

Temple Beth Sholom Presents:

Our Voices - A Monthly Newsletter

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Assistance and Events

General Assistance



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Services | Shabbat Evening Services will be offered online through Livestream and Facebook Live at 7:00 p.m.

Torah Study | Virtually held each Saturday. See <https://tbsoc.com/> for Zoom Link

5/8 | 3:00 p.m. – Sisterhood High Tea at Home: We hope you will join us – in the serenity and shalom of your home – to give gratitude for successfully navigating this past year and to count our blessings large and small.

5/12 | 7:00 p.m. – Sephardic Lecture Series with Rabbi Donnell: Part 2 “Dona Gracia Mendes- The Queen of the Jews”

5/13 | 10:00 a.m. – Shavuot : A Most Delicious, Yet Overlooked, Holiday. Join Johannah Sohn, Director of Youth Education, to learn about the history, traditions, and customs of the holiday.

5/14 | 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Shabbat Parade sponsored by the TBS Worship Committee and by Robert and Doris Bachman in celebration of their children, Sara Ruth Merickel and Danny Bachman. “Beep, Honk, Wave!”

5/15 | 5:00 p.m. – Shavuot Havdalah: The Families With Young Children Committee (FWYC) invites you to enjoy a short service, music, some goodies for Shavuot, and most of all, great company! More info to follow in the Shavu'on.

5/16 | 11:00 a.m. – Brotherhood Speaker Series: Gil Hoffman, Chief Political Correspondent for The Jerusalem Post, will be Zooming live from Israel. See <https://tbsoc.com/> for registration and Zoom link.

5/16 | 4:00 p.m. – Confirmation Service: Led jointly with Congregation Shir Ha'ma'a lot.

5/20 | 10:00 a.m. – What it means to be *Aleinu* (on us): Led by Johannah Sohn, Director of Youth Education.

Worship at TBS

Congratulations to Our 2021 Confirmation Class!

Cantor David Reinwald

We welcome you to celebrate the Confirmation of our students which will be held in a service led jointly with Congregation Shir Ha'ma'alot on Sunday, May 16th at 4:00 p.m. (Erev Shavuot). Please stay tuned to the Shavu'on for information on the livestreaming of this service. We Congratulate the TBS 2021 Confirmation Class:

Sam Boone | Adam Gonzalez | Jack Malo | Evan Nowack | Zachary Shanfield

“Prelude to Shavuot” Shabbat

Karen Waren, Worship Committee Chair

The holiday of Shavuot begins seven weeks after Passover, at the end of the counting of the Omer. Shavuot celebrates the giving and receiving of Torah at Mount Sinai and marks the summer grain harvest. Many traditions are associated with the holiday, including staying up all night studying Torah, enjoying dairy foods, and reading the Book of Ruth. In the Book of Ruth, Naomi tells her widowed daughters-in-law to return to the home of their mothers. Ruth refuses to go and pledges her loyalty to Naomi with the famous declaration that has resonated through the centuries - “Wherever you go, I will go, wherever you lodge, I will lodge, your people will be my people, your God my God.” Ruth is believed to be the first “Jew by Choice.”

Please join us on Facebook, **May 14th at 7:00 p.m.** for a special “Prelude to Shavuot” Shabbat, including readings from the Book of Ruth. Our own Ruth Aptaker will be sharing reflections on her personal journey to Judaism. Be sure to order your challah and pick up a special treat from the Worship Committee at the Shabbat parade (4:00-5:30 p.m.) before services. And, as Shavuot celebrates the gleaning of the fields and sharing the bounty, **please bring fresh fruits and vegetables from your gardens** to share with the Western Service Workers Union and to be distributed locally to those in need.

A Quick and Easy Recipe for Shavuot

Blintz Soufflé by Annbeth Shanfield

12 frozen cheese blintzes | 3 eggs | 16 oz. sour cream | 1 tsp. Vanilla | Cinnamon

1. Place the 12 frozen blintzes in a well-greased 9x12 dish.
2. Beat 3 eggs, sour cream, and vanilla in a bowl.
3. Sprinkle generous amount of cinnamon on top of blintzes. Pour batter over.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

President's Message

Whose House? Our House!

Mitch Cohen, TBS President

Some might call it procrastination, but I like to think that I have so many good ideas for my monthly newsletter entry that I need to wait until the day it's due before submitting to Ruth Aptaker, our Director of Communications.

So many thoughts crowd my enthusiasm! Starting 7/1/21, we will welcome our interim Rabbi, David Lipper, and his wife Dora, who will help us transition to a settled Rabbi. We continue to have adult education classes, religious school, Shabbat parades, and outreach like our Purim bags and Yom HaShoah Yellow candles. (Thank you, Membership and Brotherhood!) Our Social Action/Social Justice Committee is always busy, serving those in need with assistance from our congregation.

So why is the title of this month's message, “Whose House? Our House!” Well, you don't have to be a Rams or football fan to know that So-Fi Stadium is less than an hour from TBS. The company I work for has 4 Rams season tickets and I was lucky enough to attend the Premiere on Saturday, 4/17/21. The nearly \$5 Billion dollar stadium truly is an “attack on the senses.” And while I was in awe of the NFL's largest stadium with 70,000 seats, the video message board, and myriad of corporate sponsorships, I couldn't help but think of the parallels between this 3.1 Million square foot stadium and our TBS campus. Like a TBS service, football games have chants and yells. There are times when we sit and times when we are moved to stand. We have Cantor Reinwald and the Rams have their guitarist, Nita Strauss. (cont. on page 3)



Was I in awe of the SoFi experience? You bet! But, like you, I choose to be an active participant in my Judaism, not a fan in the bleachers. Fans can't affect what happens on the field, but congregants, like you and I, have a daily impact at TBS. We have and will continue to be active participants in so many wonderful experiences at TBS; Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, Mitzvah meals and Purim Shpiels. We'll plant more trees with JNF, prepare and deliver meals to congregants and community members in need, and we'll continue to worship and draw strength from each other.

I like to imagine that if Sam Lagana, the PA announcer for the Rams, was at TBS during one of our events and asked, "Who's House?" We would enthusiastically respond, "Our House!" After all, the Rams only have 8 home games during the season while our connection to TBS and Judaism will last a lifetime.

Brotherhood | Community – Fellowship – Action – Service

Sylvan Swartz, Brotherhood Director of Membership

Brotherhood had a busy April. Ordinarily, we would have packed Holocaust remembrance candles a full 4 to 6 weeks before the day of remembering. However, due to Covid we could not do that. Mailing costs have become prohibitive, and no one could come pick up candles, so we had 2 at a time pack and had them hand delivered. Not everyone got theirs, but we did what we could. This is an important program for us, not just for donations we receive but because it is so important for all to remember.

We also had Peter Levi, Western Region Director of the Anti-Defamation League speak at the zoom Speaker Series speaking about anti-Semitism and terrorism in our midst. We had a particularly good turn out and an incredible program.

On May 16th, our next Speaker Series will be starting at 11:00 a.m. for the first time ever because our speaker Gil Hoffman, Chief Political Correspondent for The Jerusalem Post, will be zoomed in live from Israel. He is a great speaker and will cover some critical issues facing the region.

Then on June 15th, a Tuesday, we will be having our speaker from New York, Amy Spitalnik, Executive Director of Integrity First for America. This group has filed lawsuits against all Nazi groups that marched in Charlottesville in 2018. They have several prominent attorneys working pro bono on their behalf with the goal to do as much damage as they can to these hate groups. In fact, one might even say it is to "Defund the Nazis". The Jewish Federation of Orange County is our Co-Sponsor for this event, and we hope to get one or two other groups as well. We hope all our Temple members and the entire Jewish community of Orange County and elsewhere, will join us for these important programs.

We are still offering 4 x \$500 scholarships to any graduating high school seniors in our Temple. You may contact Arnold Shugarman at ashugarman@sbcglobal.net. Best wishes to all and hope to see you at our next events (on Zoom).

Remember, if you are a man or know of one, please consider Brotherhood membership and supporting our youth. Anyone wishing to get more involved can contact me at sylvan@swartzcre.com.



Sisterhood

Brenda Beck, Sisterhood President

High Tea at Home

To celebrate Mother’s Day and to count our blessings, TBS will present High Tea at Home on Saturday, May 8th – 3:00-ish, or whatever time works for you. Watch your mail for a purple envelope which will contain your tea bag. We hope you will join us – in the serenity and shalom of your home – to give gratitude for successfully navigating this past year and to count our blessings large and small.

And as you do, we ask you consider a donation to your Sisterhood. On the flyer you receive along with your tea bag are some suggested reasons to be thankful, from having friends and family, to pets and activities that keep you busy. Or you can add your own blessings to the list. This is a Sisterhood fun & fundraiser of the easiest kind, no need to get dressed up, drive anywhere, or gain any weight from eating too many delicious desserts. But your contribution is appreciated and will help Sisterhood to provide programs, education, and joyous Judaism for our temple congregation. So be sure to check your mailbox for the purple envelope and enjoy your cup of tea on May 8th and know that Sisterhood members are enjoying their tea along with you. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Silverman at glancey2@cox.net.

Shaloms and Shout-Outs

If you would like to send a “Shalom and Shout Out” in this section, please contact Ruth Aptaker (ruth.aptaker@gmail.com) or the TBS office. Submissions must be sent by the 20th of the month to appear in the following month’s newsletter.



Wishing a very happy 5th birthday to our goofball, **Chase Aptaker!** Thank you for always making us smile. Love, Mom and Dad

Congrats on your Confirmation, **Adam Gonzalez!** We are so proud of your journey and look forward to seeing where you go from here! Love, Papi, Mom, and Joshua



We are so proud of you, **Jack Malo!** This has been quite a challenging year, and you have managed to persevere and excel academically, philanthropically, and spiritually. Congratulations on your upcoming confirmation.



Congratulations, **Claire Cohen,** on graduating from Washington State University. We love you Claire Bear! Go Cougs! Love, Mom and Dad



A big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Mom / G'ma / Great-g'ma, **Shirley Cohen,** to celebrate YOU on your 92nd birthday and to THANK YOU for being the amazing woman you are!!! With all our love, Bonnie & Brad, the Garcias, & the Wennebergs

Our Youth

Early Childhood Center

Tamara Levin, Director of Early Childhood Education



Last month we celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut with great fanfare. The children had a wonderful time dancing, singing, and eating birthday cake. As the school year ends, we are preparing for our graduation ceremony and our end-of-the-year barbecue. As we say goodbye to fourteen graduates, we welcome a slew of new families into the preschool and camp programs. Registration for the

summer camp is currently open. Please visit the TBS website or call the ECC office to register for our dynamic camp program. All children aged 2-6 years old are welcome to participate.

Religious School

Johannah Sohn, Ed.D, Director of Youth Education

We have been having such a wonderful time in our Religious School classes! Perhaps you or someone you know would like to join us for a Sunday morning class and experience our unique approach to Jewish education? Email Johannah Sohn, jsohn@tbsoc.com to set up a time to join us or to get more information on our upcoming Camp Sholom summer program.

Something to Kvell About – Recognizing our Teens and Young Adults

Monica Engel, Social Action Member



Meet the Goodman children, Gabi 18, Stella 16, and Maddox 13, all grew up at TBS. Their parents, Gaylin and Eric Goodman converted to Judaism at TBS 20 years ago and all three of their children have been bar/bat mitzvot. Gaylin and Eric feel it's so special that as Jews by Choice, they were able to celebrate their 3 children's B'nai Mitzvah.

Gabi remembers baking days at TBS preschool and Hebrew school. She maintains that her experience at TBS carved the way she looks at the world. A close friend's sister was ill, and the family lived at Ronald McDonald House. This incident inspired Gabi to volunteer and donate to McDonalds as her bar Mitzvah community service requirement. Recently Gabi graduated from OC School of the Arts in the TV and Film Conservation. She continues to donate to Ronald McDonalds and is active in Social Justice causes. Currently, she attends Cal State Fullerton.

Stella, 16, happily remembers Art projects and singing with Cantor Reinwald which lead her to her passion for music. Currently, she attends OCSA's school of Classical Voice Conservatory where she also volunteers as Treasurer of Eye Matter, an organization that makes the arts accessible to the vision impaired community. Stella just completed a course in teaching via Zoom to at least 9 vision impaired across the U.S.

Covid caused Maddox's Bar Mitzvah to take place via zoom last minute. Cantor Reinwald saved the day and Maddox's Bar Mitzvah was attended via Zoom by family and friends. Currently, Maddox loves tennis and sailing.

If you know of a TBS youth who practices *tikkun olam*, community service, or is simply on an uplifting path, please contact Monica at sovta11@gmail.com to highlight them in this section.

Committee Updates

Interim Rabbi Search Committee

Rachel Benson, IRSC Chair

The Interim Rabbi Search Committee (IRSC) has wonderful news! We are excited to introduce Rabbi David Lipper to the Temple Beth Sholom family as our Interim Rabbi. TBS has contracted Rabbi Lipper to serve our congregation from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Rabbi Lipper brings with him years of knowledge and experience as an interim rabbi helping with synagogues in transition. He knows what it takes and has a plan to help TBS: Process the loss of our previous settled rabbi; Clarify what is important to us as a congregation; Set goals for our future; and find the best settled rabbi for our congregation's needs. We can't wait for everyone to meet Rabbi Lipper this summer! Be on the lookout for upcoming events—starting in July—where you can meet and get to know him.

An Introduction to Our Interim Rabbi

Rabbi David Lipper



The opportunity to inspire and teach is what led me to the decision to become a rabbi. I believe that Judaism holds the answers to life's deepest questions. I am passionate about my own spirituality and I try to foster the spiritual journey in both young and old. I believe that the synagogue is the pathway through which this spiritual connection is fostered. My greatest desire is to build sacred community. I believe very strongly in the power of community and the important role the rabbi plays in helping to shape it. I have always been proud of the communities in which I have served. We are people working to maintain and grow Judaism for the future. We can create the future of Jewish life and learning and inspire the next generation.

I consider myself a teacher, spiritual guide, passionate social advocate, innovative worship leader, strategic thinker, and driver of innovative congregational programming. I try to foster a sense of sacred partnership and hope to build effective long-term creative relationships with lay leaders and congregants of all ages.

My rabbinic journey has taken me to many communities. I have served as an intentional interim rabbi for Temple B'nai Torah in Bellevue, WA; Temple B'nai Chaim in Georgetown, CT; Temple B'nai Israel in Little Rock, AR; and Temple Chai in San Antonio. I have served as a rabbinic resource for congregations in Panama City, Florida; Lake Charles, Louisiana; Corpus Christi, Texas and at Congregation Emanu-El in Houston, TX. And I have served the following communities as a full-time settled Rabbi: Temple Kol Tikvah of Lake Norman, Temple Israel in Akron, Ohio, Temple Emanuel in McAllen, Texas, and Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

All along the way, I have believed in the idea of Judaism as a big tent, open and welcoming to all who want to enter. People need a spiritual home that nurtures them and guides them down sacred paths. That is what has brought me to Temple Beth Sholom of Orange County, a congregation that embraces this idea, that has become a home to so many and has opened its arms wide for all who need. We are a kaleidoscope of backgrounds and beliefs and through our combined lens, we embrace all the colors of the rainbow.

I have published two volumes one entitled, *Living Mitzvot: A Guide for Bar/Bat Mitzvah Preparation*, and *Who Knows the One?: A Comparative Analysis of Greek Philosophy and Jewish Mysticism*. I also co-authored a monograph on the philosophy of Rabbi Moshe Hayim Luzzatto that was published in the *Journal of Progressive Judaism*. (cont. on page 6)

I am from Houston, Texas. I am married to Dora, and we have four children: Benjamin and his wife Jillian, Miryam, and Dena Jo and our precious granddaughter Hazel and Astro our dog.

Membership Committee

Mary Gonzalez, Membership Committee Chair



Our Shabbat Parades are back by popular demand! We will be holding one Parade per month and we hope you will swing by TBS to join us for a friendly wave, a free challah, and some lively Shabbat music. Parades are held from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the TBS parking lot and a registration link for challot will be emailed the week before. “Beep, Honk, Wave!” and mark your calendars for **May 14th and June 18th**. Our May 14th parade is sponsored by our TBS worship committee in celebration of Shavuot and by Robert and Doris Bachman in celebration of their children, Sara Ruth Merickel and Danny Bachman.

Families with Young Children Committee

Arielle Ohls, FWYC Chair

Please mark your calendars for our next FWYC event on **Saturday, May 15th** as we host a special Shavuot Havdalah. With vaccines available and case counts down, we hope to make this our first in-person event since October! More information and a registration link will be emailed in the weekly Shavu'on.

Social Action

Education - Direct Service – Advocacy - Collections

Paula Pitluk, Social Action Chair

The TBS Social Action Committee continues to focus on the four areas cited above as we strive to address the needs of both the local and greater community. We continue long standing projects with adjustments guided by the current COVID environment. For example, although we cannot gather in the TBS kitchen to cook meals, we still have been able to provide Sunday dinners for the residents of Casa Teresa. The committee has sponsored two education programs this year and hopes to add one more. Mitzvah of the Month gives us another opportunity to share our good fortune with others. The committee has added Orangewood Youth Services as an organization we wish to support. Finally, watch for more information about our partnership with United Way of Orange County and their Welcome Home Basket program.

We meet on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Thank you for being a generous and giving community. If you are interested in joining us in our work, please contact Paula Pitluk at pkpteach@gmail.com or feel free to join us at our first Monday of the month meetings 7:00 p.m.

Calling All Cooks!

Steffanie Belasco, Social Action Member

Temple Beth Sholom is proud to offer this mitzvah opportunity the first Sunday of every month through June. We invite you to cook your family favorite or a new recipe you have been anxious to try. Food items will be available from Mary's Kitchen (517 W. Struck Ave., Orange) for **FREE** if you need. Call Gloria at (714) 633-0444 to reserve ingredients. TBS also has pasta, rice, and other canned goods in the Mitzvah Meal pantry if you need. The menu should consist of a minimum of ¼ pound of protein per person (20), a vegetable, a starch, and a fruit/dessert. Casa Teresa requests food be dropped off by 5:00 p.m. if it is ready to serve and by 4:00 p.m. if it needs to be reheated. Please call Steffanie Belasco at (714) 420-5320 or Monica Engel (949) 458-8732 to sign up and for more information.

Mitzvah of the Month (M.O.M)

Monica Engel, Social Action Member

The variety of books, games, and materials donated for our April Mitzvah of the Month was incredible. Adults, teens, and kidlets at Orangewood will enjoy an array of coloring books, puzzles, games, crayons, pencils, and painting materials. It is interesting to note that Covid has opened a new variety of entertainment for adults: coloring books and word puzzles. With summer on the horizon, our Mitzvah of the month for May will be **lightweight clothing for infants, children, teens, and adults**. Shorts, t shirts, dresses, bathing suits etc. are appreciated! Please keep in mind that due to Covid, all items must be new. Donations can be dropped off in the TBS living room or at our monthly Shabbat Parades. Questions, advice? Please email Monica at sovtal1@gmail.com.

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We are also grateful for the generous donations of Patti Widdicombe, the Weissberg Family, the Cohen Family, the Engel Family, Sandy Fainbar, and our TBS Brotherhood.

Adult Education

A Focus on Sephardic Jews

Angela Holmes, Adult Ed Chair

Introduction

The Sephardic Lecture Series presented by Rabbi Donnell offers insight into the world of Jewish Iberian ancestry. The first session started us in the 4th century. Throughout the presentation the participants were treated to music in the language of Ladino. Ladino, a language of many influences, was very enjoyable, especially the song titled *La Yave de Espanya*.

We hope to see you at the next session on **May 12th at 7:00 p.m.** when we will journey through the Renaissance period with Sephardic Jews and see life at that time through the eyes of Dona Gracia Mendes—The Queen of the Jews.

History, Culture, and Music

[The Jews of Spain: A History of the Sephardic Experience](#) by Jane S. Gerber

[Exploring Sephardic Customs and Traditions](#) by Marc Angel

Sephardic Jews in America by Aviva Ben-Ur

The Power of Song and Sephardic Tales by Rita Roth

Always and Olivia: A Remarkable Family History by Carolivia Herron

Cookbooks

From My Grandmothers Kitchen: A Sephardic Kitchen by V. Miner & L. Krinn

The Sephardic Kitchen by Robert Sternberg

Sephardic Israeli Cuisine: A Mediterranean Mosaic by Sheila Kaufman

Things to Know About the Ladino Language

- Ladino was one the primary language of Sephardic Jews throughout the Mediterranean. Current familiarity with Ladino is estimated at 200,000.
- Ladino is not a Spanish language derivative. Ladino is influenced by Portuguese and others.
- There are cartoons in Ladino by Sarah Aroeste. The collection is called: Ora de Despetar. These cartoons teach Ladino to all ages.
- Listen to Ladino music on Spotify and iTunes:
 - 91 FM radio Lev Hamedina
 - Radio Nacional de Espana: Ladino Broadcast, Emision en Sefardi
 - Israel Broadcast Authority: daily Ladino broadcast with Kan Ladino
- 5. Documentary Films in Ladino
 - *Las Ultimas Palabras (The Last Words)*, Turkey 2015
 - *Saved by Language*, Sarajevo 2015
 - *The Ladino Ladies Club*, Bulgaria 2015
 - *El Ultimo Sefardi (The Last Sephardi)*, 2003

Ladino Phrases

- *Vinido Bueno.* – Welcome
- *Buenos Dijas!* – Hello
- *Komo estash?* – How are you?
- *Donde sos?* – Where are you from?
- Haberes buenos! – Good news!
- *Kome con gana!* – Enjoy your meal!
- *Hadras I baranas!* – What’s going on? Or What’s the fuss?
- *Kaminos de leche I miel!* – May you follow the path of milk and honey!
- *Sano i rezio!* – Farewell, may you be healthy and strong!

Upcoming in the Lecture Series

By Rabbi Donnell and held at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates. Zoom information located at <https://tbsoc.com/> or in the weekly Shavu'on email.

May 12 – “Dona Gracia Mendes- The Queen of the Jews” A converso, Sephardic woman inherits her husband’s wealth created an empire during the Ottoman Empire.

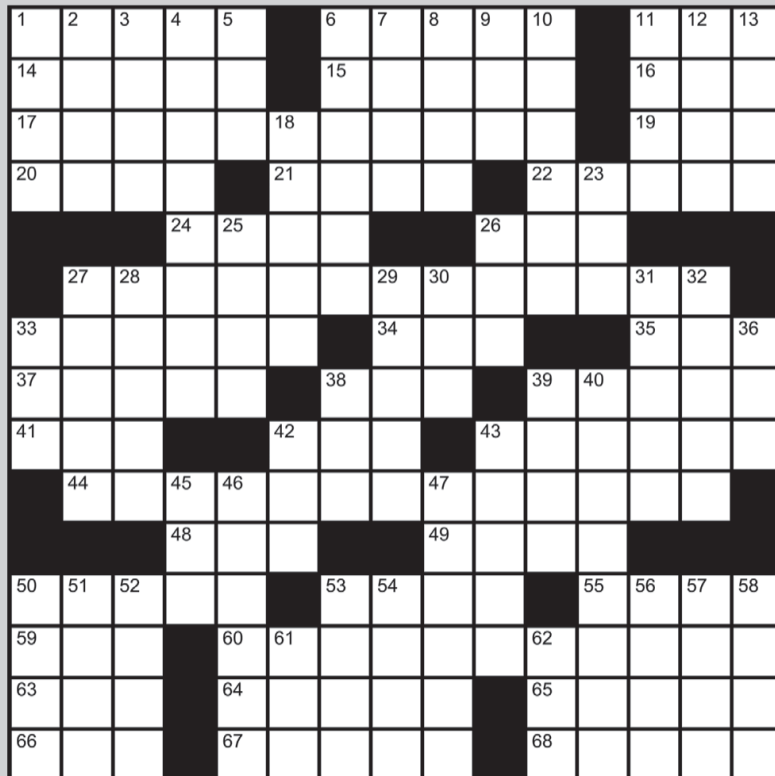
June 23 – “The Jewish Conquistador” The story of Louis de Carvajal and his family in the 16th century and the role of the Inquisition.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

WORD PUZZLES

"Hosts" by Yoni Glatt - Jerusalem Post

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Down

1. Scarlett Johansson has it
2. Where you might buy used Passover or Chanukah items
3. Plantation in Selznick's 1939 classic
4. Like shmita
5. "___ Ramsey", Richard Boone title character
6. Hallel, e.g.
7. Jason Alexander has worn them for roles
8. Fish also known as Jerusalem haddock
9. Legend Brooks
10. One (temporarily) getting rid of chametz
11. Billy Joel's "Last Play" locale
12. Do in many 80's bat mitzvah pics
13. On the Mediterranean
18. Wicked descenant of Agag
23. Give to heter (as a Rabbi might do)
25. Actress Mitchell on I. Marlene King's "Pretty Little Liars"
26. Driving after a farbrengen might lead to one:Abbr.

27. "___ Secretary" (Madeleine Albright's memoir)
28. Kind of lemur voiced by Sacha Baron Cohen in "Madagascar"
29. Some train stops through Williamsburg
30. Mike Wallace's network
31. Impossible home in Eilat
32. Metushelach, e.g.
33. Sacraficial animal
36. Hoff who wrote and illustrated "Danny and the Dinosaur"
38. West of Hollywood
39. How a Torah must be written (3 words)
40. Chicken of the Sea "chicken"
42. Potato kugel often has a lot of it
43. Like a shyster
45. Jerry Reinsdorf's teams, on the scoreboard
46. Maccabee, literally
47. Different sects of Judaism, e.g.
50. Cass, for one
51. Backer of al-Assad

52. Teen kiruv org.
53. Start of Shabbat song
54. ___ v'tafel (law for brachot)
56. Site often visited by Lubavitchers
57. Advanced funds, what many a Jew would do in the Middle Ages
58. Woodyey Allan's kind in a 1998 film
61. Schnapps rocks
62. Mercedes in Israel, often

Across

1. "And I will ___ a morsel of bread..." Genesis 18:5
6. Dances Yashivas don't have
11. Dead Sea ___
14. Major Amora
15. Indian coin worth less than a shekel
16. Dan, Gad and Levi
17. Artist who won Israel's Wolf Prize in 1981
19. Preposition for Lazarus
20. Israeli singer Golan
21. ___ HaTorah, yeshiva that overlooks the Kotel
22. Andean animal with only one sign of kashrut
24. Follower of Juda (and others)
26. Snider of Twisted Sister
27. Best Director winner of "Casablanca"
33. Israel, once
34. What Stark calls Stane in Favreau's "Iron Man"
35. Leviathan ___ Field
37. How Joaquin Phoenix once notably behaved on Letterman
- 38, 17, 27, 44, and 60 - cross, or and alternative title to this puzzle
39. Like Howard Stern
41. Historic Yom Kippur event
42. El Al complies with it: Abbr.
43. Performed like Simon without Garfunkel
44. Pulitzer Prize for fiction winner in 2001
48. Indiana Jones wears one
49. ___-tat, sound made by Tommy Ramone
50. Notable agricultural seven
53. Made like Jacob's sons after they sold Joseph
55. RC or Mayim Chaim drink
59. Casspi often shoots behind it
60. "Winner" of a "trip" to Alcatraz in 1961
63. Some degrees from YU
64. One
65. "___ you a little short for a stormtrooper?" (Carrie Fisher line)
66. Start of a 1999 Oliver Stone football movie
67. Fosters, like Abram to Lot
68. Gartels, basically