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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



David Wirtschafter

What Hanukkah teaches about making things happen

According to the Talmud, when the Maccabees reclaimed the Temple in Jerusalem, they found a cruse of oil thought to contain only enough fluid to burn for one day, but miraculously it lasted for eight. The tale is intriguing on so many levels. What does it teach

about sacred space, use of resources and what we leave behind? To some degree the story is reminiscent of how the Prophet Elisha feeds the masses with loaves and fishes that could only serve a few. The lesson seems to be that the question before us is not one of resources but of faith. If God sees that our needs are legitimate and our intentions are good, then what seems insufficient will suffice. The issue is not scarcity of material but our readiness to believe in miracles.

If only it were so. Rather, it seems that people prefer to rely on miracles than to formulate plans. For better or worse, real life is not like the Torah or Talmud. Coaches, instructors, teachers, mentors and friends impart different articulations of the following lesson: The *best* we can expect at game time, performance time or test time is that what we do then will be as good as our best practice, rehearsal or preparation

exercise. Expecting that we will somehow be better, perform better or do better is wishful thinking. There is nothing wrong in wishing or praying for a miracle. What is wrong is to mistake hoping for a miracle with making a plan. Moreover, it is irresponsible to rely on a miracle when people are counting on us to meet our obligations.

The miracle of the cruse of oil teaches us that people are relying on what we leave behind. What story would there be if those who fled the Temple had not secreted away any oil at all? Someone had the composure and foresight to think about what the redeemers of the Temple might need one day. Someone had to have faith that despite the military unlikelihood of it, the Temple would be ours again, and oil would be needed. Faith is not a

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Deborah Nelson

Planning for our future

It's been a tremendously busy fall at the temple, bringing us annual favorites such as the great Lexington Jewish Food Festival and new celebrations such as the community repair of our Turnov Torah scroll and the hosting of celebrity (but, oh, so hamish) chef Sara Bradley at Top Nosh. Jewish life surges on weekly through events too numerous to mention (see the Wednesday emails). Our building is getting a workout!

As the natural world around us is entering a dormant winter, we at Temple Adath Israel will begin planning for continued growth and the fresh energy of spring:

* It is time to begin the process of nominating members of our congregation to serve the temple as leaders on the Board of Directors for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Submit your suggestions for the three openings to Jonathan Miller, past president, by Jan. 1, along with any questions about board service or the nominating process (jmiller@fbtlaw.com).

* January Town Hall Meetings: Planning for the Future. Please come share your thoughts about TAI's future and hear about changes under consideration for the temple building and bylaws. Meetings are planned for 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, and noon Sunday, Jan. 26, at TAI. In preparation for our discussions about the building, I will be forming a building renovation task force to solicit ideas and share proposals with the congregation. The task force will include current building committee members and other interested congregants with relevant experience. Please let me know by Dec. 15 if you are interested in joining the task force (Deborah.i.nelson@twc.com).

I hope the end of this month finds you gathered around the menorah with reflected light on the faces of your loved ones. Before then, I hope you find time to share some holiday joy with us by eating latkes and savoring chaos at the Hanukkah carnival (Dec. 15), and gathering around our own Sabbath candles on Dec. 6 (pre-Shabbat cocktail hour) or Dec. 13 (Shabbat meal and Family Service).

Happy Hanukkah to All! Deb

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license to forgo responsibility to the future. Faith requires the commitment to a better future even in the face of present circumstances and demands.

We cannot relegate the responsibility of leaving a sustainable congregation, community, nation or planet to hopes and prayers. Leaving behind insufficient resources and utter messes for future generations is to break faith with those who provided for us and rightfully expected us to do the same for those to come. We cannot justify leaving only enough breathable air and drinkable water to last a few years because we are counting on science and technology to make it last for centuries. "Maybe they will find solutions we cannot even imagine" is not a plan; it's a cop-out.

The story about the cruse of oil still has the power to inspire. Finding something useful amidst disaster is a theme worth employing to rekindle our efforts when morale is low. But the only practical way to leave enough oil for eight days is to provide enough oil for eight days. Future

generations, faced with the challenges of managing congregations, communities and indeed the world itself, will receive little comfort from the knowledge that we fervently prayed for a miracle. What is required of us is to take the difficult measures and make the necessary sacrifices for our descendants to have an existence as good as, if not better than, ours. The Maccabees did not rely on a miracle to save them. Through remarkable efforts they achieved a result we call miraculous.

Happy Hanukkah! Rabbi David



Beth and Scott Schumacher have become grandparents two times over. Son Ben and his wife, Regina, welcomed a son, Aden Matthew Robert Schumacher, on July 6. On Nov. 3, Jessica Schumacher Holter and her husband, Justen, welcomed son Asher Scott Ryan Holter. Ben and Jessica, who grew up at TAI, both live in East Nashville, Tenn., just a few miles from each other.

First Saturday (or not) Film Series

6 p.m. dinner (pizza provided; bring salad or dessert to share, plus beer/wine), followed by screening and discussion with Professor Randall Roorda







FROM TAI PRESCHOOL

Katherine Henry, Director

Greetings from the Preschool!

We have many fun things planned for December. We will be reading all of our favorite nursery rhymes, talking about winter fun and celebrating Hanukkah. For our annual Hanukkah party with our families, the children will make their parents a special present that we will give them on our last day of school before winter break. We will sing songs, play dreidel, and eat applesauce and latkes.

We will come back to school in January and be ready to start the second half of our school year. We will keep our fingers crossed for a mild winter and many fun days of playing and learning together at TAI! See you in 2020!



In November, Fayette County Deputy Sheriff Cunningham was a special guest reader for story time. He also brought the children badges and coloring books.



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Kristen Hoffman, Director

November was another busy month at Religious School. Thanks to all of our families who contributed to our Thanksgiving food drive; Ashland Elementary's Family Resource Center was able to give 10 families a Thanksgiving basket that included a turkey and side dishes. This year, we also included some simple holiday games and crafts for the kids, which was a great addition. TAI students worked together to donate the food and to assemble the baskets.

On Nov. 17, TAI students joined with their peers at Ohavay Zion Synagogue for the annual Global Day of Jewish Learning. Our students in pre-K through fifth grades worked together on curriculum developed by the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life, while our middle- and high school students joined the communitywide program and then their peer groups for age-appropriate discussions. It was great to spend this collaborative time with our OZS peers, forming friendships and enjoying

Jewish learning as a group.

In December, our monthly Tot Shabbat and Family Service will be on the 13th. The first/second-grade class and Junior Choir will be participating. Dinner will be at 6 p.m., with services at 7. Tot Shabbat will start at 5:30. Please RSVP on Facebook or to kristen@lextai.org.

The same weekend, our ISJL fellow, Ava Gadon, will be visiting Lexington and participating in services and Religious School. Please join us to learn more about the amazing organization that creates and supports our curriculum.

And finally, we are looking forward to joining in the fun at the Social Action Committee's annual Hanukkah Carnival on Dec. 15 after Religious School.

Religious School will be on winter break Dec. 22-Jan. 5, returning on Jan. 12, with our next Tot Shabbat and Family Service on Jan. 24.

Thank you so much for all of your support! Please feel free to get in touch about any Religious School questions or feedback.



Friday, Dec. 13 and Jan. 24

Tot Shabbat, 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6 Family Service at 7

For dinner, please RSVP to the Temple office (269-2979 or laura@lextai.org)



Memorable menorahs

We asked congregants to share their favorite menorahs and tell us what makes them special. Here are some of their prized hanukkiahs:



From the front page: My grandpa made this menorah for my mom and my aunt when they were little. I always light it on nights one and eight to celebrate my family history and bring back great memories.

- Rich Ornstein



From the front page: This menorah was a wedding present from my sister-in-law, Irene, and her sister, Eva, z"l. — Eve Podet



My young daughter decided that we needed a different kind of menorah.

— Marty Solomon





My granddaughter, Addison, made the menorah above, so it is very special to us. My mom made me the menorah at left 20 years ago. — **Debbie Masters**



This menorah was a wedding present when Trevor and I got married; it'll be 25 years in May. — Laura Creamer

What makes this menorah so special to me is I purchased it a few weeks ago during my first visit to Israel. I wanted to bring home a meaningful piece of Judaica and could not think of anything better than a menorah. Now, every year when I light my candles I will

remember my visit to Israel. - Dan Liebman



I love these two large menorahs. My mother gave them to us for Hanukkah when we first got our home. — Kae Schennberg



The silver menorah, above, was used by my family as I was growing up; my mom gave



it to me when my daughter Sylvia was born. The ceramic menorah was made by my first grandchild (Adam Suhl) when he was little! — Jan Cerel



Our menorah was a gift from my parents when we moved into our first house. This was one of the first pieces of true art that we had. We use it during Hanukkah, then it goes back on display. — Elissa Weinstein



This was my parents' hanukkiah. We used it every year in Columbus, Ohio, and continue to use it here in Kentucky with our family. It has a music box in the bottom that plays "Rock of Ages." — Betty Nigoff



Sofer Neil Yerman returned to TAI in late October to continue his Torah restoration work and help rededicate our Turnov scroll. Congregants were able to write in the Torah with Sofer Yerman, and he and Rabbi Wirtschafter took the Torah "on the road" so home-bound congregants could take part in what many called a moving and spiritual experience.



Above: Ann Rosenstein-Giles placed her hand on Sofer Yerman's to write in the Turnov Torah. **Left:** The sofer showed Rabbi Wirtschafter how to sew the Torah parchment back onto the scroll. **Right:** The Torah made one of its side trips to the home of Alan Bloomfield. **Bottom left:** Iane and Steve Auer and others looked on at one of Sofer Yerman's four group scribing sessions. Bottom right: After being rededicated, the Turnov scroll, center, was returned to its place in the ark.











Wirtschafter-Sippy Sukkot open house

The weather cooperated when Rabbi David Wirtschafter and his family hosted their annual Sukkot open house on Oct. 20. Left: Evalyn Block, Mickey Hernandez and Hanna Smith chatted during the afternoon. Right: Carol Wirtschafter, the rabbi's mother, and Stephanie Barrett spent time in the sukkah.



Top-notch Top Nosh

Top Nosh, a special event for the Jewish community featuring former "Top Chef" contestant Sara Bradley, drew a crowd to TAI on Nov. 3. The outreach event included cooking competitions across several age groups.

Left: Bradley, center, congratulated youth winners Emanuelle Sippy, left, Danit Schachman, Addison Masters and Arly Weinstein. The grand prize for best dish was awarded to Shana Sippy for her

latkes with Indian spices. Other winners included Deb Nelson, Travis Voglesong, Mandy Schramm, Carly Conatser, Evalyn Block and Susan Cobin.

Right: Charmi Rosenberg represented LexTY at the youth group's table in the hallway, where groups from TAI and OZS, plus Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, Young Bluegrass Jews and others offered information about what they do.





A powerful message

The temple parking lot became another canvass for Unlearn Fear + Hate as TAI members joined in a group effort Oct. 13 to stencil the message on the asphalt in Hebrew and other languages. The two-year community art project about tolerance and inclusivity was the brainchild of Transylvania University art professors artists Kremena Todorova and Kurt Gohde, using a line from a poem they commissioned from former Kentucky poet laureate Frank X Walker.





Dec. 5, 12, 19

Torah Talk with Rabbi Sharon Cohen

1:30 p.m. at JFB office, 1050 Chinoe Road.

High-level, discussion-based adult education class tackles themes and issues that touch us as Jews. Topics include Jewish identity, assimilation, ethics, spirituality, theology and feminism. More info: Rabbi Cohen at rabbisharon@jewishlexington.org.

Dec. 6, Jan. 10 YBJ Shabbat Dinner

7 p.m. Join Young Bluegrass Jews for a Shabbat potluck hosted by Jordan Brennan on Dec. 6; January host TBA. For more details, check the YBJ Facebook group or contact Daniel Baker at daniel@jewishlexington.org.

Dec. 17

PJ Library Hanukkah Party

5:30 p.m. at Joseph-Beth Booksellers at Lexington Green. Story time, crafts, give-aways and snacks to celebrate Hanukkah. Please bring a donation for The Nest (shampoo, soap, deodorant, diapers in sizes 4, 5 or 6, and baby wipes). More info: carly@jewishlexington.org or susan@jewishlexington.org.

Dec. 17

Jewish Family Services Hanukkah Party at Stewart Home

6 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to participate in this annual celebration, which includes lighting the menorah, latkes, decorating cards, playing dreidel and Hanukkah Bingo.

Volunteers will meet at 4:45 p.m. at the Federation office to carpool to Frankfort. To volunteer, contact Paula Mertens at JFS, (850) 269-8244 or jfs@ jewishlexington.org.

Dec. 28 YBJ Hanukkah Party

7 p.m. Join Young Bluegrass Jews for a Hanukkah celebration hosted by Daniel Baker and Tyler Arvin

featuring latkes, salads, cocktails and games. For more details, check the YBJ Facebook group or contact daniel@jewishlexington.org.



Help wanted: JFB seeks office administrator

Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass is seeking a reliable, responsible and team-oriented office administrator to undertake a variety of administrative and clerical tasks. and ensure our programming, education and fundraising staff have adequate support to work efficiently.

The job's tasks include bookkeeping, supporting the executive director and other JFB staff, assisting in daily office needs, and coordinating with contracted professionals and volunteers. The ideal candidate will be competent in prioritizing and working with little supervision; be self-motivated and trustworthy; have excellent written and oral communication skills; and be resourceful, solution-oriented and organized.

To learn more, go to Jewishlexington.org/career-center/office-administrator.



Noon Tuesday, Dec. 10 Talk by Rabbi Wirtschafter

Soup, salad, bread, dessert \$10 per person

RSVP by Friday, Dec. 6; call TAI office at 269-2979

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TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL MISSION STATEMENT

Temple Adath Israel is a Reform Jewish congregation linked to a tradition of welcoming those searching for a community committed to honoring the dignity we all share as children of the one God by embracing these enduring Jewish values: *AVODAH* (Worship); *TALMUD TORAH* (Torah Study); *TZEDEK* (Social Justice); and *KEHILAH* (Community). Our mission is to inspire our congregants' Jewish engagement and to ensure a vibrant Jewish present and future by nurturing the many generations of our community. We share a commitment to the Reform Jewish foundational beliefs of furthering individual and communal spiritual growth, while recognizing a range of personal philosophies, practices and needs. We are the community center through which our families can celebrate faith, justice, and the blessings of family lives present and future.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Dec. 6

Shabbat with Torah commentary by Rosie Moosnick 7 p.m.

Dec. 7

Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Vayetze — Genesis 28:10-32:3

Dec. 13

Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Family dinner 6 p.m. Family Shabbat 7 p.m.

Dec. 14

Jewish Texts 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Vayishlach — Genesis 32:4-36:43

Dec. 20

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Dec. 21

Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Vayeshev — Genesis 37:1-40:23

Dec. 27

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Dec. 28

Jewish Texts 9 a.m Parsha 11 a.m. Miketz Rosh Chodesh — Genesis 41:1-44:17

Jan. 3

Shabbat with Torah commentary by Madeline Rosenberg 7 p.m.

Jan. 4

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Vayigash — Genesis 44:18-47:27

Jan. 10

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Jan. 11

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Vayechi — Genesis 47:28-50:26

Jan. 17

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Jan. 18

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Shemot — Exodus 1:1-6:1

Jan. 24

Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Family dinner 6 p.m. Family Shabbat 7 p.m.

Jan. 25

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Vaera — Exodus 6:2-9:35

Jan. 31

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Feb. 1

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Bo — Exodus 10:1-13:16

Feb. 7

Shabbat with Torah commentary by Susan Sloss 7 p.m.

Feb. 8

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Beshalach — Exodus 13:17-17:16

Feb. 14

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Feb. 15

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Yitro — Exodus 18:1-20:23

Feb. 21

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Feb. 22

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Mishpatim — Exodus 21:1-24:18

Feb. 28

Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Family dinner 6 p.m. Family Shabbat 7 p.m.

Feb. 29

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Terumah — Exodus 25:1-27:19

KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Kollel meets at 9 a.m.
Saturdays, alternating
with Jewish Texts, in the
library. The group
explores cultural, ethical
and historical aspects of our 4,000-year
tradition. The emphasis is on dialogue and
exploration. You may join the group any
time.

JEWISH TEXTS STUDY

We will discuss selected readings in rabbinic literature at 9 a.m. Saturdays, alternating with Kollel Study Group, in the library. The disc



in the library. The discussion is always lively and informative, and you may join the group any time.

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 in the library as we take a look at the Torah portion for the week. Sessions are not held when there is a bar or bat mitzvah service.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Executive Committee

Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Directors

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.



YAHRZEIT ... These we remember...

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In Memoriam ...

Warren Rosenthal, father of Carol Rosenthal, grandfather of Beth (Jason) Pitman and Jennifer Veal; great-grandfather of Mallory, Lucy and Wyatt Pitman May his memory be for a blessing

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No Religious School	OFFICE CLOSED		Juliets 1:30 p.m.	Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.	Pre-Shabbat cocktail hour 6 p.m. Service with Torah commentary/ remarks by Rosie Moosnick 7 p.m.	Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Movie night 6 p.m.: "Confessions of a Nazi Spy"
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Religious School 9:30 a.m. Drums Alive 11 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED	Sisterhool Lunch & Learn noon Board of Directors 6:30 p.m.	Juliets 1:30 p.m.		Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Family Dinner 6 p.m. Family Shabbat Service 7 p.m.	Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Religious School 9:30 a.m. Hanukkah Carnival Noon	OFFICE CLOSED	God's Pantry 6 p.m.	Juliets and Romeos Hanukkah luncheon 1 p.m. at TAI		Shabbat 7 p.m.	Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
No Religious School	OFFICE CLOSED	Office open 10 a.m2 p.m.	OFFICE CLOSED	Office open 10 a.m-12:30 p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m.	Office open 10 a.m4 p.m. Shabbat 7 p.m.	Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.
Hanukkah First night	Hanukkah Second night	Hanukkah Third night	Hanukkah Fourth night	Hanukkah Fifth night	Hanukkah Sixth night	Hanukkah Seventh night
29	30					
No Religious School	OFFICE CLOSED					
Hanukkah Eighth night						

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Jewish Texts/Kollel
			New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED		Shabbat Service with Torah commentary by Madeline Rosenberg 7 p.m.	9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
No Religious School Drums Alive 11 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED		Juliets 1 p.m. luncheon at TAI	Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.	Shabbat 7 p.m.	Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Religious School 9:30 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED	Board of Directors 6:30 p.m.	Juliets 1:30 p.m.		Shabbat 7 p.m.	Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Religious School 9:30 a.m.	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	God's Pantry 6 p.m.	Juliets 1:30 p.m.		Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m.	Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Congregational Town Hall 10 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED				Family Dinner 6 p.m. Family Shabbat Service 7 p.m.	Parsha 11 a.m.
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Religious School 9:30 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED		Juliets 1:30 p.m.		Shabbat 7 p.m.	
Congregational Town Hall noon						

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Movie night 6 p.m.: "The Women"
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Religious School 9:30 a.m. Drums Alive 11 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED		Juliets 1:30 p.m.	Executive Committee 6:30 p.m.	Shabbat Service with Torah commentary by Susan Sloss 7 p.m.	Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. HUC Lecture 6 p.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Religious School 9:30 a.m. TAI on Rye pop-up deli 11:30 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED	Board of Directors 6:30 p.m.	Juliets 1 p.m. luncheon Site TBA		Shabbat 7 p.m.	Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.
16 No Religious School	17 Presidents Day OFFICE CLOSED	18 God's Pantry 6 p.m.	Juliets 1:30 p.m.	20	21 Shabbat 7 p.m.	22 Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Religious School 9:30 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED		Juliets 1:30 p.m.		Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Family Dinner 6 p.m. Family Shabbat Service 7 p.m	Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m.

Easy ways to give by doing what you already do

Do you shop at Amazon?



Go through the Temple website (Lextai.org) to do your Amazon shopping. Just click on the Amazon icon on the bottom half of the home page, and a portion of your purchase will go to the Temple!



Getting rid of your old car? Donate it to the temple and take a tax break! Contact Laura Creamer to find out more.

Buy BHG (Malone's, Drake's, Aqua Sushi, Harry's, OBC Kitchen) Gift Cards



Everyone who buys gift certificates from Bluegrass Hospitality Group may designate 20 percent of the purchase amount to Temple Adath Israel. Please note: This donation is available only with **ONLINE** purchases. Buyers are **NOT** able to make donations with gift cards purchased at BHG restaurants.

Just follow these simple steps:

- 1. Go to **GiveBHG.com**.
- 2. Select a BHG Gift at the bottom of the page and click on it. Fill in the amount and choose "Temple Adath Israel" from the dropdown list where it says "Charity Option."

Your gift card will be sent in the mail within two business days, and TAI will receive 20 percent of the gift card amount. It couldn't be easier!

Who doesn't buy groceries?

Register your Kroger Plus card, designate TAI as your charity of choice, and the temple will receive money each quarter based on a percentage of spending.

If you already have an online Kroger account but haven't designated TAI as your



charity, go to Krogercommunityrewards.com and sign in. From the list of charity options, choose "Temple Adath Israel."

If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at the customer service desk at any Kroger. Go to Krogercommunityrewards.com, then:

- 1. Click on Sign In/Register. Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer?" box.
- 2. Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering ZIP code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions. You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- 3. Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- 4. Click on Edit Kroger Community
 Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card
 number.
- 5. Update or confirm your information.
- 6. Enter the NPO number (10073) for TAI or, from list of organizations, select and click on Temple Adath Israel and then click on confirm.

To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see TAI's name on the right side of your information page. Purchases will not count for TAI until your card is registered.

If you use your phone number at the register, call 1-800-576-4377, then select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

NOTE: For TAI to receive credit for your purchases, you must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number linked to your registered Plus card at the time of purchase.



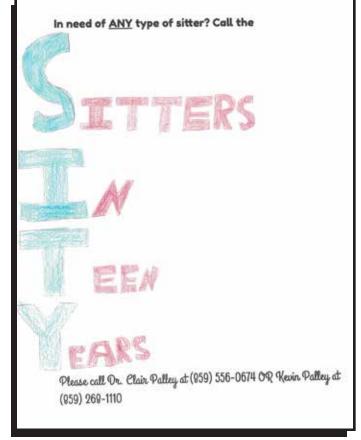








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FUND FACTS

Over the years TAI congregants have established funds to support specific programs or for specific purposes. Each month, FUND FACTS will present a snapshot of a fund to familiarize congregants with TAI's resources.

In 1999 congregants Anita and Ira Mersack donated \$10,000 to TAI to create the Mersack Scholarship Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide opportunities for TAI teachers to attend professional development workshops to enhance their effectiveness in the classroom. Additionally, the fund may be used to support workshops at TAI.

This fund is under the control of the Youth **Education Committee. As** of Dec. 31, 2018, the Mersack Fund, which may spend only the income it generates, contained \$21,203, of which \$3,739 is available for expenditure.