

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Friday, January 3**

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song and Story

**Saturday, January 4**

10:30 am Shabbat Service

B'nai Mitzvah: Riley Berkowitz  
Piper Coco

**Sunday, January 5**

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

**Friday, January 10**

6:30 pm Tot Shabbat - Bet

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

**Saturday, January 11**

10:30 am Shabbat Service

B'not Mitzvah: Lyla Holstein  
Riley Mahoney

10:30 am Shabbat Chapel Service

**Sunday, January 12**

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

**Friday, January 17**

6:30 pm Spirit of Shabbat

**Saturday, January 18**

10:30 am Shabbat Service

B'nai Mitzvah: Ellie Clark  
Delilah Sandler

**Sunday, January 19**

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

**Friday, January 24**

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Followed by a Coffee House Oneq

**Saturday, January 25**

10:30 am Shabbat Service

B'nai Mitzvah: Joshua Kahler  
Paul Weiner

5:30 pm Shabbat Service

B'nai Mitzvah: Joshua Feldman  
Kayla Pilloff

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## CLERGY MESSAGE FROM *Rabbi Luxemburg and Rabbi Pokras*



Following the conclusion of the first World Zionist Congress held in Basel, Switzerland in August of 1897, Theodore Hertzl, the founder of the organization and father of modern political Zionism, wrote the following:

"At Basel I founded the Jewish State. If I said this out loud today, I would be greeted by universal laughter. In five years perhaps, and certainly in fifty years, everyone will perceive it." (Hertzl, September 3, 1897)

In the whole of Jewish history, this statement is one of the most prophetic. On May 14, 1948, just a bit more than fifty years after his prediction, the modern state of Israel declared its independence. After 2000 years, our people were once again established among the family of nations, a people free and sovereign in our own land.

We often wonder what Hertzl ... bold journalist and political visionary ... would think about Israel, 2020. We imagine he would be puzzled by its politics, proud of its many accomplishments, and be challenging the Israel of today to realize the vision and values that were put forward at that first momentous meeting in 1897 and enshrined in Israel's Declaration of Independence:

"The State of Israel ... 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."

The 38<sup>th</sup> World Zionist Congress will convene in Jerusalem in October of 2020. In order for Hertzl's vision and the values of the Israeli Declaration of Independence to be both protected

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BRRR....

Come in for a visit and warm up!  
The coffee, activities, books and nice people.

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## MESSAGE FROM *Buzz Karpay, President*



### Historic Torah Scroll at Temple Beth Ami



During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Czechoslovakia, they gathered an enormous number of Torah scrolls and mantles, and other ritual items. Their intent at the time was to use these items to set up a museum of a lost race. When the War ended, Czechoslovakia and other European nations were in dire financial difficulty, and were doing everything they could to raise money. The Czechoslovakian government attempted to sell their large collection of Torah scrolls to Israel, but the two sides couldn't come to an agreement, so the scrolls stayed in Czechoslovakia.

In the 1960s, a Czech company approached Eric Estorick, an art dealer who had been to Prague frequently, about purchasing some scrolls. Mr. Estorick asked one of his clients, Ralph Yablon, who then discussed this with Harold Reinhart, the Rabbi of the Westminster Synagogue in London. Following an inspection of the scrolls to verify their

authenticity and evaluate their condition, Mr. Yablon agreed to fund the purchase of 1,564 scrolls.

A team of sofrim (scribes) examined the scrolls to see which ones were kosher, which ones could be repaired and restored, and which ones were in such bad condition that they could only be used as a memorial. The Memorial Scrolls Trust was set up, and Torah scrolls started being allocated on loan to communities and organizations worldwide.

By the late 1990s, most of the scrolls had been allocated and delivered. Around this time, Mike and Gail Kaltman, long-time congregants of Temple Beth Ami, were travelling to London. Mike had read about the scrolls in a Jewish publication, he was the chair of our Fine Arts Committee, and we had recently moved into our new building. He knew that the committee was looking for something to display in our Memorial alcove, and thought one of these scrolls would be perfect.

The Kaltmans discovered that most of the remaining scrolls were in very poor condition, but they found a few that were in good enough condition to be used as a display. Mike took photos of the three scrolls he thought would be best, and noted that Scroll #57 had particularly nice calligraphy. Upon their return home, a decision was made, with financial support from the Norwitz family, to acquire that scroll (on loan) for Temple Beth Ami.

The scroll was housed in our Ark for many

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## COMING

*This Month***Live & Learn with Gideon Amir****Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21****10:30 am – 12 pm**

Topic: Wisdom in the Bible. Wisdom is clearly a revered attribute in the bible. In this course, we will study biblical and Near Eastern views and understanding of wisdom and get an overview of the three Biblical books called “wisdom literature:” the books of Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. Open to all. No charge.

**New Year, New You and Mitzvah, Too!****Sunday, January 12****1 pm – 6 pm**

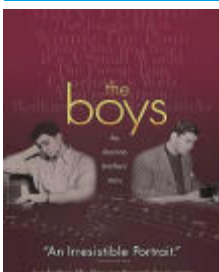
WTBA and Next Dor, together with Saks Fifth Avenue at Chevy Chase and CHANEL Cosmetics, invite you for a very special afternoon. Once you register through the special link, you will have your choice of a makeover or a custom fragrance consultation – OR you may simply schmooze with old and new friends, sip champagne and mimosas and nibble on light bites. All attendees will receive a complimentary quilted black tote bag. \$25 cover benefits Days for Girls, an international charity promoting educational access for girls through hygiene solutions and health education. Don't miss out; this event will fill quickly! Look for SignUp Genius link.



HABERMAN INSTITUTE  
for Jewish Studies

**Haberman Institute Presentation****Wednesday, January 15****7:30 - 9 pm**

Temple Beth Ami is pleased to host Prof. Ori Soltes, Goldman Professional lecturer in Theology and Fine Arts at Georgetown University, with the Haberman Institute of Jewish Studies. Topic: From Bar Kochba to Bibi: How Did the Jews Survive? Open to all. No charge.

**Food & Film****Friday, January 17****7:30 pm**

Welcome Shabbat with Wine & Cheese and “Spirit of Shabbat” services, followed by a delicious catered Shabbat dinner and film!

“The Boys: The Sherman Brothers’ Story” is an intimate documentary journey through the partnership of brothers Richard and Robert Sherman, Disney’s prolific songwriting team. The film will be moderated by Steve Friedman of our own “Broadway Buzz” fame! Cost: \$30 pp (\$40 – guests). Register online by 1/13.

**MARCH CHADASHOT  
DEADLINE JANUARY 25**

## COMING *This Month*



### Day Trip to DCJCC

**Wednesday, January 22**

**10:45 am - 2:45 pm**

Join us for a trip downtown for a 12 noon matinee of the play, *Sheltered*, at the DCJCC. It is 1939 and Hitler's assault on Europe has begun. Though much of the world has turned its back on the Jews of Europe, Evelyn and Leonard Kirsch suspect that the menace is real. This ordinary American couple makes a bold decision that could save the lives of many Jewish children and change the course of history. But first, they must convince their estranged friends to help. A suspenseful story that will bring you to the edge of your seat. There are a limited number of tickets; first come-first served. Bus departs from Beth Ami at 10:45 am; returns at approximately 2:45 pm. Register online. Cost: \$45 (members); \$55 (non-members) – includes round trip

transportation from the Temple and light snacks on the bus.



### Coffee House Shabbat – with Voice Exchange Friday, January 24

**8:45 pm**

Join us after the 7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service for delicious, home-baked dessert and a new kind of participatory performance. Inspired by Bobby McFerrin, VoiceExchange is an improv vocal group who spontaneously creates improvised choral pieces, leads community-singing events, and delivers a cappella performances that are highly audience-interactive.



### An Evening with Amir Tibon

**Sunday, January 26**

**7 pm**

All are invited as we welcome back to Beth Ami Amir Tibon, the Washington correspondent for the Israeli newspaper, Ha'aretz, and an award-winning author. Topic: Israeli Issues, American-Israeli Relationships and How Politics Affect it All. This talk is sponsored by Beth Ami's Israel Matters group and the Encore Kehillah. Light refreshments included. Open to all. No charge.



### Broadway Buzz with Steve Friedman

**Monday, January 27**

**10:30 am – 12 pm**

Topic: Sondheim on View: The Early Years. Don't miss this popular Monday morning program, featuring footage, facts and, always, some live performance. Free for Temple members; \$10 for guests at the door (cash or check only).

**TIKKUN OLAM***Community Service Projects***LEND A HAND**

**Thank you in advance for your support!**

(For information on additional TBA community service projects, visit [bethami.org/groups/TO](http://bethami.org/groups/TO))

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- **New Program for TBANS Families: Tikkun Olam Together** - TOTs in Action will support Community Reach of Montgomery County's Citizenship, English Conversation, and English as a Second Language classes for adults in Rockville by donating 25 snack bags each month for the children of the adult students in these classes. Snack contributions can be made throughout the month; bags will be assembled on the last Friday of the month. For more information or to volunteer, contact Kate Wernick at [kateraisescorin@yahoo.com](mailto:kateraisescorin@yahoo.com). (Sponsored by the TBANS community and TBA's Tikkun Olam Committee.)

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

- **Heads-Up re Grab 'n Go Collection (formerly "Stuff-a-Duff") in February** - Donate full-size personal care items (shampoo, deodorant, soap, body lotion) and baby items (baby shampoo, baby lotion, sippy cups, new onesies/pjs for ages 1-18 months & new infant socks) for Montgomery County Child Welfare Services clients who face challenges, including lacking funds for basic items. A box will be in the Temple lobby from February 1 - 24.
- **Box Tops for Education Is Changing** - Support needy students at South Lake ES (or other school of your choice) by downloading the new Box Tops mobile app from [btfe.com](http://btfe.com) & selecting a recipient school. As companies switch to the new system, we'll still collect the old hot pink labels as long as they're not expired. Bring any unexpired pink labels to the collection boxes in the Temple lobby, Religious School Office, & Nursery School Office. Questions? Contact Bernard Silverstein at [cynbern@verizon.net](mailto:cynbern@verizon.net). (Note: Please do not bring in the new turquoise labels that say "No More Clipping/Scan Your Receipt" on them. The schools cannot use them.)

**Message from the Executive Director**

Happy New Year to you and your family! I hope you enjoyed meaningful time with family and friends during the holiday season.

I am truly honored and excited to be serving Temple Beth Ami as your Executive Director. First and foremost, I want to thank the extraordinary commitment of the Search Committee who worked tirelessly in partnership with the Board of Directors to ensure the congregation's evolving needs would be met following Janice Rosenblatt's exceptional 28-year tenure in this role. I am especially grateful to Janice for her gracious support as we worked together to ensure a seamless transition.

As a longtime congregant, I am fortunate to know many of you well and look forward to getting to know our entire congregational family in the future. Whether or not you know me, I invite you to share your experiences and ideas on how I can support our collective vision of a vibrant community that embraces Judaism, fosters connection, and encourages innovation.

Please contact me at 301-340-6818 or to set up a meeting. I also welcome you to stop by my office the next time you're in the building to introduce yourself, to schmooze, and yes, to enjoy M&Ms from the fantastic collection of dispensers that I gladly inherited from Janice. (Fun fact about me – M&Ms have always been my favorite candy!)

Thank you in advance for your partnership in helping Temple Beth Ami continue to meet the diverse and changing needs of our community.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE WANTS YOU**

The TBA Budget Committee is forming. If you have interest or experience in TBA's annual budgeting process please contact Madeline D'Alessio at [mkdallessio@gmail.com](mailto:mkdallessio@gmail.com). We will meet Wednesday evenings from late January through March.



## BROTHERHOOD News

Happy New Year TBA! I hope that everyone had a safe and exciting New Years. Since my last Chadashot submission, the Brotherhood had some exciting things taking place. Josh Rosenblatt discussed his fascinating book, "Why We Fight – One Man's Search for Meaning Inside the Ring". If you missed this, Josh is Janice's son – he was great, and I highly recommend his book.

We fed over 140 NFTY middle schoolers at TBA on December 8<sup>th</sup>, and we showed the movie "Star Wars – A New Hope" the afternoon of December 8<sup>th</sup> to TBA Brothers and guest. Thanks Matt Rosenstock for organizing the event.

The Brotherhood is looking to do exciting things in 2020, and some of the events that you can expect are:

**More Brotherhood Brunches!** - Hold Feb 2, March 22 and March 29 on your calendars for potential Brunches... more to come on that!

**More Sporting Events** - Rob Shapiro is working with his ticket guy, and we'll let you know what dates we choose for a Wizards event!

**More Brotherhood Movies** - I am looking at "The Spy Behind Home Plate" or others depending on availability

**More Tzedakah** - Rebuilding Montgomery County in April.

**More Golf** - Brotherhood Golf event in support of the RBMC.

**Brotherhood Bagel Café:** Thanks always to the loyal Bagel Bar Crew lead by Robert Oshinsky. Sundays are more fun when we have more Brothers attending – don't be shy!

Let's make 2020 the best year yet!

*Steve*

TBA Brotherhood Prez



## Brotherhood T-Shirts

**\$15.00**



On sale at the Sunday Bagel Bar

Money supports D'nai Mitzvah gifts, Confirmation, and Newlyweds, Shiva platters and donations, Camp Scholarships, Food for NFTY programs, Rebuilding Together, more...

**WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH AMI***News***New Year, New You and Mitzvah, Too! Event**

WTBA and Next Dor, together with our corporate sponsors Saks Fifth Avenue at Chevy Chase and CHANEL Cosmetics, invite you to our New Year, New You and Mitzvah, Too! event on Sunday, January 12 from 1:00 – 6:00 pm. Saks' elegant cosmetics department and a DJ's music will provide the backdrop for an afternoon of pampering. You may choose to have CHANEL experts either transform your look with a makeover and teach you how to recreate it at home, or take you on a fragrance journey through the 16 fragrances of the LES EXCLUSIFS DE CHANEL line to help you find your ideal scent. Or, you may choose to simply schmooze with old and new friends, sip champagne and mimosas, and nibble on light bites. All attendees will receive a complimentary black quilted tote bag.

A \$25 cover charge benefits Days for Girls, an international charity that promotes educational access for girls through hygiene solutions and health education.

Registration on our SignUp Genius page closes on January 6 and space is limited. Look for the link to the page in Up to the Minute emails from the temple and in Inside WTBA and Next Dor eblasts. This event promises to sell out quickly, so please act promptly to be sure you are part of the fun! Contact Holly Lobel at cookmom8884@aol.com for more information.

**Mah Jongg Cards**

Purchase your 2020 Mah Jongg cards through WTBA. Your purchase supports the great work the Sisterhood does for the Temple and the Jewish community. Cards will be sent to you from the National Mah

Jongg League at the end of March. Please pick up an order form in the Temple lobby or contact Rachel Maryn at rmaryn@verizon.net to have a form emailed to you.

**Days for Girls Meeting**

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us at the next meeting on Sunday, January 26 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at the Temple. There will not be a chapter meeting in December. Contact the Chapter Leaders, Janet Schiller and Rhona Arbit, at rockvillemd@daysforgirls.org for more information or to RSVP for the January meeting.

**Camp Scholarships**

For the summer of 2020, we are pleased to announce that we are partnering with the TBA Brotherhood to offer a limited number of scholarships for children to attend summer camp programs at either Temple Beth Ami or a Union for Reform Judaism-affiliated camp. The scholarships are intended for families for whom camp expenses are a financial hardship, and the applications will be evaluated based on need. Please contact Jeanne Kahn at JeanneKahn@aol.com for



an application and/or more information.

**Crafts for a Cause**

We held our fall Craft for a Cause event on October 23 at the temple with 20 women in attendance. Following a pizza/salad dinner,

part of the group worked on making rice weight bags to be used by cancer patients during physical therapy while others worked on knitting caps to be donated to patients undergoing chemotherapy. The items, 31 rice weight bags and 4 chemo caps, were delivered to the George Washington University (GWU) Outpatient Rehabilitation Center in November. The GWU physical therapist who took delivery of the items was extremely effusive about the usefulness, style and quality of both the rice weight bags and the chemo caps. She expressed her appreciation on behalf of all the staff and patients who will benefit from having these items available to them.

Thank you very much to all who participated and to Jeanne Kahn and Catherine Copp for coordinating the evening's mitzvah projects. Very special appreciation goes out to Catherine for developing a prototype for the rice weight bags, for shopping for all of the supplies, and for the endless hours of time that she put into making this a very successful event!

**National Archives Museum Tour**

On November 5, we had the pleasure of a private tour of the National Archives Museum and "Rightfully Hers" exhibit by TBA's own docent-extraordinaire, Ed Williams, followed by lunch in DC. With a group of 10 "tourists", we had the time and space to ask Ed lots of questions and get close up to the exhibits. If you've never taken a tour with Ed, you definitely need to! He has an amazing wealth of knowledge and a wonderful way of communicating that knowledge to others. Thank you, Ed, for leading us on this fun outing! Also, if you have not been to the museum to see the

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## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

*Paula Sayag,  
Director*



For the new year, we have new mission and vision statements! It was time to revisit our old statement and be sure that we accurately and concisely express TBANS' current beliefs, values, and approaches.

Parents and teachers contributed equally to the creation of these statements. Parents were represented by the Parent Partnership, our in-house advisory board of 8 parents. All teachers provided input, and were then represented by a committee of 4 staff members. The statements went through numerous iterations before we confidently reached consensus. Here we proudly present our guiding declarations of what we do and why we do it!

### **TBANS Mission**

We provide an inclusive, joyful, Jewish learning environment where passionate teachers support each child along their unique developmental path. Through guided play, each child acquires a strong foundation for ongoing social-emotional and educational success.

### **TBANS Vision**

Every child is prepared for future social and intellectual pursuits, and every family feels a meaningful connection with our community.

What do you hear in these statements? We hope you hear:

We have exceptionally talented and dedicated teachers who know how to educate young children.

We welcome children of all strengths and abilities, and coordinate additional supports when warranted.

We treat each child as a unique and valuable individual, on their own trajectory toward success.

We inspire a love of learning in each child, preparing them for life after TBANS.

Our hallways are always filled with the excited sounds of children playing and learning.

We create community in a Jewish setting.

For more information about how we do it, please view TBANS Framework for Early Education on our website. Or come visit us whenever you're at the Temple.



**B'NAI MITZVAH***Profiles*

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

**RILEY ISAAC BERKOWITZ,**

son of Cheryl and Jason, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 4. He is a seventh grade student at Tilden Middle School. Riley has two younger brothers, Benjamin and Sammy. For his Mitzvah project he has been volunteering with the Jewish

Foundation for Group Homes. He participates in the Bowling Buddies Program where he spends time with and encourages residents of the group homes while they bowl.



**PIPER COCO,** daughter of Georganne and Richard, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 4. She is a seventh grade student at St. Andrew's Episcopal School where she plays soccer, basketball and runs track. She has a younger sister, Juliet. For her Mitzvah project, she volunteers at Hero Dogs

(hero-dogs.org), which trains service dogs for veterans and first responders.

**LYLA BROOKE HOLSTEIN,**

daughter of Jayme Holstein and Michael Holstein, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 11. She is a seventh grade student at Ridgeview Middle School. Lyla has a younger brother, Mason. For her Mitzvah project, she has donated over 35 birthday

cakes to Children's Charities through Birthday Cakes 4 Free.



**RILEY MAHONEY,** daughter of Karen and John, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 11. She is a seventh grade student at Kingsview Middle School. Riley has an older sister, Shauna. For her Mitzvah Project, Riley is raising funds to

support Big Dog Ranch Rescue, the largest cage-free, no-kill dog rescue in the United States.



**ELLIE KESSLER CLARK,** daughter of Beth and Justin will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 18. She is a seventh grade student at Herbert Hoover Middle School. Ellie has two younger brothers, Solomon and Owen. For her Mitzvah Project she organized and ran a pet donation project at PetSmart, that gathered food and toys for pet adoption centers.

**DELILAH PRICE SANDLER,**

daughter of Andrea Para and David and Katlhen Sandler, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 18. She is a seventh grade student at North Bethesda Middle School. Delilah has an older sister, Tallulah, and two younger siblings, Sophia and Enzo. For her

Mitzvah Project she is collecting clothing for the Interfaith Works Clothing Center, a non-profit organization which supports families in crisis.



**JOSHUA EVAN KAHLER,** son of Ally and James, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 25. He is a seventh grade student at Lakelands Middle School. Joshua has two older brothers, Jack and Ben.



**PAUL JOSHUA WEINER,** son of Gail and Barry, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 25. He is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Paul has a younger sister Isabelle. For his Mitzvah Project he will be collecting contributions and hosting a charitable event for Comfort Cases,

an organization that supports foster children throughout the United States.

**JOSHUA EZRA FELDMAN,**

son of Melissa Feldman and Corey Feldman, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 25. He is a seventh grade student at Herbert Hoover

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## MACHANE TBA NEWS

*Kim Roberts,  
Director*



### Calendar

#### **Sunday, January 5**

Machane TBA in session

#### **Tuesday, January 7**

TBAjrHigh & TBAHigh in session

Elective Night

#### **Sunday, January 12**

Machane TBA in session

Grade 6 Vav Parent/Child B'nai

Mitzvah Schmooze

(during your child's L'mata session)

#### **Tuesday, January 14**

TBAjrHigh & TBAHigh in session

CORE 1 Night

#### **Friday - Sunday, January 17 - 19**

NFTY-MAR Winter Kallah-Wakefield, VA

#### **Sunday, January 19**

Machane TBA NOT in session

#### **Tuesday, January 21**

TBAjrHigh & TBAHigh NOT in session

#### **Thursday-Monday, January 24 - 27**

Grades 11/12 L'Taken

#### **Sunday, January 26**

Machane TBA NOT in session

#### **Monday, January 27**

Grade 7 Snow Tubing Event

#### **Tuesday, January 28**

TBAjrHigh & TBAHigh in session

CORE 2 Night & Confirmation

#### **Friday, January 31**

6:00 Grade 1 Alef Shabbat Family  
Experience

6:30 K-2 Primary Service

See complete calendar on the Machane  
home page:  
<https://bethami.org/education/machane>



**JOKE:** When dogs turn 13, what kind of ceremony do they have?

## KIDS CORNER



### Word Search: AROUND OUR TEMPLE



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

ARC  
BIMA  
CHAPEL  
CLASSROOMS  
COURTYARD  
GAGAPIT

JUDAICASHOP  
KESHET  
KINNERET  
KITCHEN  
LIBRARY  
LOBBY

OFFICE  
ROVA  
SANCTUARY  
TEENLOUNGE  
YARDEN

Joke Answer: A bark mitzvah

### JANUARY CHALLENGE:

**Scavenger hunt:** Where can you find this stained glass in the temple?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

Drop this form in the "Kids Corner" basket in the Machane office by **Jan 19**. If your family needs more than 1 form, you can make a copy. There are also extra copies in the office. One correct winner will receive a gift card! Gift cards may vary each month.



Taylor Schweizer won the November Kids Corner Challenge! She correctly identified the scavenger hunt photo as the mezuzah on the Chapel door! Taylor won a \$10 gift card to FiveBelow!



## SIMCHAS

### *Mazel Tov to...*

**Anna Lizondo, Samantha Needle, Gabriella Sapper, and Rachel Roberts** each on becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
**Max Lizonda, Miles Sklar and Travis Sklar**, each on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

**Jackie and Michael Manis** on the engagement of their daughter, **Hannah**, to **Zack Dawson**  
**Helene and Jeff Casper** on the marriage of their son, **Andrew**, to **Ellie Sterns**  
**Janet and Mark Wallace** on the birth of their grandson, **Sebastian Vincent Albanese**  
**Barbara Turner and Richard Cohn** on their marriage  
**Marianne Curran and David Sacks** on their marriage

**Janice Rosenblatt** on her retirement celebration weekend  
**Debbie Ezrin**, our new Temple Executive Director

### Special Thanks To:

Our Shabbat Hospitality Committee, Challah Club, Culinary Crew and the Committee for Janice's Retirement events

## PHOTO REVIEW

### *Coffee House, Celebration for Janice*



**PHOTO REVIEW**

*TBANS and Machane TBA*





## COMMITTEE

### *News*

#### **THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS**

**THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS (WZC) IS A REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF THE WORLD'S JEWISH PEOPLE.**

Established by Theodor Herzl in 1897, the Zionist Congress (as it was originally known) was the legislative body of the World Zionist Organization (WZO), a non-governmental entity that promotes Zionism. Today, the two bodies are known respectively as the World Zionist Congress (WZC) and the World Zionist Organization (WZO).

The WZC, also known as the Parliament of the Jewish People, comprises 500 delegates and meets in Jerusalem every five years. It enables delegates to exert ideological influence on both Israeli society and the global Jewish agenda, as well as allocate financial and other resources to various organizations – including the Reform Movement – in Israel.

Currently, the United States has 145 delegates in the WZC, the largest single delegation outside Israel. Thanks to a robust turnout in the 2015 elections, 56 of the 145 delegates (39 percent) represent the Reform Movement and, as a result, have been able to ensure that more than \$4 million a year (\$20 million over five years) is being directed to the Israeli Reform Movement. By comparison, the Israeli government annually provides nearly 4 billion NIS (\$1.1 billion) to Orthodox and Haredi institutions in Israel.

A strong election turnout among North America's Reform Jews and our supporters and allies will ensure that financial resources will continue to flow to our Israeli movement – including Reform congregations and institutions. It also will allow us to fill leadership positions in some of Israel's national institutions, including the World Zionist Organization (WZO), the Jewish Agency for Israel, and Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael - Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF). A leadership role in KKL-JNF will enable us to ensure that decisions about government and public spending over the Green Line, including land purchases, reflect the Reform Movement's values and positions. Only in this way can we continue to build a democratic society in Israel that truly reflects the Jewish values we hold dear: pluralism, equality, economic justice, and peace.

What's more, because JAFI and the WZO support programs of the World Union for Progressive (WUPJ), high voter turnout

will provide support for WUPJ congregations and for Netzer Olami and Tamar, which offer programming for Progressive Jewish youth and young adults in communities around the world.

**VOTING WILL BE QUICK AND EASY.** All voting will be completed online and will be accessible from mobile devices. It is a simple process and will take only a few minutes. This year, in 2020 we hope to have an even stronger representation and look forward to all Reform Jews in the United States to stand up and be counted!

#### **MONTHLY CHAPEL SHABBAT SERVICE PLEASE COME JOIN US AS WE BEGIN OUR 16<sup>th</sup> YEAR!**

Isn't it time for you to join fellow TBA congregants at the monthly TBA Shabbat morning 10:30 AM service held the second Saturday of each month in the chapel? Isn't it time you celebrated Shabbat in a warm, intimate setting, usually with TBA clergy, where you can enjoy a meaningful religious service, schmooze with other congregants, and have a pleasurable Kiddush lunch following the service? Yes, we have just begun the 16<sup>th</sup> year of these monthly Shabbat chapel services! Yes, they have become an important part of TBA religious life! Yes, those who regularly attend have come to look forward to them with great anticipation. Yes, this could be you!

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

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

The dates of the next six 2020 second Saturday-of-each-month chapel services starting at 10:30 AM are January 11, February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, and June 13. Please mark these dates on your calendar, and we very much look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you!

## **COMMUNITY OF ACTION CONTINUES TO FOCUS**

### **On Literacy and Education**

#### **Literacy Council and TBA Work Together**

Consider the following facts:

- 1 in 7 County residents struggle with low literacy.
- 30% of adults in the County face language barriers to employment.
- Over 100,000 County residents do not have a high school diploma.
- Less than 50 % of working black and Hispanic families in the county earn a living wage

Two November events sponsored jointly by the Literacy Council of Montgomery County and TBA's Community of Action helped to introduce Temple members to the Council's adult education program. November's presentations were on the Council's best known program -- to train ESL tutors. This program, which matches trained individuals with persons wishing to improve their English speaking skills, is in critical need of tutors to fill the backlog of over 150 adults waiting to be matched. While TBA's efforts garnered eight new recruits, many more are needed. For anyone interested in finding out more about ESL tutoring or training contact [raul@lcmcmd.org](mailto:raul@lcmcmd.org)

Those attending the first evening of the two-part program learned not only about ESL tutoring opportunities but also about the Council's other initiatives, including GED-preparation; basic literacy, LC Chat (English conversational classes), and workplace literacy. Under the workplace literacy initiative, the Literacy Council partners with local businesses and organizations to provide literacy instruction and vocational training to low-skilled employees, as well as resume-building and vocational training to job-seeking students.

On February 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Beth Ami, the Community of Action and the Literacy Council will be sponsoring a Roundtable on Achieving Equity through Adult Education. Representatives from the business community, education and local government

will share their ideas on how adult education can be a game changer for previously under-served Montgomery County residents. We will also try to run a short information session for prospective volunteers that evening if there is enough interest. Please contact [debrajacobs@comcast.net](mailto:debrajacobs@comcast.net) if you are interested in attending an information session or to RSVP for the Roundtable.

### **Kirwan Commission Update - The State of Maryland Schools**

Working with Strong Schools Maryland and other groups such as MoCo Women and AIM (Action in Montgomery), the Community of Action has advocated at meetings with county and state representatives for the full funding of the Kirwan Commission's Recommendations, which were passed by the General Assembly:

- 1) Invest in high quality early childhood education and care
- 2) Elevate teachers and school leaders (raise both pay and status)
- 3) Create a world-class instructional system enabling most students to achieve college or career readiness
- 4) Provide more support to students who need it the most in terms of special education, limited English proficiency, and poverty
- 5) Ensure excellence through accountability.

The question at this stage is will the General Assembly have enough votes to override the almost certain veto by the governor, fearing a possible increase in taxes to fully fund the commission's agenda. To help advocate for Kirwan, contact Lisa Fuller at [lisamocowomen@gmail.com](mailto:lisamocowomen@gmail.com).

### **South Lake Elementary School**

The Community of Action continues to support the school's efforts before the Board of Education and County Council to maintain its #1 priority for renovation, as promised in October by the MCPS School Superintendent Jack Smith. Added pressure has begun to shorten the timeline for permitting and construction to an earlier move-in date than 2024.

The Temple's Tikkun Olam committee has continued to support the school through its annual coat and sock and holiday gift drives. During the fall term over 30 students participated in afterschool art classes sponsored by the Community of Action. The winter term is already in full swing with an equally strong enrollment. To get involved at South Lake, contact Sue Fox at [foxdsgc@aol.com](mailto:foxdsgc@aol.com).



# TEMPLE BETH AMI

## 2020 Collections

Please support these drives by bringing the needed items to the boxes in the Temple lobby.

Coordinated by the Tikkun Olam Committee

- **February**

**Grab 'n Go Items (formerly "Stuff-a-Duff")**—Donate **new, full size** personal care items (shampoo, deodorant, soap, body lotion) & baby items (baby shampoo, baby lotion, sippy cups, **new** onesies/pjs for ages 1–18 months & **new** infant socks) for Montgomery County Child Welfare Services clients who face challenges, including the inability to afford many basic items. **2/1–2/24.**

- **April**

**Arts & Crafts Supplies/Summer Toys**—DoKindWorks' "Summer Fun Stuff Project" helps Montgomery County kids with no access to pools/camp programs. Bring **new/like-new** arts & crafts supplies (e.g., coloring books, crayons, colored paper, magic markers, sidewalk chalk, play doh) & toys (e.g., puzzle books, small rubber balls, decks of cards, harmonicas/kazoos. **4/1–4/29.**

- **May–June**

**Diaper Drive**—Bring diapers of all sizes for clients of Montgomery County Child Welfare Services & adult diapers for Interfaith Works. Boxes in the Temple lobby & Nursery School **5/10–6/15, including 5/22 Picnic Shabbat.** (Adult diaper drive with WTBA.)

- **June–August**

**School Supplies for South Lake Elementary School (ES) Students**—Provide back-to-school supplies (new/gently used backpacks, composition notebooks (marble), pencils, pencil pouches, scissors, rulers & glue sticks) for students whose families can't afford such purchases. **6/ 22–8/16, including 7/3 Picnic Shabbat.**

- **September**

**Household Items for Newly Arrived Refugee Families**—Donate gently used/clean items for Homes Not Borders, which sets up homes for refugee families. Bring kitchen utensils, pots, pans, serving dishes (no dishes/cups/glassware with less than four in a set), bedding & towels. Visit [www.HomesNotBorders.org](http://www.HomesNotBorders.org) or contact Michele Koenick at [mkoenick@gmail.com](mailto:mkoenick@gmail.com) for larger items & furniture. **9/1–9/20, including 9/4 Picnic Shabbat.**

**Manna Food Center**—Support Manna's "Harvest Against Hunger" food drive, which begins Erev Yom Kippur (**9/27**) & runs **through** Simchat Torah on **10/11**. Bring healthy canned food for Manna year-round to our box in the Temple lobby. **9/27–10/11 & year-round.**

- **October**

**New/Gently Used Coats and Socks for Men, Women & Children**—Collection boxes will be in the Temple lobby **10/12–10/30**. Benefits the Interfaith Clothing Center (adult coats/socks) & students at South Lake ES (children's coats/socks).

- **November**

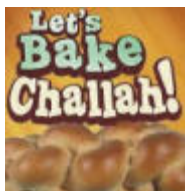
**Thanksgiving Food Drive for Nourish Now**—Donate canned (yams, carrots, pie filling, chicken broth, green beans, gravy & cranberry sauce) & boxed/bagged (instant mashed potatoes, dried stuffing mix, & muffin mix) foods for clients of Nourish Now, which hopes to feed 5,000 people this Thanksgiving. **11/1–11/15.**

- **December**

**Annual Adopt-a-Family & Holiday Toy Drives**—Families affiliated with Montgomery County Child Welfare Services provide a list of holiday gift wants/needs & are matched with a TBA family to provide gifts geared to those wishes. Email your name to Judi Goozh at [paul-judig@verizon.net](mailto:paul-judig@verizon.net) or Robin Temin at [robin.temin@verizon.net](mailto:robin.temin@verizon.net) if you'd like to be contacted in November about the Adopt-a-Family Drive.

And, help make the holiday season brighter for South Lake ES children by donating unwrapped gifts for children ages infant to 14. These gifts will be given to the children/families in South Lake's Linkages to Learning program, serving the school's neediest families. Collection boxes in the Temple lobby & Nursery School **12/1–12/16.**

**Please note: We also collect healthy food for the Manna Food Center, gently used clothing for the Interfaith Works Clothing Center, used eyeglasses for Lions Club International, and used cellphones for Secure the Call year-round. Contact Arlynn Joffe at [arlynnjoffe@gmail.com](mailto:arlynnjoffe@gmail.com) for more information.**

**COMING***In February***Challah in the Hood****Thursday, February 6****7 - 9 pm**

Temple Beth Ami invites you to SHARE a joy-filled hands-on evening with old and new friends and to PREPARE challah from scratch (and go home with a complimentary apron and recipe card). Appropriate for high school teens and adults only. RSVP online by 1/28. \$18 pp (\$25 guests). Due to the complex prep and set-up, walk-ins cannot be accepted.

**Shabbat in the Hood****Friday, February 7****Dinner time**

We're changing it up in February! In place of a typical Friday evening at Beth Ami, members are invited to HOST or BE HOSTED at Shabbat potluck dinners in homes across town. Each host home will receive a freshly baked challah, Shabbat candles and Shabbat blessings. Dinner guests can welcome Shabbat by singing along with our clergy's pre-recorded Shabbat Blessings. Look for a special flyer and email with a link to sign up to host or to be a guest. For more information, contact Shelly slg@bethami.org.

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and promoted we, Reform Jews from North America and from around the world, must be represented by a large, strong, vocal and influential delegation.

To promote in Israel religious pluralism, gender equality, and minority rights; to advocate for asylum seekers and sound environmental policies; to put forward initiatives that nurture civil society, economic justice and prospects for peace; to gain access to vital resources to support Reform Judaism in Israel and around the world ... we all must vote in the upcoming World Zionist Congress elections!

Each adult member of our congregation - any Jewish person over the age of 18 - can vote. By doing so, you, too, can have a voice in the only Israeli political arena where Jewish communities outside of Israel have a real opportunity to influence Israeli society and policies.

Temple Beth Ami has always been a leader in these election efforts. We have generated significant numbers of votes each time. Rabbi Luxemburg has represented us at two previous WZCongresses. Once more, we need to step up and be counted ... in even greater numbers than before.

Elsewhere in this edition of the Chadashot you will find information regarding the upcoming election that begins in late January and extends into March. Please take time to read the article (provided by ARZA – the Association of Reform Zionists in America, and the URJ – the Union for Reform Judaism) to become familiar with the background and the reasons why our success is so important. Later in the month, every household in the congregation will receive instructions how to vote at home and about opportunities the congregation will provide to vote during various congregational events and activities. We want to make it as easy as possible for all to participate.

This may feel like a big effort and the goals sometimes feel out of reach. Nonetheless, past experience demonstrates that a successful election campaign does translate into meaningful influence in Israel, significant progress on the issues that concern us, and measurable benefit for our Movement. Hertzl himself, thinking about what seemed unattainable in his day – the establishment of a Jewish state – said, “If you will it, it is no dream”. Let's take that spirit of commitment, combined with our vision and values, and turn our dreams for Israel into a reality we can all celebrate.

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### Sunday, January 26

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

### Friday, January 31

6:30 pm Primary K- 2 Shabbat

Service - Alef

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Service

### Saturday, February 1

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Bennett Lavine

5:30 pm Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Henry Leventhal

### Sunday, February 2

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

### Friday, February 7

Shabbat in the Hood (No Sanctuary Service)

### Saturday, February 8

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Jake Dorfman

10:30 am Shabbat Chapel Service

### Sunday, February 9

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

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years. Recently, at the request of the Kaltmans, the original intent for the use of the scroll was reconsidered. Nearly a year of planning and construction resulted in the display that we now have in the Memorial Alcove in our front lobby.

We are so grateful to the Kalman and Norwitz families, and to Bob Jasper and Terry Korth, who designed and constructed the display, for enabling us to take care of a precious piece of our history.

If you haven't gone into the Memorial Alcove to look at this display, I encourage you to do so.

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Middle School. Joshua has a younger brother, Elijah.



### KAYLA PILLOFF,

daughter of Liz and Dan, will become a bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 25. She is a seventh grade student at Ridgeview Middle School. Kayla has an older sister, Alyson. For her Mitzvah Project she is creating Thoughtful Treasure Bags for sick children at the Children's Inn at NIH.

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"Rightfully Hers" exhibit commemorating the passage of the 19th giving women in the United States the right to vote, you still have a time left before it closes on January 3. Thank you to Jeanne Kahn for organizing this fun field trip.



### WRJ Mid-Atlantic District Fall Kallah Recap

Thanks to the support of our members and friends, five WTBA board members had the privilege of attending the Women of Reform Judaism Mid-Atlantic District Fall Kallah from November 8 - 10 in Wilmington, DE. Here are their reflections on the weekend event:

Membership VP Jeanne Kahn: On Saturday at the Fall Kallah, we heard Rabbi Marla Feldman, the Executive Director of Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), detail the efforts being made by WRJ to ensure the reproductive health and rights of women in North America. This is an area of focus for WRJ's current work and is part of a special campaign being run in collaboration with the Religious Action Center (RAC). Rabbi Feldman gave a brief overview of WRJ's long history of advocating for women's reproductive rights and outlined a plan to continue that work into the future in partnership with the RAC. Putting words into action, on Sunday the kallah attendees participated in a postcard-writing campaign asking (or thanking) our representatives in Congress for action on several current issues regarding reproductive health care access and choice.

WRJ Liaison Rachel Maryn: Spirituality is an important part of any weekend with our WRJ sisters. Congregation Beth Emeth in



Wilmington, DE held a beautiful Erev Shabbat service, complete with a wonderful choir featuring some of our own district members. Rabbi Elisa Koppel, Director of Life Long Learning, led inspirational Shabbat morning services that left everyone in attendance ready to tackle the day.

**Social Action VP Sue Sailer:** One of the workshops we attended was titled Listening Campaign Training. Led by Madi Hoesten, WRJ VP of Affiliate Services, the workshop taught the steps involved in conducting a listening campaign, which is a focused effort to identify common concerns and priorities among members or prospective constituents. We learned about active listening and retaining what we hear. The most important message to convey during this type of campaign is "We share values and concerns, we are connected, we care about each other, we can help each other; together we can make a difference in the world." As Social Action VP, Sue is interested in gathering new ideas for social action projects. Please contact her at [bstnmom@aol.com](mailto:bstnmom@aol.com) or 443-926-1041.

**Treasurer Rhona Arbit:** I've been attending WRJ District events since 2010. While the workshops are always interesting and useful, the best part of these weekends for me is re-connecting with friends from other parts of Maryland, Delaware, DC, Virginia and North Carolina. It's also fun making new friends and helping first-time attendees feel welcome.

**Congregational Relations VP Flora Feldman:** The Listening Campaign Training was very helpful for me, as it gave me ideas for learning how WTBA can listen to and become more relevant for all of the women of TBA.

### Save the Dates

Mah Jongg Tournament – Sunday, February 16 from 10 am - 4 pm  
 WTBA Book Club – Tuesday, February 4 from 7:30 - 9 pm

### Ongoing Projects

**Drop-in Mah Jongg** games are held at the Temple every Monday afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00 pm when the Temple is open. Please contact Rachel Maryn at [rmayn@verizon.net](mailto:rmayn@verizon.net) for more information or to be added to the email list.

Canasta Players!! Come join us for **Drop-In Canasta** at TBA every Tuesday from 1:00 - 3:30 pm in the library. All levels are welcome. Make some new canasta friends while you enjoy an afternoon of play! Please bring cards and trays if you have them. For more information, contact Eve Lader at [evelader@gmail.com](mailto:evelader@gmail.com). Never played

but want to learn? Need a refresher? Contact Eve at [evelader@gmail.com](mailto:evelader@gmail.com) for information about upcoming classes.

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

WTBA presents a wedding gift of the beautiful book On the Doorposts of Your House: Prayers and Ceremonies for the Jewish Home to **TBA newlyweds**. Please email Barbara Ranhand at [barbara.ranhand@verizon.net](mailto:barbara.ranhand@verizon.net) with 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](mailto:womenoftemplebethami@gmail.com).

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## ONGOING Information

### 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](mailto:rdrucker@jssa.org) or 301-610-8369 for free confidential consultation.

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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 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.

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Washington Jewish Week will not print your Bar/Bat Mitzvah announcement and photo for free. The following is the link to submit your announcement and photos: <https://washingtonjewishweek.com/submit-your-celebration/>

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE WANTS YOU**

The TBA Budget Committee is forming. If you have interest or experience in TBA's annual budgeting process please contact Madeline D'Alessio. at [mkdalessio@gmail.com](mailto:mkdalessio@gmail.com) We will meet Wednesday evenings from late January through March.

### **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, 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.

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Please remember the Temple in your end of year giving plans. Please make a tax-deductible donation to the High Holy Days Appeal, religious school and nursery school scholarship funds\*, the general fund, clergy discretionary funds, caring community funds or any fund that is important to you and your family. You can donate cash, pay on line by credit card, or use appreciated stock.

Create a Jewish Legacy. Jewish tradition teaches us that it is our responsibility to make this world a better place for future generations. Please consider a legacy gift to Temple Beth Ami as part of your estate planning. Please contact Debbie Ezrin at [dezrin@bethami.org](mailto:dezrin@bethami.org)

Please join your fellow congregants who remember the Temple every year; every gift is sincerely appreciated.

### **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.

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## Beth Ami's Hospitality Initiative Wants YOU!

If you've been to Erev Shabbat services, you've been welcomed by fellow congregants and donned a name tag so others can greet you by name. You've also noticed a Welcome Table, the hub of our Hospitality Initiative. These efforts are a way to make all who enter our doors feel the warmth and caring of our congregational community, whether they are members or visitors who are 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 [cathyfriedman@gmail.com](mailto:cathyfriedman@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.

## Box Tops for Education

A major change has been announced for the way Box Tops for Education (BTE) coupons are processed and dollars credited to schools. No more clipping small coupons and sending them to schools to consolidate and forward to a central processing site! Paper is so 20th Century. Electronics are 21st Century!

The new process will involve having each shopper register online to donate to a school. Then, when a participating product is bought, the consumer uses a smartphone app to scan the store's sales receipt. If all works correctly, the app will credit all the participating products that were bought, at 10 cents each, to the school. Very cost-effective. And no hand-counting coupons and shipping them to a central facility where they are recounted and a check issued to the school.

The new system does require consumers to own a smartphone, pre-register, and remember to scan sales receipts.

This summer, manufacturers started converting to the smartphone coupon. BTE labels now in consumer pantries or store inventory will still be honored if presented before the expiration date, which is printed on the coupon. So, until the day when no coupons are available, we will still have a collection box for those little pink labels in the Temple lobby.

Questions? Call Bernard Silverstein at 301-598-5283.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:slg@bethami.org). It's YOUR congregation; be connected.

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