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#### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Monday, October 1** 9:00 am Simchat Torah Service with Yizkor

Friday, October 5 6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song and Story

Saturday, October 6 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah: Skyler Walcoff 5:30 pm Shabbat Service B'not Mitzvah: Abby Peska

Maddie Peska **Sunday, October 7** 10:45 am Sunday Minyan **Friday, October 12** 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service **Saturday, October 13** 10:30 am Shabbat Service B'not Mitzvah: Emma Karlin Lily King 10:30 am Shabbat Chapel Service 5:30 pm Shabbat Service B'nai Mitzvah: Alex Bergen Andrew Plotnick

#### Sunday, October 14

10:45 am Sunday Minyan Friday, October 19 6:30 pm Spirit of Shabbat Saturday, October 20 10:30 am Shabbat Service B'nai Mitzvah: Olivia Maytin Simon Reich

5:30 pm Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah: Charlie Schwartz **Sunday, October 21** 

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### **MESSAGE FROM** *Rabbi Miri Gold*



#### Dear Friends,

As you may know, the Israeli government recently passed a controversial basic (constitutional level) law called "the Nation-State Law." Many of us have had questions about this law, without necessarily having direct contact with Israelis and their perspectives. With that in mind, I asked Rabbi Miri Gold, a Reform colleague in Israel and the rabbi of our sister congregation at Kibbutz Gezer, if she would write a column about her views on the Nation-State Law. We are pleased to share her personal response in this month's clergy column.

Sincerely, Rabbi Gary Pokras

It's October. The Tishrei holidays—Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah—are over. Things in Israel have been at a standstill. A standard answer when someone wants to get something done is "Acherei Ha'hagim", after the holidays, meaning that it could take a good month to get back to the routine.

Most of the time we take this philosophically, with some humor, some cynicism, and know that we need to remember the serenity prayer written by the American theologian Reinhold Nieburhr in 1951:

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 16** 

High Holy Days Appeal

We are looking for 100% participation. Please contribute to the Annual High Holy Days Appeal at whatever amount is comfortable for you. By giving what you are able, we hope to reach our goal of \$150,000 this year. Toda raba

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#### **MESSAGE FROM** Buzz Karpay, President

#### I HOPE THAT THIS YEAR EACH OF YOU WILL TRY SOMETHING NEW THAT IS JEWISH, EVEN IF IT'S OUT-SIDE OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE.

Soon after we moved into our house, our next door neighbors invited us to have Shabbat lunch in their sukkah. We went over with our young daughter, had lunch in their sukkah, and then spent most of the afternoon with them. It was a delightful day. When we got home, our daughter asked, "Why don't we have a sukkah? Aren't we Jewish too?" My family had never built a sukkah, and I had never thought about doing it before, but I told her we would build a sukkah the next year.

The year passed quickly and our daughter hadn't forgotten the previous year's fun day next door. She asked about a sukkah just far enough ahead of time that I could still build one. I could have gotten one of those easy-to-assemble kits, but I chose to build it from scratch, with lumber and nails and screws. I quickly designed something that I thought would stand up well, but which could be disassembled easily to be stored in the garage for the other 98% of the year.

That first sukkah turned out to be much more of a learning experience than I expected. I decided the following year to completely redesign it and I built sukkah 2.0, which was much sturdier, though not without some issues. When the sukkah was already a few years old and we had two more daughters, all three of them



asked if we could sleep in it one night. Lynn liked this idea, as she would have a quiet night indoors while I stayed outside with the girls! Unfortunately, the weather forecast wasn't particularly encouraging and we all agreed that maybe this wasn't the right time to try sleeping in the sukkah.

The girls woke up the next morning, ready to go outside to eat breakfast in the sukkah, but when we looked outside they asked, "What happened to the sukkah?" The wind had blown the sukkah down overnight. When we assembled the sukkah the following year, I added some bracing, making it much sturdier than before; that year, we got to sleep in the sukkah.

Our family used that sukkah for about 30 years. I did most of the construction and the rest of the family did most of the decorating.

Time started taking its toll on the lumber, and last year I decided it was time to once again rebuild the sukkah from scratch. I had been working on a new design for a number of years and I was excited to finally get to try it out. I needed to do a trial run over the summer. When two of my grandsons were visiting, we built a "fort" together, using the hardware I had bought for the sukkah. The fort was much smaller than the sukkah would be, but I was able to work out the logistics of assembly using smaller pieces of lumber (and with the "assistance" of my 51/2 year-old and 8-year old grandsons.) They loved playing in the fort while they were



#### COMING This Month



#### Tuesday, October 2 & 9 Live & Learn with Ira Weiss

Join Ira Weiss, Ph.D., for an enlightening course on The Palestinian Citizens of Israel. Each class will begin with a short introduction, followed by the screening of an episode of the Israeli TV smash comedy hit, Arab Labor. Discussion will follow, focusing on issues raised by the episode. Supported by the Sally Kera Live & Learn and Torah Endowment Funds.



#### Network & Nosh

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. Join Cat Stancik, business coach, speaker and

author, who will focus on "Referrals: Get them, groom them & grow them!" RSVP by 10/3 to SLG@bethami.org. Questions? Contact Marcy Waxman (marcywaxmanrealty@gmail.com) or Ellen Davis (edavis@lifehealthhome.com). Supported by the Innovation Fund.



#### Monday, October 8

Sunday, October 14

#### **Broadway Buzz with Steve Friedman**

#### 10:30 am - 12 pm

10:30 am - 12 pm

8 - 9:30 am

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



iParent 101:Parenting in the Digital Age: Parent Workshop with Dr. Adam Pletter

9 - 10:30 am

Machane TBA and Bitachon (TBA's Mental Health Initiative) invite all parents of 5-14 year-olds for a special parenting workshop to help parents with solutions to safeguard and guide their digitally savvy children. No charge, but your RSVP by 10/11 to KER@bethami.org will help with planning. Supported by the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.



#### Monday, October 15

#### Coming of Age with Daryl Davis

1 - 2:30 pm

Don't miss Daryl Davis, planist and singer extraordinaire! In a solo presentation on the history of Boogie Woogie (featuring plenty of live performance)! Register through bendericcgw.org under "Coming of Age" - \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door.

#### Tuesday, October 16

#### Planning for your Future: Protecting your Health Care & Financial Decisions

#### 10:30 am – 12 pm

10:30 am – 12 pm

9 am



Join ElderSAFE Center Director, Tovah Kasdin, and Estate Attorney, Adam Abramowitz, to discuss effective healthcare and financial planning practices involving advance directives, powers of attorney and the MOLST form. Learn proactive measures to avoid financial exploitation and about resources in our community that can assist older

adults in staying safe and healthy. Provided by Charles E. Smith Life Communities. No charge to attend.



## Brotherhood Brunches4 Sundays in 2018/2019October 21, December 9, February 3 and March 24

Details on speakers to follow.

Brotherhood Board Meeting on Sunday, November 18 at 9 am.

Join Brotherhood today online, login to your Temple Chaverweb account.

## LIVE&LEARN It's Neurer Too Late

#### Tuesdays, October 23 & 30 Live & Learn with Steve Gimbel

Join returning professor, Steve Gimbel, for a multi-part course on 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 1: Comedy of the Jewish Immigrants: Yiddish theater to the Marx Bros. Session 2: Jewish Comedy after the Holocaust from the Borscht Belt to Hitler on Ice. Supported by the Sally Kera Live & Learn and Torah Endowment Funds.

#### Love to Bake? We Do Too

COOKIE BRIGADE on Sunday, October 7 in the Kitchen
 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
 Come schmooze and learn new techniques as we bake cookies to enhance Temple Onegs. Featuring: chocolate chip & bar cookies
 CHALLAH CLUB – Dates: Thursday, October 25 and Friday, November 16 in the Kitchen
 10 am – 12:30 pm
 Come learn how to make challah, take some home, and prepare challot for Shabbat at Beth Ami

#### Capital Camps - Prospective Camper Tours

Summer 2018 was a blast and we are already planning for an awesome Summer 2019! Registration is open, and grants and scholarships are available. Join us for a tour and check out what everyone's talking about: view the inside of a bunk, our mud challenge course, our outstanding aquatics facility, and more! Sunday Tours: October 21, November 4, November 18, December 9, from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. Visit www.capitalcamps.org for more information and to RSVP.

#### DECEMBER CHADASHOT DEADLINE OCTOBER 25



#### **TIKKUN OLAM** *Community Service Projects*



#### LEND A HAND

Temple Beth Ami Community Service Projects

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

bethami.org/groups/TO.)

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

• After-School Art Club at South Lake ES - Adult & teen volunteers needed to help staff the club Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:45 pm, from late October 2018 until April 2019. SSL hours available. Art experience not required, and you don't need to volunteer at each session. For more information or to volunteer, contact Sue Fox at foxdsgc@aol.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!

• **Coats & Socks Drive** - Bring new/gently used coats & socks for men, women & children for Interfaith Clothing Center (adult coats/socks) & South Lake ES (children's coats/socks) to the collection boxes in the Temple lobby 10/1 - 25.

• Healthy Canned Food Drive for Manna Food Center & Nourish Now - Help replenish the supply of healthy canned proteins (tuna, chicken & salmon), low-sodium vegetables & fruit in 100% juice for clients of Manna & Nourish Now. Bring your donations to the box in the Temple lobby.

• Keep Those Box Tops for Education (BTE) Labels Coming! - Help us continue our efforts 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. (Also, please trim the labels as closely as possible to the outline of the label itself.)

• Heads-Up re Thanksgiving Food Drive for Nourish Now - Bring canned (yams, carrots, pie filling, chicken broth, green beans, gravy & cranberry sauce) & boxed/bagged (instant mashed potatoes, dried stuffing mix, & muffin mix) foods for Nourish Now, which hopes to feed 5,000 people this Thanksgiving. Collection boxes in the Temple lobby 11/1 - 15.

#### **IN THE COMMUNITY**

• **Comedy Night**, Thursday, 10/18, 7 p.m., at TBA—Support CMR's Kaseman Health Clinic in Rockville by attending a Comedy Night, 10/18, 7 p.m., at the Temple. More information at cmrocks.org, or contact Andrea Kempner-Wink at andreak-wink@cmrocks.org or 301-637-0730.



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#### WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH AMI

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#### **Book Club**

WTBA will hold a book club meeting on Tuesday, October 2 at the Temple from 7:30 to 9 pm. The

book Bed-Stuy is Burning by Brian Platzer will be discussed. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Terry Steinberg at 301-926-0815 or Steinberg 4@comcast.com.

#### **Crafts for a Cause**

The next Crafts for a Cause event will be held at the Temple on Wednesday. October 10 from 6-9 pm, beginning with a pizza and salad dinner. The craft portion of the evening will be making warm fleece items to be distributed to the homeless in Montgomery County. No prior experience or sewing knowledge is required, but some sewing machines and able-operators will be needed. WTBA member Debbie Ezrin, Director of Development and Communications at the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, will share information regarding homelessness in our area and ways in which we can help to alleviate this problem. Please RSVP to Jeanne Kahn at jeannekahn@aol.com by 10/5, and she will email you a Sign Up Genius invitation to bring some supplies. Thank you in advance for your help in making this a successful Tikkun Olam event.

#### **Ladies Night Out**

Join us for a Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, October 23 at 6:30 pm at Not Your Average Joe's in the Kentlands. Not Your Average Joe's will donated 15% of all purchases (excluding alcohol, tax, and gratuity) back to WTBA! This will be a great opportunity to relax and socialize in a fun place. NYAJ's features "creative comfort food" with several gluten-free options. RSVP's are required to help the restaurant plan for our special night out. Please RSVP to Rhona Arbit at arbitfamily@gmail.com by October 16.

#### Fall Yoga



Stretch & Strengthen yoga sessions continue this fall on several Sundays from 2-3 pm at the Temple. Classes will be held on

October 7, 14, 21, 28; November 18, 25; and December 2, 9, 16, & 23. Sessions are being taught by Monya and David Cohen, TBA members and Yoga Alliance 200-hour yoga instructors. This is a multi-level lowmoderate intensity class. Cost for the 12week session is \$72 for WTBA/Brotherhood members, \$84 for non-members, or \$7 per class. Proceeds benefit Stuff-a-Duff and the Rockville Days for Girls chapter. Please contact Monya at micohen0636@gmail.com for more information.

#### **Canasta Lessons**

Canasta lessons will begin this month at Temple Beth Ami. Class dates and times will be determined based on interest. If you would like to learn how to play canasta, please call Marilyn Lipowsky at 301-493-8212 or Eve Lader at 301-9938-0200.

#### **Board Training**

WTBA held a fun leadership orientation for the incoming board members and committee chairs on July 29. We had a wonderful morning together learning about WTBA and planning for the many WTBA activities this year. Thank you to Jackie Manis and Livia Weinstein for conducting a training session for Judaica Shop volunteers, and to Rhona Arbit, Judi Goozh, Jeanne Kahn, and Rachel Maryn for organizing this training session.

#### **Women's Shelter Meals**

As part of TBA's week in late July/early August of providing meals and support to the 35 residents of the Interfaith Works Women's Center in Rockville, WTBA cooked and served a delicious dinner to the women on Monday of that week. We also prepared food items for the ladies' Tuesday breakfast and supplied snacks to the shelter for the whole week. This is a wonderful time of support that our TBA family gives to our greater community, and our WTBA experience of cooking together in the temple kitchen and interacting with the women at the shelter is always humbling and very rewarding. The shelter residents are always so appreciative of the support that we provide!

Thank you to the following WTBA women and family members who helped this year with our shelter meals, either by cooking, serving dinner, shopping, or contributing monetarily: Melissa Bauman, Linda Burka, Suzy Slyn Davis, Flora Feldman, Margie Halem, Shelby Herman, Elizabeth Joseloff, Jeanne Kahn, Nate Kahn, Eve Lader, Ginny Michalowski, Janey Nadler, Beth Rosenthal and Susan Stern

#### Save the Date

Wednesday, November 28 – Manna Food Sorting, 7 pm. Contact Rhonda Gaynor for more information at Rhonda.gaynor@gmail.com.

#### **Ongoing Projects**



**Kippot** for B'nai Mitzvah, Brides and Grooms are available at discount prices through WTBA.

#### **B'NAI MITZVAH** *Profiles*

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



**LAYLA FLACK,** daughter of Brian and Hayley, became a Bat Mitzvah on September 29. She is in seventh grade at Julius West Middle School. Layla has an older sister, Chloe, and a younger brother, Eli. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Layla is

baking birthday cakes for disadvantaged

children and seniors through the nonprofit Birthday Cakes 4 Free. She is also participating in the Remember Us program, dedicating her Bat Mitzvah to the memory of a child who perished during the Holocaust.



**SKYLER WALCOFF,** son of Jeff and Sheila, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 6. He is in seventh grade at the Fusion Academy. Skyler has a younger brother, Jaden.



#### **ABIGAIL (ABBY) JOCELYN**

**PESKA,** daughter of Sharon Peska, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday afternoon, October 6. She is in eighth grade at Lakelands Park Middle School. Abby is excited to share becoming a Bat Mitzvah with her twin sister, Maddie. Abby has an older

brother, Alex. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Abby is supporting MD Anderson Cancer Center, a cancer treatment hospital in Houston, Texas.



#### **MADALYN (MADDIE) SABRINA**

**PESKA,** daughter of Sharon Peska, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday afternoon, October 6. She is in eighth grade at Ridgeview Middle School. She is proud to share becoming a Bat Mitzvah with her twin sister, Abby. Maddie has an older brother,

Alex. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Maddie is collecting blankets and towels for the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center.



#### **EMMA DANIELLE KARLIN,**

daughter of Karen, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 13. She is in seventh grade at Julius West Middle School. For her Bat Mitzvah Project, Emma will be raising funds to support The Kitten Rescue, a non-profit volunteer-run organization devoted to finding

homes for unwanted, homeless cats and kittens.



**LILY NICOLE KING,** daughter of Linda and Josh, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 13. She is in seventh grade at Cabin John Middle School. Lily has three younger brothers, Zachary, Chase and Brody. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Lily partnered with the American Red Cross to create

comfort kids to help natural disaster victims. She is also participating in the Remember Us Project to honor the memory of a child who was lost in the Holocaust. Lily is a madricha in Machane TBA.



#### ANDREW PLOTNICK, son of

Sharon and Michael, will become a Bar Mitzvah Saturday afternoon, October 13. He is in eighth grade at Tilden Middle School. Andrew has an older brother, Matthew. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Andrew is setting up a drive and volunteering at Leveling the Playing

Field, a local organization that donates sport equipment to children in need.



#### **OLIVIA ANNE MAYTIN,** daughter of Debbie and Rob, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 20. She is in seventh grade at Lakelands Park Middle School. Olivia has an older sister, Hallie. For her Bat Mitzvah Project, Olivia is collecting

new and used sports equipment for Leveling the Playing Field, which helps give children in need the opportunity to play sports.

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#### **NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS** Paula Sayag, Director



You Never Stop Learning from Jewish Preschool

My parents still have the Seder plate I made when I was in my final year of preschool. The teachers demonstrated how to draw an egg, shank bone, and the other essential accoutrements - and 5-year-old me drew two happy pigs, complete with belly buttons, basking in the sunshine instead.

Good thing I'm getting a second chance at Jewish preschool - and that the lessons I learned last year as a TBANS parent are still fresh.

Old Testament stories are my kids' Game of Thrones. Take the basic outline of the HBO series, extract the lust but retain the plot twists, alliances, tragedies, and triumphs - and you basically have the Torah. No doubt I learned these stories when I was in preschool, but they really came to life for my kids last year. My daughter came home from school one sunny, spring day insisting that she wanted to stay inside and direct her own version of The Ten Commandments. There had been a reenactment of Exodus that day - replete with plagues, pharaohs, and parting seas - and my daughter wanted to dress her brothers as shepherds. I loved reconnecting with these stories through my kids' eyes - and whenever I feel pressure to tell a bedtime story, I now have a captivating collection to draw from.

A pretend fire is almost as good as the real thing. I've always appreciated Judaism's core value of community, and TBANS does a phenomenal job of making sure that everyone feels welcome and included. My son's class made a pretend fireplace last winter and man was he proud of that thing. Anytime we passed his classroom, he invited everyone in sight to come in and warm their hands by the red and orange construction paper flames. The idea that there's always room at the proverbial hearth really struck a nerve with my 3-year-old, who likes to engage with friends and strangers alike. Thanks to him, I now know more people on our block than ever before.

The principal's office isn't scary. I spent a lot of time worrying about Disney princesses last year. First, I questioned whether my daughter's obsession would ruin her self-image, and then I wondered if it was normal that my son also wanted to dress up in a glittery gown for Halloween. I turned to Paula, who told me that my son doesn't have a fully-formed gender identity yet. She recommended some reading (I guess sometimes there is homework in preschool?) so I could decide for myself how I felt about this. I learned that I'm okay with anyone in my house being a princess, and that everyone in the school is a partner in the quest for my kids' well-being.

Mensches are made in preschool. My son's class talked a lot about the word mensch. He spent the beginning of the year constantly asking what a mensch would do ("Mommy, would a mensch have to share his pretzels?"), but by the end of the year, he was telling me definitively. And the thing is, both my kids' teachers were showing them - and me - the meaning of that word all year long. When we couldn't figure out why my daughter was crying at a particular activity, her teachers gave me a muchneeded hug - and followed up with weekly progress reports. I can't imagine in the rest of her academic career she'll ever encounter that level of caring again.

I look forward to continuing to learn from Jewish preschool in my fifth year as a TBANS parent.

Excerpted from an article that originally appeared in Kveller in June 2018. Read the article in its entirety at bit.ly/TBANS2

By **Jodie Fishman**, TBANS Correspondent

#### **SIMCHAS** Mazel Tov to...

#### **TBANS Staff Preparing For New School Year**







Maya Gottesman, Charlotte Handel, Elise Schneider and Alyson Pilloff each on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Howard and Jill Speisman and Brenda and Rob Speisman on the naming of their daughter and granddaughter, Emmie Adalynn Speisman

Erica and Etan Harmelech on the birth of their daughter, Aviva Tori Harmelech.

**Connie Heller,** on the engagement of her daughter, **Laura, to Brandon Key** 

Kathy and Jeff Cohen on the marriage of their son, Greg, and Jennie Baroff

**Marcia and Don Kaplan** on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

#### **Special Thanks To:**

The ShabbaTones for participating in our summer Picnic Shabbatot

Our Elul Shofar blowers: TJ Miller, Adam Levy, Jake Carin, Andrew Feinstein, Shaun O'Connor, Phyllis Silverman, Seth Barash, Michael Sinnott, Daron Freedberg, Will Sexter and Colin Alter

**Milestone Cleaners and Ronnie Greenbaum** for generously donating the cleaning of are Tallit for the High Holy Days

Our Culinary Crew for our Challot Our Shabbat Hospitality Committee Sherri and Jim Lieberman and Debbie Koss for helping with the Oneg

Check out our new mobile friendly website. www.bethami.org

#### **MACHANE TBA NEWS**

Kim Roberts, Director



### Calendar

Tuesday, October 2 Mid-Week Gr 3 - 6 in session TBAirHigh Opening Night TBAHigh – Opening Night Sunday, October 7 Machane TBA In Session 9:00 - 10:00 am Grade Level Gathering for Gan parents 12:30 - 2:00 Gr 306 Kehillah Tuesday, October 9 Mid-Week Gr 3 - 6 in session TBAjrHigh in session TBAHigh – Chug 1 Night (Confirmation, Cooking, Homework Hangout, Social Action, 3 - D Printing) Sunday, October 14 Machane TBA In Session 9:00 - 11:00 am Parent Workshop on Screen Addiction Tuesday, October 16 Mid-Week Gr 3 - 6 in session TBAjrHigh in session TBAHigh – Core 2 Night (Confirmation, Graduation, Grade-level programming) Fri - Sun. October 19 - 21 **BBYO Fall Convention** Sunday, October 21 Machane TBA In Session 2:00 pm TBAHigh Kelliah 2:00 - 4:00 pm Temple Camp Fair

#### Tuesday, October 23

Mid-Week Gr 3-6 in session TBAjrHigh in session TBAHigh – Chug 2 Night (Aliyah Bet, Homework Hangout, Sports & Jewish Games, Leadership, Student Council Committees, Yoga)

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#### **ISRAEL AND MACHANE TBA** By Sharon Tash

In Mid-July this year, Lori Fein, Primary and High School Supervisor, and I had the incredible opportunity to join with hundreds of Jewish educators from around the world to participate in the 2018 JNF-KK"L World Education Conference in Israel. Around 40 Jewish educators from U.S. schools came to this conference for the first time ever, and Lori and I were privileged to be among them! During the week we were taken to see and experience numerous projects of the Keren Kayemet L'Yisrael and JNF America and, though we may have had preconceived notions of JNF as "the organization that plants the trees," we saw firsthand how the KK"L and JNF are integrally involved in helping to develop nearly every aspect of Israeli society. They have massive public works projects such as the Be'er Sheva River Park, which is vitalizing 1,700 acres of riverfront in Be'er Sheva with recreation. businesses, performance venues, and adjacent housing. We visited the KK"L-JNF House in Upper Nazareth, which is designed to bridge an educational/technological gap between youth who live in "peripheral" regions of Israel with those who live in more affluent, connected communities in Israel. We heard from Col. Tiran Attia, the founder of "Special in Uniform" which enables Israeli young adults with special needs to serve in the IDF and we met some of the remarkable soldiers who are part of this program. We visited the Wadi Attir Bedouin community in the Negev, which engages in sustainable desert agriculture, advanced methods of animal husbandry, and fostering employment opportunities for women, among other things. These varied and essential projects are supported by the KK"L and they are all aimed to develop different facets of life in Israel.

Interspersed with visits to more KK"L-JNF sites were visits to some essential places in Israel like the city of Tzfat (home to Kabbalistic tradition), Jerusalem, a cable-car climb up Masada, and many other sites. We were regaled by wonderful entertainment on a nightly basis, and we were treated to massive delicious meals everywhere we went.

We participated in fantastic experiential learning games and we heard a fascinating panel discussion about modern-day Zionism and the relationship between Israeli and Diaspora Jewry. There were literally not enough hours in the day to fit in all of the programming that was offered throughout the conference!

It was so important that Lori and I were able to be a part of this incredible program because, throughout the 8 days of the program, we had the opportunity to interact with our educational counterparts from around the country and, indeed, around the world. We talked about the challenges of Jewish education today, from day school concerns to part-time religious schools like ours. We talked about Jewish identity in the 21st century, where Israel education fits in and how we

each approach the topic of Israel. This trip was Lori's very first visit to Israel, and it was quite an introduction! On the other hand, I have lived and studied in Israel for three years and made countless other visits during the past 37 years, but I learned so many new things and met such great new friends and colleagues that it was almost like a first visit for me!

This year Machane TBA plans to incorporate new Israel programming into many aspects of our different offerings, starting with an Israel-themed "Erev Machane" program on October 27-28. Moving forward, our students will engage in new, hands-on ways to experience Israel and hopefully we can bring to life some of the variety of experiences that we had during the World Education Conference.

We received some really great gifts from the Conference - we got a backpack full of JNF-KK"L "swag" which is so nice (above and beyond, like the entire trip!). On the last day of the trip, I received an extra-special gift - my new friend Linda from the Javne Lauder Jewish Community Schools in Budapest, Hungary, presented me with a beautiful Jewish calendar for the upcoming year. Each page is adorned with artwork from the students at the Javne Lauder school, and each page for this new year 5779 is a miracle. Why do I say this? Because in the Jewish year 5704, toward the very end of WWII, around 440,000 Hungarian Jews were deported by the Nazis (most ended up in Auschwitz-Birkenau and were murdered in the crematoria). Then, immediately following the war, the remnants of Hungarian Jewry lived under communism (which actually permitted religious practice but was also rife with antisemitism) until the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989. So the fact that there are thriving Jewish schools and robust Jewish life in Hungary today is nothing short of miraculous. We did not take for granted the fact that on the last evening of the conference at a beautiful Bedouin hospitality tent in the Negev desert as a concert blared Am Yisrael Chai and other such songs that EVERYONE knew, Jewish educators from all over the world got up to dance the hora and share this moment of "Klal Yisrael" (Jewish Community) in collegiality and in friendship, that THIS was the heart of the conference and THIS was our greatest gift.





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Fri - Sun, October 26 - 28 Grade 10 Confirmation NYC Trip Sat - Sun, October 27 - 28 4 pm-Gr 3-6 Erev Machane Sunday, October 28 Machane TBA in session,K - 2 9:00 - 11 am, Gr 3 - 6 9:00 -11:15 am, NO Primary Enrichment Tuesday, October 30 Mid-Week Gr 3 - 6 in session TBAjrHigh in session, TBAHigh – Core 1 Night

#### **COMMITTEE** News



214 completely supplied backpacks were delivered to South Lake Elementary School for the start of school; last year we delivered 104 backpacks. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies and helped to stuff the backpacks.



#### **Resources for Easier Living**

Have you ever suffered a family crisis? Have you had an illness or surgery that leaves you needing extra support? When you travel, do you need someone to shovel your driveway or provide transportation to the airport? You are not alone. The TBA

Cares Committee has compiled a network of resources that have been used by other congregants. We are looking to expand our list that includes descriptions of positive experiences involving care for all ages and a variety of needs. Temple members who own or work in the service industry are especially encouraged to respond.

The Temple is not endorsing or guaranteeing any of the resources or any results if the service providers are used; nor is the Temple providing any warrants. Anyone using the services is assuming his/her own liability. Temple Beth Ami is not expressing an opinion; we are simply gathering comments from congregants and making them available to all temple members. The

Temple has not rated the service providers or checked any company credentials.

If you can help, please go to: www.surveymonkey.com /r/tbacares. The survey will take you less than 10 minutes and will close on November 11, 2018. Please keep your comments respectful, clear and concise. Entries may be edited for clarity and space. Please contact Rhona Arbit at TBACaresResources@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

#### Thank You, Shelter Week Volunteers

Thank you to all of the many volunteers who helped Temple Beth Ami prepare and serve meals during the week of July 29 -August 5 for 35 residents of the Interfaith Works Women's Center in Rockville. Providing three meals/day, plus snacks, to the women is a big commitment, and our TBA family really stepped up to make this a very successful week! Much appreciation goes out to: Mia and Jeff Citrin, Ellen Davis & Jacob Kaplan-Davis, Ari & Adam Dubelman, Tammy and Bruce Fox, Gayle Friedman, Judi and Paul Goozh, Angela Harris, Elizabeth Joseloff & Adam Levy, Jeanne & Nate Kahn, Gail Kaplan-Wassell, Gail Klein, Debbie Koss, Allyson & Jason Levine & family, Mike Marvn, Matt Rosenstock, Sherry Rubin, Jodi Schwartz, Susan Stiles, Judy Fox Tepper, Sirina Tsai, Amy Weinberg, Livia & Don Weinstein, the Empty Nesters kehillah (Leslie Block, Suzy Slyn Davis, Michelle & Daron Freedberg, Holly Gross, Eve Lader, Warren Marcus, Rachel Maryn, Nancy Migdall, Wendy Miller, Audrey & Michael Rollor & Jed Tonelson), the 2006 Adult B'nai Mitzvah class (Donna Eckert, Stacia Friedman-Hill, Karen Hochberg, & Dori Stehlin), the Tikkun Olam committee (Joanne & Mel Brodsky, Doreen Feldman, Kim Goldberg, Connie Heller, Arlynn & Mark Joffe, Tina & Jerry Levine, and Linda Vann), the TBA Brotherhood, and WTBA (see also WTBA page). Thank you also to Jeanne Kahn and Elizabeth Joseloff for their help coordinating the shopping, meal prep, and serving of the meals for the week.

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#### Tikkun Olam in Action

#### Manna's New Programs to Feed the Hungry and How YOU Can Help

TBA has been supporting Manna Food Center's ("Manna") efforts for many years. Here's an update on Manna's innovative activities and how individuals, families, and groups can help.

Manna's mission since 1983 has been to eliminate hunger in Montgomery County via food distribution, education, and advocacy. In 2017, Manna adopted a new vision in addition to its mission: "Our Community is a place where all people at all times have access to safe, sufficient, nutritious food in order to lead fulfilling lives and contribute to making Montgomery County, Maryland a place where all live in dignity." Manna is addressing the needs of 70,500 people in the County who are estimated to be food insecure, including 33,000 children and the 12% of County seniors who live below 150% of the federal poverty level. Over the next 3 years, with support from the County and local groups like TBA, Manna will focus on pursuing its mission and vision through a variety of programs, including:

• Food for Families: Manna offers an average of 3,800 County families about 60 pounds of perishable and nonperishable food every month. More than 94% of this food is donated by people in the community.

• **Karen Goldberg Smart Sacks:** This program provides nutritious food and healthy eating tips to help bridge the Friday – Monday gap for Montgomery County Public Schools students and their families who otherwise might not have another meal until after the weekend. Manna is working to expand these efforts to more students in more schools across the County.

 Manna Mobile Kitchen: Manna converted a used school bus into a cooking classroom and pop-up pantry on wheels and uses it to distribute fresh food in areas with limited food access and to provide hands-on cooking education to children, parents, and seniors.

• **Community Food Rescue:** Manna partners with local hunger relief groups, volunteers, and businesses to improve County-wide efforts to rescue and redistribute unsold, surplus food to people experiencing hunger.

Nutrition Education: Manna is working to give individuals the

knowledge and skills to improve their health within their means. Topics include misleading marketing on food packaging and eating well with type 2 diabetes.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

• **Donate Food:** Individuals/groups can drop food donations\* off at Manna\*\* Monday thru Friday, 8 am – 2 pm. Visit mannafood.org for information on how your family can host a food drive.

• **Volunteer:** Manna needs volunteers ages 7+ year round at the Gaithersburg Food Center\*\* to help sort and distribute food. (Advance registration required.) WTBA organizes groups to sort food at Manna, too. The next date is 11/18, 7 pm. Contact Rhonda Gaynor at rhonda.gaynor@gmail.com.

• **Bar/Bat Mitzvah Projects:** Students, their families, and guests can support Manna by donating food and/or a portion of their monetary gifts, setting up a website asking for donations (and perhaps setting a goal), and volunteering in various ways.

• Yom Kippur Food Drive: This is one of the most important food drives during the year because food inventories are very low during the Jewish Holidays and Manna depends on TBA and other synagogues to help replenish supplies before Thanksgiving and the winter holidays.

• Visit www.mannafood.org or call 301-424-1130 for more information or to volunteer.

\*Most-needed items: instant oatmeal (original flavor); brown rice (16 oz.); whole-grain pasta (16 oz.); cans of tuna, salmon, or chicken in water; dry or canned beans (low sodium); natural nut butters; canned vegetables (low sodium); canned fruit in juice; fruit cups; shelf-stable individual milk boxes; cooking oils & spices; infant formula & baby food.

\*\*Manna Food Center, 9311 Gaither Rd., Gaithersburg 20877

### COMING In November



Friday, November 2 am

**Network & Nosh** 

8 - 9:30

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. RSVP by 10/31 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 10 am Save the date and join Rabbi Weiss for "Worship in the Woods." Stay tuned for details. Hike. Pause. Prav. Refresh.



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.



10:30 am - 12 pm Monday, November 12 Broadway Buzz with Steve Friedman 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

accommodations to ensure your fullest enjoyment and participation. All are welcome. Supported by the Torah Endowment Fund.

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visiting with us and were excited to see sukkah 3.0 when they returned in the fall. In the photo below, the structure is up and a few decorations are hung, but the real decorating, which is now done by my grandchildren, hasn't begun.



All this started because our 2-year-old daughter asked, "Why don't we have a sukkah?" I hope that this year each of you will try something new that is Jewish, even if it's outside of your comfort zone. You can do something at home that you've never done before, or you can try something at the Temple. You never know where it might lead. It just might start a whole new family tradition.

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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 1-3 pm to play. Players of all abilities are welcome and there is no charge to participate. Come and play with old friends and make some new ones! We play for fun and not money. 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 a 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

#### B'NAI MITZVAH PROFILES CONT. FROM PAGE 7



**SIMON REICH,** son of Jonathan and Jill, will become a Bar Mitzvah on October 20. He is in seventh grade at Julius West Middle School. Simon has an older sister, Mikayla, and a younger brother, Elliott. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Simon will be volunteering this fall with the Little League

Challenger Division which is Little League's adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges.



#### CHARLIE SCHWARTZ, son of

Amy Schwartz and Ron Schwartz, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday afternoon, October 20. He is in eighth grade at Lakelands Park Middle school. Charlie has two older brothers, Eli and Jonah

#### **DARREN BRETT SHAPIRO,**



son of Robert and Jodi, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 27th. He is in seventh grade at Cabin John Middle School. Darren has a younger brother, Jeremy. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Darren chose Level the Playing Field, which makes youth sports

affordable for children less fortunate.



**ANDREW FEINSTEIN,** son of Marc and Jennifer, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 27. He is in seventh grade at Ridgeview Middle School. Andrea has an older brother, Justin. For his Bar Mitzvah Project, Andrew will be participating in the international Coastal

Clean-up, which works to eliminate ocean trash and protect our environment.

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Courage to change the things I can, And wisdom to know the difference."

Yet, Judaism, being the proactive faith and civilization it is, doesn't really allow us serenity.

On July 19th, the 'Basic Law: Israeli as the Nation-State of the Jewish People' was accepted, thanks to the government coalition partners who monolithically supported it, and passed it, 62-55 with 2 abstentions. The law does three big things: (see article by Miriam Berger in Vox—www.vox.com—from July 31st, "Israel's Hugely Controversial Nation State Law Explained")

1. It states that "the right to exercise national self-determination" in Israel is "unique to the Jewish people."

2. It establishes Hebrew as Israel's official language, and downgrades Arabic - a language spoken by Arab Israelis who make up approximately 25% of the population—to a "special status."

3. It establishes "Jewish settlement as a national value" and mandates that the state "will labor to encourage and promote its establishment and development."

Arab Israelis, as well as many Jewish citizens, see the law as one relegating the minority to be second-class citizens, and as being undemocratic, racist and divisive. The question remains: Can Israel be both Jewish and democratic? Many of us believe that it can. Unfortunately, in my eyes, we have not upheld the principle that all citizens must have "shared citizenship" with equal rights and opportunities for "land, urban planning, housing, infrastructure, economic development, and education", as described by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel.

As someone who grew up in the United States, making Aliyah at the age of 27, I brought with me the tenets of American democracy; as a Jew, with our collective history, I have a sensitivity for the stranger, the downtrodden, the refugee. I am also a proud Zionist, believing that we need a State for the Jewish People, and a right to self-determination, but I do not consider this right exclusive. All citizens have the right to determine what kind of society we will be. Zionism, from the same root as the word in Hebrew for excellence, means that we must continuously strive to make Israel an excellent place of which we can all be proud.

I take heart in the words of the Israel Proclamation of Independence, which in Section 13 states:

"The State of Israel will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations."

For those of us who disagree with this law, and believe in Israel's potential, we will never accept this law with serenity.

Rabbi Miri Gold serves Kehilat Birkat Shalom at Kibbutz Gezer, Israel, which is a "DOMIM/ALIKE" partner with Beth Ami.

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10:45 am Sunday Minyan Friday. October 25 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service Speaker: Miriam Feffer, HIAS Saturday, October 26 10:30 am Shabbat Service B'nai Mitzvah: Andrew Feinstein Darrin Shapiro Sunday, October 27 10:45 am Sunday Minyan Friday, November 2 6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song and Story - Gimel Siddur Saturday, November 3 10:00 am Shabbat Minyan 5:30 pm Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah: Braydon Ferguson Sunday, November 4 10:45 am Sunday Minyan

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#### WE GRATEFULLY Acknowledge

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

#### **ADULT EDUCATION FUND**

In memory of:

DENA FISHER, sister of Sybil Cantor, by Jon and Barbara Ranhand, Sherri and Jim Lieberman. Leslie Marks and Louis Solomon HILDA FORCHHEIMER, mother of Connie Heller, by Marcia and Don Kaplan

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In memory of:

SCOTT STERNBERG, son of William and Ellen Sternberg, by Esther and Scott Cohen, Brenda and Lou Gubinsky, Edward and Susan Dosik, Toni Kern

GARY TEPPER by Vickie and Lowell Soffer

In honor of: SCOTT STERNBERG'S 23rd Birthday by Vickie and Lowell Soffer

#### **CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In honor of

CANTOR LARRY ESCHLER for his guidance, support and officating at the funeral of MICHAEL FINCI, father of Richard Finci, by Richard Finci and family

ELISE SCHNEIDER becoming a Bat Mitzvah

by JL and Paula Mintzies In memory of DENA FISHER, sister of Sybil Cantor, by Livia and Don Weinstein

#### **HINENI FUND**

In memory of: MINNIE SCHIFRIEN, mother of Wayne Schifrien, by Michael Wolly DENA FISHER, sister of Sybil Cantor, by Marilyn and Don Goldman EVELYN COTTON, mother of Dr. Candace Cotton, by Holly and Daniel Gross

#### **ISRAEL TRAVEL FUND IN MEMORY OF DAVID CARIN**

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#### **MACHANE TBA (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION) SCHOLARSHIP** FUND IN MEMORY OF BUD LEVIN

In honor of:

CAROL and ED HOPKINS on their 50th Wedding Anniversary by Howard Baum, Jon and Barbara Ranhand, Sybil and Morey Cantor, Lorri and Brad Hopkins, Elinor and Nathan Young, Marlene J. Schwartz, Angela and Walter Harris, Shelby Herman, Irma and Samuel Kahn, Elizabeth Mariani, Rene and Steve Lanes, James and Leslie Weightman

In memory of: DENA FISHER, sister of Sybil Cantor

#### **MACHANE TBA (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION) RETREAT SCHOLARSHIP FUND IHO OF RABBI SPEY/CONFIRMATION TRIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

By Steven and Brenda Friedman with thanks for the assistance provided for their granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah

#### **MEZZUZAH FUND BY THE** AMMERMAN FAMILY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE OF OUR **CHILDREN**

In memory of:

BRUCE AMMERMAN, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, by Denis Franks and Joy Ammerman DENA FISHER, sister of Sybil Cantor, by Denis Franks and Joy Ammerman

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In memory of: MICHAEL FINCI, father of Rick Finci, by Susan and Stephen Chirumbole

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In honor of: ELLEN BORTZ on her birthday by Paula Sayag

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Alan Eisenberg in memory of Max Eisenberg

#### RABBIS' DISCRETIONARY FUND (RABBI POKRAS)

In memory of:

MAUREEN ROSIN and SYLVIA AND MILTON MANIS, by Jackie and Michael Manis SHELDON MATZKIN, by Jonathan and Karen Matzkin

In appreciation of:

RABBI POKRAS, for leading shiva service for my father, MICHAEL FINCI, by Richard Finci and Family

In honor of: SONIA ABEL's Hebrew naming, by Lauren Marx-Abel and Jarred Abel

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In honor of

RAVYN TREBY, daughter of Megan Treby and Mandel Brown, on becoming a Bat Mitzvah by David and Diane Ferraro

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In memory of DENA FISHER, sister of Sybil Cantor, by Edythe and Darryl Runett

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In Memory of: GEROGE R. SLYN AND DAVID H. STILLMAN by Suzy Slyn Davis & family

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#### **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

#### WHEN YOU NEED HELP AFTER HOURS

The 24/7 emergency number is available for Temple emergencies. After regular business hours, please call 301-332-3566 or you can call the office (301-340-6818) and follow the prompts to the emergency number. The clergy and the executive director are always available to help you.

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

We mourn the recent death of:

Geraldine Misner wife of Kenneth Misner

Edna Weinstein aunt of Irwin Slonin

Gloria Aronoff grandmother of Heather Handel

Evelyn Cotton mother of Candace Cotton

Anita Sher wife of Steve Sher

Carroll Kirsh father of Ellen Kirsh

Hilda Forchheimer mother of Connie Heller

Claus Reinisch uncle of Ellen Harrison

Peter Reinisch father of Ellen Harrison

Laurence Cohen son of Steve Cohen and stepson of Joan Cohen

> Dena Fisher sister of Sybil Cantor

#### **CELEBRATING? Remember MAZON**

Our Congregation is a MAZON congregation which means that we contribute 3% of every event in which food is served to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger (also \$3 of every Oneg contribution). We ask every member of the congregation to do the same.

**BAR/BAT MITZVAH...** contributing to Mazon brings food and help to the hungry, while it gives your child the opportunity to begin his/her Jewish adult life with a public act of Tzedakah.

**WEDDING...**traditionally it is the obligation of the bride and groom to feed the hungry and help the poor. By contributing 3% of the cost of your wedding celebration to MAZON, you can continue these Jewish traditions.

#### 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.

#### **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.

#### **Can't Get to Services?**

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

#### 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 worshiping 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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#### **JSSA Liaison is Here for You**

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

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