

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, March 6

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song & Story followed by Enhanced Oneg

Saturday, March 7

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Adam Dubelman

Sunday, March 8

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

Monday, March 9

6:30 pm Megillah Reading followed by Purim Shpiel

Friday, March 13

7:30 pm Erev HIAS Refuge Shabbat Service - Speaker: Chelsey Berlin

Saturday, March 14

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah: Cayla Schwartz

10:30 am Shabbat Chapel Service

Sunday, March 15

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

Friday, March 20

6:30 pm Spirit of Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 21

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bat Mitzvah: Chloe Schwartz

Sunday, March 22

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

Friday, March 27

7:30 pm Erev Infusion Shabbat Service with "We Are The Northern Lights"

Celebrating TBA High Grade 12

Saturday, March 28

10:30 am Shabbat Service

B'not Mitzvah: Sarah Bland

Avery Fox

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MESSAGE FROM
Cantor Eschler**ESTHER WAS A BIG LIAR!**

It's true. In the Purim Megillah, Mordechai asks Esther to conceal her identity. As a matter of fact, some scholars believe that the heroine's name, Esther, actually comes from the Hebrew word L'Haster – which means "to conceal." And that she, and the rest of the story, were fabricated and/or was an amalgamation of many myths from ancient civilizations.

So the question one must ask is: Why would the Rabbis keep this story of dubious authenticity in our canon of sacred M'gillot?

One answer might be to keep us asking the eternal question: "Is it O.K. to lie?"

What would have happened to the Jewish people if Esther had not concealed her true identity? Have YOU ever hidden your Jewish identity?

In researching the question: "Is it O.K. to lie?" I found a great article by Rabbi David Samson (<https://www.yeshiva.co/1003>) where he answered a young Israeli soldier regarding whether it was O.K. to lie to his parents about where he was stationed – since he was "in some pretty dangerous locations." Rabbi Samson answered by quoting 13 different sources of Jewish text (which I've condensed below).

He began by quoting verses that said that one should not lie;

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Celebrate Purim



Purim is Coming!
Celebration March 8 & 9
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MESSAGE FROM *Buzz Karpay, President*



It's January as I write this column. I was part of a small group that recently went on a second scouting hike for our spring Temple Shabbat hike. The first scouting hike gave us some good ideas, but we did not hike part of the route we were considering for the next Temple hike. On this hike, we wanted to see if we could decide on a definitive route.

Along our way, we realized that the route we were considering involved a stream crossing. It had been raining for a few days before the hike, so the stream was about as high as we can reasonably expect it to be. It is a small stream, with multiple routes across that do not involve getting wet feet. When we arrived at the stream, our small group chose three different routes across the stream. We even went back and forth across to test different routes in different directions. During the time we were at the crossing discussing the options, several other hikers came by. Each hiker chose a different route to cross the stream, including one who chose to simply get his boots wet by walking straight across in the very shallow water. Ultimately we concluded that this stream crossing, though it may be challenging to some, is not a disqualifying factor in deciding where to hike in April.

As I was thinking about the deliberation at the screen crossing, it reminded me of how our Temple Board is currently wrestling with the development of a strategic plan. We have laid out a series of options, and we have discussed the options. We have only barely begun to

discuss the interaction among possible choices of action, but those discussions will be well under way by the time you are reading this. A special Board Meeting is scheduled for late March to make some decisions regarding our strategic plan. Unlike the hikers, Board members can't each take a different path. Even so, if our strategic plan requires us to cross a stream, it doesn't mean that each individual must take the same route across the stream. Temple Beth Ami is a community made up of individuals, and each of us has our own ideas and ways to observe Judaism. If we choose a path that requires us to get our feet a little wet, we have to be reasonably certain that there's a good reason to do so. Alternatively, if we want to keep our feet dry, we have to recognize that we might have to take a large step from one point to another. The important part of this is that we help each other across the stream, and then continue on the trail together.

After the Board makes decisions, there will still be opportunities for you to become involved in the implementation of whatever action plans we approve. I'm looking forward to crossing that stream together, with all of you.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that our next Temple hike is being planned for April 18. Put it on your calendar now. Details will be coming soon.

COMING

This Month**Live & Learn with Warren Marcus****Tuesday, March 3, 10*, 17****10:30 am – 12 pm**Topic: Holocaust and Genocide 2.0

Join returning facilitator, TBA member and former senior educator at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Warren Marcus, for this timely discussion of topics from the Holocaust, further study of genocide since 1945 and thinking about the warning signs for mass atrocity. NOTE: 2nd class (on March 10th) will be a trip to the USHMM for an architectural tour. Bus will leave the Temple at 9:45 am and will return around 1:15 pm. Cost: \$10 for bus; register online by 3/4, since space is limited.

**Network & Nosh with Tovah Kasdin****Friday, March 6****8:30 am – 10 am**Topic: Financial Scams: How to Protect your Clients and Loved Ones from Exploitation

Join Tovah Kasdin, J.D., and director of ElderSAFE™ Center, an award-winning elder abuse prevention program located at Charles E. Smith Life Communities in Rockville, MD. This issue is grossly under-recognized; only 1 out of 44 cases of financial exploitation are reported. Network & Nosh provides an opportunity for Temple folks in business to meet one another, share resources and business cards, and strengthen relationships with others who might become – or lead to – new business opportunities. No charge to attend, but please RSVP to Shelly (slg@bethami.org) in advance. Supported by the Innovation Fund.

**Oneg *PLUS*****Friday, March 6****7:30 pm**

Everyone's invited to linger longer and enjoy a special Oneg Shabbat *PLUS* ice cream sundae bar, hot/cold appetizers, and wine & cheese after our 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat service.

**PurimPalooza****Sunday, March 8****10:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Kids of all ages are invited to bring their favorite adults for a fun-filled Purim celebration! Our morning will begin at 10:30 am with a Costume Parade and Purim Singalong, followed by the Purim Carnival and WTBA Purim Café serving up eats and treats for everyone. Stick around to catch our Purim Shpiel: "Seasons of Love" and enjoy hamentashen on your way out. Stay tuned for details! (Note: There will not be regularly scheduled Machane TBA on Sunday, 3/8, to allow everyone to enjoy Purim together).

Purim – PM Edition**Monday, March 9****6 - 8 pm**

Join us at 6 pm for Haman's Happy Half-Hour, then enjoy an abbreviated Megillah reading, followed by the Purim Shpiel, "Seasons of Love," featuring songs from "RENT." Be sure to visit the Hamentashen Café after the shpiel and enjoy delicious hamentashen and a coffee bar.

COMING This Month



Broadway Buzz with Steve Friedman

Monday, March 9

10:30 am – 12 pm

Topic: Sondheim: The Price Era. 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).



HIAS Refugee Shabbat

Friday, March 13

7:30 pm

Temple Beth Ami is proud to participate in HIAS National Refugee Shabbat with a speaker during Erev Shabbat services on March 13th. Come learn about the work HIAS does to support refugees and asylum seekers and find out how you can get involved in supporting the refugee families our congregation is working with.



Support Session: Grief & Unexpected Loss

Sunday, March 15

9-10:30 am

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Bitachon, the Temple's Mental Health Initiative, is pleased to offer a Sunday morning support session on Grief and Unexpected Loss, facilitated by Roberta Drucker, LCSW-C. All ages, from young adults on up, are encouraged and welcome to attend. Whether from the loss of a child, spouse, friend or loved one; from suicide to a national shooting – this session will address grief and unexpected loss. No charge to attend, but please RSVP to Shelly (slg@bethami.org) by 3/12 to help us with planning.



Food & Film: From Cairo to the Cloud

Friday, March 20

7:30 pm

Welcome Shabbat with Wine & Cheese and "Spirit of Shabbat" services, followed by a delicious catered Shabbat dinner and film! A trove of manuscripts unearthed in ancient Egypt uncloaks secrets of a vanished civilization, in "From Cairo to the Cloud: The World of the Cairo Geniza." Cost: \$30 pp (\$40 – guests). Register online by 3/16.

Anti-Addiction Symposium

Sunday, March 22

11:30 am – 3:30 pm

Temple Beth Ami is humbled to host a comprehensive symposium, "What Every Family Needs To Know About Addiction," which addresses the toll of addiction, the science behind addiction and the response to addiction. Featuring panelists and speakers at the tops of their fields, this symposium is open to the community with required registration (space is limited). Sponsored by the Scott Sternberg Anti-Addiction Fund, with support from the Temple's Bitachon Mental Health Initiative. Check website or flyer for registration link.

**Live & Learn with Rachel Packer****Tuesday, March 24****10:30 am – 12 pm**

From Torah To Table is back with its final installment, focusing on the final pillar of wellness; our mental health. Join Rachel Packer, wellness coach/ Jewish educator, for an engaging discussion on emotional health and learn how the Torah and Talmud teach us how to handle our stress and anxiety. We will follow up with foods that relate to our session.


**MESSAGE FROM THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
Debbie Ezrin

I am excited to update you on our ongoing efforts to embrace Temple Beth Ami's core purposes – Embracing Judaism, Fostering Connection, and Encouraging Innovation – in every aspect of congregational life.

Temple Beth Ami has always been committed to inclusion, and we are challenging ourselves to continue to expand our definition of inclusion as we learn and grow together. In support of this effort, you will begin seeing that all TBA staff email signatures will include each staff member's preferred pronouns, such as he/him/his, she/her/hers, or they/them/theirs.

You may be wondering, "Can't I assume people's pronouns just by looking at them?" The answer is no. Because gender identity is an internal sense of one's own gender, we don't necessarily know a person's correct gender pronoun by looking at them. Additionally, a person may identify as genderfluid or genderqueer and may not identify along the binary of either male or female (e.g. "him" or "her"). Some people identify as both masculine and feminine, or neither. A genderqueer or non-binary identified person may prefer a gender-neutral pronoun such as the "they" (e.g. "I know Sam. They work in the Accounting Department").

The correct use of pronouns is so important that in 2015, the Union for Reform Judaism adopted its "Resolution on the Rights of Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming People," expressing the Reform community's collective commitment to the full equality,

inclusion and acceptance of people of all gender identities and gender expressions. You can learn more about this at <https://reformjudaism.org/practice/what-reform-judaism/why-pronouns-are-so-important-and-why-using-right-ones-so-jewish>.

We are also excited to announce the launch of a "green" initiative at Temple Beth Ami (see page 24). This year, we will begin to explore options for saving energy, purchasing clean power, going solar, and shifting other aspects of TBA's purchasing and practices to minimize environmental impact. Jewish tradition places an enormous emphasis on being environmentally responsible. One value central to reform Judaism is the idea of tikkun olam, or repairing the world, which stresses the importance of not only social action but also environmentalism. Furthermore, the Torah emphasizes our social responsibility to care for the environment so that we may protect, preserve, and promote the prosperity of all of the wildlife with which we share the Earth, as it is written, "God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden, to till it and tend to it." Jewish tradition teaches us that humans have a responsibility not only to protect nature but also to prevent it from abuse. In the Midrash, God commands us, "Take care not to spoil or destroy My world, for if you do, there will be no one to repair it after you." This reminds us that the world does not belong to humans, and we are therefore required to care for the Earth. Please look for information on how congregants of all ages can engage in our green initiative in future Chadashot articles, Up to the Minute, and other emails.

Thank you for continuing to warmly welcome me into my role and for sharing your ideas on how Temple Beth Ami can create more meaningful ways for you and your family to express and celebrate your Judaism.

TIKKUN OLAM

Community Service Projects



LEND A HAND

Temple Beth Ami Community Service Projects

Thank you in advance for your support!

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Please look for the Tikkun Olam in Action article about helping with services at the Bedford Court Senior Living Community, elsewhere in this issue.**
- **For TBANS Families: Tikkun Olam Together** - How about a fun and easy Tikkun Olam project for your Nursery School-aged children? Stop by TBANS (room 2) the first Friday of every month at 2:30 pm to help stuff snack bags for adult ESOL students and their children. It's a great way to kick off Shabbat! For more information or to volunteer, contact Kate Wernick at kateraisescoin@yahoo.com. (Sponsored by the TBANS community and TBA's Tikkun Olam Committee.)
- **Rise Against Hunger Project at TBA on Sunday, April 26, TBA will again host Rise Against Hunger, a special project to address world hunger.** Those who attended last September know how exciting this project was. Our goal this year is to prepare 20,000 nonperishable meals to be sent to hungry people around the world. We'll need LOTS of volunteers, so please mark your calendars. This is a great activity for families (ages 5+ can participate) and everyone else! Watch for more information and a link to the online registration. To learn more in the meantime, visit <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>, or contact Debbie Ginsberg at dlgg@yahoo.com.
- **Help at Nourish Now** - TBA volunteers help sort/pack food for distribution to local needy families on the 3rd Monday of the month, 10 a.m.–noon, at Nourish Now in Rockville. Contact Arlynn Joffe at arlynnjoffe@gmail.com for more information or to be added to the list of those

contacted to see if they may be available to help.

COLLECTIONS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THESE DRIVES!

- **Heads-Up re Arts & Crafts Supplies/Summer Toy Collection in April** - DoKindWorks' "Summer Fun Stuff Project" helps Montgomery County kids with no access to pools or 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) to the box in the Temple Lobby April 1 – 29.
- **Ongoing Food Drive** - Please bring cans (preferably 12 oz. or larger) of tuna, chicken, or salmon (no Spam, please) and fruits in 100% juice (not in syrup, please) to the box in the Temple lobby. The collection benefits families served by the Manna Food Center and Nourish Now.
- **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 & 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. (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.)

IN THE COMMUNITY

- **Become a Mentor and Transform the Life of a Young Adult** - Future Link is seeking mentors for first-generation-to-college, low-income students (age 18 – 25) committed to overcoming the challenges they face. Mentors work one-on-one with a student on time management, study skills, resume development, interview skills, career exploration, and more. For more information, visit www.futurelinkmd.org or contact Allison Reznick at 202-302-2234 or areznick@futurelinkmd.org.

**MAY CHADASHOT
DEADLINE MARCH 25**

B'NAI MITZVAH

Profiles

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



REECE ALEXANDER BALAMACI, son of Suzy Balamaci and Marc Balamaci, became a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, February 15. He is a seventh grade student at Herbert Hoover Middle School. Reece has an older brother, Cameron. His mitzvah project is collecting shoes for Soles4Souls.



ADAM DUBELMAN, son of Ari and Debbie, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 7. He is in the seventh grade at Cabin John Middle School. Adam has a younger brother, Aaron. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Adam dedicated himself to helping the homeless, by raising money and providing food to area homeless shelters.



CAYLA SIMONE SCHWARTZ, daughter of Evelyn and Michael, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 14. She is a seventh grade student at Cabin John Middle School. Cayla has 3 younger siblings, Juliette, Ryker and Emilia. For her Mitzvah Project, Cayla is collecting donations for Comfort Cases, an organization that helps children entering foster care. She also volunteers at their center, sorting supplies and packing backpacks for these children of need.




CHLOE MADELYN SCHWARTZ, daughter of Jerome and Elissa, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 21. She is a seventh grade student at Lakelands Park Middle School. Chloe has a younger brother, Nathan.



SARAH EMILY BLAND, daughter of Gregory and Stephanie, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 28. She is a seventh grade at Herbert Hoover Middle School. Sarah has an older brother, Noah. For her mitzvah project, Sarah is working with the National Children's Center to collect used books for the benefit of other children.




AVERY DYLAN FOX, daughter of Tammy and Bruce, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 28. She is a seventh grade student at William H. Farquhar Middle School. Avery has an older sister, Lilly. For her Bat Mitzvah project Avery is sharing her love of dance with young dancers by teaching 2 to 5 year olds ballet. Avery is giving back to her community by donating her time to help young students grow.



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BROTHERHOOD News

Greetings TBA Brothers and friends. Thanks to the efforts of the Spirituality Committee, the Brotherhood is making every effort to weave our Temple Beth Ami spirit of “Embrace Judaism, Foster Connection, Encourage Innovation” into all of our programs and events; I like to interpret these values as “Live, Love, Matter”.

A few topics to discuss before I get into some very exciting coming events. First off – a special thanks to Pasha Palanker for his February 2nd Brotherhood Brunch presentation – you’re an inspiration Brother! I cannot put into words the amount of respect and that I for one have of your service, your wounds, and your passion to help others that suffer with PTSD.

And secondly, I STRONGLY encourage all eyes on this article to cast your vote for the ARZA slate #2 for the World Zionist Congress Election before March 11th. Rabbi Jack Luxemburg is one of the ARZA members of this reform slate. Please, please go to arza.org for detailed information and voting instructions – again this is critically important for our Reform representation in Israel. I like to put it like this – “For all of us who love Israel, Vote Reform for ARZA (slate #2) to assure that Israel will love you back!”



As we enter the month of March I am excited for some fantastic spring events! Rob Shapiro has organized a **Wizard basketball outing March 15 at 6 pm**. This is going to be great, check out what we’re offering:

Oklahoma City Thunder vs

Washington Wizards

Seats in Section 402 rows B through G

- o Easy access to seats

Optional early arrivals (5:30 pm) can watch warmups at the 100’s section level!

- o Fun to get close to the players

Free T-Shirt for each attendee plus it’s G-Wiz’s birthday!

These are good seats that don’t involve walking up steep flights of stairs - all for the affordable price of \$42! You must register no later than March 6 in Chaverweb for the Brotherhood to order the tickets.

On March 29th, Debbie Cenziper will present her book, Citizen 865 for the

Brotherhood Brunch in partnership with the Woman of TBA. Citizen 865 is a post-Holocaust narrative about the prosecutors and historians inside the U.S. Justice Department who identified and ultimately prosecuted more than a dozen men who served in an obscure SS killing force in occupied Poland. These so-called Trawniki men helped the Third Reich annihilate 1.7 million Jews in fewer than 20 months. After the war, the men slipped into the United States and lived here for decades before they were discovered.

Citizen 865 has received wonderful reviews and endorsements from top journalists and authors, including George Will, Michael Isikoff, Andrew Nagorski, Alex Kershaw and David Maraniss. The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the ADL’s Jonathan Greenblatt has provided incredible support. Booklist gave “Citizen 865” a starred review and Time Magazine and the World War 2 History Magazine

both ran extended excerpts. The Washington Post is planning an extended excerpt this month, near the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Debbie and her family are longtime members of the Rockville Jewish community. They celebrated two Bar Mitzvahs at Beth Ami, where their boys attended Hebrew School. In fact, Rabbi Luxemburg performed her wedding ceremony in 2014. This will be another great one to attend. I plan to bring my daughter Rachel whose 7th grade class visited the US Holocaust Museum in February – please sign up using Chaverweb. I plan on reading her book before the event, so I can ask insightful questions.

I also want to remind all who are interested that springtime **softball** will be starting in April! For those returning players, a gentle reminder that joining TBA Brotherhood (and its related benefits) is required. Please contact Rob Shapiro for information:



May 12th is the Brotherhood Golf event supporting Rebuilding Together Montgomery County.

Our annual golf event at Worthington Manor

attracts a large group of casual golfers as well as skilled golfers – there’s room for all. This wonderful event makes a significant contribution to Rebuilding Together Montgomery County – the Brotherhood



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WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH AMI

News

Purim Cafe

WTBA will once again be hosting the Purim Café on Sunday, March 8, 11 am to 1 pm during the Purim Carnival at the Temple. Everyone is welcome to stop by and have lunch with your Temple friends! Food and drink will be available for purchase. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, clean-up, and to serve food. Shifts will begin at 9 am and end by 2 pm. Please contact Linda Burka at Inburka@gmail.com or Jackie Manis at jrmhyp@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer or for more information.

Days for Girls Meeting

Please plan to join us at the next Days for Girls meeting on Sunday, March 22 from 2 - 5 pm at the Temple. Volunteers who are not Temple members are welcome to attend our meetings. Contact the Chapter Leaders, Janet Schiller and Rhona Arbit, at rockvillemd@daysforgirls.org for more information or to RSVP for the March meeting.

WTBA/Brotherhood Brunch

On Sunday, March 29, WTBA and Brotherhood will co-sponsor a brunch featuring Washington Post reporter and Pulitzer Prize winner Debbie Cenziper. Debbie is a former TBA member who gave an interesting and informative talk at our membership brunch several years ago. She will present her book, [Citizen 865: The Hunt For Hitler's Hidden Soldiers in America](#). The book is a post-Holocaust narrative about the prosecutors and historians inside the U.S. Justice Department who identified and ultimately prosecuted more than a dozen men who served in an obscure SS killing force in Occupied Poland. These so-called Trawniki men helped the Third Reich annihilate 1.7 million Jews in fewer than 20 months. After the war they slipped into the U.S. and lived here decades before they were discovered. Sign up on Chaverweb to attend.

Women's Seder

This year's WTBA Women's Seder will be held on Sunday, March 29 from 5 - 7:30 pm at the Temple. All members of Temple Beth Ami and their friends are invited to attend as we celebrate the women in the Passover story at this potluck Seder. We are honored to welcome Rabbi Weiss and our former Cantorial Soloist Joshana Erenberg to lead our multi-generational Seder.

The suggested donation is \$18 per adult and \$9 per child under 18 years of age (plus an additional \$5 for non-TBA members). All proceeds from the Seder are donated to charities. Please bring a Passover-friendly dish of your choice to share. Check the temple website or pick up a flyer in the Temple lobby for more information.

Please RSVP for the Women's Seder online by March 25. Alternatively, you can mail a check to the Temple, attention Women's Seder. If you are mailing in a check, please include a note with your name, email address, phone number, the number of adults and children attending, the total amount included, and the Passover dish to be provided (i.e. salad, main dish, vegetable side dish, kugel, or dessert).

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Rhona Arbit at 301-279-2630 or arbitfamily@gmail.com.

WTBA Book Club

The WTBA Book Club will meet on April 28 at TBA from 7:30 - 9:00 pm to discuss [Sons and Soldiers](#) by Bruce Henderson. Please help us welcome special guest, Bernie Lubran, who will join us to further enrich our conversation about the Ritchie Boys. Any questions? Please contact Terry Steinberg at steinberg_4@comcast.net.

Manna Food Center

A large group of Temple members sorted food at the newly renovated Manna Food Center warehouse on December 3. Thanks go out to Susan Bloom, Stephanie Fleischer, Daniel Fleischer, Nancy Yarvin, Michael Yarvin, Ellen Harrison, Scott Harrison, Lynn Stander, Dave Stander, Brian Gaynor, Rebecca Reiser, Michael Reiser, Jacob Reiser, Carol Bahr, Jen Leibowitz, Izzy Leibowitz, David Gavin, Ed Prystowsky, David Landsman, and Bob Fogel for helping with this. As always, a huge thank you to Rhonda Gaynor for organizing the group for sorting food at Manna!

New Year, New You and Mitzvah Too!

Thank you to everyone who participated in New Year, New You and Mitzvah, Too! event in January. There was incredible warmth and positive energy in the room as we took time to simply enjoy each other's company, celebrate and enhance our own special beauty, and support a cause that transforms the lives of young women worldwide, Days for Girls International.

Thank you to all those who gave their time to make this event a success: Shelly Gordon, Rabbi Weiss, Rhona Arbit, Dona Deutsch, Elizabeth Joseloff, Jeanne Kahn, Rachel Maryn, Jill Lachter, Rachel Otsuka, and Phyllis Silverman. A special thank you to Holly Lobel for organizing this event!



And, a big thank you to our corporate sponsors, Saks Fifth Avenue at Chevy Chase and CHANEL cosmetics, who made this event possible. Special thanks to Akil Nelson, CHANEL's

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

*Paula Sayag,
Director*



*Even the littlest hands can
help change the world!"*

– Kate Wernick, in TOTs newsletter

Parents want to show their young children the importance of contributing to the greater good. They want to teach children the importance of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) and Tzedakah (making the world a more just and fairer place for all). Despite the best intentions, it's very difficult to make happen.

Parents are busy with other commitments. It's hard to find opportunities and then make time to participate. Many common community service activities are not open or appropriate for 2 – 5 year olds. In addition, young children are necessarily self-centered and concrete thinkers, so it's hard for them to grasp such global and abstract concepts as equity and kindness.

Once again, TBANS Parent Committee steps up to fill the gap. Kate Wernick, in particular, has always felt passionate about engaging children in Tikkun Olam. This school year, she created TOTs (Tikkun Olam Together), a monthly e-newsletter, partnering TBANS Parent Committee with TBA's Tikkun Olam Committee. The newsletter provides manageable and accessible ways for families with young children to participate. Kate's goal is to do the hard work for parents and give them specific details about relevant books for children, outings they can attend, or projects they can

complete. For example, Kate promoted a local crafts fair that donated proceeds to a children's charity. She coordinates a monthly half-hour meet-up for children to stuff and decorate snack bags for adults in the County's Citizen and English classes. Kate has accepted



Notecards: In the fall, each child draws a colorful design which then gets printed on personalized notecards. Parents and grandparents purchase sets of notecards and all proceeds go to the Children's Inn at NIH and the Ronald McDonald House.

Children's Inn Dinner: Once per year, TBANS provides a robust dinner to families staying at the Children's Inn while their children receive treatments at NIH. In addition to the food, TBANS children make treasures during our December Book Fair that are distributed to sick children. This year, children painted space-themed suncatchers.

Shop and Eat: TBANS biggest annual charity event will take

the responsibility to find the resources and make them readily available to parents, so then, as she says, it's up to parents to decide on their level of involvement and choose which offerings meet their goals. She reminds us that the Torah lists mitzvot (commandments), including feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, and caring for animals, that we as parents are obligated to teach children.

TBANS Parent Committee has many talented and active volunteers who provide other special opportunities for families to engage in community service.

place on March 22, 2-4 pm.

This year's fundraising will support research on colon cancer treatments in honor of TBANS mom, Sarah Lazer. Join us for an afternoon of shopping and schmoozing. All proceeds will be donated to the Colon Cancer Alliance and to Temple Beth Ami Nursery School.

To get more information, or to share your ideas for Tikkun Olam activities for families with young children, contact our Parent Committee, TBANSPC@gmail.com.



TBANS Decorating South Lake



TBANS Open Classroom



TBANS Outdoor Fun



TBANS Indoor Fun

MACHANE TBA
Kim Roberts,
Director



Full calendar, program and event information for all grades (PreK-TBAHigh) can be found on the Machane TBA website:
www.bethami.org/education/machane

Be our friend on Facebook for photos and news: "MachaneTBA"



Mad Science Kehillah



Choice Chugim—Drumming and Gardening & Farming



Hanukkah—A visit from Judah Maccabee (Machane TBA teacher Allan Sull) and making sufganiyot!



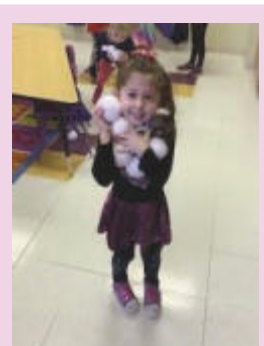
TBAHigh
 NAMI/National Alliance on Mental Illness



"Proud to be Jewish" banners



Gan (K)





JOKE: What kind of fabric was Queen Esther's royal gown made of?

PURIM PALOOZA is on Sunday, March 8!
There is no Machane TBA that day.

PURIM KIDS CORNER CHALLENGE: 2 QUESTIONS AND 2 CHANCES TO WIN!

Why are Hamentaschen shaped like triangles?

Answer: _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____

What is Mishloach Manot?

Answer: _____

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Cut apart each question and drop them in the "Kids Corner Challenge" basket in the Machane office by **March. 22.** If your family needs more than 1 form, you can make a copy; There are also extra copies in the office. TWO correct winner will receive gift cards in March! Gift cards vary.

Joke answer: Poly-ester

SIMCHAS

Mazel Tov to...

Piper Coco, Lyla Holstein, Riley Mahoney, Ellie Clark, Delilah Sandler and Kayla Pilloff, on each becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Riley Berkowitz, Joshua Kahler, Paul Weiner, and Joshua Feldman, on each becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Lisa and Michael Firestone on the engagement of their son, **Adam**, to **Brittany Yantis**

Lynn and David Stander on the birth of their granddaughter, **Allison Rose Scarpelli**

Rhona and Terry Arbit on the birth of their granddaughter, **Anya Elizabeth Arbit**

Harriet Reiter on her move to Atlanta

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Returning members: **Robert and Colleen Bokman, Noah, Adin and Eva**

New members:

Daniel Ginsburg, Isabel and Jonah

Milton Halem

Eric Sheinen

Gary and Judy Katz

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Our Shabbat Hospitality Committee

Challah Club

Culinary Crew: **Roz Katz, Lois Fishman, Pat Harvey, Beth Rosenthal, Livia Weinstein, Matt Rosenstock, Shelia Yuter, Neil Burka, Gail Kaplan Wassell, Karen Carp and Stacey Berk.**
Voice Exchange for performing at Coffee House



TBA Receiving the Fain Award at the Biennial

Temple Beth Ami Rockville, Maryland

2019 Irving
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Justice Award

Food Insecurity A Program to Educate, Engage, and Advocate



“Temple Beth Ami members worked hard to pass first-in-the-Nation state legislation targeting childhood hunger during school breaks, when school meals programs are unavailable to food-insecure families. The program's impact has been additional food security among Maryland families and a legislative model for other states.”

Mark Joffe, Tikkun Olam
Committee Co-Chair

Reducing the number of food insecure residents through direct service efforts and advocating for additional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding for families with children during winter and summer breaks.

The Audience

Food insecure residents of Montgomery County, MD and the congregational community at large.

The Approach

Although Montgomery County is one of the most affluent counties in the nation, approximately 7% of the county's population are food insecure. One third of the children in Montgomery County public schools receive free or reduced meals, but only 16% of those children receive meals during the summer through U.S. Department of Agriculture programs.

We established the Food Insecurity program with the goal of educating and engaging the congregation about local food insecurity issues. This program consisted of a social action component that involved expanding Temple Beth Ami's direct service projects to address food insecurity in Montgomery County, and an advocacy component that included drafting legislation and lobbying the Maryland General Assembly to enact a law that established and funded a program to add supplemental benefit amounts to the electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards used by recipients of SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) when their children are not in school and therefore not receiving free meals.

As a result of this program, we provided meals to local housing programs, financially supported a local school's food distribution project, and formed a local coalition to engage in advocacy efforts that resulted in the Summer SNAP for Children Act being enacted into law.

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News

Tikkun Olam in Action

Volunteers Needed to Conduct Shabbat Services for the Residents of the Bedford Court Senior Living Community in Silver Spring, MD

TBA congregants have been leading services for the Jewish residents of Bedford Court, an independent and assisted living facility in Silver Spring, for 26 years. These volunteers have found the experience extremely fulfilling and rewarding. **We need more volunteers, though, to keep this project going.**

We are inviting congregants to attend a service at Bedford Court and share in the warmth of the experience. These services are held three times a month (on one Friday night and on two Saturday mornings), along with a monthly Shabbat dinner that includes music, prayer, and storytelling following the Friday night dinner. Those who wish to volunteer are asked to come once a month, or more if they wish, to help with the service. Volunteers can contribute to the service in Hebrew or in English, no experience is necessary, and training is provided. There will be an opportunity

to help Bedford residents celebrate other Jewish holidays throughout the year, as well.

The Jewish residents of Bedford Court have a strong commitment to and love of Judaism. For many of these residents, the services that TBA volunteers facilitate are their only way to connect with Judaism. Although some may have physical infirmities, most of the residents are mentally sharp and have a wonderful sense of humor. They very much enjoy conversing and interacting with the volunteers, and the volunteers, residents, and their relatives have told us how important and meaningful the relationships they have developed through this project are. Long-term friendships have been made, and there are numerous stories of residents who were able to reconnect to their Jewish roots and their families as a result of this project.

For more information about this project, please contact Colin Alter at alterc@comcast.net. If you would like to volunteer, here is the link to the SignUpGenius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094baba622a13-shabbat>

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however, he continued with times when it was permissible:

1. Lying is permissible if its purpose is to maintain love and harmony between a man and his wife. [Genesis, 18:12-13]
2. One can lie to bring peace between any two individuals or groups. [Yevamot 65B]
3. The Sages of the House of Hillel taught that one can praise the beauty of a bride even though she is not particularly pretty. [Ketubot, 17A]
4. It is also permissible to lie for the sake of humility. [Baba Metzia 23B]
5. To safeguard a couple's privacy. [Ibid]
6. The rabbis also permit lying in order to preserve a person's well-being. [Ibid]
7. To avoid embarrassment, a person can lie. [P'ninei Halacha, Vol 3, Pg. 159, based on the Rambam, Laws of Theft 14:13]

Although these are all permissible reasons to lie by our sages, one must know when to lie and when not. And since this is very difficult, one is well-advised to not lie at all; hence the truism: "Once a lie, twice a habit."

And speaking of habits, the Purim Schpielers have thrown off their habits of last year's show and invite you to celebrate with us on Monday night, March 9, 2020. That's when Megillat Esther meets the Broadway show "Rent" or as we're calling it "Seasons of Love." Based on Puccini's 'La Boheme,' "Rent" tells the story of one year in the life of friends living the Bohemian life in the East Village, New York City, in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Please join us to see how we've taken the music and story back to Shushan. And remember to bring your boxed pasta to use as a grogger and then leave with us so we can donate the pasta to our local food banks. It's going to be a night of Purim fun!

Chag Purim Sameach!

Cantor Larry

COMING In April



Network & Nosh

Friday, April 3

8:30 – 10 am

Check the website for the latest announcement for our Spring line-up! Network & Nosh provides an opportunity for Temple folks in business to meet one another, share resources and business cards, and strengthen relationships with others who might become – or lead to – new business opportunities. No charge to attend, but please RSVP to Shelly in advance. Supported by the Innovation Fund.



CoffeeHouse Shabbat

Friday, April 3

7:45 pm

Join us after services for a cabaret-style performance by “Joshana and Friends following the 6:30 pm service. You won’t want to miss this star-studded lineup, combined with delicious home-baked desserts. It’s a culinary and musical win-win!



Live & Learn with Rabbi Luxemburg

Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21

10:30 am – 12 pm

Topic: Rabbis Making Mischief: Unexpected Ideas from the Midrash

Besides using Midrash as a way to explore the deeper meanings of biblical texts, our sages often used Midrash to introduce provocative ideas and points of view. Several such passages will be examined along with the related biblical passages and the historical context out of which these unexpected texts emerged. Lively discussion is expected.



1st Day Passover Service

Thursday, April 9

9 am

Family Passover Celebration

Thursday, April 9

10 am

Matzah Brie Nosh

Thursday, April 9

10:30 am

Erev 7th Day Passover Service/Yizkor

Tuesday, April 14

7:30 pm

7th Day Passover Service/Yizkor

Wednesday, April 15

9 am



2nd Night Congregational Seder

Thursday, April 9

6 - 9 pm

The TBA clergy invite you to a catered, interactive, participatory, multi-generational, visual seder (most appropriate for elementary school age+). Check the Temple website for details. *The Congregational Seder is generously supported by the Jill Wolly Seder Fund.*

**Broadway Buzz with Steve Friedman****Monday, April 13****10:30 am – 12 pm**

Topic: TV & Broadway: A Needed Relationship. 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).

SERVICES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**Sunday, March 29**

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

Friday, April 3

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song & Story

Followed by Coffee House Oneg

Saturday, April 4

10:00 am Shabbat Minyan

Sunday, April 5

10:45 am Sunday Minyan

BORTHERHOOD

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also supplies volunteers performing "Tikkum Olam" for a needy family's home.

And finally, the Brotherhood is organizing a springtime **BBQ event** but this time we'll also be providing some of Rabbi Pokras'



homebrew – "**Brews for Brothers**". This annual event will be open to Brotherhood family members – more to come.

Steve Roberts

TBA Brotherhood Prez

WOMEN OF TBA CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

Business Manager at Saks Fifth Avenue at Chevy Chase, who worked tirelessly to make this event a success. Thank you also to Lizette Settiani of CHANEL and Adrienne Mize Kammler of Saks Fifth Avenue for providing the resources that made our vision come to life.

Save the Date

Sunday, May 3 – Book and Author Event with Debbie Zimelman, author of Women on the Front Lines: Inside the Combat Units of the Israeli Army

Ongoing Activities

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 rmaryn@verizon.net for more information or to be added to the email list.

Come join **Drop-in Canasta** at Beth Ami 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, please contact Eve Lader at evelader@gmail.com. Never played and want to learn? Need a refresher? Contact Eve for more 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 and contact Eve Lader at 301-938-0200 or 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 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.

Elizabeth Joseloff

WTBA Chadashot article editor
ejoseloff@gmail.com

WE GRATEFULLY *Acknowledge*

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

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NATHAN'S Bar Mitzvah by the Hirschfeld Family

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In memory of:

ARTHUR BOWEN, brother of Jules Bowen, brother-in-law of Shirley Levin, by Gail and

Mike Kaltman

HELENE SWIRSKY, mother of Amy Wollins, by Gail and Mike Kaltman

GOLDIE ENGLER, mother of Marian Lifton, by Marian Lifton

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FRED GLASER, father of Amy and Mike Glaser Cohen and grandfather of Brady and Jordan from the Rotker family by Mitchell & Vicki Rotker

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In memory of:

LILA TREADWELL, grandmother of Aaron Chusid, great-grandmother of Isaac (Ziggy) Chusid by Aaron and Alexandra Chusid

ONEG FUND

Beth and Justin Clark in honor of Ellie Clark becoming a Bat Mitzvah

The Sandler Family in honor of Delilah Sandler becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Cheryl and Jason Berkowitz in honor of Riley becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Dona Deutsch in honor of the fabulous Torah class members

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Levy

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In honor of:

RABBI POKRAS for his kindness and beautiful service for Helene Swirsky, by

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RILEY BERKOWITZ'S Bar Mitzvah by the Berkowitz Family

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AUDREY SILVERMAN, mother of Margie Halem, by Jeanne and David Kahn

In honor of:

Rhona and Terry Arbit, for the birth of their granddaughter ANYA, by Elizabeth Joseloff

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** AS JANUARY 27, 2020

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

We mourn the recent death of:

Phyllis Arnold
stepmother of Larry Arnold,
grandmother of Nadia and Justin

Goldye Cooper
grandmother of Alice Langholt

Seymour Sadolf
cousin of Alan Eisenberg

Robert Harney
grandfather of Delilah and Tallulah Sandler

Milton Kaplan
father of Jonathan Kaplan
grandfather of Haley and Maddie

Renee Wiener
mother of Susan Wohl

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

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 or 301-610-8369 for free confidential consultation.

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.

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.

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.

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.

GREAT NEWS!!! YOU CAN SHOP AT AMAZON AND SUPPORT TEMPLE BETH AMI AT THE SAME TIME!

Do you shop on the Amazon.com website? Do you know that if you enter the Amazon website from a link on the Temple Beth Ami website, TBA will earn 5% of your purchase price for every purchase you make? It is very easy and you will be helping TBA.

Just imagine, you can "shop 'til you drop" without leaving

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.

MAY THE REASONS YOU BELONG BE THE REASONS YOU GIVE

Please remember the Temple in your annual 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 to learn more.

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

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 contact Diane Ferraro at idf@bethami.org if you did not get the emailed invitation, and she 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, programs and enter Yahrzeit information, 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.

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.

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/>

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

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 if you are interested in becoming a "Welcome Ambassador". You will be joining a great group of Temple members who are making a difference.

OUR DIRECTORY IS ON-LINE

The Temple directory is on line through Chaver-web. Please remember that you can go into your profile and update it. If you've never looked at it, please take a minute to see what's there. The directory is available to Temple members only.

Shabbat Morning Minyan

On Shabbat mornings when there is not a service scheduled in the sanctuary, a short (10 – 20 minute) minyan service, including the recitation of kaddish, will be conducted by the clergy in the Yarden social hall immediately following Torah study at approximately 10am. If Torah study is still going on when you arrive, please feel free to come and listen.

Looking to Make a Connection?

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TBA GREEN INITIATIVE INFORMATION MEETINGS

Sunday, March 15 from 9:30 - 10:30 am

or

Tuesday, March 17 from 6:45 - 7:45 pm

(Information is the same for each meeting time. Contact Debbie Ezrin @ dezrin)

Introduction

Being environmentally responsible is a Jewish value. Jewish tradition teaches us that humans have a responsibility both to protect nature and prevent it from abuse. In a Midrash, God commands us to ***“Take care not to spoil or destroy My world, for if you do, there will be no one to repair it after you.”*** Reform Judaism’s concept of Tikkun Olam, or repairing the world, stresses the importance of social action and environmentalism. The Torah emphasizes our social responsibility to care for the environment so that we may protect, preserve, and promote the prosperity of all the wildlife with which we share the Earth. As it is written, *“God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden, to till it and tend to it”* (Genesis 2:15).

Based on our Jewish values and traditions, TBA has begun to explore and consider how we might apply environmentally conscious ideas to Temple practices as well as help TBA members apply environmentally conscious practices in their daily lives.

Goals

1. The principal goal of TBA’s green initiative is to explore options for wavings energy, purchasing clean power, going solar, and shifting other aspects of TBA’s purchasing and practices to minimize environmental impact.
2. Additional goals are to:
 - a. Engage congregation members in TBA’s greening effort;
 - b. Increase congregation members’ awareness of and engagement in ways to reduce their carbon footprint in their daily lives;
 - c. Develop TBA’s reputation within our congregation and externally as a greene congregation; and
 - d. Reduce operating expenses.

Structure

The Project will be implemented through a steering committee and working group subcommittees. Each subcommittee will have a representative on the steering committee. The expectation is that most of the work will be done at the subcommittee level, with the steering committee coordinating the activities.

Areas of Focus

1. Installing solar panels on the Temple roof
2. Composting, gardening, and landscaping
3. Recycling, use of sustainable products, and food recovery
4. Heating, ventilation, and aire conditioning (HVAC) and lighting

Key Factors for Consideration

1. Other Synagogues and faith congregations have already engaged in this exercise. Tapping into their knowledge and expertise.
2. In developing recommendations, we need to be mindful that the recommendations should be workable and not unduly burdensome. We should strive to develop implementation strategies that are reasonable, easy to follow, and data driven.
3. An important starting point for each working group subcommittee is understanding TBA’s current policies/practices in each area.
4. Implementation may occur at different times for different aspects of the green initiative. When we move to an implementation stage, we will need to train people to implement the new practices/policies - including congregants, staff, custodian staff, and vendors (e.g.caterers).
5. We can research the availability of grants to help support the green initiative.
6. We should identify other actions we could engage in as part of this effort, such as exploring the feasibility and attractiveness from a savings perspective of group- purchasing efforts.
7. Part of the goal of this initiative could be to energize TBA members to increase their green practices at home. There are many resources that include recommendations for ways to promote energy efficiencies in the home.



Purim

On Purim we retell the story of the Jewish people's escape from destruction in ancient Persia, as chronicled in the biblical book of Esther. Interestingly, the word "God" is not mentioned in the entire Book of Esther, although certainly the undercurrent of deliverance and divine intervention appears throughout the text. Purim remains one of the few Jewish festivals not rooted in religious solemnity; it actually encourages light-hearted revelry. Set in about 450-350 BCE, the story describes the rise to power of the haughty anti-Semite Haman, and the sudden turn of events whereby Mordechai and Esther serve justice on the wicked Haman. Purim is derived from the word pur which means a lottery, the method used by Haman to select the date for the intended general massacre of the Jews. Although there is some controversy about the historic accuracy of the events and characters, Purim has come to symbolize our constant battle against petty demagogues and anti-Semitism, and the pride that comes from our deliverance. The message still has significance in modern times, with the haunting parallel between Haman's irrational hatred of the Jews and contemporary anti-Semitism.

Through the ages, Purim has remained a joyous holiday with many colorful traditions. There are traditionally four mitzvot (Commandments) on the holiday of Purim:

1. To hear the megillah chanted (see page 4 for times)
2. To send at least one Mishloach Manot, gift baskets of at least two different food or items (see back cover)
3. To have a seudah-a festive meal
4. To give Matanot La'evyonim - Gifts to the Poor. To properly fulfill the mitzvah of Matanot La'evyonim one must give to two poor individuals.

The Book of Esther (Megillat Esther) is read in synagogue. Each time Haman's name is mentioned, the congregation attempts to drown out Haman's name with noisemakers (groggers), the foot-stomping and boo's. Both adults and children are encouraged to dress in costume, and the festivities usually include a colorful parade of beautiful Queen Esthers, clever Mordechais, foolish Ahasureuses, wicked Hamans and other costumes! We celebrate with a special Purim shpiel (a humorous skit) and a children's carnival. The traditional Purim food is hamantaschen, three-cornered cookies filled with poppy seed or another sweet filling.





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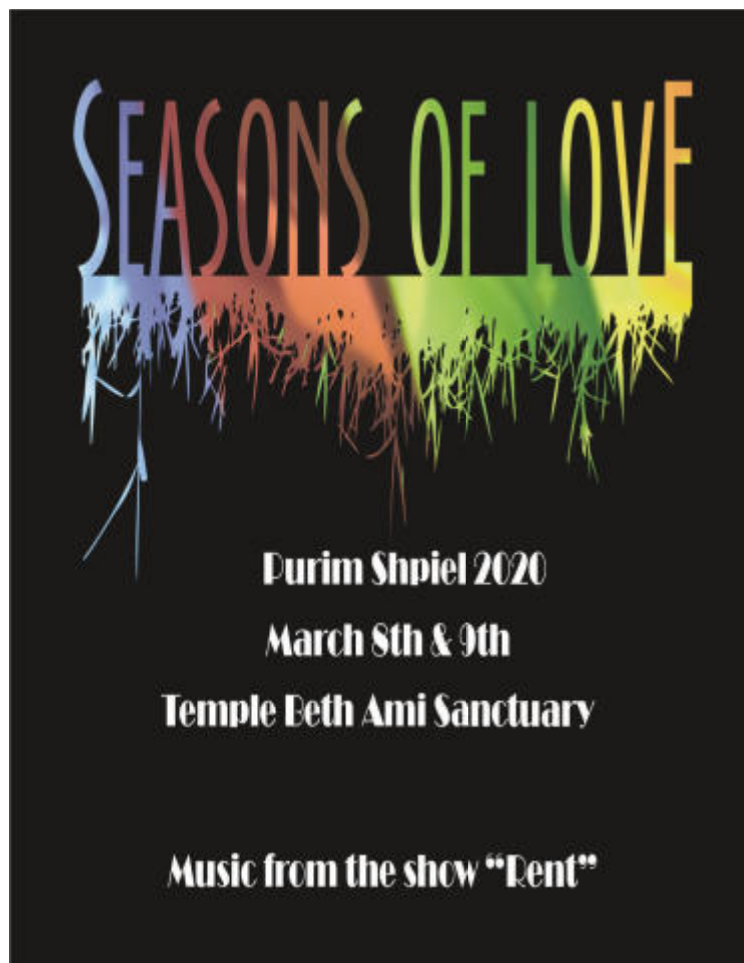
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