



TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM Bulletin

► SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:00pm 5th Grade Family Shabbat

Dinner

7:00pm 5th Grade Family Shabbat

Service with Light One Candle Kick Off

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

11:00am Noah Angoff, son of James and

Karryn Angoff, will be called to the

Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service with

Torah Reading

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:00pm Chanukah Family Dinner

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

with *Kiddush*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

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From Rabbi Holtz's Study ►



Dear Friends,

One of the things I like most about December is that we have not yet gotten completely fed up with winter. True, winter does not officially begin until the 21st, but psychologically it seems to start right after Thanksgiving. Maybe something to do with all those decorations...

We can appreciate the crispness of the air, the beauty of a fresh snowfall, the tang of a fire dancing in the fireplace. For a few weeks at least, winter is a welcome guest.

But by February, and earlier for some, we have had more than enough. We are tired of bundling up, weary of fighting the snow. We are ready for the thaw, the rain, and the first blooms of spring. I know that this is human nature – that after a time of what feels like struggle, we look forward to something softer, easier. But we miss something when we fail to live in the moment, fail to find something to appreciate in the here and now, even if it is cold and white outside.

The prayerbook says, "We praise You, LORD our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of all things. You have made the moon to mark the seasons..." The seasons are an integral part of the endless cycle of the universe. They help us measure our years, and serve as reference points for our lives. So many of the personal stories which we tell are memorable in part because they are set against a backdrop of blizzards or thunder storms, blossoming flowers, or vivid autumn foliage. How much harder it would be to mark our years if the seasons never changed.

I also believe that each season offers us a different way, a different opportunity to see God. Some find God in the rebirth of Spring, others in the mysterious way that all of Creation knows to prepare itself in the Fall. I have had two of my strongest experiences of God in the winter, while skiing. The first was standing on a mountaintop in the Canadian Rockies, above the tree-line, looking out over the grandeur of creation. The air was so clear it hurt my eyes; the adjacent peaks glistened with tears of snow. It was utterly and literally breath-taking. It seemed to me to be filled with the Presence of God, and I knew at that moment how Moses could be transformed by a trip to the top of Mt. Sinai.

The second was less poetic. It was just a few moments later, when, as a novice skier, I discovered that there were only expert trails down to the bottom. As I hurtled, out of control, down slopes too steep for my fledgling abilities, I felt very, very close to God!

Don't rush your way through the winter. Learn to appreciate the wonderful variety of seasons with which we are blessed. As we recognize their beauty, we may come to recognize the hand of God.

L'shalom,

Rabbi David Holtz





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**Notes from
Cantor Margot E.B. Goldberg**

Shalom!

“Music, music, music!” December and January at TBA will be filled with music and I hope that you will join us!

On December 15 we will welcome a drummer at services in celebration of Chanukah. I hope that you will consider joining us at 6:00pm for dinner (reservations only) and services with Chanukah candle lighting at 7:30pm.

On December 17 the Religious School will welcome Naomi Less in concert sponsored by the Fran Friedman Fund for the Enrichment of Children.

According to her website Naomi is an internationally renowned, multi-skilled talent – a musician, facilitator, and educator – who both performs and creates tailor-made trainings and educational experiences for all ages. Naomi is sure to help us celebrate Chanukah in a special way.

On January 26 at 7:30pm Noah Aronson and his band will help us celebrate Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song, in a very special way.

Renowned for his unique and engaging style of prayer leadership, Noah and his band will lead us in original prayer settings as well as familiar melodies. Noah spent time exploring the poetry on “the left side of the page”, the left page of *Mishkan T’filah*, and created original compositions to help enhance our prayer experience. We have included Let There Be Love, *Hashkiveinu* during worship and hope to include this original composition as well as others. To hear “Let There Be Love” please click here <http://bit.ly/LetThereBeLoveListen>.

All of our guest musicians will be fantastic and will surely enlighten us with their talent, creativity, and beautiful music.

L’shalom,

Cantor Margot E.B. Goldberg

TRIP to ISRAEL

AUGUST 14-26, 2018

Join us this summer for an incredible trip with unusual extras. We’ll see all the things you expect to see, plus quite a bit you’ve never dreamed of. Whether you’re sure you’re going, or you want some more information, or you’re just curious, come to the

First Information Meeting

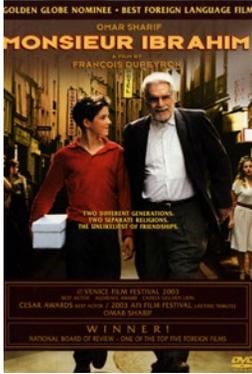
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 @ 7:30PM

We’ll talk about itinerary, costs, options, and why going with TBA is such a remarkable experience. **Questions?** Contact Rabbi Holtz at rabbi@tba-ny.org

Temple Beth Abraham Adult Ed. presents:



Movie Mavens



December 16 Monsieur Ibrahim

In a very poor neighborhood in Paris, Monsieur Ibrahim is an old, Muslim, Turkish owner of a small market. He befriends Jewish teenager, Moises, nicknamed Momo, who lives with his father in a small apartment across the street.

Nominated for 2004 Best Foreign Language Film, Golden Globes, USA

TORAH READING

December 1-2	Vayishlach	Genesis 32:4-36:43
December 8-9	Vayeishev	Genesis 37:1-40:23
December 15-16	Mikeitz	Genesis 41:1-44:17
December 22-23	Vayigash	Genesis 44:18-47:27
December 29-30	Va-y'chi	Genesis 47:28-50:26

CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday, December 1	4:09pm
Friday, December 8	4:08pm
Friday, December 15	4:09pm
Friday, December 22	4:12pm
Friday, December 29	4:17pm

In observance of holidays on Monday, December 25 and January 1 the Office will be closed and re-open on Tuesday, December 26 and January 2.

The Adult Ed and Israel Committees announce: Wednesday Nights are for Israeli Folk Dancing



Leng is a talented and experienced teacher of Israeli dancing, who studied for 18 years with the legendary Moshe Eskayo.

<http://ctisraelidance.com>



BRIDGES

Connecting Our Rich Tradition to a Vibrant Future

We have placed ourselves at the forefront of congregations who are reinventing the American synagogue for the 21st century. Join us as we build on our past and create a powerful, meaningful, life-affirming Jewish future.

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

December 6 & 20 7:00 -10:00pm
Beginners 7:00-8:00pm; Open Dance and instruction 8:00-10:00pm

- \$10.00 for Temple Beth Abraham Members
- \$15.00 for visitors and guests
- \$ 5.00 for Junior High, High School, and University Students

Israeli folk dancing is a wonderful way to experience Israeli culture, and is great exercise for your mind, body and soul. No prior experience required.

Come join us for an enjoyable evening of dance, light refreshments and fun!

November 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Notes	

December 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Notes						

Special Hanukkah Party!!

- December 20**
- Students free
 - Children free with an adult



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JOIN US!

Meetings are held on
Sundays 9:30-11:00am
in the TBA Library
January 7, 2018
March 18, 2018
May 6, 2018

FOCUS: HELPING THE POOR

Helping the Poor is based on the following quote from Deuteronomy:

"If there is a needy person among you, one of your kinsmen in any of your settlements in the land that the Lord your G-d is giving you, do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kinsman. Rather you must open your hand and lend him sufficient resources for whatever he needs. For the poor will never disappear from the earth, which is why I command you: open your hand to the poor and needy kinsman in your land" (Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 11).

Thank You! Todah Robah!



Thank you to the volunteers who helped make 406 stars for our troops packets! Starmakers were: Lori C., Jennifer P., Annelia R., Victoria R., Joan S., Loren S., Ava W., and Gavin W.

Tikkun Olam would not exist without u. Thank you for your time, experience, donations and ideas.

Crafts For A Cause

The next meeting will take place at TBA from 11:00am to 12:00pm on December 1.

We make beautiful things for various causes and at the same time have fun knitting together.

We will be preparing scarves and shawls for the DOROT Winter Package Drive. We have the supplies but any donations of yarn and knitting needles are always appreciated. For further information, please email Joyce Licker: craftsforacause@tba-n-y.org

Monthly Mitzvah: Cards for DOROT

Sunday, December 10
11:15am-12:00pm

Brighten the day of a homebound senior! We will make cards for DOROT's Winter Package Drive. Please RSVP to TikkunOlam@tba-n-y.org so we have enough materials.

Save the dates for 2018:
January 7
February 4
March 18
April 15
May 6

Light One Candle

LIGHT ONE CANDLE gives parents the power to purchase gifts for their families.

Your \$20.00 donation becomes a \$25.00 coupon that La Asociación parents purchase for \$5.00. With the \$25.00, parents shop for gifts at A Nu Toy Store on Main Street in Tarrytown.

DONATIONS AND HELPERS are needed!

- Send in cash or a check to TBA with LOC in the memo by Dec. 22.
- Visit our Tikkun Olam table at Shabbat Family services on Dec. 1.
- Visit tba-n-y.org/tikkun-olam to donate.
- Volunteers are needed to help with gift wrapping, gift selections, and translations. Email tikkunolam@tba-n-y.org to sign up!
- Holiday wrapping paper donations are also needed. Please drop them off at TBA.

This month Tikkun Olam is collecting men's white tube socks and brief style underwear (size 32-42 new in packages only) for Midnight Run.

Other ways to help:

Donate to the American Jewish World Service. AJWS is dedicated to alleviating poverty, hunger and disease among the people of the developing world.

Donate to Leket. The American Friends of Leket Israel raises funds to be able to distribute healthy food to tens of thousands of Israelis, including Holocaust survivors, immigrants, the elderly, children, and the working poor. www.leket.org/

Attend the 6th Annual Veterans Charity Holiday Concert.

Dec 1 at 7:30pm
Paramount Hudson Valley Theater
1008 Brown Street, Peekskill, NY

This amazing night of music raises funds and awareness for our true American heroes. There will also be a special visit from Santa Claus. All proceeds from this event are distributed between veteran's organizations such as Veterans Adaptive Sports, Disabled Americans Chapter 144, and Friends Of Fallen Heroes NY [all are 501(c)3 organizations].

Fill a stocking for a child or for an adult living in poverty through Family to Family's Stuff a Stocking Program this holiday season. Details: family-to-family.org/stuff-a-stockin/

Volunteer at the Westchester Christmas Dinner 2017. Founded on the premise that no one in our area should be alone or hungry on Christmas Day, the annual Westchester Community Christmas Day Dinner is an all-volunteer charitable event. To volunteer, go to westchesterchristmas.org

Tikkun Olam would like to help you make your idea happen! Are you passionate about a cause? Please email us or please come to our next meeting.

You can reach us at any time at TikkunOlam@tba-n-y.org. Please email us to get on our mailing list (if you're not already).

We are looking forward to a great year filled with meaningful social action. We hope you'll join us.

— Melissa Baer and Andrea White

DEADLINE FOR ADS: JANUARY 22, 2018

TBA PURIM SHPIELBILL 2018

Purchase an Ad for Monster Shpiel

Honor your favorite Purim Shpiel Cast Member, and help supplement the Purim budget to ensure proper sound and accompaniment

AVAILABLE AD SIZES AND PRICES

\$ 18.00List your name in congratulations to the cast	\$200.00Full page5" x 8"
\$ 25.001/8 Page2.375" x 1.8763"	\$250.00Inside front and back cover5" x 8"
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With your chosen wording, or for ads that are pre designed see order form below

Order Form

All ads 1/8 or 1/4 page can be in a word document. All other type of ads should be in a PDF or jpg format. We can help design an ad for you if you supply the words

E-mail to: Irene at clergyassistant@tba-n-y.org. **In Subject:** AD FOR SHPIELBILL

Mail check to: Temple Beth Abraham, 25 Leroy Ave., Tarrytown, NY 10591

Attention: Irene Clergy Coordinator

Your Name: _____ E-mail address _____

Size of ad: list 1/8 1/4 1/2 full inside front inside back outside back

Format: Word Doc. PDF file JPG file

DEADLINE FOR ADS: JANUARY 22, 2018



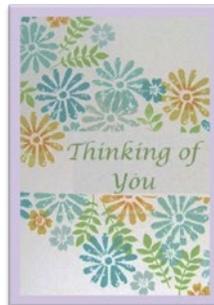
Monthly Mitzvah

December



Caring for the Poor

Maspeket L'on'i'im (Providing for the Poor) מספקת לעניים



Cards for Dorot

December 10, 2017

at 11:15am

Families Welcome

Stamps, stickers, markers and more!
Join us after Religious School
as we create Cards for
Dorot's Winter Package Delivery.

DOROT is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to alleviate social isolation and provide services to older adults, such as homelessness prevention.

For questions or to RSVP,
email Melissa Baer or Andrea White
tikkunolam@tba-n-y.org



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Friday,
Jan. 26
2018
7:30pm

MUSIC FOR MIND, BODY AND SOUL

NOAH ARONSON & BAND

In Celebration of
Shabbat Shirah (Sabbath in Song)

Check out his music!!!

(some you already know from TBA)

Am I Awake *Barechu* <http://bit.ly/IAmAwakeSong>

Let There Be Love *Hashkiveinu*

<http://bit.ly/LetThereBeLoveListen>

Temple Beth Abraham ♦ 25 Leroy Avenue ♦ Tarrytown, NY

“Every time Noah takes the stage, he wraps his audience in a musical embrace... he gets the entire room clapping and singing along, even to songs they’ve never heard before.”



KOL RINAH
JOYFUL VOICE

presents

Chanukah Concert

Sunday, December 17, 2017
11:30 a.m.

at the Shames JCC on the Hudson
371 South Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591

For information and tickets,
www.kolrinahchorale.org
or (914)243-9059

“First Wednesday” Art Workshop!



Watercolor Painting

Drawing and Pastels

Paper Cutting

Jan. 3, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 4,
And May 2, 2018
4:00 – 6:00pm

Join fellow congregants to create art in a relaxed, supportive environment. Whether you’re a seasoned artist or haven’t done an art project since elementary school, this is the workshop for you! All non-smelly, quiet, and easy-to-clean media are welcome, so bring in your watercolors, pencils, pastels and paper cutting tools! Our workshop leader, Laurie Forman, will provide guidance on watercolor technique.

No admission charge.

To register for this drop-in workshop, or for more information, please contact adulted@tba-ny.org.



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Tanakh Study: Wednesdays at 10:00-11:00am

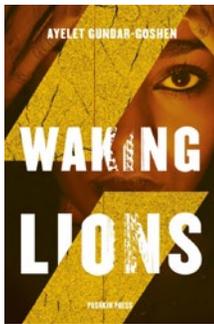
Rabbi Holtz leads a class every Wednesday. The group has started to explore the Book of Judges in English. No previous knowledge is required and you can join in at any point in the cycle.

Saturdays at 9:00am join us for a discussion of this week's Torah reading during Conservative Services.



Mah Jongg: Mondays at 1:00pm

A friendly, non-competitive (no betting) gathering at Temple Beth Abraham. All levels welcome. Interested in an evening game? Let us know. Free for Temple members; \$2.00 for guests.



Book Club: Fridays every other month at 10:00am

Discuss contemporary books on Jewish themes.

Friday, January 19, 10:00am

Linda Gerstman will lead us in a discussion of *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen. Eitan Green is a respected neurosurgeon forced by a professional dispute to relocate from Tel Aviv to Beersheba. Speeding late one night, he hits an Eritrean man walking by the roadside. He decides the victim is beyond help and flees the scene. The next morning the victim's widow appears on Eitan's doorstep, holding his wallet, demanding not his money but his medical expertise and manages to blackmail Eitan into treating illegal immigrants from Africa. The story that follows takes the readers through the wilderness of the Negev and its underworld of Israeli drug dealers, Bedouin gangs and desperate refugees. Free for Temple members; \$2.00 for guests. RSVP (914) 631-1770 or email AdultEd@tba-ny.org



Women's Circle: Fridays once a month at 5:45pm

Our next meeting will take place on December 8. For more information, contact **Kimberly Marcus** at tbawomenscircle@gmail.com. Meetings end in time for the 7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service.

Wednesday Art Workshop: First Wednesday of the month, 4:00pm

Watercolor Painting, Drawing, Paper Cutting, etc! Join fellow congregants to create art in a relaxed environment. Whether you're a seasoned artist or haven't done an art project since elementary school, you are welcome. No admission. To register, send an e-mail to Laurie Forman, at TBAArtWorkshop@tba-ny.org or call the Office.



CHANUKAH DINNER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
AT 6:00PM

The main course is chicken. You may have pasta instead if requested at the time reservations are made. Dinners are by reservation only and will be accepted by mail along with your check. Your check will be your reservation. Please note that reservations will not be taken over the phone or after the deadline. Please make your check payable to TBA and return by Monday, December 11.

CHANUKAH DINNER FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Adults \$15.00; Children 2-12 \$10.00

number of chicken dinners: ____ adult ____ child

number of pasta dinners: ____ adult ____ child

_____ name

_____ phone

_____ amount of check enclosed

To Andrea Strongwater, every synagogue has a story...



Adult Ed invites you to a brunch **Re-imagining the Lost Synagogues of Europe** Sunday, December 10, 12:00pm

Artist and writer, **Andrea Strongwater**, has a special passion. She creates paintings of lost European synagogues, capturing the richness and beauty of pre-war Jewish culture. Join us as she shares the historical and artistic journey that brings each of these synagogues back to life through art.

Autographed copies of her book will be available for purchase.

Free for TBA members; \$10.00 for guests

RSVP required:

- Sign up on Eventbrite at <http://bit.ly/TBA-Synagogues>
- Call the Temple Office (914) 631-1770
- Send an e-mail to adulted@tba-ny.org



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**JYG
CHANUKAH
CHOCOLATE
MAKING**

For 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders!

**DECEMBER 16TH
4-5:30PM**

**\$25
Per
Child**

*Make a treat
to eat and
one as a gift!*

The Chocolate Florist
16 Prickly Pear Hill Rd Croton-on-Hudson

RSVP BY DEC 5TH
youthgroup@tba-ny.org

Chanukah Candle Lighting

Light the first candle on Tuesday evening, December 12

The lights of Chanukah are a symbol of our joy. In time of darkness, our ancestors had the courage to struggle for freedom: freedom to be themselves, freedom to worship in their own way. Theirs was a victory of the weak over the strong, the few over the many, and the righteous over the arrogant. It was a victory for all ages and all peoples.

*The candles are placed in the Chanukiah from right to left, and kindled from left to right.
Always light the newest candle first.*

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who makes us holy through Your mitzvot, and who commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam she-asah nissim la'avoteinu bayamim hahem lazman hazeh.

Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

This prayer is said on the first night only.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.

Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this joyous season.

Ner Shel Tzedakah Blessing

A Blessing to recite on the 6th night of Chanukah, December 17

As we light this "Ner Shel Tzedakah" tonight, we pray that its light will shine into the dark corners of our world, bringing relief to those suffering from the indignity and pain that accompany poverty. May our act of giving inspire others to join with us in the fight against the scourge of hunger, homelessness, need and want. Together, let us raise our voices to cry out for justice, and may that clarion call burst through the night's silence and declare that change must come.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של צדקה.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, Asher Kidshanu B'mitzvotav, V'lamdeinu 'Hadlik Ner Shel Tzedakah.

Blessed are You, Eternal, our God, who makes us holy through the performance of Mitzvot, and inspires us to light the Candle of Righteousness.

Have a Happy Chanukah!

“Hanerot Halalu”

We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance
You performed for our ancestors.

During these eight days of Hanukkah, these lights are sacred;
we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their
glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts
of deliverance.

“Maoz Tzur” (Rock of Ages)

Ma-oz tzur y'shu-a-ti,
l'cha na-eh l'sha-bey-ach.
Ti-kon beyt t'fi-la-ti,
v'sham to-dah n'za-bey-ach.
L'eyt ta-chin mat-bey-ach,
mi-tzar ha-m'na-bey-ach.
Az eg-mor b'shir miz-mor,
cha-nu-kat ha-miz-bey-ach.

מַעֲוֹז צוּר יִשׁוּעָתִי,
לְךָ נָאֵה לְשַׁבַּח.
תִּכּוֹן בַּיִת תְּפִלָּתִי,
וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּח.
לְעֵת תִּכְוִן מִטְּבַח,
מִצָּר הַמְּנַבֵּחַ.
אֲז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר,
חֲנֻכַּת הַמְּנֻבָּח.

Rock of ages, let our song
Praise thy saving power;
You, amid the raging foes,
Were our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us,
But your arm availed us,
And your word broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us.

Children of the Maccabees,
Whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs,
Where you may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering,
That the time is nearing,
Which will see all men free,
Tyrants disappearing.

Donut Holes (muffins)

Ingredients

½ cup white sugar
¼ cup margarine, melted
¾ teaspoon ground nutmeg
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup all-purpose flour
¼ cup margarine, melted
½ cup white sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon



Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease 24 mini-muffin cups.

Mix ½ cup sugar, ¼ cup margarine, and nutmeg in a large bowl. Stir in the milk, then mix in the baking powder and flour until just combined. Fill the prepared mini muffin cups about half full.

Bake in the preheated oven until the tops are lightly golden, 15 to 20 minutes.

While muffins are baking, place ¼ cup of melted margarine in a bowl. In a separate bowl, mix together ½ cup of sugar with the cinnamon. Remove muffins from their cups, dip each muffin in the melted margarine, and roll in the sugar-cinnamon mixture. Let cool and serve.



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The New Year in Adult Education!

Record numbers of congregants are enjoying our Adult Ed activities this year. Have you tried **Women's Circle**? Under Kimberly Marcus' leadership, we meet before services one Friday a month, and enjoy interesting discussions led by members and guests. In November, we discussed issues of gender, parenting, and community with the mother of a transgender daughter. Or, how about a movie? Every month, Risa Swersey, Melissa Baer, and Marla Peers bring us **Movie Mavens**, with classics, like *Young Frankenstein*, and contemporary films on Jewish and Israeli themes. If books are your passion, Linda Gerstman leads a wide-ranging discussion at our bi-monthly **Book Club**. This month we will be discussing Nathan Englander's book, *"What Do You Talk About When You Talk About Anne Frank?"* Every Monday, Sheila Buitikant hosts a friendly gathering of **Mah Jongg** players, and every Wednesday, a lively group gathers in the **Rabbi's study** to



Wednesday night Israeli Folk Dancing with Leng. April Daryanini calls it "a hoot!" Bernice Rogowitz calls it "Jewish Zumba"!

dig into English translations of the Tanakh, that is, the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings.

In addition to these ongoing programs, we are always on the look-out for exciting educational opportunities. We've enjoyed some excellent lectures. This month, Cantor Goldberg graced us

with a three-part class on **"How We Pray: From Ancient Times to Today,"** which took us on a fascinating journey from the animal sacrifices in the days of the Second Temple to our prayer experience today. At our **Sunday Brunch**, Marla Peers discussed the dynamics of modern Israel through the lens of her recent Fellowship in Israel. And, we enjoyed the gourmet cooking of Phil Rothenberg. We've also launched some new events. Interested painting, drawing, or paper cutting? Why not join fellow artists at the next meeting of our monthly **Art Club**? The club meets the first Wednesday of every month. Do you have great memories of doing Israeli Dance at college or camp? Join us on for **Israeli Dance** on Wednesday night with a patient and experienced teacher. Snacks, lessons, exercise, dancing, and a lot of fun! And, there will be a special Chanukah Israeli Dance Party on December 20!



Sunday Brunch at TBA. Marla Peers shares her recent experiences with a talk on "Israel Through a New Lens," with sous vide cooking by from Phil Rothenberg.



Cantor Margot Goldberg taught three classes on "How we Pray: From Ancient Times to Today," to a lively and appreciative audience.



Some **upcoming events** include a four-part lecture series on Jewish Artists with Bruce Levy, starting in January, a Klezmer event, and, by popular demand, more brunches.

If you have an idea for an Adult Ed event, have a class or lecture you'd like to give, or would like to join the Adult Education Committee, please let me know.

Your Adult-Ed Chair,
Bernice Rogowitz

The Fran Friedman Fund for the Enrichment of Children Presents The Naomi Less Band



Sunday December 17

The place to be at 10:00am on Sunday, December 17 is Temple Beth Abraham as the temple will be rocking that day when the Naomi Less Band presents "Any Way You Light It," an interactive theatrical show that tells the multiple stories of Hanukkah.

The show, which is being brought to TBA free of charge by the Fran Friedman Fund for the Enrichment of Children, is an event that all ages will enjoy.

Naomi Less is a Brooklyn-based, internationally celebrated singer/songwriter, ritual worship musician, and experiential educator. She tours extensively with her half-Israeli, half-American music ensemble, performing rock and acoustic concerts, and soulful worship events around the globe. Naomi founded Jewish Chicks Rock and Jewish Kids Rock band programs creating Jewish literacy opportunities through music.

Naomi serves as one of Lab/Shul's founding ritual leaders, its Associate Director and Director of Storahelling. Lab/Shul is an experimental, everybody friendly, artist-driven community for sacred Jewish gatherings in New York City.



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FRIDAY, JANUARY 5
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FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE AT 7:00PM

The main course is chicken. You may have pasta instead if requested at the time reservations are made. Dinners are by reservation only and will be accepted by mail along with your check. Your check will be your reservation. Please note that reservations will not be taken over the phone or after the deadline. Please make your check payable to TBA and return by Friday, December 29.

JANUARY 5 FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER

Adults \$15.00; Children 2-12 \$10.00

number of chicken dinners: ____ adult ____ child

number of pasta dinners: ____ adult ____ child

_____ name

_____ phone

_____ amount of check enclosed

TBA Family ▶

The following Lifecycle Events reflect the known sorrows and *simchas* of our TBA Family.

Mazel Tov to:

Stuart and Anita Skolnick on the marriage of their son Eliot to Simone Gore

Speedy Recovery to:

Leah Monack

Phil Prince

Condolences to:

Neil Bruckner on the death of his father Sanford Bruckner

Michael Karnes on the death of his father Archer Karnes

Michele Reichman on the death of her father Irwin Davis

Keith Weintraub on the death of his mother Margaret Weintraub

Donations ▶

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April Daryanani in appreciation of a beautiful and meaningful conversion ceremony

Lawrence and Marianne Levin in appreciation of Cantor's role in making our daughter Samantha's *Bat Mitzvah* a special occasion

Carole Eagle in loving memory of her husband, Sidney Eagle

Eva Fischer in loving memory of Robby Fischer on the first anniversary of his passing

Conservative Kiddush Fund

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Arnold and Marianne Rich in loving memory of their son, Dr. Kenneth E. Rich

Israel Committee

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Kurtis in honor of the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter Scarlett.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

April Daryanani in appreciation of Rabbi Holtz's scholarship, his support during my studies, and a beautiful and meaningful conversion ceremony

Lawrence and Marianne Levin in appreciation of Rabbi's role in making our daughter Samantha's *Bat Mitzvah* a special occasion

Richard Nave in appreciation of your beautiful Yom Kippur experience

Evan and Lori Kornrich in honor of your 25 years with TBA

Mary Hanina in honor of the upcoming marriage of Natasha Hanina and Jason Vulej

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Join us for Women's Circle



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We meet once a month, on Fridays at 5:45pm
ending in time for the Reform Shabbat service.

Save these dates:

October 27, 2017	March 23, 2018
December 8, 2017	April 27, 2018
January 26, 2018	May 25, 2018
February 23, 2018	June 22, 2018

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January 13
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March 17
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3 9:00am-12:30pm Religious School (K-6) / (No 6th Grade) 11:00am ZEEZY Board Meeting 11:15-11:45am Purim Shpiel Kids Rehearsal 3:00-4:30pm JYG Event (NATBA)	4 1:00pm Mah Jongg 4:30pm Religious School (4th/5th) 6:15pm Religious School High School (7th -12th) 8:00pm Purim Shpiel Adult Rehearsal	5 6:30pm Committee Chair Meeting 7:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting	6 10:00am Torah Study Group 4:00pm Art workshop 4:30pm Religious School (6th/7th) 7:00-10:00pm Israeli Dance 7:30pm Israel Trip Meeting	7	Dec 1 10:30 Crafts for a Cause 6:00pm 5th Grade Family Shabbat Dinner 7:00pm 5th Grade Family Shabbat Service with Light One Candle Kick Off	2 9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service 11:00am Noah Angoff's Bar Mitzvah 5:00pm 6th Grade BBM Workshop II and Shul-in
10 9:00am Religious School (K-6) w/5th Grade Family Ed 11:15am Monthly Mitzvah 12:00pm Adult Ed Brunch	11 1:00pm Mah Jongg 4:30pm Religious School (4th/5th) 6:15pm Religious School High School (7th -12th) 7:00pm ZEEZY Board Meeting (Time Tentative) 8:00pm Purim Shpiel Adult Rehearsal	12 Chanukah	13 Chanukah 10:00am Torah Study Group 4:30pm Religious School (6th/7th) 6:45pm Israel Committee Meeting 7:30pm Shekelvestors	14 Chanukah	15 Chanukah 6:00pm Chanukah Family Dinner 7:30pm Reform Shabbat Services	16 9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service with Kiddush 4:00-5:30pm JYG Chocolate Making Event 7:00pm Movie Mavens
17 Chanukah 9:00am Religious School (K-6) 10:00am Naomi Less Concert & Sunday Funday 11:00am Seasons Meeting 11:15am Girls' Group 11:15am Purim Shpiel Kids Rehearsal 12:00pm Israel Committee Brunch	18 Chanukah 1:00pm Mah Jongg 4:30pm Religious School (4th/5th) 6:15pm Religious School High School (7th -12th) 8:00pm Purim Shpiel Adult Rehearsal	19 Chanukah 7:30pm Board of Education Meeting	20 Chanukah 10:00am Torah Study Group 4:30pm Religious School (6th/7th) 7:00-10:00pm Israeli Dance	21 7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	22 7:30pm Reform Shabbat Services	23 9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service
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