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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

RABBI ALAN LACHTMAN

2018 -So What Will Be New?

When I wish acquaintances a 'Happy New Year,' I really mean more than their being happy (although personal happiness should not be one's only goal). I hope 2018's happiness includes a year of fulfillment and many new experiences that are meaningful for ourselves, our family and community.

Certainly, the time and challenges before us each year differ as the scope and measure of our participation may change. 'God willing' may we contemplate a plan or a vision for the year that is unfolding. Or do we just let 2018 unfold?

The time given to each of is uniquely different because we all bear personal challenges, strengths and weaknesses. I propose, as 2018 commences, that each of us makes a bucket list of ways that our lives can be centered on meaningful acts of compassion and caring for those we love, our community, and the environment. My wish is that 2018 will be the most wonderful year for our world. A world that needs so much help, guidance and our hearts and hands performing acts of 'Tikkun Olam.

Temple Beth David is ever so fortunate that since the High Holy Days of 5778 we have eight new families who have joined Temple Beth David. The greatest value of membership comes through participation and getting to appreciate the diversity and richness of our Jewishly warm and relevant congregation. Many of the families who recently joined will be able to connect with new friends for themselves and their children. Their names are here on this page.

A new pictorial directory is planned for this spring and we hope many of you will attend the free opportunity for your picture to be updates on February 10-11 in the social hall. Watch for updates!

Ellen, Micah and Shane join me in wishing that 2018 being a year of new awakenings, growth and with a full measure of health.

Happy New Year!

Rabbi Alan Lachtman

We welcome the following families who have joined our congregational family since Rosh Hashanah-
Stanley & Hermine Butman of Pasadena

Todd & Kelly Katzberg of Glendale
*They have three children,
Miles, Anna and Simon*

Joshua & Juli Schneiderman of Pasadena
*They have three children,
Jordan, Dailey and Maizy*

Benjamin & Katherine Thomson of Pasadena
They have one child, Carlo

Zack & Sarah Domb of Pasadena
They have two children, Naomi and Caleb

Meryl Zwanger of Arcadia
She has two children, Sylvie and Jasper

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UPDATES FROM OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Gal Kessler Rohs

As I wrote this to you, it was just a day away from Hannukah, the festival of lights, I thought also about the lights in our lives that have brought us to where we are today as a strong school community. We were currently in the midst of planning our own festival of lights, which, this year was planned by our students. I couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments. Their lights make us strong, their strength brings us growth, and their personal choices in creating their party makes their light shine bright.

Allowing children to express their preferences is at the core of our education at TBD. We teach children according to their ways, according to their talents, and according to their wishes. That is because that is what

is most meaningful to them, and that is what will bring learning.

For example, the choices as to what crafts and games were at the tables was the decision of the children. They then tabled their stations, and thus attracted their friends to participate, because it was a collaborative effort and decision to have a certain dreidel game on a table. This was the beginning of decision-making, skill building, leadership, team building, and yes, this is a Jewishly warm and relevant experience for the children, and ultimately our community.

May the Hannukah lights, eternally brighten our children, our school staff, our congregation, and our community!

REINVIGORATED TBD MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club is off and running! This past year the Men's Club has sponsored a waterfall hike, private tour at the **Paul Simon** exhibit (as in **Simon and Garfunkel**) at the Skirball, a barbeque, the sukkah installation, and breakfasts at Mimi's, New York Deli, Coco's, and Twohey's.

2018, however, promises even more action with the following events planned: Monrovia Canyon Park waterfall hike, Super Bowl Party, docent tour the Chino Airport Air Museum, surf and sand/ocean bike ride, an outing to a minor league baseball game, a summer outdoor, evening concert, and a mitzvah/fix-up day at the Temple. In fact, the group has a backlog of ideas for next year.

The goal of the Men's Club, according to **Bill Joseph**, the new coordinator, is to facilitate social interaction between temple members, support the temple, do things members wouldn't ordinarily do on their own, and simply have fun. Equally important the Club wants to appeal to all ages – not only longer established, more mature members, but newer and younger members as well. Thus, some activities will be easier, perhaps meal or tour related while others will be more adventurous or active. Additionally, some will be for men only, some for couples and others for the whole family.

For more information and suggestions, contact Bill Joseph. Phone/Text: 323-420-4282. Email: bjoseph@kiddermathews.com

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SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS NEEDED

The cost to send our students to attend a Jewish sleep away camp for 10-24 Days ranges from \$2200 to \$3700. The price may be high but the positive Jewish imprint of the lives of our youth can be monumental and life-long. For many of youth going to camp leaves a profound imprint on our youth. Please consider enabling more of our youth to have the opportunity to grow Jewishly. Give to the Kohl Youth Fund and Dr. Sidney & Ellin Nanness Tree of Life Fund which has generously helped us strengthen the Jewish identity of our youth.

Shalom, Rabbi

Bernice Blacher

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RELIGIOUS/HEBREW SCHOOL/ RITUAL/ADULT ED CALENDAR

January, 2018

Mon, 1/1 Office Closed in Observance of New Year
 Fri, 1/5 5:00 pm Ulpan ShiShi
 7:30 pm Shabbat Services
 - Meditative Services
 Sun, 1/7 9:00 am TBD Blood Drive
 9:30 am Mindfulness Meditation
 9:30 am Religious School Session
 9:30 am Free Adult Hebrew I Class
 10:30 am Free Adult Hebrew II Class
 11:30 am Free Adult Hebrew III Class
 1:00 pm Confirmation Class
 Mon, 1/8 7:30 pm Sisterhood Meeting
 Fri, 1/12 5:00 pm Ulpan Shishi
 7:30 pm Shabbat Services
 - Justice and Freedom
 Sat, 1/13 8:00 am Men's Club Hike
 Sun, 1/14 9:30 am Mindfulness Meditation
 9:30 am Religious School Session
 9:30 am Free Adult Hebrew I Class
 10:30 am Free Adult Hebrew II Class
 11:30 am Free Adult Hebrew III Class
 Fri, 1/19 7:30 pm Shabbat Services: Torah Service
 Sat, 1/20 10:00 am Sisterhood Paid-up Brunch
 Sun, 1/21 9:30 am Mindfulness Meditation
 9:30 am Religious School Session
 9:30 am Free Adult Hebrew I Class
 10:30 am Free Adult Hebrew II Class
 11:30 am Free Adult Hebrew III Class
 1:00 pm Confirmation Class
 Thur, 1/25 6:30 pm Dinner & Presentation:
 Rabbi Marc Margolius
 Fri, 1/26 9:00 am Challah Club
 7:30 pm Shabbat Services: Musical Service
 Sun, 1/28 9:30 am Mindfulness Meditation
 9:30 am Religious School Session
 9:30 am Free Adult Hebrew I Class
 10:30 am Free Adult Hebrew II Class
 11:30 am Free Adult Hebrew III Class

February, 2018

Fri, 2/2 7:30 pm Shabbat Services: Lay-led
 Sun, 2/4 9:30 am Mindfulness Meditation
 9:30 am Religious School Session
 10:30 am Community Forum
 9:30 am Free Adult Hebrew I Class
 10:30 am Free Adult Hebrew II Class
 11:30 am Free Adult Hebrew III Class
 1:00 pm Confirmation Class
 Men's Club Superbowl Party
 @TBD, Details TBA*
 Mon, 2/5 7:30 pm Sisterhood Meeting
 Wed, 2/7 6:30 pm TOV CHAI Youth Group Meeting
 Fri, 2/9 7:30 pm Shabbat Services
 Sat, 2/10 9:00 am Lifetouch Photography:
 Directory Begins
 6:00 pm Lifetouch Photography:
 Directory Ends
 7:00 pm Jewish Intimacy:
 Adults Only with Rina Goode
 Sun, 2/11 9:00 am Lifetouch Photography:
 Directory Begins
 9:30 am Religious School Session
 9:30 am Free Adult Hebrew I Class
 10:30 am Free Adult Hebrew II Class
 11:30 am Free Adult Hebrew III Class
 6:00 pm Lifetouch Photography:
 Directory Ends
 Fri, 2/16 7:30 pm Shabbat Services
 Sat, 2/18 *No Religious School*
 9:30 am Mindfulness Meditation
 9:30 am Free Adult Hebrew I Class
 10:30 am Free Adult Hebrew II Class
 11:30 am Free Adult Hebrew III Class
 1:00 pm Confirmation Class
 Fri, 2/23 9:00 am Challah Club
 6:30 pm Community Dinner
 7:30 pm Shabbat Services: Purim
 Sun, 2/25 9:30 am Mindfulness Meditation
 9:30 am Religious School Session
 9:30 am Free Adult Hebrew I Class
 Sun, 2/25(Cont)
 10:30 am Free Adult Hebrew II Class
 11:30 am Free Adult Hebrew III Class
 TBD Purim Celebration, Details TBA*

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GREETINGS FROM SISTERHOOD

Carol Ozer
Sisterhood President

First off, I want to thank everyone who came and shopped at the Hanukkah Boutique. Special thank you to **Robin** and **Jim Evans** and **Feo Shutman** for helping with the setup, and **Arlene Bailey**, **Shari Herzfeld**, **Susan Ivory** and **Eric Hepner** for manning the gift shop tables. More special thanks to **Abby Stieglitz** and **Brad Miller** for the smooth checkout process, and for **Helen Frazin** and **Bernice Blacher** for being dedicated bagel and shmear mavens. Then there is always the clean up and put away after the event. I got extra help from **Rena Shaw**, **Dafna Brook** and her children **Talia** and **Elliot**.

We were back in the kitchen on December 9th

to make our Latka Mix. Best helpers ever! **Robin Evans**, **Shari Herzfeld**, **Feo Shutman**, **Bernice Blacher** and **Rena Shaw**.

Save-the-date, Saturday, January 20th. It's the Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Brunch at 10 am in the Social Hall. This year we are excited to announce that our own **Gal Kessler Rohs** will be our guest speaker. If you hadn't heard, Gal is our new Educational Director and she is filled with enthusiasm, which is quite contagious!

This event also gives you the opportunity to pay up on your sisterhood dues. And don't forget to bring extra money for raffle tickets. \$10.00 gets you 12 tickets!

FOR ADULTS ONLY - JEWISH INTIMACY

Special Adult Ed event

This event is for Adults only, and will be held on Saturday Night, February 10th, from 7pm to 9pm. Babysitting is available.

Bring a dessert or appetizer to share with four to five friends. The TBD Adult Education Committee will provide hot and cold beverages.

This workshop is presented by our guest teacher, **Rina Daly Goode** who makes a return visit to TBD! Rina holds a Master's Degree in

Spiritual Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Jewish Studies. For the past 25 years, she has been the educational director of Bnai Horin Congregation in West Los Angeles, offering spirit-based Jewish enrichment programs to individuals and families.

As an intimacy guide, Rina is passionate about supporting authentic loving expression in daily life. www.BnaiHorin.com/kids

