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From Our Rabbi

"Speech has power. Words do not fade. What starts out as a sound, ends in a deed."

— Abraham Joshua Heschel

As we move from the celebrations of Purim to the structured disciplines of Passover, we uncover profound connections that speak to the human experience. One such powerful theme that emerges is the power of speech. This theme resonates not just in the stories of Esther and Moses but in our own lives, where we navigate when to speak, when to listen, and how to choose our words wisely.

Proverbs 18:21 says: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." When we first meet Esther, she is silent about her identity as a Jew." did not reveal her people or her kindred, for Mordechai had instructed her not to do so." (Esther 2:10) Her silence is strategic at first, but when the stakes rise with Haman s genocidal decree, Mordechai challenges her: "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your fathers house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14) This is the turning point. Esther finds her voice, not just politically but spiritually.

Her words to the king, spoken with wisdom and bravery, save her people. In contrast, Moses struggles not with the fear of speaking, but with a sense of personal inadequacy. When G-d calls him to confront Pharaoh, Moses protests: "Please, O L-rd, I am not a man of words... for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue"(Exodus 4:10) G-d's response is profound: "Who gave man a mouth? Who makes him mute or deaf, seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the L-rd? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.." (Exodus 4:11–12) While Esther finds courage through her position, Moses must discover courage despite his perceived weakness. His words might be clumsy, but they carry the authority of a Divine mission. Esther exemplifies the timing and courage required to speak up, and Moses teaches us that even imperfect words can change the world when spoken with purpose. Their stories remind us that silence can be both wise and dangerous, and that finding our voice is often the first step toward personal and communal liberation.





From Our Rabbi continued

Purim and Passover teach us that freedom isn't just a historical event—it's an inner journey. Like Esther, we must find the courage to speak up, even when it's hard; and, like Moses, we must believe that our words matter, even when we feel inadequate. This could mean standing up for a friend who is being treated unfairly, voicing an idea at work or in class even when we fear rejection, or having an honest conversation with a loved one despite the discomfort. In moments of hesitation, we must remember that the words we choose hold a power that can change the course of someone's life, including our own.

As we transition from Purim to Passover, let us embrace both the wisdom of silence and the courage of speech. May we, like Esther, use our voices to stand for truth, and may we, like Moses, trust that even our imperfect words can be transformative.

Our ability to speak is one of the greatest gifts we possess—may we use it to uplift, to heal, and to inspire. May our words be filled with kindness, our prayers with sincerity, and our voices with the power to bring peace and redemption to our world!

Chaggim L'Simcha! With Love and Blessings,



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Temple B'nai Jacob of Wellington is a Conservative, egalitarian synagogue serving the Western communities of Palm Beach County. Temple B'nai Jacob seeks to inspire each member to become more deeply connected to his or her Jewish identity by providing relevant worship experiences, life-long educational experiences, opportunities for social action, and a connection to Jewish culture. We are a diverse and multi-generational congregation committed to serving as a center for contemporary Jewish life.





Message from our President

By the time you read this, we will be rounding out February and heading into March. For many of us, this is the time when those New Year's resolutions made just 6 weeks ago seem to be fading from memory and the excitement of the New Year has become the reality of everyday life. For those of you who have kept up with your resolutions, congrats!!

Save the date: **Thursday March 13th** @ **7:45pm.** We will be celebrating Purim with Hamentaschen cookies. Bring the family!! Purim is a holiday that occurred in a place called Shushan. Long story made short, the King was looking for a new Queen and a young Jewish woman named Esther entered the competition (under the nudging of her uncle Mordechai) and became Queen. Esther actual saved the Jewish people from the evil Haman (the king's right-hand man). It is a true Jewish underdog story: the world was out to get us, (sound familiar?) but we persevered, did not shy away from our Judaic traditions and survived! This is why we celebrate, dress up, and of course, eat a lot of Hamentaschen cookies! It will be a lot of fun.

The takeaway message is this: We will face situations in our lives where our strength will be tested. What will we do in the face of adversity? Especially today, the characters of the Purim story teach us that each of us can be a hero. Each of us has the power to stand up for ourselves, our family, friends, community, and our people. The true message of Purim is that each of us has the power to create incredible change in the world. While we may dress up this Purim and mask our faces, we can also work to strengthen our true Jewish identities and, in turn, ensure that a threat like the one in the Purim story will never happen again.

To that end, our Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, March 23rd @ 11 AM**. This year the Annual Meeting will be on **Zoom, not in person.** This decision was made to give the opportunity for many more to attend and participate. The *"State of the Synagogue"* will be presented and members will be able to interact and ask questions without making a special trip to the TBJ. I'm hoping we get more participation than last year.

In April we celebrate Passover. The service schedule dates and times are in this flyer. Remember **Yizkor is April 20th** (a) **10:00am** (the last day of Passover) We all know about this story. Passover, or *Pesach* (PEH-sach) in Hebrew, commemorates the slavery of the Israelites in Egypt and their ultimate exodus to freedom. This story of redemption from slavery is the "master-story" of the Jewish People – a story that has shaped Jewish consciousness and values. It is just as relevant today as it was 3,400 years ago.

Don't forget we have an updated calendar on our web site. **www.Templebnaijacob.org** along with many other events, flyers, and links. You can also make much needed contributions from our website and Zelle. Our **Zelle user name is Templebnaijacob@gmail.com**

We wish all our members a Happy Purim and Passover.



Morry Silverman

Message from our TBJ Women's League President

Todah Rabah - Thank you so much

To ALL who participated in WL Shabbat; To those who donated to provide for and to Lenore for shopping and setting up a beautiful WL Shabbat Oneg and Kiddush; To those who contributed to our Chesed Project; (We donated \$525 each to Magen David Adom and Friends of the Israel Defense Forces.) To Charlotte and Harriet for a fabulous job of collecting, sorting, and ordering Mah Jongg cards; To Holly for continuing to facilitate the TBJ WL Book Club discussions; To Andrea, Rebecca, Sallee, Lynne for your help and support; To anyone whom I have forgotten to thank herein.

Please join us on March 23rd for our Women's Seder and on April 27th for a presentation by a representative from the Jewish Earth Alliance. Our next Book Club meetings are on March 2nd and April 6th.

See the flyers for these programs in this edition of THE VOICE.

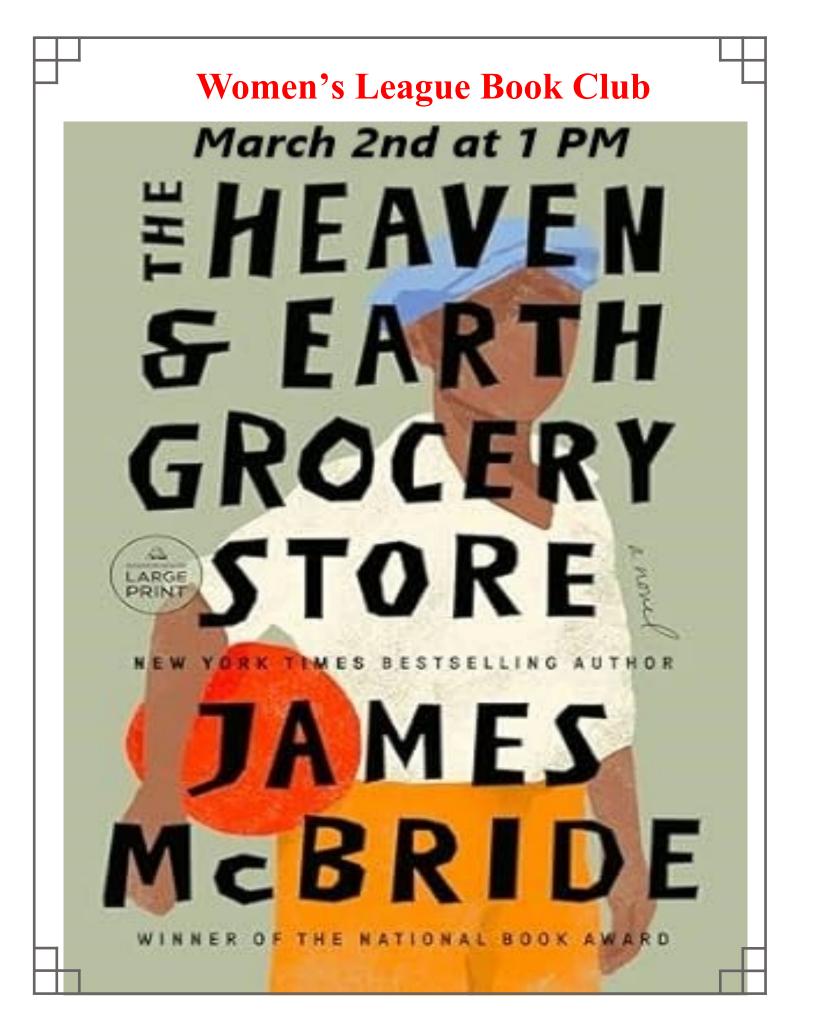
As we move forward, and as early as this may seem, please begin to think of programs you'd like to see for the '25-'26 TBJ WL program year.

TBJ WL wishes you a joyful Purim and a happy and meaningful Pesach.

Ella Bender









A Heartfelt message from Barbara Marcus:

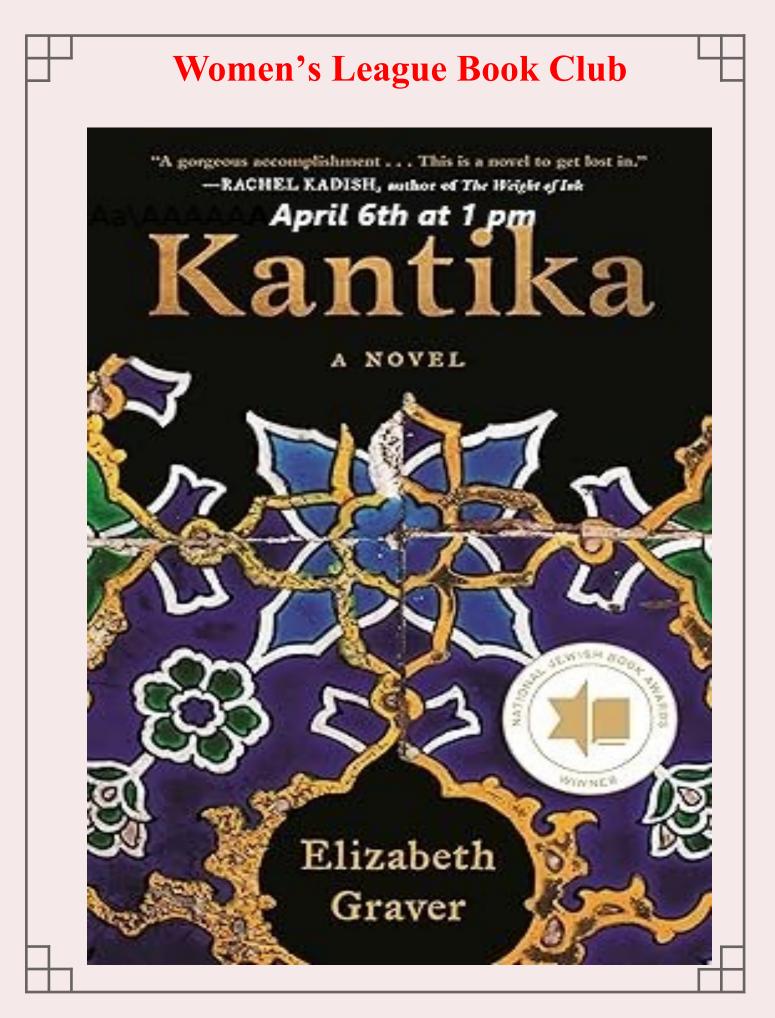
Td like to thank my TBJ family for your donations and support these past few weeks.

Jeff and I almost gave up hope finding a Jewish community when we moved here in 2014. We stumbled upon TBJ, and I told Jeff, "you go inside, I'm ready to give up". He came out waving papers in his hand. "We've found our new spiritual home" he shouted, followed by Joe Grossman and Alan Cohan, as they shook my hand and said, " come on in, look around". The rest is history. Jeff was honored in December with the wonderful "Movie Night" showing during Hanukkah about his great uncle, Col. David "Mickey" Marcus--**Cast a Giant Shadow.** It was one of the last times he ventured out before he passed away on Valentine's Day. I will miss him every day of my life but knowing TBJ is there for me will make my lonely walk a little easier.

Toda al ha'adivot shlacha.



Barbara



Women's League Event April 27th

TEMPLE B'NAI JACOB WOMEN'S LEAGUE presents



Join us for an inspiring and thought-provoking meeting as the TEMPLE B'NAI JACOB WOMEN'S LEAGUE proudly presents the **Jewish Earth Alliance**. This special event will take place on Sunday, April 27th, at 1:00 p.m.

Our Guest Speaker is Rabbi Nachshon David Carmi.

The Jewish Earth Alliance is a coalition committed to environmental justice and sustainability from a Jewish perspective. The Alliance works to educate and mobilize the Jewish community to take action on pressing environmental issues. By integrating Jewish values with environmental advocacy, the Jewish Earth Alliance strives to create a more sustainable and just world for future generation

The TEMPLE B'NAI JACOB WOMEN'S LEAGUE's presentation of the Jewish Earth Alliance offers an opportunity to delve into the profound connection between Jewish values and environmental advocacy, while also providing practical tools and knowledge to effect positive change. We look forward to welcoming you on April 27th for an afternoon of learning, inspiration, and community building.

Oneg and Kiddush Sponsorship

Temple B'nai Jacob offers to congregants and friends the opportunity to sponsor an Oneg (Friday evening) and/or a Kiddush (Saturday morning) collation.

Your sponsorship brings much needed funds to the Temple, and allows you to celebrate an occasion or to honor someone's memory.

Listed below are the items included in the sponsored Oneg or the sponsored Kiddush. Additional items may be requested for an added fee. Please call the office to select date (s) for sponsorship (s) and to inquire about the cost of same. Please note also that multiple sponsorships may occur on particular dates, and that the items below will not change as a result. On days when there is no sponsorship, there will be limited items for the collation.

We invite you to participate in these sponsorships and thank you for contributing to a continued vibrant TBJ.

SPONSORED ONEG: Hard cheese, crackers, 2 fruits, coffee, cake

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A Prayer for Israel in this Time of War (October 7th 2023)

God, our Strength and Protection, we pray for the State of Israel in this devastating time of war, shock and grief. Our hearts are breaking, God. We pray for the lives of the innocent civilians who have been heartlessly kidnapped by Hamas, bring them home, watch over them, God. We pray for the lives of the soldiers who have been taken captive, we pray for their safe return, shelter them, God. We pray for the souls of the innocent victims who were brutally slaughtered. Send comfort and strength, God, to the grieving. Send healing to the injured, and strength and wisdom to their doctors and nurses. We pray for all our brothers and sisters in Israel in this time of tragedy and crisis.

Watch over Israel, God, spread Your shelter of peace over the land and over all our brothers and sisters who live there. Shine Your light upon Israel's leaders, officers and advisers, innocent blood is calling out to them to overcome all divisiveness and to act with clarity and determination. Protect the men and women who defend Israel, let them be safe and may they be victorious over the Hamas terrorists who attacked our people. Watch over them, God. Hear their prayers. Bring peace, God. Let it rain down from the heavens like a mighty storm. Let it wash away all hatred and bloodshed.

Peace, God, please, God.

God of the brokenhearted, God of the living, God of the dead, gather the souls of the victims into Your eternal shelter. Let them find peace in Your presence, God. Their lives have ended, but their lights can never be extinguished. May they shine on us always and illuminate our way.

Amen



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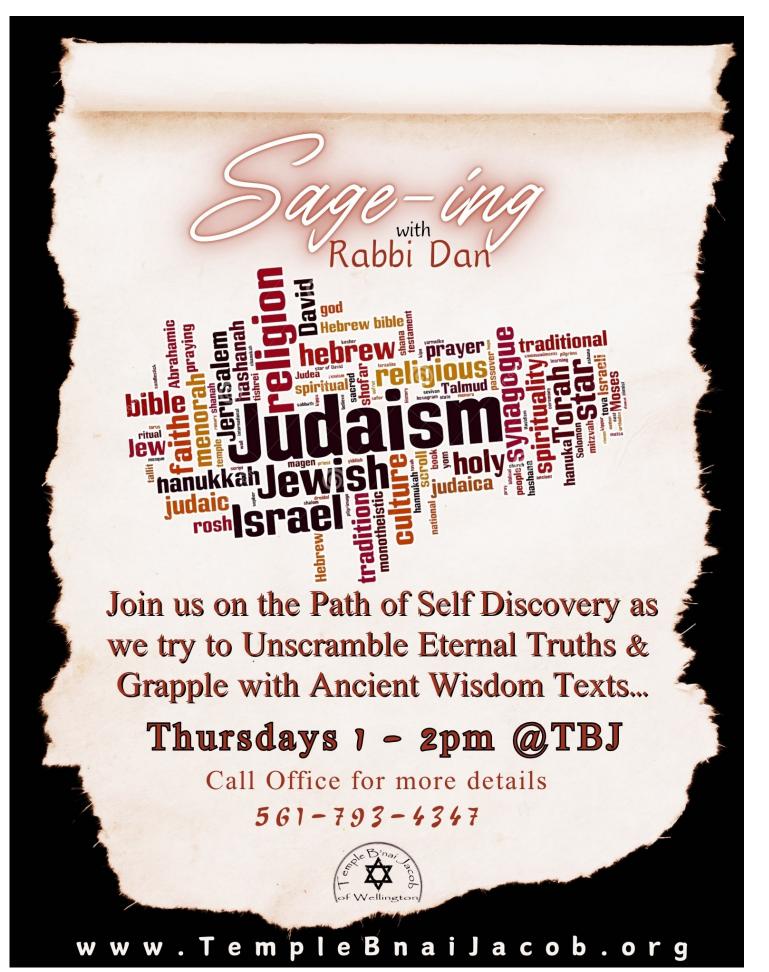


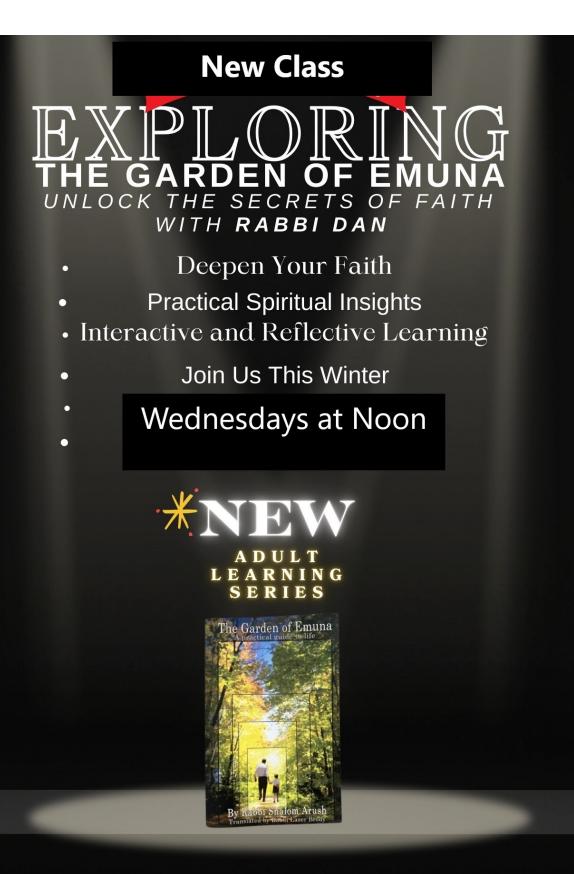




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A word from the Chesed Committee

- In need of a friendly voice
 - In need of get well wish
- In need of a friend to share a Holiday meal
 - In need of a call from Rabbi Dan

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