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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, December 1

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song & Story
Grade 3 Family Experience

Saturday, December 2

10:30 am Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah: Danielle Land
5:30 pm Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah: Ethan Rosenberg

Friday, December 8

6:30 pm Tot Shabbat
7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 9

10:30 am Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah: Lauren Turner
10:30 am Shabbat Chapel Service

Friday, December 15

6:30 pm Spirit of Shabanukkah

Saturday, December 16

10:30 am Shabbat Service
B'nai Mitzvah: Hayley Asai
Benjamin Cohen

5:30 pm Shabbat Service

B'nai Mitzvah: Jaidyn Heller
Ian Rubin

Friday, December 22

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 23

10:00 am Shabbat Minyan

Friday, December 29

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 30

10:00 Shabbat Minyan

Friday, January 5

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song & Story

Saturday, January 6

10:00 Shabbat Minyan
5:30 pm Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah: Parker Leibowitz

Sunday Minyan, 10:45 am

MESSAGE FROM *Cantor Eschler*



A GUILT FREE HOLIDAY SEASON

My grandmother (z"l) hated the December holidays. They filled her with so much angst that I think she actually got a little depressed.

So many Jews share her feelings at this time of year. Questions arise like: Do we decorate? Do we give presents to the barber, house cleaner, office mates, etc? We don't want the kids to feel left out, should we have a Christmas tree?

Let me ask you some questions. When you go to someone else's black tie wedding,



do you dress in a beautiful gown or a wedding dress? If you decorate your home for a friend's baby shower, must you also be pregnant? If you go to someone else's birthday party, do you expect to take home all the cards and gifts?

This is how I look at Christmas. It is not my holiday, but I can still enjoy and share in the festivities. Let's face it, the beautiful lights, the joyful mood, the feeling surrounding Christmas are all wonderful. But I know I'm a guest at this holiday – not the host or the recipient.

At the same time I don't need to disguise Chanukah with blue and white trim, twinkle lights, and Latke Larry to have it compete. Chanukah has its own beauty: the story of rededication,

Goodbye 2017

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Please remember the Temple in
your end -of -year giving plans

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MESSAGE FROM

Laura EJ Rose, President



“Across the synagogue world there is one topic high on every board and staff agenda: financial sustainability. Lay and professional leaders are grappling with how to create a fair, inclusive funding structure and at the same time allow synagogue communities to generate the dollars necessary to fulfill its sacred vision and mission. Over the last century North American synagogues have become dependent on membership dues to meet their operating expenses.” Can Synagogues Live by Dues Alone? – Barry Mael

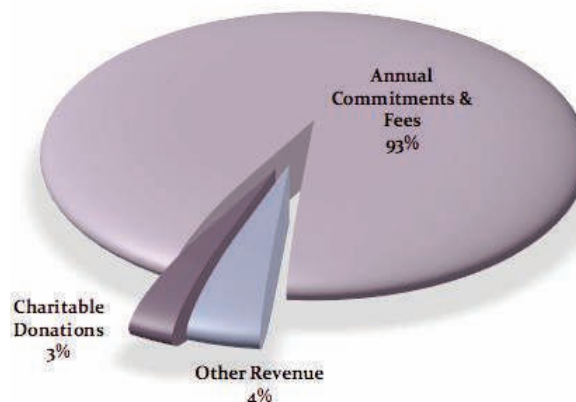
The percentage of synagogue costs supported by dues varies from congregation to congregation. In 2016, that percentage was as high as 93% for Temple Beth Ami. Today, our synagogues face many demographic and social challenges. For instance, a younger generation that no longer sees synagogue membership as relevant makes it harder today to count on dues for paying the bills and pushes us to examine the options available for alternatives revenue streams.

To that end, in November, Rabbi Pokras convened a new Development Initiative Leadership Team whose goal will be to create a cohesive and integrated development strategy for the synagogue. Working in parallel with TBA's Vision 2020 Strategic Planning Process, the group will look at the need for culture change, current fundraising proposals, and various modalities for development as a way to building a secure future for our community.

We need to be practical and creative in order to keep our sacred community relevant to a new generation of Jews. A deeper look into budgetary outcomes from the 2016 Fiscal Year, reveals that 14% of annual commitments to our congregation went unpaid. While it is important to note that Temple Beth Ami's "Dues Relief" program accounted for over 90% of that short fall, we cannot ignore that a significant number of annual commitments made by congregants at the beginning of the fiscal year went unpaid. Dynamic, successful congregations are based on the building and cultivation

of deep, meaningful relationships with current and prospective members. People want to matter and want to feel a sense of belonging. And there is a continued need to prove value to our members. Our competitors are not other synagogues; our competitors are the myriad choices in our

TBA Support and Revenues 2016



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COMING*This Month***NetWork & NOSH****Friday, December 1****8 - 9 am**

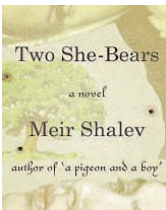
Are you in business for yourself? A budding entrepreneur or a seasoned business owner? Temple Beth Ami invites you to meet, network and schmooze with others like yourself from the congregation at "Network & Nosh." These get-togethers will include a light breakfast and a speaker series with dynamic business leaders sharing their success and challenges. No charge, but your RSVP to Shelly Gordon (SLG@Bethami.org) allows us to plan best. Please contact Marcy Waxman with questions (marcywaxmanrealty@gmail.com).

**WTBA/Brotherhood Brunch****Sunday, December 3****9 - 10:30 am**

Come spend the morning hearing from Kathy Goldgeier and Tom Temin about their most memorable moments on the air. Both Kathy and Tom have exciting careers in the field of radio and broadcasting, and also just happen to be past presidents of Beth Ami. Register online by 12/1 and enjoy delicious food, great conversations and warm camaraderie.

**Live & Learn with Cantor Eschler****Tuesdays, December 5, 12, 19****10:30 am – 12 pm**

All are invited to our popular adult daytime learning series. Topic Hanukkah: A New "Spin" on Old Traditions.

**WTBA Book Club****Tuesday, December 5****7:30 – 9 pm**

Join us for a lively discussion of the book Two She-Bears: A Novel by Meir Shalev. Contact Madeline Delessio at mkdalessio@gmail.com or 301.948.8926 with questions.

**Coming of Age (JCCGW)****Monday, December 11****1 - 2:30 pm**

Presenting: A Hanukkah Concert of Yiddish, Russian, Hebrew and Klezmer! Featuring: Seth Kibel-Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute and Vladimir Fridman-Guitar, Vocals. Join us for this joyous, entertaining and 'haimish' concert. A little nostalgia and a lot of fun! We'll usher in the holiday season with lively music by Seth and Vladimir! This duo will have you singing and tapping your feet to familiar tunes from around the world! Cost: \$7 (in advance); \$8 at the door. Register online: www.benderjccgw.org

COMING *This Month*



Shabbanukkah

Friday, December 15

6 pm

Don't miss our popular "Shabbat + Hanukkah" hybrid celebration, beginning with a Latke Bar and Maccabee Martinis, followed by an Indoor Picnic Shabbat with The ShabbaTones Temple Band, Candlelighting and a festive Oneg Shabbat with a set by the new "ShabbaTeens!"



Broadway Buzz with Steve Friedman

Monday, December 18

10:30 – 12 pm

You won't want to miss this popular monthly Monday morning dose of Broadway with guest lecturer, Steve Friedman. Topic: Broadway and the Jewish Influence, Part I. All are welcome! Members can enjoy Steve's monthly lectures at no cost; friends, guests and non-members will be charged \$5 per class at the door (cash and check ONLY).



Potluck Shabbat

Friday, December 22

6:30 - 7:30 pm

All are welcome to share a Shabbat dinner together at 6:30 pm, followed by 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat services. The Temple provides chicken, challah and drinks; YOU provide the side dishes (salad, vegetable, starch or fruit), which you indicate when you register online (by 12/18). Free for Temple members; \$5 for guests. We are unable to accommodate walk-ins, so PLEASE register on time. Questions? Call Michelle Freedberg (301) 330-1039 or email her at mefreedberg@gmail.com.

MAY THE REASONS YOU BELONG BE THE REASONS YOU GIVE

Please Remember the Temple in your end of year giving plans. Please make a tax-deductible donation to the High Holy Days Appeal, religious school and nursery school scholarship funds, the general fund, clergy discretionary funds, caring community funds or any fund that is important to you and your family. You can donate cash, pay on line by credit card, or use appreciated stock.

Create a Jewish Legacy. Jewish tradition teaches us that it is our responsibility to make this world a better place for future generations. Please consider a legacy gift to Temple Beth Ami as part of your estate planning. Please go to fundforgenerations@gmail.com

Please join your fellow congregants who remember the Temple every year; every gift is sincerely appreciated. All payments must be received by December 30 in order to be posted in this calendar year and, therefore, to appear on your 2017 tax report from the Temple.

TIKKUN OLAM

Community Service Projects**LEND A HAND**

Temple Beth Ami Community Service Projects

Thank you in advance for your support!
(For information on additional TBA community service projects, visit

bethami.org/groups/TO.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Help Set up/Serve Christmas Dinner for the Homeless on Dec. 25** - Volunteers (ages 10+) needed on Monday, December 25, at the Lord's Table soup kitchen at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Gaithersburg. Flexible shifts from 1:30 to 5:30 pm. Tasks include serving food, setting up, cleaning up. Contact Joanne Brodsky at brodsky.joanne@gmail.com.
- **Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR)** - Child care providers and tutors needed Tuesday/Thursday nights for the Language Outreach Program. SSL hours available. For more information on this and other volunteer opportunities, contact Andrea Kempner-Wink at andreakwink@cmrocks.org.

COLLECTIONS**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THESE DRIVES!**

- **Adopt-a-Family Holiday Gift Drive** - In this project, families affiliated with Montgomery County Child Welfare Services provide a list of holiday gift wants/needs and are matched with a TBA family to provide the gifts of their choosing. If you're interested and haven't signed up yet, please send your name to Judi Goozh at paul-judig@verizon.net or Robin Temin at robin.temin@verizon.net as soon as possible. Gifts are due a week or two before Christmas.
- **Annual Unwrapped Holiday Toy Drive** - Help make the

holiday season brighter for children of South Lake ES by bringing new, unwrapped children's toys/games for ages 9 – 11. (South Lake has asked us to concentrate this year's collection on gifts for the school's "older" students.) Collection boxes will be in the Temple lobby from December 1 – 15.

- **Ongoing Food Drive Now Targets Canned Protein and Canned Fruit** - Please bring cans (preferably 12 oz. or larger) of tuna, chicken, or salmon (no Spam, please) and fruits in 100% juice (not in syrup, please) to the box in the Temple lobby. The collection will benefit those served by the Manna Food Center and Nourish Now. This drive will run through June 2018 and focuses our ongoing food collection on areas of greatest need for low-income families in our area.
- **We're up to 1,000 Box Tops for Education (BTE) labels and counting!** - Thanks to your efforts, TBA has donated more than 1,000 of these small, bright pink labels to local needy schools thus far this calendar year. This translates to more than \$100, most of which has gone to South Lake ES in Gaithersburg, which uses them to fund more free lunches for needy children. Help us continue our efforts to help needy schools turn these labels into cash. Bring your labels to the collection boxes in the Temple lobby, Religious School office, and Nursery School office. Have a question? Contact Bernard Silverstein at cynbern@verizon.net.

IN THE COMMUNITY

- **Help CMR Distribute Holiday Gifts** - Volunteers are needed to transport gifts from Rockville to St. Francis Episcopal Church in Potomac, and to help set up, check in clients, carry baskets and toys to client's cars, or deliver with a partner to clients who don't have transportation. Two shifts: 11 am – 2 pm, and 1:30 – 4:30 pm SSL hours available. For more information or to volunteer, contact Andrea Kempner-Wink at andreakwink@cmrocks.org.

**FEBRUARY CHADASHOT
DEADLINE DECEMBER 20**

All payments must be received by December 30 in order to be posted in this calendar year and, therefore, to appear on your 2017 tax report from the Temple.

**The Temple offices will be closed
Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1.**

BROTHERHOOD *News*

Join Brotherhood Today

The Brotherhood of Beth Ami is an organization that sustains a wide range of Temple and community activities. By joining the Brotherhood, your support will help provide kiddush cups to our youth becoming B'nai Mitzvah, financial aid for Rebuilding Together, meals for the Community Based Shelter, and sponsorship of family events. Join the Brotherhood today and enjoy great entertainment while expanding your network of friends and business contacts.

Join us for our fabulous upcoming events with good friends, great food and interesting speakers. Our brunches feature lox, whitefish salad, herring, cheeses and assorted bagels, as well as coffee and juice. Check the website, www.bethami.org, to join the Brotherhood, which entitles you to discounts on our events. Join us on Sunday mornings each week of religious school for our Sunday Morning Cafe. Last Year was action-packed with guest speakers,

participation in Rebuilding Together, the Temple Golf Outing at Worthington Manor, Sporting Events, and many other exciting things! Don't be left out. Get involved with the Brotherhood, SIGN UP TODAY.

Below is our event calendar for the fall of 2017-2018. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please call Ira Greenspan at 301-524-6412.

2017 - 2018 CALENDAR:(subject to change—please check temple website, emails or Chadashot to confirm)

Sunday, December 3rd – 9:00 am – Brunch – Life on the Radio – Tom Temin, Federal News Radio, WFED, and Kathy Goldgeier, WAMU – panel discussion on the broadcasting business

Sunday, February 25th - 9:00 am – Brunch – Sports Panel with Dan Steinberg

Sunday, April 22nd - 9:00 am – Brunch – Kerry Wallach, Associate

Professor and Chair, Dept. of German Studies, Gettysburg College, author of the book Passing Illusions: Jewish Visibility in Weimar Germany

Sunday April - May - Re-Building Together – Montgomery County, MD

Tuesday, May 15th – 11:00 am – Brotherhood Temple Golf Outing - Worthington Manor

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Fall – 2017 – Spring - 2018 – Roaming Happy Hour Gatherings throughout Montgomery County

Fall 2017 – National's Hockey

Spring – 2018 – Washington Wizards Event & Nationals Group Event

Spring, 2018 - Brotherhood Softball League (Weekly Games)

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Brotherhood Planning Dinner

WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH AMI

News

Joint WTBA / Brotherhood Brunch

A joint WTBA / Brotherhood Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 3rd from 9 am - 10:30 am. Past TBA Presidents, Tom Temin, anchor of The Federal Drive on Federal News Radio, and Kathy Goldgeier, Managing Editor for Broadcast at American University's radio station WAMU, will lead a discussion on the broadcasting business on the topic of "People in the Media". They will share stories about their most memorable radio broadcasts. Food will be provided by Attman's Deli. The cost for this delicious brunch and stimulating discussion is \$10 for WTBA and Brotherhood members (free for Brotherhood Gold members) and \$15 for non-members. Please RSVP online by 12/1. Contact Ira Greenspan at 301-524-6412 with any questions.

WTBA Book Club

The next WTBA Book Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:30 - 9 pm at Beth Ami. The book for discussion is *Two She-Bears* by Meir Shalev. All TBA members are welcome to attend WTBA Book Club meetings. Please contact Madeline D'Alessio at 240-460-8926 or mkdaleessio@gmail.com for more information.

Manna Food Sorting

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped sort food at Manna in October: Danielle Konigsberg, Jake Konigsberg, Elizabeth Joseloff, Adam Levy, Lynn Stander, Dave Stander, Susan Bloom, Karen Kominsky, Jen Leibowitz, Parker Leibowitz, Izzy Leibowitz, Stephanie Fleischer and Daniel Fleischer. A special thank you to Rhonda Gaynor for organizing the group. It was a nice way to celebrate the beginning of Sukkot!

WTBA will be sorting food at Manna Food Center this month on Wednesday, December 13th at 7 pm. This is a great Tikkun Olam activity to do with family and

friends! Future Manna dates are scheduled for February 27 and April 25 at 7pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rhonda Gaynor at Rhonda.gaynor@gmail.com.

Pre-School Hanukkah Party

All TBA pre-school age children are invited to celebrate Hanukkah at our annual Pre-School Hanukkah Party. This will be held at the Temple on Sunday, December 17 from 9:15 -10:15 am. Join in the fun for a morning of crafts, story, and songs. Check your email for an Evite to the party. Please contact Amy Scher at schers@verizon.net for more information.

Summer Camp Scholarships

For the summer of 2018, WTBA is excited to offer a limited number of scholarships for children to attend summer camp programs at either Temple Beth Ami or a camp affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ). Information about URJ camps can be found at <http://urjyouth.org/camps>. Because of budget constraints, please only request this scholarship if your child would not be able to attend camp without this financial assistance. Please note that URJ camps listed on the website and TBA camps are the only camps for which the scholarships are available. Applications are due by March 1, 2018 but will be considered after that date as funds allow. Please contact Jeanne Kahn at JeanneKahn@aol.com for an application and/or more information.

Ongoing Projects

Kippot for B'nai Mitzvah, Brides and Grooms are available at discount prices through WTBA. View styles at www.kippah.com, then contact Michelle Freedberg at mefreedberg@gmail.com to

place your order.

The **Judaica Shop** will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and on Sundays when religious school is in session from 8:45 am to 12:45 pm. Volunteers are needed, and shifts are just two hours long - you can work once a week, or every other week depending on your schedule. Please contact Jackie Manis at jrmhyp@yahoo.com or 561-212-2104 for more information or Rachel Maryn at rmaryn@verizon.net to volunteer in the shop.

WTBA will present **TBA newlyweds** as a wedding gift the beautiful book On the Doorposts of Your House: Prayers and Ceremonies for the Jewish Home. Please email Barbara Ranhand at Barbara.ranhand@verizon.net if you have information about any Temple families who are planning a wedding.

WTBA E-mail Address

Do you have a question about the Women of Temple Beth Ami but don't know who to ask? Would you like to suggest a program or project but don't know who to contact? WTBA has set up an e-mail address specifically for these types of questions. This e-mail account will be checked at once a week by the Leadership Council and you can anticipate a response within two weeks. If you need a faster response, please call the Temple office directly. The WTBA e-mail address is womenoftemplebethami@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

WTBA wishes you and your family a wonderful Hanukkah!

Elizabeth Joseloff

WTBA Chadashot article editor
ejoseloff@gmail.com

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

*Paula Sayag,
Director*



Mommy, Who is Santa?

Last year, as the air gradually turned from crisp to frigid and our neighborhood decorations abruptly switched from pumpkins and ghosts to wreaths and brightly-colored twinkling lights, I took a walk with my then 3-year-old. She stopped to study that house - you know the one I'm talking about. Stockings, stars, dazzling illuminations, magical reindeer, bright bows, and sleighs covered every inch of real estate. In the middle of it all sat a welcoming, jolly man with an overflowing sack of tantalizing presents.

"Mommy, who is that?!"

Pause.

"That's Santa."

Her gaze remained glued for another minute, and then we kept strolling. Phew. I gave myself a tiny parenting pat on the back. Bullet dodged. We made it halfway down the block.

"But Mommy, who is Santa?"

Uh oh.

A magical, all-knowing gift-giver who delivers presents to every child except you and your TBANS friends? I don't remember what I said at the time - thankfully something that pacified her - but I do remember a slightly frazzled moment of hemming, hawing, hesitation, and humbug. Shortly after came Hanukkah, complete with copious gifts, erasing any room in her young mind for questions about Santa.

Another year older and wiser (hopefully

both of us), I know what this December will bring.

Curiosity about Christmas. Apparently, FOMO (fear of missing out) starts during the preschool years. If they're able to articulate their queries, I plan on giving my children as much information as they each need. Santa is not a character who visits us, because he's not part of our family's set of beliefs. He visits our neighbors, yes, and even some of our TBANS friends. This is a celebratory time of year—but there are lots of ways to revel. Simply put, Santa is not a part of our festivity. My explanation will continue as long as they're firing questions. Knowing my daughter, she'll likely be pleased that a stranger isn't coming into our house while we're asleep. Of course, it's not this simple and straightforward, but I've learned from our fearless TBANS leaders that the truth - even when we're talking to preschoolers - is the best place to start.

A Hunger for Hanukkah. No doubt my children remember this holiday from last year—and not just the gelt and latkes. The food, the fun, the parties, the presents. Did I mention the presents? This year, however, I hope to focus on ways to help my kids ditch the "give me a gift!" attitude and hone in on the gratitude. On a recent adventure to Five Below (a store in which everything is under \$5), my kids' eyes delighted in everything they landed on. We were seeking small gifts for friends, and I realized that their enjoyment in choosing

toys to give nearly matched their enthusiasm for picking items for themselves. An idea was born.

This December, while we face seemingly dueling holidays and feast on fried food, please join me, my children, and the TBANS community in a new tradition.

Shop at Five Below in Kentlands (202 Kentlands Blvd in Gaithersburg) from Monday, November 27th through Sunday, December 3rd to both give and receive.

TBANS will be collecting new unwrapped toys to donate to young children at Stepping Stones Shelter in Rockville.

In addition, Temple Beth Ami Tikun Olam Committee is collecting new unwrapped toys to donate to 9 - 11 year olds at South Lake Elementary School. Purchase toys for these drives at Five Below (or elsewhere) and bring them to the TBANS lobby anytime that week.

Bonus: If you shop with our flyer, TBANS will receive 10% of all proceeds Five Below makes that week. Everyone wins. (Contact the TBANS office for info or a flyer).

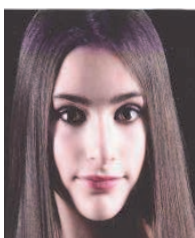
Wishing everyone a truthful, giving, and happy Hanukkah!

By *Jodie Fishman* on behalf of the TBANS Parent Committee

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B'NAI MITZVAH*Profiles*

Please join with us at Shabbat Services during the month of December as we celebrate with...



DANIELLE GAIL LAND, daughter of Erica and Robert, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, December 2. She is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Danielle has an older brother, Jacob, and an older sister, Jenna. For her Mitzvah Project, Danielle is collecting shoes for Soles for Souls.

**ETHAN MAXWELL ROSENBERG**

son of Ronna and Ellis, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday afternoon, December 2. He is a seventh grade student at Cabin John Middle School. Ethan has an older sister, Maya Rosenberg Colder. For his Mitzvah Project, Ethan is collecting used

sports equipment for Leveling the Playing Field, which, by providing equipment, helps reduce fees enabling more kids to have the opportunity to play sports.

**LAUREN SYDNEY TURNER**

daughter of Deborah and Fred, will become a Bat Mitzvah on December 9. She is a seventh grade student at Cabin John Middle School. Lauren has an older sister, Alexandra. For her Mitzvah Project, Lauren is collecting gently used sports equipment for Leveling the

Playing Field, an organization that supports athletic programs for underprivileged children in low-income schools and communities.



BEN COHEN, son of Jenny and Leonard, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 16. He is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Ben has an older sister, Sidney. For his Mitzvah Project, Ben volunteers with Open Doors Sports, playing soccer with middle schoolers

with special needs.



HAYLEY MORGAN ASAI, daughter of Debi and Rocky, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, December 16. She is a seventh grade student at Ridgeview Middle School. Hayley has a younger sister, Sadie. For her Mitzvah Project, Hayley is organizing a blood

drive in honor of her late grandmother, Bertie Lehrer. The blood drive will take place in the Spring during the Temple's Good Deeds Day. She hopes this drive will bring awareness to the need that many Lymphoma patients have for blood and will help replenish supplies



JAIDYN TORI HELLER, daughter of Amy and Craig, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday afternoon, December 16. She is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Jaidyn has a younger brother, Justin. For her Mitzvah Project, Jaidyn is collecting toiletries, basic school supplies and

other necessities to send to children with childhood illnesses such as cancer



IAN ABRAHAM RUBIN, son of Trisha and Brian, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday afternoon, December 16. He is a seventh grade student at Cabin John Middle School. Ian has an older sister, Sydney. For his Mitzvah Project, Ian joined the youth crew of the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer and raised

over \$2K in memory of his beloved grandmother, Bea Rapowitz.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

*Kim Roberts,
Director*



Calendar

Friday, December 1

Gimel Shabbat Family
Experience 6:30 pm

Sunday December 3

Machane TBA in session

Tuesday, December 5

Mid-Week Gr 3-6 in session

TBAjrHigh in session

7th Grade Parent Meeting 6:30 pm

TBAHigh – Chug 2 night

(Graduation, Aliyah Bet, Social
Action, Cooking)

Sunday, December 10

Machane TBA Primary in session

Gaga League 12:45 - 2:00 pm

Tuesday, December 12

Mid-Week Gr 3-6 in session

Erev Hanukkah

Candle lighting in Lobby 5:50 pm

Candle lighting in Lobby 6:30 pm

TBAjrHigh in session

TBAHigh – CORE night

Sunday, December 17

Machane TBA in session

Tuesday, December 19

Mid-Week Gr 3-6 in session

Candle lighting in Lobby 5:50 pm

Candle lighting in Lobby 6:30 pm

TBAjrHigh in session

TBAHigh – Chug1 night

(Aliyah Bet, Krav Maga,
Leadership, Photography)

Sunday, December 24 -

Tuesday, January 2

NO SCHOOL-Winter Break

מחנה TBA
Machane TBA
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Erev/Yom Machane – A Great Retreat Experience

Machane TBA 3rd-6th graders had a super special treat during Sukkot this year. The first-ever “Erev and Yom” Machane retreat took place right here at 14330 Travilah Road. Over 100 students spent the night with Machane TBA teachers and staff and this fun-filled “Sukkot Under the Stars” event was nonstop enjoyment. After fun ice-breaker activities and a barbeque dinner, students learned about the autumn night sky as they sat in the cool planetarium from the Maryland Science Center. The entire retreat was enhanced by the presence of renowned storyteller Jordan Hill, who regaled students with beautiful sukkot stories from around the world, Jewish stargazing stories outside near the sukkah, and some

not-too- spooky stories. Jordan’s unique style and mesmerizing delivery kept everyone involved throughout the retreat. Everyone had the opportunity to make smores at the campfire and also play gaga and other outdoor games during the “glow party.”

Students spent the night at Temple Beth Ami with their grade level cohorts and staff, and in the morning after a yummy bagel breakfast, they were joined by the rest of grades 3-6 for tefillah, a sukkot game, and more stories from Jordan Hill. Our next Erev/Yom Machane program is Feb. 24th-25th. Please sign up on Chaverweb now so you do not miss out on the fun!

<https://www.chaverweb.net/COALogin.aspx?key=B28462120815>



EREV/YOM MACHANE

A Great Retreat Experience



SIMCHAS

Mazel Tov to...

Bram Halpert, Tyler Coonin, Noah Goldman, and Ryan Boswell each on becoming Bar Mitzvah
Mia Kauffman, Maeryn Erdheim, Alexis Prator, Nina Dorfman, Olivia Pletter, Mia Weinstein, Amelia Winter, Elizabeth Winter each on becoming Bat Mitzvah

Adam Spector on the engagement of his daughter, **Sarah,** to **Josh Hafkin**

Loretta Blue on the marriage of her son, **Matthew Blue,** to **Lihi Kantor.**

Rachel and Michael Maryn on the marriage of their daughter, **Alissa,** and **David Aponte**

Cheryl and Martin Frank on the birth of their granddaughter, **Miriam Eliana Frank**

Lois and Roger Rothman on the birth of their grandson, **Ethan Wernick**

Carol and Robert Pous on the birth of their grandson, **Thomas Brown, VI**

Lindsay and Justin David on the naming of their daughter, **Alexa**

To the **Women of TBA** for the citation they received from the Maryland General Assembly recognizing their efforts to build a stronger community

Special thanks to:

Jessica Rogers for sharing her story at Sharsheret Pink and Teal Shabbat

Our Culinary Crew for our pink and teal challot and cookies

SHARE WITH US...

We want to know. Please let us know of any significant life cycle event in your family (or the family of a member friend or neighbor), such as a birth, engagement, wedding, illness or death so we can be in touch. Please contact Gail Brodsky, Clergy Assistant, at 301-340-6818 or gsb@bethami.org

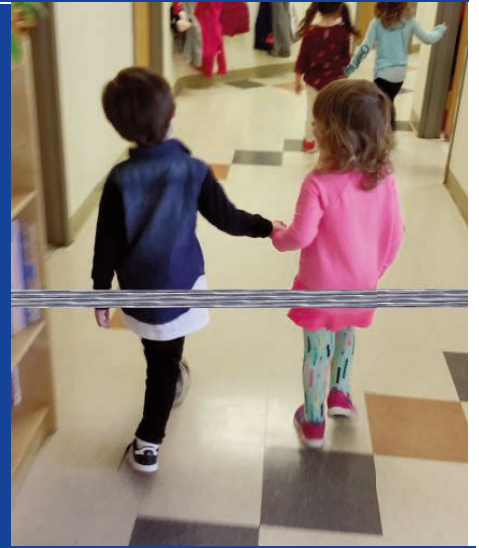
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Sukkot Volunteer Dinner, Family Festival and Sofar Corps



FALL AT TBANS

*Tashlich, Friendships, Playing, Singing, Learning and Bet
Parents Night Out*



COMMITTEE

News

Tikkun Olam in Action

The Tikkun Olam Committee Is Looking for New Project Ideas

Ever have an idea for a project to help others but not know quite how to carry it out? TBA's Tikkun Olam (TO) Committee would love to hear from you! Here's an example: In September, Charlotte Zuckman attended her first TO meeting and asked if the committee had ever had any projects with the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes* (JFGH). As a result of Charlotte's question, "Team Sukkah" was formed to assemble and decorate a sukkah at the Berlinsky/Young Group Home in Silver Spring on Sunday, October 8. Team Sukkah consisted of Charlotte, Mark and Arlynn Joffe, Kim Goldberg, Steve Roberts, Sirina Tsai, and Shelby Josephs. Three JFGH residents, along with Charlotte and Arlynn, colored paper fruits and flowers to hang in the sukkah.

TO Committee meetings are open to all and provide an opportunity to share ideas you may have regarding existing or potential projects/activities that involve TBA members. We welcome new faces and new ideas—along with people who are willing to help get such projects going. Please join us at our TO meetings, held every third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple.

For more information about the TO Committee, contact Mark Joffe at marksjoffe@gmail.com, or Joanne Brodsky at brodsky.joanne@gmail.com. To be added to our email list to receive committee updates, email Mark at marksjoffe@gmail.com. We hope to see or hear from you soon!

*JFGH is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the independence, dignity, choice, and community inclusion of individuals with disabilities, regardless of faith or creed. JFGH's programs support more than 200 individuals in more than 70 sites throughout the DC area.



Did You Know? Temple Beth Ami Volunteers Support South Lake Elementary School

A very dedicated and caring group of TBA volunteers is providing programming support to South Lake ES in Montgomery Village. South Lake's population has swelled to 900 families, with 12 kindergarten classes this year! Through the Temple's Community of Action initiative, we are running the following programs:

Art Club: For 20 3rd- and 4th-graders on Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30 pm. TBA volunteers Lois Prenskey, Abby Gritz, Susan Stern, and Sue Fox have lots of exciting projects planned, from painting, clay, and jewelry making to pop art.

ESL–Intermediate: Classes for 30 adults on Monday and Wednesday mornings are assisted by Marilyn Bier, Connie Heller, and Phyllis Silverman. A Basic ESL class was added with the help of TBA volunteers Lucy Cohen, Lois Prenskey, and Sue Fox. This class meets Tuesday mornings from 9 – 10:30.

Parenting/Mommy and Me Class: Sue Fox and Lois Prenskey initiated and developed a Mommy and Me class for South Lake parents. It meets on Tuesdays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, thanks to TBA volunteers Lucy Cohen, Lois Prenskey, and Sue Fox.

Individualized reading help is provided during lunchtime on a weekly basis by Michelle Freedberg.

In addition, Temple-wide collections for South Lake will continue throughout this year thanks to Arlynn Joffe and Michelle Freedberg. Items collected include school supplies, coats, holiday toys, and summer wear. The Box Tops for Education drive, initiated and coordinated by Bernard Silverman, also is ongoing.

South Lake recognized Beth Ami's efforts with a Thank You plaque from "Linkages to Temple Beth Ami for heartfelt gratitude for support towards our families." Sue Fox summarized this volunteer experience this way: *"I think those on the staff at South Lake who work with us know that our dedication to the school is genuine and that we really care. It's a really*

wonderful place, and our help there makes a difference. Thank you all for taking the chance to be involved!"

We can do more for South Lake with YOUR help. Please join us! Contact Sue Fox at foxdsgc@aol.com.



WTBA JUDAICA SHOP

From all of us in the shop to you - Happy Hanukkah!!!

We have everything to light up your holiday. If you haven't started shopping yet or you just need a few last minute things, we are here to help. The shop is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and religious school Sundays from 8:45 am to 12:45 pm.

For your shopping convenience, we will have our lobby boutique set up on Sunday, December 3rd and 10th.

Budget and Finance Committee Needs YOU

The Budget and Finance Committee is looking for a few people with financial background who also have an interest in analyzing the budget data and looking toward the future. Please contact Matt Rosenstock at mrose19@outlook.com

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COMING *In January*



Meet the Caterers

Sunday, January 7

2 - 4 pm

All are invited for tastings and to make critical connections with caterers who might assist in your planning future celebrations. Check lobby and website for flyer.



Broadway Buzz

Monday, January 8

10:30 am – 12 pm

You won't want to miss this popular monthly Monday morning dose of Broadway with guest lecturer, Steve Friedman. Topic: Broadway and the Jewish Influence, Part II. All are welcome! Members can enjoy Steve's monthly lectures at no cost; friends, guests and non-members will be charged \$5 per class at the door (cash and check ONLY).



Live & Learn with Gideon Amir

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23

10:30 am – 12 pm

All are invited to our popular adult daytime learning series. Topic What Does the Bible Have To Say about Love?. Please bring a full Tanach (Bible) with you, if you have one.



Israel Matters Speaker: Barry Bogage

Thursday, January 11

7 pm

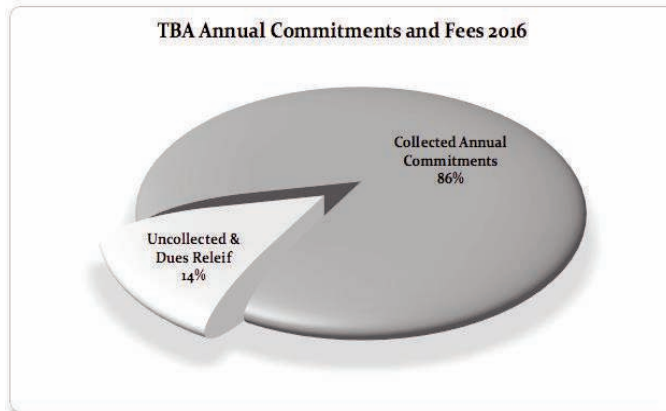
All are invited to hear from Barry Bogage, Executive Director, Maryland/Israel Development Center. Topic: Israel: A World Leader in Technology and Entrepreneurship.

First Night of Hanukkah – TUESDAY, December 12
Happy Hanukkah!

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society for how to spend time and discretionary dollars.



Whereas in the past synagogues were basically the sole providers of Jewish education and lifecycle events, nowadays in our area there are independent Hebrew schools to send your kids to; independent rabbis to perform bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings, and funerals; Chabad houses where one can experience Shabbat; and a vast variety of readily available resources on the Internet for Jewish learning. In this environment, Temple Beth Ami lay leaders recognize that we are at a competitive disadvantage by using a funding mechanism that appears so uninviting and out of touch. Writing a check to a synagogue for dues can feel like paying the price of belonging to an exclusive country club, rather than to a sacred community.

If our congregation wants to consider other new models, we need to know the various alternatives. In the current synagogue landscape, there are roughly five dues models:

The Fixed Dues Model - This traditional model has sustained most synagogues for close to a century, and it is the model for membership contributions that we currently use at Temple Beth Ami. This model sets several dues levels, often based on age, family status, marital status, one- or two-adult household, etc. Members who have difficulty paying the fee set for their demographic must request a reduction through our “dues relief” programs.

The Fair Share Model - This model requires each individual, couple or family to make an annual payment based on a percentage of the annual household income. The Fair Share dues system is marketed as more flexible, allowing members to pay according to their ability. It also aims to make membership affordable to all

who wish to join.

The Sustaining Model - This model is based on the premise that each member would need to pay a certain amount in order to sustain a congregation’s budgetary needs. That “sustaining” number is calculated roughly by taking the annual expenses of the synagogue (not including Hebrew school) minus projected revenue streams and dividing that result by the number of member units. Rob Carver, a Temple Israel lay leader in Sharon, Massachusetts, explains: “At membership renewal time, we send a letter saying this is the sustaining amount we need – if you can do this great, if you can go above this, even better – but you tell us how much you are going to pay, and that’s what you will pay.”

The Tiered Model - This is a model which incorporates a flat “standard” rate with more fundraising requests, or various levels above and beyond the standard rate. Additional donor categories include benefits to members giving at higher levels, such as tickets to educational programs and synagogue dinners, guest tickets for high holiday services and a reserved parking space.

The Philanthropic Model - Basically, members do not pay dues but rather donate – or don’t donate — whatever they’d like. Cooperation, partnership and expectations for volunteers, clergy and professionals need to be in balance in order for this model to work.

As we embark on TBA’s Vision 2020 Initiative, we will be asking ourselves why change is important. There is no magic answer regarding financial sustainability. Moving away from the traditional fixed dues model brings opportunities and challenges. The progressive or sustaining models ask many people to pay more than they are currently paying in the traditional dues system. The tiered model and philanthropic model require substantial professional and volunteer coordination and follow through. For our congregation, making changes to our membership model will require strategic thinking and action. It will take the vision of community and sense of shared purpose, and it will take an honest assessment of the culture of our congregation.

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of using our minds to triumph over might, and of real heroes. It's a holiday rich with traditions, fattening foods, and messages of morality.

Here's the essential difference, how do you celebrate them? If you, your spouse, your children, your neighbors see you expending time and energy on Christmas, e.g., decorating, shopping, and going to multiple parties and then see you make latkes for dinner one night and call that Chanukah – what message are you sending? Chanukah lasts for 8 nights – will you go to 8 Chanukah parties or 8 Christmas parties?

Many of our friends invite us at every turn to join in the celebration of Christmas. Let's invite them to celebrate Chanukah this year. Make Chanukah come alive in your home – and Sukkot and Tu B'Shevat and Pesach and Yom HaAtzmaut and Shavuot and Shabbat! If we as a community, household-by-household, create memories and celebrations around our own festivals – and invite our friends to join in – we will be able to approach these holiday seasons guilt free!

Please join me on Tuesday mornings in December (5th, 12th, and 19th) from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm as we explore how Christmas and Chanukah became the holidays we know today, and how we might be able to reinvent and reimagine them for ourselves.

Chag Urim Sameach.

Snow Birds

If you are now – or will soon be – at your winter address (even if it is only FOR a month or two), please let the office know so we can find you and keep you informed about your Temple. idf@bethami.org And, please, remember to let us know when you return home. Non-first class mail (newsletters, etc) is not forwarded and the Temple is charged a return fee for each piece. . Please help us save natural resources (trees) and the Temple's financial resources.

Thank you

ONGOING Information



"In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them."

Excerpt – Roland B. Gittelsohn

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Looking to Make a Connection?

The clergy and staff are here to help you find that special connection with your congregation. Whether it's a class, service, kehillah, social action project, film, dinner, leadership role – just check out the Chadashot, the UTTM Thursday e-blast, the website and come join us. If you want help connecting, contact Shelly Gordon at 301-340-6818 or slg@bethami.org It's YOUR congregation; be connected.

Is Your Email Address Current? Are You on Chaverweb? Are You Connected?

If you are not yet connected to the Chaverweb system, it may be because we do not have an up-to-date email address. Please let the Temple office know if you did not get the emailed invitation and we will help you connect. Chaverweb will enable you to update your personal profile, view the on line membership directory, review your account (and, soon, pay your account), register for school, and classes, etc.

If you are already in Chaverweb, but FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD, please DO NOT SIGN IN AS A GUEST; simply click on "forgot your password" and you will receive a new one by email.

JSSA Liaison is Here for You

Through our special relationship with JSSA, TBA members are able to receive free and confidential consultation on family and mental health issues including parenting children of all ages and aging parents. Roberta Drucker is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and also earned a BA in Psychology, and Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education. Her specialized training and experience include the treatment of anxiety, OCD, and other mood issues, ADHD, learning disabilities, families with special needs, parenting, couples and family therapy, aging and bereavement, and intergenerational family therapy. During her tenure as Director of JSSA's Resettlement Program, she provided services to families, and consultation to staff in a variety of settings, including Jewish Day Schools, public schools, pre-schools, and religious schools. Please contact Roberta at rdrucker@jssa.org or 301-610-8369 for free confidential consultation.

*"May the memory of
these Righteous
be for a blessing"*

We mourn the recent death of:

Ilene Plave
wife of Lee Plave
mother of Joshua, Jennifer and
Stephanie Plave

Nathan Tonelson
father of Jed Tonelson and
David Tonelson

Eva Wertheimer
mother of Lynn Karpay

Sylvia Goldberg
mother of Ronald Goldberg

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Be with us through video streaming. Go the home page of our website and click on view video streaming in the Service Schedule box. You can also listen to services by calling 301-309-3834.

OUR DIRECTORY IS ON-LINE

The Temple directory is on line through Chaver-web. Please remember that you can go into your profile and update it. If you've never looked at it, please take a minute to see what's there. The directory is available to Temple members only.

WE GRATEFULLY *Acknowledge*

A contribution to a Temple fund is a meaningful way to support the Temple community while honoring a birthday, recuperation, wedding, graduation, birth or any special occasion. Donations may also be made in memory of loved one. For a minimum \$10 donation, an acknowledgement will be sent to the person you wish to honor or the family of the deceased. If you have any questions about existing funds or wish to establish a fund, please call Janice Rosenblatt, Executive Director, at 301.340.6818.

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In honor of:

SANDY and PHIL MARKS on their 50th Wedding Anniversary by Loretta Feldman

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** as of October 25, 2017



Happy Hanukkah

Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of Kislev (Tuesday, December 12) and lasts for eight days. It commemorates Judah Maccabee and his follower's victory over the army of the Syrian tyrant, Antiochis, in 167 BCE. It celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem, which the Syrians had profaned. According to Talmudic legend, when the Hasmonians recaptured the Temple, they were able to find only enough oil to light the eternal light for one day. But a miracle occurred and the light burned for eight nights. The nightly kindling of the Menorah has become a symbol for both our physical and spiritual resistance to tyranny and assimilation. Jewish tradition has preserved this twofold concept; the heroic Maccabean victory is balanced with the words of the prophet, Zechariah, who declared, "Not by might and not by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord".

Hanukkah celebrates more than the end of an unsuccessful attempt by an outside power to destroy Judaism. The threat to Judaism was both internal and external. The assimilation to Hellenic culture was so great that certain elements within Jewish society sought to become fully assimilated, at the expense of their own unique Judaic culture. The story of Hanukkah tells of the age-old struggle of the Jewish people to remain Jewish in a non-Jewish world. Hanukkah is a reminder that we, as Jews, are obligated to reaffirm our Jewish identities and loyalties, while recognizing the positive influences of the world in which we live. Hanukkah was traditionally celebrated as a "minor" holiday, but it has increased in Western cultures due to its proximity to Christmas.

The mitzvot and customs of Hanukkah include:

- Kindling the Hanukkah lights and displaying the lighted Hanukiyah (special menorah for Hanukkah) where it can be seen (usually in a window). The lighting of the Hanukiyah takes place on each of the eight nights of Hanukkah. Candles are put in the menorah from right to left, the last candle being lit first (lighting left to right). All candles are lit with the shammas (an additional "helper" candle). On Shabbat, the Hanukkah candles are lit before the Shabbat candles.
- Celebrating with games and special foods. The most popular game is dreidel (or sevivon). The dreidel is a four-sided top with the Hebrew letters, nun, gimel, hay and shin, popularly identified as the Hebrew words Nes Gadol Haya Sham, "A great miracle happened there." It is traditional to eat food cooked

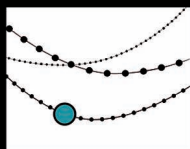
in oil to remind us of the oil that burned for eight days. Potato latkes and sufganiyot (jelly donuts) are the most popular.

- Giving modest gifts. Many people exchange gifts during Hanukkah. This practice is part of Hanukkah's special appeal to children during what has become in our country a time of almost universal gift giving. When given money as a gift, children should be encouraged to use some of tzedakah; families may also choose to donate one night's gifts to children who would otherwise not receive any. It is important to emphasize the significance of the festival and the struggle of the Jewish people to remain distinctive in a non-Jewish world.

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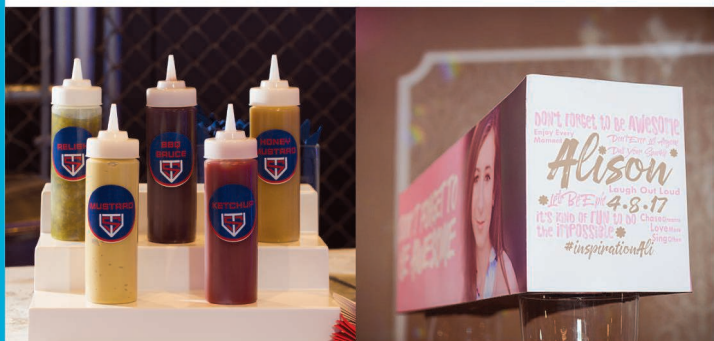
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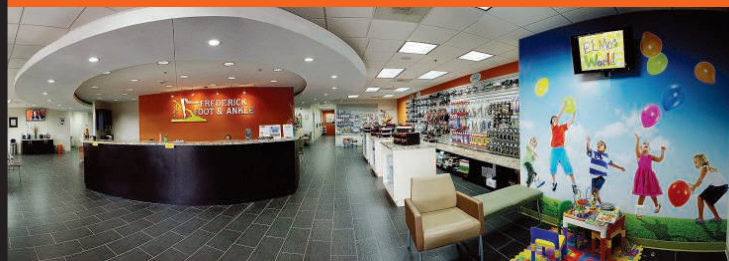


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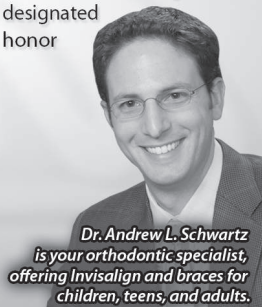
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