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Dear Friends,

I will always remember the Hanukkah menorah of my childhood. It was a simple silver menorah with a little music box in its base. When you wound it up, it would play Maoz Tzur - Rock of Ages. As a child, I would wind it over and over again. Because of that, when I think about Hanukkah, I can hear the notes of that little music box. Maoz Tzur plays in my head.

Rituals, and ritual objects, beautify moments and make them even more special. They also have a way of etching memories. When we repeat the ritual, we’re brought back to another time. And when we recall earlier times, it evokes certain feelings and emotions. This is a powerful ability we have.

Many of our rituals include the act of lighting candles. We light candles at the beginning of Shabbat and during holy days or celebrations. We also light candles to evoke memory when commemorating a yahrzeit. The flickering light of candles can reach deep inside us, to a place of mystery, and ties us to feelings and memories.

You may know that the greeting for Hanukkah is “Chag Urim Sameach” which means “Happy Holiday of Lights.” The story of the light that stayed illuminated thousands of years ago is one of the two predominant themes of the holiday. (The other is the heroic and miraculous victory of the Maccabees, who reestablished Jewish autonomy and our freedom to practice our religion.)

A question for consideration: If there was enough oil to allow for one night of light, why do we consider the miracle to be all eight nights of light? After all, the light of the first night wasn’t really a miracle, right? Shouldn’t it only be a seven-night holiday rather than eight?

Here’s the answer: After finding enough light for one night, the priests could have thrown in the towel and said, “Go home; there’s not enough oil here. Our work is done!” But they didn’t. Instead, they had faith that the light would be sustained and that the holy work would continue. And so, the first night is also a night for celebration. We celebrate the undying spirit of our people - a people that will not give in to despair, despite all the hardship and adversity we have faced. We have always maintained a vision for the future - a vision of freedom and redemption. And so, after more than two thousand years, we still light the lights. Every instance of light, and every display of spirit, can be celebrated and considered a miracle.

May the light of the Hanukkah candles evoke sweet memories of Hanukkah celebrations of our past and bring joy and hope for our future - filled with more miracles and light!

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Rabbi David Steinhardt
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In the past few years, we all faced new challenges as individuals and as a community, but we became stronger and grew from it in many ways. We found ways to connect and support each other and to be each other’s light. Our community remained active and enthusiastic to bring more and more to the world. For me, B’nai Torah brought light to my life in those times of darkness.

Our choir continued to meet on Zoom. Although it was on a screen, the individual members of the choir were present, and their voices were heard. We continued to be a community, a family, and hoped for a better future. We never gave up hope that we would sing together once again.

Today, our choir is back singing on our bimah! I am filled with joy to hear them as one, and beaming while listening to the voices of our community singing together. I missed that so much.

Join us! If you like to sing, we need and want your voices with us! Singers of any age, please reach out to Joe Kramer at joe.kramer@bnai-torah.org and let him know you are interested. If you read music, join our Shabbat Morning Choir. And if you don’t read music, join our Friday Night and Havdalah singers.

We have a new addition to our team, internationally acclaimed Maestro Tomer Adaddi. Tomer is a brilliant musician and a mench, and he will be working on several projects with me this year. I can’t wait for you all to experience his beautiful talent. For those of you that attended Selichot, you already got to hear and see him.

Each Hanukkah, I am reminded of the moments I spent lighting the chanukiah with my family back in Israel. I recall my grandfather’s voice and smile as he led the songs and the smell in the house as my grandmother made sufganiot (donuts). While I can’t physically go back to those moments, I can transport myself back to those times through memories and tradition and re-create it for my family, friends, and community today. Memories create the story of our life. While we hang on to the memories, we created new ones, building on the past and looking towards the future.

Speaking of history, this year we are celebrating 30 years of music at B’nai Torah and I couldn’t be more excited. I am so grateful to those before me that created and cultivated the Series, and those who have supported it through the years and continue their support today. It means a lot. It will also be a special year as we will celebrate Israel’s 75th birthday! I can’t wait to see you all! Please join us and bring anyone that loves music – all are welcome in our home!

I hope that during this Hanukkah you can create lots of memories and that it’s filled with lights, donuts, songs, and community.

I am grateful to my family, friends, the clergy, the professional staff, the lay leaders, supporters, choir, and community members. I am grateful for YOU! Each of us brings light to darkness and together we shine.

Happy Hanukkah! I hope to see you more and more.

Best Blessings,

Cantor Magda Fishman

We have come to cast out darkness
In our hands are light and fire
Each one is a small light
Turn back darkness
Turn back dark
Turn back from before the light.

Words by Sarah Levy-Tanai
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It’s hard to believe that I have been working and serving this community for half a year. On one hand, it feels like just yesterday that I began my incredible and meaningful work here. On the other hand, it feels like I have been here for so long, especially considering the strong connections and lifelong friendships I’ve made. Hanukkah is a uniquely special time, and I can’t wait for my first Hanukkah at B’nai Torah!

Hanukkah signifies that the winter season has officially arrived! Although in Florida we don’t physically feel this change as much, we can certainly appreciate the symbolic warmth that Hanukkah brings to our lives, as it represents hope and opportunities for miracles.

Hanukkah, as many of you know, is the “festival of lights.” But why is there such an emphasis on lights? What significance does light have in our lives?

Of course, there are the obvious answers. There’s an emphasis on lights because of the story of the oil that stayed illuminated for eight nights when there was enough for only one. It was truly a miracle! But there’s also the symbolism of the light and what it represents. During dark times, we fight to find the light and to be the light. Light symbolizes hope. Hanukkah inspires us and reminds us to recognize the miracles that light up our lives each and every day.

The lights of the holiday also represent community. Because lights are significant to the holiday celebrations of our non-Jewish friends, Hanukkah lights represent people coming together and connecting. Lights represent spirit and joy!

I am so proud of the work that we do and the programming and services we offer. B’nai Torah is a true light in our community!

Our new young professionals’ group, Sababa Boca, has been bringing young Jewish adults from all over South Florida together, providing the opportunities this special population has longed for post-pandemic. Our youngest members and families can enjoy age-appropriate Shabbat experiences that provide the beauty and joy of T’fillah through our various services such as Ahavah Shabbat, First Friday Shabbat, and Shabbat Kulanu. We are committed to bringing unique and meaningful programs to our members and finding new ways to light up lives.

Wishing all of you a very happy Hanukkah and a blessed new year!

Chag u’rim sameach,
Rabbi Evan Susman
The approaching holiday of Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple and the triumph of Judah Maccabee over the Greeks. At B’nai Torah, we had our own dedication ceremony in October to welcome our new community Torah. It was an emotional event! I hope you were able to participate in the ceremony or the writing of the Torah. There are so many people to thank for their tireless efforts on this project. Special thanks to Melanie Jacobson, Ellen Safran and all their committee chairs.

Speaking of returning to the Temple – we celebrated our own return to OUR temple for the HHDs for the first time since 2019! It was an amazing feeling to see so many people I had not seen in three years. From the bimah, I was able to observe the feeling of exhilaration as friends greeted each other once again in our beautiful sanctuary. Our services were outstanding thanks to the efforts of our amazing clergy, office staff and maintenance team!

As we move into the late fall and winter – our busiest season kicks into high gear and the programming at B’nai Torah fills our calendar! There are happenings every day and many evenings – and the building is once again welcoming people for classes, social activities lectures and more. Check the weekly emails and join us as often as you can! There is something for everyone!

Our Friday night services are joyous with music, singing and dancing! Come join us and experience a wonderful welcome to Shabbat. We have scheduled several special event Friday night programs – check the weekly emails for notice of upcoming programs.

Finally, our Concert Series is set, and we have an amazing lineup of performances. Please plan to attend all of the concerts this year – they are not to be missed!

B’Shalom and Happy Hanukkah,

Ed Sopher
With the opportunity to reconnect over the High Holy Days and to return to our spiritual home with you thereafter, we are feeling renewed, refreshed, and empowered by your support. As we now move towards Hanukkah, we are reminded to celebrate light as a symbol of hope. As the word Hanukkah means dedication, we are also reminded to dedicate ourselves to our Jewish traditions and culture. Together, we find beauty in prayer, song, learning, and celebrating. And celebrate we did, as we welcomed our new Torah to our Synagogue with immense pride. The L’Chaim Torah Project experience has left a footprint on our hearts and on that of our community. We were thrilled and humbled by the outpouring of support for this monumental project. Your commitment to our future is inspiring.

Each week our halls are filled with children in our schools, as well as members in our adult education and Melton classes, Hazak Adult Programming, Author Series, Scholar in Residence, Women’s League and Men’s Club activities, movie screenings, Young Jewish Professional events, and more innovative and inspiring programming. We recently renovated our library to transform it into a state-of-the-art hybrid learning environment to further enhance the experience of our online learners as well. Every week, our deeply spiritual and meaningful Shabbat services re-energizes our souls.

Our second annual TLC Mitzvah Month brought our community together to participate in conscious acts of empathy and kindness, bringing hope and comfort to those in need. Together we make a world of difference! We were able to provide Hurricane Ian relief to our west coast neighbors and to work with our early childhood families to adopt schools in Naples, providing them with the essential items they needed. And we are just getting started. Our talented team of professionals, lay leaders, and volunteers are working diligently to plan our Annual Gala honoring our beloved Cantor Fishman, our long-awaited installation for Cantor Fishman, our Golf Tournament, our outstanding concert series, and two extraordinary trips to Israel. The pandemic may have delayed us, but it did not discourage us. We have much to be grateful for and we are ready to celebrate!

As we approach the end of this year, we ask for your continued support to ensure we can persevere with our important work, to provide our vast programming, and to help us with rising security, facility maintenance and much needed improvement costs. The safety of our children, staff, and families is our primary concern. We hope you will consider us with your year-end gifts, allowing us to continue to rekindle the light we bring to our community and to ensure that the future of our synagogue is bright. We thank you for your partnership.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, our clergy, and staff, I wish you a Happy Hanukkah and a new year filled with good health, hope, and happiness.

Chag Sameach.

Leesa Parker
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Here is a highlight of the over 75 projects across 29 themes engaging over 4,700 people. Over 1,000 new people participated in something that took place during MITZVAH MONTH!

I am confident that the TLC program will continue to shine a light in the community and onto the world. Happy Hanukkah and, together, let’s keep the light going strong!

Summer Faerman
Mitzvah Month Memories
How can one even begin to condense 98 years of this incredible woman in a few good words? The answer that comes to mind is that Ruth Taubman was the epitome of a woman of valor - *eshet chayil*. Woman of valor comes from Proverbs 31 in the Hebrew Bible. A woman of valor is described as a perfect wife; often translated as the “ideal woman” in the nation of Israel. This woman of valor is philanthropical, “She stretches out her palms to the poor; she extends her hand to the needy.” (Proverb 31:20), and a teacher of kindness, “She opens her mouth with wisdom, and teaching of kindness is upon her tongue.” (Proverb 31:26). Ruth Taubman had these qualities and so many more.

This month, The Ruth and Edward Taubman Early Childhood Center is celebrating a big birthday of 25 years. The beginning of this beautiful journey began when Rabbi David Steinhardt had a discussion during a car ride with Ruth. Ruth explained that Edward (who was terminally ill) and she would like to give a gift to the congregation while Edward was still here. Rabbi Steinhardt replied that bringing in young families and having a preschool was B’naí Torah Congregation’s biggest need for today and our future. Ruth said she would get back to Rabbi after speaking with Edward. Ruth’s reply to Rabbi Steinhardt was an immediate YES. Unfortunately, Edward did not live to see the Early Childhood Center open, but Ruth had the gift of seeing the opening of what she often referenced as, “her school.”

I had the opportunity to speak with Nancy Goldstein, founding early childhood director of the Ruth and Edward Taubman Early Childhood Center. For over 20 years, Nancy and Ruth developed a beautiful partnership and friendship. Ruth would visit the school often. Ruth was so much more than a namesake; she was a moral support system and advocate for the school. Ruth knew the names of the teachers, embraced the children, celebrated the milestones, and attended many events. When Ruth came to visit, the red carpet came out; everyone wanted to see Ruth! Ruth loved how “her school” was flourishing through the years. During my discussion with Nancy, I noticed this incredible warmth and love that overflowed, as she spoke about how Ruth treated her as family. Nancy described Ruth as classy, dressed to perfection, strong, kind, and humble. As expected, Nancy discussed how she misses Ruth dearly; their friendship was beautiful. Stepping into the role as early childhood director of a well-established, high-quality school in a large synagogue was quite the task. They say change is good...
but going through the changes can be challenging for everyone involved. Ruth knew this and, in the beginning, she would check in on me often—much like I was her newly adopted child. At least weekly, I would receive that call, “Hi Naomi, how is my school and how are you doing?”. I would let her know that her school was thriving and growing, and that I was honored to be here, and WE were doing well. On any given day and without notice, I would receive word that Ruth Taubman was in the building. I would find Ruth in the synagogue and escort her into the school and the people would flock. Teachers who knew her came to say hello, teachers who were new to our school came to meet her, but what was most amazing was that the little children would magnetically go toward Ruth. They would hug, give high fives, and greet our matriarch as if they had known her for years. Ruth had an illuminating impression on everyone she met every time she came to visit.

Last December, Ruth came for a visit with her family after a long absence due to the pandemic. The joy of that day was incredible. Ruth told me she was glad to come back home. I pushed back my tears of happiness knowing how important it was for Ruth to get back to a life she once had before the pandemic. Then in March, I had the honor to attend a concert featuring Cantor Magda Fishman and Cantor Boaz Davidoff with Ruth in our sanctuary. Ruth watched every minute of the concert with a smile on her face and overflowing joy. She kept telling me how much she adored the music and their beautiful voices. At one point, Ruth held my hand and stated that she was finally back home. She was so happy to be back in person at B’nai Torah. What I realized at that moment was that Ruth Taubman was so much more than a founder of our school, she helped to make B’nai Torah a home to so many children and their families and she was OUR Woman of Valor. This line best describes our founder and dear friend Ruth Taubman, “Many women have displayed valor, but you rise above them all” (Proverb 31:29). Ruth’s presence in our school was beautiful. Ruth is missed by so many at “her school” and I too miss my dear friend Ruth more than words can say. I feel so very fortunate to have known Ruth Taubman. Her legacy will live on from generation to generation, L’dor V’dor.

Naomi Gordon
During Hanukkah, we celebrate light and all that is good and sacred in our lives. Our Mirochnick Religious School, BRUSY Youth Group, BRIYA, and other synagogue programs and learning opportunities for our students and families continues to be a bright light in our community. As we resume what feels like a more normal, pre-Covid time, our hallways and classrooms and busy and bustling. We’ve welcomed lots of new families and we couldn’t be happier to watch our synagogue family continue to grow! Enjoy these pictures from recent events!

Dr. Cathy Berkowitz
According to our Sages, we are obligated to light candles each night of Hanukkah and we should advertise the miracle that occurred long ago. Whether you consider the miracle to be the oil lasting for eight days, or that of the few Maccabees winning a battle over the mighty Greeks, it is your choice. Yet, the lesson learned from Hanukkah is to shine outwards into our surroundings.

As President of Women’s League, I see a connection to this Hanukkah teaching. My mission is encouraging the women to shine as they do such important work for themselves, for B’nai Torah and for the community at large. This is the also the appropriate time thank all the women who work so hard all year to make B’nai Torah, our home away from home, such a wonderful place.

If you are looking to do something meaningful everyday - Women’s League is your destination! First of all, you will meet amazing and energetic women. We study, we play, we bake for charity, we support the work of our talented educators and provide scholarships for the children. We send holiday packages to our college students, host Shabbat gatherings for the very young in our school, and we also reach out to the older Jewish community and support the needs of others.

During Hanukkah we will bring cheers and treats to the residents of Stratford Court and to the adults at JARC. B’nai Torah events include our famous Latke and Vodka evening celebration on December 22 - please sign up and come!

How do you find out what is happening at Women’s League? Read your emails OR go to our website www.WLBTC.org and check the calendar. We are open to all.

Remember, a little light can bring a big smile to someone in need. So, shine like the lights of the Menorah and join WLBTC activities.

Happy Hanukkah - חָגָאָה שָׁלֵּмес

Shula Fleischer, WLBTC President
Our Men’s Club programming has been AWESOME!

We hosted the West Point Academy Jewish Cadet Choir. Over 300 people came for a Kabbalat Shabbat Friday night dinner and performance featuring our visiting Cadets from West Point. We thank those who volunteered to host the Cadets in their homes, and especially Rabbi Steinhardt, Cantor Fishman and Rabbi Susman who were most hospitable. I would like to also thank our staff team, especially Elysa Stark and Michael Vernof. You all really made it work. Much thanks for your constant support and “can do” team attitude. Thank you to our Men’s Club team, Terry and Andrea Bresnick, Raphael Cohen, and Robert Miron for your constant help.

We hosted former Ambassador to Samoa and New Zealand, and former President of our synagogue Mark Gilbert at our monthly Bagel Bites breakfast. He was an outstanding speaker who told us about his personal experiences as Ambassador. He also shared his world view thoughts about our current national areas of interest to our group.

Coming up on Thursday, December 22nd at 7pm, our Men’s Club will be partnering with Woman’s League to host the Annual Latkas and Vodkas holiday celebration. It will be a fabulous evening with a featured Karaoke session and tasty hors d’oeuvres for all of us to participate. Everyone will be asked to bring their own family Menorah for an extended family style candle lighting ceremony!

Looking forward to seeing you all in shul,

Elliot Burns, Men’s Club President
In this issue, Elysa Stark, Director of Programming and Membership, interviewed our beloved and talented Cantor Magda Fishman.

1. When you were a little girl, did you imagine yourself growing up to be a Cantor? What led you to this profession?
   It chose me! I was studying music and was invited to sing at Sutton Place Synagogue in NYC with Cantor Dov Keren (who I remain close to) and I found my calling!

2. What surprised you most about B’nai Torah when you became a Cantor here four years ago? How engaged and dedicated the staff and community are!

3. What song would we hear you singing in your car or around your house? Contemporary pop songs that Yair plays all the time! Also Jazz and Classical!

4. You have been such a source of inspiration and hope during the Covid years. Who or what inspires you?
   I love sharing and communicating through music and prayer. I have a yearning to connect to people, and music helps me do that.

5. What is your idea of a perfect day when not working?
   Sleeping late, drinking decaf coffee while talking to friends, going to the beach with family, sitting at a piano and singing!

6. Would you encourage Yair to be a Cantor?
   Yes!

7. If you could eat only one food for the rest of your life what would it be?
   Sushi.

8. Do you like living in Florida? What is your favorite part of life here?
   Yes, I love living in Florida. I love the beach and the weather - other than Hurricane season!

9. What is your vision of the future of the musical program at B’nai Torah?
   A cultural center for music and the arts, and more intergenerational involvement from congregants at services and other events.

10. Yair seems to be very talented musically – can you recall the moment that you recognized his musical talent?
   He was 11 months old and his au pair taught him ABC’s and he actually sang them!

11. We are so excited to honor you at the Gala and your installation on February 25th! What are your thoughts on this honor? I am so excited and honored and I hope you can all join me in this wonderful celebration!
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Nearly three years ago, we were all thrust into the 21 Century by becoming accustomed to a new way to communicate and learn. We learned words like Zoom and Livestream. We heard phrases like, “Please unmute yourself”, “Turn your camera on” or my personal favorite, “Leave the meeting and come back in.”

Today, our Adult Education is being offered every way imaginable! We have classes on Zoom, lectures being Livestreamed, and classes that meet in person. What is most exciting is our ability to offer hybrid classes - yet another word we just learned.

In the past few weeks, The Millicent & Sigmund Nathan Library and the Rabbi Joseph Katz Study have been expanded, recarpeted, and reimagined as a true Beit Midrash of the future. We are now fully integrated as place where students can come together and learn with students from far away yet feel like you are all in the same room.

Take a look at the Cooperman Academy for Adult Jewish Learning brochure you received in the mail, or go to www.btcpoca.org or www.meltonschool.org/boca and check out all of the learning we are offering in 2022-23. You can also keep an eye on weekly emails promoting classes.

In many cases, you can now even invite loved ones to learn with you and your favorite teacher. What happens in Boca no longer needs to stay in Boca.

Happy Hanukkah and I’ll look forward to seeing you on Zoom or IRL (google it),

**Penina Bredoff**
Adult Education & Melton Director
Mindfulness is the art of paying open, non-judgmental attention from moment to moment. Though mindfulness is rooted in the present, what we discover through mindfulness practice can help us step into the future with greater peace, ease, and clarity. Mindfulness can shape our future by increasing self-awareness and gaining insight into what it is we most authentically long for. Do we wish for more openness and connection in our lives? Do we wish for a greater sense of strength and resilience? Once we become more aware of our heartfelt yearnings, we can take small or large steps to embody these qualities more deeply.

A simple way to practice mindfulness is through breathing. Slow breathwork not only places you in the present moment but also helps with stress, anxiety, and pain. Slow, deep breathing is the foundation of relaxation and stimulates the healing response in the nervous system. It balances your mind, helps you stay alert, and directly affects the way your brain functions. The emotional and physical benefits of this ancient practice can help you enter the new year with a heightened understanding of how to approach each moment, how to care for yourself with deeper awareness and how to relate to others with kindness, acceptance, and compassion.

B’nai Torah Congregation is proud to offer a weekly breathwork and mindfulness class on Thursdays at 10:15am. The class is facilitated by Heather Berg, yoga practitioner with a focus on cultivating breath and body awareness. For more information on the class, contact michele.scher@bnai-torah.org.

Michele Scher
B’NAI TORAH CONGREGATION WELCOMED A NEW TORAH!

There’s a new, beautiful addition to BTC - the L’Chaim Torah! In October, hundreds of congregants and community leaders gathered to welcome our new Torah during the L’Chaim Torah Project Closing Ceremony and Celebration.

“We are very fortunate to be able to help build the B’nai Torah Congregation Foundation, as well as to support the L’Chaim Torah Project. It’s an honor and a privilege to contribute to our Jewish future.”

~ Donna & Gerry Kramer

“The Torah’s writing not only connects us to something very ancient, of generations gone by, but it also a statement about the values that carry us and will carry us into the future, and what it is we want to leave for the future. The Torah has the expression of something traditional and yet it has the expression of something that is very real and aspirational.”

~ Rabbi David Steinhardt

“Being part of the L’chaim Torah Project was more than we could have possibly imagined. We are so proud to have played a role in making this project a reality. Each time we look at the L’Chaim Torah proudly displayed in our Aron Kodesh, we will remember this time with gratitude and joy.”

~ Meryl & Ron Gallatin

For more pictures and a video of the Closing Ceremony, visit www.btcpoca.org/torahproject.
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Our Pride and Joy 2022/23 B’NAI MITZVAH

BENJAMIN GREEN  January 21, 2023
Son of Olga & Arkadiy Green
Mitzvah Project: Benjamin is participating in the Holocaust B’nai Mitzvah Project in the memory of one of the children lost in the Holocaust before reaching their Bar/Bat Mitzvah age.

JORDAN WASKOWIAK  February 4, 2023
Son of Michal Waskowiak and Jamie Waskowiak
Mitzvah Project: Jordan is doing a program called ‘Tech Time’ for seniors.

AUDREY HORELICK  February 4, 2023
Daughter of Amanda & Jeremy Horelick
Mitzvah Project: Audrey is partnering with Camp Ramah Darom for their Yud Gimel campaign which raises funds for camp scholarships so that all Jewish children, regardless of their family’s ability to pay, can experience Jewish overnight camp.

JAIDYN STUDLEY  February 18, 2023
Son of Marlowe Vogel and Brett Studley
Mitzvah Project: Jaidyn is donating baseball equipment for underprivileged youth.

MERYL DAVIDSON  March 4, 2023
Daughter of Heather Davidson and Adam Davidson
Mitzvah Project: Meryl is collecting donations for Ruth and Rales Jewish Family Services.

SAMSON POLAND  March 11, 2023
Son of Sarah Poland and Alan Poland
Mitzvah Project: Samson has been attending Assisted Living facilities to enhance Friday night services and meals with music, song and freilach.

GABRIELLE POLAND  March 11, 2023
Daughter of Sarah Poland and Alan Poland
Mitzvah Project: Gabrielle is exploring Israel while learning and cooking her way through traditional dishes and will be creating a cookbook with the seniors at Five Star Senior Living.

DYLAN GORDON  April 1, 2023
Son of Erica and Randy Gordon
Mitzvah Project: Dylan is collecting supplies, such as new blankets, towels, dog toys, bowls, leashes, and more to donate to Tri-County Animal Rescue to help dogs in need.
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