



# The STAR (light!)

A Temple Beth Torah Newsletter  
June 2023 : Sivan-Tammuz 5783

# Rabbi Alan's Message...

Through most of my articles in this synagogue newsletter "the STAR," I have shared with you, its readers, the many programs, events, services, and opportunities that exist for TBT. It is my prayer and dream that each of our members find something of interest that will bring you into, and closer to our synagogue. TBT with its leadership and membership is one of the warmest and most comfortable places within our community.

One of the areas where we shine is our ability to listen to our members' needs and our devotion and support of each of you. We still need, however, to be told when you want a visit, particularly during medical times. We want to keep our reputation of being a caring Jewish community.

One of our famous mottos is that "We are looking out for you," and we still need for you to show up occasionally so that TBT will continue for the next generation. If you know any unaffiliated Jews, please let them know that there is a synagogue in Old Wethersfield that provides a secure place for those who are exploring life and Judaism.

We are always looking for ways to do outreach.

Special thanks to our Co-presidents David and Deb who have been thorough and thoughtful in their charge as presidents; to the entire board, who have been dutiful in their charge as officers and board members, their commitment is unyielding. To Phil, for maintaining our newsletter, The Star.

We appreciate those who set up our Sukkah, table set up and other basic needs around the synagogue.

We need to continue to work together, to cooperate and to be considerate of each other. We all have a part to play to ensure our continuation. This year we have welcomed some new members; people who like who we are and what we are doing. We need to learn how to incorporate those who have joined us in all our activities. Your pride in our congregation is the best membership advertisement there is. Be thankful. Let us appreciate the commitment of our members. Membership is about 'belonging!'

As Rabbi of TBT for 2 years, I share a commitment with an extraordinary group of people in exploring how Judaism works in our lives, searching for the place where Voice of the Eternal and light of Lights meets the needs of the community. My professional guidance can best serve those who are equally committed to TBT.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

# Upcoming Events in June...

Wednesday, June 7 @ 7pm - Adult Education - Antisemitism, Part 2. We'll continue our exploration of this topic. Please plan to join in, even if you weren't able to attend the first session. New thoughts, ideas and questions are always welcomed.

Friday, June 9 @ 7pm - The Rostron family invites you to join in our celebratory Shabbat evening service and Oneg, as their daughter Lilly prepares to become a Bat Mitzvah on the following day!

Saturday, June 10 @ 10am - Lilly R. Bat Mitzvah Shabbat morning service. All are invited to attend this service.

Monday, June 12 @ 5pm - TBT Annual Meeting - all members are encouraged to attend! We may do this outdoors, weather permitting. We are also looking into providing a light meal. More info to come, stay tuned!

Our slate of Board Trustees for the upcoming 2023-24 year will be nominated and voted on at our Annual Meeting on June 12th. If you are not currently serving on the Board, please let us know **this week** if you DO have an interest in serving. We will happily follow up with you to discuss possible positions! We are anticipating a few openings.

# Sad News...

Former TBT member MARILYN EICHNER passed away on May 31. She was predeceased by her husband HERB EICHLER about a year ago. May their memory always be a blessing to their loved ones.

# Good News! Mazel Tov to the Evans Family!

Josh on his Bar Mitzvah Day



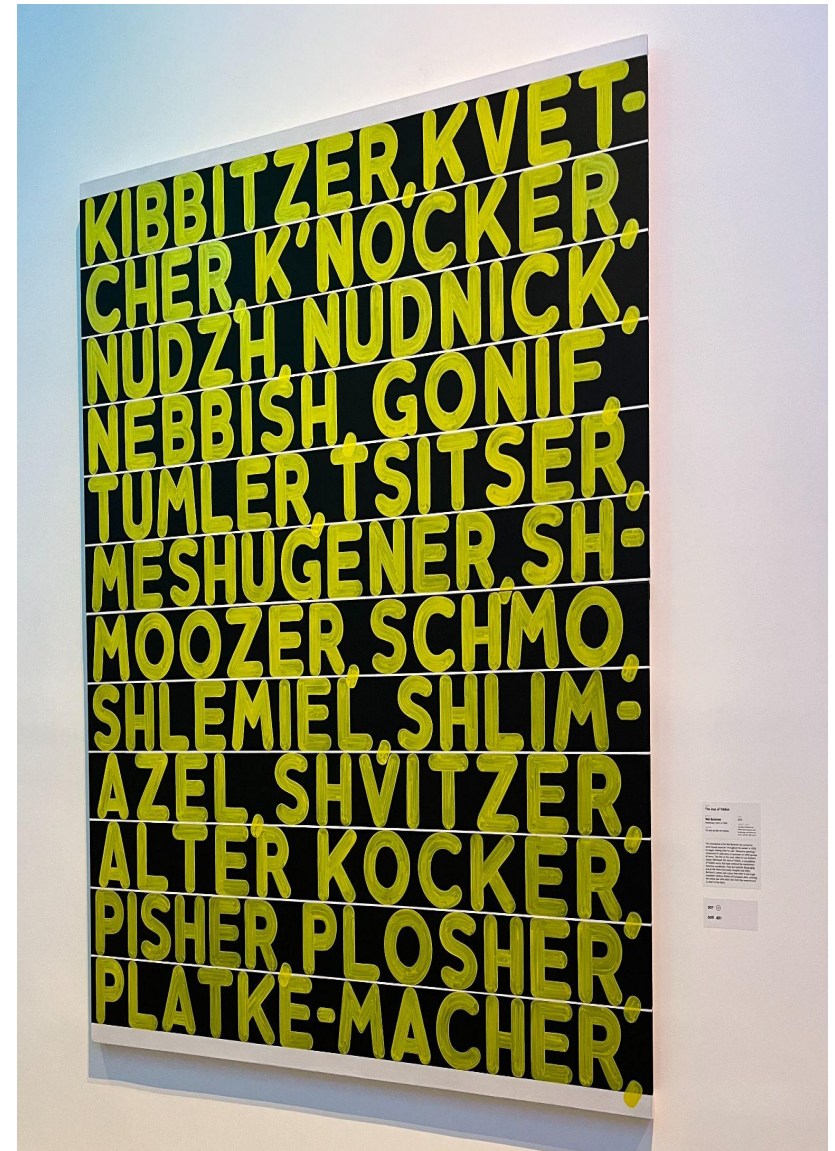
# The Jewish Museum

Upper East Side, NYC

From Deb's recent trip to NYC

How many of these Yiddish phrases do YOU know???

We loved this museum! Admission is free on Saturdays (no money handled) and the elevators are programmed to open on each floor, in observance of Shabbat. No Gift Shop on Saturdays!





# The Jewish Museum

## Upper East Side, NYC



**WORK**  
**Father (Le Père)**

**ARTIST**  
**Marc Chagall**  
 French, born in Belarus, 1887, died in 1985

**DATE**  
 1911

**CREDIT LINE**  
 Private collection

**MEDIUM**  
 Oil on canvas

The Jewish Museum is grateful to Phillips for facilitating this loan.

Marc Chagall is widely considered the foremost Jewish artist of the twentieth century. Painted in Paris, Chagall reveals in this spirited work his early adoption of Fauvist principles, using color in an expressive rather than naturalistic way, as seen in the red rings around his father's eyes and his green mustache and hair. The portrait of his father, Zahar—who lived in Chagall's hometown of Vitebsk his whole life—mixes vanguard directions in art with old-world subject matter, dreams with lived reality. As the artist said: "My paintings are a mixture of the past and the future."

**IN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM**  
**Wedding robe of Ezekiel Gubbay**  
 India, c. 1852  
 Silk, gold metallic thread, and cotton  
 Private collection, New York

Aziza, the daughter of David Sassoon's eldest son, Albert Abdullah, and his wife, Hannah, married Ezekiel Gubbay in Mumbai in early 1853. His magnificent bridegroom robe, made of sumptuous Indian silk, is fashioned in the simple yet elegant Baghdadi style. It was typical of the early generations of Baghdadi Jews in India to retain Iraqi dress practices and other traditions. The couple's marriage contract is also on view in this gallery.



# Donations to TBT, gratefully received

In MEMORY of SHAYNA and MALCOLM LAMSON, parents of Deb, in-laws of Joe, and grandparents of Sam and Lily

- Marty and Judy Gold
- Eliot and Kathi Mag
- Harriet Rosen
- Barry and Lynn Goldberg
- Sallyanne and Barry Scott
- Mara Dresner
- Susan and Tim White
- Helene Shapiro
- Ruth Brainin



In APPRECIATION for a SANCTUARY TOUR, by the Wethersfield Historical Society



# Spring is in the air at TBT...

The strip of yard just behind this sign has been tilled and is ready for new grass seed. New flowers have been planted in the pots. Our American flag waved proudly during the Memorial Day parade last weekend.

Thanks to David, Barry, Joe, Janet and Gary for putting in the hours to maintain our building and property. Also, thanks to any and all unnamed elves that lend a hand (-:

