



TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

December 25-26, 2015

14 Tevet, 5776

7:30pm

Va-y'chi

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Temple Beth Abraham's mission is to provide our congregants with opportunities to create meaningful connections to God, Torah, the Jewish People and the surrounding Community.

עֲבֹדוּ אֶת יְיָ בְּשִׂמְחָה בְּאוֹרְכֵי בְּרִנָּה

Serve God with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing.

Hinei Mah Tov הִנֵּה מַה טוֹב

Text: Psalm 133:1

Hi-nei mah tov u-ma-na-im
She-vet a-chim gam ya-chad.

How good and pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to sit together.

Music: Rick Recht

הִנֵּה מַה טוֹב וּמַה נְעִים
שֵׁבֶת אַחִים גַּם יַחַד.

SABBATH PRAYER (Fiddler on the Roof)

May the Lord protect and defend you
May God always shield you from shame
May you come to be in Yisrael a shining name
May you be like Ruth and like Esther
May you be deserving of praise
Strengthen us oh Lord, and keep us from the strangers' ways

Women: May God bless you and grant you long life.
Men: May the Lord fulfill our Sabbath prayer for you
Women: May God keep you and shield you from strife
Men: May the Lord in wisdom always care for you
Women: May the Lord protect and defend you
Men: May the Lord protect and defend you
Women: May God always shield you from shame
Men: May God always shield you from shame
Women: Favor us oh Lord
Men: Favor us oh Lord
Women: With happiness and peace
Men: With happiness
W&M: Oh hear our Sabbath prayer. Amen
May the Lord protect and defend you. Amen

שִׁבְת שָׁלוֹם

Shabbat Shalom!



HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing induction loop. If you have a hearing aid or cochlear implant equipped with a t-coil, please flip the switch which engages the t-coil. The sound from the microphones will be transmitted directly to your hearing device.

We recall those recently departed.

Estelle Cohen, grandmother of Bonnie Dunefsky
Fred Selsky, father of Bonnie Loneragan
Gus Meyer, uncle of Ellen Greenberg
Abe Gerstman, husband of Anne Gerstman
Michael Brumberg, father of Jennie Berkson

We remember, with gratitude, these American Soldiers who gave their lives this past week:

Maj Adrianna M. Vorderbruggen, 36 of MN
Staff Sgt. Chester J. McBride, 30 of GA
Technical Sgt. Joseph G. Lemm, 45 of NY
Staff Sgt. Louis M. Bonacasa, 31 of NY
Staff Sgt. Peter W. Taub, 30 of PA
Staff Sgt. Michael A. Cinco, 28 of TX

We remember, with love, the Six Million whose lives were taken during the Holocaust. We also remember, with love, those who were taken from our midst this week in years past and commemorate the anniversaries of their passing.

Week of December 20-26, 2015

* Leo Billick Edward Harris
* Ruth Bright * Albert Metsch
* Alan Cohen * Joan Carole Miller
* Emily Cohen Samuel Perchick
* Florence Cohen Charles Perlmutter
* Ian Cohen Aaron Polisar
* M. Jay Fein * Max Sakofsky
* Ida Gadd * Faye Schenck
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Sylvia Gelber * Ida Spivak
* Lawrence Gellerman * Harold Stamler
Edward Gikowski Lester Weil
Murray Ginsberg Warren Weil
* Joseph Glat Sydney Winick
Norma Goldberg

* Enshrined on the Memorial Tablet

The **Flowers** on the *Bimah* and the *Oneg* are sponsored by Temple Beth Abraham.

**Temple Beth Abraham Events
December 26, 2015—January 2, 2016**

Conservative Shabbat Service	Sat	Dec 26	9:00am
Mah Jongg	Mon	Dec 28	1:00pm
Reform Shabbat Services	Fri	Jan 1	6:00pm
Conservative Shabbat Services	Sat	Jan 2	9:00am

The Temple Office will be closed on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1. We will also close at 1:00pm on Thursday, December 31.

**Consider Giving Your 2015 End of Year Donations
to Temple Beth Abraham**



As we approach the end of the calendar year, please consider helping Temple Beth Abraham by paying any open Temple obligations. *If you have not yet made a contribution to the Annual Appeal please consider doing so at this time.*

Obligations paid by credit card or check and dated by December 31 could be eligible for a tax deduction for 2015.
Thank you for supporting Temple Beth Abraham!



One of the primary goals of the Bridges Campaign is to make the building warmer and inviting and accessible to all. Won't you help us make our dreams a reality?

For information about how to get involved or to make a gift, contact Bridges Campaign Chair Gayle Aaron at bridges@tba-ny.org or call Stuart Skolnick at the Temple.



"Light One Candle"

TBA's *Ner Shel Tzedakah* program, **LIGHT ONE CANDLE**, gives the power to parents to purchase holiday gifts for their children. It's a wonderful way to share the spirit of the holidays with families in need in our community. Your \$20.00 donation becomes a coupon that *La Asociacion* parents will purchase for \$5.00. Then the \$25.00 coupon will be used by the parent to buy a gift at "A Nu Toy Store" in Tarrytown. Please send in a check to TBA with LOC in the memo line **by December 29**. You can also donate through the TBA website under *Tikkun Olam*.

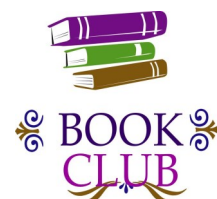
The Next TBA Book Club Discussion

Friday, January 8, 2016 at 10:00am

The Book Club will be discussing *Killing a King: The Assassination of Yitzchak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel*. Author Dan Ephron, a former Jerusalem bureau chief for *Newsweek* tells a lively narrative of the assassination itself and its aftermath. Hard questions were asked about Israel's protection of the embattled prime minister. Had the frenzied protests and the increasing incitement against Rabin made talk of murder palatable? Join us as we discuss these questions and more.



Interested In Starting A Weekday Evening Book Club?



The Adult Education Committee is considering launching an additional book club group to meet on a weekday evening. The inaugural group would determine the day and time.

If you are interested, please contact Risa Swersey at adulted@tba-ny.org or you can call the office at (914) 631-1770.

FAMILY SHABBAT—Friday, January 8, 2016

Family Shabbat Dinner at 6:00pm

Family Shabbat Service with 6th Grade at 7:00pm

Please RSVP for the dinner by Monday, January 4

The main course is chicken. Pasta is available if requested when reservations are made. RSVP and payment in advance please.

Dinner: Adults-\$14.00 and Children (ages 2-12) - \$8.00



Adult Education Interest & Planning Meeting

Sunday, January 3, 2016 at 9:30am



Do you have ideas you'd like to bring to TBA? A program you'd like to see happen? Want to help with a single event or more? Would you like to learn more about existing programs? Please join us in the TBA Library to discuss how we can work together to make it happen!

Alternative Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 9, 2016

10:00am-12:30pm

**Playing at Temple Beth Abraham—
"Let My People Go"**



Come join us at TBA for a different kind of spiritual Shabbat Service. It will be a dynamic Torah Service in which everyone who chooses to can come up for Torah blessings. We will also translate and explore every line of Torah as it is read so you can understand it, followed by a communal spirited Torah discussion.

There will be lots of participation, explanations, and fun!
The service will be led by congregants Jodie Lane, Jen Greenspoon, and Felise Milan and co-led by Pam Barkley and Sharon Kirschner.



Kol Rinah Open House

Wednesday, January 6 from 7:15pm-9:30pm

600 Bear Ridge Rd., Pleasantville

Come to the Open House if you are interested in joining and singing with Kol Rinah, Jewish Chorale of Westchester.

Please email kolrinahchorale@gmail.com or go online at www.kolrinahchorale.org.

Help Us Feed Our Neighbors by Donating Food



Collection at the Children's Garden Center at TBA

There are many families in our own backyard who are hungry or unsure where their next meal is coming from. Help us collect non-perishable food items to be distributed to a local food bank. A bin has been set up in the Children's Garden Center lobby at TBA for food drop off.



The last day to drop off food is February 7, 2016.



Maccabi 2016 Games Information Session



Monday, January 11 at 7:30pm

JCC on the Hudson, Tarrytown

The JCC is looking for children 13-17 to participate in the Maccabi Games. A new opportunity for Jewish Teens 13+ for Summer 2016. Join JCC Maccabi Director Steven Weisbrot and his team of coaches and chaperones for the JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest in August 2016. If you are interested in learning more, please go online to www.jcontheudson.org/youth-teens/2016-jcc-maccabi-experience