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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, May 4

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song and Story

Saturday, May 5

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Jacob Oshinsky

Sunday, May 6

10:45 am Minyan

Friday, May 11

6:30 pm Tot Shabbat -

Celebrating TBANS

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 12

10:30 am Shabbat Service

B'not Mitzvah: Amanda Kossoff
Madeleine Press

10:30 am Shabbat Chapel Service

Sunday, May 12

10:45 am Minyan

Friday, May 18

6:30 pm Spirit of Shabbat

Saturday, May 19

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah: Cathryn Russ

7:30 pm Erev Shavuot Service
including Yizkor

8:30 pm Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Sunday, May 20

9:30 am Shavuot Family Festival
Celebration

10:30 am Shavuot/Confirmation
Service including Yizkor

Thursday, May 24

10:30 am Torah Service

Bat Mitzvah: Brooke Goldberg

Friday, May 25

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MESSAGE FROM *Caantor Eschler*



SPHERES OF INFLUENCE

Through our modern 24-hour news cycle, constant Facebook posts, and countless tweets, we are relentlessly deluged with negative stories about the drug epidemic, murder, violence, bigotry, discrimination, racism – you name it – and it's exhausting! I ask you: how does knowing this information make your life better? Although we could join organizations, or otherwise work toward making a difference to improve some or all these issues, most of us can't seem to fit the actual doing something into our day; and yet, when we hear or read this information, we probably feel depressed, unsafe, and powerless – maybe even angry. So, ask yourself, why do you use Facebook or Twitter if it makes you feel bad or hopeless? Why invest time in those activities? Is there a



faster, better way to get that information that doesn't have the built-in negativity? Do we need to know that "news" at all? The truth is we are not powerless; in fact, we are very powerful. However, we give up our power when we use our resources in pursuits which take time and energy away from what we truly can change within our spheres of influence.

We all have limited time and energy, so what we choose to give our time and attention to tells a lot about who we are and what we deem important. We are fortunate to have choices, though. Some may feel they don't have that luxury because the kids need to be driven some

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Summer Hours Begin June 1

Starting on June 1, the building will close at 7pm on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The building will reopen on Tuesday evenings starting September 5.

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MESSAGE FROM Laura EJ Rose, President



A SEASON OF CHANGE IS UPON US

In the near future, Temple Beth Ami congregants, clergy, and staff will collectively embark on what is undoubtedly going to be another season of change. This year our Vision 2020 research initiative created a task force to examine our congregation's membership dues structure and to determine how well it is working. In the months ahead, it will examine other funding models and then recommend to the Temple Board a plan of action that it believes will work best for our congregation. Ultimately, effective implementation of changes to current practices will get us closer to achieving our overall goals of financial security and the sustainability of our congregation.

However, a plan for implementation of some fiscal change cannot wait until 2020. Temple Beth Ami faces a deficit for the second consecutive year. With Temple revenue more than 90% dependent on annual commitments from congregants, it was imperative this winter for the Board of Directors, working closely with the Financial Secretaries Committee, to undertake an evaluation of our congregation's financial aid policies.

Temple Beth Ami remains committed to providing assistance to families who find themselves in situations of great financial need and who cannot afford the full cost of membership. To do so, under yearly recommendation from the Budget Committee, The Board of Directors designates a significant portion of its annual

"dues and fees" revenue to Dues Relief for congregants experiencing hardship. In FY2016 and FY2017, the percentage of revenue sacrificed to negotiated and uncollected dues exceeded budgetary expectations, contributing substantially to a \$100K budgetary deficit. This is a trend which temple leadership fully recognizes our congregation cannot withstand. Changes to current practice are unavoidable.

The Mishkan T'filah suggests that no members or prospective members of a synagogue, regardless of their ability to pay dues, should be turned away from a house of worship.

"May the door of this synagogue be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship. May it welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture. May the door of this synagogue be narrow enough to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity. May its threshold be no stumbling block to young or straying feet. May it be too high to admit complacency, selfishness and harshness. May this synagogue be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life."

This year, the Board endeavored to stay true to that philosophy, while remaining vigilant in guarding our synagogue's financial sustainability. The newly, revamped Financial Aid process outlined in April's Chadashot article constitutes a major step toward allowing our congregation the room to balance running the business of the synagogue while remaining a welcoming community. By setting a deadline for

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COMING

*This Month***BROADWAY
BUZZ****Monday, May 14****Broadway Buzz with Steve Friedman****10:30 am -12 pm**

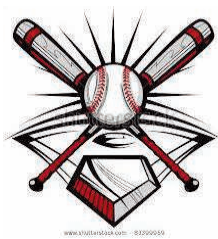
Topic: MORE Broadway & The Leading Men. All are welcome. Lecture is free for Temple members and \$5 for guests.

**Tuesdays, May 8, 22, 29****Live & Learn with Rabbi Luxemburg****10:30 am – 12 pm**

Topic: Jerusalem – The Roots of Sanctity & Strife. Join Rabbi Luxemburg for an overview of the role of Jerusalem in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The history and archaeology of the city will be explored along with textual references. All are welcome to our monthly adult learning sessions.

**Tuesday, May 15****16th Annual Golf Outing at Worthington Manor****12:30 pm
through dinner**

Don't miss a fabulous day of golf and good fun! Everyone is welcome to enjoy a fun day of golf at Worthington Manor Golf Club. The day begins with a 12:30 pm shotgun start and concludes with dinner, awards & raffle. Price includes range, carts, snacks, lunch AND dinner! \$99 (under 21); \$129 (TBA Brotherhood member); \$139 (TBA members); \$149 (guest). Register online.

**Friday, May 25****Season Opener Picnic Shabbat****Dinner -6:45 pm
Services -7:30 pm**

Don't miss our Baseball-themed Picnic Shabbat Season Opener! Wear baseball gear from your favorite team and join us out back on the lawn for a bring-your-own dinner (6:45 pm) or order pizza from the Temple. We'll provide popcorn and beer (for those over 21). Erev Shabbat Services with The ShabbaTones – our Temple Band – begin at 7:30 pm. Order your pizza through Shelly by Thursday, 5/23 (SLG@bethami.org or online), to be picked

**Tuesday, May 29****WTBA Book Club****7:30 - 9 pm**

All are welcome to join us at the Temple for a lively discussion of two books: Option B (Sheryl Sandberg & Adam Grant) and Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant? (Roz Chast). Questions? Madeline (301.948.8926).

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/community/social-action/TikkunOlam.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Rebuilding Together** - Join other TBA members in repairing and renovating the home of a low-income family in Montgomery County on May 6. Contact Roger Rothman at rothmania@aol.com.
- **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.
- **Help TBA Help Area Refugee Families** - Volunteers with a variety of skills/abilities needed to help newly arrived immigrant families settle in the DC area. Occasional or more regular time commitments accommodated. Tasks include tutoring children/teens in English/other subjects, providing rides to medical appointments, and assisting with applications/other paperwork. Teens/adults welcome. For more information or to volunteer, contact Gail Roe at gail@gailroe.com.

COLLECTIONS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THESE DRIVES!

- **Diaper Collection** - Please bring donations of children's diapers (all sizes) for children served by Montgomery County Child Welfare Services and Interfaith Works. A collection box will be in the Temple lobby from May 11–June 4 (including during the May 25 Picnic Shabbat).
- **We need your Box Tops for Education (BTE) Labels** - These small, hot pink labels can be found on many items you buy in the grocery store, including on food, storage, cleaning, and other products. We distribute the labels we collect to needy area schools, which turn them in for cash for school-related needs. Please bring your BTE 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.

- **Did you know that our ongoing food drive has changed?** - TBA's ongoing food drive has a new focus this year. The Manna Food Center and Nourish Now have asked us to collect canned protein & canned fruit, items they feel are of greatest need for low-income families in our area. Please bring cans (preferably 12 oz. or larger) of tuna, chicken, or salmon (no Spam) and fruits in 100% juice (not in syrup) to the box in the Temple lobby.

IN THE COMMUNITY

- **Heads-Up re Community Ministries of Rockville's Hometown Holidays in May** - Support CMR by Attending Taste of Rockville during Rockville's Hometown Holidays, May 26 and 27. Volunteers needed to sell food tickets for Taste of Rockville, and everyone's invited to enjoy food from many Rockville restaurants to benefit CMR's programs for the needy in our community. For more information or to volunteer, contact Andrea Kempner-Wink at andreawink@cmrocks.org or 301-637-0172.

JUNE 30 - THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

All accounts for this fiscal year, July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018, should be paid in full. It is very important to us that everyone who wants to is able to be members of our Temple community. We are here to help you, but we need to hear from you. Unless our Executive Director, Janice Rosenblatt, is contacted by you, all accounts not paid in full for the past fiscal year (July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017) will be resigned as of June 30.

Thank you for your continued support of Temple Beth Ami. Without YOU, we could not be here to do what we do.

*The 2018/5778 Confirmation Class
invites you to share in its celebration at the
Shavuot Service
Sunday, May 20, 2017 - 6 Sivan 5778
at 10:30 am*

Julia Bogart

daughter of Lauren Bogart

Jake Carin

son of Moira and Josh Carin

Elena Colliver

Lauren Colliver

daughters of Virginia and Craig Colliver

Benjamin Fleischer

son of Claire and Roy Fleischer

Ryan Gartman

son of Heather and Michael Gartman

Leah Greenspan

daughter of Marlo and Ira Greenspan

Kendall Griffith

daughter of Lisa and David Griffith

Alex Halber

son of Michelle and Ron Halber

Haley Kaplan

daughter of Lisa and Jonathan Kaplan

Jared Katon

son of Michelle and Andy Katon

Kaley Katz

daughter of Carolyn and Andy Katz

Lilah Kauff

Rebecca Kauff

daughters of Jackie and Scott Kauff

Alexa Kotz

daughter of Shira and Dan Kotz

Amy Kraft

daughter of Susan and Ron Kraft

Shauna Mahoney

daughter of Karen and John Mahoney

Hallie Maytin

daughter of Debbie and Ron Maytin

Zoe Philips

daughter of Marci Norton and Howard Philips

Stephanie Povich

daughter of Lisa and Harris Povich

Josh Rubin

son of Lisa and Eric Rubin

Andrew Schorr

son of Cara and Kevin Schorr

Jonah Schwartz

son of Amy Schwartz and Ron Schwartz

Michael Schwartz

son of Jodi and Andrew Schwartz

Marisa Sobel

daughter of Amy and Keith Sobel

Alyssa Steinberg

daughter of Stacy and Jim Steinberg

Miranda Wright

daughter of Wendy and Jon Wright

Lucas Zolan

son of Carrie Zolan

JEWISH HERITAGE TRAVEL TO MOROCCO

March 31 – April 9, 2019, Led by Rabbi Jack Luxemburg

Join with Rabbi Luxemburg and other Temple members to experience the country that is home to more Jews than any other in the Arab world - where protection of Jews and co-existence date back to the 15th Century and beyond, where the national constitution acknowledges the “nourishing and enriching benefits of Hebraic influences”, and where Hebrew can be heard being spoken in the streets as Sephardic Jews from Israel come to visit their family’s country of origin.

Morocco is home to centuries of Jewish history and culture which produced famous rabbis, artists, philosophers and political leaders. We will immerse ourselves in the Sephardic experience and explore the interaction between Judaism and Islam. Our travels will bring us into contact with representatives of the local Jewish community and of the international Jewish organizations that support Jewish life in an Arab country. Imagine walking the same streets as did Maimonides, strolling the colorful “mellah” (markets) where Jewish craftsmen plied their trade for centuries, and making Shabbat with the Jewish community in Marrakesh!

Plan to attend an information and orientation meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 7:30 pm at the Temple., RSVP to Susan Neumann, spn@bethami.org. Leading the presentation will be Nimrod Shafran, Senior Vice-President of ARZAWorld/Da’at Travel, and an expert on Jewish travel to Morocco. At the meeting, details of the trip, including costs, flight information and registration procedures will be shared. In the meantime, information can be obtained and early registration completed by visiting ARZAWorld.com and searching for “Tempe Beth Ami”. Note: This trip will be limited to 40 participants.

PLEASE COME JOIN US at the Monthly Chapel Service!

Isn’t it time for you to join fellow TBA congregants at the monthly TBA Shabbat morning 10:30am service held the second Saturday of each month in the chapel? Isn’t it time you celebrated Shabbat in a warm, intimate setting, usually with TBA clergy, where you can enjoy a meaningful religious service, schmooze with other congregants, and have a pleasurable Kiddush lunch following the service? For over 13 years, these monthly Shabbat Chapel Services have become an important part of TBA religious life, and those who regularly attend have come to look forward to them with great anticipation. This could be you!

Moreover, congregants can participate in the service if they so choose; for example, they can chant Torah, chant or read Haftarah, or deliver a D’var Torah. Often the Torah reading is followed by a clergy-led discussion of its meaning and applicability to our everyday lives. The monthly chapel service also offers congregants the opportunity to celebrate joyful life-cycle events such as a baby naming, *Auf Ruf*, or a special birthday or wedding anniversary. And, of course, the service provides a venue for saying kaddish when observing *sheloshim* or a *yahrzeit*.

The Kiddush lunch following the service is an important part of the Shabbat celebration and is prepared by different volunteers each month (usually two individuals or families). The lunches provide one and all the opportunity to catch up on the news of the day, whatever it might be, to discuss important (and not so important) issues, and to otherwise schmooze.

The dates of the next few 2018 second-Saturday-of-each-month chapel services starting at 10:30 am are May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11 and September 8. Please mark these dates on your calendar, and we very much look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you!

WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH AMI

News

Makeovers, Manicures & Mitzvah

WTBA and Next Dor, together with our corporate sponsors Saks Fifth Avenue at Chevy Chase, CHANEL Cosmetics, and Dyson, invite you to join us at our Makeovers, Manicures & Mitzvah event on Sunday, May 6th from 1- 6pm.

Saks' elegant cosmetics department and a DJ's music provide the backdrop for an afternoon of pampering. Schmoose with old and new friends while you sip champagne and mimosas and nibble on light bites. Relax as a CHANEL spécialiste performs your makeover or manicure using your choice of their latest colors. Makeover recipients will also learn the tips and techniques their spécialistes use to create their fresh, new looks. A Dyson hair stylist will be available to perform a limited number of hair blow outs on a first come, first served basis. All attendees will be entered to win a drawing for our mystery door prize.

Saks Fifth Avenue at Chevy Chase is located at 5555 Wisconsin Avenue in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Parking is free, and there are two large parking lots on site. The Metro Red Line Friendship Heights station is located 0.3 miles from the store.

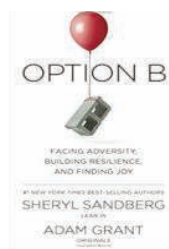
An \$18 cover charge benefits Days for Girls, an international charity that promotes educational access for girls through hygiene solutions and health education.

This event is limited to 50 attendees. To be certain you are part of the fun, look for the link to our Sign-Up Genius page in the Up to the Minute emails and on the WTBA webpage. Please read all of the details on our Sign-Up Genius page for complete event information. Still have questions?

Please contact Holly Lobel at cookmom8884@aol.com.

**Partner Yoga Class**

WTBA is offering a free partner yoga class on Sunday, May 13th from 2 - 3:20 pm. Partners can be husbands and wives, children and parents, grandparents, siblings, friends -- everyone pairs up with a partner. Partner poses provide a fun yoga activity that develops teamwork, trust, communication skills, listening skills, persistence, endurance, creativity, patience and problem-solving skills. The class will end with a relaxation and mindfulness meditation. Please RSVP to Monya Cohen, mjcohen0636@gmail.com by May 10th.

**Book Club**

For more information, please contact Madeline D'Alessio at mkdalessio@gmail.com.

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 29th from 7:30 - 9pm at the Temple. We will discuss two related books and select the books for next year's reading list. Join us to discuss Option B by Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant and Can't We talk about Something More Pleasant by Roz Chast (New Yorker cartoonist).

**Manna Food Sorting**

A huge thank you goes out to the many volunteers for sorting food at Manna Food Center in February: Susan Bloom, Stephanie Fleischer, Daniel Fleischer, Eric Leibowitz, Jen Leibowitz, Parker Leibowitz, Izzy Leibowitz, Danielle Konigsberg, Jake Konigsberg, Jen Feinstein, Justin Feinstein, Andrew Feinstein, Dian Levy-Jose, Leah Levy-Jose, Lynn Stander, Dave Stander, Ellen Keifetz and Cory Keifetz.

The next Manna Food Center sorting will be on June 5th at 7pm (please note new date). If you are interested in volunteering for this family-friendly Tikkun Olam activity, please contact Rhonda Gaynor at Rhonda.gaynor@gmail.com.

Purim Café

Thank you to our volunteers who made our Purim Café successful: Marilyn Lipowsky, Livia Weinstein, Jody Rosenblum, Melissa Bauman, Holly Lobel, Judi Goozh, Eve Lader, Sloane Cooper, Richel Lupkin, Jackie Manis, and co-chairs Linda Burka and Rhona Arbit. We appreciate their time and hard work!

WRJ Fried Leadership Conference
(from Rhona Arbit)

Thank you to all our members who allowed me to attend the WRJ Fried Leadership Conference in Nashville in March. As always, I had fun and learned more about how to be an effective leader. I attended workshops on programming, membership, worldwide Progressive Jewish projects, Hebrew calligraphy, partnerships with other organizations, leadership development, and different leadership models for sisterhoods. During "Purim Palooza" on Saturday

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

*Paula Sayag,
Director*



Once in a New Moon: Celebrating Rosh Chodesh with Preschoolers

Last summer, my husband and I decided, against our better judgement, to pile into our family minivan and drive to Massachusetts. Overnight. We climbed in with three tiny, gleeful vacationers at 6pm, foolishly optimistic that a near-bedtime departure would bring smooth, sleepy sailing.

There were so, so many things wrong with this plan. By 10 pm, everyone was still wide-eyed (also our snack supply was half depleted and we'd cycled through every single CD multiple times) and staring at a sudden wall of construction-induced traffic. My eyes flickered with frustration, my husband's flashed irritation, but my 2-year-old's reflected magic and wonder. His gaze grazed the overabundance of impatient drivers and fixated on something infinitely mesmerizing, much higher up.

"Mommy, can we stop and get out? I want to catch the moon and bring it in the car with us."

The beauty of innocent awe temporarily replaced the chaos and stress of our ill-conceived road trip. Months later, that moment still sticks with me.

As summer approaches again, our New Year's resolutions squarely in the rearview mirror, the moon cycle serves

as a monthly reminder that we can start over more than once a year. And during the summer months, the moon looms lower in the sky, meaning my preschoolers can see it more easily.

Enter the (minor) Jewish holiday of Rosh Chodesh (literally head of the month). On Rosh Chodesh, we say a prayer articulating our hopes for the month to come. It's also a day when women should gather and abstain from work (where has this holiday been all my life?).

This summer, I'm hoping to make it something that my family celebrates together. Here's how:

Resolutions. Instead of waiting for a new year, it can be pretty refreshing to hit the reset button at more regular intervals. Last month, when the number of daily desserts in my house reached new heights, I squashed my little sugar fiends' dreams with a much-needed reinforcement of a forgotten rule: 1 sweet per day. Tying this type of regulation to a new month can only help my cause—my decree came seemingly out of the blue and brought many tantrums with it—as can letting my kids help decide the monthly resolutions.

Exploration. I may have failed to properly cultivate my son's lunar fascination last summer, but this year I'm ready. We could've used that month

to read books about the moon, take nightly walks to see how big the moon was that evening, even made our own moon pies. This summer, when we're missing school and the routine that accompanies it (and the activities our creative teachers offer), I'll let my kids choose a monthly topic that we can explore together.

Girl power. When my third child arrived last year, he tipped the scales in my house toward testosterone. I rarely get time alone with my daughter—this may be our perfect monthly opportunity. Ladies—no daughter? No problem. We're practically commanded to get together at the beginning of every month.

Want to get in on the Rosh Chodesh celebrating? The next one rolls around on May 15th.

By *Jodie Fishman*, TBANS Correspondent

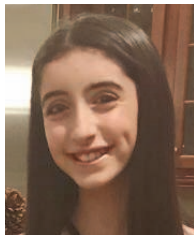
B'NAI MITZVAH*Profiles*

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



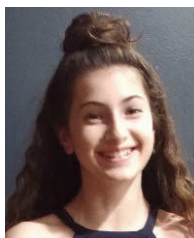
JACOB MICHAEL OSHINSKY, son of Robert and Stephanie, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 5. He is a seventh grade student at Green Acres School. Jacob has an older sister, Hannah. For his B'nai Mitzvah Project, Jacob will be making monetary and food donations to Manna Food

Center.



AMANDA MADISON KOSSOFF, daughter of David and Liz, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 12. She is a seventh grade student at Hoover Middle School. Amanda has a younger sister, Lindsay. For her B'nai Mitzvah Project, Amanda will be working with dance studios

and individuals to collect and donate costumes for school districts in need. Costume collection includes dance, theatrical and Halloween.



MADELEINE RACHEL PRESS, daughter of Leslie and Michael, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 12. She is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Madeleine has an older brother, Harrison. For her B'nai Mitzvah Project, Madeleine is organizing a

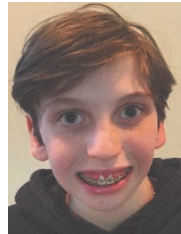
Park & Stream cleanup through the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.



CATHRYN (CATIE) ELIZABETH RUSS,

daughter of Lauren and Daniel, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 19. She is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Catie has an older sister, Abigail. For her B'nai Mitzvah Project, Catie will be

performing 18 Random Acts of Kindness in the community.



MAX DONOVAN

MCLLENAGHAN, son of Ruth and Paul, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 26. He is a seventh grade student at the Lab School of Washington. Max has two older brothers, Brendan and Ben. For his B'nai Mitzvah Project, Max is raising money for and participating in the Food Allergy Research and Education (F.A.R.E) Food Allergy Hero's Walk.

SIMCHAS*Mazel Tov to...*

Todd Rosenblatt on his becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Hailey Yentis, Skylar Yentis, Jennifer Shea, Vanessa Rubin and Larissa Halber each on becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Naomi Licker and John Schmelzer on the birth of their grandson, **Jake Schmelzer**
Jordann and Daniel Cholst on the birth of their son, **Adam Bennett Cholst**
Olga, Pavel, Michael, Nicholas and Sammie Palanker on the birth of their son and brother, **Benjamin**.
Rhonda and Mitchell Gaynor on the engagement of their daughter, **Allison to Tim Adams**

Special thanks to:

Ann Joseloff, Sherri and Jim Lieberman for helping with the Oneg
The Culinary Crew and the Cookie Brigade for our challot, hamantaschen and basketball cookie

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

*Kim Roberts,
Director*



Calendar

Tuesday, May 1

Mid-Week Gr 3 - 6 in session
TBAjrHigh in session
TBAlHigh – Chug 2 Night
(Graduation, Aliyah Bet, Social
Action, Cooking, Confirmation)

Sunday, May 6

Machane TBA In Session

Tuesday, May 8

Mid-Week Gr 3 - 6 in session-
LAST Session
TBAjrHigh in session-
LAST Session
TBAlHigh – Core Night-
LAST Session

Sunday, May 13

Machane TBA In Session-
LAST Session

Tuesday, May 15

Final Confirmation Rehearsal
6:30 - 8 pm

Sunday, May 20

Confirmation Service
& Brunch 10:30 am - 2 pm



FOCUS ON K-2

Our Machane TBA K-2 students have been very busy this year with special programming and ongoing classroom experiences which are aimed to create community and enhance their Jewish life. In March, over 180 people attended the Kitah Bet (2nd Grade) seder, which was led by our clergy. Experiences such as this seder help to model expressions of Judaism that we can take home and adapt to our own Jewish practice. K-2 classes also have Shabbat Family Experiences scheduled throughout the year. Students and parents arrive 30 minutes before the service for directed activities and then they enjoy a wonderful Shabbat service and Oneg afterwards. In fact, the Bet (2nd Grade) Family Shabbat just took place and it was WONDERFUL!

Some of our regular K-2 programming includes interactive and experiential Torah lessons that serve to complement classroom lessons, such as: “Jonah and the Whale” and “Jacob’s Ladder” for Kindergarten; “Noah’s Ark” and “Rebecca at the Well” for First Grade; and Jewish

Values experiences such as cooking meals for Nourish Now and baking dog treats and making cat toys for animal shelters. We invite everyone to come upstairs to our primary wing just to see the lovely bulletin boards which always reflect all the great things that go on in our classrooms.

This year our Bet classes inaugurated some new Torah lessons on the biblical matriarchs and the patriarchs (the “Mamas and the Papas”) and all students love our music class with our fantastic teen songleaders. All of K-2 has a musical tefillah with Cantor Eschler every other month; we use a special siddur for our service and the children enthusiastically sing tefillot with the Cantor.

Club TBA offers additional opportunities to cultivate friendships and learn new skills after K-2 school on Sundays. This year we had the largest enrollment ever with over 30 students in each session. Next year we are hoping to offer sports, art and cooking over the course of the year.

BETHESDA URBAN PARTNERSHIP - ESSAY CONTEST*Essay Awarded an Honorable Mention*

There wasn't much time. My flight was leaving in a few hours, and I needed to get to the airport.

The plastic folding chairs weren't exactly comfortable, but he preferred it that way. For years, he even sat on one in his living room. Eventually, he bought a soft recliner, but I suspect that was more to stop us from nagging than anything else.

The view from the balcony made up for it. Bay to our right, ocean to our left. On a clear day, the sun would rise and the sky would brighten, and he would joke that you could see all the way to Europe.

Except it wasn't a joke. He could always see Europe.

So we enjoyed the view, and looking back it seems fitting that my last question was what he remembered most about our trip.

There wasn't much time. Cancer marches to its own beat, flights and families be damned.

A year earlier, our family sat down to a Passover Seder at a synagogue in Berlin. Such an action in such a place once risked a death sentence. But there we sat, three generations of Zimmermans.

In pretty comfortable chairs, not for nothing.

The Seder was the culmination of a ten-day journey to Poland and Germany. A trip that was talked about for decades and came to fruition just in time. Retracing a family history that the Nazis tried to wipe from the face of the Earth but ultimately—my own existence as proof—failed to fully erase.

Quite a lot to choose from. The streets of his hometown. His still-standing elementary school. Treblinka, the death camp that took his mother and two sisters. The gas chambers of Auschwitz.

None of those, as it turned out.

It was a large sign over a subway station entrance in Berlin with the names of every death camp the Nazis operated. Above the camp names was a heading, written in German, that translated to "we will never forget."

That's what stuck with him. That sign in that city, of all cities. A nation once hellbent on destroying him was now saluting him, and promising never to forget him.

There wasn't much time. A month after we got up from the balcony and said goodbye, he was gone.

Grandpa never heard a compliment he felt he deserved. His life was defined by work—supporting his family as a child, surviving the Holocaust, making a new life in America. None of this, in his view, made him unusual. He'd be quick to tell you that there was nothing special about that, or about him.

He was wrong.

There wasn't much time. My wife was in the recovery room with our newborn baby, and I needed to get back.

My parents wanted to know: What's Aiden's middle name?

I knew they would ask, and I couldn't wait to answer.

Morris.

Morris Zimmerman lived. Our family survived. My son would carry his name.

There was time.

Adam Zimmerman

7th Grade Machane Teacher

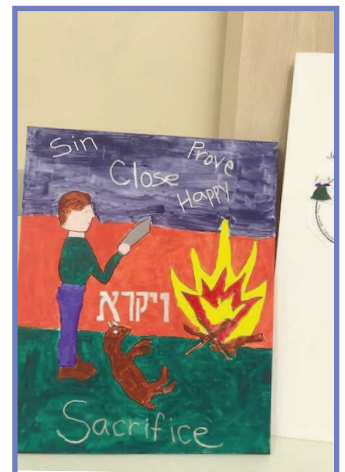
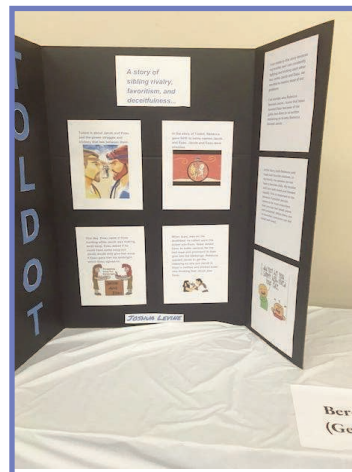
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TIKKUN OLAM IN ACTION

Volunteer Opportunities Available With the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes (JFGH)

What is JFGH?

In 1982, parents of adults with intellectual disabilities and Jewish community leaders got together to create JFGH. The idea was to create homes where people with these disabilities could live independently with staff support. The residents would be in the community, working at jobs or attending day programs. Staff and volunteers would help residents do household chores, prepare meals, manage their money, and enjoy community resources.

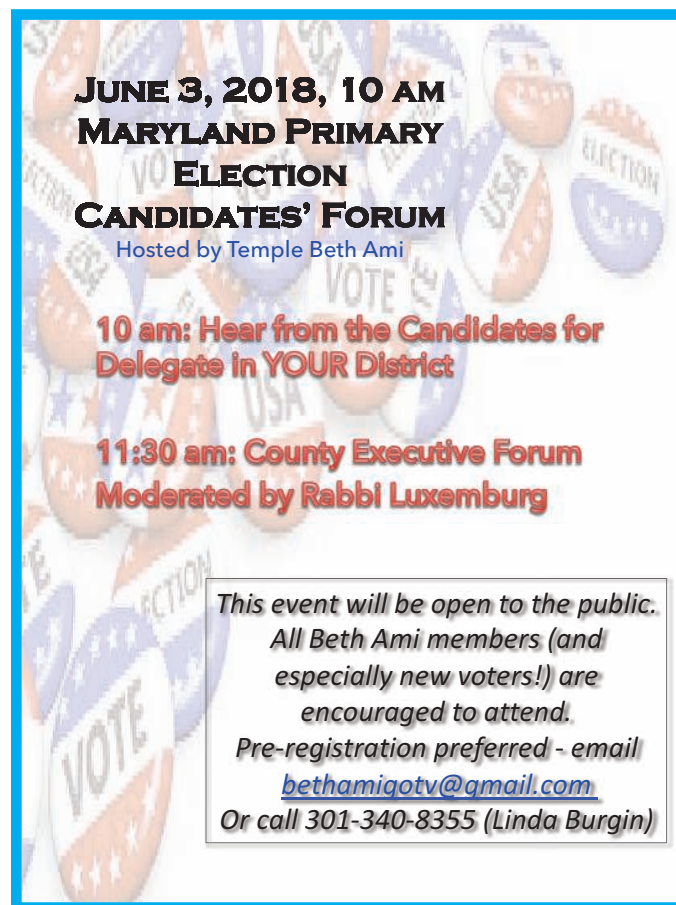
Thirty-six years later, JFGH, a nonprofit organization, has expanded to serve more than 200 people at more than 70 sites. The organization has become a model for these kinds of programs, both nationally and internationally. Currently, JFGH has 25 houses open in Montgomery and Fairfax counties, including apartment living at the Pike & Rose complex in North Bethesda.

Residents range in age from 21 to 91. JFGH offers apartment living to residents capable of living on their own with professional support. Another program prepares young adults to make the transition to adult life. JFGH is open to people of all faiths. The residents experience Shabbat and other celebrations of a Jewish home, but all residents are encouraged to practice their own religious traditions.

How can you help?

TBA is looking to partner with JFGH by providing volunteers who would like to help at holiday parties and other events at JFGH sites in Montgomery County. Volunteers play an important role in the success of JFGH by bringing a unique perspective to their interactions with the residents. Volunteers aren't family members bound by duty and responsibility, and they aren't staff members who are paid to know the residents. Volunteers can become friends with residents and can enhance opportunities for residents to experience the fullness of life in the community. We hope you'll

consider volunteering for one or more JFGH programs throughout the year. Opportunities are available year round, especially around Jewish holidays. For more information or to volunteer to help support JFGH in its work in our community, contact Charlotte Zuckman at char.zuckman@comcast.net or 301-330-3237.



JUNE 3, 2018, 10 AM
MARYLAND PRIMARY
ELECTION
CANDIDATES' FORUM
Hosted by Temple Beth Ami

10 am: Hear from the Candidates for Delegate in YOUR District

11:30 am: County Executive Forum
Moderated by Rabbi Luxemburg

This event will be open to the public. All Beth Ami members (and especially new voters!) are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration preferred - email bethamigotv@gmail.com. Or call 301-340-8355 (Linda Burgin)

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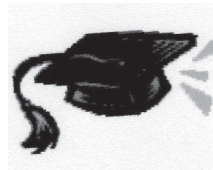
March for Our Lives, Empty Nesters



COMMITTEE News



The Rockville, MD Days for Girls Chapter, which was started two years ago by Temple members, enjoyed a short visit with the founder and CEO of Days for Girls International, Celeste Mergens and her husband Don. Later the same day at their monthly meeting, chapter members assembled their 1000th kit. Days for Girls kits contain sustainable feminine hygiene products which bring dignity and health to women and girls around the world.



Mazel Tov to All Our Graduates – Please Share Your Plans with Us

We want to know who is graduating from high school, college, trade school, graduate school, the military and what their plans are for the future. So, please, email us the following information: name of graduate, school or program graduating from, plans for the future. Please include parent's name(s) – parents should be congratulated, too. Email the information to Irene by May 25 for the July/August Chadashot. ip1@bethami.org



“Congratulations to Temple Beth Ami for celebrating Purim creatively and generously. As part of their holiday story re-enactment, children used pasta boxes as noise makers and then collected 98 pounds of food for Manna. Special thanks to Judy & Mitchell Glassman for dropping off the congregation's latest contribution. Jackie DeCarlo#FightHunger #TempleBethAmi #holiday #Purim”

**JULY/AUGUST CHADASHOT
DEADLINE MAY 25**

CONFIRMATION CLASS



JEWISH BREAKFAST NATIONAL FOR FUND ISRAEL

"Challenging Choices: Confronting a Dangerous Middle East"

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER
Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer

Sunday, April 29, 2018
10:30 – 11:30 am Program
Registration begins at 10:00 am

RSVP by April 16 at jnf.org/dcbreakfast

B'nai Israel Congregation
6301 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852

EVENT CO-CHAIRS
Adrienne Rulnick, Chet Stein

Attendees will have an opportunity to make a donation to JNF's 2018 campaign.

MORE INFORMATION
Stuart Diamant-Cohen, sdcohen@jnf.org, 301.589.8565 x841

No cost to attend RSVP required Breakfast will be served Dietary laws observed



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YOU are WHY we do it; YOUR SUPPORT is HOW we do it

The Temple depends on the support of all its members. In order for us to continue to meet the religious and pastoral needs of all our members, and to provide programs, education, caring community, social events, financial assistance, and more for all our congregants, we need to be able to count on all of our members to pay their annual commitment (dues), whether full or adjusted.

LAY LEADERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER SERVICES

As in past year, there will be summer Shabbatot during which we will offer the opportunity to lead services to members of the congregation. This is a wonderful opportunity - for individuals, families, kehillot, adult B'nai Mitzvah classes, etc. - and we hope you will volunteer. We do not have the exact dates yet, but we would love to know that you are interested. Please contact Gail Brodsky, Clergy Assistant, at gsb@bethami.org or 301-340-6818. The clergy are always available to help you prepare for the service.

COMING *In the Spring*

Friday, June 1 Network & Nosh 8 - 9 am

You're invited to meet, network and schmooze with others in the business community. Join us at Beth Ami for a light breakfast and speaker/networking opportunity. No charge, but please RSVP to Shelly (SLG@bethami.org) by 5/31. Questions? Contact Marcy Waxman, marcywaxmanrealty@gmail.com

Sunday, June 3 MD Primary Election Candidates' Forum 10 am

Temple Beth Ami is hosting an opportunity for you to hear from candidates running for Montgomery County Executive, and from candidates running for State Delegate from your district.

Sunday, June 3 Federation's Israel @ 70: A Musical Celebration

Party with Federation and your local Jewish community as we celebrate Israel's 70th birthday on The Plaza at Tysons Corner. Live music, authentic food and fun activities for the whole family. Details to follow.

Tuesdays, June 5 & 12 Live & Learn- Jennifer Fechter

TBA member and BLOOM Experiential Jewish Educator, Jenn Fechter, will be facilitating our June Live & Learn. Topic: Taking Back the Waters: The Reclamation and Reimagining of Mikvah. This two-part seminar will include one session at the Temple and a culminating trip to Baltimore to view and tour the contemporary mikvah at The Soul Center, preceded by lunch in Baltimore. (Fee and advance registration required for trip on 6/12). See flyer in lobby and on the website for details.

Monday, June 11 Broadway Buzz with Steve Friedman 10:30 am

Topic: Top 40 Hits & The Broadway Musical. Free for Temple members; \$5 for guests.

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.

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evening, I enjoyed listening to songs performed by some very talented sisterhood women from all over North America. I look forward to sharing my new knowledge with our sisterhood.

Ongoing Projects

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.

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 weekly **drop-in Mah Jongg** continues at the Temple. Please stop by on Monday afternoons from 1-3pm to play. Players of all abilities are welcome and there is no charge to participate. Any questions? Please contact Rachel Maryn at rmaryn@verizon.net.

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? WTBA has set up an e-mail address specifically for these types of questions: womenoftemplebethami@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Save the Date

Welcome to Summer Celebration – Wednesday, June 6th

Elizabeth Joseloff

WTBA Chadashot article editor
ejoseloff@gmail.com

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place, or work requires longer hours, or there is homework that needs to be done. But the truth is, that you can choose to do all or none of these things. Action has consequences, sometimes negative, sometimes positive. Why do we choose to do the things we do in our lives? We must get something out of it or we would stop doing it. Wouldn't we? Every Shabbat, our faith asks us to stop for 24 hours and review the week we just experienced before we rest. In that period of reflection, we're to ask ourselves what we did well and what we could have done better. Because so much of our lives seem to be on auto-pilot, this is an amazing opportunity to reassess how, to what, and to whom, we allocate our resources.

Caring for ourselves, our family and our friends, both mentally and physically, and those activities we participate in, these are the spheres of our influence - and what we influence is people. The way we speak to ourselves and to one another, our actions, the time, the attention we give, these are where our power lies. Instead of looking at Facebook posts, you could have had a cup of coffee with friends. The time spent reading Twitter could have been spent checking-in on a friend in need. It's a matter of where we put our focus. By reallocating your time and energy away from activities that deplete you and into reaching out and building family and community, you create a feeling of safety and belonging – reenergizing. The Sh'ma talks of G-d as one, and if you believe that there is a soul in you and a soul in others and that all souls come from and are connected to G-d, then each of us is connected through that common source. Therefore, when we affect one another, we are affecting ourselves.

One beautiful and sometimes difficult concept of Judaism is that we don't abdicate, we co-create. Yes, things happen to us, but we have the power to decide how we respond. We are not only affected by the world, but we can affect the world. Seeking to understand the tenets of Judaism, attending services, studying Jewish works, being a friend, helping others, and doing good are all diverse ways of reminding ourselves of the power we have to create our world.

Becoming more aware of how your time and energy are being

depleted, changing your habits, and refocusing your time and energy is a gradual process that takes work and patience. Be gentle with yourself, becoming something new takes time, but the investment is worth it. Make a commitment now to take back your own power – like it says in the Pirkei Avot, “if not now when?”

As we cycle through this year, let the holidays echo this question, “Where are you choosing to spend your time?” Passover reminds us that we have been released from slavery and that every day we must release ourselves from what enslaves us. Shavuot reminds us that we have a blueprint, the Torah, to help guide us and remind us we are not alone. Sukkot reminds us that, although our structures might be fragile, we are given a bounty to claim. And the High Holy Days asks us to open our book of life, review it, and make choices for what we want to become in the new year.

SERVICES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Picnic
Service

Saturday, May 26

10:30 am Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah: Max McLenaghan

Sunday, May 27

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

Friday, June 1

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song and
Story

Saturday, June 2

10:30 am Shabbat Service
B'not Mitzvah: Sydney Kauff
Elisabeth Sneeringer

Sunday, June 3

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

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applications, evaluating requests by committee in a blind process, creating a hierarchy of need-based assistance, and establishing a ceiling amount for overall financial aid, the Board hopes to empower the Financial Secretaries Committee to make sure that Temple Beth Ami can continue to provide assistance to families in situations of greatest financial need who cannot afford the full cost of membership.

Exploring change to our financial aid process is not the only avenue for fiscal innovation that Temple leadership will explore over the coming months. Healthy self-reflection on our congregation's current practices and an exploration of new membership models, fundraising strategies, school enrollment procedures, membership recruitment practices, the establishment and use of a reserve account, evaluation of staff positions, examination of endowment fund usage, and consideration of changing membership trends are just a sampling of topics that the Vision 2020 Project has encouraged us to examine.

In April, Vision 2020 Advisory Committee Members and Research Team Captains, along with Board members, Clergy, and Senior Staff, were called together for a two-day retreat focused on the creation of compelling mission and vision statements for our congregation. Based on the passionate input by hundreds of congregants during Phase One of the Vision 2020 project, the retreat group energetically participated in a visioning process to brainstorm a rich, detailed portrait of what each area of congregational life should look like. By engaging in this vision process, planning leaders endeavored to build a shared vision, and to create the framework of an action plan that works toward our collective vision.

A season of change is undoubtedly upon us. Transparent communication of changes in policy and procedure that arise from exercises in introspection and innovation of the Vision 2020 project remains a priority for your Board leadership, and we continue to welcome the participation of the congregation in this process.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In honor of:

The marriage of REBECCA DAWSON,
granddaughter of Michael Kielbiewicz and Barbara Strong, to ERIC
SCOTT, by Beth and Jack Rosenthal

ANTI-ADDICTION FUND IN MEMORY OF SCOTT STERNBERG

In memory of:

SCOTT STERNBERG, son of William and Ellen Sternberg, by Stephen
Margulis, Christine LaPaille, Gerald and Elaine Auerbach, Brad and
Holly Mendelson, Carrie and Brian Coonin

CAMPERSHIP FUND

In honor of:

LISA GOODMAN for being a wonderful teacher and mentor to Jacob
and for leading the service on his becoming a Bar Mitzvah by Steve
and Bonnie Spivack and Jessica Fischer
JANE JACOBS on her Special Birthday by Frances and Stuart
Schwartz

In memory of:

MIRIAM GANDEL, sister and aunt of Esther Kravitz and family, by
Charles and Gail Gorenstein
ROBERT KATZ, husband of Elaine Katz, by Lew and Elaine Dubroff

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Donation by Betty and Tom Loggia

In honor of:

LUANNE STANLEY'S recovery by Joyce and Larrie Greenberg
MARC STANLEY'S Big Birthday by Joyce and Larrie Greenberg
CANTOR LARRY ESCHLER'S support during Shiva for my mother,
Thelma Linder, by Bonnie and Jeffrey Endick

FAMILY EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING FUND

In honor of:

BARBARA and BOB TAHLER's 50th Wedding Anniversary by Joan and Greg Levy

In memory of:

MORITZ and LYDIA EINSTEIN and SIEGBERT EINSTEIN on their yahzeits by Diane Castiglione

LIVE & LEARN FUND IN MEMORY OF SALLY B. KERA

In memory of:

FRED T. WHITMAN, father of Jeanne Kahn, by Marilyn Lipowsky

MUSIC EQUIPMENT FUND

In memory of:

HARRY GOODMAN, grandfather of Mark Kamins, by Mark and Sue Kamins
SEYMOUR KAMINS, uncle of Mark Kamins, by Mark and Sue Kamins

NURSERY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN MEMORY OF JOEL BLUE

In honor of:

LAURIE Galfond on her Zero Birthday by the Temple Beth Ami Nursery School Staff
The engagement of ALLIE GAYNOR, daughter of Rhonda and Mitchell Gaynor, to TIM ADAMS by the Temple Beth Ami Nursery School Staff

NURSERY SCHOOL MUSIC FUND

In honor of:

The birth of BENJAMIN NATE PALANKER, son of Pavel Palanker and Olga Shapiro-Palanker, by Jody Rosenblum and Jessica Rogers

ONEG FUND

In honor of

Allison and Richard Rosenblatt in honor of

Todd becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Robin and Mitch Yentis in honor of Hailey and Skylar becoming B'not Mitzvah

Laurie and Evan Shea in honor of Jennifer becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Anita Berns in memory of Ruth Goldman, Freida Berns, and Milly Goldfarb

Sherri and Jim Lieberman in memory of Constant Bram

Inna and Mikhail Etin in memory of Isaak Altman
Sharon and Ed Samuels in memory of Maurice Samuels

Luanne and Marc Stanley in memory of Flora Simon

Rhona and Terry Arbit in memory of Jane Schwartz

Rebecca and Michael Reiser in memory Theodore Bahr

Pam and Adam Salem in memory of Lawrence Press

Jim Schwartz in memory of Lois Schwartz and William Schwartz

Lenette and Ed Goodman in memory of Annette Goodman

Roselyn Levitan in memory of Victor Rundbaken

Janice and Stuart Cadel in memory of Elaine Creager

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Linda and Neil Burka in memory of Norman Burka
Dale and Ellis Koch in memory of Stuart Frantz

Harriet Reiter in memory of Musia Reiter
Joyce and Larrie Greenberg in memory of Martin R. Godofsky

Karen and Alan Asman in memory of Ethel Asman
Joan and Brian Ochs in memory of Melvin B. Gitelman

Ann Joseloff in memory of Helen Joseloff and Albert Weinstock

Mary Ann Greenburg in memory of Peter Greenburg

Rabbi Baht Weiss, Todd, Ari and Ethan Cohen in memory of Rabbi Aaron J. Weiss

Linda and Stan Berman in memory of Ruth

Shoen

Joanne and Mel Brodsky in memory of Mathew Brodsky

Cynthia and Bernard Silverstein in memory of Claire Steinberg

Jodi and Carl Rubenstein in memory of Samuel Rubenstein

Debra Shepard in memory of Gerald Princenthal

Shelley and Richard Miller in memory of Harry Bloom and Pearl Bloom

Cozy and Bruce Smoller in memory of Norman Smoller, Cynthia Nieporent

and Jean Nieporent

Moir and Josh Carin in memory of Marcelina Geronimo

Pat and Brad Harvey in memory of Nathan Stavits
Tina and Gerald Levine in memory of Mildred

Karp Kaplan and Julius M. Kaplan

Lisa Hanover and Mark Kirsch in memory of Jack Martin Hanover

The Bortz family in memory of Abe Bortz
Janet Verner Platt in memory of Eugene Lambert

Shari and David Barash in memory of Rhoda Zuskin

Holly and Ron Lobel in memory of Dorothy Miller

Ann Joseloff in memory of Samuel Hart
Joseloff, Helen Hart Joseloff

and Albert Rosenbaum Weinstock

Valarie and Steve Lazerowich in memory of Samuel Lazerowich

Barbara and Barry Fayne in memory of David Fayne

Lisa and Peter Fayne in memory of David Fayne

Lori and Robert Honigman in memory of Melvin Asher Glucksman

Shirley Levine and Jules Bowen in memory of Bud Levin

Gail Merriam in memory of William "Bill"

Merriam

Margie and Mitchell Halem in memory of Myra Halem

PRIMARY SEDER FUND IN MEMORY OF JILL WOLLY

In honor of:

The birth of VIVIAN WOLLY by Brain and
Janice Wolly

RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND (RABBI LUXEMBURG)

In honor of:

RABBI LUXEMBURG officiating at the mar-
riage of our son, Peter Novick, to Celia Goetzl
by Len and Bonnie Novick

RABBI LUXEMBURG by David and Donna
Kanin

RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND (RABBI POKRAS)

In honor of:

LUANNE STANLEY's recovery and MARC
STANLEY's Big Birthday by Larrie and Joyce
Greenberg

Helping with the expenses of the March 24,
2018 March for Our Lives, by Beth and Jack
Rosenthal

RABBI POKRAS, for the support he provided
us at the shiva for my mother, Thelma
Lindner, by Bonnie and Jeffrey Endick
RABBI POKRAS for his warm and meaningful
support to us on the interment of our beloved
mother, Sylvia Goldberg, by Ron and Wendy
Goldberg and Family

JENNIFER SHEA becoming a Bat Mitzvah by
Laurie and Evan Shea

In appreciation of:

HELEN SALZBERG by Edythe and Darryl
Runett

In memory of:

SYLVIA GOLDBERG, beloved mother of Ron
Goldberg, by Michele and Bruce Herzfeld
KENNETH WINTER, beloved father of Gary
Winter, by Barbara Strong and Michael
Kielbiewicz

RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY

FUND (RABBI WEISS)

In honor of:

The birth of Ethan Benjamin Cohen, son of
Rabbi Baht Weiss and Todd Cohen, by Jim
Schwartz, Tina and Jerry Levine, Holly and
Ron Lobel, Edythe and Darryl Runett,
Barbara Strong and Michael Kielbiewicz

SUSTAINING (GENERAL) ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of:

FRED T. WHITMAN, father of Jeanne Kahn, by
Carol S. Martin, Madeline and Steve D'Alessio

TBA CARES FUND

In honor of:

RHONA ARBIT AND THE TBA CARES COM-
MITTEE for their help and support during my
recent injury by Melanie Polk

In memory of

LT. COL. FRED T. WHITMAN, father of Jeanne
Kahn, by Jim Schwartz

TIKKUN OLAM (COMMUNITY SERVICE) FUND

In memory of:

FRED T. WHITMAN, father of Jeanne Kahn, by
Angela and Walter Harris

DOROTHY MILLER by Ronald and Holly Lobel

TIKKUN OLAM (REFUGEE) FUND

In appreciation of:

All my friends who remembered me with
Mishloach Manot by Catherine Copp
MITCHELL and JUDY GLASSMAN for all their
support with my recent injury by Melanie Polk

In memory of:

EDWARD LEVINE by Brad and Pat Harvey

WTBA FUND

In memory of:

FRED T. WHITMAN, father of Jeanne Kahn, by

Darryl and Edythe Runett, Phyllis and Joel
Polster, Ronald and Holly Lobel
Rachel Maryn's aunt BAB's by Ronald and
Holly Lobel

** as of March 23, 2018

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

We mourn the recent death of:

Robert "Bob" Davis
father of Ellen Davis

Martin Fine
father of Dori Stehlin

Annette Friedman
mother of Mark Friedman

Betty Bogart
mother-in-law of Lauren Bogart

Ruth Maser
mother of Peter Maser

Michael Goldensohn
brother of Bruce Goldensohn



Shavout

Shavout (meaning “weeks”) is the late spring harvest festival which falls seven weeks after Pesach. Shavout marks the end of the period of the counting of the omer; the omer (literally, a measure of grain) was an offering of the first grain harvest brought to the temple on the second day of Passover, the 16th of Nissan. From that day on, seven weeks were counted; on the fiftieth day, a new offering was brought to the temple, consisting of two loaves of bread, and the end of the grain harvest was celebrated. This spring celebration was also the time of the ripening of the first fruits of summer. Therefore, Shavout is also known as Hag Ha-Katzir (the Festival of the Harvest), and Hag Ha-Bikurim (the Festival of the First Fruits). Shavout, along with Pesach and Sukkot, the other two pilgrimage festivals, originated as agricultural rites and later took on an association with the Exodus and the wandering periods.

Shavout is also celebrated as the anniversary of the Revelation of the Torah at Sinai, known as Hag Matan Torateinu (the Festival of the Giving of Our Law). One of the most beautiful images of Shavout is that of the marriage between God (the groom) and Israel (the bride). Pesach is then considered the period of God’s courtship of Israel, Shavout the marriage, and Sukkot the setting up of the household faithful to Judaism.

On the holiday of Shavout, the passage from the Torah describing the Revelation and containing the Ten Commandments is read. It is also customary to read the Book of Ruth at the Shavout service. The story takes place at harvest time, emphasizing the agricultural nature of the Festival. Ruth’s conversion to Judaism is analogous to our voluntary acceptance of the Torah and God’s covenant at Sinai.

It is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavout, such as cheese blintzes and cheesecake. The origin of this custom is uncertain; the custom is significant, however, because most major Jewish festivals call for eating meat which is expensive and substantial, thus appropriate to a major occasion. Dairy dishes symbolize the sweetness of the Torah and the Jewish people’s nearing the land of “milk and honey.” The synagogue and the home can be decorated with green plants, trees and branches and flowers especially roses.

It is also customary to study the Torah during the night of Shavout, in preparation for the revelation at Sinai, the next morning. This late night, or all-night, study session is called a Tikkun Leil Shavout. Additionally, in many synagogues, Shavout is linked with the ceremony of Confirmation, marking a milestone in our children’s formal religious education.

Celebrate Shavuot at the Temple:

Saturday, May 19, 7:30 pm - Erev Shavuot Service, which will include yizkor, followed by Tikkun Leil Shavuot, a time of study and reflection (concluding by midnight).

Sunday, May 20, 10:30 - 11am - Shavuot Family Celebration for pre-schoolers and their families. A Shavuot sing-a-long followed by a light dairy oneg.

Sunday, May 20, 10:30 am - Shavuot/Confirmation Service including yizkor

ONGOING Information

WELCOME HOME SNOWBIRDS

We missed you. Please email or call the office so we can switch your address back to your home address.

BOOKING A HOTEL?

If you are Booking the Hilton Garden Inn or Homewood Suites on Shady Grove Road for your guests, tell them you are members of TBA and the Temple will receive a rebate.

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

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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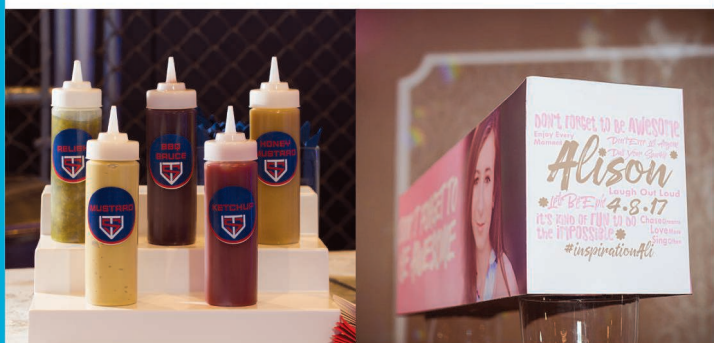
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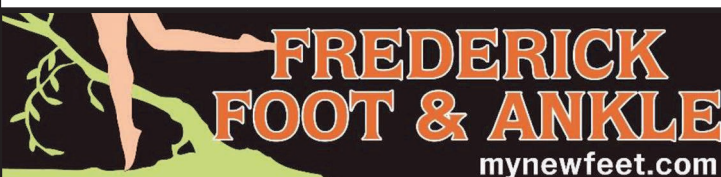
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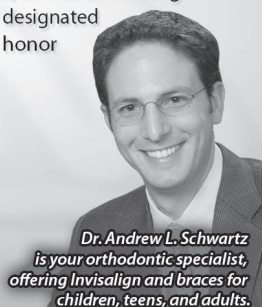
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