



Temple Beth David Bulletin

February, 2010

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From the Rabbi's Desk

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"The Response to Anti-Semitism and Stereotyping"

An interesting email circulated last month. Many of us may have received it. The text reads: "When Paul Newman died, they said how great he was but they failed to mention he considered himself Jewish ... [actually his father was Jewish and his mother was Irish]). When the woman (Helen Suzman) who helped Nelson Mandela died recently, they said how great she was, but they failed to mention she was Jewish.

On the other side of the equation, when Ivan Boesky or Andrew Fastow or Bernie Madoff committed fraud, almost every article mentioned they were Jewish. However, when Ken Lay, Jeff Skilling, ... Governor Edwards, Conrad Black, Senator Keating, Governor Ryan, and Governor Blagojevich messed up; no one reported what religion or denomination they were, because they were not Jewish.

This is a reminder of a famous Einstein quote: In 1921, Albert Einstein presented a paper on his then-infant Theory of Relativity at the Sorbonne, the prestigious French university. 'If I am proved correct,' he said, 'the Germans will call me a German, the Swiss will call me a Swiss citizen, and the French will call me a great scientist. If relativity is proved wrong, the French will call me a Swiss, the Swiss will call me a German, and the Germans will call me a Jew'."

I wish I could say that this stereotyping reflects Shakespeare's words: "The evil that men do lives after them, the good is off[en] interred with their bones?" but I believe it is anti-Semitism and I'm not in a position to let it slide. What is our response to anti-Semitism or the hatred, fear or marginalizing of any group of people? -- I believe the Book of Exodus gives us many answers. The Book of Exodus is a civil rights movement. In the Book of Genesis, we see that Egyptians considered the Hebrews an "abomination." With this social backdrop begins the story of the Exodus – the story of enslavement to redemption.

"Pharaoh was the first anti-Semite," say some of our Sages. Following this line of thinking Pharaoh saw a few Israelites who kept their traditional customs, occupations and manner of dress and thought "they're all over the place." "The Hebrews are more numerous and powerful than we are... they could plot against us with our enemies and destroy us... we have to neutralize them before they overthrow us. Classic paranoia? Classic xenophobia? Yes. If this was, in fact, the case, would some of the Israelites have beaten themselves up and thought, "why didn't we just assimilate with the Egyptians; we wouldn't have stuck out and become targets, and this never would have happened to us?" Probably.

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February Schedule

Shabbat Evening: 7:30 p.m.

The next TBD Service at the JCC will be on Friday February 26 at 6pm in the Senior Lounge.

Shabbat Morning: 9:00 a.m.

Young Children's Shabbaton:

10:00 to Noon every Saturday

Family Svc. Feb. 6 and 20 - 10:30a.m.

Tot Shabbat Feb. 6 - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Minyan: 9:30 a.m.



Happy Purim!

Please remember to contact the Temple Office if you are considering scheduling any kind of event at Temple. This will help keep everyone informed and avoid scheduling conflicts.

We are handicapped accessible and equipped with a hearing loop.



The mission of Temple Beth David is to provide an environment where the concepts of community prayer, education, and service to the greater Jewish community are provided within the context of Conservative Judaism. We pride ourselves on being a friendly, participatory, egalitarian community, welcoming all to be a part of our synagogue family.

News from the President

Martin Presberg, President

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As I write this article, I have only been President for 9 days, so I am just beginning to learn. But one thing that has struck me is just how much is really going on at TBD and just how many people are actively involved. There are a surprising number of committees that are doing important and rewarding work -- and I continue to learn about new ones all the time. Here is a sample list:

- The Board of Directors
- The IHSC Board
- The Membership / WARM Committee
- The Adult Education Committee
- The Social Action Committee
- The Chevre Kadisha
- The Ritual Committee
- The Abatement Committee
- The Book of Remembrance Committee
- The Men's Club
- The Sisterhood
- The Technology Committee
- The Marketing Committee

So what are all these committees? They are small groups of members who have come together with a common sense of

purpose to help make our community better. Some are targeted at the 'nuts and bolts' of keeping a synagogue running while others provide direct service to members in need or the larger community. Most would welcome new members and new ideas.

I encourage everyone to think about what is most important to you and about what strengths you have to share with our community. It is possible that an already existing group could benefit from your participation, but it also possible that your gifts will come in an area that we have not yet considered. This is why we are forming a new group tentatively called "The Leadership Development Committee." It is my hope that every family will receive an email and a phone call from this group in the weeks to come. The idea is to more actively match opportunities to serve the community with the interests and passions of our members. Too often we wait until we are desperate to fill a particular position and then rush to make phone

calls until we convince someone to say "yes." With a little more information and planning we can begin to set an expectation that everyone will contribute. And by matching people's contributions with their skills, temperments, and availability we can develop a culture where service is energizing and fulfilling.

Please respond openly and honestly when asked about what is important to you about Temple Beth David. And please consider when and how you want to contribute to its ongoing development and success.

I always welcome your comments and questions. Feel free to contact me about Leadership Development or any other matter.

NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Foundation for the Jewish Community of the Jewish Community Federation has a limited amount of funds available for need-based scholarships. These scholarships are available to Jewish students having a permanent Rochester address, who are studying Jewish content for high school and college credit, and for Jewish teens who participate in an accredited summer, semester, or year long, Israel experience program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 26, 2010

**For more information or an application contact
Josh Boress, Coordinator of Teen Ed. and Israel Trips
461-0490 or jboress@jewishrochester.org**

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Other Sages say: B'nei Israel did *not* keep their customs or their Hebrew names. They didn't circumcise their sons, and they intermarried with Egyptian women. So, they actually *did* spread out among the Egyptians. But, because vestiges of Hebrew identification remained, even though they assimilated, they were subsequently persecuted.

The problem with both of these scenarios is that anti-Semitism can circle around to be B'nei Israel's fault. Very often, in fact most of the time, our Sages interpret sacred texts to teach a contemporary lesson. So, what is our approach to anti-Semitism today?

It is an uncomfortable situation. And Jewish history bears out that Jews are often not only victimized, but are also blamed for being "shmeised." And to make matters worse, we often blame ourselves or other Jews because we or they were too "insular" or too assimilated.

What truths about anti-Semitism does the Book of Exodus hold for us? The following three insights within the story of *ye'tziat mitzrayim* help me grasp the evil of anti-Semitism so that I can respond to it. First, we invoke our faith and all of our resources to remain physically and spiritually alive. Second, we do not blame each other or ourselves when we are in real danger. And third, we leave or work to change society through justice directed toward improving the lives of all who are suffering or marginalized.

The story of Max, who survived eighteen of the worst oppression of the *mitzrayim* of the last century, echoes the message of faith and will of the Hebrews in the Book of Exodus. "When the Nazis came for me," says Max, "I told my mother that if she heard I was shot or hung, it might be true. But if they said I starved, she shouldn't believe it. There was no way I would fail to survive," he said, "so long as there remained any chance at all to live." Each day, he managed to figure out what he needed to do to keep going. [Now] he attends services regularly and credits God with enabling him to endure. He is not under the illusion that faith can guarantee survival. Rather, he tells ... [us] there is no way he could have survived without it. Max's fate was ... written in his will and in his faith." ["Why Faith Matters," by David J. Wolpe, p. 31].

Together with the qualities of faith and the will to survive, we recognize that in the story of the Exodus God does not blame the Hebrews. This teaches us that we must not blame ourselves for the acts of cruelty committed against us. And neither must we accept victimhood. Rather, we must know, at

the depth of our beings, that we deserve respect and dignity, like every other human being created *b'tzelem elohim*, in God's image. And with God's love, we do not have to live in the psychological slavery of helplessness and hopelessness heaped upon us by the brutality of bigotry.

Finally, the Book of Exodus inspires us to perform acts of courage and kindness that will bring about meaningful social change. It holds us accountable for the wellbeing of the stranger, the orphan and the widow. Every Jew is responsible not only for every other Jew, but for all who are different, who are alone or who are vulnerable, and who are negatively stereotyped. Thirty-six times the Torah tells us to *remember* how it felt to be a stranger, a shadow in Egypt stripped of all humanity. *Remember* -- so that we can feel the pain of suffering of others. *Remember* -- compassion, holiness, and humble goodness change the world. And *remember* -- the good that we do continues after us, in the hopes, dreams and memories of the lives we touch.

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This is a fundraiser for Sisterhood. So the more that members participate, the more we money we get.

Checks must be in before Feb. 15th. Send your check today!



TBD Family Night Out Rochester Amerks Hockey

March 14 at the Blue Cross Arena
the puck drops at 3:00pm

For ticket prices or more information,
please contact:
Rich Steinfeld
RSVP by March 6
rdms.steinfeld@gmail.com

Win or lose,
it'll be a blast!

Sponsored by Temple
Beth David's Men's Club

A poster for a "Latke Hamantaschen Challah Debate" event. It features a yellow oval with a blue top section containing the text "Save the date... March 21, 2010 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the JCC". Below the oval are images of a latke, a hamantaschen, and a challah. The text "Latke Hamantaschen Challah Debate" is written around the oval. At the bottom, it says "Benefiting Hillel of Rochester Area Colleges Enhancing Jewish Campus Life 275-8514". The logo for Hillel is also present.

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at the JCC

Latke Hamantaschen Challah Debate

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275-8514

logo designed by Lynn B. Schrammek of LBS Communications

תיקון עולם

Tzedek, tzedek tirdof.

Introducing the (relaunched) Tikkun Olam Committee!

We will be sponsoring a Tikkun Olam "Project of the Month."

For the month of February: bring your clean #5 plastic containers to temple and drop them off in the box outside the office. We will send them off for recycling at the end of the month. (And, don't forget that plastic bottle tops and be dropped off outside of the 3rd grade classroom downstairs throughout the year.)

If you are interested in joining the committee or you have an idea for a project, please contact Shelli Asher (shelli.asher@gmail.com) or Marcy Berger (marcy.berger@gmail.com). We would love your input!



This image found at <http://www.mishkan.org/tikkunolam.html>

**Have you been itching to be on the Sisterhood Board ?
Or do you know the perfect person for a board position ?**

THEN WE NEED YOU!

Now is the time to nominate leaders.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon.

Please contact Gladys Garey 266-0438

Ongoing Tzedakah Opportunity!

Bring in a non-perishable food item for Jewish Family Services' food cupboard. All non-perishables are appreciated. No glass, please.

--- Sponsored by TBD Men's Club.



News from IHSC

Marcy Berger marcy.berger@gmail.com

Sometimes things go differently than I expect. 2 years ago when the 6th graders were assigned the responsibility of leading the school-wide Chanukah assembly they complained long and loud about having to review the story of Chanukah. We decided that we needed a new format.

This year we had a whole new plan for the Chanukah assembly that didn't involve the 6th graders at all. One morning I walked into the 6th grade classroom and was asked "Can we do a play for the whole school about the Chanukah story?" Imagine my surprise! We talked for a while and

agreed that if they could do it seriously so that all of the students could follow the play they could go for it. Originally they wanted to tell the real story with the complexities involving the different Jewish groups. In the end they decided that they couldn't communicate all of that, and they stuck with the simpler version—the Jews versus the Greeks. Nonetheless, I was very proud of the energy and seriousness with which they approached their task. And, needless to say, I was thrilled to see them so engaged!

Kol ha Kavod kita vav!



Don't Miss It!

The annual IHSC Art Show

Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010

TBD Social Hall

11 a.m. to Noon



Artwork will remain on display February 7-28

Small Conservative Shul Collaborative

Leon Metlay

Around 10 years ago, the Federation offered grant money for collaborative adult education programs. Out of this came a series of yearly shabbatons hosted jointly by Beth David, Beth Am, and Beth Hamedresh- Beth Israel. We dubbed ourselves the "Small Conservative Shul Collaborative". Growing out of those sessions has come a monthly Torah study program. We have been meeting for more than five years. For a while we studied the parsha of the week, but we found we were doing some more than once and skipping oth-

ers, so we changed to working our way through the torah from beginning to end. We started Chaye Sarah in December. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM, at BHBI, 1369 East Avenue. Some people bring their own favorite torah commentaries, some people use books we have available at BHBI. We read through a small section and then discuss it. The moderators (or more accurately referees) are Leon Metlay and Aaron Marsh but everyone is welcome and encouraged to give an opinion about

the reading. Coffee, tea, and cookies are supplied. Please come and learn with us. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- 2/10/10
- 3/10/10
- 4/14/10
- 5/12/10

Empty Closet Advertisement

By Karen and Sy Zivan

As a subscriber to the **Empty Closet**, the newspaper of the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, we have always noticed that a number of area churches placed ads in the publication, showing themselves as welcoming to Gay, Lesbian and Transgendered people in our community. Around the middle of last year we thought "why not Temple Beth David?"

So, an ad was designed, the Rabbi's approval was sought and obtained, and the Board approved running the ad, assuming private funding would cover its cost. We started the process by committing to funding it ourselves. Then, two other people committed to help in the funding and we started running the ad. Since then, others became aware and wrote a check to sponsor the ads. Sponsors include: Ellen and Bill Gertzog, Shelby Nelson and Lewis Rothberg, Merrie and Scott Franklin, and Sue Lederer.

This month, Jay and Adrienne Young Cohen are sponsoring the ad in honor of Adrienne's lesbian daughter, Stacey Young. We appreciate the help of all who have contributed and welcome others who may wish to sponsor welcoming ads in the **Empty Closet**.

Each month's ad costs \$50. If you are interested in sponsoring an ad, please contact us at szivan@rochester.rr.com. A sample ad is shown below:

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Rochester, NY 14608

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All in the Family

To submit information, contact the Temple Office at 266-3223

Our Sincerest Condolences

to the friends and family of:

Leonard Harris

Get Well Wishes:

Betty Herman Marion Cohen
Shayna Selkowitz

A heartfelt Thank You from Betty Herman for all the Get Well wishes. They were truly appreciated.

A Special Thank You

We want to thank you all for your many kindnesses and support at the time of Michael Greenberg, my Husband, our Father and our Grandfather.

We truly appreciate everything that you have done to help us through this most difficult time.

Marsha Greenberg and Family

February Birthday Wishes!

Cheryl Evans	Feb. 2
Marvin Frank	Feb. 2
Marc Lande	Feb. 2
Bonnie Abrams- Rich	Feb. 3
Deniz Undar	Feb. 4
Isaac Kramer	Feb. 9
Samuel Asher	Feb. 12
Millicent Ritz	Feb. 13
Susan Langmann	Feb. 14
Eva Idaho Okunieff	Feb. 14
Rachel Sacks	Feb. 15
Gabriel Arthur Franklin	Feb. 17
Thomas Wolbert	Feb. 18
Helen Kashtan	Feb. 23
Hedria Saltzman	Feb. 23
Shayna Selkowitz	Feb. 23
Jennie Papkin	Feb. 25
Michal Spivak	Feb. 25
Arthur Bernberg	Feb. 27
Arthur Dell	Feb. 28
Arthur Long	Feb. 28

Thank you to EVERYONE who has kept me in their thoughts and prayers for such a long time. It means more than words can say. Hoping you had a Happy Hannukah and a Happy New Year!

Gerry Randall



Join us for the Reading of the Megillah!

February 27, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Please join us! Wear a Costume!
Free of Charge and Open to All

PURIM BALL TO FOLLOW
(see enclosed flyer)

Welcome to Family Services at Temple Beth David

Please come to our Family Service on the first and third Shabbat of each month! This service is for school aged children and their parents. We have a great time discussing Torah, singing together, and learning new prayers. Join us on the following dates!

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Kraus at 385-3696.



February 6 and 20

April 3 and 17

June 5 and 19

March 6 and 20

May 1 and 15

Sign up to be on our email reminder list by emailing Nancy at nancyronkraus@earthlink.net

Men's Club Shabbat Weekend!

Sponsored by the Men's Clubs of
Temple Beth David and Temple Beth El

February 5-6, 2010

Friday night service at Temple Beth David, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday service at Temple Beth El, 9:00 a.m.

Havdalah Service/Game Night Sat. 6:30p.m.
at our "super secret locale" (a congregant home)

Join us for wine, cheese, and desserts

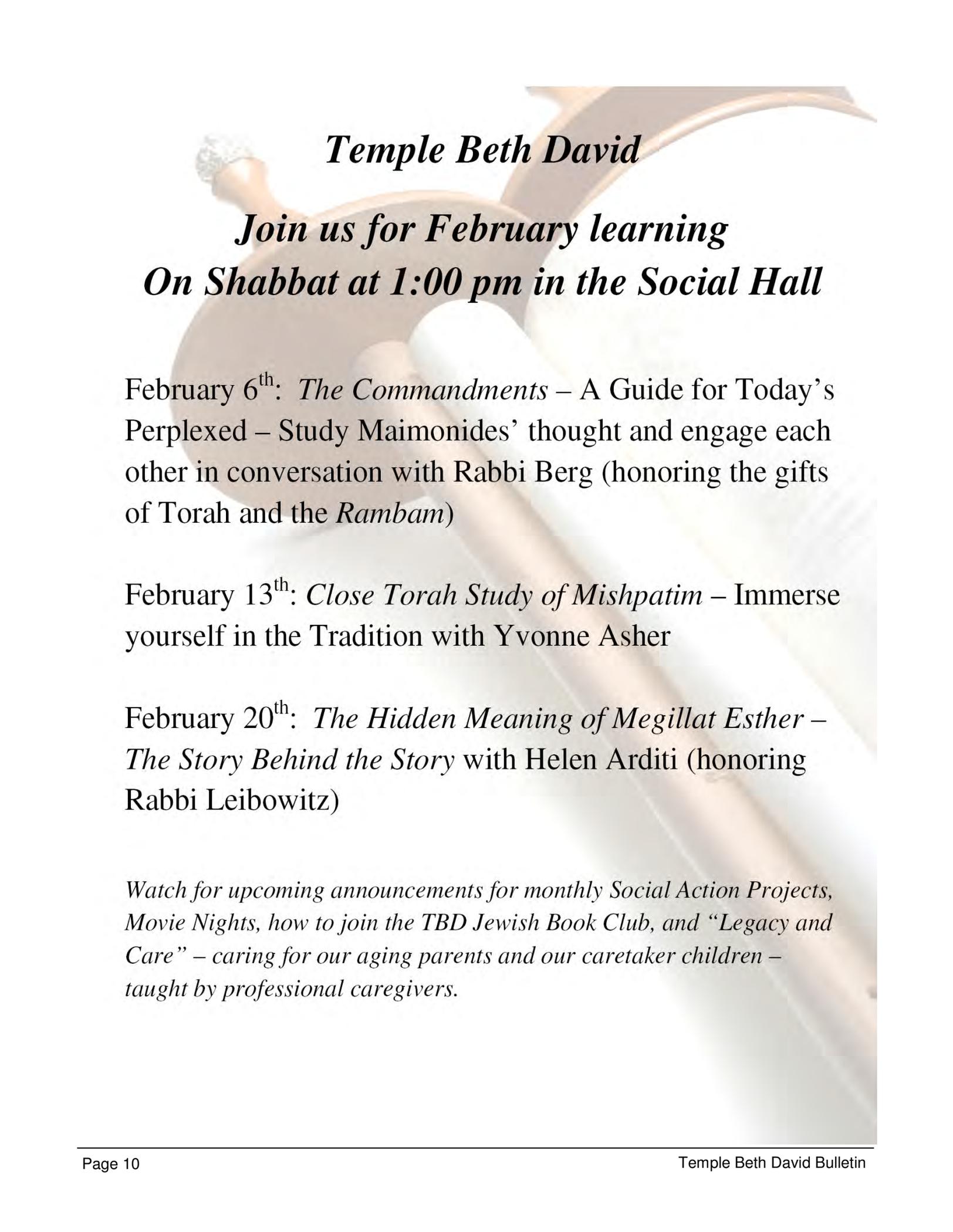
ALL ARE WELCOME -- PLEASE JOIN US

Email Jonathan Papkin at jpapkin@aol.com to RSVP

February Office Hours (unchanged)

Sundays: 8:30am - Noon & 1pm - 5pm Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Additionally on Tuesdays: 4 - 6 p.m. Office will be closed Feb. 14 & 15



Temple Beth David

Join us for February learning On Shabbat at 1:00 pm in the Social Hall

February 6th: *The Commandments – A Guide for Today’s Perplexed – Study Maimonides’ thought and engage each other in conversation with Rabbi Berg (honoring the gifts of Torah and the Rambam)*

February 13th: *Close Torah Study of Mishpatim – Immerse yourself in the Tradition with Yvonne Asher*

February 20th: *The Hidden Meaning of Megillat Esther – The Story Behind the Story with Helen Ardit (honoring Rabbi Leibowitz)*

Watch for upcoming announcements for monthly Social Action Projects, Movie Nights, how to join the TBD Jewish Book Club, and “Legacy and Care” – caring for our aging parents and our caretaker children – taught by professional caregivers.

Donations Received December 1 to December 31, 2009

Please Note: Every effort is made to ensure accuracy in the Bulletin. Please let us know if an error is made and we will ensure a correction is noted in the next Bulletin.

DAVID SOLOMON FUND

In Memory of:

Michael Greenberg

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Paul & Cindy Halpern

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In Memory of:

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Happy Birthday Wishes!

Ann Howell

Keenan Bloom

Merrie Franklin

Pam Rosen and Gary Cohen

Mazel Tov on your Bat Mitzvah

Felicia Minton

Pam Rosen and Gary Cohen

Thank you for teaching us trope!

Bernie Roth

Ben & Becca Saltzman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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In Memory of:

Rabbi Laurence Skopitz
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Sharon Alva

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In Memory of:

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In Memory of:

Michael Greenberg
TBD Sisterhood

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In Memory of:

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Norbert Cohen
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Nissin Ojalvo
Milt & Dorothy Smith
Mazel Tov on your 60th Anniversary!
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Levitt
Dolly & Harold Fishman

Sponsored Kiddushes and Cholents

- **December 5**, Sponsored Kiddush and Cholent by Dorothy Sherr **In Memory of her parents, Harry and Molly Cherry as well as her husband, Joseph Sherr.**
- **December 12**, Sponsored Cholent **In Memory of Rabbi Laurence Skopitz** by Davida Bloom and Sponsored Kiddush **In Memory of Michael Greenberg** by the TBD Men's Club.
- **December 19**, Sponsored Kiddush and Cholent **In Honor of Felicia Minton's Bat Mitzvah** by her mother, Rebecca Hyman-Powers.
- **January 16**, Sponsored Kiddush **In Honor of Board of Trustees and Executive Board Members from 2009 and 2010**, by Saul and Helen Presberg.
- **January 16**, Sponsored Cholent **In Memory of Norman Gilman**, by Paul and Cindy Halpern.
- **January 2**, Sponsored Cholent **In Honor of Michael Halpern reading Haftorah** by Paul and Cindy Halpern.
- **January 30**, Sponsored Kiddush and Cholent by **TBD Sisterhood for Scholar in Residence Weekend.**
- **February 5, (Friday)** Sponsored Kiddush **In Honor of the Men's Club Shabbat Weekend** by TBD and TBE Men's Clubs.

Sponsor a Kiddush or Cholent Today! Call the Temple Beth David Office at (585) 266-3223

Planning for the Annual Skopitz Memorial Concert

For the past three years, Davida Bloom and Cantor Sam Asher have co-chaired an annual concert in memory of Rabbi Skopitz (ZAL), a celebration of the Rabbi's love of music. The concert takes on a new theme each year, introducing attendees to a variety of artists and music. Not only have the first three concerts have been an artistic success and have

been self-supporting, they have now become a fundraiser for our synagogue as well.

Davida will be taking a 12-month sabbatical beginning July 2010. She will be unable to co-chair the concert for 2010. The planning committee needs a new co-chair(s) for the 4th Annual Concert. Davida will

be available to meet with the new co-chair(s) until she leaves for Colorado and will be available for support while she is away. If you are interested in chairing or being a member of the planning committee, please contact Davida at dbloom@brockport.edu so that planning for the next concert can begin.

The Story Behind a Special Teapot

Florence Phillips, Sisterhood President

Rabbi painted a ceramic teapot and donated it to the Rundel Memorial Library for a charity auction. Members of our Temple, Charles & Susan Levinson, bought it. The Levinsons moved out of town two years ago. When they came back to Rochester for a visit they brought the teapot with them, and donated it to Temple as a permanent remembrance. Now that we have a beautiful showcase in the lobby, thanks to Linda Servetnick, we are able to show it off.

When you come through the lobby please stop and see it.



Men's Club Special Breakfast Event
Sunday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m.
Speaker: Aharon Baruch
from Lipman's Kosher Market

Bagels, coffee, juice, prizes
All are welcome

One lucky guest will walk away
with a Lipman's gift certificate



Yahrzeits From Feb. 1 to Feb. 28, 2010 (Shevat 17 to Adar 14, 5770)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Jewish</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Jewish</u>
Max Kazdan	Feb. 1	Shevat 17	Sylvia Sharf	Feb. 15	Adar 1
Lillian Levitt	Feb. 1	Shevat 17	Frank Sherman	Feb. 15	Adar 1
Pauline Eve Chait	Feb. 2	Shevat 18	Rose Ambush	Feb. 16	Adar 2
Jerome Fain	Feb. 2	Shevat 18	Meyer Hillel Benski	Feb. 16	Adar 2
David Karin	Feb. 2	Shevat 18	Ben Kessler	Feb. 16	Adar 2
Nathan Weinstein	Feb. 2	Shevat 18	David Lustik	Feb. 16	Adar 2
Charles Conwell	Feb. 3	Shevat 19	Annie Peskowitz	Feb. 16	Adar 2
Mollie Kessler	Feb. 3	Shevat 19	Morton Rosenbaum	Feb. 16	Adar 2
Garson Kleinberg	Feb. 3	Shevat 19	William Friedman	Feb. 17	Adar 3
David Nussbaum	Feb. 3	Shevat 19	Florence Levenberg	Feb. 17	Adar 3
Alfred Stiller	Feb. 3	Shevat 19	Jack Miller	Feb. 18	Adar 4
Max Gordon	Feb. 4	Shevat 20	Jacob Salkowitz	Feb. 18	Adar 4
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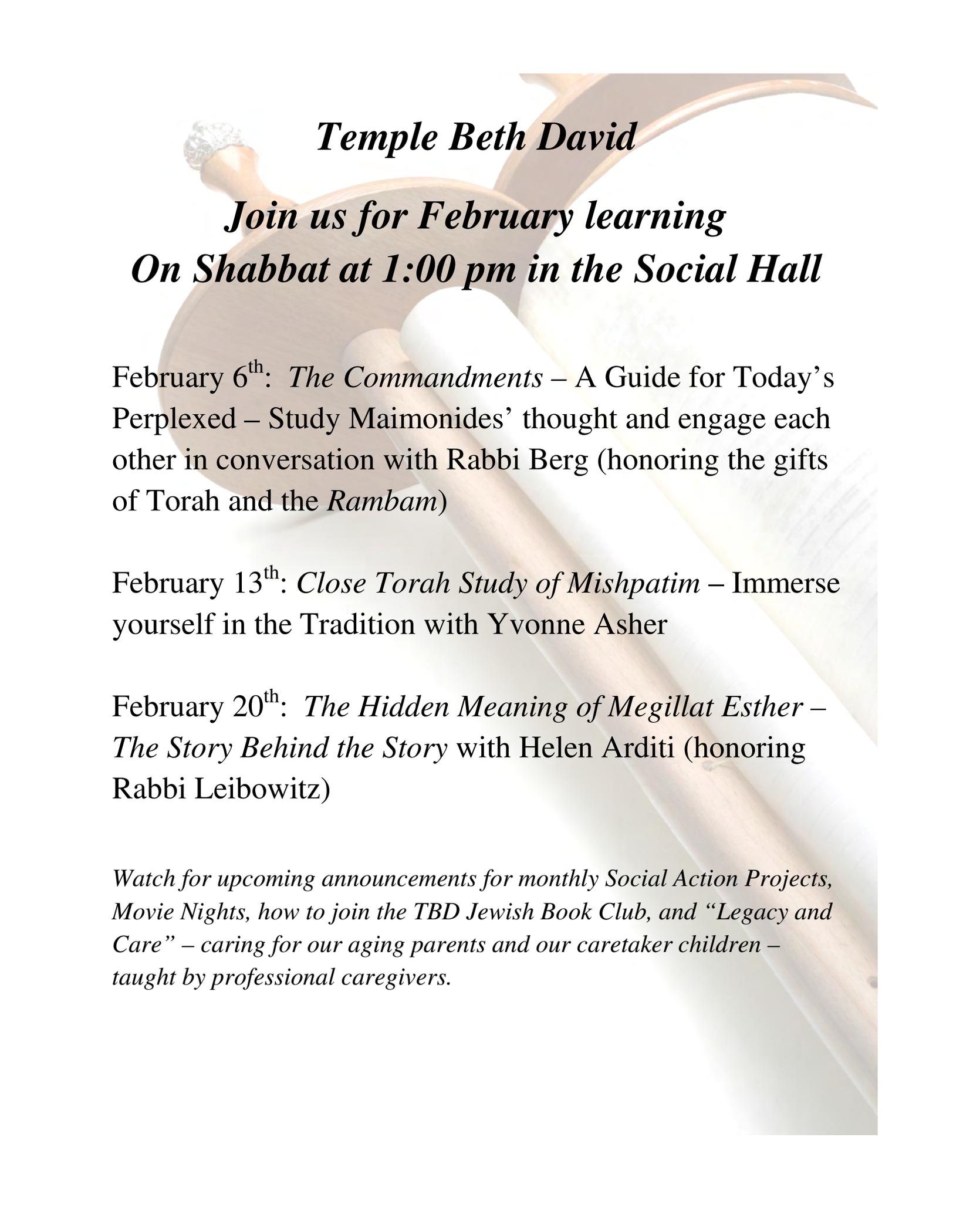
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8:00 P.M.

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(TO FOLLOW READING OF THE MEGILLAH)



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- ◇ Cookies and Juice
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- ◇ Wine available

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