



# TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### **Friday, October 6**

5:00pm Tot Shabbat  
5:30pm Oneg/Pre-neg  
6:00pm Service and Dancing with the Torah followed by a festive Oneg in the Sukkah

#### **Saturday, October 7**

9:00am Conservative Shabbat/Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Service with Yizkor

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7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

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9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service  
11:00am Evan Bloom, son of Leah & Douglas Bloom will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah*

#### **Friday, October 20**

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

#### **Saturday, October 21**

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service  
11:00am Levi and Samuel Bergman, sons of Jeffrey & Lisa Bergman will be called to the Torah as *B'nei Mitzvah*

#### **Friday, October 27**

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

#### **Saturday, October 28**

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service  
11:00am Noah Stein, son of Jason & Melissa Stein will be called to the Torah as *Bar Mitzvah*



### From Rabbi Holtz's Study

Dear Friends,

In my sermon last Monday morning I suggested that Yom Kippur is a 25-hour long memento mori (reminder of our mortality). However, the point is not to depress us, but to remind us to use our time in better, more positive ways. And I made a connection between the somber and difficult prayers of Yom Kippur and the joyous celebrations of Sukkot and Simchat Torah. I suggested that the fact that these holydays occur so close together is not an accident of the calendar. We are not expected to wallow in sadness. Rather, we take an extended period of time to consider our wrongdoings, and then we continue with life. More than continue: we **celebrate** life.

Sukkot is called *z'man simchateinu* - season of our rejoicing. Simchat Torah literally means a celebration of Torah - we rejoice in Torah, which, as all of our b'mitzvah kids know is "the secret of our people's lives from Sinai until now."

I've always been bemused by the fact that the biggest crowds of the year come to Temple on Yom Kippur, the most difficult of days, but don't come back four days later for the celebration!

Sukkot is a holiday which is not personal but communal. It is not primarily about our relationship with God, but about our relationships with each other. Start with the building of the sukkah itself, a task which is so much easier with a group. The most important thing you do in a sukkah is eat, and it is customary to invite lots of people each day to join you for a meal in your sukkah. Connected to this is the Kabbalistic practice of *ushpizin*, which is the act of inviting "spiritual guests" into your sukkah - traditionally Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, Joseph and David.

At the High Holydays we are reminded of our finite nature. On Sukkot we respond to this existential angst by turning to those around us, family and friends. By being part of a community which celebrates with us in times of joy, and cradles us in loving arms in times of sorrow. Sukkot comes to teach us that though the New Year will have its share of good and bad, everything about life is better when it is shared with others.

Peace and Blessings,  
Rabbi David Holtz



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# Cantor's Notes

## A Time for Joy!

Each Jewish festival has a corresponding scroll of the Bible associated with it. On Sukkot, it is traditional to read from Kohelet (also known as the Book of Ecclesiastes). Kohelet explores the futility of mundane pursuits and pleasures as Kohelet himself searches for a deeper meaning to life.

On the outset, the Book of Ecclesiastes appears to be extremely depressing. This is ironic, given that Sukkot is the festival on which we are commanded to be most joyful. However, Kohelet's frustration and sadness ultimately enable us to appreciate the simple joys that we experience on an ordinary day. The themes of Kohelet relate to Sukkot because the holiday is traditionally celebrated with the construction of temporary dwelling places. We move outside our home, which provides a sense of permanence and comfort, dwelling instead in a flimsy hut. This reminds us of how lucky we are to be able to have four walls and a roof above our head during the rest of the year. It also gives us an opportunity to commune with nature and to appreciate our place in the greater scheme of the circle of life.

Sukkot also celebrates the end of the harvest season, as crops are gathered and stored for the coming year. It's a moment of great satisfaction, as we can literally see the fruits of our labor gathered all in one place. Kohelet reminds us that while mundane accomplishments are often fleeting and empty, the close of the harvest gives us a tangible example of achievement and fulfillment.

Kohelet's story has been adapted into popular culture, which speaks to its timelessness and to its relevance to our lives today. Here are two examples, one from folk rock and one from musical theater:

### "Turn Turn Turn"

In writing the classic song "Turn Turn Turn" in 1959, Pete Seeger took words from chapter 3 of Kohelet directly from the King James version of the Bible. Fun fact: In 1999, Seeger arranged for 45% of the songwriting royalties for "Turn! Turn! Turn!" to be donated to the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, a group opposed to Israeli settlements which describes itself as "an Israeli peace and human rights organization dedicated to ending the occupation of the Palestinian territories and achieving a just peace between Israelis and Palestinians." It's interesting to think of this organization's mission in conjunction with the actions depicted in the verses as well as the themes of Sukkot. On Sukkot we both "build up" and "break down" our temporary structures. The settlement issue - while contentious - comes with the ultimate goal of building love and peace as opposed to hate and war.

But Seeger made sure to protect his own interests as well: He kept 50% of the royalties for his own music and took a further 5% for the lyrics because, in Seeger's own words, "[in addition to the music] I did write six words and one

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Dear Temple Beth Abraham Families,

Last month, I spoke about *shehecheyanu* moments. Since then, we have surely had many, MANY, new, and for the first time in a long time, moments. From the first day of school, which included our new pre-k program, to new educators, new learners, new families, to folks who just hadn't been to TBA in awhile; our first month back was filled with *shehecheyanu* moments.

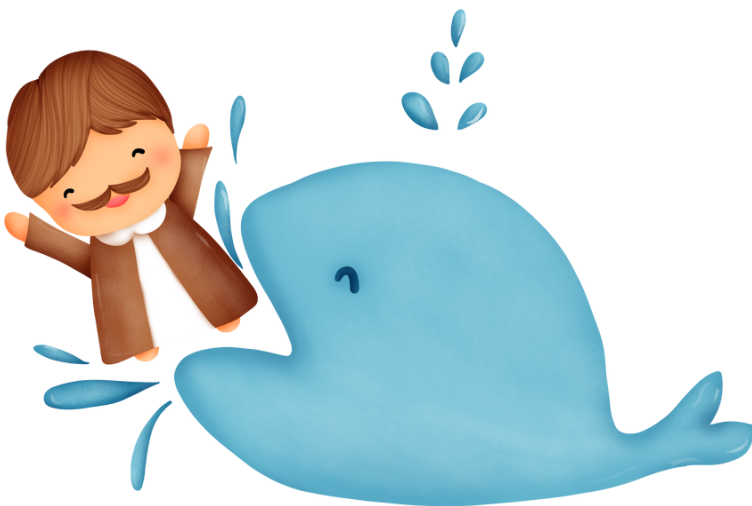
We will have many more new and exciting moments together throughout this year that I am excited to share with you. Coming up we have family education programming, youth group (including ZEETY's Ice Cream Social and Movie Watch Party!), PJ Library Day, and so much more. Tune into my weekly Friday news blast for more details and please see the flyers in this bulletin for more information.


This month's article is short to hold space for a special request, the second sermon I gave on Yom Kippur about Jonah, the Reluctant Prophet. I hope you enjoy it and I look forward to spending the new year, 5784, with you, our TBA family and community. You can link to the sermon, below.

Lshalom!  
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# B.Y.O.M.

**Bring Your Own Meal and eat in the TBA Sukkah!**

It is a mitzvah to eat your meals in the Sukkah and ours is an open tent for all TBA members to enjoy.



## Chavurah Program

### What is a chavurah?

A chavurah is a small group of temple members who are brought together based on common interests.

A chavurah group is made up of individuals and/or families who usually get together monthly.

This program is available to all TBA members and provides a wonderful way to get to know others and to build lasting friendships with fellow synagogue members.

### How do I join?

Call the office and request an application and return it to: Member Services at Temple Beth Abraham.

### Not sure yet? Want to learn more?

Contact Erica Newman at [enewman@tba-ny.org](mailto:enewman@tba-ny.org).





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more word repeated three times." The repeated word, of course, is no other than "turn turn turn" itself. The other phrase comes towards the end of the song: "I swear it's not too late." A time for peace - I swear it's not too late." This reminds us that our path towards peace continues indefinitely - we must continuously work toward building wholeness and harmony.

"Turn Turn Turn" has become so synonymous with Sukkot that it is canonized in our liturgy and is included in our prayer book, Mishkan Tefilah. Although Seeger wrote the original song, the Byrds turned it into an international hit in 1965.

### **"Corner of the Sky" from Pippin by Stephen Schwartz**

Believe it or not, there is also a musical theater interpretation of Koelet! The protagonist and title character of Stephen Schwartz's beloved musical Pippin is arguably based on Ecclesiastes. Pippin is a young prince who feels unfulfilled and goes off on a hero's journey to find his purpose and passion in life. Towards the beginning of the musical, he outlines his hopes in the song "Corner of the Sky." The lyrics, "everything has its season, everything has its time" are Schwartz's own interpretation of "for everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven." Both Pippin and Kohelet draw on the importance of finding meaning beyond one's own self - whether it be through God, faith, or love. To some extent they reach the same conclusion, too: that the best chance for fulfillment is to be found through relationships with family and the simplicity of an ordinary day.

In addition, Ecclesiastes 12:1 includes the following passage: "Appreciate your vigor in the days of your youth, before those days of sorrow come and those years arrive of which you will say, I have no pleasure in them." Pippin's grandmother, Berthe, reminds him of this ideal in her show-stopping song, "No Time At All." With the wisdom of age, Berthe is able to look back at her youth and smile. She tells her grandson that "when your best days are yester, the rest are twice as dear" before launching into an exuberant chorus: "Oh, it's time to start livin', time to take a little from this world we're given time to take time, cause spring will turn to fall - in just no time at all!" The lesson we learn from both Kohelet and from Pippin is to live our best lives and to be our best selves while we can.

Connecting these well-known songs to their biblical origins gives us a deeper understanding of the universality of Biblical teachings and themes. May the teachings of Kohelet, Pete Seeger, and Stephen Schwartz inspire us to find meaning on this Sukkot and beyond, enabling us to appreciate life's simple joys.

Wishing you a joyful Sukkot,  
Cantor Lauren Phillips Fogelman

## **CLOSINGS**

### **The Office will be closed on**

- Friday, October 6 for Sukkot Day 7

### **Religious School will be closed on:**

- October 8 for Simchat Torah
- October 9 for Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day

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October 1 *Yom Rishon Shel Sukkot* Leviticus 23:33-44

October 6 *Shemini Atzeret-Simchat Torah*

*Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12, Genesis 1:1-2:3*

October 13 *B'reishit* Genesis 1:1-6:8

October 20 *Noach* Genesis 6:9-11:32

October 27 *Lech L'cha* Genesis 12:1-17:27

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**October 14**  
***The Fabelmans***  
**2022**  
**PG-13**

**November 11**  
***The Keeper***  
**(Original title:**  
***Trautmann*)**  
**2018**  
**Not Rated**  
**(suggested for**  
**13+)**

**December 9**  
***A Matter of Size***  
**(*Sipur Gadol*)**  
**2009**  
**Not Rated**  
**(suggested for**  
**13+)**  
**Subtitled**  
**Not Rated**

**SPECIAL XMAS**  
**EDITION – DINNER**  
**AND A MOVIE!**  
**December 23**  
***Dreaming of a***  
***Jewish Christmas***  
**with Kosher**  
**Chinese buffet**  
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**October 14**  
**The Fabelmans**  
 Loosely based on his childhood, this is Steven Spielberg's movie about growing up in post-World War II-era Arizona. Young Sammy Fabelman aspires to become a filmmaker as he reaches adolescence, but soon discovers a shattering family secret and explores how the power of films can help him see the truth. 2023 Academy Award Nominee for: Best Director, Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor, Best Original Screenplay  
**Universal Pictures, 2022, 151 min.**

**November 11**  
**The Keeper (Trautmann)**  
 The love story of a young English woman and a German POW, who together overcome prejudice, public hostility, and personal tragedy.  
*Mild sex/nudity, moderate violence, profanity, smoking*  
**20th Century Studios, 2018, 120 min.**

**December 9**  
**A Matter of Size (Sipur Gadol)**  
 After losing his job at a salad bar because of his weight, Herzl (Itzik Cohen), a morbidly obese Israeli, finds new employment washing dishes safely out of view from patrons in the kitchen of a Japanese restaurant. When Herzl's coworkers and new boss, Kitano (Togo Igawa), introduce him to sumo wrestling, he realizes he has found his calling. Energized, Herzl orchestrates a mutiny among the ranks of a local weight-loss boot camp to recruit members for his own sumo wrestling club. 2009 Israeli Film Academy Winner: Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress; Nominee: Best Film, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor  
*Profanity, Alcohol/drug use*  
**SUBTITLED**  
**Menemsha Films, 2009, 90 min.**

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MOVIE MAVENS EVENT!

**DINNER & A MOVIE**  
**DEC. 23, 2023**

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- MOVIE AT 7:30PM

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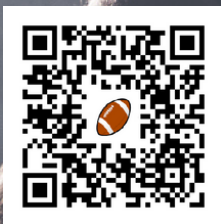
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at Temple Beth Abraham

In person, Friday, October 20, 2023 5:45- 7:00pm

## Pearl Ann Schwartz

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All of us celebrate the same holidays. But everyone celebrates differently.

Do we have traditions or foods that are special? Do we have cherished memories of holidays past that become part of our celebration?

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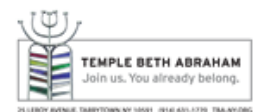
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For more than 60 years TBA has been my spiritual home—and much more. It has been the place where Bob and I saw the naming ceremony for two daughters and two granddaughters, the Bar Mitzvah of our son, the Confirmation services of our three children, and the wedding of a daughter. It was also the place where Bob's funeral was held.

It is the place where I have worshiped, learned, and been entertained. A happy bonus has been the friends I have made. In return I have served as a Vice President, Officer, Trustee, and "Filler-In-Where-Needed" in our very unique Temple.

*New this year: Bring a light supper to enjoy after Women's Circle*



REF 9/2023

Save these dates:

# Women's Circle

<b>Oct 20, 2023</b>	<b>Pearl Ann Schwartz:</b> Tradition! Tradition!
<b>Nov 17, 2023</b>	<b>April Fredlund:</b> A Connecticut Yankee and a NY Lawyer walk into a shul: Jewish Being and Perception
<b>Dec 15, 2023</b>	<b>Shelley Greenspan:</b> Holocaust Remembrance: The Second Generation Tells the Story
<b>Jan 19, 2024</b>	<b>Judi Markowitz:</b> The Ethical Will: Sharing our Values and Insights with the Next Generation
<b>Feb 16, 2024</b>	<b>Sharon Kirschner:</b> Bible Stories You Didn't Learn in Sunday School
<b>March 22, 2024</b>	<b>Allison Gilbert:</b> Histories we Haven't Heard: Discovering Women's Voices
<b>April 19, 2024</b>	<b>Cantor Lauren Fogelman:</b> Dances with Timbrels: Women in the Passover Story
<b>May 17, 2024</b>	<i>To be announced</i>
<b>June 21, 2024</b>	<b>End-of-Year Potluck Dinner with Raffles</b>

A warm, inclusive community, welcoming Shabbat together-- learning, sharing, supporting.

**BABIES & BAGELS**

**ONGOING PLAYGROUP MONDAYS**  
**9:30AM-10:30AM**

Join us to meet other Jewish parents with babies while enjoying some bagels!  
 Geared towards pre-walkers, ages 0-1

Temple Beth Abraham  
 25 Leroy Avenue, Tarrytown  
 RSVP to Melanie at [zamenhof.melanie@gmail.com](mailto:zamenhof.melanie@gmail.com)  
 for dates and details

**PJ Library**

**UJA Federation NEW YORK**

# TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM'S



## YOUTH GROUPS KICKOFFS!

KICKOFF IS WHERE YOU CAN HAVE FUN AND LEARN ABOUT ALL YOU CAN DO DO IN YOUTH GROUP! JOIN TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM'S YOUTH GROUP FAMILY AND MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS!

KICKOFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR (AND JEWISH NEW YEAR!) WITH ZEETY!

**ZEETYKATAN: FOR KINDERGARTNERS-2ND GRADERS**  
OCTOBER 1, 2023  
11:00AM - 12:30PM

**ZEETYTEENY: FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS**  
OCTOBER 22, 2023  
11:00AM - 12:30PM

**ZEETY678: FOR 6TH-8TH GRADERS**  
OCTOBER 1, 2023  
1:00 - 2:30PM

**ZEETY: FOR 9TH-12TH GRADERS**  
OCTOBER 22, 2023  
1:00 - 2:30PM

TBA'S TEEN-LED SENIOR YOUTH GROUP IS HOSTING AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND SCREENING "YOU ARE SO NOT INVITED TO MY BAT MITZVAH"

**Sign up for our Kickoffs**

<https://bit.ly/octzeety23>

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT OUR DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, STESSA PEERS, AT [SPEERS@TBA-NY.ORG](mailto:SPEERS@TBA-NY.ORG)



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**OCTOBER 22, 1-3 PM**  
@ TBA

**FIRST ZEETY EVENT!! :)**

+ "YOU'RE SO NOT INVITED TO MY BAT MITZVAH"

To Register:  
<https://bit.ly/octzeety23>



***TBA's Adult Ed and Israel Committees***  
***present:***

**Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish**

scholar, author,  
blogger



lecturer, teacher,  
mentor

**Join us for a discussion about peacemaking:  
the purview of national leaders and diplomats; and  
peace-builders:  
ordinary citizens, who have the power to influence others  
to reduce the barriers of fear and resentment, and  
encourage dialogue and mutual understanding, in the  
hopes of securing lasting peace among  
Israelis and Palestinians**

**Sunday, October 22**

**12:30pm - light refreshments**

**1:00pm - In person discussion & livestream**

Click [HERE](#) to register or scan the  
QR code:



**Personalized signed copies of Profiles of People will be available for  
sale at the discounted rate of \$18.00 each - CASH only**



# Adult Education



## **Tanakh Study**

**Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00am, in Person and via Zoom**

Rabbi Holtz leads a class every Wednesday morning, which goes at its own pace through the *Tanakh* in English. No previous knowledge is required, and you can join in at any point in the cycle.

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



## **Mah Jongg**

**Mondays, 1:00pm-4:00pm, in Person**

Play Mah Jongg in a friendly, non-competitive (no betting) gathering at Temple Beth Abraham on Mondays (When there is a holiday on a Monday, Mah Jongg will move to Thursday). Free for temple members. \$3.00 per session for guests.



## **Canasta**

**Wednesdays, 1:00pm-3:00pm, in Person**

Learn the rules. Play the Game.

Meet new friends, spend fun time with old friends, or take a coffee break.

Learn how to play from a knowledgeable instructor or brush up on your playing skills. Free for temple members. \$5.00 per session for guests.

# Books@Night

**Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00pm**

WINNER OF THE NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD AND THE JEWISH FICTION AWARD FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES

## ***The Lost Shtetl* by Max Gross**

For decades, the tiny Jewish shtetl of Kreskol existed in happy isolation, virtually untouched and unchanged. Spared by the Holocaust and the Cold War, its residents enjoyed remarkable peace. It missed out on cars, and electricity, and the internet, and indoor plumbing. But when a marriage dispute spins out of control, the whole town comes crashing into the twenty-first century.



**There is still time to join  
TBA's Congregational Trip to Israel  
...an exciting trip for exciting times**

**JOIN US  
in  
ISRAEL!**

**NOVEMBER 2-15, 2023**

**For information,  
check out our special  
website:**

**[bit.ly/TBAIsrael](https://bit.ly/TBAIsrael)**



# Save these Dates:

## LATKEPALOOZA

December 3, 2023  
10:30am-2:00pm

Crafts  
for Kids  
& Adults

Latkes!

Gift &  
Book Fair

**Latkepalooza** is Temple Beth Abraham's annual Community-Wide Chanukah Celebration and Gift Boutique.



If you are interested in being a vendor, performer, or volunteer, please email [Fundraising@tba-ny.org](mailto:Fundraising@tba-ny.org)



Temple Beth Abraham 25 Lerov Avenue Tarrytown New York (914) 631-1770 [www.tba-ny.org](http://www.tba-ny.org)

## Scholar in Residence Weekend

### March 15–17, 2024

Rabbi Geoffrey A. Mitelman, the Founding Director of *Sinai and Synapses*, an organization that bridges the scientific and religious worlds, will enlighten us about the role science plays in religion.

Topics will include:

- how technology is changing the way we interact with others and our world and
- whether science is replacing G-d.



Sponsored by TBA's Harriet Verter Fund for Jewish Education



# SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM IS PROUD TO  
ANNOUNCE THE INSTALLATION OF

## CANTOR LAUREN PHILLIPS FOGELMAN

AND WELCOME HER AND  
HER HUSBAND, DAN  
FOGELMAN,  
AS WELL AS HER CHILDREN,  
ALEX AND EVAN,  
TO OUR TEMPLE BETH  
ABRAHAM COMMUNITY

How fortunate we are that  
our worship is already  
uplifted by  
Cantor Fogelman's beautiful  
voice and ruach (spirit)  
and we are proud and  
grateful  
to have her on our bima!



**TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM**  
Join us. You already belong.  
25 LEROY AVE, TARRYTOWN NY 10591 (914) 631-1770 TBA-NY.ORG







**JEDI Council**  
(Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion)

This newly created team focuses on creating an environment that proactively welcomes Jews of Color and members of the LGBTQ+ community, and actively deals with Racial Injustice through programming.

Contact [JEDICouncil18@gmail.com](mailto:JEDICouncil18@gmail.com) for more information.

# CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNEY

MAY 9 TO MAY 12,  
2024

FOR ANYONE 14+  
SINGLES, COUPLES,  
GROUPS OF  
FRIENDS



Interested?  
Let us know!  
click [HERE](#)

JOIN US ON A CONGREGATIONAL TRIP TO SELMA, MONTGOMERY, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA AS WE LEARN ABOUT THE STRUGGLES OF BLACK PEOPLE TO GAIN EQUALITY IN THE 1950'S AND 60'S AS WELL AS DISCOVER HOW JEWS WERE INVOLVED IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE.

WE WILL VISIT THE ROSA PARKS MUSEUM, EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE, AND JOIN IN SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES AT EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE DR. KING AND HIS FATHER HELD THE PULPIT.

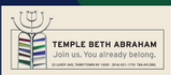
SELMA

MONTGOMERY

BIRMINGHAM

ATLANTA

Scan the QR code to let us know you are interested:  
or go to:  
[bit.ly/TBA-Civil-Rts-Trip-Inq](https://bit.ly/TBA-Civil-Rts-Trip-Inq)



**THE WESTCHESTER BOARD OF RABBIS AND  
THE WESTCHESTER JEWISH COUNCIL  
PRESENT**

*Westchester's Eighth*

# NIGHT OF JEWISH LEARNING AND CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023**  
BETH EL SYNAGOGUE CENTER  
1324 NORTH AVE • NEW ROCHELLE, NY

DOORS OPEN @ 7:00 P.M.  
HAVDALAH WITH OUR WESTCHESTER RABBIS @ 7:15PM  
SESSION ONE BEGINS @ 7:30PM

**Register online at [www.wjcouncil.org](http://www.wjcouncil.org)**

**\$20 PER PERSON BY NOV. 3RD  
\$25 PER PERSON AFTER NOV. 3RD  
\$30 DAY OF EVENT**

- Two sessions of live classes led by 28 Westchester Rabbis
- One hybrid livestream class per session available with topic announced at a later date
- Kosher dairy dessert reception

For more information contact: Donna Bartell at [donna@wjcouncil.org](mailto:donna@wjcouncil.org)  
[www.wjcouncil.org](http://www.wjcouncil.org) • 914-328-7001



Westchester's Eighth Night of Jewish Learning and Celebration will be held on Saturday evening, November 18th, 2023. There will be 28 different class offerings from 28 different Westchester area rabbis. One hybrid live stream class per session will also be available. A list of classes will be available soon. Register by November 3rd to receive the discounted \$20 per person rate. Why pay more?

[bit.ly/WJC-NOJL-11-18-23](http://bit.ly/WJC-NOJL-11-18-23)

click to register

# URJ150 RECONNECT. REJOICE. RECOMMIT.

**DECEMBER 15-17, 2023 • WASHINGTON, D.C.**

For one joyful weekend, we're gathering to celebrate our community, our values, and our purpose.

**[bit.ly/URJ150-12-2023](http://bit.ly/URJ150-12-2023) to register**



**JOIN US FOR**  
**PJ LIBRARY DAY**  
**IN WESTCHESTER**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**

A day of storytelling,  
discovery, and family fun  
at synagogues and JCCs  
across Westchester!

Join us at Temple Beth Abraham in Tarrytown, NY  
for a story time and a craft!  
10:30am-12:00pm



**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:**  
First Hebrew Congregation  
JCC Mid-Westchester  
Shames JCC  
Temple Beth Abraham  
Temple Israel of Northern Westchester  
Woodlands Community Temple







Deadline for upcoming issues:  
 November 1, 2023 for December, 2023  
 December 1, 2023 for January, 2024

## LEAVES FOR LIFE CYCLE EVENTS ON OUR TREE OF LIFE

PHOTOGRAPH BY NATHAN GENDZIER



Our synagogue is proud to possess the Eytz Chaim, our "Tree of Life". This original sculpture by the noted synagogue artist, Sanford Werfel, is permanently displayed in the Temple Beth Abraham lobby. The branches of

the tree contain leaves which can be inscribed to highlight or commemorate such joyous events as births, weddings,

anniversaries, *bar* and *bat mitzvahs*, graduations or simply to honor parents, family or friends. Share your happy occasions by inscribing your family "*Simchas*" on our synagogue's "Tree of Life". This will be a permanent dedication to the meaningful, and happy events that touch our lives. The price per leaf is \$360.00 for members and \$450.00 for non-members. For more information, please call the Temple office at 631-1770.

### "TREE OF LIFE" order form

Occasion	Date of Occasion    /    /
Name of Honoree	
(PLEASE SPELL NAME EXACTLY AS YOU WISH IT TO BE ENGRAVED)	
Contributed By	Phone number
Address	
Amount Enclosed \$	

Make checks payable and send to TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM, 25 Leroy Avenue, Tarrytown, NY 10591