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FROM THE RABBI

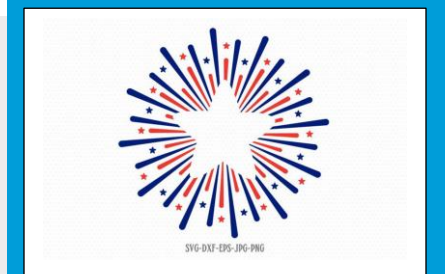
The Jewish Federation's slogan used to be, "We are One." This was a clever way of perceiving the Jewish community and enabling us to focus on our responsibility to one another. Now, more than ever, I understand the importance of expanding that vision to include all of us, regardless of religion, race, or geography. What one person does, or doesn't do, has the potential to effect so many others. I'm drawn to the following quote by Rumi: "All religions, all this singing, one song. The differences are just illusion and vanity. The sun's light looks a little different on this wall than it does on that wall, and a lot different on this other one, but it's still light."

Despite us meeting with each other in our homes over ZOOM, I hope you feel the oneness of our synagogue community as we come together on Shabbat, for adult education and to support one

another through celebratory and sad times. Our next two adult education classes will be on the 4th of July and August 1st at 10:00 a.m. If you are planning to join us, and haven't been regularly attending, please email me at rebdebi8@comcast.net so I can email you some material to print out in advance of our next class.

We look forward to CANTOR FRANCYNE joining us on JULY TENTH!

Speaking of celebrating together, **Riley** will be celebrating his **Bar Mitzvah** Friday, July 24th on ZOOM beginning at 7 p.m. and Saturday the 25th at TBT. Stay tuned for more information on how you can remotely access this Saturday morning service. Mazel tov to Riley, Audrey, Shawn & Brandon. Your TBT family can't wait to be a part of Riley's simcha
Warmly, Rabbi Deborah





Nothing will stop Riley from becoming a Bar Mitzvah! Here with our Rabbi studying away!



JULY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
*THE TALENTED JOE WALLACK
 AND HIS SERMON FROM LAST FRIDAY!*

WHO IS THE SERMON FOR? THE AUDIENCE OR THE SPEAKER?

TORAH:

When I study teachings of morals and ethics, I create the opportunity to improve myself because I now know what I should do. I'm not there but I can reach it from where I am standing. When others see me studying, I become an example to them, and I make myself taller. Because now, I'm easier to see **(He did use a ladder for prop, ladies and gentlemen)**

WORK: When I work either a specialized job as a doctor, lawyer or even a CPA or other jobs, I improve myself because I am in less need and more able to help those in need. I'm not all the way there but I can see it from where I'm standing. When others see me working, I

become an example to them.

GOOD DEEDS: When I perform good deeds, I'm actually helping others and I've improved myself. I can't see perfection from where I am standing, it's too far away but I know I'm going in the right direction. When others see my good deeds, I become a good example, and make myself taller. Because now, I'm really easy to see.

CONCLUSION: So back to the question: who is the sermon really for? I know that as a speaker if I don't do any of this, I come crashing down. I've talked about the 3 R's – Reach, Relativity and Responsibility. SO who is this really for? The speaker or audience?

CONGRATS TO DENISE GAMBINO FOR ANSWERING THE QUESTION AND WINING A DVD MR DEEDS. She wrote:

I think it is for the presenter and the receiver. As the presenter studies TORAH to give the sermon the words of G-d inspire him/her to carry out mitzvot and go with the good inclination and not the bad. As he/she presents the words of G-d inspire the receivers to do the same.

The Prez Sez...Deb Nowinski

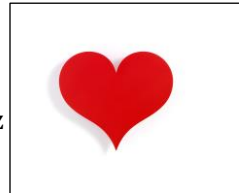
Hi. And thank you for trusting me to help guide the Board and create the most creative little Temple this side of the Mississippi. And speaking of big dreams, are y'all having weird pandemic dreams? You know it is a "thing" now. I'm sure books will be written about it. People are telling me they are dreaming of hugging people (guilty) or going out and dancing, eating, being with family once again. Seeing full faces smiling...my mother keeps telling me when I'm in a full moment panic "this too shall pass." And it makes me stop to think about this moment in time and all times, we as Jews, have suffered even worse. Having been sent from their homelands, dispersed, put in camps. But, I believe G-d placed hope in our DNA. And, every Friday night when we light our candles, pray the Shema, remember those who need our healing and love, we release that hope within our souls to the ONE above, and in turn, He gives us strength. And although the dream of being together, for right now, is out of our arms reach, we will get to a better time again. AND, once we do open, I am hoping to catch up on all the happiness and creative programming we ALL can be involved in. We will be in reach of each other and will embrace the sweet moment of what we missed and what we really need in our lives – **each other**. A dream come true.

PLEASE JOIN MYRNA AND I this coming Friday for our PRE 4th Shabbat at 7 p.m. ON ZOOM.

And, once again, I thank you for the honor of being the President of the board. And to the new Board Members – thank you for stepping up! B'shalom, Deb Nowinski denowinski@gmail.com

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JULY 3RD – 7 P.M. MYRNA & DEB!

**JULY 10TH – 7 P.M. CANTER
FRANCYNE AND THE RABBI**

JULY 17TH – 7 P.M.

JULY 24TH – 7 P.M.

JULY 31ST – 7 P.M.

**STUART WILL SEND THE ZOOM
INFO !**

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HAVE A WONDERFUL SAFE 4TH!