



TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, January 5

5:00pm Tot Shabbat
5:30pm Oneg/Pre-neg
6:00pm Family Shabbat Service and
2nd Grade Family Shabbat

Saturday, January 6

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Friday, January 12

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service
with Torah Reading
Shabbat Tzedek - Social Justice
Shabbat

Saturday, January 13

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Monday, January 15

12:00pm Ecumenical Service to
celebrate MLK Day at Foster
Memorial Church, Tarrytown

Friday, January 19

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service
Installation of Cantor Fogelman

Saturday, January 20

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Friday, January 26

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 27

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

CLOSINGS

The Office & the Religious School
will be closed
January 1 for New Year's Day
and January 15 for MLK Jr., Day



From Rabbi Holtz's Study

Dear Friends,

I'm pleased to say that I've been invited for the second time to offer the sermon at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day service, held at Foster Memorial AME Zion Church. I last spoke there eleven years ago, and it was (for me at least!) a wonderful experience. "Preach it, Rabbi," are not words I generally hear at TBA!

The relationship between Black Americans and Jewish Americans is a long one. Jews were part of the founding of the NAACP, and were heavily involved in the civil rights movement. Dr. King condemned antisemitism anywhere he saw it, including within parts of his own community. He had a strong friendship with Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, who was able to bring rabbis with him to Birmingham when King was jailed.

The Black-Jewish relationship has also endured moments of strain, often precipitated by the statements of political leaders. Today, there are some difficulties arising out of identity politics, and the Israel-Hamas war. Fortunately, I can say that here in the Rivertowns, TBA has a warm relationship both with Foster Memorial and with Shiloh Baptist Church. The bridges we have built over the years enable us to keep talking and keep praying together, even as we acknowledge differences of opinion.

When asked why the Jewish community should continue to be of help to the Black community even when our interests diverged, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, z"l, former president of the Union for Reform Judaism, called upon us to remember that "We Jews did not achieve our rights in this country on our own. Rather, it was because other people of good conscience believed that we must have those rights, and fought for them along with us. We must do the same for others; we can do no less."

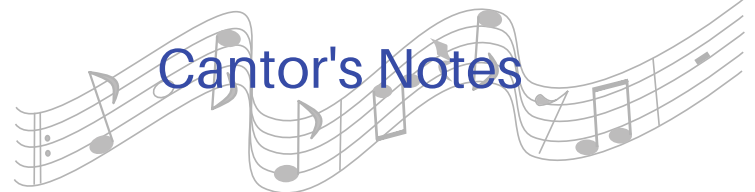
I hope that you will join me, Cantor Lauren, and other members of our community at Foster Memorial Church at 12:00pm, Monday, January 15 as the Rivertowns commemorates the life and legacy of Dr. King.

Peace and blessings,

Rabbi David Holtz



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How do you measure a year?

Emily Hand, a nine year-old girl who was released from captivity in Gaza after 57 days, thought she had been underground for a year. In the darkness of the tunnels, she had no concept of counting the days. She saw no sunrise, no sunset – and she didn't even know when she marked her ninth birthday, on November 17.

We've just begun the secular year of 2024, and we know it's the new year because we counted down until midnight, popped champagne, and watched the ball drop in Times Square. In Judaism, we mark the new year with the blowing of the shofar and the new week with the smelling of the Havdalah spices. In Chinese culture, the new year is observed with light and lanterns. When these sensory markers are absent, it becomes harder for us to conceive time.

The Broadway musical *Rent* famously asks the question: "How do you measure a year?" The lyrics offer several different answers: "In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee. In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife." The most literal answer is in the 525,600 minutes that make up a year. But the most prominent answer has nothing to do with time: It's love, as the cast sings in bursts of beautiful harmony.

What does it mean to measure in love? Love represents our actions, our relationships, and our ability to bring forth goodness and understanding into the world. Young Emily may not have known it, but in the 57 days she was held by Hamas, she was surrounded by a lifetime of love. In fact, her father, Thomas, initially thought that she had died on October 7, and he famously expressed that relief that she would not be subject to further horrors from Hamas. He loved her so much that he would have rather seen her go in peace than live with trauma.

"When I was told, I just kept saying, 'No. No. No. No.' That was not the news I wanted to hear at first," Thomas told the media. "But once it trickled down into my head, into my heart, of course, I want her back, I want her back alive, I want her back at any cost. I'm doing everything, we are doing everything we can to get her back. There are no limits to what we will do to get her back."

Even before the October 7 attack by Hamas, Emily's young life had been rife with challenges. She lost her mother to breast cancer when she was just two and a half. When she was released from Hamas captivity, she found out that her stepmother was killed in the October 7 attacks. Thomas and Emily are now tasked with rebuilding her spirit and helping her find her voice once again. Emily's captors had conditioned her to speak only in whispers.

Emily was joined in captivity by her dear friend Hila Rotem and Hila's mother Raya. Hila and Emily were said to be together the entire time that they were in Gaza, while Raya was separated from them two days before the younger girls were released. Eventually, Raya was freed as well. Emily was most

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certainly sustained by the love of her friends and family from afar, even if she didn't know it. But it was the companionship of her friend and her friend's mother that made the slow passing of time amidst the darkness just a little more bearable.

There is a midrash about the first time Adam and Eve experienced sunset in the Garden of Eden. Adam was terrified, thinking that he would be enveloped in darkness. Leslie Kimmelman, a prominent children's author, adapts this story in her book *Eve and Adam and Their Very First Day*. She writes:

Eve and Adam couldn't see a thing - not even each other. "Let's hold hands," suggested Eve. "Then we'll each know the other is still here." Adam's hand was a little bit sweaty. He was scared. But Eve wasn't afraid. "We will face whatever this is together," she said. "It will be all right."

Still, it was very dark for a very, very, VERY long time.

"It will be all right?" Eve said again. Her voice sounded a little nervous. Eve wondered and worried. Adam shook and shivered.

Then two amazing things happened. First, thousands of tiny blinking lights appeared all around them. Second, thousands of tiny sparkles appeared in the sky high above them.

"The sun has broken into millions of pieces!" cried Adam in a panic. "What will become of us?"

Eve had a different idea. "I don't think so," she said. "I think these, um, fireflies and those, um, stars are a sign from God. I think God is reminding us that you are not alone. Have faith."

So Eve and Adam kept hold of their faith. They kept hold of each other's hands. They fell fast asleep in the sweetly scented garden. And when they woke up...a new day had begun, a second day, ordinary and miraculous.

Amidst the darkness, Eve found tiny glimmers of hope. This hope was what sustained them through the terror of that first black night.

Rabbi Marc Gellman extends this story to include the first new year. In Gellman's version of the story, God teaches Adam and Eve that the rising and sinking of the sun represent something called "time." He writes:

God explained to Adam that the time from one sun sinking to another sun sinking was one day, the time of seven sun sinkings was one week, and the time of four weeks of sun sinkings was one month, and the time of twelve months was one year.

So Adam began to count. "After one day I'm all right because I still have six others before the week is over. After the week is over I'm okay because I still have three other weeks before the month is over. And then I have eleven other months to use up," he rationalized.

But then Adam noticed that eleven months and three weeks and six days had been used up. Then it hit him - "I have used up all the time! What am I going to do now? Tonight the sun will sink and it will never rise again because this is the end of time. I am going to have to wander around in the dark and it is going to be cold all the time and I am going to trip over things!"

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Candle Lighting	
<u>January, 2024</u>	
Friday, January 5	4:23pm
Friday, January 12	4:30pm
Friday, January 19	4:38pm
Friday, January 26	4:46pm

Torah Readings	
JANUARY, 2024	
January 5	<i>Shemot</i> : Exodus 1:1-6:1
January 12	<i>Va'eira</i> : Exodus 6:2-9:35
January 19	<i>Bo</i> : Exodus 10:1-13:16
January 26	<i>B'shalach</i> : Exodus 13:17-17:16



STESSA PEERS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

It has been feeling overwhelmingly dark as of late, but we are coming out of the darkest days of the year and looking ahead to a brighter future. Our students continue to inspire me by always looking towards the light, optimistic and full of hope. They come to school and our special programming with excitement and joy and their light continues to shine through the dark winter days. Our *madrachim* (teen aides), ZEEBO (youth group) board, our youth groupers, and our learners, have all been bright lights in our world here at TBA.

I want to thank all of you: our children, teens, families, congregants, teachers, and staff for continuing to be a source of positivity and strength.

There is so much to look forward to as we move into the second half of our school year, with longer days, more light, and exciting things ahead of us. We have more to learn and offer: learning Hebrew, about holidays, history, Jewish customs, growing leadership, building relationships and community, hands-on projects, learning from and bonding with Liri, our *shinshinit* (Israeli youth ambassador), and even shul-ins. In fact, our 6th- and 7th-graders just petitioned for a second shul-in; what better testimony is there that learning together at TBA is filled with Jewish joy and proof that our future is bright!

As always, if you have any questions, or just want to talk, I am here!

L'Shalom, to peace!
Stessa



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The story continues as Adam says his goodbyes to the creatures in the Garden of Eden. They cuddled up together for warmth as they watched the sun sink for presumably the last time. After a while, much to their surprise, the sun peeped over the other side of the garden, just as it had every morning of the first year. Gellman concludes the story by explaining further constructs of time, such as the fact that ten years is one decade... ten decades is one century...ten centuries is one millennium...ten millennia is... at which point Adam thanks God for making time "way big enough."

The difference between these two stories is that in Kimmelman's version, Adam and Eve find hope in the darkness. They are comforted by each other's presence even without knowing whether the light will ever return again. In Gellman's version, Adam's fear only subsides once he sees the sun's rays reappear over the horizon. He comes away from this experience with a new understanding of the construct of time, but until that knowledge is ratified, he worries about being cold and tripping over things. He focuses so much on the pitfalls he might incur that he fails to see the tiny stars or the fireflies lighting up the darkness.

What can we learn from this? We enter the new year of 2024 with darkness still befalling our beloved *Eretz Yisrael*. We don't know whether this darkness will lift in weeks, in months, or even in years. We do know, however, that darkness has the power to slow down our sense of time, just as Emily Hand's 57 days under Hamas captivity felt like they lasted a whole year.

My hope for all of us this year is that we find ways to measure our lives in love and to find glimmers of starry light to lead us into better days ahead.

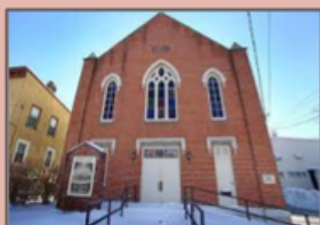
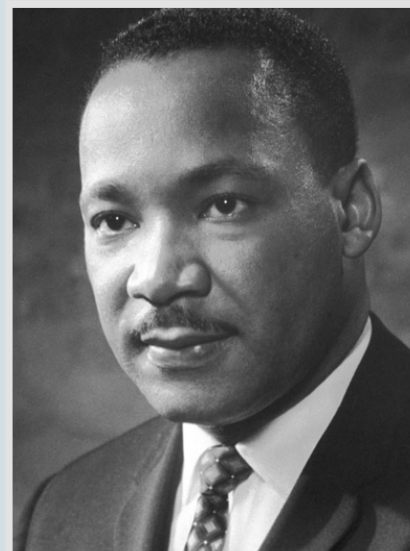
Shana Tovah - all good things in 2024!
Cantor Lauren

Join Us for *Shabbat Tzedek* (Shabbat of Justice)

Each year, the Reform Movement honors the legacy of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We celebrate the hard-fought victories of the civil rights movement by commemorating the Shabbat around MLK Day as a *Shabbat Tzedek*.

We hope to see you **January 12th at 7:30pm** and **January 13th at 9:00am** to reflect on and recommit to fighting racial injustice

Shabbat Services Friday evening will include special readings and music with themes of righteousness. **Services on Shabbat morning** will include a special reading about equality in commemoration of MLK.



*Please join Rabbi David Holtz
and Cantor Lauren Fogelman at the*

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ecumenical Community Service Monday, January 15 at noon



Rabbi Holtz will offer the sermon at the service

The church itself has strong ties to the abolitionist and civil rights movements. When the church was founded, it was an important stop on the Underground Railroad, and many freed African Americans settled in the area with the aid of church members.

The church was active during the civil rights movement and has worked to bring about equality in Tarrytown and the surrounding community.

The service is popular, so arrive early if you want to assure yourself a seat.

Foster Memorial AME Zion Church, 90 Wildey Street, Tarrytown

TBA FAMILY



The following events reflect the known sorrows and simchas of our TBA Family:

CONDOLENCES TO:

Hillari Boritz and family on the death of her father, Donald David White.

Valerie Gutterman and family on the death of her father, Edward Gutterman.

Glenn Rosenblatt and family on the death of his father, Steve Reede.

Stacy Sadove and family on the death of her grandfather, Rabbi Martin S. Rozenberg.

Nicole Schneider and family on the death of her mother, Kathy Novy

Roy Solomon and Audrey Gelfand and family on the death of his wife and her mother, Bernice (Bunny) Solomon.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH TO:

Jerry Peers

MAZEL TOV TO:

Neil & Wendy Bruckner on their daughter Lindsay's engagement to Jason Castaneda.

Howard Jacobowitz and Patti Potash on the engagement of their daughter Amanda Jacobowitz to Richard Dropkin.

Bradley and Carol Wank on the birth of their first grandchild, Frank Jacob Peloso.

DONATIONS



ADULT ED/WOMEN'S CIRCLE

to wish a happy, healthy birthday to Pearl Ann Schwartz from **Amy & Peter Herzog**

BIMA FLOWERS

in loving memory of Morris Solomon, Lee Solomon and Philip Solomon and Bunny Solomon from **Roy Solomon**

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

in loving memory of Phyllis Gelfand from **Ben and Audrey Gelfand**

in loving memory of Sylvia Levine from **Barbara Barak**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

for the Chapel Renovation from **David & Meryl Gordon**

DONATIONS



CONSERVATIVE KIDDUSH FUND

in honor of the engagement of Lindsay Bruckner to Jason Castaneda from **Pearl Ann Schwartz** in loving memory of Ella and Julius (Joe) Kark on the occasion of their birthdays (Dec. 23 & 24) from **Cantor Miranda Beckenstein**

in loving memory of Hyman Ginsberg from **Richard & Diane Lane**

in loving memory of Reuben Agdern from **Barry & Jane Agdern**

in loving memory of Danny Stimler's father and Diane Lane's father, Hyman Ginsberg and in honor of Pearl Ann Schwartz on her birthday and in honor of the engagement of Lindsay Bruckner from **Herb & Melissa Baer**

in loving memory of Michael Karnes from **Jane Rubin**

Fran Friedman Fund for the Enrichment of Children

from **Christopher & Michele Epple**

HIGH HOLYDAY APPEAL 2023

from **Stanley & Marcia Bell**

from **Paul Levy & Loren Ratner**

ISRAEL COMMITTEE

from **Kevin & Risa Swersey**

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

in loving memory of Helen Plutchok from **Pam & Jonathan Coren**

NURSERY SCHOOL FUND

in loving memory of Herbert Heller from **Robert and Erica Newman**

ONEG FUND

in loving memory of Louis and Minnie Bernstein from **Debra & Jeffery Martasin**

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

in loving memory of Sarah Klein from **Marvin and Ruda Klein**

with gratitude for officiating at Jeffrey's funeral from **Marcy Levitan**

with gratitude for Rabbi Holtz's guidance during this very difficult time from the **Buitekant Family**

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TEMPLE FUND

from **Cantor Margot and Barry Goldberg**
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 in loving memory of Michael Buitekant from **Stephen & Linda Gerstman**
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 in loving memory of Mark Bauer from **David & Ina Bearak Helfand**
 in loving memory of Michael Haber from **David & Ina Bearak Helfand**
 in loving memory of those killed in Israel on October 7th from **Evan & Lori Kornrich**
 in loving memory of Lillian Soson from **Richard & Donna Fleming**
 in loving memory of Harry Rabinowitz from **Barbara Rabinowitz**
 in loving memory of Marty Singerman from **Geri Singerman**
 in loving memory of Dorothy Eleanor Freda from **Lauraine Harrison**
 to celebrate the birth of our first grandchild Frank Jacob Peloso from **Bradley & Carol Wank**
 to wish a speedy recovery to **Rochelle Kessler**

TIKKUN OLAM


from Jane Rubin
 in loving memory of Sandor Blum from **David Rubin and Beth Propper**
 in loving memory of Helen Beckman from **Richard Weiner & Katherine Meinhold**

YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOK

For TBA saying Kaddish for Dorothy Eleanor Freda from **Lauraine Harrison**


LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Emma Baer
 Herb & Melissa Baer
 Mitchell Bard & Ronna Horwitz-Bard
 Cantor Miranda Beckenstein
 Emily & Michael Chazen
 Sarah Czeladnicki & Robert Pease
 Leslie Danon & Steven Frind
 Sharon DeLevie & Steven Haber
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 Jason & Melissa Stein
 Alan & Larissa Surchin
 Risa & Kevin Swersey
 Doug & Andrea White

Adult Education



Torah Study

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

NO Torah Study on January 10

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

Mah Jongg will not meet on January 1 (New Year's Day) or January 15 (Martin Luther King, Jr., Day). Instead we will meet on Thursday for those weeks.

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.

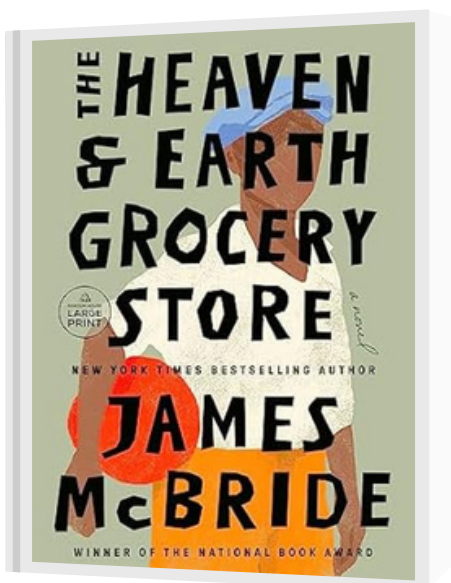
BOOKS & MORE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 10:00AM

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride

A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK; NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY NPR/FRESH AIR, WASHINGTON POST, THE NEW YORKER, AND TIME MAGAZINE

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. Chicken Hill was where Moshe and Chona Ludlow lived when Moshe integrated his theater and where Chona ran the Heaven & Earth Grocery Store. When the state came looking for a deaf boy to institutionalize him, it was Chona and Nate Timblin, the Black janitor at Moshe's theater and the unofficial leader of the Black community on Chicken Hill, who worked together to keep the boy safe.





Women's Circle at Temple Beth Abraham

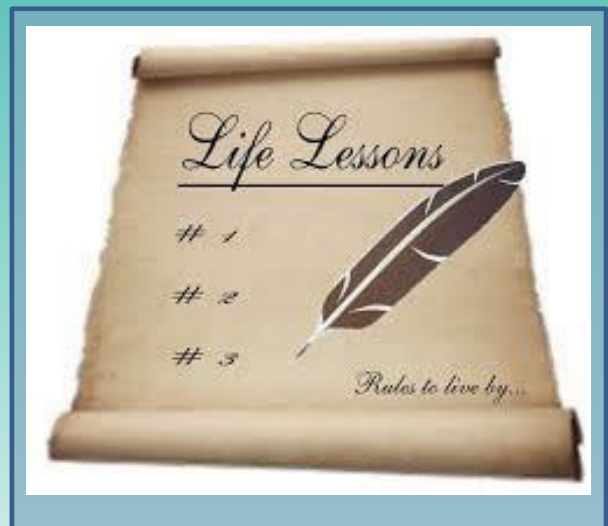
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(in person and on zoom)

Judi Markowitz

The Ethical Will

The Ethical Will is a Jewish practice described in Genesis. Today, it is a powerful way to share life lessons, values, and advice with future generations. Bequeath your wisdom, along with your IRA!

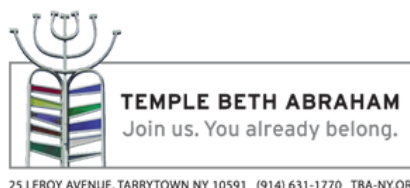
Judi Markowitz has been sharing this experience in her psychology practice. Join her to learn about the Ethical Will and try your hand at drafting one for your family. It might just be the next family heirloom!



[Click here to register](#)

<https://bit.ly/TBA-WC-01-19-2024>

This is an in-person event, but a zoom link will also be provided when you register



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

BER 11/2023

Temple Beth Abraham and Woodlands Community Temple Adult Education Committees present:

Film Shul's presentation of FUNNY GIRLS

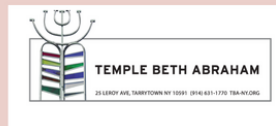
moderated by Film Historians Laurence Lerman & Irv Slifkin

Wednesday, January 24 at 7:30pm on ZOOM

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



Beginning with Jewish mother caricatures in the silent era through their evolution to becoming an indispensable segment of the Hollywood storytelling machine, Jewish women captured the big screen with their attitudes, intelligence, appearance, style and Jewish wit. From attention grabbers like Totie Fields, Joan Rivers and Belle Barth to superstars like Fanny Brice, Gertrude Berg, Bette Midler, Barbra Streisand, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Molly Picon.



Temple Beth Abraham's

MOVIE MAVENS

Saturday, January 13 at 7:00 pm

Shoelaces

An aging and ailing mechanic reunites with the special-needs son he abandoned as a young boy and from whom he now needs a kidney to survive. Gadi, who recently lost his mother, is afraid of losing his father, too. He wants to do something meaningful - donate his kidney, believing it will make him a man, able to stand on his own.

No charge for Temple members. \$5.00 per person for guests.



Menemsha Films, 2018, 98 mins. subtitled
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BIRMINGHAM

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Scan the QR code to let us know if you are interested or go to:
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**JOIN US at 7:30PM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024**



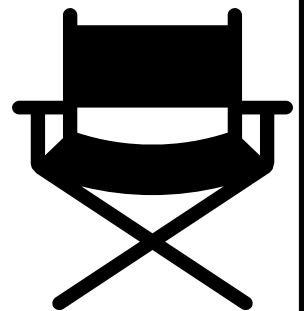
**Temple Beth Abraham’s Tikkun Olam Committee
Presents a movie screening and live panel discussion:**

**“The Interview” | The New Yorker
Documentary**

The Dehumanizing Theatre of the Parole Process- How *t’shuva* or redemption, relates to the thousands of New Yorkers currently serving brutally long prison terms because the parole process is designed to punish and re-sentence rather than acknowledge change and transformation.

Join us at TBA for an insightful evening which includes:

- A showing of this 25-minute film
- Panel discussion with those affected by the parole system in New York State
- Light refreshments



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Rabbi Holtz, the officers and trustees of TBA invite you to

Join us for
the installation ceremony of
Cantor Lauren Phillips Fogelman
at a very special Shabbat evening service.



Cantor Lauren has been leading us with joy and compassion since July. It is at this installation that we formally welcome her to our TBA family along with Dan, Alex & Evan.

Friday, January 19, 2024
7:30pm

Guest Officiants

Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller (Professor Emerita of Liturgy, Worship and Ritual and Professor of Cantorial Arts, Hebrew Union College Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music; Cantor, Bet Am Shalom Synagogue)

Rabbi David B. Cohen (Rabbi, Congregation Sinai, Milwaukee, WI)

Also joining us:

Cantor Margot Goldberg, our High Holyday Quartet, the TBA Volunteer Choir, our accompanists Katia Kravitz and Dror Perl, and other guest clergy.

Celebratory Oneg immediately following services.

We look forward to spending this special night with you.

Our celebration will continue at 9:00am Saturday morning at Conservative services followed by a festive kiddush.



THEN AND NOW
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As always, this service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and the TBA website: www.tba-ny.org



January Youth Group Hangouts!

ZEETYKatan: Kindergartners-2nd Graders

January 7, 2024

11:00am - 12:30pm

ZEETYTeen: 3rd-5th Graders

January 28, 2024

11:00am - 12:30pm

ZEETY678: For 6th-8th Graders

January 7, 2024

1:00 - 2:30pm

ZEETY: For 9th-12th Graders

January 28, 2024

1:00 - 2:30pm

To Register: <https://bit.ly/janyg24>

For More Information,
Please Contact our Director of Youth Engagement,
Stessa Peers, at youthdirector@tba-ny.org



Temple Beth Abraham's January

Family Shabbat

Friday, January 5th, 2024

5:00pm Tot Shabbat

5:30pm Oneg/Pre-neg: Snack and Schmooze

6:00pm Family Services - 2nd Grade Family Shabbat Service

After Services: 8th Grade Shul In

Join us for
2nd Grade Family Shabbat!

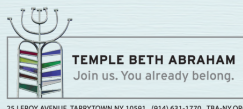
What is Family Shabbat?

Family Shabbat is a service geared towards children and families. 2nd Graders will participate in the service by leading us in song

What is a Shul In?

A shul-in is a sleeover at TBA!
After services, 8th graders will meet for a sleeover that will end at 8:30am the following morning.

To register: <https://bit.ly/8shulin23>



For more information,
email SPeers@tba-ny.org

IT'S A SHUL IN!!
GET EXCITED FOR A SLEEPOVER AT TBA

8TH GRADE SHUL IN

JANUARY 5, 2024 AFTER SERVICES TO JANUARY 6, 2024 AT 8:30AM

To register: bit.ly/8shulin23

Join us for TBA's 2nd Grade Family Education Program!

FOR LEARNERS AND THEIR ADULTS

Sunday, January 7, 2024
9:00-11:00am

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL
SPEERS@TBA-NY.ORG

Join us for TBA's 6th Grade BMitzvah and Family Education Program!

FOR LEARNERS AND THEIR ADULTS

Sunday, January 28, 2024
9:00-11:00am
with breakfast

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL
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Save The Date!



June 1, 2024

Annual Fundraiser Celebrating
TBA's 125th Anniversary!

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?

Contact the office and request an application.
(914) 631-1770 or tbaoffice@tba-ny.org

Not sure yet? Want to learn more?

Contact Erica Newman at enewman@tba-ny.org



Temple Beth Abraham Presents: SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND

The Intersection of Science and Religion

With Rabbi Geoffrey A. Mitelman

March 15-17, 2024



Friday, March 15:

Has Science Replaced God?

For centuries, religion provided answers for our ancestors to all of life's questions. But as modern Jews, we usually look to science to tell us where we came from, who we are, or even how we should act. So how should we look at, think about, and talk about the relationship between science and religion in today's world?

During Kabbalat Shabbat service (welcoming the Sabbath) - Sanctuary
Oneg following services - Social Hall

Saturday, March 16:

The Cosmos and the Covenant: Just How Special are We?

As we discover more exoplanets, and learn just how expansive our universe is, how do we situate ourselves in the cosmos? Are we insignificant, or are we special?

12:00pm Luncheon - Social Hall

Lecture following luncheon with opportunity for dialogue with Rabbi Mitelman

Sunday, March 17:

Intelligence, Consciousness or a Soul? Some Jewish Views on AI (Artificial Intelligence)

How do we define "intelligence" and how do we define "artificial?" Does AI have consciousness? A soul? And while traditional Jewish texts wouldn't know about ChatGPT, what analogies can we draw from Biblical, Rabbinic and later Jewish texts?

12:30pm Luncheon - Social Hall

Lecture following luncheon with opportunity for dialogue with Rabbi Mitelman

Sponsored by TBA's Harriet Verter Fund for Jewish Education



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Save the date!

Details and pricing coming soon!



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A separate area in the Brick Garden will be created to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Temple Beth Abraham.

There is now a third option to purchase a single line on a shared 8x8 brick.

Please engrave our brick as follows:

ANY SYMBOL IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE (PERIOD, COMMA, DASH)

ALL TEXT IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Single line on a shared 8x8 Brick is \$54 per line.

4x8 Bricks are \$180 each.

8x8 Bricks are \$300 each.

PLEASE NOTE: Maximum 18 characters per line. Text centered automatically.

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Individual 4 x 8 Brick (\$180 per brick)

Individual 8 x 8 Brick (\$300 per brick)

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If you have any questions or would like to purchase multiple lines on a shared brick, please call Amy Zerman at (914) 309-8330.

To download this form, click [HERE](#)



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Deadlines for upcoming issues:
February 1, 2024 for March, 2024
March 1, 2024 for April, 2024



LEAVES FOR LIFE CYCLE EVENTS ON OUR TREE OF LIFE

Our synagogue is proud to possess the *Etz 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 that may be inscribed to highlight or commemorate such joyous events as births, weddings, anniversaries, *b-mitzvot*, 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* as a permanent dedication to the meaningful and happy events that touch the lives of our community. **Please note that the creation of a leaf may take up to 8 weeks.**

The price per leaf is \$360.00 for members and \$450.00 for non-members.
For more information, please call the Temple office at (914) 631-1770

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