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Dear Temple Beth Tzedek family,

It's that time again. Mishloach Manot... the giving of gifts on Purim symbolizing sweetness and joy has become a tradition at Temple Beth Tzedek. The synagogue will be continuing its tradition of sending Mishloach Manot to each congregant family this year. Mishloach Manot is seen as an opportunity to strengthen relationships among people. The giving of gifts to one another helps to create a feeling of closeness and hope in the community at a time of the year when we are still burdened with the bleakness of winter. There is a rabbinic teaching that we should not only give gifts to friends, but to someone who is new in the community, to those who are needy, and to those whose spirits would be bolstered by knowing that someone cares. The custom comes from the biblical book of Esther, where the Purim story is recounted. Esther 9:22 reads: "as days of feasting and gladness, and sending portions of food to one another, and gifts to the poor".

We ask you to join us in this mitzvah. It would be wonderful for every family to give at some level, that they feel comfortable. No matter what donation level you choose, your name will go on the gift card that will be included in the Mishloach Manot baskets that are sent out to **all** members of our congregation.

If you will be out of town or choose not to receive a basket please let us or the office know as soon as possible.

The giving levels this year are:	
Queen Esther	\$180.00
King Ahasuerus	\$108.00
Mordechai	\$54.00

Please join us and send your donation no later than **February 14th, 2018** to insure that your name is included on the card. **Please enclose your check made payable to Temple Beth Tzedek.**

If you have any questions or need more information, please call or e-mail Marcia Goldstein at 432-2963 (cell), 741-0408 (home) or cappuccino.marcia@gmail.com. or Ed Case at 691-3999 (home) or 316-1286 (cell) or emcase@yahoo.com Thank you very much for your support of this worthy endeavor.

Sincerely,
Marcia Goldstein
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