



The STAR (light!)

A Temple Beth Torah Newsletter
November 2023 : Cheshvan - Kislev 5784

Rabbi Alan's Message...

ADULT Education at TBT

Following the High Holy Days, our thoughts turn to the upcoming year to create our Adult Education year. Do not let our familiar melodies of *Avinu Malkeinu* and the *Viddui* (*Ashamnu, bagadnu*), the strident call of the Shofar which brings goosebumps to my flesh every year, as it should for all of us, as we begin our year of study, to fade.

We will be beginning our informal opportunity for adult education on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 PM. We decided to bypass November, given the abundance of exceptional programming available in the area at this time.

During the past year we explored Antisemitism, and now our Jewish homeland is engaged in a brutal war for survival.

To best combat antisemitism is to live Jewishly and to engage in Jewish study. After all, it says in our writings that if two people have a conversation and holy words are not brought forth, then God is not there, but when holy words are brought forth, then God dwells therein.

To expand your Jewish knowledge, bring just yourself and questions you would like answered about any Jewish topic you are interested in. I do not promise to have the answer, but I will give you my considered response and help you look for other sources that might be of help.

In future months, we will be focusing on our Jewish texts, particularly as a Jewish guide to happiness, that which we all desire to have and fulfill.

Looking forward to seeing you! Stay safe, with prayers for peace.

Rabbi Alan

High Holiday Gratitude

For this year, 5784, we give thanks to so many: Rabbi Alan for leading our services with dignity, humor and grace; Sam Sussman for blowing a mighty shofar; our bimah flower providers - Carol Gershenson, Leslie Levine, Sallyanne & Barry Scott and Judy & Marty Gold, with delivery assistance from Kathi & Eliot Mag; Helene Rosenblatt for welcoming us on Kol Nidre with beautiful melodies on her flute; Sallyanne for handling tickets and Yizkor donations; Judy for organizing our HH greeting card, with artwork by Phil Lohman; Janet & Joe Rosenblatt for hosting a NY-style Break Fast; David Forrest and the wonderful elves that did tremendous organization and clean-up to prepare for the holidays; and to ALL of you for being active participants in our observances, readings and prayers!



Upcoming Events in November and December...

Friday, November 3 @ 6:30pm - Brief Shabbat Service followed by BYO BB&B (Brown Bag meal and Beverage!). Bring your own "kosher style" meal (no lobster or ham sandwiches!) and your beverage of choice. Enjoy Shabbat dinner and socializing with TBT friends immediately following the abbreviated service.

Sunday, November 5 @ 12:00am - FALL BACK your clocks 1 hour! End of Daylight Saving Time.

Tuesday, November 7 @ 6:00am-8:00pm - ELECTION DAY - VOTE!!

Friday, November 10 @ 7:00pm - Solidarity Shabbat - Brief Shabbat Service followed by Discussion and Oneg. See full details on next page.

Saturday, November 11 @ 9:30am - Torah Study in the Social Hall

Friday, November 17 @ 7:00pm - Shabbat and Oneg (Evans)

Friday, November 24 - NO SERVICES - Thanksgiving Break

Friday, December 1 @ 7:00pm - Shabbat and Oneg (Shapiro)

Saturday, December 2 @ 9:30am - Torah Study in the Social Hall

Wednesday, December 6 @ 7:00pm - Adult Education with Rabbi Alan

Thursday, December 7 @ 5:00pm - First Night of Hanukkah, also Holidays on Main Event in Old Wethersfield

Friday, December 8 @ 7:00pm - Shabbat and Oneg (Shapiro)

Sunday, December 10 @ 1:00pm - Hanukkah Festive Lunch [Planning in the Works!]

Friday, December 15 @ 7:00pm - Shabbat and Oneg (Forrest)



TEMPLE BETH TORAH

We welcome you to join us.

SOLIDARITY SHABBAT

Friday, November 10, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Brief Shabbat Service

Discussion and Oneg (Refreshments)

130 Main Street, Wethersfield



There is no fee to attend, but registration is required. Please register by emailing to TBT.W.CT@gmail.com.

Parking is available on Main Street, side streets and in the free community parking area behind the Keeney Memorial building, one block north of TBT.

SUKKOT

Happy Hour in the Sukkah!



Thank you, Gary, for building our Sukkah each year!!



Enjoying the view
from the Sukkah...



From the Mailbox...

“To the Board of Temple Beth Torah,

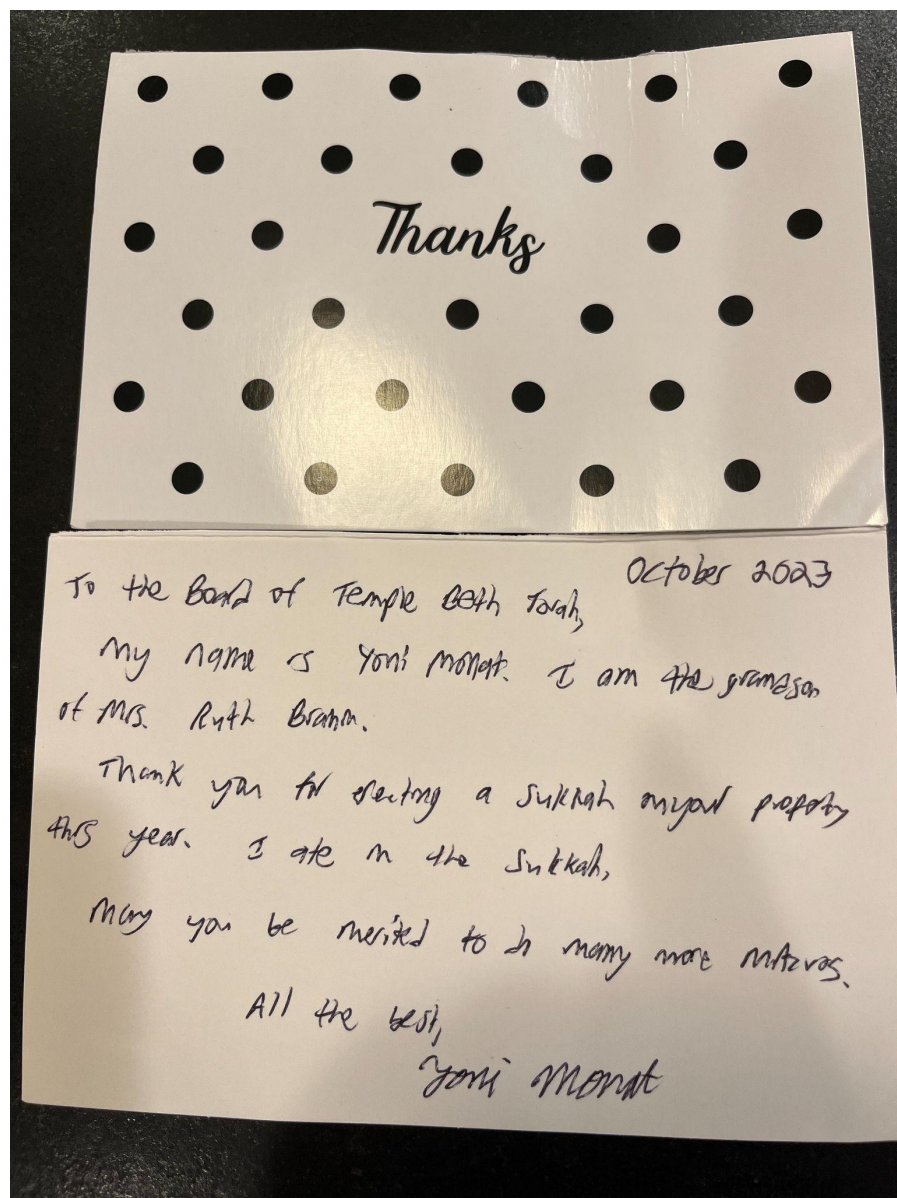
My name is Yoni Monat. I am the grandson of Mrs. Ruth Brainin.

Thank you for erecting a Sukkah on your property this year. I ate in the Sukkah.

May you be merited to do many more mitzvos.

All the best,
Yoni Monat”

Thank you, Yoni!



What's New?

I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining.
I believe in love, even when not feeling it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.

*Inscription found on the wall of a cellar in Cologne,
where Jews hid from the Nazis*

I believe

לְכָה דוֹרֵי לְקִרְאָת כְּלָהּ. פְּנֵי שַׁבָּת נִקְבְּלָהּ:
שַׁבָּת שְׁלוֹם. שַׁבָּת שְׁלוֹם וּמְבָרֵךְ:

*Leḥa dodi likrat kallah, p'ney shabbat n'kab-la.
Shabbat shalom, Shabbat shalom, u-m'vorah.*

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KABBALAT SH



- RABBI ALAN LOCATED SEVERAL BOXES OF GENTLY USED SHABBAT SIDURIM (PRAYER BOOKS) THAT HE HAD SHIPPED UP FROM FLORIDA. THESE NEW BOOKS ARE EGALITARIAN, HAVE A LOT MORE ENGLISH TRANSLITERATION THAN THE OLD BOOKS, AND HAVE SHARP, CLEAR TEXT FONTS FOR TIRED EYES. THANK YOU!!
- DAVID HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK ON ENHANCEMENTS FOR OUR SECURITY AND SAFETY AT TBT. SEVERAL NEW RING MOTION SENSOR LIGHT/CAMERA COMBOS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED ON THE DRIVEWAY SIDE, AND AT THE REAR OF THE BUILDING. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON OTHER PROJECTS THROUGH THE WINTER.

TBT Annual High Holiday Food Collection

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We collected 3 loaded shopping carts of groceries that were gratefully received by the Wethersfield Food Pantry! A big thank you to all who donated so generously!!



PLUS 1 more!

Donations to TBT, gratefully received

Helene Rosenblatt ~ In MEMORY of STANLEY and JANICE
ROSENBLATT

Kathi & Eliot Mag ~ In MEMORY of GERALDEEN LOHMAN

Leslie Levine ~ In MEMORY of CY and LYNN LEVINE

Ellen Sue Moses & Mark Gould ~ In MEMORY of ALLAN I. MOSES and
AL GOULD

In HONOR of KATHI MAG's 80th birthday
Sallyanne & Barry Scott
Judy and Marty Gold

GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

Harriet Rosen
Judy & Marty Gold
Hugh Smolin



SOLIDARITY SHABBAT - October 13, 2023



We held a Solidarity Shabbat about a week after the initial strike by Hamas in Israel. Over 30 of us gathered to honor the Shabbat, and then we moved into the Social Hall for Open Discussion and refreshments. Several guests were present, questions were raised, folks shared their feelings and experiences, all were respectful, and it was a wonderful evening. Our next Solidarity Shabbat is scheduled for Friday, November 10 at 7:00pm.

< A friend in the neighborhood was thinking of us on the 13th.



Last Friday, after
services

Goodnight TBT.
Goodnight moon.

(and Goodnight, Fiddler)