



A Welcoming Reform Jewish Congregation serving  
Chantilly Virginia and the surrounding area

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**April 15th–May 2017**  
Nisan–Sivan 5777



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## Upcoming Temple Events

No Religious School	Sunday, April 16, 2017	
Finding and Living the Sacred with Rabbi Block	Wednesday, April 19, 2017	07:30pm
Religious School, 8th, 9th, 10th Grades	Sunday, April 23, 2017	9:00am–12:30pm
Torah Tots	Sunday, April 23, 2017	11:00am–12:00pm
Annual Congregation Meeting	Sunday, April 23, 2017	12:00pm–12:30pm
Shabbat Service featuring Cantorial Soloist Applicant	Friday, April 28, 2017	7:30pm
Tot Shabbat	Saturday, April 29, 2017	9:30am–10:30am
Learner's Service	Saturday, April 29, 2017	10:30am
6th Grade Family B'nai Mitzvah Meeting	Sunday, April 30, 2017	9:00am–11:00am
7th Grade Holocaust Museum Field Trip	Sunday, April 30, 2017	9:00am
Religious School, 10th Grade, Post Confirmation	Sunday, April 30, 2017	9:00am–12:30pm
Torah Tots	Sunday, April 30, 2017	11:00am–12:00pm
Congregational Dinner—Cinco de Mayo	Friday, May 05, 2017	6:00pm
Teacher Appreciation Shabbat	Friday, May 05, 2017	7:00pm
Miller Bat Mitzvah	Saturday, May 06, 2017	10:00am
Religious School, 8th, 9th, 10th Grades	Sunday, May 07, 2017	9:00am - 12:30pm
Torah Tots	Sunday, May 07, 2017	11:00am - 12:00pm
Book Club	Tuesday, May 09, 2017	7:30pm
Finding and Living the Sacred with Rabbi Block	Wednesday, May 10, 2017	7:30pm
TBT Board Meeting	Thursday, May 11, 2017	7:30pm
No Religious School	Sunday, May 14, 2017	
Shabbat Confirmation Service	Friday, May 19, 2017	7:30pm
Yaunches Bat Mitzvah	Saturday, May 20, 2017	10:00am
Last Day of Religious School	Sunday, May 21, 2017	9:00am - 12:30pm

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Proper attire is encouraged at all services  
Please see the weekly Blast for Chaverim listings

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From Route 66: Get off at Route 28 North. Go North to Route 50 West. Travel west on Route 50. Turn left on Pleasant Valley Rd. Turn left on Lafayette Center Dr. Turn left on Technology Court.

## TBT Caring Committee

Have you ever wondered how to notify the TBT Board of a life-cycle event? TBT is here to support you. Contact: Lori Kravchick at caringcommittee@bethtorah.net

## Chaverim Signup Reminder

Please remember to sign up for Chaverim duties at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4aa8ac2aa64-temple>  
We need everyone to sign up for two dates. Please help make our wonderful TBT services successful!

**Weather closures** will be announced via an Email Blast, on our Facebook page and posted on the home page of the website [www.bethtorah.net](http://www.bethtorah.net). Please use your judgment, as weather conditions may vary depending on where you live.

The **Temple Beth Torah Yahrzeit Memorial Wall** is a way to honor the memories of our departed loved ones. It is displayed in our sanctuary. A light will burn next to their name on all yahrzeit and yizkor observances. The order form can be found on our website at [www.bethtorah.net](http://www.bethtorah.net). Click on Make a Contribution on the top right of the Home page.



## Support TBT While Shopping on Amazon!

From now on, before you start shopping on Amazon, start with the link on the bottom of the Temple Beth Torah home page at [bethtorah.net](http://bethtorah.net). Amazon will contribute to TBT every time you make a purchase after using the link.

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## A Message from President Jayne Ayers

# Many are called; few answer...but we need a few more

Humor is a big part of my life, my outlook and my personality. I like to hear laughter—it reminds me that we shouldn't take ourselves too seriously.

That being said, we have taken our responsibilities as Temple Beth Torah Board members very seriously—and have worked to make good decisions for our TBT family.

Believe it or not, we are almost through our first year and it has flown by! We have accomplished a lot and still have a long list of To Do's that we want to get through.

I would like to ask each TBT Family the following:

**1. Please consider helping.** We still need “helpers” to get the many programs, events and daily operations of TBT executed. We are not asking for you to manage or own an entire project, but rather, lend a helping hand to manage a small piece of an event—it may be labeling and mailing newsletters, sending out an invite or helping to plan a class trip. We need help managing pieces and can really use *your* time and talents!

**2. Attend the TBT Annual Meeting.** Our Annual Meeting will take place, Sunday, April 23rd at 12:00 noon. We would like *every* family represented and hope to have more information to share about our Cantorial Search. We will be offering babysitting services for all younger children if the meeting extends beyond 12:30 pm.

Please note we have a few Open positions. Please reach out to me if you are interested and available to help (President@bethtorah.net). I have found this year rewarding, and fun. Not only getting to know one another and developing new friendships, but meeting new members and watching our Synagogue thrive!!

Many thanks  
—Jayne

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### Proposed Slate—2017-2018 TBT Board

**President: Jayne Ayers**

**Vice President: Marci Jerome** Focus—Calendar and Religious School

**Treasurer: Mike Erstling** Focus—Chair of Finance

**Recording Secretary: Debra Kabalkin** Focus—TBD; Sisterhood VP

**Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Sutliff**  
Focus—Newsletter

**Member-at-Large: Jennifer Stawasz** Chair—internal events; Vice Chair—B'nai Mitzvah Committee

**Member-at-Large: Cheri Kaplan** Focus—miscellaneous projects and fundraising

**Member-at-Large: Joe Sutliff** Focus—Web Presence, Marketing

**Member-at-Large: Mary Horner** Focus— Chair, Ritual and Pillars Fulfillment; Chair, B'nai Mitzvah Committee

**Member-at-Large: Mike Thomas** Focus—Building Logistics

**Member-at-Large: OPEN** Focus—Community Outreach and Involvement

**Religious School Chair:** position suspended for the 2017/2018 school year as Marci Jerome serves in this role

**High Holiday Chair: Jeff Horner**

**Ritual Committee Chair: Linda Sue Wever**

**Past President: Linda Sue Wever**

The following are Board positions, but are elected by their respective membership:

**Sisterhood: Stacey Huse**

**Brotherhood: OPEN**

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## Annual Membership Meeting—Sunday April 23, 12 noon

All members are encouraged to attend. Besides sharing the latest information, we will be electing our board of directors. Please contact Jayne (president@bethtorah.net) if you are interested in one of the open positions on the ballot.

## Cantor Selection Process

Your Cantorial Search Committee continues to make great progress in the search for our new Cantor thanks to the hard work and dedication of Elaine Baine, Elizabeth Brotman, Debra Kabalkin, Matt Kestenbaum, Joanne Wertz and Linda Sue Wever. Additionally, thanks to Kathleen Kestenbaum who has volunteered to accompany our applicants. The Search Committee's timeline is ahead of schedule to select a new Cantor so (s)he can begin with services in July.

We have received eight applications from various Jewish websites that we posted the job opening to last month. The Search Committee performed initial interviews and narrowed those candidates down to three very qualified individuals. Additional interviews and tryouts will be held by the Search Committee and the TBT Executive Board in late March. After reviewing the results, the Executive Board will present to the Board of Directors the candidates that they recommend as finalists.

These finalists will participate in a Sabbath service with Rabbi Block so the congregation can become acquainted with each candidate. We are asking that all congregants attend these services! Within 30 days of the last candidate's Sabbath service, a special meeting will be held to elicit feedback from the Congregation. The information obtained from the entire interview process will be considered for vote by the Board, and a final recommendation will be put forth to the Congregation. According to the Bylaws of TBT, the recommended candidate must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the member units of the Congregation.

If anyone has any questions about the search process or would like to provide thoughts and ideas please feel free to email me at [dbarondess@yahoo.com](mailto:dbarondess@yahoo.com).

*David Baroness  
Search Committee Chairman*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
**MAY 5**  
**Teacher  
Appreciation  
Shabbat  
and TEAM TBT Awards!**



Come show our TBT Religious School teachers how thankful we are for all they do for our children at this special Shabbat service in their honor. We hope to have a strong attendance from our Religious School students. We will also be awarding prizes to everyone who participated this year in the TEAM TBT! initiative.

## Member Appreciation Dinner

We ♥ our members!

Please join us for a Cinco de Mayo  
Congregation-wide dinner before  
Shabbat services on May 5.  
Complimentary Mexican-themed dinner  
and drinks. Evite with details to follow.



## Finding & Living the Sacred

Presented by Rabbi Block—meets once a month  
on Wednesday nights.

Explanations for the sacred given by traditional Judaism does not hold up when examined thoughtfully in the light of our accumulated knowledge. Consequently we no longer see anything as sacred. The sacred and connections to the sacred are all around us. Finding the sacred depends not on insisting that we return to what we know is not believable. We all suspend disbelief in order to enjoy books and movies. We do not need to suspend disbelief in order to find the sacred. Rather we need to have the courage and the inspiration to let go of the old, and to imagine the new.

Rabbi Kushner says that spirituality is where you and God meet and what you do about it. It doesn't have to be, "other worldly," such as in Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." For most people, spirituality is ordinary and every day. It's a buzzword today. Earlier generations probably called the same idea sacred or holy. One of the great Jewish philosophers of all time, Abraham Joshua Heschel, who is a great mystical theologian, suggested that spirituality is life lived in the continuous presence of the divine.

Each class is self contained and does not build on the previous class. Each month we explore a topic that teaches us how to be in the presence of the Divine.

The schedule is as follows: April 19, May 10, & June 7.  
Please plan on coming to some or all.

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## A Message from Rabbi Kenneth Block

# Whose Ox

In the book of Exodus, chapters 21 and 22, there are the detailed descriptions of the responsibilities of the owner of an ox. The passages also spell out the penalties for stealing or slaughtering of another's ox.

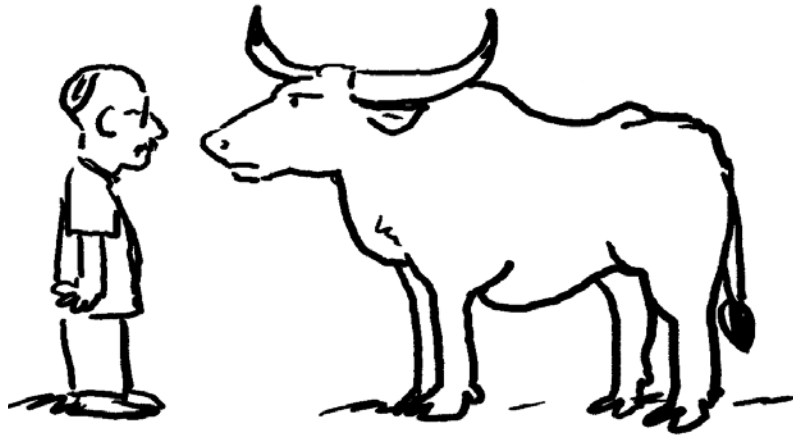
**Exodus 21:29** *“If the ox was wont to gore with its horn in times past, and its owner had been warned, and he has not kept it in, but it has killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall be put to death.”*

**Exodus 21:37** *“If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.”*

These two chapters make it clear that the owner is responsible for the actions of their livestock. And that a thief is responsible to make restitution for what they have stolen. The text, however, does not go into the fine details. Certainly a young healthy ox would be worth more than an old sick one. Perhaps, I have a stronger emotional attachment to my old friend Babe than I do to my youngest ox therefore the restitution should be higher. It would have been left up to judges and courts to set amounts and values.

Discussions and settlements of the value of an animal gave rise to a curious phenomenon. Restitution for any old ox is one thing, but if it is my ox, well then, it is worth a lot more! So, we have the expression: “it depends on whose ox is being gored”. Since I do not smoke I am all for raising the taxes on cigarettes, but I will fight any alcohol tax increase. In order to balance the state budget, raise the property tax in every county except the one where I live. In order to increase mobile phone coverage, we need more cell/microwave towers, I will support the building of new towers in your town, but not in mine! We even have an acronym for this NIMBY, not in my backyard.

It is normal for us to value what impacts us more than what impacts someone else. For this reason, in order to live together in a civilized society, we need leaders, politicians, judges, courts, etc., that operate independently of parochial interests and use facts not opinion to make laws and render decisions. We also need a citizenry that acknowledges that promoting my success at your expense has led to the downfall of societies and civilizations.



The Torah provides us with a moral compass in Chapter 19 of Leviticus, it begins:

*“1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,*

*2 Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel, and say to them, You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy.*

Here is a sample:

*11 You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie one to another.*

*13 You shall not defraud your neighbor, nor rob him; the wages of he who is hired shall not remain with you all night until the morning.*

*14 You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God; I am the Lord.*

*15 You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; you shall not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.*

*16 You shall not go up and down as a slanderer among your people; nor shall you stand against the blood of your neighbor; I am the Lord.*

Please read all of Leviticus 19. It does not contain references or rituals of any particular religious denomination. Rather God is directing these commands at all of the human family. In this single chapter, we can evaluate the words and actions of ourselves and others using God's criteria for appropriate behavior.

# In Remembrance

Congregant(s)	Remember	Relationship	Date of Death	Hebrew Date	When Hebrew Date Occurs
Kathleen & Matt Kestenbaum	Sophia Bieber Acker	Grandmother of Matt	4/1/93	10 Nisan 5753	4/6/17
Nancy Watson	Marion Rosen	Grandmother of Nancy	4/1/91	17 Nisan 5751	4/13/17
Nancy Watson	Naomi Goldfarb	Grandmother of Nancy	4/1/06	3 Nisan 5766	3/30/17
Cheri & Scott Kaplan	Gene Horowitz	Father of Cheri	4/2/08	26 Adar II 5768	3/24/17
Audrey & David Lipps	Ruth Gordon	Aunt of David	4/3/XXXX		
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Judith Hartman	Cousin of Barbara	4/4/98	8 Nisan 5758	4/4/17
Jennifer & John Harding	Bernard Levin	Father of Jennifer	4/8/08	3 Nisan 5768	3/30/17
Joanne & Darcy Wertz	Leonard Linchuck	Father of Joanne	4/8/86	28 Adar II 5746	3/26/17
Roberta & Ronald Milberg	Irvin A. Fleishman	Father of Roberta	4/11/96	22 Nisan 5756	4/18/17
Nicole & Mike Manning	William Chesnutt	Stepfather of Nicole	4/15/10	1 Iyar 5770	4/27/17
Stefani & Manuel deGuzman	Seymour Kay	Cousin of Stefani	4/16/03	14 Nisan 5763	4/10/17
Audrey & David Lipps	Rose Gold	Grandmother of David	4/17/76	17 Nisan 5736	4/13/17
Mary & Jeff Horner	William Sosin	Grandfather of Jeff	4/18/69	30 Nisan 5729	4/26/17
Devin & Mac McCrory	Isidore Karten	Grandfather of Devin	4/19/99	3 Iyar 5759	4/29/17
Gerry Chelnik	Rose Chelnik	Mother of David	4/21/XXXX		
Susan & Ken Fried	E. Chris Doughty	Brother of Susan	4/22/02	10 Iyar 5762	5/6/17
Deborah Mayer & Todd Hillman	Sylvia Walker	Grandmother of Todd	4/23/07	5 Iyar 5767	5/1/17
Gerry Chelnik	Marilyn Chelnik Morgan	Daughter of David & Gerry	4/25/10	11 Iyar 5770	5/7/17
Beth & Ron Glaser	Marilyn Chelnik Morgan	Sister of Beth	4/25/10	11 Iyar 5770	5/7/17
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Nettie Weinberg	Aunt of Barbara	4/25/05	16 Nisan 5765	4/12/17
Mary & Jeff Horner	Edythe Blass	Aunt of Jeff	4/26/88	9 Iyar 5748	5/5/17
Mary & Jeff Horner	Jennie Sosin	Grandmother of Jeff	4/26/87	27 Nisan 5747	4/23/17
Mary & Jeff Horner	Irving Horner	Uncle of Jeff	4/27/72	13 Iyar 5732	5/9/17
Julie & Adam Lenfestey	Clara Anne Sankary	Grandmother of Julie	4/28/14	28 Nisan 5774	4/24/17
Daria & Jeffrey Parnes	Abraham Parnes	Father of Jeffrey	5/1/1965	29 Nisan 5725	4/25/17
Andrea & Daniel Rosenthal	Barry Gomels	Grandfather of Andrea	5/6/02	24 Iyar 5762	5/20/17
Gerry Chelnik	Bessie H Hemmendinger	Mother of Gerry	5/7/XXXX		
Lori & Eric Kravchick	Esther Prince	Grandmother of Eric	5/9/94	28 Iyar 5754	5/24/17
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Phyllis Akers	Aunt of Barbara	5/9/02	27 Iyar 5762	5/23/17
Sandie & Howard Beny	Joel Lisak	Father of Sandie	5/10/97	3 Iyar 5757	4/29/17
Jayne Ayers & Tye Jurgensen	Kenny Ayers	Father of Charlie	5/11/07	23 Iyar 5767	5/19/17
Joanne & Rob Doolittle	Clara Weiner	Grandmother of Joanne	5/14/1966	24 Iyar 5726	5/20/17
Cindy Minionis	Phyllis Sucher	Mother of Cindy	5/14/07	26 Iyar 5767	5/22/17
Elizabeth & Stephen Ward	Frances Galvin Ward	Mother of Stephen	5/14/98	18 Iyar 5758	5/14/17
Mary & Jeff Horner	Esther Horner	Mother of Jeff	5/19/12	27 Iyar 5772	5/23/17
Anne & Michael Beaudreau	Louis Kornfeld	Grandfather of Anne	5/21/75	11 Sivan 5735	6/5/17
Laura & Jeffrey Klaiman	Malcolm A. Klaiman	Father of Jeffrey	5/23/09	29 Iyar 5769	5/25/17
Anne & Michael Beaudreau	Robert Baron	Uncle of Anne	5/26/13	17 Sivan 5773	6/11/17
Tamara Yaunches	Rosalyn Siegel Uze	Grandmother of Tamara	5/26/85	6 Sivan 5745	5/31/17
Melissa & Jay Margolis	Helen Margolis	Grandmother of Jay	5/27/79	1 Sivan 5739	5/26/17
Kathy & Michael Erstling	Morton Erstling	Father of Michael	5/30/2013*	22 Sivan 5773	6/16/17
Stefani & Manuel deGuzman	Fannie Nast	Grandmother of Stefani	5/31/65	29 Iyar 5725	5/25/17

\*After sunset

Additions and corrections to the yahrzeit list may be sent to [yahrzeit@bethtorah.net](mailto:yahrzeit@bethtorah.net)

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## TBT Ladies Book Club

Please join us for this “pot-luck” style book club that meets every *other* month on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM. This club is open to all TBT women. Plan to bring a drink or appetizer to share! Our book for May 9th is *The Two Family House* by Lynda Cohen Loigman. You don't have to read the book to enjoy book club! Contact Beth Thomas at [mbtjthomas@gmail.com](mailto:mbtjthomas@gmail.com).



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## Thank you for Your Donation

Roberta & Ronald Milberg	Contribution for Membership Marketing & Outreach
Matt & Kathleen Kestenbaum	In Loving Memory of Dora Kestenbaum
Roberta & Ronald Milberg	In Loving Memory of Jack Davis
Elizabeth & Stephen Ward	In Loving Memory of Henry Beecher Ward
Ken & Susan Fried	In Loving Memory of Edward Chandler Doughty
Ken & Susan Fried	In Loving Memory of E. Chris Doughty
Dorothy & Donald (John) Lewy	In Loving Memory of Hortense Rothman & Harry Rothman
Ron & Beth Glaser	Contribution for Good Deeds Day



### Sock Hop Shabbat–July 22

Come on, everybody, let's do the twist!

TBT will be hosting our very first Sock Hop-dalah. Havdalah Services followed by dinner and dancing.

Get those poodle skirts ready.  
More details coming soon.

It's not too late to join our spring session of

### Torah Tots



Torah Tots is a program for preschoolers (aged 2–pre-K) to attend with a parent or other adult. We meet on Sundays at 11 AM at TBT. Each week we read stories, have music with our awesome music teachers, do an art project, and have snack of challah and juice where we get to practice the Hebrew blessings.

Torah Tots is a great way to meet other families with young children, and TBT membership is not required to participate. For more information, see our website <http://bethtorah.net> or contact Jennifer Harding at (703) 938-4034 or [harding3007@verizon.net](mailto:harding3007@verizon.net).

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## **GOOD DEEDS DAY**



**Thank you for making Lasagnathon a success!**

14 pans to The Lamb Center/Fairfax

4 pans to SERVE/NVFS/Manassas

8 pans to Embry Rucker Shelter/Reston

***We exceeded our goal with 26 pans of lasagna!***