

The Shofar

December 2022



Temple Beth Tikvah



Dear Friends,

As I write this, we are about to light the first candle of Chanukah. Chanukah, which means “dedication,” commemorates the rededication of the great Temple in Jerusalem following the victory of the Maccabees in the 2nd Century, BCE. The famous story of the oil is first mentioned only many years later in the Talmud (Tractate Shabbat 21b):

When the Seleucid Greeks entered the Sanctuary, they defiled all the holy oil. And when the Hasmonean monarchy [i.e., the Maccabees] emerged victorious over them, they searched and found only one cruse of oil that was placed with the seal of the High Priest, undisturbed by the Greeks. And there was sufficient oil to light the menorah for only one day. A miracle occurred and they lit the menorah for eight days. The next year the Sages made [Chanukah] a holiday, with psalms of thanksgiving...

What the story leaves out — and I’ve been thinking about this quite a lot over the last year — is how the ancient Jews observed Chanukah in that first year. It would not have been a relaxing, luxurious holiday like we celebrate today. The sacred objects had been desecrated, and the space defiled with the remains of sacrificed pigs. There was much to clean and repair. I imagine the “rededication” only came to fruition in stages. For the eight nights following the victory, the miracle alone was enough. But then it was time to get to work.

The ancient Jewish community could not restore everything overnight. As with any major renovation project, it took sweat, patience, generosity, and time to become reality. So it is with our own “rededication” — we can see it happening in stages. Earlier this fall, many in our community signed a wall of dedication, to be installed behind the ark. Later, the lower lobby was ready for gathering, and we have been joyfully singing, praying, and connecting there with folks of all ages and stages. Very soon, we will be able to gather in our brand new community room, adjacent to the south building entrance and accessible to all. Thanks to the generosity of our families and the hard work of our volunteers, it is only a matter of time until we will celebrate the rededication of our own sanctuary.

This Chanukah, the sweet taste of anticipation is on all our lips. Like our ancient ancestors, there is so much for us to be thankful for this year. There is so much light ahead at TBT.

Wishing all of our families a joyful Chanukah of abundance,

Rabbi Danny Moss

2 President's Column



Hello Friends,5

I am currently writing this piece from an Orlando hotel room. I am attending my first in-person medical conference in over three years. What a gift it is to be able to escape the clinical craziness of flu, RSV, croup and Covid and to be able to spend five calm days just learning. I would like to share some of my new-found medical knowledge with you.

The title of one of my lectures today was "Non-Pharmacological Interventions for Mental Health Conditions". The lecturer listed seven healthy habits that are not only protective against mental illness but can also help to treat people already suffering from anxiety and depression. These include getting enough sleep, exercising, developing and maintaining friendships, good nutrition, practicing mindfulness and relaxation, spending time in green spaces, and decreasing time on screens (especially social media).

I thought about this list and how it pertains to my life habits. How do you measure up? Don't worry, I have good news for you. Temple Beth Tikvah is here to help. Do you not get enough sleep, and are you unable to relax? Try out Jewish Mindfulness and Meditations sessions on Saturday mornings. Do you not spend enough time outside exercising? Join the Kol Ami hikers on the trails every weekend. Want to make new friends or to strengthen old friendships? Come to our Men's Group, join the Book Club, try our Torah Study. Want some nutrition? Come to the Temple during Sunday school and eat and schmooze with other parents, stay for an oneg, or join us after Friday night services for one of our new Shabbat dinners at local restaurants.

And speaking of Shabbat, try to turn off your phone, distance yourself from social media, and experience the joy of singing and praying together. During these stressful times, TBT is just what the doctor ordered. And I won't even charge you a copay.

Hope to see you soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen", followed by a long, horizontal flourish.

Karen Goldberg



Shabbat Services are once again at TBT!

Watch the weekly e-Blast to see where in the temple services will be held.

All Services are Friday evenings at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted.

Shabbat Services will also be on Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Shabbat Services will be available to watch on our YouTube channel the following morning. Please check www.tbtshoreline.org for link to our YouTube channel.

COMING SOON: Shabbat Services will be moving to the new Community Room
Watch your inbox for that date and see the attached map.

NEW: Mask-only Shabbatot – for those congregants who would feel more comfortable if everyone is wearing a mask, we have designated one Shabbat service per month for the winter: December 16, January 6, and February 3 as “mask mandatory.”

Friday, December 23: *Chanukah Shabbat & Menorah Lighting. Bring your Menorah!*

Friday, December 30:

Friday, January 6: **Mask Required**

Friday, January 13

Friday, January 20

Friday, January 27



Torah Study Live on Zoom

Saturdays @9am

Check your inboxes for link.

December 24: Mikeitz

Genesis 41:1-44:17

**Chanukah - may have special study*

December 31: Vayigash

Genesis 44:18-47:27

January 7: Va-y'chi

Genesis 47:28-50:26

January 14: Sh'mot

Exodus 1:1-6:1

January 21: Va-eira

Exodus 6:2-9:35

January 28: Bo

Exodus 10:1-13:16



To Susan Richman Spigelman & Walter Spigelman, on the birth of their latest grandson, Ezekiel Richard Spigelman to parents Libby and Noah on May 24 2022.

Do you have a simcha to share? Contact the office at 203-245-7028 or office@tbtshoreline.org.

Jewish Mindfulness & Meditation

We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 8am on Zoom.

Upcoming sessions are January 7 and January 21.

Links are in your inbox. All are welcome.





December 2022 TBT Renovation

TBT at dusk



TBT after dark



Sanctuary with new
Lights



Front entrance with lobby
sheetrock



Finished roof

New in December!

- Sheetrock installation is nearly complete throughout building.
- The lower-level Community / Conference Room will be complete and available for use by mid-December.
- The majority of the external lighting is complete and in use.
- Installation of the elevator begins the second week of December.
- Installation of flooring in the kitchen and upper bathrooms will begin in mid-December.

Have you joined us in Building Community?

If you haven't donated or pledged to the TBT Capital Campaign yet, TBT Needs You!!

**Don't miss your chance to say,
"I helped to build the future of TBT and the Jewish community!"**

Questions? Please reach out to Bruce Topolosky, John Lesage, Suzy Frisch, or Karen Goldberg – We would love to discuss the building project and how you might support the renovation and our future.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our capital campaign!



Raise the Roof Your Shoreline Habitat Connection

Another Year, Another
Home!

The 20th Raise the Roof sponsored house build will get underway in early 2023. The site is located at 264 Russell Street in New Haven.

This will be the future home of Abdullah Wahidi, his wife and their four sons. Temple Beth Tikvah has been part of every house build since 2004. We have been privileged to meet and work alongside the 19 families in their journey to build and purchase their own home. Temple Beth Tikvah volunteers hold on to your hammers!

To get involved contact Linda.brody@comcast.net or go to www.raisetherooft.org

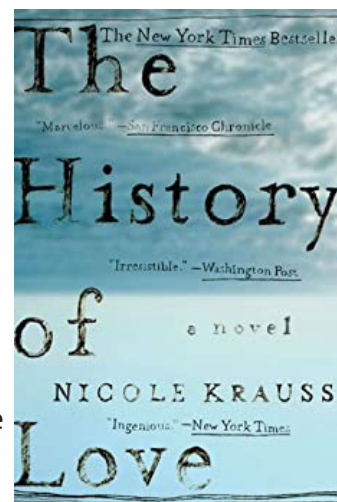
TBT Book Club

TBT Book Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm, currently on Zoom.

January's book is "The History of Love" by Nicole Krauss. Our discussion will take place on Thursday, January 19th.

All members who enjoy reading are encouraged to join us on Zoom. For additional information, or to get the Zoom link, please contact the TBT office: office@tbtshoreline.org or 203-245-7028.

New Members Welcome!



Rosh Chodesh

Tuesday, December 27th at 7:30pm on Zoom
Welcoming the month of Tevet

Led by Rabbi Susan Landau Moss
Links will be emailed to all female members of TBT.







Kol Ami Invites You to



Celebrate



HANUKKAH

with a Give Away Ceremony!



What is a Give Away Ceremony?

This ceremony come from the Lakota tribe and is a sacred ritual where everyone brings something they own or made to give away. It is NOT a gift you purchase. It is meant to be a giving of something you are ready to let go of and gift to someone else. Everyone puts their item in the center of the circle and one by one people pick an item that they will bring home. When someone chooses what you brought they say why they picked that item and then you tell them why you chose to relinquish that item and what it has meant to you.

Wednesday, December 21st at 7:30pm
Temple Beth Tikvah
196 Durham Road
Madison, CT 06443

RSVP to Karen Goldberg at:
Karengoldberg@ymail.com

Feel free to bring a drink/ appetizer/ or dessert to share!





Temple Beth Tikvah Preschool

We had a wonderful November celebrating Thanksgiving with our students and families in person with our Thanksgiving program.

This month we are busy preparing for our Hannukah celebrations. Our students are enjoying making Latkes, visits with Rabbi Moss and Dr. Cassorla and many more engaging activities.

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is now open to all temple members! TBT Preschool hours of operation are from 8-5:30 for all 3- & 4-year-olds. We will also offer a drop off program for 2-year-olds from 9-12:30. If you are interested in enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year, please contact our director Jennifer Casillo at 203-245-8039 or NSDirector@tbtshoreline.org. Space is limited so please reach out soon!

Follow us on Facebook, [@tbtpreschool](https://www.facebook.com/tbtpreschool) to see what we are up to.





All are invited to join together in peace at this community event



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3 - 5PM

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Your gift allows us to fulfill our mission
as a vibrant, inclusive Reform Jewish community.

Your donation can be made on-line
or by submitting the donation form linked below.

Are you over 70 ½ years old?

You may be eligible to make a gift via an IRA charitable rollover.

Contact our office to learn more!

In Memoriam

Esther Spiegel, 11/4/22
grandmother of Andrea Macnow

Carole Gubitz, 11/25/22
TBT Member



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a very difficult time

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