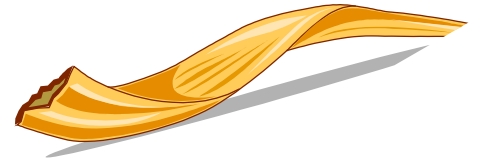




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OF LIGHT AND CEREMONY

By Rabbi Dean Kertesz

January is the month when the nights begin to grow shorter and the days longer. Although we are in the midst of winter, we begin to see the promise of Spring. During the dark days of December we celebrate the growing light during *Hanukkah*, by lighting one more candle each night until we reach eight. Christmas too is a festival of lights. Across the world and across cultures, there are celebrations of light at Winter Solstice time. This is also a time when we experience a sense of awe and wonder. Many, regardless of personal religious commitments, examine the place of ritual and spirituality in their lives.

Recently in the New York Times I read two editorials, “An Atheist’s Christmas Dream,” and “Religion Without God.”

These articles examine our need for ritual to mark important moments in life, or to connect us to something greater than ourselves that gives our lives meaning, or to create communities of meaning. This has, of course, been the function of religion since its beginning: to provide meaning,



mark important moments as sacred, and to engage individuals in communities where we provide love and support in the best and worst moments of our lives. The rejection of God still leaves a void that must be filled, thus the creation of Humanistic Judaism, or Sunday Assemblies in Britain, where people in engage in the forms of religious experience without God.

This is because ritual matters. It matters profoundly. Our lives are impoverished without ritual. In the New York Times

editorial “Religion Without God,” the author T.M.

Luhrmann writes, “performing a ritual focuses your attention on some moment and deems it worthy of respect.” This is not a new idea, particularly in Judaism. Our sages of blessed memory understood the importance of focusing on special moments two millennia ago, when they wrote that a person should recite 100 blessings a day. “Rabbi Meir said: ‘A person is obliged to recite 100 blessings every day as it is said, “What (*ma* in Hebrew) does the Lord your God ask of you?” (Deut. 10:12). Instead of *ma* (what?), read it as *mea* (the number 100 in Hebrew).’ (Talmud *Bavli* – *Menachot* 43b).

A blessing (*beracha* in Hebrew) serves two functions. First, it is a way to cultivate gratitude in our daily lives. For example, we all know that we are supposed to say a blessing before we eat. The reason our rabbis give is that we should do so to give thanks for God’s bounty. “Before one enjoys anything of this world, one should give thanks to its Creator...” (Talmud *Bavli*, *Berachot* 35a) In doing so we take a physical necessity like eating and turn it into a moment of spiritual consciousness. Thus we bring our attention to our action and

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feed our body and our soul. The same is true when we see a beautiful view or an awesome natural wonder. The beauty of nature is also a gift. We know this instinctively as we feel a deep sense of awe that we are in the presence of something greater than ourselves. This too is a moment of gratitude and there is a blessing for this moment, "Blessed are you *Adonai* our God, who creates the wonders of creation." The blessing takes the inherent feeling and makes it conscious.

This is the second reason for reciting blessings. They are a tool to help us be present in our lives: present to each other, present to the world, and present to wonder. For without being present we cannot experience wonder. Wonder is what makes life special, transcendent and meaningful. It is easy to experience wonder at special moments in life like birth,

death, or a wedding or on *Yom Kippur*, or a pilgrimage or a retreat. But we are surrounded by wonder all the time. The challenge is to be aware of it. Blessings help us to do that. If we pause for an instant, before performing a mundane act, we can be present to the wonder. Thus blessings do not just recognize special moments, they have the power to make every moment special.

As we begin the secular New Year we have an opportunity to transform our lives. Whether religious or secular, we can tap into the wisdom of our tradition and use the power of blessings to live lives of greater presence and meaning. If reciting 100 blessings a day seems like too much, then begin with one to two and experience the difference it will make in your life. Wishing you a blessed New Year.

Sunday Morning Bagel Brunch
February 1, 2015
10:15 a.m.- Noon

Learn How to Craft a Traditional Challah with Michael Nye, Temple Beth Hillel's Bread Maker-in-Chief

TBH member Michael Nye thought a personal touch was missing from the Temple's Sabbath night oneg table. The store-bought challah had to go and so he replaced it with his own carefully crafted braided bread made with organic honey, poppy seeds or golden raisins. So began the Temple's tradition of celebrating the holidays and sabbaths with Michael Nye's own challah as the focal point on the oneg table.

Join Michael Nye in Temple Beth Hillel's industrial-equipped kitchen as he demonstrates how you too can prepare your own home-baked challah.

\$5 suggested donation

****PLEASE contact Michael by phone or email if you plan to attend the session: 415-342-5145 jaymichaelnye@gmail.com***

Notes From The Board
Meeting of Nov. 19, 2014

- Progress has been made on refurbishing the **adult ed meeting room**. It has been painted, gotten new carpeting and new wiring has been installed.
- A morning **Shabbat** service is planned for Saturday, Jan. 31.
- The publicity committee has been working on a **membership survey** to learn how members heard about TBH. So far, the results range from seeing the website to looking in the phone book. Several people commented that they were drawn by the warmth.
- The recent **bagel brunch** was very well attended, with more than 30 people, mostly temple members. A program with an interfaith theme is planned for January.
- Packing boxes for the **Food for Thought** program is expected to begin after the Chanukah party. Each recipient family is expected to get 5 boxes, and 120 families will be served. So far the Religious School has gathered 110 jars of peanut butter.
- It appears that **GRIP** does not need our volunteer help on Christmas Day. No alternative venue has been found.

Submitted by Roberta Alexander, secretary



SAVOR AND SPICE FOR A NEW YEAR

By JANE DURANGO, President



I would like to wish all of you a happy New Year and hope that the year ahead brings you and your families health, peace and joy. 2014 was a good year at Temple Beth Hillel and, with help from all of you, 2015 should turn out even better.

We can look forward to a Shabbat morning service and potluck lunch on Saturday morning, Jan. 31st. If you would like to chant *Torah/Haftarah*, participate in ritual (*Torah* procession, opening/closing ark, be called to the Torah with an *Aliyah*, do a prayer in Hebrew or English, etc.) please reach out to me. It would be great if some of our future *b'nai mizvah* students or post *b'nai mizvah* youth would like to participate.

Malka has just announced a Kol Truah concert in

January. Of course we can't forget Rabbi Dean's Adult Ed classes with discussions from the Talmud.

One of the events that we can look forward to is a Bagel Brunch on February 1 where our own Michael Nye will show us how to make challah. I can't wait for that.

I want to thank each and every one of you for making 2014 so meaningful for me and my family.

Serving Temple Beth Hillel is an honor, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity.

Here is a recipe for homemade hummus from Fast & Festive Meals for the Jewish Holidays by Marlene Sorosky: Hummus (Chick-pea and Sesame Dip).

Hummus

3-4 cloves garlic, to taste, peeled
2 cans (15 ½ oz. each) garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
1/3 c. fresh lemon juice or to taste
6 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 cup tahini (sesame seed paste)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Garnish:

1 teaspoon olive oil
Paprika
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1 tablespoon pine nuts, toasted

In a food processor with the metal blade, process garlic until minced. Add garbanzo beans, lemon juice, oil, tahini, salt, and pepper. Process until pureed. Season to taste with additional lemon juice, garlic, salt and pepper. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours for flavors to blend. (Hummus may be refrigerated up to 1 week or frozen.)

To garnish: Spoon into a shallow bowl and drizzle top with olive oil. Sprinkle with paprika, parsley and pine nuts if desired.

To serve: Serve chilled or at room temperature with pita bread, cut into triangles, fresh vegetables, such as carrots, celery, jicama, broccoli, cauliflower, or zucchini, cut into bite-size pieces

Makes: 4 cups; serves 16 or more



COMMEMORATIONS

Yahrzeits

Samuel Feurst, father of Irving Feurst	1/1	Melvin Wolffs, son of Pearl Wolffs	1/9	Thelma Rosenberg, beloved member of our Congregation	1/20
Gertrude Gracer, grandmother of Jamie Gracer	1/2	Ernest Marcus, beloved member of our Congregation	1/10	Shlomo Dagan, father of Malka Helfman	1/21
Ruth Rosen, aunt of Irene Morgan	1/2	Hyman Martel, beloved member of our Congregation	1/10	Esther Cunningham, beloved member of our Congregation	1/22
Eugene Bell, father of Susannah Bell Fishman	1/3	Lillian S. Taub, mother of Laura Taub	1/10	Sydney J. Goldberg, brother of Clara-Rae Genser	1/22
Shirley Gerry, mother of Eric Husby-Gerry, grandmother of Lizbet Husby-Gerry	1/3	Julius Gracer, grandfather of Jamie Gracer	1/12	Gertrude Sondheimer, mother of Miriam Gerber	1/22
Daniel Zell, uncle of Eric, Bonnie & Tracy Zell	1/3	Alex Brian Gregory, nephew of June Maberry	1/12	Lester Swallowood, uncle of Jane Kaasa	1/22
Kurt Benjamin, father of Jane Kaasa, grandfather of Maurice & Eric	1/4	Tova Dagan, mother of Malka Helfman	1/13	Connie Bell, mother of Susanna Bell Fishman	1/24
Bertha F. Dains, mother of Barbara Ball	1/5	Malcolm Levenson, beloved father of Louise Snitz	1/14	Rose Miller, grandmother of Arlene Lisby	1/25
Sylvia Drabkin Gomshay, mother of Rebecca Chemla	1/5	Harold Blakeley, beloved member of our Congregation	1/16	Edward Ratner, father of Linda Ratner	1/27
Shirley Ann Okun, cousin of Sharon Mittleman	1/6	Phyllis Rooder Weiss, mother of David Weiss	1/16	Sam Meisel, father of Helene Wichner	1/28
Gwendolen Seal, mother of Michael Seal, M.D.	1/8	Anna Segal Weidenfeld, mother of Jay Weidenfeld	1/17	Ina Osburn, mother of David Osburn	1/28
Rebecca Jaffe, grandmother of Arlene Lisby	1/9	William Mandel, husband of Roberta Mandel	1/19	Lucille Hadler, grandmother of Jeff Hadler	1/29
Dr. Milton A. Kranz, father of Joan Seal	1/9	Linda Jane Eidelberg, niece of Jay Weidenfeld	1/20	Murray Hadler, grandfather of Jeff Hadlere	1/29
Nettie Morgan, mother-in-law of Irene Morgan	1/9	Steve Osburn, brother of David Osburn	1/20	Carl D. Nusbaum, uncle of Saralynn Nusbaum	1/29
		Minnie B. Press, aunt of Barbara Weidenfeld	1/20	Frances Mueller, great Aunt of Marcia Delgadillo	1/31
		Florence Reese, grandmother of Debra Salan	1/20		

Condolences

Morris Benezra, husband of Beatrice Benezra, died on December 3, 2014 at home in Pinole, CA. Morris was a long-time member of Temple Beth El. He was a teacher and artist whose work beautifies our synagogue. The door-handles on the main doors to the sanctuary and the Sephardic Torah case in the religious school are both examples of his work and his contributions to our congregation. In addition to his wife of 66 years, he leaves two sons, Neal and Seth and daughters-in-law Maria Makela and Patricia Mazal; granddaughter Ava; and Ben, Monica and great-granddaughter Isabel Mazal. The congregation extends our deepest sympathy. May you find comfort among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Helen Christensen, mother of David Kline, mother-in-law of Laura Taub, died on December 27, 2014, at age 90 after a long illness, in Aurora, IL. The congregation extends deep sympathy to David and Laura and their family. May you find comfort among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Birthdays

Beverly Lesch	1/5	David Brown	1/21
Avram Novick	1/7	Kumi Hadler	1/24
Eric Husby-Gerry	1/8	Noe Hadler	1/24
Jeff Novick	1/10	Juli Goldwyn	1/26
Valerie Schillaci	1/11	Marilyn Hertzberg	1/26
Cheryl Black	1/14	Helene Wichner	1/26
Aviv Martin Delgadillo	1/18	Gordon Raskin	2/1
Eva Kertes	1/18	Alice Chanowitz	2/2
Adeline Jones Horton	1/19	Renee Powell	2/5
June Kamerling	1/20	Charles Teitelbaum	2/5
		Larry Fox	2/7

Wedding Anniversary

Maggie Jacobs & Robert Woznicki 1/23



Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, 8:00 PM
Kol Shofar
215 Blackfield Dr
Tiburon, CA 94920

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, 3:00 PM
Temple Beth Hillel
801 Park Central St
Richmond, CA 94803

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015, 7:30 PM
Temple Israel
3183 Mecartney Rd
Alameda, CA 94502

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015, 3:00 PM
Congregation Netivot Shalom
1316 University Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94702

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of the East Bay
Presents

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801 Park Central, Richmond. 94803.

Suggested donation: \$15; \$10 students, seniors.

Other concert dates are listed below

Congregation Kol Shofar, Saturday, Jan. 24, 8 p.m.

215 Blackfield Drive, Tiburon. 94920

Temple Israel, Saturday, January 31st, 7:30 p.m.

3183 Mecartney Rd., Alameda. 94502.

Congregation Netivot Shalom, Sunday, February 1st, 3 p.m.

1316 University Avenue, Berkeley. 94702



Don't Tell Me By Roberta Alexander

I was unhappy when Dr. Perfect told me he was giving up his Oakland practice to move to the East Coast. Yes, it was very politically correct of him ... his wife had gotten a great job in New England. But still, I mourned. Meanwhile, he assured all of his patients that he and the others in the medical group would find us someone with a great attitude whom we would all love.

So I had high hopes the day of my first appointment with Dr. Substitute. He came into the exam room and, instead of hello, said, "I'm Dr. Substitute. I've been reading your chart and see that you have many medical problems."

My jaw dropped as I rose from the chair. "You're mistaken," I said. "I'm a healthy woman whose medical issues are under control." [At the time I had one condition that was responding to medication and chronic low back problems. I was not an invalid.]

I picked up my bag and my book and walked out of the exam room.

I was offended on several counts. For one thing, that's a hell of a bedside manner – what a way to introduce yourself! But, more to the point, he defined me as someone I didn't think I was, and didn't want to be either.

To stay in his practice was unthinkable. His mind was made up about me before we'd even met. I'd be afraid every time I mentioned something that was going on, that it would provide more evidence of how feeble I was.

I went right to the front desk and told the receptionist I wanted to switch to Dr. Fill-in, whom I'd seen once before. Within a year, I had left the practice entirely and found a doctor closer to home.

This episode was brought to mind by a conversation I had a few years later with a woman in my quilting group. I didn't know her very well, but she was friendly with one of the others at my table.

On this occasion, she told me she nearly hadn't come to the group because she had so much pain in her knees.

After a couple of minutes of commiserating, I said that pools were a great place for people with knee pain.

"I don't know how to swim," she said.

"You don't need to swim," I said. "The Y always has a walking lane available."

"I'm 71," she said. "I'm too old to learn how to swim."

I bristled, but tried to conceal it. "Oh," I said mildly. "I didn't know the desire to learn came with a termination date." There are any number of things I might like to study and don't like the idea that I'm incapable of learning once I reach a certain age.

I could feel a slew of snarky comments bubbling just below the surface, and I pressed my lips together. It would be mean to dump them on this pathetic woman. (She also explained that if she ever went to a pool, her husband would have to come along "to protect" her. I have no idea why and didn't ask.)

It was clear that she and I did not have the makings of a beautiful friendship. She defines herself in a restrictive way that is anathema to me. I've never been good at accepting certain limits on myself, and in fact have always objected when someone tried.

Or, as my mother said, "You don't take 'no' for an answer." She didn't mean it as a compliment, but it's a trait I value.

Besides, it's not entirely true. I have no problem with "no" in certain circumstances, such as "no, we haven't any bananas left" or "there's no time to waste; the bus is here."

But being told "no" or given a negative statement defining who I am, or what I am capable of ... I don't take that very much.

I was mulling over all this one day while walking in my own nearby pool when a man I know slightly came over and said, "Smile!"

Fortunately, I am sufficiently evolved that the two-word response that sprang to my lips died aborning. Instead I said, "who died and made you king?" He left.

The pool has rules about long hair and taking showers before entering. I didn't know that facial expressions were also proscribed.

Who wants to be ordered to smile? Or told, even indirectly, that a serious look on your face was somehow offensive to other people? In fact, who wants to be defined by other people's expectations?

I remind myself on a regular basis not to let my own bad experiences or fears limit who I am today. I don't need anyone else setting up more barriers.

Roberta is taking a break. Her essays will resume eventually.

Ed. Note: Thank you, Roberta, for sharing your thoughts and experiences in the fine essays that you have contributed to the Shofar for the past 5 years. We will miss them and sincerely hope that you will come back soon.



Issue NO. 5 – גיליון חמישי –
by Malka Helfman

What's in a name?

Biblical names, for the most part, have a meaning in Hebrew. I will mention 2 names; Avraham and Sarah.

The name Avram (our forefather before his name change) means: Av Ram (heb. אב רם) High Father. Avram's name changed to Avraham (heb. אברהם To אברהם) (*Genesis 17:1-5; parashat Lech Lecha.*). Traditional sources say that the additional He' (ה) denotes the name of G-d (in conservative religious community the letter He' is used to denotes G-d's name).

A similar transformation happened to the name Sarai (heb. שרי), which means 'my lady' or 'my princess'. Sarai's name was changed to Sarah (heb. שרה), here the letter Yud (י) is replaced by the letter He (ה), the meaning of the name is changed to 'princess' or 'lady (lady of influence)'.

Let me add that the word 'sar/a' in Hebrew means a person of influence and high position in government [for example: The minister of defense in Israel is called 'Sar Habitachon' (heb. שר הביטחון)]. Sarah was a lady of influence.

HELP WANTED

Participate in our **Shabbat morning service on January 31** – contact Jane Durango

The Caring Community needs meals for our larder – contact Marilyn Hertzberg.

Feed the hungry at the **GRIP Souper Center**. Our next days are January 28 and February 25 – Contact Jane Kaasa.

Help organize **Bagel Brunches and other cultural activities** for the congregation – Contact Jane Durango.

Sponsor an oneg to celebrate Shabbat – Contact Bobbi Nadler or Judy Windrix.

Help with the project to **reconfigure the Religious School** – Contact Larry Fox.

Shelve and/or process books for the **Children's Library** – Contact Laura Taub.

Let the Board know of your **ideas to improve our community** – Contact any Board member.

Develop an **incident-response plan** – Contact David Brown.

We have openings for **representatives to the Midrasha Board** – Contact Andre Moskowitz.

Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat

As the new calendar year begins let us remember that TBH depends on our great volunteers. We especially need hosts/hostesses for our Friday night onegs. If you haven't hosted an oneg recently or have a simcha coming up, don't hesitate to let Bobbi Nadler (bjnadler@aol.com) or Judy Windrix (windrix@pacbell.net) know. There's a sign-up sheet in the lobby or you can notify them by phone or e-mail to let them know your preferred date. A week beforehand you will get an e-mail confirming the date and simple instructions if you've never hosted before. And remember, it's the dedication of our great volunteers that make TBH such a special community.

Tzedakah

*"If I am not for myself, who will be for me?
And if only for myself, what am I?
And if not now, when?"*

Yizkor:

Linda Ratner & John Tinloy, in remembrance of Edward Ratner

General Fund:

Sherbie Aberle, in loving memory of William Hardy

Beautification Fund:

James & Deborah Koenig, in loving remembrance of Philip & Lorraine Koenig

Building Maintenance Fund:

James & Deborah Koenig, in loving remembrance of Philip & Lorraine Koenig

Office Equipment Fund

James & Deborah Koenig, in loving remembrance of Philip & Lorraine Koenig

Linda Rose & Jim Montgomery, in loving remembrance of Sarah Haberer

Fred Berger Memorial:

Audrey Berger, in loving remembrance of Fred Berger

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Michael & Alice Chanowitz, in loving memory of Joseph Leib
James & Deborah Koenig, in loving remembrance of Philip & Lorraine Koenig

Food for Thought Fund:

Bernie & Daisy Dulberg, in loving memory of Ruby Dulberg,
Michael Nye & Mindy Pines
Pat Trumbull, in loving remembrance of Roy Trumbull & Sherry Stone

Choir/Music Fund:

James & Deborah Koenig, in loving remembrance of Philip & Lorraine Koenig
Dana Meyer & June Kamerling, in appreciation for use of projector

Cantor Howard's Memorial Fund:

James & Deborah Koenig, in loving remembrance of Philip & Lorraine Koenig

Special Thanks

For our joyous Hanukkah Party:

Dana Meyer for producing a delicious latke lunch,
with cooks **Sam Chen, Holvis Delgadillo, Pablo Durango, Doug Freifeld,**
Bruce Gerstman, Carl Nelson, Michael Nye, Joel Rosenbaum, Jay Weidenfeld,
and **Neil Zarchin**;
and servers **Roberta Alexander, Jane Durango, Halliie Friedman, and Jane Kemp.**

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Marilyn Hertzberg for organizing the crafts faire,
with the participation of **Frida Hilsabeck, Peg Mathews, Elisabeth Miller,**
and **Bobbi Nadler**,
and **Susannah Bell** for selling raffle tickets during the Hanukkah Party.

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Neoma Kenwood for organizing the children's crafts;
Debbie Coons, Daniel Fine-Salan, Juli Goldwyn, Jane Kaasa, and Sheri Tattenham
for their help;
and **Jane Durango, Malka Helfman, Marilyn Hertzberg, Suzanne Nelson, Louise Snitz, Sheri Tattenham, and Marc**
Teitelbaum for baking cookies.

–
Judy Windrix, with the help of **Bill Hartman**,
for operating the gift shop.

–
Mercedes Cohen for teaching the Religious School students to make polymer clay dreidels.

–
Jared Lyke for his help in the Religious School classrooms on Sundays.

–
Roberta Alexander, Arnold Faerber, and Arlene Lisby for their
support of congregants in need.

–
Neoma Kenwood for organizing, and with **Selma Goldberg**,
assisting our Religious School students in making dinner
for the GRIP Family Housing Program,
and, with **Jane and Pablo Durango** and **Dana Meyer**, for serving dinner.

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Jane Kaasa for planning and shopping for our day at the GRIP Souper Center,
Arnold Faerber for shopping and transportation, **Alan Marks** for transportation, and with **Adolph Kamil, Malka**
Helfman, and Laura Taub,
for preparing and serving lunches.

–
For our services:

Eric Husby-Gerry for his musical contributions;
Michael Nye for baking delicious challahs for us;
and **Jeff Romm**, who provided us with a wonderful oneg.

–
Jane Kemp for spearheading the garden beautification and mulch project.

Volunteer Training for Ca\$h for College Workshops

Volunteers needed to help high school seniors fill out their free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act applications at free Ca\$h for College workshops on one or more evenings on Jan. 21, 22, 29, Feb. 3 or 5 in West Contra Costa County. RSVP to Ed Fund College Access Coordinator Veli Waller at vwaller@edfundwest.org or (510) 233-1464 ext. 105 Learn more: www.edfundwest.org

For a list of what to bring to the workshop or to find other workshops throughout the Bay Area, visit <http://www.calgrants.org/index.cfm?navId=16>.

California Cash for College’s mission is to help low-income and first generation college-goers complete the application process so that they can access financial aid for education and career/technical training beyond high school.

The Ed Fund, West Contra Costa’s Public Education Fund, is an education nonprofit serving the West Contra Costa Unified School District, which spans the five East Bay cities of Richmond, El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole and San Pablo. It is committed to providing the funding and strategic partnerships needed to close the opportunity and achievement gap for our students. Founded in 1983 in response to the decline in funding to public education caused by the passage of Proposition 13, today the Ed Fund has a budget of more than \$1 million, which is raised through private donations and grants, and manages several different programs, including College Access, Out-of-School Time, Scholarships, Impact Grants and Professional Development. Its tax identification number is 68-0005307.

Remember the Hungry – Keep the Red Barrels Filled

Our synagogue is a reliable provider of food to those in our community who do not have enough to eat. Please continue to bring a non-perishable food item when you come to TBH. Cereal and peanut butter are in particular demand. Let’s keep the red barrels filled and share our plenty with our neighbors. Or, if you choose, calculate the amount of money you saved during your Yom Kippur fast and donate that amount of money to the Richmond Emergency Food Pantry. You can send a check to the TBH office and we will make sure it gets to the Food Pantry.

In addition, please bring hotel toiletries. There is a drop box for these outside Arlene’s office. Rubicon Programs gives these supplies to homeless participants. They are also always in need of paper grocery bags or other recyclable bags to pack up food bank orders for their participants.

VOTE ARZA

REPRESENTING REFORM JUDAISM IN THE 2015 WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION ELECTIONS

From January 15th through April 30th, 2015 – the World Zionist Organization will hold open voting for all Jews to help shape its agenda, including issues affecting both Diaspora Jews and the state of affairs in Israel. The World Zionist Organization is the highest legislative body of the World Zionist Organization, which provides a forum for all the world’s Jews to come together and deliberate about critical issues.

Every Jew has the opportunity to vote for the platform that most aligns with their personal views.

A VOTE FOR ARZA-REPRESENTING REFORM JUDAISM IS A VOTE FOR:

WOMEN’S RIGHTS & GENDER EQUALITY

We strive to create a world in which gender equality is the rule – where men and women can pray, work and live together as equals deserving of the same respect and honor.

RELIGIOUS EQUALITY

We envision and work for a society in which all denominations are treated fairly and with respect – and all of us are seen as Jews, regardless of our level of observance.

REGIONAL SECURITY

Lasting peace, security and stability for Israel, the Palestinians and the Middle East region is possible and although the road may be long, we are building the path to peace every day.

WHAT CAN I DO?

PLEDGE TO VOTE

Visit ReformJews4Israel.org or fill out a pledge card and pledge to vote for ARZA-Representing Reform. By pledging to vote ARZA in the 2015 World Zionist Organization, you’re taking the first step towards voting, and you’ll receive updates about the elections to pass on to your family and friends.

SPREAD THE WORD

Spreading the word about the 2015 World Zionist Organization elections will be critical to our success. Share this flyer, a pledge card, or the website ReformJews4Israel.org with your family and friends so they can learn more, take the pledge, and help shape tomorrow’s Israel today.

Voting occurs from January 15th through April 30th, 2015. A processing fee is \$10.00 USD (\$5.00 USD for anyone under 30) and offsets the cost of conducting the election. Requirements to register to vote: 1. You must be Jewish, 2. You must be 18 years or older by June 30, 2015, 3. You must be a resident of the United States.

FILL OUT A PLEDGE CARD OR VISIT REFORMJEWS4ISRAEL.ORG TODAY.



January 2015

Tevet - Shevat 5775

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February 2015

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM Religious School</p> <p>Bagel Brunch</p> <p>Mazel Tots 10:00 am - 12 noon</p> <p>Tu B'Shvat Seder</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Groundhog Day</i></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>R.S. Hebrew 3:40-4:30pm (#1) 4:30 - 5:25pm (#2)</p> <p>Tu B'Shevat</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Tot Shabbat 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Potluck Dinner 6:30-7:30 p.m. Shabbat Family Service 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:15 AM Torah Study</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>No School - President's Weekend</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p><i>President's Day</i></p> <p>President's Week Recess</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>President's Week Recess</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>President's Week Recess</p>	<p>19</p> <p>President's Week Recess</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:30 PM Shabbat Evening Service</p> <p>President's Week Recess</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:15 AM Torah Study</p>
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