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**June, July, August 2018**  
Tamuz–Elul 5778



## Upcoming Temple Events

Shabbat Services	Friday, June 29, 2018	07:30 pm–08:30 pm
Alison Tannenbaum's Bat Mitzvah	Saturday, June 30, 2018	10:00 am–12:00 pm
Nosh-n-Drosh	Saturday, July 21, 2018	10:30 am–12:00 pm
Teacher Orientation	Saturday, September 08, 2018	09:30 am–12:00 pm
First Day Religious School	Sunday, September 09, 2018	09:00 am–12:30 pm
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sunday, September 09, 2018	07:30 pm–08:30 pm
Rosh Hashanah Family Service/Tashlich	Monday, September 10, 2018	09:00 am–10:00 am
Rosh Hashanah Morning Service/Tashlich	Monday, September 10, 2018	10:15 am–01:00 pm
Break-the-Fast	Wednesday, September 19, 2018	06:00 pm–08:00 pm
Yom Kippur Family Service	Wednesday, September 19, 2018	09:00 am–10:00 am
Yom Kippur Morning Service/Yizkor	Wednesday, September 19, 2018	10:15 am–01:00 pm
Yom Kippur Afternoon Service	Wednesday, September 19, 2018	04:00 pm–06:00 pm
Break-the-Fast	Wednesday, September 19, 2018	06:00 pm–08:00 pm
TBT Picnic	Sunday, September 23, 2018	01:00 pm

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

## High Holidays 2018 ~ 5779

### Rosh Hashanah

**Sunday, September 9**

Erev Rosh Hashanah at 7:30pm

**Monday, September 10**

Family Services & Tashlich at 9:00am

Rosh Hashanah Morning & Tashlich at 10:15am

### Yom Kippur

**Tuesday, September 18**

Kol Nidre at 7:30pm

**Wednesday, September 19**

Family Services at 9:00am

Yom Kippur Morning & Yizkor at 10:15am

Yom Kippur Afternoon at 4:00pm

Break-the-Fast at 6:00pm

The registration form for High Holiday services will be available in early summer.  
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### 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

# Remarks from the Annual Meeting

Hello and thank you for being here today.

First, I would like say many thanks for your confidence in me during this past year. We have had many achievements which I will talk about in a few minutes.

A special thanks to my partners—Marci Jerome and Mike Erstling. In addition to their expertise in Education and Finance, they are a constant voice of reason and have been invaluable advisors and partners as we make important decisions regarding TBT.

As you might be wondering why we have offered to stay on for another year, I would like to explain our thinking (or my thinking if you ask them) We feel strongly that our first year was spent trying to find a new Cantor, this past year was spent trying to make sure all the pieces fell in to place and we are hopeful that this year will be spent fine tuning everyone's roles so that we can make the transition to a new leadership team easier for all.

A big thank you for the hard work and investment of time that our Board members have demonstrated this year. It has taken each and every one of you to accomplish all that we have accomplished, including the day to day operations of our building, our Shabbat Services, Bnai Mitzvahs and our Religious School.

So—a bit about the State of TBT.

- We have welcomed 6 new families to TBT.
- As Mike said, our financial status is stable. With the money we have in reserves, we can fulfill the terms of our lease, even as our annual lease payments increase—even with our current number of members.
- The Pillars program brought a new way for our members to make additional contributions to TBT. We hope you will consider becoming a Pillar in the coming year and take advantage of the additional member benefits. Your participation will help us develop new programs for our members and our students.
- We have had a successful school year—with approximately 60 students—ranging from first grade through 10th grade. Our students participated in many Field Trips, including Mitzvah Mania for the 4th graders, the Immigration program for the 6th graders, Holocaust Museum visit for 7th graders religions. We plan to expand our field trips for the coming school year.
- Our students participated in our Good Deeds project. We made (and are still making) no sew blankets for Project Linus. These blankets are being donated to teens in local hospitals.
- Our Torah Tots program continues to thrive and grow—as we look forward to welcoming these youngsters in to our Religious School. We hosted the first Growing Jewish

Families Tot Shabbat tour of local Synagogues. We had over 15 families participate—and they all helped unroll and view the Torah. It was a very special day.

- We have had some awesome events—starting with the Annual TBT Block Party/Brotherhood Deli, School wide Hanukkah party, Women's Shabbat, Mimosas and Massage (quite popular), Pizza in the Hut, 50's Purim Shpiel, Interfaith Holiday Dinner and a Pot Luck Community Seder. And, still to come, the Wine Tasting and Member Appreciation Service, and Congregational Dinner followed by Teacher Appreciation Shabbat.
- One of the highlights this year was hosting Cantor Adam's Spring Concert. As the culmination of his studies at the Hebrew Union College, it was a FABULOUS event including memorable music and fantastic food. The temple looked beautiful and we welcomed over 30 non members. We are following up about possibilities of membership for some of these folks.
- We have met extensively with our security committee to discuss our building as well as what instruction we give our students in case of emergency. This is an important topic—one that is being addressed not only by our local government, but also the JCRC and the JCC. We have been discussing possible capitol improvement projects as they relate to security—over and above our normal operating costs—and will keep everyone updated as we identify our needs.

What's the plan for the coming year? Many things.

Dr. Marci Jerome—who has her PhD in Special Education, will continue to spearhead our Religious School. Working with our teachers, the Cantor and the Rabbi - they will be reviewing and updating all things Religious School—including the Curriculum.

Our first priority for the year will be to increase our Marketing efforts and Membership. These two efforts go hand in hand and we ask that you, our members, help spread the word. In addition to making sure that when someone googles Reform Synagogue or Interfaith Synagogue or the dozens of other ways we are known—that Temple Beth Torah pops up. We will also be evaluating print advertising and participation in both Jewish and non Jewish events. We are looking for additional opportunities to participate with other communities as well—and will certainly keep everyone posted.

My hope for the coming year is the same for all of us—that our jewish values keep us grounded in our sometimes turbulent world.

Many thanks,  
—Jayne

# Dreams of the Algerian Sea Shore

With summer, many of us think about the heat, the sand and heading for the shore. I've been thinking a lot about them too, lately. My thoughts are not of Ocean City or Rehoboth Beach, but of the coastal cities of Algeria. Though I'm not headed there anytime soon, the warm sun, the Mediterranean coast, the middle-eastern meals and melodies of the music are enchanting, in the literal sense of the word, no less.

A century ago, that North African country, still under French colonial rule, had a Jewish population of nearly 150,000. Today, there are less than 50 Jews left, mostly aged pensioners. Until 1962, however, the relatively small Jewish population of Algeria had an oversized impact on the commercial and cultural life of the country. This should, of course, sound familiar, as it is just like the story of American Jewry.

The Sephardic Jews living in North Africa, colloquially called the Maghreb, there were particularly well integrated into the fabric of society. They historically spoke Ladino, but by the early 20th century had adopted colonial French and colloquial Maghrebi Arabic as everyday languages thanks to the schools opened across the region by the Alliance Israelite Universelle. They were proud Algerians.

The Jews of the coastal plain of Algeria were the leading preservers of the musical and literary traditions of Andalus, the southern Spanish region whose culture was shared among the three communities of Abrahamic faith living there at the time; Islam, Christianity and Judaism. Carried to the Maghreb following the departure from Spain, these musical forms remained popular among the North Africans of all backgrounds and faiths. They were preserved, performed and recorded primarily by Jews.

The Chaabi (folk) tunes and Hawzi (Andalusian) songs descended from the Spanish tradition came to Algeria via the Sephardic population. The leading, most popular figures of this music were Jews from the coastal city of Oran, which once had a Sephardic majority population.

The multicultural, cosmopolitan nature of this city was to the extent that its music became fashionable and popular in France. There were venues in Paris specializing in it. The music got its own genre name in French- Chanson Oranaise. Like its earlier American counterpart, Tin Pan Alley, which was likewise filled with Jewish songwriters, the performers of this tradition drew in part on the music

of their own heritage, sang in a common language (either French or Arabic) on popular romantic themes and were recorded on well-known labels. It had its own stars, quirky characters and even scandals.

The connection between Algeria and France meant that the singers of this music were effectively international stars. Some like the famous Samy el-Maghribi, were even like the *Jazz Singer*—Cantor by day and night club singer by night! There are also cases of melodies of this unique music seeping into synagogues and being used for prayer melodies. El-Maghribi was once the subject of a scandal around one such of his songs. His 1952 hit Kouftanek Mahloul *Your Robe is Open* was thought to be about his illicit rendezvous with a member of the Royal family. The melody was subsequently documented by the well known ethnomusicologist Paul Bowles in his field recordings of Moroccan Jewish sacred music.

That all ended in 1962, when Algerian nationalists declared independence after a bloody civil war and precluded non-Muslims from

holding citizenship. The entire Jewish community emigrated to France, and the music of Chanson Oranaise continued to be popular for decades. To this day, there are still fans and modern stars of the genre in North Africa, Israel and France. A few years ago, a reunion of these musicians led to a concert tour and film called *El Gusto*, which can be viewed online (<http://bit.ly/elGusto>), very similar to the famous Buena Vista Social Club and film by Ry Cooder.

Setting the words of a prayer to a borrowed, popular melody is quite common in Jewish music. Called *contrafacta*, it is a common sign of how well integrated a community is into its surrounding culture. Many of us have heard Adon Olam set to "You'll Be Back" from the musical *Hamilton*. The piyyut Dror Yikra written by Dunash ibn Labrat in 8th century Spain is commonly sung to the popular melody, Sloop John B, also known as I Wanna Go Home, famously recorded by the Beach Boys. This is *contrafacta* at its finest!

As Reform Jews, we're constantly seeking ways to make our ancient prayers and sacred texts relevant to our times. So, let's take a lesson from our Algerian cousins. If you come up with any ideas, or if you'd like to learn more about interesting Jewish music, email me at [cantoradamdavis@gmail.com](mailto:cantoradamdavis@gmail.com). I'll be poolside, humming Sloop John B, and dreaming that I'm somewhere on the Algerian sea shore!

—Cantor Adam

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## A Message from Rabbi Kenneth Block

# Where do we go when we die?

“Rabbi Block where do we go when we die?” And I replied: “we all go to the same place when we die, where Moses and Rabbi Akiva give constant and everlasting classes on the Bible and the Talmud.”

For me this is eternal bliss, while for others this is eternal suffering.

Many of us have been taught that the Jewish tradition doesn't say or doesn't care about an afterlife, that Jews believe life is for the living and that Judaism focuses on what people can and should do in this world. But not so fast. Through out our 4000 year Jewish history different ideas about the afterlife have been expressed. At different times in history and in different countries, Jews had different ideas. These varying thoughts were never reconciled or canonically decided. Thus, even today, Jews believe in different, often irreconcilable, theories of what life after death is like.

There are not many explicit references to afterlife—whether a bodily resurrection or a soul world—in the Hebrew Bible. The Torah promises this-worldly rewards and punishments for faithfulness or lack thereof to God and the Torah. It does not promise heaven for righteousness, nor does it threaten hell or the absence of heaven for sinfulness. In order to understand immortality and afterlife we need to track the references that exist through the teachings of commentators and philosophers.

There are just enough references in the Hebrew Bible to say that life does not begin with birth, nor does it end with

death. This is articulated in the verse in Kohelet (Ecclesiastes), “And the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God, who gave it.” Connecting this verse with the references to Sheol allows for the lack of a singular, integrated position on the afterlife.

In Scripture, upon death one descends to Sheol, described as the underworld abode where the dead were gathered to their kin, or were described as lying with one's ancestors, in a shadowy afterlife.

For you will not abandon me to Sheol,  
Or let your faithful one see the Pit.  
You will teach me the path of life.  
In your presence is perfect joy;  
Delights are ever in your right hand. (Psalm 16:10-11)

King Saul summons Samuel for guidance from his rest in Sheol. And Samuel tells him to leave him alone so that he can Rest In Peace! You can legitimately say that any references to Sheol are poetical or metaphorical. And you would be right. You can say that our Biblical ancestors are describing something very real, like the exodus from Egypt. And you would be right.

This is why when you ask: what happens after death? Many will respond that the Jewish tradition doesn't say or doesn't care, that Jews believe life is for the living and that Judaism focuses on what people can and should do in this world. An afterlife unnecessarily clutters up expectations of life and death, because if you expect to be rewarded or punished, you are not behaving according to what you truly believe you ought to be doing in the situation. You're expecting someone else is going to give you goodies at the end. Or punish you for your deeds. What free will and choice? But not so fast. If anything is less Jewish than belief in heaven and hell, it's Jews agreeing on an official theological party line. And after 4,000 years of discussion, you'd expect considerable variation.

I am writing this on May 9th, in preparation for the Nash N'Drash on the 12th. Obviously you missed that discussion, however please send me an email if you would like the topic repeated. If there is enough interest I will present it again on a Wednesday evening or Saturday morning and let you know when.

I leave you with this view. I can neither confirm nor deny that it is mine.

There isn't anything after life, because we believe that life never ends. It just goes higher and higher. In the afterlife, the soul is liberated from the body and returns closer to our source than ever before.

### Contemporary Issues in Judaism

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

Please contact Rabbi Block, at [rabbiblock2@yahoo.com](mailto:rabbiblock2@yahoo.com) to let him know which of the following topics (or any other issues of particular interest) you would like to discuss at the sessions in the upcoming year.

- Is Democracy the Best Form of Government?
- Medical Ethics
- Combating Anti-Semitism
- Internal Divisions in Judaism
- Indifference and assimilation
- Interfaith Dialogue
- Christian Influences in Politics
- Is America a Christian Nation?
- Teen suicide
- The right to bear Arms

The blast will keep you current on dates resuming in the fall.

## In Remembrance

Congregant(s)	Remember	Relationship	Date of Death	Hebrew Date	When Hebrew Date Occurs
Anne & Eric Wieder	Ronnie Wieder	Mother of Eric	6/2/08	28 Iyar 5768	5/13/18
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Lisa Chester	Cousin of Barbara	6/6/87	9 Sivan 5747	5/23/18
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Gloria Moreno Sutliff	Mother of Joe	6/6/09		
Heidi & Robert Hirsh	Edward Robert Kargman	Father of Heidi	6/10/70	6 Sivan 5730	5/20/18
Bonnie & Earl Schendell	David Brownstein	Brother of Bonnie	6/11/14	13 Sivan 5774	5/27/18
Linda Sue Wever	Jacqueline Annette Arch	Sister of Linda Sue	6/14/17	20 Sivan 5777	6/3/18
Linda Sue Wever	Beverly Yanoff	Mother of Linda Sue	6/18/97	13 Sivan 5757	5/27/18
		Grandmother of Justin, Olivia & Dylan Brown			
Josie & David Baroness	Fischel Fred Spiegel	Uncle of David	6/19/71	26 Sivan 5731	6/9/18
Daria & Jeffrey Parnes	Anna Botsko	Grandmother of Daria	6/25/83	14 Tamuz 5743	6/27/18
Elizabeth & Bruce Brotman	Victoria Brotman	Mother of Bruce	6/29/13	21 Tamuz 5773	7/4/18
Lauren & Brian Craypoff	Libby Schreiber	Grandmother of Lauren	6/30/11	28 Sivan 5771	6/11/18
Melissa & Jay Margolis	Louis Serota	Grandfather of Melissa	7/X/85		
Amber & Marques Jackson	Mickey Parker	Grandfather of Amber	7/1/15	14 Tamuz 5775	6/27/18
Joyce & Brian Goodman	Jeanne Goodman	Mother of Brian	7/5/91	23 Tamuz 5751	7/6/18
Joanne & Darcy Wertz	Evelyn Rosenbaum Linchuck	Mother of Joanne	7/5/72	23 Tamuz 5732	7/6/18
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Geraldyn Eckber	Aunt of Barbara	7/5/16	29 Sivan 5776	6/12/18
Lori Childers	Ida Rappaport	Grandmother of Lori	7/7/11	5 Tamuz 5771	6/18/18
Maria & Marcello Rotjman	Matilda Rojzman	Mother of Marcello	7/10/17	16 Tamuz 5777	6/29/18
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Shirley Iancu	Mother of Barbara	7/13/06	17 Tamuz 5766	6/30/18
Anne & Michael Beaudreau	William Wasserstrom	Cousin of Anne	7/13/09	21 Tamuz 5769	7/4/18
Anne & Michael Beaudreau	Ruth Kornfeld	Grandmother of Anne	7/13/85	24 Tamuz 5745	7/7/18
Josie & David Baroness	Belle T Baroness	Grandmother of David	7/13/77	27 Tamuz 5737	7/10/18
Linda Mitchell	Don Mitchell	Husband of Linda	7/17/12	27 Tamuz 5772	7/10/18
Beth & Ron Glaser	Richard Glaser	Brother of Ronald	7/20/11	18 Tamuz 5771	7/1/18
Lori & Eric Kravchick	Murray Prince	Grandfather of Eric	7/25/80	12 Av 5740	7/24/18
Amber & Marques Jackson	Ben Schrieber	Stepgrandfather of Amber	7/25/12	6 Av 5772	7/18/18
Melissa & Jay Margolis	George Ritsick	Cousin of Melissa	8/X/03		
Gail & Howard Sulkin	Albert Bisk	Uncle of Howard	8/1/69	17 Av 5729	7/29/18
Nancy Watson	Steven Rosen	Uncle of Nancy	8/1/00	29 Tamuz 5760	7/12/18
Melissa & Jay Margolis	Richard Oppenheim	Father of Melissa	8/4/90	13 Av 5750	7/25/18
Susan & Ken Fried	Leonara Ogletree Lunsford	Grandmother of Susan	8/9/09	19 Av 5769	7/31/18
Mary & Jeff Horner	Sarah Horner	Grandmother of Jeff	8/10/71	19 Av 5731	7/31/18
Melissa & Jay Margolis	Claire Oppenheim	Grandmother of Melissa	8/11/05	6 Av 5765	7/18/18
Gerry Chelnik	Max Chelnik	Father of David	8/11/87	16 Av 5747	7/28/18
Jayne Ayers & Tye Jurgensen	Mickey Katz	Uncle of Jayne	8/11/15	26 Av 5775	8/7/18
Linda Mitchell	Manuel Nachman	Father of Linda	8/13/84	15 Av 5744	7/27/18
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Sydney Mostov	Uncle of Barbara	8/13/01	24 Av 5761	8/5/18
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Merle Polen	Cousin of Barbara	8/15/02	7 Elul 5762	8/18/18
Amber & Marques Jackson	Tyrone Jackson	Father of Marques	8/16/98	24 Av 5758	8/5/18
Josie & David Baroness	Earl D Spiegel	Uncle of David	8/18/43	17 Av 5703	7/29/18
Daria & Jeffrey Parnes	Stanley Makowski	Father of Daria	8/20/02	12 Elul 5762	8/23/18
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Joseph Iancu	Grandfather of Barbara	8/21/67	15 Av 5727	7/27/18
Dorothy & Donald Lewy	Miriam Lewy	Mother of Don	8/22/96	7 Elul 5756	8/18/18
Jill Price	Marc Applebaum	Brother of Jill	8/22/15	7 Elul 5775	8/18/18
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Henry Hartman	Uncle of Barbara	8/23/80	11 Elul 5740	8/22/18
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Eve Hartman	Aunt of Barbara	8/23/97	20 Av 5757	8/1/18
Nancy Watson	David Rosen	Grandfather of Nancy	8/24/01	5 Elul 5761	8/16/18
Marcia Gottesman	Joseph Gottesman	Father of Marcia	8/25/97	22 Av 5757	8/3/18
Deborah Mayer & Todd Hillman	Adrienne Mayer	Grandmother of Deborah	8/27/82	8 Elul 5742	8/19/18
Tamara Yaunches	Monroe Brooks	Grandfather of Tamara	8/30/77	16 Elul 5737	8/27/18
Tamara Yaunches	Eileen Simon Brooks	Grandmother of Tamara	8/31/11	1 Elul 5771	8/12/18

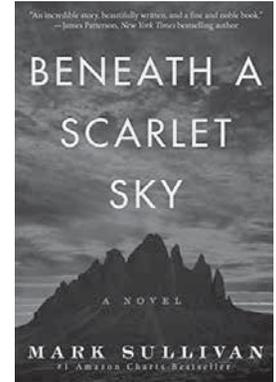
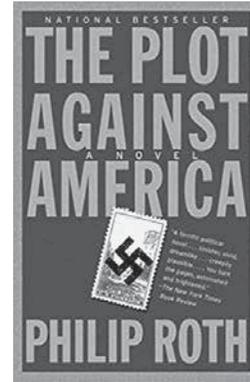
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Additions and corrections to the yahrzeit list may be sent to [yahrzeit@bethtorah.net](mailto:yahrzeit@bethtorah.net)

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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 the July 10th meeting is *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth. Our book for the September 11th meeting is *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan. You don't have to read the book to enjoy book club!



Contact Beth Thomas at [mbtjthomas@gmail.com](mailto:mbtjthomas@gmail.com) for more information.

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## Thank you for Your Donation

Leonard & Lynn Mark	In Honor of Cantor Davis and the Makom Spring Concert
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Darcy and Joanne Wertz	In Loving Memory of Steven B. Zapol
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David and Josie Barondess	In Loving Memory of Shirley Barondess
Scott & Cheri Kaplan	In Loving Memory of Gene Horowitz
Anonymous Donors	In Honor of Cantor Davis and the Makom Spring Concert
Stephanie & Georg Contag	In Honor of the naming of Hannah and Gwentyth Contag
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Eric and Lori Kravchick	Contribution
Roberta and Ronald Milberg	Celebrating Cantor Adam Davis on his Graduation in Cantorial Studies
Roberta and Ronald Milberg	In Loving Memory of Graeme Boyette, loving son-in-law of Ron & Elaine Golden
Roberta and Ronald Milberg	In appreciation of TBT's Board of Directors completing an additional year.
Elizabeth & Stephen Ward	In Loving Memory of Frances Galvin Ward
Ronald & Elaine Golden	In Loving Memory of of their son-in-law Graeme Rice Boyett
John & Mary Riley	In Honor of Cantor Davis and the Makom Spring Concert

### Welcome to Temple Beth Torah!

Please join us in making our newest member feel at home in our congregation!

Pamela Fisher

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## TBT Annual Picnic

Mark your calendars!

Sunday, September 23rd, 1:00 pm

Stay tuned for more details!



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## **Finding VOICE in Fairfax**

by Joe Sutliff

The Temple Beth Torah Board was invited to attend an organizational meeting of Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement (VOICE). I went to the meeting at Emmaus United Church in Vienna. There were about 30 people ranging in age from teenagers to retirees, and I was impressed by the organization and enthusiasm displayed. Topics for action included getting out the vote for the midterm elections, to stopping the separation of families at the border, to reinstating a local bus line whose closing left a small community without public transportation. Everyone had a contribution to make, and connections or contacts in local, state and federal government. Plans of action were drafted for the next large

meeting of multiple regions in July.

After the meeting, members from Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation approached me to express their hopes for participation by more Jewish congregations, and the VOICE representative encouraged me to come next month with at least two other TBT members to see what they are trying to accomplish. The offer was also made to come to TBT and do a presentation/“Listening Session” to identify what our congregation is, in their words, “passionate about.” If anyone from TBT is interested, please get in touch with me at [marketing@bethTorah.net](mailto:marketing@bethTorah.net). Information about VOICE and their programs is available at [VOICE-iaf.org](http://VOICE-iaf.org) or on [facebook.com/voice.iaf](https://facebook.com/voice.iaf).