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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, January 5

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song and Story

Saturday, January 6

10:00 am Shabbat Minyan

5:30 pm Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Parker Leibowitz

Sunday, January 7

10:45 am Minyan

Friday, January 12

6:30 pm Tot Shabbat - TBANS Dalet's

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 13

10:30 am Shabbat Service

B'nai Mitzvah: Benjamin Myers

Eli Schwartzman

10:30 am Shabbat Chapel Service

Sunday, January 14

10:45 am Minyan

Friday, January 19

6:30 pm Spirit of Shabbat

Saturday, January 20

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Alec Fleischer

Sunday, January 21

10:45 am Minyan

Friday, January 26

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 27

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah: Gabriella Wright

5:30 pm Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Bennett Greenspan

Sunday, January 28

10:45 am Minyan

Friday, February 2

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MESSAGE FROM *Rabbi Weiss*



My challenge to each of us this year of 2018 is to try to be more present and attentive to the world around us and most importantly the people we interact with.



It was around 3 o'clock in the afternoon when I stopped into Starbucks for an afternoon caffeine pick me up. It was just after school had let out and there were many teenagers walking around the parking lot. Not surprisingly, they all had their heads down looking at their smartphones. What was surprising was that they were doing this while walking right in front of my car! Two young women literally walked right out in front of me and caused me to come to a halt. I was thankful that I was being an attentive driver. But also worried that the next person they encountered wouldn't be. It is not just teenagers who are at fault for being inattentive to their surroundings. Many of us, myself included, are often distracted or focused somewhere other than right before our eyes. My husband, Todd, often jokes with me that I am so often in my head, that I won't see new paint on our wall or even notice that one of our dining room chairs is a different color. It takes me awhile to see what is right in front of me.

That ability to notice the subtle details is what made Moses, our greatest teacher and

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Important Emergency Notice

Temple Beth Ami has partnered with One Call Now so we can send Emergency Alert emails to the entire Temple Community. We hope to never have to use this system, but, if necessary, it enables us to quickly send emails alerting you of an unexpected concerning event in or around our building. Please check Chaverweb to be sure we have your current email address; also please update all your contact information. Thank you

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MESSAGE FROM *Laura EJ Rose, President*



2018 RESOLUTIONS FOR THE TEMPLE

I'm not one for New Year's resolutions – especially those that involve weight loss and “living a healthier lifestyle.” But I do think that the first of the year is a great time to check in with yourself (and your work) to make sure you've made progress. In 2018, there are plenty of resolutions to make for Temple Beth Ami professional and lay leadership. Here a few of the important goals that we've set this year:

Communications - Like most online spaces, our Temple website has accumulated clutter throughout the years. This spring, the Website Working Group will be moving Temple Beth Ami to a new, mobile-friendly website platform. In order to maintain a compelling and accurate web presence, we will archive and update our website content. The committee's goal is for our Temple to be represented by a website that is compelling, easy-to-use, and conveys the vitality and warmth of our community.

Development – In November, Rabbi Pokras convened a new Development Initiative Leadership Team. Its goal will be to create a cohesive and integrated development strategy for the Temple. 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. In addition, our Budget Committee and Financial Secretary's

Committee will continue to carefully and strategically consider factors that influence the Temple's potential income, including our current dues relief process.

Hospitality, Service, and Engagement – The Hospitality Initiative has made a tremendous impact in its first year of meeting, greeting, and making all feel welcome in our Beth Ami home on Friday evenings. They continue to create a culture of “audacious hospitality” at our Shabbat celebrations. Our many social action and advocacy groups, as well as the Women of Temple Beth Ami and the Temple Brotherhood, continue to spearhead and participate in an overwhelming number of projects, events, and programs that address societal and social justice issues that affect our community. Temple kehillot forge connections and ignite feelings of belonging, ownership, and responsibility. Our goal is for these many groups to stay informed of each other's programs and to coordinate efforts when the chance to collaborate arises. Rather than creating programs in silos, collaboration will enhance our ability to create connections and to build community.

Governance - Best governance practices and principles will continue to guide the Board of Director's work. The Executive Committee is working to reshape the summer board orientation process and has committed to launching regular opportunities for leadership development and training workshops for interested congregants. Last year, the Board completed a detailed review of the

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COMING*This Month***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.

**Washington Wizards v. Milwaukee Bucks****Monday, January 15****2 pm**

The Temple Brotherhood invites everyone to see the Wizards take on the Milwaukee Bucks at the Verizon Center. Perfect family activity for a "day off" from school! Cost: \$43 (Temple member); \$48 (non-member), includes a Wizard's t-shirt. Seats are in sections 403 & 404. Register online by 1/2. Questions: Rob Shapiro

(shapiro0504@yahoo.com).

COMING *This Month*



Food Film Fest

Friday, January 19

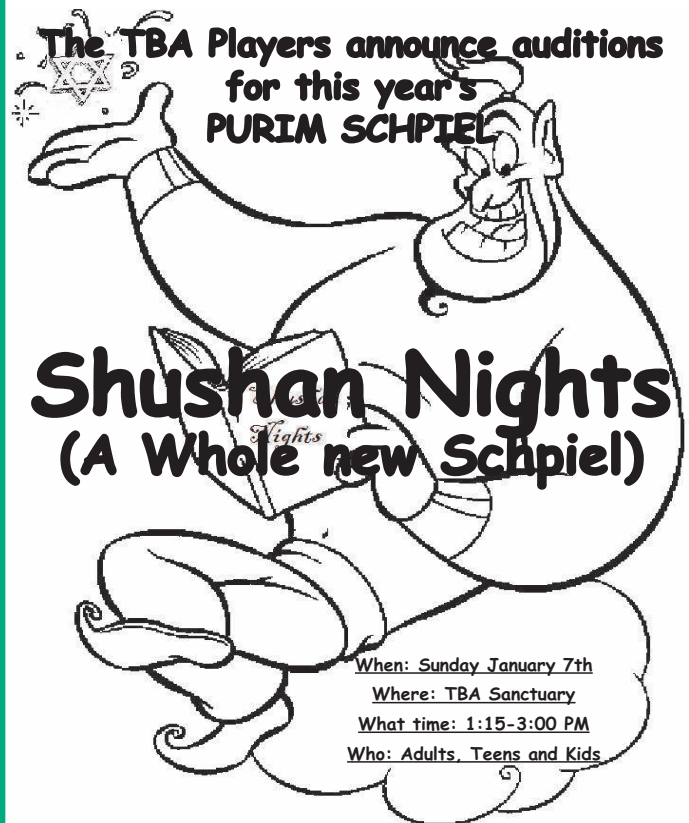
7:30 pm

Following our Wine & Cheese Pre-neg and "Spirit of Shabbat" service, make plans to join us for a delicious Shabbat dinner and dessert, followed by a screening of the documentary, "There Are Jews Here." This film takes us to places where most never imagined Jews existed, following the untold stories of four once-thriving American Jewish communities that are now barely holding on. Register online by 1/16 and don't miss this engaging and educational evening.

Your Voice **2020** Our Vision

As a Congregation, we make a resolution to continue to learn and grow through the collaborative strategic planning process. Along with Clergy, Staff and a Board dedicated to driving the process, the Vision 2020 Committee will endeavor to take an objective view of external and internal trends that impact our membership and will shape our congregation's road map to the future. We need to understand that some of challenges we face are out of our control (changing demographics, generational feelings about affiliation, decreasing membership across membership organizations, economic uncertainties). While we may not be able to control these external factors, we will need a deep understanding of them. Committed research teams will explore membership and dues models, engagement and education across all demographics, management and operations, fundraising and finances, communication, facilities, and governance.

Watch the Chadashot and the UTTM for 2020 updates. To get involved, contact Melissa at mib2424@gmail.com



If you are unable to make this audition time, please contact:

Joshana Erenberg at joerenberg@gmail.com
to schedule an alternate time

The Schpiel will be performed on February 28th and March 4th

**MARCH CHADASHOT
DEADLINE JANUARY 25**

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

- **Meals on Wheels** - We're recruiting volunteers who could be available on an as-needed basis to deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound residents of Montgomery County. Training provided. See article elsewhere in this issue for more information.
- **Shabbat Services for Seniors** - Join fellow TBA members in leading/facilitating Shabbat services for seniors at Bedford Court in Silver Spring. Current volunteers will help you learn more about the Shabbat service, in Hebrew or English. Contact Colin Alter at alterc@comcast.net.
- **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!

- **Heads Up re Drive for Personal Care and OTC Meds for Refugee Families** - In February, we'll collect personal

care basics and over-the-counter medicines for refugee families in our area. Please bring the following to the collection box in the Temple lobby from February 1 - 24: shampoo, conditioner, soap/body wash, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine sanitary pads/tampons, mouthwash, and shaving cream; Tylenol, Advil, Motrin, Aleve, or generic brands.

- **Keep Those Box Tops for Education (BTE) labels coming!**

- Thanks to your efforts, TBA donated more than 1,000 of these small, bright pink labels to local needy schools in 2017. This translated to more than \$100, most of which was donated to South Lake ES in Gaithersburg, which uses the funds to buy 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.

- **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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

- **Save the date for the CMR Gala, Saturday, March 24, Lakewood Country Club** - Watch this space for more information, or contact andreakwink@cmrocks.org.



Purim Project - 10:45 – 12:45 – Main Kitchen - **NEW TIME**

Come join us as we bake thousands of hamantaschen for the Temple's Purim fundraiser. Sign up on line.

We look forward to baking together.

Sunday, January 21, 28 and February 4

Sunday February 11 – with Cookie Brigade

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.

2018 Calendar

Monday, January 16 - 2 pm - All-Star John Wall and the Wizards versus rising Milwaukee Bucks superstar Giannis ("the Greek Freak") Antetokounmpo. Free Wizards t-shirt. Tickets \$44 members/\$49 non-members.
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)

Ira Greenspan,

President
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WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH AMI

News

WTBA wishes you and your family a wonderful 2018! We look forward to seeing you at one of the many upcoming events.



Weekly Mah Jongg

WTBA is very excited to announce weekly drop-in Mah Jongg at the Temple starting Monday, January 8th from 1 pm - 3 pm. Players of all abilities are welcome and there is no charge to play. Don't worry if you don't know how to play. There will be someone there each week to teach anyone who wants to learn.

Don't forget to purchase your 2018 Mah Jongg card from WTBA. A portion of each sale enables us to continue the work we do for the Temple and the community.

Look online and in the lobby for order forms as well as for registration forms for our bi-annual Mah Jongg tournament on Sunday, February 18th.

Any questions? Please contact Rachel Maryn at rmaryn@verizon.net.

Yoga Stretch and Strengthen



WTBA yoga classes will continue on the following Sundays: Jan. 7th, January 14th, January 21st, January 28th, February 4th, February 11th, February 18th, February 25th, March 11th, March 18th, April 1st, April 8th, April 15th, April 22nd, April 29th, May 6th, and May 13th at the Temple from 2:00-3:00 pm. These are multi-level classes with options for beginners as well as advanced students. Our yoga instructor is TBA member Monya Cohen, an Inner Axis 200-hour certified yoga teacher. No prior yoga experience is necessary. The cost is \$102 for WTBA and

Brotherhood members and \$119 for non-members. Proceeds will go toward WTBA's Stuff-a-Duff project and the Rockville Days for Girls team. Please dress in comfortable, stretchy clothes and bring a yoga mat, a water bottle, and a pillow, folded blanket or cushion. RSVP online or with the flyer on our website and in the lobby by 1/3.

Questions? Please contact Monya Cohen at mjcohen0636@gmail.com



WTBA Book Club

The WTBA Book Club will meet on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:30 - 9 pm at Temple Beth Ami.

The book for discussion is *The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem* by Sarit Yishai-Levi. We have a copy of the book to lend. All TBA members are welcome to attend WTBA Book Club meetings. Please contact Madeline D'Alessio at 240-460-8926 or mkdalessio@gmail.com for more information.

Day Trip to Annapolis

WTBA will be taking a trip to Annapolis on Wednesday, February 14th to attend the Women's Caucus meeting to learn about legislative topics that are important to women, and then proceed to the House session to see our legislators in action. Before heading back to Rockville, we'll have lunch together at an area restaurant. We will form carpools to make the trip easier for everyone. The maximum number of people we can accommodate for this trip is 15. Check the February Chadashot for more information. Contact Jeanne Kahn at JeanneKahn@aol.com with questions.

Manna Food Sorting

The next Manna Food Center sorting will be on February 27th at 7 pm. This is a great



Tikkun Olam activity to do with family and friends! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rhonda Gaynor at Rhonda.gaynor@gmail.com.

Women's Seder

Save the date: the annual WTBA Women's Seder will be held on Sunday, March 25th from 5 - 7:30 pm. Want to volunteer to help? Please contact Robin Temin at robin.temin@verizon.net or Richel Lupkin at rblupkin@aol.com. Keep an eye out for more information in the February Chadashot!

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.

Citation from the MD General Assembly

WTBA has received a citation from the Maryland General Assembly with congratulations for our work building a stronger community. The citation reads: "Be it hereby known to all that sincerest congratulations are offered to The Women

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

*Paula Sayag,
Director*



Bundle Up, Kids, We're Taking This Party Outside

As the shortest day of the year breezed by recently, I found myself daydreaming, longingly, about evening in the early fall. The 6-o'clock-hour brought the delighted shrieks of neighborhood children drifting in through open windows, prompting my kids to shovel dinner in their little mouths, velcro their shoes in record time, and fly down our front steps to join the fun.

The promise of more bike riding or hide-and-seek tomorrow was the only semi-reliable way to lure those worn-out but happy preschoolers indoors for bedtime.

Today, the gloomy, gray winter sky and high (if we're lucky) of 38 degrees aren't exactly welcoming—and by 6pm, my kids are somehow lethargic and restless at the same time, and I'm policing one argument after another. Our afternoons are missing a crucial element: a chance to blow off steam that doesn't involve jumping off couches like maniacal mini-paratroopers.

Bundle up, kids. I know it's cold, but we're taking this party outside.

There isn't always a ton of daylight by the time we've finished our daily obligations, and we certainly don't last

as long as we do on carefree warm days—but the benefits of time outdoors remain the same. Playing outside means exercise, which our kids desperately need (for many reasons, not least because it helps them sleep better). When swing sets are covered in snow or mittens hinder playing tee ball, children must problem-solve or rely more on their imagination. Even the dim days provide much-needed Vitamin D, and fresh air offers an escape from virulent winter germs.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) suggests dressing children in multiple, loose layers so they stay warm and dry, and putting one more layer of clothing on your child than you would wear yourself in the same conditions. Choose boots that are large enough to comfortably accommodate two pairs of socks, and have your kids come inside periodically to warm up.

Rest assured, though, your child is unlikely to lose a limb to frostbite during 30 minutes outside in Rockville if properly dressed.

On the days that I don't get a chance to take my kids out to play—or, let's be honest, when the thought of wrangling my three

children into boots, hats, and gloves is too much to bear—I'm grateful that TBANS takes our kids outside whenever possible. I'm told that there's no specific temperature that determines whether our kids hit the playground. Instead, our teachers also consider wind, the amount of sunshine, precipitation and other factors that can affect the outdoor experience. They also weigh the benefit versus the discomfort for the particular kids in their class, and they all try to get outdoors if it's a good decision (even for a short time).

On those days when I find myself shivering while walking into school from the parking lot, I hope I remember to thank our teachers. I also hope they have extra down in their jackets.

Jodie Fishman,
TBANS Correspondent



B'NAI MITZVAH*Profiles*

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

**PARKER JARED LEIBOWITZ,**

son of Eric and Jen, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday afternoon, January 6. He is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Parker has a younger sister, Isabel. For his Mitzvah Project, Parker is partnering with Leveling the Playing Field to run a drive to collect sports equipment to distribute to low income kids throughout the DMV.

**ELI JEFFREY SCHWARTZMAN,**

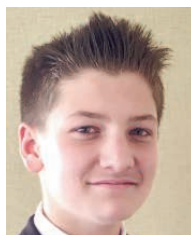
son of Adam and Michele, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 13. He is a seventh grade student at Parkland Magnet Middle School for Aerospace Technology. Eli has a younger brother, Ryan. For his Mitzvah Project, Eli collected new and used solar eclipse glasses and, working with the organization Astronomers without Borders, sent them to kids in South America and Asia to use for the 2019 solar eclipse.

**ALEC JORDAN FLEISCHER,**

son of Janis and Alan, will become a Bar Mitzvah on January 20. He is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Alec has an older brother, Hale, and a younger sister, Shayna. For his Mitzvah Project, Alec is volunteering as a sponsor with the Israeli Lacrosse Connection Program. The program connects young Israeli lacrosse players living miles from the Gaza Strip with Jewish-American youth lacrosse players in order to strengthen a connection with Israel while providing mentorship and equipment to at-risk youth.

**GABRIELLA ROSE WRIGHT,**

daughter of Jon and Wendy, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 27. She is a seventh grade student at Cabin John Middle School. Gabriella has an older sister, Miranda. For her Mitzvah Project, Gabriella is raising money for World Bicycle Relief.

**BENNETT ALDEN GREENSPAN,**

son of Tamara and Scott, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday afternoon, January 27. He is a seventh grade student at Herbert Hoover Middle School. Bennett has two older sisters, Morgan and Taylor. For his Mitzvah Project, Bennett will be collecting new toys for children in need for KINDH.org.

SIMCHAS*Mazel Tov to...*

Joseph Bloomfield, Jonah Karp, Zachary Edenbaum, and Jake Gluck each on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Carly Schaecter, Samantha Blaine, Gabriella Lizondo, Julia Lvovsky, Elizabeth Gelman and Madeline Kaplan each on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Melissa and Ana Quinones on their birth of their twins,
Brooklyn and Shay Quinones

Allison, Ken, Maxwell and Eli Brenner on the birth of their son and brother, **Nathan Groff Brenner**

Keith Goodman and Deborah Cohen on the birth of their granddaughter, **Sidney Primrose Goodman**

Kate and Carl Hurwitz on the naming of their daughter, **Bayla Elizabeth**

The Critical Issues Forum for being honored with the Community Group of the Year Award by the Maryland Food and Nutrition Network for fighting hunger in Maryland

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

**The Temple offices will be closed
 Monday, January 16**

MACHANE TBA NEWS

*Kim Roberts,
Director*



Calendar

Tuesday, January 2

NO SCHOOL

Sunday January 7

Machane TBA In Session

Tuesday, January 9

Mid-Week Gr 3-6 in session

TBAjrHigh in session

TBAHigh – Core Night

Sunday, January 14

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 16

NO SCHOOL

Sunday, January 21

Machane TBA in session

Tuesday, January 23

Mid-Week Gr 3-6 in session

TBAjrHigh in session

TBAHigh – Chug 2 Night

(Graduation, Aliyah Bet, Social Action, Cooking, Confirmation)

Sunday, January 28

Machane TBA In Session

Tuesday, January 30

Mid-Week Gr 3-6 in session

TBAjrHigh in session

TBAHigh – Core Night

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KAYITZ! PLAN NOW FOR SUMMER

As the Machane TBA Kayitz (summer) program heads into its third full summer, we are delighted to share a sneak peak of what is in store for our Kayitz campers. Kayitz offers a warm and engaging environment for families who are looking for a nurturing 8-9 week (depending on age) summer camp experience for children ages 3-3rd grade. The “Taste of Kayitz” experience is open to 2-year olds who can attend for 3, 4, or 5 days a week for 6 weeks. Kayitz offers a summer tailored to the needs of busy families - the ability to register for individual weeks of camp as well as an option to register by the DAY (“Holiday Days”) during the week of July 4th. Additional options include “Kayitz Plus AM and PM”(before and after camp), hot lunch

Summer 2018 will bring special new programming for campers in grades K-3, all of whom have an extended day which ends at 3:30 pm. All K-3 campers participate in a program called “livnot,” which means “to build” in Hebrew. Livnot involves a cumulative weekly project such as building a solar system or embarking on a secret spy mission. K-3 campers also get to make their own challah dough and they visit “Lake Bethami,” which entails a moon bounce with a slide and wading pool at the bottom, their own “cabana” hangout area, picnic blankets, and separate wading pools. They also have a special “mischak”, which is blacktop play time with sports and games, and a hofesh, which is dedicated free time.

Our K-3 Students will be divided into two distinct groups. Kindergarten is called the Tzahov (Yellow) Bunk. This summer we are proud to introduce the Catom (Orange) Bunk for our 1st-3rd graders which will features some unique programs dedicated to our oldest campers. Catom Bunk campers will have choice in some of their art and sport blocks, and they will have activities designed just for them. This summer the Catom bunk will be able to choose from among soccer, basketball, gaga, knitting, pottery, drama, photography and more in their sport and art blocks.

Another first-time feature planned for four-year old Yarok (green), Tzahov and Catom campers is the morning “flagpole” kehillah time where campers will gather together to start the day summer camp style with the Pledge of Allegiance, Hatikvah, camp songs, freeze dance and other camp favorites.

Highlights of Kayitz for ALL campers include our weekly Shabbat celebrations and art projects. Kayitz campers can look forward to the dynamic weekly themes, Wednesday “Yom Kayitz” in-house field trips and creative activities that everyone has come to love at Kayitz. Daily water activities, including “Bethami Beach” and “Lake Bethami”, will be offered. Friday challah making and exciting “hagigah” activities such as cooking, social action and art, as well as some new hagigah themes are in the works for Summer 2018.

Our dedicated staff and volunteers help to make Kayitz the wonderful place that it is,

and our campers LOVE to come see them every morning in the summer months! Kayitz is the place to be during the summer! Join us this summer so that your kids can have the time of their life while making great new friends. Kayitz is open to the entire community, so be sure to tell your neighbors. Early bird registration is open NOW. Visit the TBA website (www.bethami.org) and find Kayitz under the Education drop-down menu. Come spend YOUR Kayitz at Kayitz!



COMMITTEE

News

Critical Issues Forum Named Community Group of the Year



At the 7th Annual Fighting Hunger in Maryland Conference in October, Jackie DeCarlo, Manna CEO, along with Michael J Wilson, Director of Maryland Hunger Solutions, presented the Community Group of the Year award to the Critical Issue Forum: Advocacy for Social Justice.

CIF is a small advocacy group of volunteers from three MoCo synagogues, Beth Ami, Kol Shalom, and Adat Shalom. CIF focuses mainly on food insecurity issues facing the citizens of Montgomery County and Maryland. CIF advocates with County and State elected officials, County and State government agencies, and non-profit organizations, such as Maryland Hunger Solutions, to help eliminate hunger in MoCo and Maryland.

CIF encourages all members of these three synagogues, as well as welcomes other synagogues, to get involved and join us.



TBA Cares REALLY Cares

TBA Cares provides meals for those families who need assistance in times of illness, contact during times of healing and post-Sholoshim, and other support services to congregants experiencing difficult times. The Committee also created the “TBA Cares Resources for Easier Living” guide which can be found in Chaverweb under Files.

Its newest service is providing cancer support to members with cancer and their families.

Have you been diagnosed with cancer? Are you preparing to begin treatment? Feeling overwhelmed and wondering how you'll manage it all?

Knowing that a cancer diagnosis, treatment, and recovery can be overwhelming, TBA Cares is pleased to share that it has new support services and volunteers in place ready to lend a helping hand, so you and your family can focus on treatment and recovery.

From providing or coordinating transportation to-and-from treatment, to getting children to-and-from religious school activities, setting up a meal calendar and delivering meals, to touching base by phone, email or card---we're here to help.

We're congregants (and cancer survivors) supporting congregants.

Contact us:

Michelle Freedberg: mefreedberg@gmail.com

Denise Feldman: dfeldman1005@yahoo.com

Remember to contact TBA Cares or the Temple office if you need our assistance.

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

Tikkun Olam in Action

Made a Resolution to Volunteer More This Year? New Volunteer Opportunity Available

Looking to volunteer for a couple of hours at a time on an occasional or regular basis? TBA is launching a new effort to recruit substitute volunteers to deliver kosher meals for the **Jewish Social Service Agency's (JSSA) Meals on Wheels (MOW)** program in Montgomery County. As a member of this volunteer corps, you'd be trained to deliver meals to homebound individuals and families. You can deliver as often or as infrequently as you'd like. Your name would be added to the list of people notified when substitutes are needed. There's no obligation to respond to these notices, but if you have time and would like to volunteer, you'd help JSSA avoid having to hire a delivery service—thereby allowing JSSA to preserve funds for more direct needs.

You can sign up with a partner or as an individual and, if you'd like, we'll try to pair you with another volunteer. Some find it easier to make the deliveries in pairs so, for example, if parking at the delivery site is tight, one volunteer can remain in the car while the other delivers the meals to the residence. JSSA provides detailed directions to the delivery locations, and a GPS or navigation app may be helpful as well. JSSA also provides training and will conduct a background check on volunteers.

TBA member Charlotte Zuckman is part of this volunteer corps now and finds it a wonderful experience. She signed up with a friend, and together they make deliveries to homebound clients of varying ages, Jewish and non-Jewish. The program has allowed her to travel throughout Montgomery County to do this mitzvah.

TBA's Tikkun Olam Committee currently coordinates a group of volunteers who deliver weekly on a given MOW route. Delivering since 2015, these volunteers include husband/wife teams, an intergenerational team that has resulted in a warm friendship, and a volunteer who prefers to make the deliveries by himself. They all enjoy the program and feel they're providing an important community service. Because of our participation, we receive

frequent notices from JSSA asking for volunteers to cover other routes when the regular volunteers aren't available. This gave us the idea to try and recruit more volunteers who could be available occasionally (or regularly if they'd like) as needed. We hope you'll give this idea some thought.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Joanne Brodsky at brodsky.joanne@gmail.com, or Charlotte Zuckman at char.zuckman@comcast.net.



Meredith Polsky, TBANS Developmental Support Coordinator, received the prestigious Covenant Foundation Award for Outstanding Jewish Educator for 2017. The Awards Ceremony took place during the Jewish Federation's General Assembly on November 12. Paula Sayag, TBANS Director, who nominated Meredith for the Award, and Ellen Bortz, TBANS Special Projects Coordinator, accompanied Meredith when she was honored. Visit the Covenant Foundation's website, www.covenantfn.org, for more information. Read next month's Chadashot to learn more about Keshet - TBANS Inclusion Program.

Snow and Ice Closings

Weather related information will be posted on the Temple website's home page (www.bethami.org) and will be on the Temple and school's voice mail. The schools follow MCPS; the Temple follows MC Government.

PHOTO REVIEW

Brews with a View, PJ Shabbat, Gimel Shabbat Prep, Shabbateens, TBANS Moments

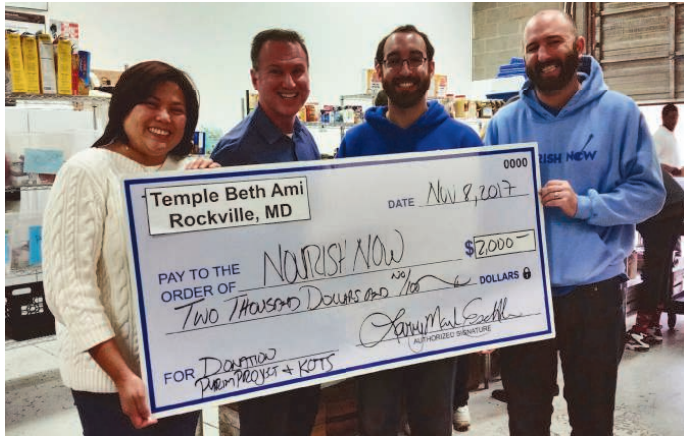




Family Camping Fun for All

COMMITTEE *News*

Donating to Nourish Now - Purim Project, KOTS and TBANS Gimel Class



Challah Club



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synagogue's bylaws to make sure that they reflect current practice. And this spring, the Nominating Committee will be searching again for creative, committed individuals willing to serve the congregation as members of an active Board. This year, monthly Board meetings will continue to shift from regular reporting to active debating and discussing of the most relevant issues for Temple Beth Ami's healthy sustainability.

The comprehensive strategic planning initiative begins in earnest this month as we launch our 2018 Listening Campaign. We'll be offering myriad opportunities for your participation and input. Through house meetings, town halls, face-to-face discussions, and a congregational survey, our Vision 2020 Committee will endeavor to reach all parts of our congregational community. Look for specific dates in the Temple's weekly Up to the Minute as well as dedicated e-blasts that will direct you to RSVP for events from mid-January through mid-March.

There will be plenty of room for out-of-the-box thinking this year. Our goal is to create a collaborative culture that invites and embraces new ideas and which stimulates creative thinking. All ideas are welcome. The most important thing to remember? We can't achieve big things unless we're open to the possibilities.

SERVICES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song
and Story/Tu B'Shevat

Saturday, February 3

10:30 am Shabbat Service

B'nai Mitzvah: Anna Goldstein

Joshua Goldstein

Sunday, February 4

10:45 am Minyan

COMING*In February***NetWork & NOSH****Network & Nosh****Friday, February 2****8 - 9 am**

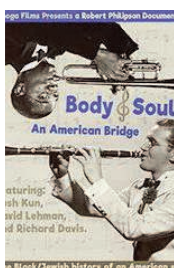
Are you in business for yourself? A budding entrepreneur or a seasoned business owner? Temple Beth Ami invites you to meet, network and schmooze with others like yourself from the congregation at "Network & Nosh." These get-togethers will include a light breakfast and a speaker series with dynamic business 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).

**Saturday, February 3****5-7 pm****A Musical Spiritual Journey with Becky Schwartz Corbett and Cantor Larry Eschler**

Come spend time late Shabbat afternoon with Becky Schwartz Corbett and Cantor Larry Eschler at this unique program of narrative, learning and music from 5-7 pm. Becky Schwartz Corbett, MSW, ACSW, a national speaker, trainer and executive coach in intentional growth, leadership and career development, is fiercely dedicated to inspiring people to lead and helping individuals and organizations move ideas to action. No charge, but your RSVP by 1/28 to Shelly Gordon (slg@bethami.org) assists with planning. Program concludes with Havdalah and light refreshments.

**Live & Learn with Jen Winick Miller****Tuesdays, February 6, 18, 20****10:30 am – 12 pm**

All are invited to our popular adult daytime learning series. Topic: Culinary Exploration of the Spring Holidays.

**Body & Soul: An American Bridge****Sunday, February 11****3 pm**

It's the perfect way to spend a cold Sunday afternoon - at the Temple watching a terrific documentary, followed by a live jazz performance! Body and Soul: An American Bridge is a fascinating portrait of the musical relationship between African Americans and American Jews. This film examines both the fraternity and conflict in this cultural exchange by focusing on the early performance history of the jazz standard, "Body and Soul," one of the most recorded songs in the jazz repertoire. Our screening will be followed by a performance by two long-time friends – and friends of Beth Ami: Seth Kibel & Daryl Davis! \$10 pp (\$15 guests) includes film, performance and light refreshments. Register online.

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prophet, such a special person. He was gifted with the ability to see the spiritual in the every day moments. In this month of January, our weekly Torah portions introduce us to the character of Moses. We start with the Torah portion Shemot and then move through the story of the Exodus with Va'era, Bo and Beshalach, which is referred to as the Shabbat Shira, the Shabbat of Song, when we sing Mi Chamocha, the song thanking God for the parting of the Sea of Reeds.

After all the familial relations of Genesis, we are introduced to Moses, who is the only prophet ever said to speak to God directly, "Peh al Peh: Mouth to Mouth." In life many of us are looking for a spiritual connection. It is interesting to note that Moses wasn't aware of God's presence in the beginning of his life, when he was growing up as an Egyptian in Pharaoh's palace. He had his spiritual awakening when he was shepherding in the field. It was there that he saw a bush burning yet remarkably not being consumed by the fire. Think about this sign that he saw from God—a burning bush. How many of us would have walked by without even noticing? It was a good thing Moses didn't have an iPhone like those teenagers in the parking lot or he might have missed out on the opportunity completely. (Although perhaps Waze could have helped him reach the Promised Land quicker than in 40 years!) Moses took the time to stop and pay attention. It was only then that God called to him and Moses responded, "Hineni, here I am." Realizing this was holy ground, Moses took off his sandals, a sign of respect.

I would suggest that there are burning bush moments available to each of us—opportunities to encounter God's holiness and the world's beauty on a daily basis. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote about spiritual moments that helped us feel connected to God yet were few and fleeting. Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, the Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, suggests that what made Moses so special was that he was able to find moments like this, not on occasion, but on a regular basis. Rabbi Schorsch remarks on a verse we read later in Torah in Numbers 12:7 which describes Moses as "A servant of God who felt His presence everywhere." Rabbi Schorsch explains that "Moses had the rare capacity to find God in the ordinary and everyday. He did not need a miracle to unveil for him the miraculous in the mundane. He heard God's voice just as audibly in the silent glow of bramble as in the eruption of Mt. Sinai."

My challenge to each of us this year of 2018 is to try to be more present and attentive to the world around us and most importantly the people we interact with. Let's put down our phones more, stop to smell the flowers, and to pay attention to the details that make God's presence in our world so much more available. We never know what we might encounter.

As Todd, Ari and I look to welcome a new child into our family (whom we are expecting, God-willing, right around the time this month's Chadashot comes to your homes), I know that we will be seeing the world through new eyes, with a sense of wonder and gratitude for life. May this secular new year, and the beginning of our reading of Moses and the Exodus story, the historical narrative that made us a people, help us to bring mindfulness and attentiveness to our world.

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 rdruicker@jssa.org or 301-610-8369 for free confidential consultation.

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.

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of Temple Beth Ami in recognition of a strong dedication to public service, providing for the underserved, and working to empower communities.”

The citation was formally presented to WTBA by Maryland Delegate Aruna Miller (15th District) at the November Spirit of Shabbat service. In her remarks, Delegate Miller highlighted WTBA's longtime Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) projects: providing meals for the Montgomery County Women's Center, donating items to the Montgomery County Office of Child Welfare Services for children entering emergency foster care, our Crafts for a Cause program, and support of the Temple and Women of Reform Judaism. The citation will be framed and hung in the Judaica Shop. We are very proud to have received this honor! Thank you to Rabbi Pokras and Cantor Eschler for helping us warmly welcome Delegate Miller at the service.



Crafts for a Cause

On November 1st, WTBA held a Crafts for a Cause event at the Temple where we worked

with the leaders of the Rockville Days for Girls (DfG) team to prepare sustainable hygiene kits for girls in underprivileged countries. Approximately twenty women met for a pizza and salad dinner followed by a brief introduction to the DfG project given by Janet Schiller and Rhona Arbit. Afterwards, the participants worked at various stations on both sewing and non-sewing tasks, with each woman finding a job that was appropriate for her skills and experience. At the end of the night, 15 complete kits were assembled and packed up, ready for delivery to girls in needy areas.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this very meaningful project which helps break the cycle of poverty. Special thanks go to Janet and Rhona for all their hard work to bring this event to fruition!

New WTBA Sign – Special Thank You

Thank you very much to WTBA Leadership Council member, Livia

Weinstein, for her donation of a new sign that reads: “The Women of Temple Beth Ami Welcome You”. The colorful sign was debuted at the November Wine and Cheese held before the Spirit of Shabbat service. This pre-oneg Wine and Cheese was sponsored by WTBA in honor of receiving the citation from the Maryland General Assembly. We look forward to displaying the sign at many more WTBA events.

Judaica Shop

The Judaica Shop managers, Jackie Manis and Livia Weinstein, would like to wish all the Judaica Shop volunteers and customers a very Happy New Year and a huge thank you for another successful year.

The Judaica Shop is open on 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 always needed. Please contact Jackie at jrmhyp@yahoo.com or 561-212-2104 to volunteer.

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.

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!

Elizabeth Joseloff

WTBA Chadashot article editor
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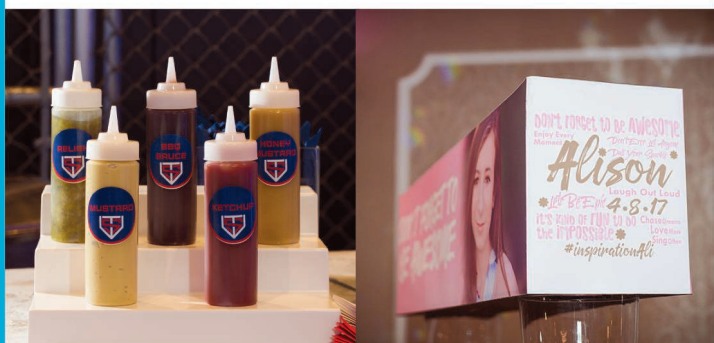
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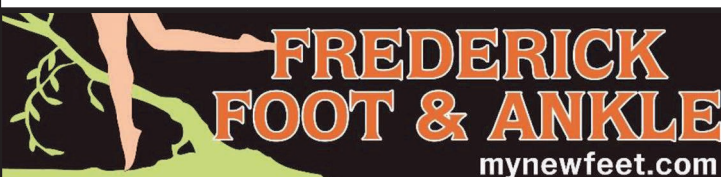
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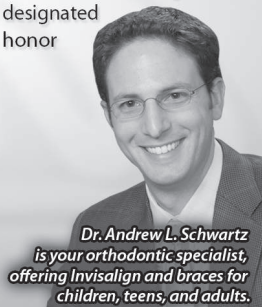
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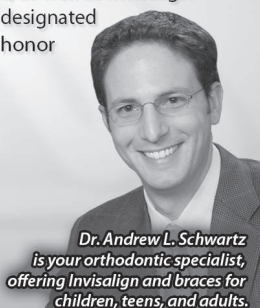
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