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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, November 2

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song & Story - Gimel Siddur

Saturday, November 3

9:30 am Shabbat Hike & Service

10:00 am Shabbat Minyan

5:30 pm Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Brayden Ferguson

Sunday, November 4

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

Friday, November 9

6:30 pm Tot Shabbat

7:00 pm TBA High Shabbat Service

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 10

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Joshua Levine

10:30 am Shabbat Chapel Service

Charlotte Handel participating

Sunday, November 11

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

Friday, November 16

6:30 pm Spirit of Shabbat

Saturday, November 17

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Ari Citrin

5:30 pm Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Dylan Weintraub

Sunday, November 18

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

Friday, November 23

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 24

10:00 am Shabbat Minyan

Sunday, November 25

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

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MESSAGE FROM *Rabbi Pokras*



Dear Friends,

We are the inheritors of a great national heritage, which the Pilgrims helped to create. When I was growing up, Thanksgiving was not just about the turkey dinner, or the Macy's parade, or football (which we didn't watch). It was a day of patriotic gratitude for being citizens of this great democracy where we could be free; of a nation with a history of independent thinking, of standing on our own two feet, doing the job ourselves when we wanted the job well done. The message was loud and clear: we could accomplish anything in this country.

I loved Thanksgiving, and still do – but it is not about any of these things. The truth about Thanksgiving is quite the opposite, as William Jennings Bryan wrote: “On Thanksgiving we



celebrate our dependence.”

When the Mayflower arrived at Plymouth Rock in October of 1620, it carried 102 passengers. That first winter was brutal and most stayed on the ship; only 53 survived to move ashore in March – where they met an Abinaki tribesman who greeted them in English! He had been taught by Squanto, from the Pawtuxet tribe, who had been kidnapped by an English Sea Captain, sold into slavery, and then somehow made it out of London and returned home on an exploratory mission. Despite his experiences with Englishmen, Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to survive. He showed them how to

Annual High Holy Days

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The goal of this year's Annual High Holy Days Appeal is 100% participation. Consider the many ways the Temple is here for you and the many reasons you belong and then, please, support the Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you.

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MESSAGE FROM *Buzz Karpay, President*



ONLY WHEN WE KNOW BOTH THE STARTING POINT AND THE DESTINATION CAN WE SET A COURSE.

We all try to plan for the future. On a small scale, we remember to take something out of the freezer in the morning so that we can make dinner, or we make plans for the weekend days in advance. On a longer range scale, we save for our children's education or for retirement. We take courses to improve ourselves and maybe get a better position at work. All of these are things we do now to make things better or easier at some point in the future.

The Temple is no different. We are always planning. On a short-term scale, we prepare programs and activities weeks to months in advance. We prepare a budget so that we'll know what we can – and can't – do during the coming year. We put funds away for major repairs to our building. Strategic planning is something that is more difficult. Yet it is every bit as important as the day-to-day or year-to-year plans that we are so used to making. If we don't make decisions about where we want to be in the future, we may find as that future arrives we simply are not prepared to do the things we want to do. That is the fundamental principle of our Vision 2020 strategic planning project: figuring out what we need to do now in order to do the things we believe we are going to want to do in the future.

There are two significant things we need to figure out as part of this process.

Clearly, we need to determine where we want to be in a few years. But that isn't enough. We also need to know where we are now. Only when we know both the starting point and the destination can we set a course. That is what we are trying to do with Vision 2020.

We spent a good deal of time working on "Where are we now?" trying to get input from as many of you as possible through house meetings and a series of face-to-face discussions. "Where do we want to be?" is just as difficult a question to answer, and has occupied our research groups for the past several months. Now it is time for all of us to become engaged in the process again.

The research groups are presenting their findings to the Board and to the Congregation. For the first part of the Board meeting in each of the next few months, we will devote an hour to an hour and a half to one or two of the research topics. Please try to make time to attend these sessions. The Board meets on the first Thursday of each month. The topics will be announced in advance and materials will be made available to all interested congregants.

Planning takes on an entirely different meaning for outdoor activities. I love being outdoors. It doesn't bother me if the temperature isn't just right, or if it's windy or cloudy. I don't mind a little rain or snow. (Thunderstorms are a different story. I stay indoors for those. Ask me about that.) I find being outdoors in different

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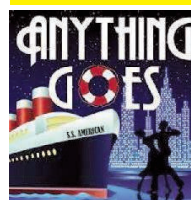
COMING

This Month**Friday, November 2****Network & Nosh****8 - 9:30 am**

Are you in business for yourself? A budding entrepreneur or a seasoned business owner? Join us for a light breakfast and the opportunity to make valuable personal and professional connections at the Temple at our monthly get-together on the 1st Friday morning of the month. Topic: Client Retention. RSVP to SLG@bethami.org. Questions? Contact Marcy Waxman (marcywaxmanrealty@gmail.com) or Ellen Davis (edavis@lifehealthhome.com). Supported by the Innovation Fund.

**Saturday, November 3****Shabbat Hike at Sugarloaf****9:30 am**

Experience Shabbat together as a community in the woods. This is a great opportunity to step outside the walls of our homes and our Sanctuary and experience God in God's natural habitat. Join us for our first TBA Shabbat Hike, which will include a 2-mile round-trip hike and a 20-minute service led by Rabbi Weiss at the summit of Sugarloaf mountain, followed by a byo picnic lunch at the base. For those interested in more hiking, Mitch Gaynor will lead a post-lunch hike on Sugarloaf trails. See UTTM, lobby and website for details and registration information.

**Sunday, December 16****Theatre Trip to Arena Stage: Anything Goes****Afternoon**

Now is your chance to sign up to join us for a day trip to DC, beginning with lunch at Arena Stage, followed by a matinee of Cole Porter's Tony-Award winning musical, "Anything Goes." \$100 (Temple members); \$120 (guest) includes round trip transportation, lunch and show ticket. Bus leaves Beth Ami at 11:40 am and returns after the show. Reserve your seat(s) today! www.bethami.org

**Tuesday, November 6****Live & Learn with Steve Gimbel****10:30 am – 12 pm**

Join returning professor, Steve Gimbel, for the final session of The Evolution of Jewish Comedy. Steve is a Professor of Philosophy at Gettysburg College whose research focuses primarily on the philosophy of science, physics and, most recently, on the philosophy of humor. Session 3: Comedy of the Assimilated Jews (Seinfeld, Silverman & the "New Jews"). Supported by the Sally Kera Live & Learn and Torah Endowment Funds.

**Tuesdays, November 13, 20, 27****Live & Learn with Gerdy Trachtman****10:30 am – 12 pm**

Topic: Conversational Hebrew for non-Hebrew readers, Part II. For those who took Part I, please mark your calendars and come back for more conversational Hebrew with Gerdy! For those who might have missed it but have some knowledge of Hebrew words (no need to know how to read the Alef-Bet), join us and let's get talking! Supported by the Sally Kera Live & Learn Fund & Torah Fund.

COMING This Month



Sunday, November 11

Past, Present, Future Harmony:

7 pm

The Journey of American Cantors in Story & Song

Don't miss the 4th community-wide concert of cantors, synagogue musicians and over 200 choral singers at Strathmore, celebrating the rich legacy of music from the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music, the Cantorial Seminary of the Reform Movement's Hebrew Union College. Join us for an unforgettable musical journey illuminating the ongoing power and impact of Jewish music. Strathmore Music Center. Tickets start at \$18. Order your today online at Strathmore.org.

**BROADWAY
BUZZ**



Monday, November 12

Broadway Buzz with Steve Friedman

10:30 am – 12 pm

Topic: Cities of the World as a Musical Backdrop II. Don't miss this popular Monday morning lecture, featuring footage, facts, and always some live performance. Free for Temple members; \$10 for guests.



Thursday, November 15

Israel Matters presents Ofir Wolf

7:30 pm

Israel Matters invites you for an evening with Ofir Wolf, Senior Economic Analyst and Government Relations Manager for the Economic Mission at the Israeli Embassy. Mr. Wolf will discuss Israel's economics, including how Israel's different populations are faring, the country's productivity, a glimpse into the future, and other topics. Mr Wolf has previously been stationed in Russia and Egypt.



Friday, November 16

Food Film Fest: Dinner & Screening of "Itzhak"

7:30 pm

Help us launch our 12th year of this popular Friday night program! Welcome Shabbat at Beth Ami and make a night out of it, beginning with our Wine & Cheese welcome in the lobby (6-6:30 pm), "Spirit of Shabbat" services (6:30 pm) and Shabbat dinner (7:30 pm), followed by the screening of the documentary, "Itzhak." This documentary examines the life and glorious music of Israeli-born Itzhak Perlman, widely considered the greatest living violinist. Register online by 11/12. \$30 (members); \$40 (guests). Please contact Shelly in advance if you need accommodation to ensure your fullest enjoyment and participation. All are welcome. Supported by the Torah

Endowment Fund.



Sunday, November 18

Vendor Showcase

9 am – 12 pm

Temple Beth Ami is excited to invite you to its first-ever 'home-made, home-grown' arts & crafts "show and sell" vendor showcase. Congregants will be displaying (and selling) their hand-crafted works, donating a percentage back to the Temple. There's no charge to attend. Come support your fellow congregants, see their talented works and enjoy the morning!

**Tuesday, November 27****Foundation for Jewish Studies Program****7 - 8:30 pm****How Jews and Christians Read Text Differently - and Why It Matters with Professor A.J. Levine**

University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. Although Jews and Christians share common books – the Jewish Tanakh and the Christian Old Testament – we read our shared stories in distinct ways. The variations in translation, punctuation, definitions, theology, emphasis, and even canonical order all lead to differences in community self-definition. What prompts these differences, and what do they suggest about Jewish and Christian priorities and relations? Join one of the most dynamic and in-demand scholars in grappling with these crucial issues. Registration online through www.foundjs.org.

**Friday, November 30****Potluck Shabbat Dinner****6:30 pm**

All are invited to share Shabbat dinner together at 6:30 pm, followed by 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat. The Temple provides chicken, challah and drinks and YOU provide the sides! (your choice of bringing salad, vegetable, starch or fruit).

Register online by 11/26: www.bethami.org

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

- **Thanksgiving Help Needed** - Food/monetary donations and set-up/serving help needed before Thanksgiving and on Thursday, November 22, for Thanksgiving Dinner at the Children's Inn. Please sign up on the ChaverWeb site at bethami.org for donations, driving help, or serving/clean up on Thanksgiving Day. Questions? Contact Gail Kaplan-Wassell at gail.kaplanwassell@gmail.com.
- **Help Needed for English as a Second Language Program** - Community Ministries of Rockville's (CMR)

Language Outreach Program needs teaching assistants, homework helpers for school children, and childcare volunteers for children under age 5 Tuesday/Thursday nights &/or Saturday mornings. SSL hours available. For more information on this & other volunteer opportunities, contact Andrea Kempner-Wink at andreakwink@cmrocks.org.

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

- **Thanksgiving Food Drive for Nourish Now** - Nourish Now hopes to feed 5,000 needy people in our area this Thanksgiving. Please help by bringing canned (yams, carrots, pie filling, chicken broth, green beans, gravy & cranberry sauce) and boxed/bagged (instant mashed potatoes, dried stuffing mix & muffin mix) foods to the collection boxes that will be in the Temple lobby from November 1–15.
- **Adopt-a-Family Holiday Gift Drive** - In this project, families affiliated with Montgomery County Child Welfare Services provide

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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 2018-2019. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please call Ira Greenspan at 301-524-6412.

2018-2019 EVENT CALENDAR

(subject to change—please check temple website, emails or Chadashot to confirm)

Sunday, November 11 – 5:00 pm – Capital Game – Washington Capitals vs. Arizona Coyotes – \$49 per seats for sec 410 - Caps t-shirt for each person which can be picked up on the concourse at the game

Sunday, December 9 – 9:00 am – Brunch Speaker – Don Markus – Topic

College Football Culture in the Big 10 – Focus on UMD & Ohio State

Sunday, February 3 – 9:00 am – Brunch Speaker TBD

Sunday, March 24 – 9:00 am – Brunch Speaker TBD

Sunday, April 21,28 & May 5 - Re-Building Together – Montgomery County, MD

Tuesday, May 14 – 11:00 am – Brother Temple Golf Outing - Worthington Manor

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Spring – 2019 – Washington Wizards Event or Nationals Group Event

Spring - 2019 - Brotherhood Softball League (Weekly Games)

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WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH AMI

News

**Manna Food Center**

The next Manna Food sorting evening will be on Wednesday, November 28th at 7 pm at Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg. This is a family friendly Tikkun Olam activity to help address food insecurity in our community. Please contact Rhonda Gaynor at rhondagaynor@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Book Club

The next WTBA Book Club meeting will be on December 4th at the Temple from 7:30 – 9 pm. Please join us as we discuss the book, *Three Floors Up* by Eshkol Nevo (finalist for the Fiction and Book Club categories of the 2017 National Jewish Book Awards). All Temple members are welcome! Please contact Terry Steinberg at 301-926-0815 or Steinberg_4@comcast.net if you have questions.

WTBA Membership Brunch

This year's WTBA Fall Membership Brunch, held in September, was attended by 69 women who enjoyed delicious food, socialized with new and old friends, shopped at the silent auction and Judaica Shop, and learned about the Women of Reform Judaism's (WRJ) work at the United Nations.

Leslie Brier from WRJ shared stories about her work with the United Nations Social and Economic Council. Leslie's work at the UN focuses on issues that are consistent with WRJ's priorities of pay equity, preventing violence against women, achieving

reproductive rights, economic justice and labor rights, and protecting Israel and religious pluralism. We were all heartened to learn of her collaborations with other Jewish leaders who strive to defend Israel and fight against anti-Semitism.

Events like this are possible only because of our volunteers. Thank you to the following people who contributed toward creating this wonderful brunch and silent auction: Rhona Arbit, Denise Bonn, Linda Burka, Flora Feldman, Michelle Freedberg, Judi Goozh, Angela Harris, Jeanne Kahn, Suzie Kahn, Marilyn Lipowsky, Holly Lobel, Ron Lobel, Jackie Manis, Rachel Maryn, Cecile Post, Toby Savell, Amy Scher, Mark Silverman, Phyllis Silverman, Barbara Strong, and Livia Weinstein. A huge thank you to WTBA Membership Chair, Melissa Bauman, for the wonderful job with overseeing this event.

We especially appreciate all the time and energy Holly Lobel gave toward organizing the silent auction. The silent auction was a tremendous success, raising over \$1500! Thank you to the following TBA members for auction donations: Denise Bonn, Flora Feldman, Arlynn Joffe, Jeanne Kahn, Gail Kaplan-Wassell, Holly Lobel, Benita Marcus, and Barbara Strong.

Save the Date

Pre-School Hanukkah Party – Sunday, December 2nd from 9:15 – 10:15 am

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 weekly drop-in Mah Jongg

continues at the Temple. Please stop by on Monday afternoons when the Temple is open from 1-3 pm to play. Players of all abilities are welcome and there is no charge to participate. We play for fun and not for money. Lessons are available. 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!

Elizabeth Joseloff

WTBA Chadashot article editor
ejoseloff@gmail.com

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

*Paula Sayag,
Director*



Little People and Polling Places

I will never forget Election Day 2016. Granted, many of us might say that.

But the memories I'm talking about have little to do with politics (though I can recall plenty of those memories, too) and everything to do with dragging two tiny people with me to the polls.

Allow me to set the scene: I was 86 weeks pregnant (ok 36), and I foolishly attempted to beat the lunchtime crowds by waddling into my polling place at 11am with my nearly 2 and 4-year-olds in tow. Rookie mistake—it was nearly their lunch time. They proceeded to terrorize my fellow Americans with screams and spilled snacks while we waited in line. Nothing kills the feeling of shared civic responsibility quite like hysterics over pretzels.

Then came the magic. Nope, not the voting. The sticker.

And with the help of that ever-celebrated

"I Voted" sticker, a second miracle occurred. My oldest child managed to ask some pretty astute questions as she took it all in.

"Mommy, what does the President do? Mommy, did you vote for the boy or the girl?" Her curiosity continued.

It turns out, it's not just Uncle Sam who wants you to vote. Many rabbis say that voting is not only a right for Jewish people, but also an obligation. The Talmud also teaches that if a community is split on an issue, the people should vote. Kids can understand that the act of voting is about carefully choosing who is best positioned to lead our communities, and they can have some surprisingly insightful ideas about values and priorities - even if they don't quite have the defense budget or healthcare plan mastered. Voting with our children also shows them firsthand the freedom we enjoy and the responsibility that comes with it.

One of the best ways to encourage the

next generation to vote is to bring them to the polls with you. Even the youngest ones can learn something, such as the importance of process and rules. Not only can your children come into the voting booth with you, but, apparently, it's even okay to let them push the buttons and cast your vote. (If only I had known.)

I took my kids with me in 2016 out of necessity, but this year - Tuesday November 6, 2018 to be exact - I will take them by choice.

There is, inevitably, one small problem. Maryland law only allows a voter to take two children under 18 in with them. Anyone want to babysit my almost 2-year-old? And candidates, if you're listening, I know an awful lot of eligible voters who might check the name for the person promising to change that.

By *Jodie Fishman*



In September, 30 volunteers were certified by the Maryland Board of Elections to help with voter registration! TBA ran voter registration drives at 3 sites in Montgomery County on National Voter Registration Day.

B'NAI MITZVAH*Profiles*

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



AVA KLUGERMAN, daughter of Michael and Suzanne, became a Bat Mitzvah on August 23rd in Israel. She is in the 7th grade at Robert Frost Middle School. Ava has two older brothers, Alex and Jake.



BRAYDEN GRANT FERGUSON, son of Stacy and Jody, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday afternoon, November 3. He is in the 7th grade at Julius West Middle School. Brayden has two younger sisters, Lyla and Gemma. For his Bar Mitzvah project,

Brayden will be raising money for the Israel Lacrosse Association and their Sticks for Kids program, which engages at-risk youth and empowers them via the sport of lacrosse.



JOSHUA LEVINE, son of Jason and Allyson, will become a Bar Mitzvah on November 10. He is in the 7th grade at Lakelands Park Middle School. Joshua has an older brother, Jacob. For his Bar Mitzvah Project, Joshua will be getting involved with an organization called Piano Pals, giving free piano lessons at underprivileged elementary schools.



ARI BENJAMIN CITRIN, son of Mia and Jeff, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 17. He is in the 7th grade at The Norwood School. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Ari will be collecting items for Comfort Cases, a non-profit organization providing bags and personal items for foster

children.



DYLAN BROOKE WEINTRAUB, daughter of Allison and Andy, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday afternoon, November 17. She is in the 7th grade at North Bethesda Middle School. Dylan has an older brother, Zakary, and an older sister, Drew.

TIKKUN OLAM CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5 *Community Service Projects*

a list of holiday gift wants/needs and are matched up with a TBA family to provide the gifts of their choosing. This year, we will also provide gifts for the Columbian refugee family that TBA is assisting. The lists will be available in late November, and the gifts will be due before Christmas. For more information or to sign up, please email Judi Goozh at paul-judig@verizon.net or Robin Temin at robin.temin@verizon.net.

- **Thanks for Dropping Off Your Box Tops for Education (BTE) Labels!** - Help us reach 1,000 labels for this year as we continue to help needy area schools turn those little pink labels into cash for needed items & supplies. Bring your labels to the collection boxes in the Temple lobby, Religious School office & Nursery School office. Questions? Contact Bernard Silverstein at cynbern@verizon.net.

- **Heads-Up re Holiday Gift Drive** - Help make the holidays brighter for children of South Lake ES by donating unwrapped gifts for children ages infant to 14. These gifts will be given to the children and families in South Lake's Linkages to Learning program, serving the school's neediest families. Collection boxes will be in the Temple lobby and Nursery School from December 1-15.

IN THE COMMUNITY

- **Volunteers Needed for CMR's Holiday Events** - Help brighten the holiday by distributing Thanksgiving necessities/goodies to needy families on November 18, and/or watch children's eyes light up as they have holiday fun or receive holiday gifts when you help out at CMR's Christmas party and/or holiday gift distribution on December 22. More information at cmrocks.org, or contact Andrea Kempner-Wink at andreakwink@cmrocks.org or 301-637-0730.

MACHANE TBA NEWS

*Kim Roberts,
Director*



Calendar

Friday, November 2

Shabbat Family Exp-Gimel (Gr 3)

Service 6:30 pm

Sunday, November 4

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Machane TBA In Session

9:00-10:00 am Grade Level

Gathering for Alef parents

12:30-2:00 Gr 3-6 Kehillah

Tuesday, November 6

NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 9

Teen Shabbat Service, 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 11

Machane TBA In Session

2:00 pm TBAHigh Kehillah

Tuesday, November 13

Mid-Week Gr 3-6 in session

TBAjrHigh in session

TBAHigh – Chug 1 Night

(Confirmation, Cooking,
Homework Hangout, Social
Action, 3D

Fri-Sat, November 16-17

Gr 8 Baltimore Overnight

Fri-Sun, November 16-18

NFTY-Fall Kallah

Sunday, November 18

Machane TBA In Session

NO Primary Enrichment

Primary Kehillah 11 am-12:30
pm

Tuesday, November 20

Sunday, November 25

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, November 27

Mid-Week Gr 3-6 in session

TBAjrHigh in session

TBAHigh – Core 2 Night

(Confirmation, Graduation &
Grade level programs)

FOCUS ON TBAHIGH

TBAHigh serves our students in grades 8 - 12. We offer a comprehensive program which includes grade level curricula, large scale “core” programs, a variety of elective choices, social programming and trips.

This year, TBAHigh is re-introducing special grade level topics of study which will be visited throughout the year. Eighth graders will look at “Comparative Judaism,” which will touch upon beliefs, practices and developments of the major movements in American Judaism. Ninth graders will look at Comparative Religions with regard to the three “Abrahamic” religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam). Tenth graders will explore issues relating to Jewish identity and “Why I am Jewish” in the clergy-led Confirmation class. Eleventh graders will look at ways to engage in acts of social justice and the role of social justice in

Reform Judaism, and seniors will talk about Jewish life beyond high school. We try to include special guest speakers and trips in each of these curricula. These “Core 2” lessons are interwoven monthly with our “Core 1” large-scale program nights and our elective nights.

TBAHigh meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, with an optional pizza dinner every week from 6:00 - 6:30 pm. If your teen has not yet signed up for TBAHigh, we invite him/her to come try it. Just contact Lori Fein (ljf@bethami.org) at the Machane office to let her know that your child will be there and we will be happy to greet him/her.

Friday evening November 9th at 7:00 pm is the first of our TBAHigh Shabbat services. We invite and encourage ALL teens to join us for services and a special oneg.



YOUTH

Photos - Opening Day Tefillah, Classroom



COLLEGE CONNECTION: The clergy, staff and I would like to thank the College Connection volunteers; Stacy Albert, Leslie Block, Cathy Borton, Ellen Davis, Sarah Freedman, Lisa Goodman, Joyce and Larrie Greenberg, Heather Handel, Mindy Hurwitz, Suzanne Kahn, Elyse Lash, Cynthia Silverstein, Stacy Steinberg and Susan Spicer. 81 packages were sent to our college students filled with goodies and greeting for Rosh Hashanah.

If you have not already registered your student or you would like to be a volunteer, please contact me at, jrmhyp@yahoo.com. Our Chanukah packages will go out on November 28th.

Thank you again to our wonderful volunteers,
Jackie Manis, College Connection Chair



SIMCHAS

Mazel Tov to...

Hannah Tomasetti, Miriam Bernstein, Lexi Suss and Layla Flack each on becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Jacob Lebby, Nathan Peschin and Jordan Portnoy each on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Betty and Max Shevitz on the marriage of their son, **Andrew, and Anna Bloomer**
Jill and Woodie Kessel on the birth of their grandson, **Benjamin Henry Kessel**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Jason, Abigail, and Steven Ford
Ryan, Allyson, Janna and Marisa Frank
Adam, Tali, Donnie and Blake Weber
Michael, Allyson and Ryan Wetter
Jonathan, Debbie and Samara Ginsburg
Alan Eisenberg
David, Joanna, Maya and Reed Gottesman
Alan and Valerie Schwartz
Etan, Erica, Elijah and Aviva Harmelech
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THANK YOU TO OUR ROSH HASHANAH BASKETS VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks very much to the following volunteers for picking up and delivering 70 Rosh Hashanah baskets (containing High Holiday goodies and necessities) to needy Jewish families in our area on a rainy Sunday, September 9. Your efforts are very much appreciated! This project is sponsored by the Jewish Social Services Agency, along with TBA's Tikkun Olam Committee.

Thank you to: **Elizabeth Joseloff & Adam Levy, Alissa Miller, Marci Maged, Jenn Fechter & Family, Leslie Marks & Louis Solomon, Cheryl Berkowitz, Nicole & Brian Zimmerman, Louise Allentuck & Family, Sherri & Jim Lieberman, Jackie Kauff & Family, Jill Lachter & Family, Mickey Goldstein, Beth & Jack Rosenthal, and Samantha Etzyon. Also, a special thank you to Tina Levine and Monya Cohen** for coordinating the project again this year! (We apologize for any omissions or misspellings.)

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Shofar Corps, WTBA Membership Brunch, Interfaith 5K Race



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Tikkun Olam in Action

Looking for People to Join TBA's Delegation to the 2019 Consultation on Conscience

Jeanne Kahn and Mark Joffe will lead a delegation from the Temple to the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's (RAC) Consultation on Conscience, to be held at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC, from May 19–21, 2019. The Consultation on Conscience is the RAC's biennial social justice leadership conference and is dedicated to training and empowering Jewish leaders to make real, lasting change at the local, state, and national levels. TBA members who attended previous Consultations found the speakers dynamic and the programs inspirational. Social justice issues addressed in the past included civil rights, voting rights, transgender rights, prison reform, and environmental issues.

At the 2019 Consultation, TBA's delegation will work together to build meaningful connections, learn and enhance skills needed to advocate for social change, and deepen our knowledge of today's critical issues. We will also have the opportunity to talk with representatives from other temples and establish relationships moving forward. The Consultation will include both plenary sessions that offer in-depth, Jewish conversations about pressing contemporary issues and workshops designed to meet TBA's social justice needs and interests.

The RAC is offering a deeply discounted registration fee of \$249 for those who register between November 1 and November 23. (The registration fee increases considerably after those dates.) TBA hopes to have a large delegation attending the Consultation. For more information, please contact Jeanne Kahn at jeannekahn@aol.com, or Mark Joffe at marksjoffe@gmail.com.

In conjunction with the Consultation and immediately preceding it (from May 18–19, 2019), Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) will host a social justice conference at the Grand Hyatt. The focus of the WRJ conference will be to better educate and train women on social justice issues, teach advocacy skills that can be utilized at home and on a larger scale, and address timely topics in a welcoming, encouraging, all-female Jewish environment. Please contact Jeanne Kahn at jeannekahn@aol.com for more information.



WTBA JUDAICA SHOP

Chanukah is early this year! DECEMBER 2ND. Let us help you get ready. Stop in and find menorah, dreidels, gelt and gifts for all ages. The shop is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and religious school Sundays from 8:45 am to 12:45 pm.

For your shopping convenience, we will set up shop in the lobby on Sunday, November 18th and December 2nd.

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kinds of weather makes me see different aspects of the same place. I can go for a walk or a hike and see things when it's raining that I don't notice when it's sunny. Or notice things when it's windy that I don't notice when the wind is calm. As long as I know what the weather is going to be, I dress appropriately and enjoy the outdoors.

It should come as no surprise to you, then, that when Rabbi Weiss asked me if I would be interested in helping to organize a Shabbat hike, I didn't have to think about it. I immediately agreed that this would be a wonderful activity that could be enjoyed by a lot of people. It just happened that November 3 fits nicely into the Temple calendar. We contacted some other hiking enthusiasts, compiled a list of possible locations, and rather quickly determined that our first hiking outing should be at Sugarloaf Mountain. It's nearby. It's not too difficult, but also not too easy. The trails are well-marked. There is a gorgeous view from the top.

You may have noticed that I referred to this as "our first hiking outing." I'm hoping that we have an enthusiastic response so that we can keep doing this. This is another entry in my list of interests that I also enjoy with the Temple.

PHOTO REVIEW

TBANS Celebrate



COMING In December



Tuesdays, December 4, 11, 18

Live & Learn with Gerdy Trachtman

10:30 am – 12 pm

Topic: Jewish Spirituality and Kabbalah. Jewish spirituality, as we know it today, has been heavily influenced by Kabbalah. This course will present an overview of Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah, and explore and discuss central Kabbalistic ideas such as Sefirot, Ein Sof, the soul, male and female aspects of good, evil, and more. Gerdy Trachtman, a return teacher in our Live & Learn series, was a Ph.D. candidate in Jewish Mysticism, finishing all of the coursework, less the dissertation. Come and learn! Supported by the Sally Kera Live & Learn Fund and the Torah Fund.



Friday, December 7

Network & Nosh

8 - 9:30 am

Are you in business for yourself? A budding entrepreneur or a seasoned business owner? Join us for a light breakfast and the opportunity to make valuable personal and professional connections at the Temple at our monthly get-together on the 1st Friday morning of the month. Topic: Goal Setting for the New Year. RSVP by 12/5 to SLG@bethami.org. Questions? Contact Marcy Waxman (marcywaxmanrealty@gmail.com) or Ellen Davis (edavis@lifehealthhome.com). Supported by the Innovation Fund.



Friday, December 7

Shabbanukkah

6 pm

Everyone's invited to celebrate the 6th night of Hanukkah together at Beth Ami, starting off with a light Hanukkah nosh (think: Latke Bar), followed by a community candle lighting and services with The ShabbaTones. Following services in the Sanctuary, the ShabbaTeens will offer up some most-loved Hanukkah tunes, followed by a Hanukkah oneg in the lobby. Supported by the Korth Hanukkah Fund.

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Friday, November 30

6:30 pm Primary Shabbat Service - Gan

Saturday, December 1

10:30 am Shabbat Service

B'nai Mitzvah: Adam Levine

Dylan Levine

Sunday, December 2

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

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

If you are not yet connected to the Chaverweb system, it may be because we do not have an up-to-date email address. Please let the Temple office know if you did not get the emailed invitation and we will help you connect. Chaverweb will enable you to update your personal profile, view the on line membership directory, review your account (and, soon, pay your account), register for school, and classes, etc. If you are no longer using a land line, please enter the cell phone number you want us to have on file as your primary number.

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cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped them forge an alliance with the Wampanoag tribe that lasted more than 50 years. Tragically, this is one of the only examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

In November 1621, Governor William Bradford organized a three-day feast after a successful harvest which was certainly quite different from the meals we share today and probably wasn't even called Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Days were declared periodically on very different dates for different reasons throughout the colonial period and by several Presidents, including Washington. However, Thanksgiving did not take root as a national holiday until 1863, when Lincoln declared it for the last Thursday in November. His proclamation, made as the nation tore itself apart with a bloody civil war, stated the purpose was to, "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife," and to, "heal the wounds of the nation." Every president followed with a similar annual declaration until in 1939, FDR made the date of celebration one week earlier – where it remains today.

Why would President Lincoln establish a national holiday of Thanksgiving in a time of war?

Perhaps gratitude is exactly the right thing to cultivate after or even during the horrors of war. Gratitude and hatred cannot coexist in a person at the same time – it is very hard to fight a war or hold a grudge when filled with a sense of gratitude.

Lincoln's proclamation did not stop the Civil War, but it remains a precious gift. And our Jewish tradition takes this one step further, teaching that we need constant reminders to cultivate the kind of gratitude which can wear down hatred and replace it with joy.

Here are just a few of things we can all try to make every day Thanksgiving, and to do so without any need for elastic waistbands!

1. From the liturgy: start the day with Modeh Ani – before you even brush your teeth in the morning, take a moment to offer thanks for this new day, recognizing that it is not to be taken for granted, but is, in fact, a precious gift.
2. A Shabbat Meditation: during Shabbat close your eyes and review the week which you have just lived. Even if was a difficult or dark week, try to find those moments which were beautiful, label them and offer your thanks.
3. Say "thank you" as often as you can – and mean it!

The more we can cultivate gratitude in our lives, the wealthier we will be according to the rabbis – for gratitude is the currency of true wealth.

Finally, for those times where we really feel the need to get even, here are some parting words of wisdom from outside of our tradition: "The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you." – John E. Southard

This November, may every day be Thanksgiving, and may we all celebrate the countless joys and blessings of our lives.

Warmly,

Rabbi Gary Pokras

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

We mourn the recent death of:

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mother of Daniel Kotz

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Beth Ami's Hospitality Initiative Wants YOU!

If you've been to Erev Shabbat services, you've been welcomed by fellow congregants and donned a name tag so others can greet you by name. You've also noticed a Welcome Table, the hub of our Hospitality Initiative. These efforts are a way to make all who enter our doors feel the warmth and caring of our congregational community, whether they are members or visitors who are worshipping with us for the first time.

Our "Welcome Ambassadors" also have benefitted from volunteering for this effort. They have gotten to know more and more Temple members, as well as visitors and families of B'nai Mitzvah who have come to celebrate. In helping others feel more connected to TBA they, too, have come to feel like an important part of Temple life.

While we have a cadre of dedicated volunteers who make Erev Shabbat services THE place to be on Friday evenings, we are looking for additional Temple members who would like to serve as "Welcome Ambassadors".

Please RSVP to Cathy Friedman at 301-330-8377 or cathyjfriedman@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a "Welcome Ambassador". You will be joining a great group of Temple members who are making a difference.

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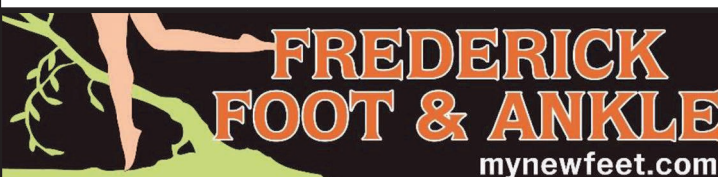
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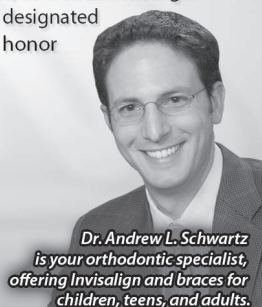
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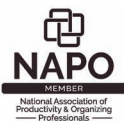
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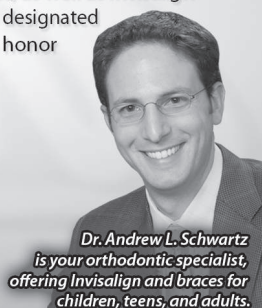
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