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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday, June 1 10:30 am Shabbat Service B'nai Mitzvah: Jack Evans Rvan Loev Sunday, June 2 10:45 am Sunday Minyan Thursday, June 6 11:30 am Torah Service Bat Mitzvah: Grace Schulwolf Friday, June 7 6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song and Story Saturday, June 8 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah: Brielle Rudolph 10:30 am Shabbat Chapel Service 5:30 pm Erev Shavuot Serivce Adult B'nai Mitzvah Including Yizkor 8:30 pm Tikkun L'eil Shavuot Sunday, June 9 10:30 am Shavuot Confirmation Service including Yizkor Friday, June 14 6:30 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service Saturday, June 15 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah: Hayley Cooper Sunday, June 16 10:45 am Sunday Minyan Friday, June 21 6:30 pm Spirit of Shabbat Saturday, June 22 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah: Nadia Arnold



MESSAGE FROM Rabbi Weiss



In order to obey and follow the teachings of our Torah and Tradition, we first need to understand them! I hope that you will CHOOSE to receive the Torah with us on Shavuot.

The Jewish people are sometimes referred to as the chosen people. But I would like to suggest that more than being chosen, we are the people who have "chosen". What did we choose? Traditionally, to be a Jew means to enter into a covenant with God, a chosen relationship, and accept the teachings of the Torah as a way of life. Today it can mean many different things—we can feel a sense of culture and community, a connection to our heritage and

a responsibility toward social justice. It can mean a connection to our Jewish homeland in Israel.

But how did we get to be those so-called "chosen" people? And why us? A midrash suggests that the Torah was offered to many other nations before it was offered to Israel.

It is told that God first offered it to the descendants of Esau. When he offered them the Torah, they asked, "What are its laws?" When God told them that one of its laws was "You shall not murder," they said, "How can we accept the Torah? That law goes against our very nature, as Isaac said to our father, Esau, "And you will live by the Sword!" (Bereshit 27:40)

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Summer Hours Began on June 1

Starting on June 1, the building closes at 7pm on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The building will reopen on Tuesday evenings starting September 3.

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MESSAGE FROM Buzz Karpay, President



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to each of you who have volunteered in any capacity at Temple Beth Ami this year!

Temple Beth Ami has some of the best professional staff and clergy you will find in any synagogue and you can feel it every time you come into our building. But our clergy and staff don't do everything alone. An enormous group of volunteers – literally hundreds of congregants – participate in nearly every facet of our congregational life. When you come to Temple, or when you send your children to our Nursery School or our Religious School, you are getting the benefit not only of our extraordinary professionals, but also of our dedicated, enthusiastic congregants.

People volunteer for a wide variety of reasons. While it's true that the Temple and its members benefit from the efforts of our volunteers, the volunteers themselves also reap benefits. They make or strengthen connections to other congregants, broadening their support network while also enhancing our Temple community. Also, according to many studies, volunteering at any level improves your physical and mental health. It can counteract the effects of stress, anger, and anxiety; it can combat depression and even make you happy; it increases your self-confidence; and improves physical health. It can also be a lot of fun and bring you a sense of fulfillment.

Last September, in my remarks at Rosh Hashanah, I suggested that if you're not already engaged in some activity at the Temple, you should look for one (or more!) to try. If you can't find something already going on at the Temple that interests you, let me know. I want to know what would interest you. Maybe there are others who would benefit from exactly what you would like to do.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to acknowledge the importance of our volunteers and thank you for all that you do.

Important Upcoming Dates

Nominations for the new Board will be emailed in June; vote to take place at the Picnic Shabbat on June 28

High Holy Days information will go on line in mid-June; watch for some wonderful new additions

Financial Aid requests are due back by June 30; the approved FY2020 fees and the financial aid forms can be found on the website (www.bethami.org) or email finaid@tba.org for forms

Membership packet for the Fiscal Year 2020 will be mailed in Mid-July



COMING This Month



Broadway Buzz with Steve Friedman

Monday, June 3

10:30 – 12 pm

Topic: Great Broadway Producers and their Musicals II. Don't miss this popular Monday morning program, featuring footage, facts and, always, some live performance. Free for Temple members; \$10 for guests (cash or check only).

Live & Learn with Jen MillerTuesdays, June 4, 11, 1810:30 am -12 pmLive & Learn is open to all who wish to explore a variety of topics during the daytime.Topic: Culinary Conversations or"United, We Eat". Food nourishes bodies, satisfies souls, and unites communities.Join Jen Miller, chef and wellness coach, forcommunity-building conversations in which we'll explore Jewish culinary traditions and our lived experiences of them.A delicious treat will be provided each week - please RSVP to Shelly in advance (SLG@bethami.org) so that we havervonelThe program is supported by the Sally Kera Live & Learn Fund and the Torah Fund for Adult Education

enough for everyone! The program is supported by the Sally Kera Live & Learn Fund and the Torah Fund for Adult Education.



Network & Nosh

Are you in business for yourself? A budding entrepreneur or a seasoned business owner? Join us for a light nosh and the opportunity to make valuable personal and professional connections at the Temple at our monthly get-together. Rabbi Weiss joins us to engage in a conversation we can all relate to: The Work/Life Balance. RSVP by 6/5 to SLG@ bethami.org. Questions? Marcy Waxman (marcywaxmanrealty@gmail.com) or Ellen Davis (edavis@lifehealthhome.com). Supported by the Innovation Fund.



Conversations with our Congressmen

Joining Rabbi Pokras on the bimah for an interview will be Congressman David Trone, elected in 2018 to serve Maryland's Sixth Congressional District. David serves on the Education and Labor, Foreign Affairs, and Joint Economic Committees, where he is fighting to make progress on issues including the opioid epidemic, criminal justice reform, and funding for mental health research. No charge.



Bad Jews – Performances at Temple Beth Ami

Saturday, June 29 Sunday, June 30

8 pm (\$18 pp) 1 pm (\$15 pp)

The Jewish Community Theater of Montgomery County, in cooperation with the TBA Players, presents "Bad Jews," a comedy by Joshua Harmon. Cousins Daphna, Jonah, and Liam, plus Liam's girlfriend Melody, tussle over inheritance of a treasured Chai necklace. Tickets at the door or at Eventbrite.com. Info: jctmc18@gmail.com. "Bad Jews" is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., a Concord Theatricals Company. Contains adult language.

Friday, June 7

Sunday, June 23

8 - 9:30 am

4 - 5 pm

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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

• TBA Representative Needed for Community Reach of Montgomery County Advisory Group - Our current liaison to Community Reach of Montgomery County (formerly Community Ministries of Rockville, or CMR) is leaving the area. We're looking for someone to take her place and help provide input from the Temple to this invaluable agency that serves vulnerable residents of Rockville and Montgomery County. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lynn Goodman at lynngoodman13 @yahoo.com, or Mark Joffe at marksjoffe@gmail.com. (See article elsewhere in this issue.)

• Heads Up re Interfaith Works Women's Center Meals Week, July 28–August 4 - Volunteers will be needed to help provide meals/supplies for this Rockville women's shelter 7/28 – 8/4. Watch for more information soon.

COLLECTIONS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THESE DRIVES!

• **Bra and Menstrual Hygiene Products** - Help homeless women and girls maintain their dignity by donating new/gently used bras (all kinds) and new, individually sealed tampons and maxi pads to the boxes in the Temple lobby from June 1 - 21, and at WTBA's Welcome to Summer Celebration, June 12. "I Support the Girls" will distribute these items to needy women and girls worldwide. Sponsored jointly by WTBA and the Tikkun Olam Committee.

• School Supplies for South Lake Elementary School Students - Donate back-to-school supplies for students whose families are unable to afford such purchases. Please bring these urgently needed items to the box in the Temple lobby June 22 – August 16, including during the Picnic Shabbat on July 5: new/gently used backpacks, composition notebooks (marble), pencils, pencil pouches, scissors, rulers, and glue sticks.

• **Box Tops for Education (BTE) Labels** - Help needy area schools turn these little pink labels into cash for needed items and supplies. Bring your labels to the collection boxes in the Temple lobby, Religious School office, and Nursery School office. Questions? Contact Bernard Silverstein at cynbern@verizon.net.

• **Ongoing Food Drive** - Please bring cans (preferably 12 oz. or larger) of tuna, chicken, or salmon (no Spam, please) and fruits in 100% juice (not in syrup, please) to the box in the Temple lobby. Benefits families served by the Manna Food Center and Nourish Now.

JUNE 30 - THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

All accounts for this fiscal year, July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019, should be paid in full. It is very important to us that everyone who wants to is able to be members of our Temple community. We are here to help you, but we need to hear from you. Unless our Executive Director, Janice Rosenblatt, is contacted by you, all accounts not paid in full for the past fiscal year (July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018) will be resigned as of June 30.

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



Theatre Trip to the Kennedy Center Wednesday, July 31 2 pm matinee

Hop on the bus at the Temple and join us for a day trip to the Kennedy Center to see "The Band's Visit," hailed by the New York Times as

"a critically acclaimed new musical that celebrates the deeply human ways music, longing, and laughter can connect us all. "One of the most ravishing musicals you will ever be seduced by." Register online; space is limited. \$80 pp (\$90 pp; guest) includes orchestra ticket, round trip transportation and light snack on return.





The 2019/5779 Confirmation Class invites you to share in its celebration at the Shavuot Service Sunday, June 9, 2019 - 6 Sivan 5779 at 10:30 am

Shayna Allentoff daughter of Floyd and Ellen Allentoff **Aviva Bechky** daughter of Perry Bechky and Sirina Tsai Michael Cheris son of Howard and Robin Cheris Sidney Cohen daughter of Leonard and Jenny Cohen Carly Fleischer daughter of Ian and Stephanie Fleischer Iacob Levine son of Jason and Allyson Levine Hannah Oshinsky daughter of Robert and Stephanie Oshinsky Leila Rotker daughter of Mitchell and Vicki Rotker Sabrina Rotker daughter of Mitchell and Vicki Rotker Sydney Rubin daughter of Brian and Trisha Rubin Shannon Snape daughter of Mitchell Rotbert and Suzanne Kujawa **Ryan** White son of Neil and Lisa White

BROTHERHOOD News

Greetings Temple Beth Ami! What a great month of events and volunteering. The Tikkun Olam committee reported that its "lasagna project" for Good Deeds Day was a great success! In all Tikkun Olam organized about 50 volunteers who made 115 lasagnas that were donated to Nourish Now. The Brotherhood contributed to the effort both financially and with volunteers!

After the "lasagna project", the Brotherhood aired the movie "Heading Home – The Tale of Team Israel". In attendance were TBA members, family, friends, relatives, you name it -- we had over 60 people! "Heading Home – The Tale of Team Israel" is an inspiring movie about the creation and participation of the Israeli baseball team that competes in the World Baseball Classic. Follow the URL https://www.worldbaseballclassic.com/teams /isr to see how Team Israel performed at the 2017 "Classic" - very impressive! But the movie is much more than just baseball - it shows the emotions of this recruited group of Jewish MLB players as they discover their Jewishness and connect with Israel, the people, and each other. Thank you Matt Rosenstock for preparing and organizing the "baseball" style food, Tammy and Rachel Roberts for providing food service, and a special thanks to Shelly Gordon for the suggestion to show this special movie. I would also like to thank the TBA administrative and facilities staff for their support. Everything came together perfectly!

Finally, TBA and Brotherhood members had the honor and privilege to be a part of the annual Rebuilding Together Montgomery County. This year we helped a family in need make necessary repairs and improvements to their home. I find volunteering at this event to be extremely satisfying – we're literally a "team of angels" who change the lives of homeowners. This is the Brotherhood's largest annual monetary donation – our contribution to Rebuilding Together comes from our Brotherhood Golf Tournament which I will report in next month's Chadashot!

On a lighter side, I officially became a member of the Amity Club of Washington DC -- our TBA Brother Steve Feldman is President of this prestigious and historic Jewish organization. It turns out that TBA has the largest representation in Amity – I am proud to say that during the initiation ceremony I was given the "Amity name", TBA! S

Steve Roberts

TBA Brotherhood Prez



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WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH AMI News

We hope that everyone has a wonderful, relaxing summer! Please let us know if you would like to get more involved with the Women of TBA when we resume our full activity schedule in the fall. Also, please let us know if you have ideas for new events. You can contact us at womenoftemplebethami@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you!

Welcome to Summer Celebration

On Thursday, June 13, WTBA will hold a "Welcome to Summer" potluck dinner at the Temple from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Guest speaker Dr. Tobie Beckerman, OB/GYN & integrative gynecologist at Beckerman Women's Health in Gaithersburg, will join us again to further address women's health issues.

After spending time together eating, schmoozing, and interacting with Dr. Beckerman, we will hold a general membership meeting. During the meeting, revised bylaws, the 2019-2020 budget, and the slate for the 2019-2021 WTBA Board will all be presented and voted upon by the members in attendance. Also, we will be collecting new/gently used bras (all kinds) and new, sealed packages of menstrual products to be donated to shelters for homeless girls and women through a partnership with "I Support the Girls."

This end of the year celebration is open to all. Check your email, the WTBA Facebook page, and the WTBA webpage for more information, including a link to sign up for the potluck dinner. Please contact Jeanne Kahn (JeanneKahn@aol.com) with any questions.

Book Club

The WTBA Book Club takes a break over the summer but be sure to note the following dates for our return in the fall: October 15, 2019 December 3, 2019 February 4, 2020 April 28, 2020 May 26, 2020 The Book Club will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings at the Temple from 7:30 -9:00 pm.

For questions or to be added to the WTBA Book Club contact list, please email Terry Steinberg at steinberg_4@comcast.net.

Good Deeds Day



As part of Good Deeds Day on April 7th, WTBA organized two projects at the Temple: 1) collecting & sorting items for donation to Montgomery County Child Welfare Services (MCCWS) for teens in foster care and 2) making paracord bracelets & cards for active military personnel and 1st Responders. Working together, we were able to make 100 paracord bracelets and cards to send to Operation Gratitude and collected more than 450 items for MCCWS including art supplies, body wash/soap, shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, lip balm, underwear and socks, feminine hygiene products, hair brushes and combs, barrettes/hair ties, and ear buds.

Thank you very much to all of the volunteers and families who donated and sorted items for foster teens and to those who helped make the paracord bracelets and cards. More than 25 people - adults and kids came out on Good Deeds Day to help make both of these projects so successful!

A special thanks go to Lori Fein, Primary/TBA High Supervisor, for coordinating a collection with TBA High families of the MCCWS-requested items and to the members of the Crafty Ladies Kehillah for using their April monthly meeting time to help make the bracelets. A huge thank you goes out to Jeanne Kahn and Sirina Tsai for organizing these projects on behalf of WTBA.

Women's Seder

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our lively and fun Women's Seder in April. Joining with the Women of Washington Hebrew Congregation, we sang and danced with singer/songwriter Michelle Citrin and enjoyed a delicious catered dinner. Thank you to Rabbi Weiss for helping to lead the Seder with the Washington Hebrew Congregation clergy. Special thanks to co-chairs Robin Temin and Rhona Arbit for organizing such a wonderful event. Thank you to the members of the Host Committee for helping with publicity: Melissa Bauman, Flora Feldman, Judy Fox-Tepper, Jeanne Kahn, Eve Lader, Joan Ochs, and Kate Wernick. We greatly appreciate our volunteers who made the charoset, donated the foods for the Seder plates and helped with setting up and cleaning up: Melissa Bauman, Denise Bonn, Linda Burka, Helene Casper, Flora Feldman, Jeanne Kahn, Holly Lobel, Jackie Manis, Rachel Maryn, and Cecile Plost.

Ongoing Projects

Kippot for B'nai Mitzvah, Brides and CONTINUED ON PAGE 17

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS Paula Sayag, Director



Mazel Tov!

On June 6. 37 children will celebrate the completion of the 2018-2019 Dalet year at Temple Beth Ami Nursery School. They have worked intently and played enthusiastically, making life-long friends and gaining fundamental skills that will propel them to further success. They are energetic, curious and competent learners, well-prepared to tackle future challenges. They are good friends, compassionate citizens, and willing helpers. We congratulate our Dalet students and their parents on the occasion of their siyyum and completion of their formal Jewish early childhood education.

In Judaism, when someone courageously accomplishes a task, we often say Yasher Koach which means, "May you go from strength to strength." We wish all our Dalet children and families the fortitude to pursue their future goals.

Sofia Amzallag, Andy Azoff*, Alex Bailey, Maris Balsam*, Sammy Berkowitz*, Alex Betaharon, Alexa Childs*, Gabriella Cookler, Brady Fishman, Jake Friedman*, Austin Ginsburg*, Jillian Hoffman*, Giuliana Jeffries, Noah Johnson*, Joey Klinger*, Emma Kornhauser, Danny Kotov, Henry Lazer, Avery Martin, Ivy McAllister*, Zachary Odinec, Sammy Palanker, Allie Pellegrini, Brynn Rosner*, Joshua Rubenstein, Tyler Schaffer, Charlie Severe, Parker Silverman, Emma Stief*, Reagan Stien*, Sylvia Stoneberg, Khloe Tassiello*, Mayah Vimmer*, Jake Walter, Harper Wolf*, Blake Wolinsky*, Jordan Woo*

*We offer special recognition to these families who have completed their tenure in our nursery school. We look forward to seeing you in Machane TBA and all around our Temple!

We thank our Dalet teachers for dedicating their year to TBANS' 30th graduating class: Busy Bees: **Denise Silver and Stephanie Fleischer**



Jungle Friends: Karen Asman and Nancy Yarvin





Keshatot: Irwin Slonin and Ellen Keifetz

Our 30th TBANS class will always hold a special place in our hearts. There's No Place Like TBANS! The 30th Anniversary Gala was a festive, fun, successful evening. We raised \$45,736 for the Joel Blue Scholarship Fund and Temple Beth Ami Security Initiatives. Thank you for your support.



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B'NAI MITZVAH *Profiles*

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



RYAN LOGAN LOEV, son of Marc and Toni, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 1. He is a 7th grade student at the Landon School. Ryan has two older brothers, Aaron and Kyle.



JACK TYLER EVANS, son of Sara and Owen, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 1. He is a 7th grade student at Julius West Middle School. Jack has a younger brother, Brody.



GRACE SCHULWOLF, daughter of Robin and Andrew, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Thursday, June 6. She is a 7th grade student at the Norwood School. Grace has a younger brother, William. For her Bat Mitzvah Project, Grace will be baking and decorating birthday cakes for disadvantaged

children and seniors through Birthday Cakes 4 Free.



BRIELLE SHANA RUDOLPH,

daughter of Alisa and David, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 8. She is a 7th grade student at Cabin John Middle School. Brielle has a younger sister, Ashley. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Brielle worked with Birthday Cakes for Free. She

baked 20 cakes for children and adults who would not normally have a birthday cake.



HAYLEY COOPER, daughter of Andrew and Lori, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 15. She is a 7th grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Hayley has an older sister, Ella. For her Mitzvah Project, Hayley will be collecting items that are needed by The Stepping Stones Shelter, which provides support to homeless families.



NADIA CLAIRE ARNOLD,

daughter of Heather and Larry, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 23. She is a 7th grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Nadia has a younger brother, Justin. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Nadia is spon-

soring a Maryland Leadership Workshop for Marvvale Elementary School.



SEAN IRVING LEVINE, son of Randee and Dan, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 29. He is a 7th grade student at John Poole Middle School. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Sean is participating in the Remember Us program by dedicating his Bar Mitzvah to the memory of a child

named Sioma Levin who perished during the Holocaust.

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Sunday, June 23 10:45 am Sunday Minyan Friday, June 28 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service Saturday. June 29 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah: Sean Levine Sunday, June 30 10:45 am Sunday Minyan Friday, July 5 6:45 pm Picnic & Pie Shabbat Including Volunteer Recognition Saturday, July 6 10:30 am Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah: Jacob Reiser Sunday, July 7 10:45 am Sunday Minyan

MACHANE TBA NEWS Kim Roberts, Director



ISRAEL EDUCATION AT MACHANE TBA

Just as Israel is the spiritual and cultural center of the Jewish world, Israel education is an important focus of the Machane TBA curriculum. Starting in our K-2 classes and continuing all the way through TBAHigh, we offer lessons and programming which highlights the importance of Israel to Jewish religion, Jewish life, and Jewish culture. The idea of "Klal Yisrael," or "the totality" of the Jewish People, is embodied in Israel and our connection to those Jews as well as Jews all around the world is essential to understanding our own Judaism.

We begin by teaching our youngest students in K-2 that the Jewish People has been connected to Israel through the Torah and through ancient tradition. Our introductory program for incoming Kindergartners "A Taste of Gan" is an Israel-themed morning. Gan students have the wonderful opportunity to meet with Mrs. Salomon who wrote a story called "The Search for Savta," which recounts the adventures of Benyamin Bee who flies all around Israel searching for his grandma. Alef students make beautiful Mother's Day bracelets with beads fabricated by senior citizens from the Jerusalem-based Yad L'Kashish, which is a wonderful organization which gives low-income seniors a creative and social outlet. Bet students have a dedicated Yom Ha'atzma'ut (Israel Independence Day) celebration which introduces them to many cultural elements of modern Israel.

In grades 3-6 we feature lessons about the historic promise of Israel in the Torah, Theodor Herzl's impetus for articulating the Zionist idea, the founding of a new, democratic nation-state in the Land of Israel, the geography of Israel, the meaning and origins of the Hatikvah, the multi-cultural people of Israel, Israeli musical traditions, the kibbutz experiment, technology in Israel, the significance of Yom Ha'atzma'ut (Israeli independence day) and even the geography of Israel. During our experiential block we learn Israeli dancing and we feature programs about Israel, like the Israel-themed "escape room" that was the centerpiece of our Israeli-themed Fall "Erev Machane" program and we partner with JNF educators for programs which highlight inclusion and eco-friendly efforts in Israel.

In TBAHigh we take on issues such as Israel's security fence, BDS activity on college campuses, Israeli contributions to high tech innovation and the history of ancient Israel in the context of the development of the Abrahamic religions.

Our commitment to teaching about multi-faceted aspects of Israel and its integral connections to Judaism and the Jewish people is unwavering. We are always looking for ways to make Israel relevant beyond "falafel and hummus" to today's students. The story of Israel is our own Jewish story and our job at Machane TBA is to have our students engage with this story on an ongoing, organic basis.







MACHANE TBA/TBA HIGH

6th Grade Parsha Project, Hebrew Hangman and Graduating Seniors



SIMCHAS Mazel Tov to...

Zachary Green, Lucas Sossa, Mason Roth, Justin Goodstein, and Jordan Bernstein each on becoming a Bar Mitzvah Isabella Sophir, Samantha Sophir, Alexis Fiallo, Parker Ofner each on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Janice and Stuart Cadel in the engagement of their daughter, Courtney, and Alden Kinds June and David Trone on the marriage of their daughter, Michelle and Thomas Clinch Amy and Steve Wollins on the marriage of their son, Michael, and Rose Himmelmann Mindy and David Landau on the birth of their granddaughter, Ella Bea Schatz Melanie Polk on the birth of her granddaughter, Hannah **Rose Pullman** Phyllis and Mark Silverman on the birth of their granddaughter, Avery Osborne Silverman **Richard Finci**, a partner at Houlan Berman, was selected for the 2019 Maryland Super Lawyers **Barbara Melamed**, granddaughter of **Jeannette and Norman Sturman**, on entering the (IDF) Israeli Army Debbie Zimelman, daughter of Sheila and Barry Taylor, on the publishing of her book chronicling the five years she spent photographing female combat soldiers in the IDF

To our graduating TBAHigh students and their parents: Harris Edenbaum, son of Gayle Friedman and Jonathan Edenbaum

Meredith Halperin, daughter of Judi and Ken Halperin Jacob "Jack" Kahler, son of Ally and James Kahler Jordyn Wagman, daughter of Julie and Jeffrey Wagman

Sydney White, daughter of Sherri Koch and Mark White

Special Thanks To:

Buzz Karpay for his participation in Chapel service Our Shabbat Hospitality Committee The Cookie Brigade for our Oneg cookies The Culinary Crew for our Shabbat challot

PHOTO REVIEW *Exodus Day*









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Women's Seder - WTBA and WHC, Rabbi or Jedi, Lunch in Fez, TBANS













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COMMITTEE News

IMPORTANT UPDATE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID FOR FY20

Since March 2018, with approval from the Board of Directors, the Financial Secretaries' Committee began using a new method of determining how much financial aid we could give to the families who need it. Details of this process were described in our article in the April Chadashot. Due to yearly changes in our available funds, as well as in the number of families applying, we cannot guarantee that the same amount of aid will be distributed to any given family from year to year.

The updated application form for financial aid for FY20 (the 2019-2020 fiscal year) is now available on the Temple website. As before, this form can be completed electronically (or, if needed, printed and filled out by hand) and e-mailed to FinAid@ bethami.org, (or snail-mailed to the Committee). Please do not re-use the form from last year.

A worksheet is included in the application form so that you can compute your annual financial obligation to the Temple in order to estimate your requested amount of financial aid. At the end of the application there is an optional worksheet that can be used to estimate a family's annual expenses.

IMPORTANT. Please note:

ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE CURRENT FROM FY19 (July 2018 – June 2019) IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR FY20.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT A FULL NEW APPLICATION FOR FY20 BY JUNE 30, 2019 AND MUST DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AID.

Any further questions can be addressed to the Committee via e-mail FinAid@bethami.org

Burt Feldman, Lead Financial Secretary Andra Abramson, Asst. Financial Secretary Carol S. Martin, Financial Secretary

Maryland Leads the Country in New Initiative to Fight Childhood Hunger During School Breaks

Senator Cory McCray and Delegate Pam Queen championed the Summer SNAP for Children Act, which recently passed the legislature. No Kid Hungry. The Critical Issue Forum and the Family League of Baltimore applaud the Maryland General Assemble for passing this bill to ensure that children have access to the nutrition they need when school is not in session during summer and winter breaks.

About the Critical Issues Forum: The CIF advocated for societal issues consistent with Jewish values. Currently, CIF is focusing on food insecurity, which impacts thousands of residents in Montgomery County and elsewhere in Maryland. CIF us comprised of Temple Beth Ami, Kol Shalom and Adat Shalom, representing more than 1750 households and three denominations of Judaism. CIF meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Temple. Please join us.

Thank You to Our Passover Baskets Volunteers!

On behalf of the Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) and TBA's Tikkun Olam Committee, thank you to the following Passover Baskets volunteers and their families, who generously offered their time and effort to deliver Passover items to 45 needy, local, Jewish families on Sunday, April 14: The Allentuck Family, Linda Berger, the Berkowitz Family, Diane Castiglione, Fran & Harry Hertz, Gail Kaplan-Wassell, Sherri & Jim Lieberman, Marci Maged, Leslie Marks & Louis Solomon, Lynn & David Stander, Barbara Strong & Michael Kielbiewicz, Lenn & Anne Loewentritt, and Nicole & Brian Zimmerman. Special thanks also to Monya Cohen and Tina Levine, our long-term coordinators for this project. Watch for this project again next spring and just before Rosh Hashanah, too. It's a worthwhile and rewarding experience! (We apologize for any omissions or misspelling of names listed.)

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

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Tikkun Olam in Action

Community Ministries of Rockville Becomes Community Reach of Montgomery County

Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR) has changed its name to Community Reach of Montgomery County. TBA supported Community Reach in making this change to a more inclusive name that better reflects the variety of services that this vital community resource has been providing to the neediest residents of Montgomery County for the past 52 years. Although Montgomery County is an affluent county with an abundance of resources and advantages, there are many disadvantaged individuals and families here who struggle to meet their basic needs. Thanks to Community Reach's staff, board, volunteers, and donors, the organization is proud to serve thousands of Montgomery County residents by providing health care, housing, emergency assistance, elder care, and English literacy/naturalization services.

TBA has partnered with CMR in this effort for more than 25 years, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with Community Reach of Montgomery County. Many of our congregants and clergy have helped to make CMR's programs successful. The partnership began 25 years ago when Rabbi Luxemburg joined Reverend Kaseman in response to the desecration of a local Temple. Soon after, we began sharing interfaith Thanksgiving Services, TBA started donating weekly lunches and dinners to CMR's Chase Partnership House men's shelter, and TBA's help was critical in launching CMR's Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic. In 2016, in honor of Rabbi Luxemburg's 35 years of service at the Temple, TBA established libraries for the residents of CMR's Jefferson and Rockland Houses, which offer permanent supportive housing to homeless men and women as they work toward selfsufficiency.

Below is a brief description of Community Reach's current programs and ways you can help support this organization. We encourage you to contact Andrea Kempner-Wink at andreawink @cmrocks.org or 301-637-0172, or visit cmrocks.org for more information or to volunteer. care for medically underserved Montgomery County adult residents. Volunteer Spanish/English interpreters needed, as are licensed medical professionals to help staff the clinic.

Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) - Provides assistance with medical prescriptions, utility shutoffs, evictions, and other issues. Volunteers (ages 18+) are needed to assist clients with referrals for food, clothing, dental/vision care, and the like. Training provided.

Elderly Ministries Program - Provides in-home services to seniors to help them age in place. Volunteers needed to help with lawn/gardening chores; visit program participants and offer conversation, activities, shopping help, etc.; and to make phone calls to check up on clients, be a friendly voice, etc.

Language Outreach Program - Provides ESOL Literacy Classes and a Naturalization Program. Volunteer teacher assistants (ages 18+, training provided) and child care workers/tutors needed for school-age children (ages 14+, SSL hours offered).

Housing Program - Provides supportive housing for homeless men/women as they work to become self-sufficient. Donate cleaning supplies/toiletries through TBA's collections. Volunteers needed to present a workshop on nutrition, budgeting, resume writing, handyman skills, researching resources, etc.

Holiday Giving Program - Collects/distributes hundreds of donated meals/gifts to needy families for Thanksgiving and the December holidays. TBA members can donate gifts through TBA's annual holiday gift drive. Volunteers needed to help wrap and/or distribute gifts at Community Reach holiday events.

Also, our current liaison to Community Reach is leaving the area. We're looking for someone to take her place and help provide input from the Temple to this important community resource. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lynn Goodman at lynngoodman13@yahoo.com, or Mark Joffe at marksjoffe @gmail.com.

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The Jewish Federation



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God next offered the Torah to another group, who also turned it down. They asked, "What are the laws of the Torah?" When they heard that immorality was one of its main prohibitions, they said, "No thanks, we want to remain immoral." When he offered it to yet another nation, they were bothered about the prohibition against stealing. Enter the Jewish people...

It was only when God offered the Torah to the Jewish People that God found a nation willing to live according to all of the laws of the Torah. They were the first group of people to make a choice to accept Judaism's special way of life. When offered the Torah at Mount Sinai, the Jewish People responded, "Naaseh V'nishma, "We will first obey, and then understand," (Shemot 23:7)."

The day in which the Jewish people chose Torah is known as Shavuot, which falls on the 6th day in the Jewish month of Sivan, and this year on the evening of June 8 through the day of June 9th--seven weeks (in Hebrew- shavuot) after Passover, when we were given our freedom as a people. Once free, our ancestors had to choose what kind of life they wanted to live—what they wanted to be free to pursue.

When a person converts to Judaism we often call them a Jew by Choice but, in reality - especially in today's world - each of us is a Jew by Choice. We choose to observe rituals, or affiliate with the Jewish community, or commit to a specific synagogue. As Reform Jews, we choose mitzvot-the commandments - specific commandments to observe that will enhance the meaning of our life.

Shavuot is a reminder of that pledge. On Shavuot we re-enact receiving the Torah. The Ten Commandments are recited in synagogue. Our Temple community gathers for special ritual moments that show our progress in meeting the pledge.

• On Saturday evening June 8th at 5:30pm, our Adult B'nai Mitzvah students will be called to Torah as they demonstrate their commitment and engagement in ongoing Jewish learning.

• On Sunday, June 9th at 10:30am, our Confirmation students will confirm how they have personally chosen to continue their Jewish education and reflect openly about what their Judaism means to them.

In addition to the above, on Saturday evening June 8th, from 8:30pm to 10:00pm, we want YOU to have an opportunity to express what being Jewish means to you. It's a tradition on the night of Shavuot to engage in the practice called Tikkun Leil Shavuot, where we stay up late at night studying the Torah. I love this moment as we imagine ourselves personally standing at Sinai, waiting in anticipation to receive the Torah. Join us for some of Rabbi Pokras' homebrewed beer and some dairy desserts as we again say, "Naaseh V'nisma. In order to obey and follow the teachings of our Torah and Tradition, we first need to understand them! I hope that you will CHOOSE to receive the Torah with us.

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Grooms are available at discount prices through WTBA. View styles at www.kippah.com, then contact Eve Lader at 301-938-0200 or evelader@gmail.com to place your order.

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

Drop-in Mah Jongg sessions are held at the Temple every Monday afternoon from 1 - 3 pm when the Temple is open. Please contact Rachel Maryn at rmaryn@verizon.net for more information or to be added to the email list.

Save the Date:

Membership Brunch Sunday, September 8 (9:30 am – 12:00 pm)

Elizabeth Joseloff

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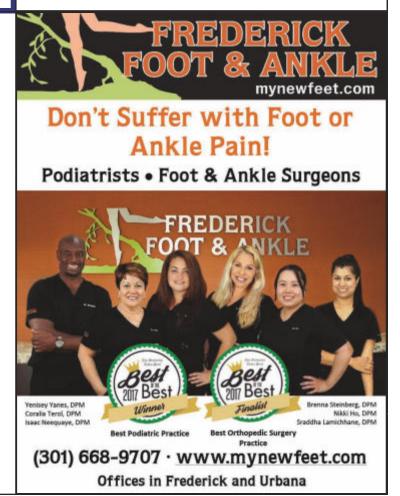
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