish homes, gift-giving became a way to affirm Jewish identity rather than dilute it. A way to say: We have our own traditions, our own stories, our own light.

By the time January arrives, the frenzy of December fades, and what remains are the values beneath the wrapping:

- Resilience from the Chanukah story
- Generosity from the Christmas season
- Family and community from both
- Light in dark times, shared across traditions

These holidays don't merge, but they do speak to one another. They remind us that meaning isn't found in the size of a gift but in the intention behind it.

As we move into 2026, may we carry forward the best of both seasons: the courage of the Maccabees, the warmth of giving, and the simple joy of bringing light—literal and metaphorical—into the world.

May this new month bring renewal, resilience, and moments of joy.

May the glow of the past month carry us forward into a year filled with clarity, kindness, purpose and peace.

Shalom,

Gail Jeby-Levy
and
Jerry Wohlstetter
Co-Presidents

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The Torah Fund theme for 2025-2026 is "Oseh Shalom – Maker of Peace". *Oseh Shalom Bimromav* "May the One who creates peace on high bring peace to us and to all Israel (and all who dwell on earth)" appears at the end of *Kaddish* and in other prayers and is also a song.

The new pin was designed and produced in Israel and is a gift to Benefactors who donate \$180 or more to Torah Fund. To



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For paper Torah Fund cards contact Louise Goldberg 516-735-6008, Elaine Stein 516-694-5683 or Suzanne Susswein 516-785-5680. Cards are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Carole Friedman
Torah Fund Chair

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January Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Suzanne Susswein	1/1	Harvey Susman	1/21
Irwin Cohen	1/2	Phyllis Kayne	1/23
Michael Ross	1/2	Alvin Sedler	1/23
Lawrence Cohen	1/7	Stephen J. Kressel	1/24
Donald Horowitz	1/7	Morey Solomon	1/24
Seymour Susswein	1/7	Barbara Nadel	1/25
Stephen Zipper	1/7	Eric List	1/26
Joshua Genn	1/8	Marlene Scheinkopf	1/26
Esta Lachow	1/13	Sarrina Shraga	1/27
Robert Goodstein	1/14	Barbara Zuch	1/27
Debra Marblestone	1/14	Lawrence A. Beck	1/28
Sherry Amowitz	1/16	Allan Buchalter	1/28
Richard Bockstein	1/16	Ab Roher	1/28
Alan Weinstein	1/16	Judith R. Kressel	1/29
Jerald Wohlstetter	1/16	Nancy Cohen	1/30
Steve Salem	1/17		
David Slodki	1/18		
Selma N. Stern	1/19		
Wendy J. Trontz	1/20		
Larry Friedman	1/21		
Samuel A. Scheinhaus	1/21		

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Richard and Harriet Schultz	1/18
Mark and Kathy Perlman	1/18
Charles and Phyllis Rothman	1/19

Sisterhood Book Discussion

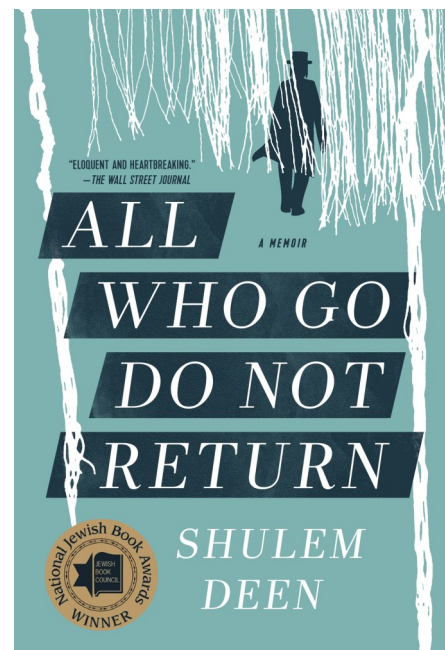
Sisterhood will meet on Sunday, January 4, promptly at 10am at the Synagogue to speak about our next book, "All Who Go Do Not Return", a memoir by Shulem Deen. This is a deeply honest and moving story about a man's decision to do something so simple and so radical — to live in accordance with his own beliefs. It is an enormously powerful and important book about faith, doubt and freedom.

This is a very fascinating story told with exquisite sensitivity. The author is a former Skever Chasid — a member of an insular Chasidic sect. He knows little about the outside world — only that it is to be shunned. His first transgression — turning on the radio — is small, but his curiosity leads him to the library, and later to the Internet. He begins to question his religious beliefs and later his faith unravels entirely.

The setting may be the world of Chasidic Judaism, but the insights are universal. Join us for this discussion - it should be very interesting.

Copies of the book are available at the Wantagh Public Library.

Selma Stern
Book Discussion Chairperson



Congregation
Beth Tikvah
Sisterhood



GAME NIGHT

Wednesday,
January 7, 2026
7:30 pm



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FUN GAME NIGHT WITH
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BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 18, 2026

9:15am – 3:15pm

South Shore Bikur Cholim

Merrick Jewish Centre

225 Fox Blvd., Merrick

To make an appointment click on link below:

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Happy Chanukah!



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Sisterhood Chanukah Party





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Jewish holidays are
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A Note of Thanks to Our Fantastic Volunteers

The CBT Sisterhood and Irving Freed Men's Club thank the entire congregation, including our tremendous volunteers, the Administration, the Board of Trustees, the Security Committee and the Custodial staff for their hard work, encouragement and participation in our recent Holiday Shopping Day event on Sunday, December 7, 2025. More than **70** volunteers from our congregation provided phenomenal support in advance, during, and after our event.

Thank you to the volunteers who:

- Visited** craft fairs and community festivals throughout the summer and fall, handed out flyers about our upcoming Holiday Shopping Day, collected business cards and worked hard to talk up our event!
- Worked** internally to create and approve our flyers, letters and contracts, and respond to our emails and telephone calls in a timely manner.
- Published** our flyers and articles in the *Shabbat Sha-*



lom, Beth Tikvah Times and the CBT website, and submitted community calendar listings and articles in external newspapers and posted our flyers and event information on dozens of Social Media sites and websites for the Brooklyn Queens Long Island (BQLI) Women's League, Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC), and local chambers of commerce.

- Helped** bring in foot traffic to our event by handing out Holiday Shopping Day flyers to family, friends and neighbors, distributed flyers at community events, and posted flyers in local libraries and public buildings.

- Assisted** vendors and shoppers at our Welcome Table, handing out synagogue membership and Religious School information and helping vendors in the morning and afternoon to move their tables and heavy bins of merchandise in and out of the synagogue.

- Coordinated** and implemented an impactful security plan, and supported the armed guards to ensure



everyone remained safe throughout the day.

- Directed** traffic for vendors and customers, managed the parking lot, and made it easy for Religious School parents to drop off /pick up their children.
- Purchased**, prepared and sold food and beverages to those attending the Holiday Shopping Day, and to those volunteers who served as "food runners" to bring food/drinks to vendors so they did not have to leave their vendor tables.
- Fulfilled** local middle school and high school community service requirements by volunteering to assist vendors and customers at our event, particularly **Ella Cook** of our Religious School, and Congregant Myra Cohen's grandsons, **Trevor** and **Brody Lennon**.

Like last year's successful event, our vendors told us they were extremely happy with their experience. They loved the opportunity to sell their merchandise in our clean, safe, indoor and heated space and appreciated the attentiveness of our fantastic volunteers.

Yasher Koach to everyone who participated!

L'Shalom,

*Karen Seltzer, Beth Stern, Jody Wald and Larry Slutsky
CBT Sisterhood and Men's Club 2025 Holiday Shopping Day*





Congregation Beth Tikvah Presents

**David "Mickey" Marcus,
Israel's American General**



Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Time: 7:30pm

Place: CBT Sanctuary

**Speaker: Paul Rosenfeld, first
cousin of Mickey Marcus**

*Join us for a fascinating presentation on the
life of Mickey Marcus, Israel's first general
since Judah Maccabee.*

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Congregation Beth Tikvah
Chavurah

*Invites you to
join us for lunch at*
**Wing Wan Kosher
Chinese Restaurant**

248 Hempstead Avenue, West Hempstead

Date: Sunday, January 11, 2026

Time: 1pm

Cost: \$45

For more information, please contact:

Sherry Cohen: (516) 660-3324

Linda Katz (516) 729-8168

RSVP DEADLINE: JANUARY 4, 2026

Clip and send with check made payable to:

Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood.

Mail to: Congregation Beth Tikvah

3710 Woodbine Avenue

Wantagh, NY 11793

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Phone: _____

Bikur Cholim Committee News

The BIKUR CHOLIM COMMITTEE is looking for blank greeting cards that you would like to donate. These cards are used to send speedy recovery and good wishes to those who are sick and recovering from an illness. Please bring any cards you have to the office. *Thank you.*



Bikur cholim (also transliterated **bikur holim**) refers to the [mitzvah](#) ([Jewish](#) religious commandment) to visit and extend aid to the sick. It is considered an aspect of gemilut chasadim (benevolence, [selflessness](#), [loving-kindness](#)). It is traditional to recite prayers for healing, such as the [Mi Shebeirach](#) prayer in the synagogue, and Psalms on behalf of the sick. The earliest bikur holim society on record dates to the early Middle Ages. The roots of bikur holim can be traced back to the [Torah](#), when G-d visits [Abraham](#) after his [circumcision](#) ([Genesis](#) 18:1).

Here at Congregation Beth Tikvah our committee strives to keep in touch with members who are ill or even just need to have their day brightened a bit. We send cards, make phone calls, visit and may even provide a drive to an appointment or assist with occasional shopping.

PLEASE NOTE: Our winter blood drive is Sunday, January 18 at Merrick Jewish Center, from 9:15am to 3:15pm. Your donation of one pint of blood helps to save multiple lives! Please consider becoming a donor. Thanks you so much to past donors. It was greatly needed and appreciated. Please watch for future notices about this drive.

If you think you could assist with any of the above activities... I would love to have you join our committee. Please contact Esta Lachow @ 516-520-1546 for more information.

If you or someone you know may benefit from this, please contact Rabbi Weisblum @ 516-785-2445 or 516-273-2748, or Esta Lachow @ 516-520-1546.

Shalom,

Esta Lachow
Committee Chair

Bikur Cholim Committee Members

Fran Bezerman
Sandra Drummer
Mollie Faber
Helene Fruchter
Sy Fruchter
Leah Hartman
Elaine Hearn
Esther Kamlet
Linda Katz
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Lynn Menzies
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Freya Novack
Norma Raspler
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Lucille Wechsler

Tehillim, or Psalms, have been recited by Jews for thousands of years. These ancient prayers open our hearts and bring renewal and strength to our daily lives. We at CBT in conjunction with Bikur Cholim have formed a Tehillim Circle. Please join us on the second Tuesday of most months (on request) for our Tehillim Service for the healing of our sick. For specific schedules of services check our Shabbat Shalom or call Leah Hartman at home 516-221-5133 or cell 516-459-2021. The power of this group is that it utilizes the collective strengths of those who are saying the psalms together. Join us and bring the names of those persons to be included in our prayers. If you can't make it, call the office with the person's name and their mother's name, and we will include the person's name in our communal listing.

CBT Receives Grants from Citizens Philanthropic Foundation and Investors Foundation

By Jo-Ann Hertzman — Corporate, Foundation & Media Relations



Congregation Beth Tikvah was awarded two generous grants in the 4th quarter of 2024: a \$2,500 grant from Citizens Philanthropic Foundation and a \$2,500 grant from Investors Foundation. The Citizens Philanthropic Foundation partnered with Investors Foundation to underwrite Congregation Beth Tikvah Times, the High Holiday and Membership Guide and our Spring Holiday Guide.



In November, we collected toys so that sick and underprivileged children on Long Island could still receive presents during the holidays.

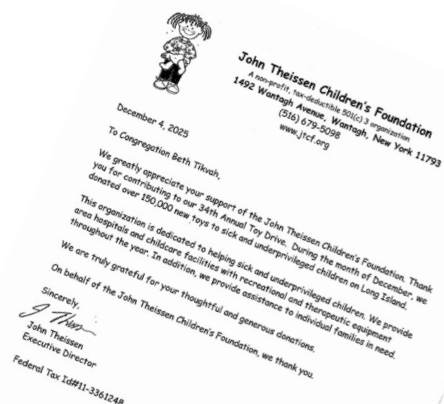
On Dec. 4, I delivered the toys to the John Thiessen Children's Foundation, which then distributes these toys to children to help brighten up their holidays and lift their spirits.

Once again CBT members came through! Yasher koach to all who donated to this very worthy cause. I brought a trunk full of toys to bring smiles to girls and boys!

I thank Men's Club President, Jody Wald, for his assistance shlepping the toys from CBT to my awaiting trunk. Teamwork makes the dream work!!

Jody joins me in wishing you a happy, HEALTHY 2026!!

Susan Wald
Sisterhood Social Action Committee
Co-chairwoman



Congregation Beth Tikvah

HOUSE OF HOPE Tee Shirt Sale

You can e-mail your order, drop it off in the office or mail it in. If you email it, please mail your check in to the office!



It's Easy!
Either drop your order off in the office or e-mail your order today to:
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The "HOUSE OF HOPE" Tee Shirt is a Grey Cotton/Poly Tee with Navy Lettering. Adult sizes cost \$20.00 and are available in Small, Medium, Large, X Large and XX Large. Please make Checks payable to Congregation Beth Tikvah.

Please Send in Your Orders As Soon As Possible!

Send in the order form below with your check made out to Congregation Beth Tikvah

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Att: CBT Tee Shirts**

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Don't be left out! Order yours today!!

FUN...DRAISING JANUARY 2026!!

CBT T-Shirts : Our updated T-Shirt is now available! See the above picture and return the form in this issue of the CBT Times, or Shabbat Shalom ASAP! Show your pride, only \$20.



Mishloach Manot : With Purim fast approaching on March 2nd, look in the mail mid-January for your Purim greeting card and gift bag order form. The RSVP due date is Monday, February 2nd.



Kol Nidre Appeal : Do it for yourself! Please send in your donation to help Congregation Beth Tikvah provide all the services and events that we offer to you.

Argyle Theatre : Our next show is a Tony award winner: "NEWSIES". It's the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies". When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies the newsies to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right! Reg price Orchestra seats are \$95 but CBT still pays the \$63 group rate when you order thru us, thanks to Mark Perlman. You pay \$73 and CBT makes \$10. See the flyer in this issue of Beth Tikvah Times.

Mah Jongg & Canasta : Continued thanks to Linda Shumsey and Carole Goldberg. This weekly event is gaining popularity so don't miss out on all the fun. Bring your friends to play Mah Jongg, Canasta, and other games as well! Snacks too!

Gift Cards : Want something for nothing? So does CBT!

GIFT CARDS COST YOU NOTHING TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE. Please contact Sol Zweben to place your order at 516-795-5499 or email him at sol.zweben@artintel.net. You can pick them up at the office or you can make other arrangements with Sol. See the flyer in this issue of the CBT Times.

JNF : Trees for Israel...The cost is \$18 per tree. Call Louise Goldberg to place your order for trees to be planted in Israel.

Jerry Friedman Memorial Walkway : Keep those orders coming, we have bricks to be filled!!! Order your Bricks to commemorate an important event or people in your life. Get in touch with Dave Kamlet or Lorraine Levin. Fill out the form in this Newsletter or contact either of them or the office to get started.

Clothing Bin : The Bin in our parking lot is waiting for your "donations"! Great place to put your unwanted items.

amazon.com : Please make sure you go through our CBT website to get to Amazon, and we get commission on your purchases.

Journal Celebration : Our Journal Celebration is Sunday June 7th. We're very happy to announce that our Honorees are **Marty Brochstein & Harvey Greenberg**! Both have done so much for Congregation Beth Tikvah through the years so please support them.

Neil Bezerman

Ab Roher

Congregation Beth Tikvah
Fundraising Co-Vice Presidents

Men's Club *continued from Page 6*

this game maybe you will come to the next one.

Under the able direction of Ab and his committee, the synagogue had its annual Hanukkah party on December 21st. We all had a good time singing, dancing, eating, enjoying the clown and lighting the candles on the menorah. Thanks to the music from the Rabbi's band, the mood in the room was very freylach. Thanks again to all of the volunteers who shopped, cooked set up and cleaned up.

I do not know if you heard, but this year the Men's Club will be honoring Dave Kamlet as man of the year and Corey Grantis as youth of the year. The brunch will be scheduled for the spring. I will forward more information as it becomes available.

In addition, a hearty Mazal Tov goes out to Harvey and Marty, two members of the Men's Club board. They have both been named as Congregation Beth Tikvah journal honorees for 2026. See only good things happen when you get involved in the Men's Club.

In case you have not done so yet, please remember to fill out your renewal application for the Men's Club for the 2025-2026 year. Then return it to the shul to the attention of the Men's Club along with a check with your Men's Club dues.

All of our bowling brothers and sisters continue to have a lot of fun, under the able leadership of Stu.

As a heads up, I would like to list a few of the things

we have planned for the future so you can mark your calendars accordingly and reserve the dates so that you will be able to join us.

*The Men's Club will be hosting another Movie night on February 11th in Bellmore.

*Then on March 7th, the Men's Club will be hosting a Bingo game in the synagogue.

*On March 20th, the Men's Club will be conducting services for yet another Men's Club Shabbat.

*Please keep your eyes and ears open for more information on our upcoming annual wine sale.

More events for the 2025-2026 year are being planned so pay attention to my future columns.

I look forward to seeing you at many if not most of these planned events. Remember the more you put into something, the more you get out of it. My hope is that you will all join the Men's Club and participate in all of the many activities that we offer. We offer such a wide range of activities that you have to be interested in some of the things we do.

Susan and I and our entire family would like to wish you and yours a very Happy and Healthy secular new year.

Jody

Sisterhood *continued from Page 6*

ject for January is a winter clothing collection. Bring your warm jackets, etc. and help a needy individual. Clean out those stuffed closets and donate your warm clothes that you no longer wear to help those who are in need.

In conclusion, I would like to announce that Susan Wald (our Social Action gal) has been nominated for our Woman of Achievement for this year. Susan is so

deserving of this award and we are proud of the work she does for our community. Congratulations, Susan!

Always check your email for upcoming events. I hope to see you at all of our events and wish you a very happy and healthy 2026!

Ada



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Send your fellow congregants a
Happy Birthday or Anniversary Leagram!

February 2026 Birthdays

Shoshana Bazini
Fran Bezerman
Alice Cohen
Randi Cohen
Richard Cohen
Sherry Cohen

Rachelle Cook
Robert Cooper
Carol Feldman
Carole Goldberg
Moss Kaufman

Lara Richman
Jill Rovenger
Susan Sheiman
Bruce Skurnik
Marilyn Spector

February 2026 Anniversaries

Sherry & Richard Bockstein
Barbara & Larry Cohen
Esther & Davide Kamlet
Jana & Harvey Rabinowitz

Marilyn & Stuart Spector
Alan & Mindy Weinstein
Linda & Stephen Zipper

Circle or highlight names you wish to congratulate at a cost of \$1.00 per name.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ORDERS FOR FEBRUARY LISTINGS IS JANUARY 20

Please make check payable to "Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood."

SEND ALL ORDERS AND CHECKS TO: Karen Seltzer, 1A Chelmsford Drive, Glen Head, NY 11545

Questions? Contact Karen Seltzer at 516-817-4356 (talk or text) or karengseltzer@gmail.com

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Congregation Beth Tikvah
3710 Woodbine Avenue, Wantagh, NY

Tu B'Shevat Seder

*Come Celebrate after Shabbat Services on
Saturday, January 31, 2026*

Together we'll learn,
discuss, be inspired,
eat delicious fruits and
nuts and drink four
cups of "wine" as we
celebrate the Holiday
of the Trees



Please RSVP to CBT
Office by Monday, January 26

(516) 785-2445



CONGREGATION BETH TIKVAH GOES TO SEE:



"NEWSIES"

Adapted from the Disney film, NYC's newsboys seize the day when they strike against their working conditions.

Set in turn-of-the century NYC, Newsies is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies". When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies the newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right!

Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, Newsies features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken (Little Shop of Horrors, Sister Act) and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein (Kinky Boots). Featuring the now classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," and "Santa Fe," Newsies is packed with non-stop thrills and a timeless message, perfect for the whole family and every audience.

Date: SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026 @ 2:00 PM. We have 30 seats reserved so please order your tickets quickly! **First come...First served!!**

Cost: CBT Group Tickets are only **\$73.00** each for Orchestra seats, which are regularly \$90.00.

Venue: The Argyle Theatre, 34 W. Main St, Babylon, NY

Reserve: Neil Bezerman (neilbez@optonline.net) or CBT OFFICE @ 516-785-2445

ALL TICKET REQUESTS MUST BE MADE & PAID BY FEBRUARY 6, 2026

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Name: _____

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ATT: NEWSIES

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Mah Jongg and Canasta



Every Thursday



At

CONGREGATION BETH TIKVAH

3710 WOODBINE AVE, WANTAGH NY 11793

NOON TO 4:00 PM (Doors open at 11:30)

**PLAY MAH JONGG AND CARDS
 IN A SAFE, FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT**

Every Thursday we host **OPEN** Mah Jongg, canasta card games or whatever can be played on a card table. We will always have a game for you. We happily match you up with other similar players.

✦ Open to both Men & Women. Players can come alone or bring friends.

✦ Lessons in mah jongg and canasta are available at a nominal fee.

✦ Coffee, tea, and soda will be served along with individual factory packaged snacks (such as chips, pretzels, cookies, etc.).



✦ You may bring unopened bottled water.

✦ No outside food is allowed.

✦ Required contribution is \$5 per person.

✦ If you need more information, kindly contact: Congregation Beth Tikvah Office @ 516-785-2445.

✦ www.congbt.org



New Rates for Sponsoring a Kiddush

(effective March 01, 2025)

****Standard Shabbat Stand-Up Kiddush (\$350.00)***

Wine, Grape Juice, Challah, Pickled Herring (Wine Sauce and Cream Sauce), Gefilte Fish Balls with Horseradish, Black and White Cookies, Rugelach, Rainbow Cookies, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Celebration Layer Cake with inscription, Nuts and Dried Fruit Mix, Coffee (Regular and Decaf), Tea, Water, Tablecloths, Paper Goods and Cutlery.

****Enhanced Shabbat Stand-Up Kiddush (\$500.00)***

Wine, Grape Juice, Challah, Pickled Herring (Wine Sauce and Cream Sauce), Gefilte Fish Balls with Horseradish, Fruit Salad, Crudit  with Hummus, Guacamole, Salsa, Corn Chips, Black and White Cookies, Rugelach, Rainbow Cookies, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Celebration Layer Cake with inscription, Nuts and Dry Fruit Mix, Coffee (Regular and Decaf), Tea, Water, Tablecloths, Paper Goods and Cutlery.

****Deluxe Stand-Up Shabbat Kiddush (\$650.00)***

Wine, Grape Juice, Challah, Pickled Herring (Wine Sauce and Cream Sauce), Gefilte Fish Balls with Horseradish, Fruit Salad, Crudit  with Hummus, Guacamole, Salsa, Corn Chips, Sliced Cheeses, Assortment of Crackers, Lox Cream Cheese Spread, Tuna Salad, Egg Salad, Whitefish Salad, Bagels, Black and White Cookies, Rugelach, Rainbow Cookies, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Celebration Layer Cake with inscription, Nuts and Dry Fruit Mix, Assortment of Chocolates, Coffee (Regular and Decaf), Tea, Water, Tablecloths, Paper Goods and Cutlery.

*** The above items are subject to change.**



Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood
 3710 Woodbine Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793

ORDER YOUR 2026 MAH JONGG CARD NOW

Tired of this year's card?
Ready to order your new one?

Place your order and help the
Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood at the same time.

Ask your friends and family to order their **2026** cards from Sisterhood.

These are the Prices from the National Mah Jongg League
(the same as last year)

- **\$14 for the regular size**
- **\$15 for the large size**



DEADLINE IS JANUARY 16, 2026

Clip and send with your check made payable to Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood to:

Congregation Beth Tikvah
 3710 Woodbine Avenue
 Wantagh, NY 11793
 Attn: Mah Jongg Card

or leave in Sisterhood mailbox in the office

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email address _____



#Regular _____ x \$14 = _____


#Large _____ x \$15 = _____

Total enclosed: _____

***Please use a separate sheet for additional names and addresses**

***Cards will be delivered in late March or early April**



 Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood
December/January Mitzvah Project

Share the Warmth

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR...

Oh the weather outside is frightful...
But you can warm people up with your
donations of gently used winter clothes,
boots, shoes, coats, jackets, hats, scarves,
sweaters, gloves, mittens, etc. Kindly bring
them to the cart in the CBT lobby.

PLENTY of people **NEED** your stuff

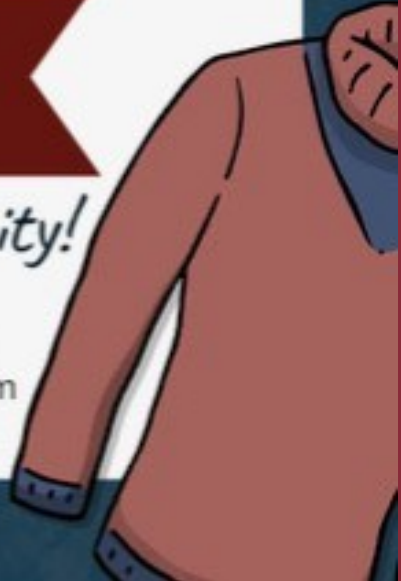

Open to ALL CBT Members and members of the
community. We will have a cart in the front lobby to
drop off your generous donations or bring to the
Sisterhood Meeting on December 3 or January 7
Start the secular New Year off right!



**DECEMBER 1 -
JANUARY 31**

Help us help our community!

For more information contact:
Susan Wald: allfivewalds@gmail.com
Carole Goldberg: goldj46@hotmail.com



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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY

In Honor of

The Rabbi's grandson's Bar Mitzvah (Anonymous Donation)

Rabbi's grandson, Natan Yehuda Doitsh's Bar Mitzvah,
by Gita Freed

The Rabbi's new grandson, by Saralynn Grandison

The Rabbi's grandson's Bar Mitzvah, by Saralynn Grandison

The Rabbi's new grandson, by Nell & Aaron Landman

The Rabbi's new grandson, by Shelley & Larry Slutsky

The Rabbi's grandson's Bar Mitzvah,

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In Memory of

Sheila Ciemny, Leah Hartman's mother, by Barbara Epstein

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Sheila Ciemny, Leah Hartman's mother, by Millicent Rinsky

Sheila Ciemny, Leah Hartman's mother,

by Friends of Congregation Beth Tikvah

Sheila Ciemny, Leah Hartman's mother by Anna Cohen

Stanley Rottell, Esther Kamlet's brother,

by Sherry & Richard Bockstein

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Speedy Recovery to

Susan Wald (Anonymous Donation)

Marty Brochstein, by Sherry & Richard Bockstein

SHIVA MEAL

In Memory of

David Lappen, Shelley & Larry Slutsky's Brother-in-Law,

by Fran & Neil Bezerman



Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood

Exercise in Disguise

for

Sisterhood Members

**ZUMBA GOLD
with Andrea**



Low Impact Zumba Gold (chair optional)

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Sisterhood meeting

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Jerry Friedman: A Gentleman - A Gentle Man

Jerry was deeply involved in the Wantagh Jewish Center and served in many roles including Membership Vice President, Member of the Board of Trustees and President of the Men's Club. He served as Kol Nidre Appeal Chairperson, was a member of the Long Term Planning Committee, Synagogue Consolidation Committee and Shabbat Aliyah Chairperson.

Clearly, Jerry's most notable and visible role was that of the official "Shabbos Greeter". For many years, everyone who entered our doors for services was personally greeted with a handshake, a warm greeting, maybe a kiss and a feeling of being welcomed and wanted. Everyone who entered our doors knew Jerry - **"A Gentleman and a Gentle Man."**



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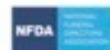
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Su	1/4	Sisterhood Book Discussion	10:30 AM
		Argyle Theatre - Annie	2:00 PM
M	1/5	Support Group	11:00 AM
Tu	1/6	Men's Club Board Meeting	7:30 PM
W	1/7	Sisterhood Meeting	7:30 PM
Th	1/8	Executive Council Meeting	8:00 PM
Sa	1/10	Torah Dedication	10:00 AM
Su	1/11	Men's Club Bowling	9:30 AM
		Chavurah Luncheon	1:00 PM
M	1/12	MC FJMC Regional Meeting	6:30 PM
Tu	1/13	Lecture Series	7:30 PM
Su	1/18	Blood Drive	9:15 AM
M	1/19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
Tu	1/20	Men's Club Event	7:30 PM
Th	1/22	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:00 PM
Su	1/25	Sisterhood Challah Bake	10:00 AM
W	1/28	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30 PM
Sa	1/31	Tu B'Shevat Seder	12:00 PM
Su	2/1	Men's Club Bowling	9:30 AM
M	2/2	Tu B'Shevat	
Tu	2/3	Men's Club Board Meeting	7:30 PM
W	2/4	Sisterhood Meeting	7:30 PM
Th	2/5	Executive Council Meeting	8:00 PM
M	2/9	Support Group	11:00 AM
Tu	2/10	Lecture Series	7:30 PM
W	2/11	Men's Club Movie Night	7:00 PM
M	2/16	President's Day	
Th	2/19	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:00 PM
W	2/25	Sisterhood Board Meeting	7:30 PM

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Sundays @ 9:00 AM
Monday @ 8:00 AM
Thursday @ 8:00 AM

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10:00am

FRIDAY January 9

Candle Lighting

4:27pm

SATURDAY January 10

Shemot

10:00am

FRIDAY January 16

Candle Lighting

4:35pm

SATURDAY January 17

Va'eira

10:00am

FRIDAY January 23

Candle Lighting

4:43m

SATURDAY January 24

Bo

10:00am

FRIDAY January 30

Candle Lighting

4:51pm

SATURDAY January 31

B'Shallach

10:00am

DAILY MINYAN:

Sunday Morning

9:00am

Civic Holidays

8:00am

Monday, Thursday &

Rosh Chodesh

8:00am

Evening Minyan (when requested)

8:00pm