

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Tuesday, October 1

2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah Service
Tashlich

Friday, October 4

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song &
Story
AufRuf: Laura Goldstein and Eric
Christensen

Saturday, October 5

10:30 am Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah: Samantha Kotok

Sunday, October 6

10:00 am High Holy Day Community
Memorial Service @ Gan Zikaron
10:45 am Sunday Minyan
2:30 pm High Holy Day Community
Memorial Service @ Gan Zikaron

Tuesday, October 8

Kol Nidre*

Wednesday, October 9

Yom Kippur Services*

Friday, October 11

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 12

9:00 am Tot Shabbat
10:30 am Shabbat Chapel Service
10:30 am Shabbat Service
Bar Mitzvah: Benjamin Becker

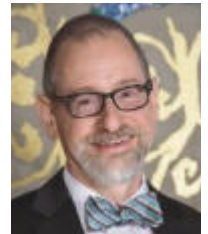
Sunday, October 13

10:45 am Sunday Minyan
7:30 pm Erev Sukkot Service

Monday, October 14

9:00 am First Day of Sukkot Service
10:30 am Sukkot Family Festival
Celebration

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MESSAGE FROM
Rabbi Pokras

“Ki Va Moed,” proclaims the psalmist, “the appointed time has come!”
[Ps. 102:14]

These three Hebrew words are often used to introduce the beginning of Shabbat, but they especially ring in my heart at this time of year, as we gather together to celebrate a New Year, and search our souls for ways to be better versions of ourselves in the year to come. I love this time, appointed in Torah, for us to step back and take stock. I love the energy in the synagogue and the spiritual work of teshuvah (changing ourselves for the better).

Yet with all the attention we rightly give to the High Holy Days, we often don't remember that there is another, beautiful “appointed

time” in this season: the festival of Sukkot. I know that you will probably read these words either right before, or sometime between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, but let's not forget about Sukkot.

Sukkot was the original Jewish High Holy Day. We know this because during Sukkot so many sacrifices were offered that it almost equaled the number of sacrifices for Passover, Shavuot, Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur combined! That means that this was the time when our people most needed to feel close to God.

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Hold The Date

Join us as we celebrate our Executive Director, Janice Rosenblatt
Friday, November 8 and Sunday, November 10

Plans are underway for festivities for all and include Shabbat evening services with a special Oneg and a Sunday evening celebration!

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MESSAGE FROM *Buzz Karpay, President*



At the beginning of the summer, I wrote about one of my most memorable summer sunsets, which happened to be an Erev Shabbat on Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park in Maine. This past summer we didn't get to Maine, but we did lots of travelling, most of it to be with our children and grandchildren.

One trip in particular was an extraordinary one. We spent a week at the beach in North Carolina with all three of our daughters and their families. While we have had plenty of occasions for our entire family to be together – Pesach being the most reliable – this is the first time that all (thirteen) of us would be living in one house for a full week. And, of course, the full week included one Shabbat.

We had a Sunday-to-Sunday rental, so Shabbat came at the end of our week together. There had been plenty of time for all of us to spend at the beach, at the pool, at a local amusement park and other attractions. But on Friday afternoon, all those activities were set aside as we began to prepare for Shabbat. Lynn, our daughters, and their husbands began preparing dinner, and our grandchildren helped get things ready as well. It has become a tradition in our house that whenever we are with any of our grandchildren for Shabbat, I bake a small challah for each of them in addition to the larger loaves that we all share. With this large a group, I had baked a dozen "challah rolls" for the children and two extra-large loaves for all of us. When our grandchildren saw the bag of challah rolls, they started to get excited. When we

lit four sets of Shabbat candles, the smiles were growing larger. When we all started singing Kiddush, the look on the children's faces was incredible. They're all used to singing or at least hearing Kiddush sung at the Shabbat dinner table, but they're not used to such a large crowd participating. And right after Motzi, everyone enjoyed challah. Dinner was delicious and joyful.

Our joy reminded me of another amazing Shabbat experience: Shabbat at a URJ Biennial. It is as wonderful as Shabbat at a Jewish summer camp. Shabbat spent with 5,000 Reform Jews from all over North America is something I hope you all get to experience. This December, Lynn and I will be going to Chicago for the URJ Biennial. If you've never been to Biennial before, I encourage you to consider it. There are sessions and workshops on just about any topic you can imagine. There are song sessions with some of the leading musicians in the Jewish world. And of course, you'll never forget having Shabbat dinner with 5,000 Reform Jews from all over North America and feeling that connection run through the entire room.

This is a photo I took at the 2011 Biennial Shabbat dinner.



COMING

This Month**Broadway Buzz with Steve Friedman****Monday, October 7****10:30 am – 12 pm**

Topic: The Great Love Songs & Their Musicals. 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 – 'Seret' (movie) & Sukkah****Tuesday, October 15****10:30 am – 12 pm**

Come watch the Israeli film, "Ushpizin," hailed as powerful, touching and amusing. The film's title is Hebrew for "guests" (particularly those we welcome into the sukkah). Following the film, bring your lunch to enjoy outside in the Temple's sukkah (drinks and dessert will be provided). No charge to attend.

**Potluck Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah****Friday, October 18 7:30 pm (after "Spirit of Shabbat")**

Stick around after our 6:30 pm "Spirit of Shabbat" service for a Potluck Shabbat dinner in/around the sukkah! We'll be providing challah, chicken wings and tenders and beer (for those 21+) -- please sign up to bring a side dish, salad or dessert/fruit. Cost: \$8 (adult); \$4 (kids under 10). Register online by 10/15.

TEMPLE BETH AMI'S MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

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STRIVING FOR TRUST, OPENNESS, AND ACCEPTANCE

Co-Parenting Support Session Sunday, October 20**9 - 10:30 am**

Bitachon, Temple Beth Ami's Mental Health Initiative, striving for trust, openness and acceptance, is pleased to offer a Sunday morning support session on "Co-Parenting OUR Children for Long-Term Success," facilitated by our JSSA liaison, Roberta Drucker, LCSW-C. This workshop will provide an opportunity for single parents at any stage of separation or divorce to focus on the skills required to be partners – not adversaries. Topics will include the need for ample flexibility, solution-focused approaches, avoiding triggering interactions, transitions and how to stay focused on what is in the best interest of your children. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. There is no charge to attend. Please RSVP to Shelly (SLG@bethami.org) to help us with set-up and materials.

**DECEMBER CHADASHOT
DEADLINE OCTOBER 25**

COMING This Month



Live & Learn – Baltimore Trip

Tuesday, October 22

8:45 am – 3:30 pm

Hop aboard the bus (departing from the Temple at 8:45 am) as we head to the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore to view a special exhibit of hand-embroidered panels created by Esther Krinitz, depicting the journey of living through the Holocaust in Poland. The exhibit pays tribute to humanity's long history, past and current, of unjustly persecuted innocents and the dream of a world at peace. On the bus ride to the museum, we will screen the short documentary created by Esther's daughters, "Through the Eye of the Needle: The Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz." Following our guided tour of the exhibit – and extra time to explore this very unusual museum – we will head to the Iron Rooster for lunch (bring \$ for lunch), before heading home. Must reserve your space and register by no later than 10/15. Cost: \$40 pp (Guests: \$50 pp). Questions? Contact Shelly.



TBA Cycling Club

Sunday, October 27

Check the TBA Cycling Club webpage (www.bethami.org) for time, location and registration details.



Brotherhood Brunch with Rob Scheer

Sunday, October 27

9 - 10:30 am

Come enjoy a delicious brunch spread and inspirational talk by Rob Scheer, author and co-founder of "Comfort Cases," a 501(c) (3) that is dedicated to providing dignity and comfort to children entering the foster care system. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Register online by Thursday, 10/24. \$20 (member of Brotherhood or WTBA); \$30 – guests; FREE for Brotherhood GOLD members.



"What's the Future of the Jewish State?"

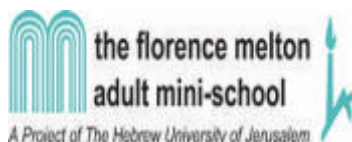
Sunday, October 27

4 pm

In cooperation with the Jewish Book Council and "Israel Matters," Temple Beth Ami is thrilled to welcome Ambassador Dennis Ross to speak about his newest book, *Be Strong and of Good Courage*. Co-written with David Makovsky, this book provides profiles of four Israeli prime ministers who made historic choices and explores the lessons from those decisions to see if they can provide a guide to dealing with the fateful choice that Israel's leaders must soon confront or, by default, become a binational state. Dennis Ross is an American diplomat and author who served under President George H.W. Bush, President Bill Clinton and President Barack Obama. Books will be available for purchase and signing. No charge to attend.

No Handicap Spots Available?

If you are unable to find a reserved handicap parking spot, please pull up to the entrance, call the office, and we will be happy to park your car for you. 301.340.6818.



Melton Class 10 Thursdays, beg. October 31 9:30 - 11 am at Har Shalom

This new Melton class, Social Justice: The Heart of Judaism in Theory and Practice, will be taught by Rabbis Gary Pokras, Baht Weiss, Adam Raskin and Michael Safra, and will be co-sponsored by B'nai Israel, Beth Ami and Har Shalom. Drawing from text and history, this course explores how social justice work goes beyond addressing short-term needs and looks at structural causes of injustice today. Participants will be encouraged to identify issues that are particular to their own communities and that they would like to explore. Cost: \$250 (course) + \$45 (textbook). Register online: www.habermaninstitute.org



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

- **Help Needed for English as a Second Language Program** - Child care providers and tutors ages 14+ needed this fall for the Language Outreach Program. (SSL hours available.) For more information on this and other Community Reach of Montgomery County (formerly CMR) volunteer opportunities, contact Andrea Wink at andreakwink@cmrocks.org
- **Help at Nourish Now** - TBA volunteers help sort/pack food for distribution to local needy families on the 3rd Monday of the month, 10 am – noon, at Nourish Now in Rockville. Contact Arlynn Joffe at arlynnjoffe@gmail.com for more information or to be added to the list of helpers.

COLLECTIONS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THESE DRIVES!

- **Harvest Against Hunger for Manna Food Center** - Bring nonperishable food donations October 8 – 22 as TBA joins other congregations in trying to increase the amount of food collected for Manna during the fall Holiday drive. The need is great, and our recent collections have fallen short. Most-needed items: instant oatmeal packets (original flavor); brown rice (1 lb.); whole-grain pasta (1 lb.); canned tuna, chicken, or salmon in

water; dried or canned beans (low salt); natural nut butters, canned vegetables (low salt); canned fruit and fruit cups (in juice); shelf-stable individual milk boxes; cooking oils; spices; infant formula & baby food. ****No matzah please****

- **New/Gently Used Coats and Socks for Men, Women, and Children** - Collection boxes will be in the Temple lobby from October 1 – 25. Benefits the Interfaith Clothing Center (adult coats/socks) and students at South Lake ES (children's coats/socks).

- **Keep Saving those Box Tops for Education (BTE) labels** - Help South Lake ES turn these little pink labels into cash for needed items and supplies. A new, updated version of BTE is starting via the Box Tops mobile app. Visit <https://www.boxtops4education.com/> for more information on this scan-your-receipts/no-more-clipping version of BTE. As companies switch over to the new system, we'll still collect the old fashioned labels at TBA as long as they're not expired. Thank you for bringing your labels to the collection boxes in the Temple lobby, Religious School Office, and Nursery School Office. Contact Bernard Silverstein at cynbern@verizon.net if you have questions.

IN THE COMMUNITY

- **Save the Date: Saturday, November 2, 7 pm, at TBA - Celebrate Community Reach of Montgomery County's Kaseman Health Clinic's 10th Anniversary.** For more information, visit cmrocks.org, or contact Andrea Kempner-Wink at andreakwink@cmrocks.org or 301-637-0730.

BROTHERHOOD News

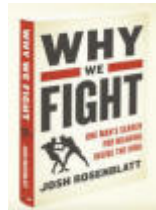
Greetings TBA!

This year is shaping up to be a great one - The Brotherhood Bagel Cafe is up and supplying Bagels for the students, faculty, clergy and all hungry parties. I encourage you to come out to the Bagel Bar - we could use bagel slicers, cream cheese spreaders, kibitzers - we want you! Participation makes it more fun.



• Brotherhood Brunch - October 27 with Rob Scheer- Founder of Comfort Cases

o Rob's very difficult upbringing becomes an inspiration for us all.



inside the Ring"

o Janice's son describes his experience and motivation participating in mixed martial arts (MMA).

• Springtime Softball

• Springtime Brotherhood Annual Golf Tournament

We have some great ideas and are always looking for your ideas.

Check out the Brotherhood web portal on

the Beth Ami website:

<http://bethami.org/community/social-group/brotherhood/>

We have a fresh new TBA Brotherhood logo!



Now is the time to sign up for the Brotherhood. let's have fun and make a difference.

Steve Roberts

TBA Brotherhood President



Photo: Mike Maryn (with Sara in the background) and Steve Roberts helping out at the Woman's Shelter in Rockville.

WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH AMI

News

Membership Dues for 2019-2020

Membership dues are our primary source of funds for our many programs and projects. WTBA is actively planning our programming for the new year, and it will include both some long-time favorite events as well as some fun new ones! We will be expanding our Social Justice work this year and we are very excited to announce the creation of a new Social Action VP position on our Board.

In addition, as a WTBA member, you are automatically a member of Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ). WRJ strengthens the voice of women worldwide and empowers them to create caring communities, nurture congregations, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and advocate for and promote progressive Jewish values.

Please help in the important work that we do by joining us at one of the following membership levels:

Sara (basic dues): \$45

Rebecca: \$54

Leah: \$90

Rachel: \$180

Miriam: \$252

Other: <\$45

WTBA dues may be paid along with your Temple dues, with the membership form in the lobby, or online. Please contact Membership Chair Jeanne Kahn at 240-994-6804 or jeannekahn@aol.com with any questions. Thank you for your generous support and for joining WTBA. Without you, we are one member short!

Yoga Classes

WTBA's fall yoga classes are underway. This multi-level yoga program includes

options for beginners as well as advanced students. No prior yoga experience is necessary. The classes emphasize stretching, strengthening, and breathing.

The classes are held on the following Sundays at the Temple from 2 - 3 PM: October 20 and 27, November 3 and 24, December 1, 8, 15, and 22. Our yoga instructors are TBA members Monya and David Cohen, who are Yoga Alliance 200-hour yoga teachers.

Please dress in comfortable, stretchy clothes and bring a yoga mat, a yoga belt, two yoga blocks, a water bottle, and a pillow, folded blanket or cushion to elevate your hips.

For more information, please contact Monya Cohen at mjcohen0636@gmail.com. Classes began in September but will be pro-rated for those beginning in October. The cost for the 10-week session is \$60 for WTBA and Brotherhood members and \$70 for non-members. All proceeds from the class will be donated to Supply for Kids, Shelter support, and the Rockville Days for Girls chapter.

Book Club

The first WTBA Book Club meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday, October 15th at the Temple from 7:30 - 9 pm. The group will discuss The Tattooist of Auschwitz: A Novel by Heather Morris. All are welcome to join! For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact Terry Steinberg at steinberg_4@comcast.net.

Save the date for the next WTBA Book Club meeting on December 3rd. Rabbi Weiss has arranged a special author event

through the Jewish Book Council. Author Ronald Balson will join the WTBA Book Club to discuss his book The Girl from Berlin.

Crafts for a Cause

The next Crafts for a Cause will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd from 6 - 9 pm at Temple Beth Ami. The group will be participating in craft project(s) centered around Breast Cancer Awareness followed by a pizza and salad dinner. No experience is necessary, and supplies will be provided. Please RSVP to Jeanne Kahn at JeanneKahn@aol.com to attend.

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for the WTBA and Next Dor event "New Year, New You (and Mitzvah too!)" on January 12th from 1 to 6 pm. Corporate sponsors from Saks Fifth Avenue at Chevy Chase and CHANEL Cosmetics will once again host an afternoon of beauty and fellowship. The registration fee will benefit Days for Girls, an international charity that promotes educational access for girls through hygiene solutions and health education. Stay tuned for updates and to register! This is a "sell-out" event!

WTBA Social Action

What are our core values as Jews in obligation to social justice?

- The infinite value of every human being
- The fundamental equality of all people
- The rule of law to which all citizens are held accountable
- The requirement to create courts of justice
- The protection of the environment
- Distribute justice with care for the poor, the orphan and widow, the hungry, the

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NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

*Paula Sayag,
Director*



Shabbat is a gift that Judaism has given to us and we can share with our children. Shabbat is a time to take a break from our hectic daily lives, let go of some of the anxiety and fears perpetuated by current events, reflect on our personal choices of the past week, focus on strengthening relationships with friends and family, and perhaps explore our spiritual side. Mental health experts say we all need to make time to unplug, relax, rejuvenate, and re-align our priorities. Child development experts say one critical skill we should teach children is to reflect on their behaviors and plan future actions. Shabbat provides a framework for us to take these steps toward positive, healthy living.

In TBANS, joyfully honoring Shabbat is a special part of our week. Technically, it's Ta'am Shel Shabbat (Hebrew for "A Taste of Shabbat"), since we celebrate on Friday morning, not technically the Sabbath day. Our goal is to create a

peaceful atmosphere by slowing the pace, illuminating our world (with candles), sweetening our bodies (with grape juice), filling our stomachs (with challah), and lifting our spirits (with song). Children prepare the room with their hand-made table settings and gleefully anticipate the rituals. Each classroom has their own unique traditions, just as every family might. For example, some classes bake challah each week, and others make pretend chicken soup. Our Gimel classes come together for a Shabbat sing Friday before lunch. Our Bet and Dalet classes share a "Shabbat Buddy" activity. Come visit us on a Friday morning and share this developmentally appropriate introduction to Jewish ritual and Jewish living.

Community Shabbat. In addition to our classroom celebrations, our Temple clergy lead our entire school community – children, teachers, parents, and guests – in a monthly Shabbat experience

including songs and traditional prayers. It's a special treat to hear children share their gratitude and receive a blessing. Please join us in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am: October 18, November 22, December 20, January 31, February 28, March 27, April 24, and May 22.

Tot Shabbat. Of course, the Temple offers spirited services for all our families with young children. New this year, and in response to your requests, we are holding some services Friday night at 6:30 and others Saturday morning at 9 am. They are always on the second weekend of the month. Check our website for the schedule.

We hope to honor and observe Shabbat with you and with children who are so lucky to be able to integrate the gift of Shabbat into their lives at such a tender age. Please introduce yourself to our school staff and clergy when you come.



B'NAI MITZVAH*Profiles*

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

**SAMANTHA ANNE KOTOK,**

daughter of Randi and Joshua, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 5. She is an 8th grade student at Lakelands Park Middle School. Samantha has a younger brother, Ethan. For her Bat Mitzvah Project, Samantha is helping to launch a charity called Purple

Chai, in memory of her grandmother, Ilene Greenfield, to help provide counseling services to families affected by cancer.

**BENJAMIN BECKER,** son of

Janis and David, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 12. He is a 7th grade student at Lakelands Park Middle School. Benny has a younger sister, Gabriella, and a younger brother, Mason.



MATTHEW STERN, son of Edward and Alison, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 19. He is a 7th grade student at Green Acres School. He has a younger brother, Daniel. For his Bar Mitzvah Project, Matthew has volunteered at the Greater DC Diaper Bank over the past year.

JACOB MAX LACHTER, son of Jill and Lou, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 19. He is a 7th grader at Robert Frost Middle School. Jake has a younger sister, Hayley. For his Bar Mitzvah Project, Jake has been volunteering with Open Door Sports which offers high quality sports programming to ALL kids regardless of physical ability and

financial resources.

**BRANDON ISAAC LUXENBERG,**

son of Rich and Heather Luxenberg, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 26. He is a 7th grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Brandon has a younger sister, Madison. For his Bar Mitzvah Project, Brandon has been volunteering with Comfort

Cases, an organization that assists children entering the foster care system.

SIMCHAS*Mazel Tov to...*

Ellen and Jon Bortz on the engagement of their son, **Marc, to Danielle Barash**

Loretta Blue on the birth of her grandson, **Ethan Joel Blue**

Elaine and Jerry Auerbach on the birth of their grandson, **Matthew Lee Celestino**

Elaine and Fred Gillespie on the birth of their great granddaughter, **Haley Rose Jones**

We welcome all the new members and their families who have joined us this summer.

Special Thanks To:

Rabbi Luxemburg for leading Torah Study and Chapel Service over the summer

Our Shabbat Hospitality Committee

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

MACHANE TBA NEWS

*Kim Roberts,
Director*



Calendar

Tuesday, October 1

NO SCHOOL

Sunday, October 6

Machane TBA in session

Club TBA 11 am-12:30 pm

Tuesday, October 8

NO SCHOOL

Saturday, October 12

Erev Machane Evening Edition

Grades 3-6 4 - 8:30 pm

Sunday, October 13

Machane TBA in session

Tuesday, October 15

TBAjrHigh & TBAHigh in session

CORE 3 Night & Confirmation

Sunday, October 20

Machane TBA in session

Consecration Service K-2 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 22

TBAjrHigh & TBAHigh in session

Elective Night

Friday-Saturday, October 25-26

Grade 8 Overnight

Sunday, October 27

Machane TBA in session

Tuesday, October 29

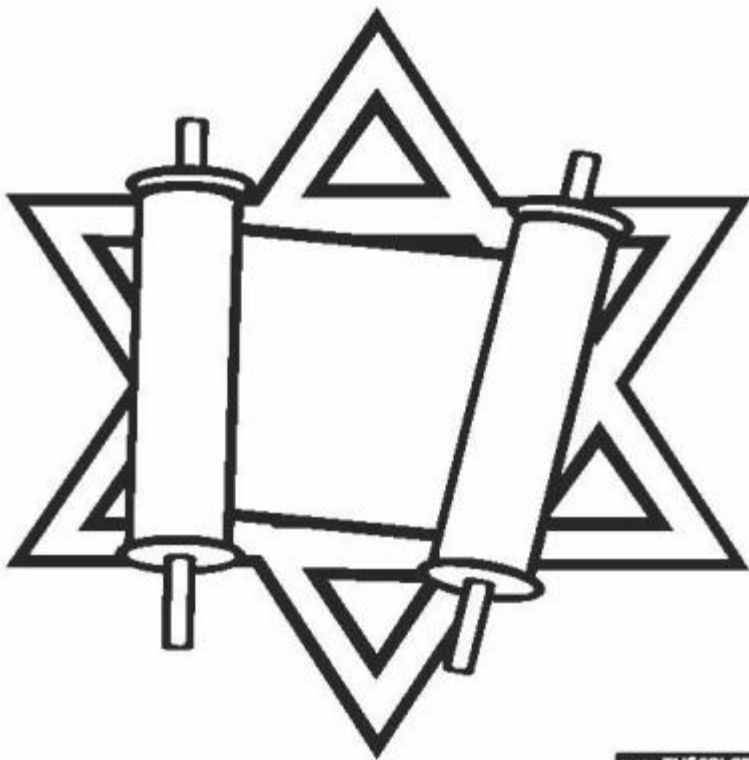
TBAjrHigh & TBAHigh in session

CORE 1 Night

Welcome to the NEW Chadashot Kids Corner!

Each month, the Kids Corner will feature a puzzle, a joke, and a challenge, where you enter your answer for the chance to win a prize!

Do you have a joke or a drawing that you'd like to share? You can drop those off in the "Kids Corner" basket in the Machane office (make sure to include your full name and grade) and one will be selected each month to be printed in an upcoming Chadashot!



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Color this picture and fill in the torah with some wishes you have for the new year.



NEW!**KIDS CORNER****NEW!****JOKE:** What's the blessing for a vampire?

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

CAMPFIRE
CELEBRATE
CONSECRATION
DECORATE
EREVMACHANE
ETROG

FLAGS
HARVEST
KEHILLAH
LULAV
REJOICE
SIMCHATTORAH

SING
SMORES
SUKKAH
SUKKOT

Joke Answer: Borei p'ri ha-coffin

OCTOBER CHALLENGE: Simchat Torah is the Jewish holiday that marks the completion of the Torah reading cycle for the year. How many Torah portions are there in the Torah?

Answer: _____ **Name:** _____ **Grade:** _____

Tear off this section and drop it in the "Chadashot Kids Corner Challenge" basket in the Machane office by **October 20**. One correct winner will receive a gift card!

PHOTO REVIEW

New Screen Installation, Geneology Conference,



5 TBA members attending the International Jewish Genealogy Conference in Cleveland. Thought you might be interested.

L to R: Karen Steinfeld, Michael Snyder, Lew Cohen, David Fialkoff, Sue Fialkoff.

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

If you are not yet connected to the Chaverweb system, it may be because we do not have an up-to-date email address. Please let the Temple office know if you did not get the emailed invitation and we will help you connect. Chaverweb will enable you to update your personal profile, view the on-line membership directory, review your account (and, soon, pay your account), register for school, and classes, etc.

If you are already in Chaverweb, but FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD, please DO NOT SIGN IN AS A GUEST; simply click on "forgot your password" and you will receive a new one by email.

You'll want to STAY CONNECTED.

The Band's Visit



Tisha B'Av @ Lafayette Square



COMMITTEE

News

Take the “Harvest Against Hunger” Challenge TBA Yom Kippur Food Drive Update

There are an estimated 63,000 residents in Montgomery County who do not know where their next meal will come from. Our own neighbors do not have the resources to supply basic nutrition for themselves and their families. Most heartbreaking is the impact on seniors and children in our area.

Many of our local Jewish congregations have sponsored Yom Kippur food collections for Manna Food Center, which is Montgomery County’s designated food bank with a singular mission of eliminating hunger in our County. Temple Beth Ami has a long-standing communal tradition of helping to concretize the prophetic mandate to look past our religious rituals for true Teshuvah. We’ve been in conversation with TBA member Mitchell Glassman, the Chair of Manna’s Board, who brought us the news that, almost across the board, our holiday congregational food collections have been down by an average of 10% from 2017 to 2018. Now they’ve come to us with a new challenge.

To bring awareness of food insecurity in our Jewish community during Yom Kippur and Sukkot, Temple Beth Ami and Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation have invited all of our MoCo sister synagogue communities to join us in a Manna Food Center competition from Kol Nidre night through Simchat Torah, from October 8 through October 22. Our “Harvest Against Hunger” campaign challenges all of us to compete against one another by competing against ourselves to increase our seasonal healthy food contributions to Manna by at least 10%, bringing us back up to 2017 levels and maybe beyond! Whichever of our communities has the biggest percentage growth over its own 2018 contribution - and let’s say at least 10% increase! - is the winner, entitled to be the “Manna All-Star” community, with a trophy.

Temple Beth Ami has accepted this challenge!! Please remember to bring donated non-perishable food to the Temple during the upcoming High Holy Day season and make 5780 a record year and our congregation a “Manna All-Star” community winner.

Most Needed Items-Manna Food Center Grocery List



- Instant oatmeal packets, original flavor
- Brown rice (16 oz)
- Whole grain pasta (16 oz)
- Tuna, Salmon or Chicken, in water
- Dry or canned beans (low sodium)
- Natural nut butters
- Canned vegetables (low-sodium)
- Canned fruit (in juice) and fruit cups
- Shelf-stable, individual milk boxes
- Cooking oils & spices
- Infant formula and baby food
- ** No Matzah please.

Backpacks

160 fully stuffed back packs were delivered to South Lake Elementary School. Thank you to everyone who contributed to help our children start school equipped for a great year.

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TBA Member Provides Dental Services as the Temple Continues to Help Local Refugee Families

During the past few years, Dr. Richard Miller, a long-time TBA member, has very generously been providing many thousands of dollars' worth of dental services—at no cost—to seven members of the refugee families that TBA has been assisting, and we wanted to publically recognize him for his efforts.

As Dr. Miller commented to Mark Joffe, TBA Tikkun Olam Committee co-chair:

"I'm really happy I'm able to do it, and, honestly, it's something I do without normally giving a lot of thought [as] to why. . . . I've been very fortunate in life and, hopefully, what I can do to take care of their oral health helps Mohammad (pictured with Dr. Miller) and the other refugees I've worked on to be as fortunate as I am. . . . I like to think that my wife and I taught [our children] by our example [that] when you are as lucky as we are, you have a responsibility to help others."



Walaa was Dr. Miller's first patient from among the TBA refugee families. He began treating her in 2017. She very much appreciated Dr. Miller's free dental services and his kindness, and

she often brought delicious homemade hummus or other specialty foods to his office.

Several other TBA volunteers have helped to make Dr. Miller's services possible by transporting these refugee family members to and from his office in Rockville, and many volunteers have helped these families by donating their time, talents, resources, friendship, and more. With their help, Walaa now has her driver's license and is reading books in English to her children! And each of the six families (5 Syrian and 1 Columbian) has similar success stories to tell thanks to the generosity of TBA members and volunteers. Many of these volunteers have said that meeting

these amazing families has been a life-changing experience as they've gotten to know them, especially early on when they came to this area after being confronted with such devastating hardships.

We are always looking for more help in these efforts. If you'd like more information, wish to volunteer, or have an area of expertise and could provide free professional or other types of services, please contact Mark Joffe at marksjoffe@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped Temple Beth Ami prepare and serve meals during the week of July 28 - August 4 for 35 residents of the Interfaith Works Women's Center in Rockville. Providing three meals/day is a big undertaking each year, and we could not do this without the support of the wonderful TBA family! Much appreciation goes out to: Rhona Arbit; Helene Casper; the Friedman-Hill Family; Lynn Goodman; Angela & Walt Harris; Elizabeth Joseloff & Adam Levy; the Kahn Family; the Maryn Family; Jackie Melter; Janice Rosenblatt; Paula Zeller; the Empty Nesters Kehillah (Eve Lader, Leslie Block, Denise Feldman, Lisa Goodman, Holly Gross, Jeanne Kahn, the Lash Family, Jackie Manis, Wendy Miller, Shauna Pokras, Terry Steinberg, and Steve Wollins), the 2006 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class (Phil Cantor, Donna Eckert, Stacia Friedman-Hill, Debby Goldberg, Kim Goldberg, and Jeanne Kahn), the Tikkun O'lam committee (Kenneth Brenner, Joanne & Mel Brodsky, Barry & Kim Goldberg, Judi & Paul Goozh, Elizabeth Joseloff & Adam Levy, Gail Kaplan-Wassell, Tina & Jerry Levine, the Reiser Family, and Amy Weinberg), the TBA Brotherhood, and WTBA (see also the WTBA page). Special thanks to Elizabeth Joseloff and Jeanne Kahn for coordinating the shopping, food prep, and serving of the week's meals.



Friday, October 18

7:30 pm Spirit of Shabbat

Saturday, October 19

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Matthew Stern

5:30 pm Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Jacob Lachter

Sunday, October 20

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

6:30 pm Erev Simchat Torah

Including Consecration

Monday, October 21

9:00 am Simchat Torah Service

including Yizkor

Friday, October 25

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 26

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Brandon Luxenberg

Sunday, October 27

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

Friday, November 1

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song & Story

Saturday, November 2

10:00 am Shabbat Minyan

Sunday, November 3

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

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What is it about this holiday which made it so powerful for us?

One possibility is tied to the agricultural cycle. Sukkot is celebrated during the final harvest of the year in Israel. From the time of Sukkot all the way until Passover, nothing would grow in the land, so this final harvest had to last. Not knowing when, or even if, we would have fresh food again could have intensified the need for us to feel close to God as we faced an uncertain future.

The second approach comes from the rabbis, who connected the Three Pilgrimage Festivals of the Torah (Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot) to the primary narrative of our people: the Exodus from Egypt. Passover celebrates our escape from Egyptian slavery; Shavuot returns us to the Revelation at Mount Sinai; Sukkot places us in the Wilderness, during the forty-year journey to the Promised Land.

Our tradition does not teach us that we just rode off into the sunset after Egypt, or Sinai. The real world does not work that way. Freedom requires work, it is a commitment, it requires sacrifice, and it is deeply rewarding.

Enter Sukkot, or more specifically, a sukkah. During Sukkot we are commanded to dwell in the sukkah, a fragile hut with gaps in its roof. The rules for how to build a sukkah may seem a little odd. It only needs two walls, and must be strong enough to withstand normal winds, but not severe winds. The roof must be made of organic material, and not nailed down, with gaps to see the stars at night, and let some rain in if it rains. The rabbis teach that the sukkah is like the tents of the Israelites on their long journey to the Promised Land. This is important for two reasons. First, it reminds us that we too are on a journey, and that our Promise (the world as it is supposed to be) has yet to be achieved. Second, it reminds us of our own vulnerability and fragility. In a sukkah the walls will not protect us from danger, and the roof will not keep out the weather. Instead, we learn to accept our vulnerability and recognize that ultimately, not even solid walls can protect us. It reminds us that while wealth is good, and solid walls can help us feel safe, ultimately the security and safety they provide are an illusion. So, for one week out of fifty-two, we leave all of that behind and discover that we can live in the sukkah with joy – and we can shelter in God's Presence. We focus less on the material things and discover that we can live more deeply. This is a time for feasting and for hosting guests!

With all of this in mind, I'd like to invite you to extend your Holy Day season through Sukkot. If you have a sukkah try not just eating in it, but sleeping there too – and please do invite your friends and neighbors over for a nosh – especially if they do not have a sukkah of their own. And please do send us pictures! If you do not have a sukkah, no worries. You can come to the synagogue and eat in ours, or join a friend in their sukkah. And while it is probably too late to order a sukkah building kit for this year, if you are handy, you could try to build one on your own. I'd be happy to tell you how to make sure it is kosher if you wish.

Finally, I hope that you will join us for both Sukkot and Simchat Torah services and celebrations this year, so that we can all bring to life the words of the Psalmist: Ki va omeid!

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elderly, and the ill

- Freedom of choice

Sue Sailer as WTBA's VP of Social Action is requesting your thoughts regarding where WTBA should concentrate this year's efforts for Social Action. Please contact Sue at bstnmom@aol.com or 443-926-1041 with your suggestions. Thank you!

WTBA Shelter Meals

On Monday, July 29, WTBA prepared breakfast and dinner for the residents of the Interfaith Works Women's Center (IWWC) in the Temple kitchen. The group then brought and served dinner to the women residents at the shelter that evening. The food was graciously received, and much appreciated! A huge thank you to Jeanne Kahn for coordinating this and to the following volunteers who helped: Rhona Arbit, Dona Deutsch, Flora Feldman, Phyllis Silverman, and Elise Ward.

Ongoing Projects

Drop-in Mah Jongg games are held at the Temple every Monday afternoon from 1 – 3 pm when the Temple is open and will continue during the fall. Please contact Rachel Maryn at rmayn@verizon.net for more information or to be added to the email list.



Kippot for B'nai Mitzvah, and Brides and Grooms are available at discount prices through WTBA. View styles at www.kippah.com and contact Eve Lader at 301-938-0200 or evelader@gmail.com to place an order.

WTBA presents to **TBA newlyweds**, a wedding gift of 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.

If you have any new ideas for activities or would like to help plan an event, we'd love to hear from you! We can be reached at womenoftemplebethami@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Joseloff

WTBA Chadashot article editor

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High Holy Days Festivals

Sukkot, the Festival of Booths, is a week-long festival that falls five days after Yom Kippur. It is a joyous festival and a welcome change of religious pace following the solemn days of prayer and introspection. The mitzvah for Sukkot is building and eating in the sukkah. Sukkot

will be held on Sunday, October 13, 6:30 pm. Monday, October 14, Sukkot service 9 am, Sukkot family Celebration, 10:30 am. Kiddush in the Sukkah



Simchat Torah concludes the fall festival season. The services focus on the conclusion and resumption of the annual cycle of Torah reading. This joyous festival includes the consecration of our newest religious school students and invites

young and old to join together in hakafot, the procession of Torahs and flags. Sunday, October 20, 6:30 – 7:30pm. Atzeret/Simchat Torah Service with Yizkor, Monday, October 21, 9am.

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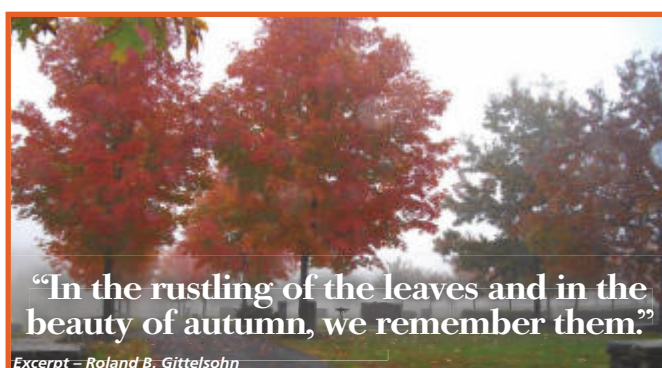
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Our "Welcome Ambassadors" also have benefitted from volunteering for this effort. They have gotten to know more and more Temple members, as well as visitors and families of B'nai Mitzvah who have come to celebrate. In helping others feel more connected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

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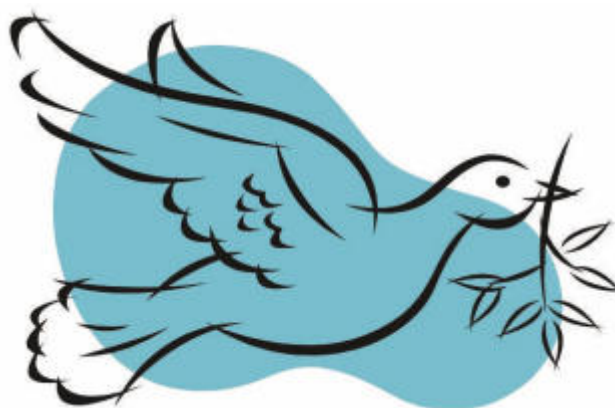
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