Back to the Future

Rabbi Jonathan Hecht, Ph. D.

The movie *Back to the Future* was in the news this October. The main character Marty McFly travels back in time to change the present. He meets his parents as teenagers and, boy, is he in for some surprises! In *Back to the Future II*, Marty goes into the future and gets to see the world in October 2015. The movie producers made some predictions of what life would be like in our day.

How right did they get it? Not very! There are no hover boards. The cost of USA Today went up, but not as much as they predicted. And, no, the Cubs didn't win the World Series. Oddly enough, that prediction was one of the closest things to actually coming true. The NY Mets, however, were spoilers.

While watching the series between the Mets and the Cubs, I kept thinking about what it would be like to travel back or forward in time.

Imagine if you could go back in time

to the 50's. You find yourself in a house with a teenager who is about to go out with her friends. As she says goodbye to her parents they say to her: "Be good." Now come back to the present. You see a teenager getting ready to go out with her friends at night. What do parents say today? "Have a good time."

There is a great difference between "be good" and "have a good time."

"Have a good time" means enjoy yourself. It isn't about contributing to make this world a better place. It means, first and foremost, that life is about being served, not serving others.

"Be good" is different. "Be good" means our actions have consequences. "Be good" means that the most important thing you can do is make a difference in this world. It means the purpose of life is "serving others" not "being served."

The difference between "have good" and "be good" is more than just a change of verbs, it is a change of attitude.

Now imagine that we could go back to the time of the Maccabees. Their actions were focused

on changing the world that is into the world that could be. This is the meaning of lighting the menorah. This simple ritual reminds us that we can add more and more light to a world that is increasingly dark. It is a reminder that by changing the present, we can change the future!

Chag ha'Urim Sameach!



CREATE a Menorah or BRING a Menorah

Most importantly, come LIGHT a Menorah!

CHANUKAH SHABBAT Menorah Lighting

Friday, December 11 at 7:45 pm





Annual Menorah Contest
Build the Menorah
of your dreams!

Prizes, chocolate gelt & sufganiyot—jelly donuts!

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President's Message — Focus on the Future



Since the summer, Temple Chaverim has been participating in Long Island 2020 -- a synagogue visioning initiative sponsored by UJA Federation of New York.

The process, which will conclude this December, helps us to explore our congregation's vision statement, values and culture. Most importantly, it will help us learn how we can continue to stay

relevant in a changing environment.

A core group of Temple staff and congregants have been meeting with the UJA Federation and their consultants. To start, we were asked: "What are the values that Temple Chaverim cherishes?" The values we listed were kindness, justice, fairness, charity, respect, social activism, love of Hebrew and Jewish traditions, connections to Israel, rituals that have meaning, accessibility, and a culture of innovation.

UJA and the project consultants helped us design the survey that our congregants received in October. We want to know what our members are seeking from their temple affiliation. This will help us make recommendations to our Board of Directors to make sure our vision is in alignment.

Our goals are to stay strong, keep growing and be relevant as we move into the future.

Karen Bressner

Temple Chaverim's 3rd Annual

COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, February 6, 2016

An evening of friends, food, & Three very funny, famous guys

> Tom McTiernan Mike Gaffney Sandy Marks

8:00 pm Doors Open, Live Music

Schmooze with friends, snack on noshes & drink Chris's Secret Sangria, Wine or Soda, or BYOB if you'd prefer

Dessert & Coffee

9:00 pm Serious Laughing Begins

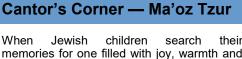
All this for \$36.00 members or \$40.00 non-members Call for tickets & info Rosemary 516.367.6100





Saturday **April 16, 2016**





memories for one filled with joy, warmth and ultimately light, they land on Chanukah. The combination of lighting the candles, singing the blessings and songs, and the giving and receiving of gifts is a perennial favorite. Of course, there are the special foods connected with the miracle of the oil and the spinning of dreidels, which add to the excitement.



One of the favorite songs of Chanukah is the powerful and inspiring tune Ma'oz Tzur, which began as a piyyut or Jewish liturgical poem. The Hebrew text is thought to have been written in the 13th Century during the Crusades. The first letters of the first five stanzas are an acrostic of the author's first name, Mordechai. No one knows for sure which Mordechai.

The hymn retells Jewish history in poetic form and celebrates deliverance from four ancient enemies, Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, Haman and Antiochus. Only the fifth stanza tells of the Hasmonean victory that is commemorated by Hanukkah. Like much medieval Jewish liturgical poetry, it is full of allusions to Biblical literature and rabbinic interpretation. The popular English version, however, is not a direct translation, but rather an interpretation written by Talmudist Marcus Jastrow and Gustov Gotthiel (father of Zeta Beta Tau founder, Richard J. H. Gottheil).

The familiar melody most often associated with Ma'oz Tzur is the Ashkenazi version generally attributed to a German folk song from around 1450. The use of familiar secular melodies for prayerful texts was not uncommon. In fact, we still do it today. Jewish music draws upon the resources of the many cultures in which Jewish people have lived. Jews have found a way to bring a layer of holiness to what previously might have been considered mundane.

Here is a link to the children's chorus at PS 122 performing Ma'oz Tzur https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gMTvGmpVbl.

Music often evokes emotion and has a wonderful way of helping us feel good. This year when you light the Chanukah candles and sing Ma'oz Tzur with your family, remember that you are continuing a very old Jewish tradition. May the music of Chanukah help to keep us feeling good all throughout the colder months, and may your heads be filled with beautiful thoughts and sounds this season as the lights of Chanukah guide your way.

Cantor Bradley Hyman



Temple Chaverim

Religious School — Time Marches On



Religious School got off to an amazing start in October. I love feeling the energy and hearing the sounds of the children as they engage in our programs. It makes me think about the passage of time, especially since this is my 18th year as Education Director at Temple Chaverim! So many things are different now.

Eighteen years ago, we did not have our building, so Religious School was held in the nursery

school rooms at the Mid-Island Y -- without blackboards, bulletin boards or teachers' desks. I had no office or computer or assistant, but ran our Religious School from my kitchen table and the trunk of my car. There was no music teacher, but every session ended with an Assembly led by Rabbi Hecht. I was so impressed with not just the way that our students were able to learn and chant the prayers of a Shabbat service, but how in that half hour together we became a community.

Today our beautiful synagogue includes a Religious School which has its own wing and serves children from toddlers through 12th grade teens. It is here that our children build the very core of their Jewish identity that they will use throughout their lives, not just for becoming *b'nei mitzvah*.

Walk through our Religious School at any time and you will find students learning through creative projects, singing, acting and experiencing Jewish traditions. Yes, our students still need to learn their Hebrew letters, Bible and Jewish history, but you might not actually "see" some of these students unless you look on the computer screen over the shoulder of their teacher leading a virtual classroom!

My first student aides are now married to each other and expecting their first child, while my first group of 3rd graders have graduated from college. When I look back, I see we have accomplished so much, but when I look around at my students today, I see we still have much to do.

The time our children spend in Religious School prepares them to be Jews in our world. They will need their Jewish knowledge and values for many reasons in the future. It is vital that we help them prepare to function as Jews in a world that is often very different from the one they know in our community.

Debbye Brandell, Principal

Mazel Tov Bar & Bat Mitzvah

12/5/2015	Rebecca Prisand	Jayson & Lori Prisand
12/12/2015	Evan Hitsky	David & Stacy Hitsky
12/12/2015	Amanda Futterman	Roy & Francine Futterman
12/12/2015	Hannah Futterman	Roy & Francine Futterman
12/19/2015	Eric Treihaft	Leonard & Stacey Treihaft
1/9/2016	Carly Friedman	Neil & Elissa Friedman
1/16/2016	Aaron Gilman	lan & Paula Gilman
1/16/2016	Evan Savary	Robert & Sharon Savary
1/23/2016	Rachel Zweig	Garry & Michelle Zweig
1/30/2016	Parker Mortiz	Guy & Melissa Moritz
2/6/2016	Ido Moriah	Elan & Alona Moriah
2/27/2016	Michael Flood	Jim & Kim Flood
2/27/2016	Abigail Milgrim	Eric & Randi Milgrim
3/5/2016	Olivia Stearn	Peter Stearn & Caroline Sorokoff
3/5/2016	Jared Haime	Brad & Lisa Haime
3/5/2016	Dawn Dank	Warren & Michelle Dank

Stay, Play & Pray

For preschoolers & older with an adult

Jewish stories, crafts songs, food! All Fun!

Sunday 9:30am - 11:00am Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 7





DJ's & Prayer

For toddlers & older with an adult

Friday, January 8 at 6:00 pm

Both programs open to Temple members & the community.

No charge. RSVP required.

Contact Louise at 516.367.6100 or lsunshine@templechaverim.org



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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

T U E S D A Y NIGHTLIVE

Teens at Temple Chaverim Mostly Tuesdays 6:15-8:00 pm

6:15 pm Pizza

• 6:45 pm Electives

7:30 pm TNL Projects

Tuesday Night Live! involves our teens in meaningful, innovative, and fun experiences that will enhance their Jewish identity and encourage a life-long connection to Judaism.

Joining **Tuesday Night Live!** includes membership in NFTY & CHATY, our senior youth group.

Questions? Contact Rabbi Bennet rabbibennet@templechaverim.org or 516.367.6100

miniCHATY

New program Grades 3 & 4 Sunday, March 6 @ 11:15 am











December 8 December 15 January 26 February 22 Chanukah Celebration Trip to JCC Food Pantry Trip to Atria Senior Living Trip to HUC Soup Kitchen NYC





Confirmation Class @ TNL with Rabbi Hecht meets every week. An amazing group of young people!















JCHATY

Grades 5,6,7 Tuesdays @ 6:15 pm

Dec 8 Chanukah Party Jan 19 Movie Night Feb 9 Surprise Event!



The Place To Be!!

















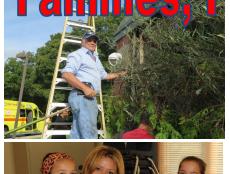


Tallit Workshop







































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Ask Dear Yenta

Dear Yenta,

Last New Year's Eve, I made a number of resolutions; among them was to be kinder and more generous. Now here it is, almost New Year's Eve, and I am disappointed that I have not done anything that I could say fulfilled either of these resolutions. What do you suggest I do? I really want to feel that I've made a difference.



Running Out of Time

Dear Running Out of Time,

Don't despair! Your own insight is the first step towards accomplishing change; and you are to be commended for setting kindness and generosity as your personal goals. As a result, you have some excellent choices. Temple Chaverim has a variety of charitable opportunities that are guaranteed to leave you feeling kinder and more generous.

You may dedicate a Torah or a number of prayer books -- with lots of options in between. There are also four levels of giving within the Circles Program. All the donations can be made in honor of someone or with your own name on it, or you can choose to remain anonymous. Contact our Executive Director, Eileen Schneyman, at 516.367.6100 to discuss your options. You can also just go to www.templechaverim.org and click on the GIVE section located at the top right-hand corner to make your donation.

The most important thing is to **make your donation by December 31, 2015!** First, you will have fulfilled your resolution from last New Year's Eve. Then, as an added bonus, you will be able to get your tax benefit immediately for 2015, which you can put towards next year's donation! Your contribution to Temple Chaverim makes miracles happen.

Yes, this December 31, you will be #BurstingWithSelfPride.

Happy New Year!

Your Yenta

JEWISH MEDITATION

Strategies for Relaxation & Inner Peace

Join us on our path of self-discovery. We will connect with an inner sense of true peace as we begin a personal journey to the happiness within our hearts. Our classes incorporate breathing techniques, guided imagery meditation and Jewish spiritual discussions.



Donna Bloom, Instructor and Temple member

Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 pm December 10, 17, January 7, 21 February 11, 25, March 10, 24, 31

Please bring a mat, pillow, blanket and a writing journal.

FREE for Temple members, non-members \$60. Kindly make checks payable to Temple Chaverim.

Registration is required. Please RSVP to Rosemary 516.367.6100or rosemary@templechaverim.org

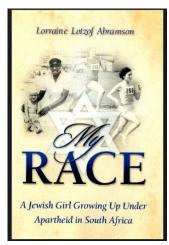
SOCIABLE SENIORS

The last program of the Sociable Seniors' current season takes place **Thursday, December 3,** when you will be enchanted by Lois Morton's delightful one woman show entitled

Almonds: Raisins and Jewish Songs from the Ms. Morton has Heart. delighted many audiences throughout the New York metropolitan area over the last few years with her abundant charm and humorous songs. Reinventing herself in retirement, Ms. Morton has gone from being an educator and therapist to a singersongwriter who showcases her sharp wit in a surprisingly contemporary approach.



Author Lois Morton



We wish all the senior snow birds a safe trip south; there is no need to worry about missing anything while you are away because the next event will be on March 3, 2016, when author Lorraine Lotzof Abramson discusses her book My Race: A Jewish Girl Growing Up Under Apartheid in South Africa.

Ms. Abramson, who is Jewish and an award-winning track star, grew up in apartheid South Africa during the time it was a police state. A multi-medal winner in competitions in South Africa and in the Maccabee

games in Israel, Ms. Abramson felt free only when she was running. As an outsider excluded from the conservative Christian mainstream and as an insider who reaped many of the benefits of a society founded on white supremacy, Ms. Abramson offers a unique vantage point on the apartheid experience. Ironically, as the descendant of Jews who fled Eastern European oppression, she then found herself in another oppressive society.

If you have any questions, speaker suggestions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Phyllis Spisto at 516.547.0497 or **Phyllisspisto@gmail.com**.

A light lunch will be served at 11:45 am. Be early if you want a good parking spot. The cost is \$13 per person for Temple members and \$16 per person for non-members.

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTELY A MUST!!! These events sell out, so don't be disappointed; make a reservation with your name and the names of each of your guests. Please RSVP to 516.367.6100, ext. 103, to leave the reservation information.

Extra Special Friday Services

@ 8:00 pm

December 11 Visual Tefillah January 22 Visual Tefillah February 26 Band Shabbat



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COMMUNITY ACTION



Temple Chaverim's High Holiday Food Drive helped to pack the new food pantry at the Mid-Island Y JCC.

The Community Action Committee welcomes volunteers to help plan additional outreach programs that give back to the community.

For more information on the Community Action Committee and how you can participate please contact:

Mindy Brown at mindy.f.brown@gmail.com or Lisa Frenkel at frenkels@mac.com.

8 Volunteers Needed to Cook Christmas Brunch for Residents of Ronald McDonald House

Friday, December 25

All "chefs" must be at least 16 years old

For details please contact Michael Wright at 516.835.9191 or mdwright327@gmail.com.



FUNDRAISING— iGive, Do You?

Actually we do give! My husband Roger and I both signed up for the iGive.com program. As a result of our online shopping, we have raised over \$350 for Temple Chaverim.

Almost everyone shops online. If you are registered with the iGive program when you book vacations on Expedia, .8% or more of the reservation charges go back to Temple Chaverim as a donation. Bed Bath and Beyond, as well as buybuy Baby, each give at least 1.2% of your purchases back to the Temple.

In addition, there are often special opportunities that raise additional funds for our Temple and give you discounts on what you are purchasing. iGive has more than 1,700 businesses participating in this charity fundraising program.

...we have the over \$50.000...

Imagine for just a moment how much potential to raise money we could raise for our Temple each year if every Temple member signed up for iGive! Do some quick math; collec-

tively, as a synagogue we have the potential to raise over \$50,000 a year for Temple Chaverim. We can do that without one additional cent coming out of our own pockets!!

Think about what the synagogue could do for its members with that money. Sign up today for iGive, and then join a committee to help decide how to spend all the money we are going to raise. Yes, we can find awesome ways to spend the money -- like the latest technology for our Religious School -- but first, we have to raise it.

Help us. You have the power to be a fundraiser and make miracles happen. Here's all you have to do. Just go to www.iGive.com and follow the few steps to sign up, identifying Temple Chaverim as your charity of choice.

In fact, get everyone in the family to sign up, too. Happy shopping! Remember to always click on the iGive icon every time you shop online.

Sheila Schroeder, Editor, Connections

Rachel Bressner—Our Very Own Lone Soldier

Rachel Bressner, our very own Lone Soldier in Israel, completes her two years of obligatory Israeli Army service on December 1, 2015.

For those of you who are new to this story, two and a half years ago after her sophomore year at SUNY Albany, Rachel, daughter of our Temple President Karen Bressner and her husband Jon Bressner, decided to make aliyah to Israel. She left Plainview with only rudimentary Hebrew skills, but with the unwavering belief that Israel was where she

belonged. Rachel also brought a strong determination to help Israel -- the country she had fallen in love with while attending high school studies there.

Her efforts paid off. She mastered Hebrew well enough to serve two years in the IDF (Israeli Defense Forces), where she held several positions including breeding and training horses to prepare them for working with the mounted police and later distributing equipment to the various animal units in the police force.

Overall, Rachel says she is glad she was able to serve Israel.



Yet, like many experiences in life, she also reflects that the "IDF service wasn't all that [she] expected it to be." However, she feels it was an eye-opening experience. Most importantly, she is glad she did it. It gave her the opportunity to learn a lot about herself and to push her limits to achieve her goals.

Moving forward, Rachel is looking at all her options for the future. She wants to go back to school and finish college, for which she is eligible as a new immigrant - as well as travel,

work, and build on her achievements.

Rachel says life in Israel can be challenging; "It has its ups and downs, but at the end of the day I am happy in Israel and wouldn't want to call any other place home -- except Plainview, of course!"

Congratulations and good luck to Rachel! We are so proud of all she has accomplished and look forward to sharing her future adventures and achievements with her Temple Chaverim family.

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SISTERHOOD

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Shop for all your Judaica and Chanukah needs in our fabulous Sisterhood gift shop and save 20%!

Volunteers are needed Thursday, December 3 and March 3 to help staff the gift shop for 3 hours during Sociable Seniors.

For more information about the gift shop, volunteering & upcoming programs contact Rhonda Green, Sisterhood President, <u>kov64@hotmail.com</u>.



MONET & MIMOSA A Sellout Success!

Sisterhood kicked off the year with a delicious breakfast and some very impressive creativity. What really talented women we have!

Many thanks to Michelle Shnitkin for organizing this incredible event.

Upcoming Sisterhood Programs

Thursday, Dec 3—Latkes & Vodkas! Sunday, Jan 31— A Spa Event!





Our Mini Mitzvah Maker

You are never too young to start helping other people! On Sunday, November 15, Eytan Bennet -- six years old and in the first grade — raised over \$1200, more than six times as much as his original goal!

Eytan, son of Rabbi Debra Bennet and Dr. Marc Bennet, followed in the footsteps of the New York Yankees by taking part in the seventh annual Damon Runyon 5K at Yankee Stadium – a unique fundraising run/walk that uses the Stadium as its course. He got to explore the concourses and ramps, climb stairs between levels, and took his own victory laps around the warning track that circles the field.



Damon Runyon, a journalist and short story

writer whose beloved Broadway stories were later transformed into the hit show *Guys & Dolls*, died of cancer in 1946. In his memory, his good friend, Walter Winchell, renowned journalist and radio commentator, appealed on his famous radio program for contributions to help fight cancer. The response was overwhelming, enabling Winchell to establish the Damon Runyon Cancer Memorial Fund with the mission of supporting the most promising early career scientists across the nation.

Since 1946, the charity fund has invested over \$287 million in 3,460 scientists including 12 Nobel Laureates, leaders of major cancer centers, and many who have gone on to make breakthroughs in the way we prevent, diagnose and treat various cancers.

If you would like to donate to Eytan's fundraiser here is the link: <u>damon.convio.net/goto/EytanWilliam</u>

The Religious Practices Committee invites you to bring your favorite dish to share!



POT LUCK SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, January 29, 2016 at 6:15 pm

Wine graciously donated by Phyllis Spisto.

RSVP by Friday, January 22, to Paula Lefkowitz 516.367.6184 or <u>plef22@gmail.com</u>
No dairy ingredients in your dish, please.

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IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

Thank you to our members and friends for your generous donations for the period July 22—October 22, 2015

Every effort was made to ensure accuracy. We apologize in advance for any errors or misspellings.

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Wishing Health & Happiness in the New Year

Barbara & Sydney Bucovetsky

Wishing Joan & Al Schein a speedy

Florence & David Kovensky

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Marriage of Aaron & Alexa Weiss

July 3, 2015

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Our Children L'dor Va'dor

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Marriage of Brandon & Raina Fieland

August 8, 2015

Corey & Lori Fieland

Samantha Bier's Bat Mitzvah

Lauren & Robert Bier

Joshua Klein's Bar Mitzvah

Amy & Richard Klein

Our 25th Anniversary

Roger & Sheila Schroeder

Andrew Scott Gelfman's Bar Mitzvah

Matthew & Allison Gelfman

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Our Loving Families

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Esther & Sandy Beberman

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MEMORIAL PLAQUES

In loving tribute, the following names have been inscribed on our

memorial wall:

Betty B. Fox,

December 4, 2014

Natalie Hauptman,
September 21, 2015

MEMORIAL LIST

Natalie Hauptman, mother of Lori Fieland,

September 21, 2015

Marilyn Scher, wife of Robert Scher, September 29, 2015

Jay Feller, father of Paul Feller, October 14, 2015

To make a donation, purchase a brick or plaque in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact the Temple office at 516.367.6100.



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Noteworthy News in Our Temple Family

We love sharing good news! Send us the details for births, engagements and marriages; special awards at school and work; promotions and honors; graduations and degrees conferred; gallery shows and other special accomplishments. Please email the information to Sheila Schroeder, editor of Connections, at sweetsheila624@aol.com by January 31 for the spring issue, published in early March.



Judy Jacobs presented congregant Larry Weiss with the Plainview Small Businessman of the Year Award.



Congregants Stacy & Scott Agulnick welcomed their fourth son, Cooper, in September. Big brothers, Tyler, Dylan & Parker are really happy.

Mazel Tov



Congregant Roger Schroeder's Victorian roll-top secretary took a blue ribbon at the 20th Annual LI Woodworkers Show, held at the Old Bethpage Village Restoration Fairgrounds in November.

Congratulations to our
2016 National Merit Scholarship
Commended Students
Congregants
Evan Lander
Aaron Meyers
Tal Moriah
Evan Peskoff



Congregants **Anissa & Brian Wilensky** are the proud parents of **Evan Parker Wilensky**, born on September 17.



David Lieberman was elected Homecoming King at POBJFK High School. The event raised money for the American Cancer Society. He is the son of congregants Jackie & Aaron Lieberman.



In September congregants **Lori & Steven Bellask** welcomed their new granddaughter, **Brie Madison Hom**, daughter of **Brooke and Maxwell Horn**. Big brother **Evan** is excited.



Greg Lichtenstein, pictured her with his sister **Traci**, passed the New York State Bar Exam. He is the son of congregants **Cindy and Barry Lichtenstein**.



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Sisterhood's Annual LATKES & VODKAS

Thursday, December 3 @7:30

Enjoy food & drink
Play Hanukah Hannah Grab Bag
Enter the Latkes Cook-off!



For event details, grab bag guidelines, latkes competition rules & to RSVP by Friday, Nov 29 contact:

Susan Stewart: susiem21@verizon.net or Aimee Reifer: aimeereifer@gmail.com

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, December 6 8:30 am - 2:00 pm



Call Steve Lefkowitz @ 516.507.9992

Route 90 – A Documentary Film Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 1pm

Meet the people who live on the eastern edge of Israel, listen to their stories. Route 90 is the lowest highway in the world, the longest road in Israel, the only one to connect it from side to side, border to border.

Please RSVP to Ronnie @ 516.367.6100

Members: free & priority seating Non-members: \$5 donation



You MUST save the date for the

11th Annual Family Bingo



Sunday, March 13, 2016, 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Enjoy bingo, pizza, homemade desserts! Every child leaves with a prize! Win the enviable **High Holiday Parking Spot Raffle!!** Score some **\$\$** by winning the **50/50 Raffle!**

Early Bird Rate: \$9 for members paid by March 6. No charge for ages 2 years & under Non-members & walk-ins \$11

Prize donations needed & appreciated. For information & donations, contact Merrie Radisch @ 917.846.4502

Tu B'Shevat Seder Sunday, January 24, 2016 @7:00 pm

Please RSVP to Ronnie @ 516.367.6100

