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TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

APRIL NEWSLETTER

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, April 5
5:00pm Tot Shabbat
5:30pm Oneg/Pre-neg
6:00pm Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 6
9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service
11:00am Aiden Last, son of Eric & Julie Last, will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah*

Friday, April 12
7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service with Torah Reading

Saturday, April 13
9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service
Isaac Shapiro-Kessler, son of Justin Kessler and Amy Shapiro-Kessler, will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah*

Friday, April 19
7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 20
9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Tuesday, April 23
9:00am Conservative Passover Service

Friday, April 26
7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 27
9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Tuesday, April 30
9:00am Conservative 8th Day Passover Service with Yizkor

From Rabbi Holtz's Study

Dear Friends,

A local Pastor asked me recently if there is anything the churches can do right now to support the Jewish community. I thanked him, and said that his simply acknowledging that the six months since Oct. 7 have been difficult for Jews, not just Israel and Israelis, is a big start. I told him how disheartening it has been that so many Americans, including people I have considered friends, continue to insist that what we are watching unfold here is "simply" anti-Zionism, (as if denying Jews a homeland is okay) and not antisemitism. I expressed my belief that the vandalism of synagogues and Jewish businesses, and the singling out of Jewish students on college campuses by professors and students, cannot be anything but antisemitism. To my relief - and my unexpected joy- he fully agreed with me. And then he told me how he has been handling difficult conversations about what is happening in the Middle East. I have been using his technique ever since. I recommend it to you. Here's what he said:

"Whenever someone starts in about Israel and Gaza, I stop them and ask this question: 'Can we agree that Jewish people deserve to be treated with respect and dignity?'

If they say something like 'Well that's not the issue,' I reply, 'No, actually that is the issue. Before we talk about Israel, can we agree that Jewish people deserve to be treated with respect and dignity?'

"If they can't say 'yes' to that, or if the answer is 'Yes, but...' then it's clear that their issue is not really just with Israel or Israelis, and it's not worth continuing the conversation."

It is almost Passover. The Torah tells us that it was in Egypt that our ancestor Israel (Jacob) and his descendants became a nation, "great, mighty and numerous." It is from our ancestor that we got the name Israelites, and the land that our ancestors returned to became known as Israel. The Egyptians referred to our enslaved people either as Israelites or as Ivrim - Hebrews. It's believed that this comes from either Avraham, or from the verb avar - to pass over, referring not to the holiday, but to Abraham's "passing" or crossing over the river on his way to Canaan.

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Passover: The Holiday with Four Names
Chag ha-Matzot - The Festival of Unleavened Bread
Chag ha-Pesach - The Festival of the Paschal Offering
Chag ha-Aviv - The Festival of Spring
Z'man Cherutenu - The Season of our Liberation

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Cantor's Notes

Charoset: A "Concrete" Ritual

In the movie, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," Grandpa Gus challenges his grandchildren to find ways to connect even the most far-fetched words back to Greek origins. "Chimichanga," for example, includes the Greek words for "Meat" and "Purse." Delightfully, the young boys conclude that a chimichanga is meat shaped like a purse!

This is a fun game to play with regards to Jewish tradition. Take the word "Charoset," for example, apropos to our upcoming celebration. Is it Hebrew? Aramaic? Egyptian? The Talmud defines *Charoset* in a way that translates to "mandated spices." This reminds me of the word "Harif," which is the Hebrew word for the spicy sauce that goes on falafel. "Harif" connects to "harissa," which is an Arabic term that refers to either a hot chili pepper paste or "harees," which is a Middle Eastern dish of boiled, cracked, or coarsely-ground wheat, mixed with meat. *Charoset* does resemble a paste, which makes the Arabic theory seem plausible – but wheat is definitely not Kosher for Passover!

Biblical commentators see an indirect reference in the word *Charoset* to the Hebrew word *Charsis* or *Cheres*, which means "Clay" in Hebrew. We teach kids that the reason we eat *charoset* is because the paste resembles the mortar that the Israelites used to build pyramids while they were slaves in Egypt. However, the custom of eating *charoset* at the seder is much more complicated than that.

It turns out that the concept of serving *charoset* at the seder is actually Greek – Gus and his grandkids would have been proud!

The Passover seder in itself is based on the Greek concept of a "symposium." Wealthy men would consume large quantities of wine while discussing philosophical issues and "dipping" food in mixtures of pounded nuts and spices – key ingredients of *charoset*. Scholars believe that charoset was initially added to the seder meal because it was a common Greek appetizer and not because of any underlying symbolic meaning. These appetizers would set the tone for the evening and help get the conversation started.

The Talmud offers a description of what charoset should look like, but it doesn't specify the ingredients. As a result, different Jewish cultures have developed *charoset* that relate to regional customs and tastes. This is each family's personal *midrash* on what *charoset* should be, and fits with the concept that the seder itself is a home ritual that is unique to individual families. Afghani *charoset* contains bananas, while French *charoset* contains chestnuts and ginger. Italian *charoset* contains pine nuts and prunes, while a Surinam-style *charoset* contains coconut, apricots, pear, and cherry jam. Since I have a mixed Ashkenazi/Sephardic background,

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STESSA PEERS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

It was so meaningful spending this joyous holiday with you all, in so many ways. From Shpiel and Services, to the Circus. 5784 was an amazing Purim!

Our Mishloach Manot fundraiser was also a great success! Thank you to all of our volunteers who created the Mishloach Manot bags, thank you to those who donated in support of the Pincus Fund, and thank you to our 3rd graders and their families for delivering bags to those in our community who were unable to come to TBA in person!

Purim Circus was also fantastic! Thank you to our teens, our volunteers, all those who donated, and everyone who attended our Youth Group Fundraiser Purim Circus. I cannot wait for next year!

I am excited to welcome Spring, and Passover, at TBA! Sunday Funday, Pre-K, and Kindergarten through 12th Graders will spend this month learning about Passover, and will be able to bring knowledge, or projects, that can be used during your Seders!

While it is a ways away, we hope you have an amazing Spring and Passover break; our school is closed 4/22, 4/23, 4/28, and 4/29 (note that we do have school on 5/1).

In April, we are sure to continue the fun in youth group as well; click here to check out our April events!

L'Shalom!
Stessa

TEMPLE CLOSINGS:

TEMPLE OFFICE

Monday, April 22 at noon for Erev Passover/First Seder
Tuesday, April 23 for Pesach I/Passover Day 1
Wednesday April 24 for Pesach II/Passover Day 2
Monday, April 29 for Pesach VII/Passover Day 7
Tuesday, April 30 for Pesach VIII/Passover Day 8

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Monday, April 22 for Erev Passover/First Seder
Wednesday, April 24 for Pesach II/Passover Day 2
Sunday, April 28 for Spring Break
Monday April 29 for Pesach VII/Passover Day 7

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The word 'Jew' didn't exist until a thousand years later and was given to us by others. Until relatively recently we referred to ourselves exclusively as B'nei Yisrael, the people of Israel. In our prayerbooks, most references to Israel are about us, the people, not about the land. Think of the words of the *Shema*: "*Hear O Israel*, *Adonai is our God*, *Adonai is One*." This is a command not to a place, but to us, the Jewish people.

All of which is to say that 'Israel' the Jewish place and 'Israel' the Jewish people have for ages been synonyms, and that, despite their denial, those who attack one are, perhaps sometimes even subconsciously, attacking both. This is why the Pastor's question is so useful. It can help bring to the surface what someone is really saying, and help us decide whether it's worth continuing the dialogue.

Passover, much like Purim, is a holiday which reminds us that living in the Diaspora, even one as gilded as America, means that we are sometimes exposed to hatred not of what we do, but of who we are. The answer is not to separate ourselves from the Jewish people – including Israelis! – but to declare loudly and in unison that even while someone is protesting against actions in Gaza, the Jewish people – **all** the Jewish people – deserve to be treated and spoken to with dignity and respect.

Wishing you a truly *zisn* (sweet) Passover,

L'shalom,
Rabbi David Holtz

Cantor's Article Cont'd from Page 2

I grew up with two very different styles of *charoset*. My paternal grandmother would make a traditional Ashkenazic style *charoset* with thickly chopped apples and nuts. My maternal grandmother, of Turkish and Greek descent, would make a thickly blended paste that included finely chopped nuts and dates. The recipes looked very different, but still served the same purpose for the seder ritual.

Since there was no blessing or specific instruction for eating *charoset* in the earliest *haggadahs*, the custom was almost lost. The rabbis began to define ways in which charoset could be made in order to preserve the tradition. From there, they suggested that the inclusion of *charoset* is meant to be a symbol of the mortar that was used by the Israelite slaves in Egypt. This gives is a "concrete" way to fulfill the commandment to look at oneself as personally having experienced the Exodus.

My hope for you this Passover is that you find ways to share your own personal stories and customs as you recall the Exodus from Egypt. The *Haggadah* reads: "*B'chol dor vador chayav adam l'rot et atzmo k'ilu hu yatz mimitzrayim:* In every generation one is obligated to regard himself as though he personally came out of Egypt." In order to do this, it is important to find ways to integrate individual family traditions into the seder and to continue making the ceremony relevant in the modern Jewish world.

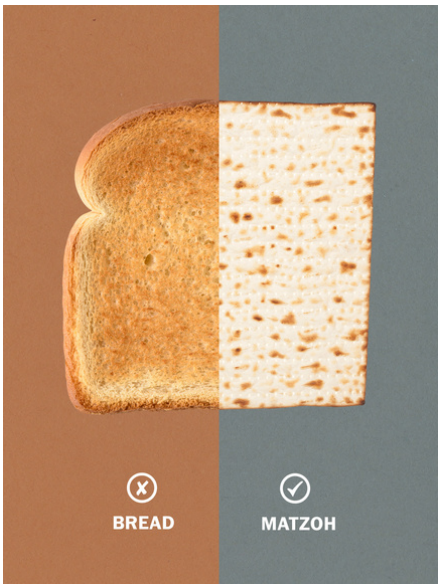
Chag Pesach Sameach – wishing you and yours a wonderful Passover!

Cantor Lauren Phillips Fogelman

Passover Vocabulary

Chametz

Is dough that has not been prepared according to the rules of Passover, or any food that has come in contact with *Chametz*.
Dishes and utensils that have touched *Chametz* become *chametzdik* and should not be used during Passover.
Chametz is also known as "leavened bread."



Bedikat Chametz

(The Search for and Removal of Leaven) - On the night before Passover, the family does a "formal search" to find any stray crumbs hidden in corners or cabinets, some of which will be deposited deliberately so that they may be found. Kids love this! Traditionally, we use a candle for light, but you might substitute a flashlight. The crumbs are swept with a feather into a little bundle, and on the next morning all is burnt. The short prayers, which are to be recited as part of these rituals, may be found at the beginning of any *Haggadah*.

Mechirat Chametz

(Selling One's *Chametz*) - Observance of Passover is more than avoiding the eating of bread. Full observance also includes the removal from our homes of all leavened food (*chametz*) as well as all dishes and utensils that have been 'connected' with *chametz* during the rest of the year. That's a big job! In order to lessen the hardship, the Rabbis decreed that all non-Passover items may remain in one isolated spot in your home (e.g. a closet, the basement), as long as it passes out of your ownership. From this arises the custom of "selling *chametz*." To avoid having *chametz* in your possession during Passover, please fill out the "Sale of *Chametz*" form below and return it to the Office so that Rabbi Holtz can arrange this for you.

Mechirat Chametz (Selling One's *Chametz*)

I _____ hereby authorize Rabbi David Holtz to dispose of all *Chametz* that may be in my possession wherever it may be – at home, place of business, or elsewhere – in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law as incorporated in this special contract for the "Sale of *Chametz*".

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____

HAPPY PASSOVER

Passover begins with the first Seder on Monday, April 22, and continues through Monday, April 29, in the Reform tradition and Tuesday, April 30, in the Conservative tradition.

Join us for Services

Tuesday, April 23 at 9:00am for the First Day of Passover in the Conservative tradition
Tuesday, April 30 at 9:00am for the 8th Day of Passover in the Conservative tradition.
This service will include *Yizkor*.

Helpful Information for a Joyous Passover

On the eve of the fourteenth of *Nissan*, the first *Seder* night, Jews all over the world assemble with family members and friends in homes or public places to commemorate the deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage over thirty-four hundred years ago.

The *Seder* ceremony is comprised of many elements of historical narration and ritual, special foods and hymns. They follow one another in a certain order – in fact, the word *Seder* means order – just as they have for hundreds of years. It's easy for one or more members of the household to conduct the *Seder*, and for everyone at the table to participate, because everything to be done and to be said is compiled in one book, the *Haggadah*. With a little preparation, anyone can lead a *Seder*!

Welcoming Guests to our Passover Table

Are you looking for a welcoming seder to join?

Do you have an extra seat(s) at your seder table?

The first night of Passover is Monday, April 22nd.

Join in this mitzvah. Contact the office at tbaoffice@tba-ny.org

Join us for an evening of fun, food, and music
as we celebrate
Temple Beth Abraham's 125th Anniversary
"Then and Now"

June 1, 2024 7:00-11:00pm

The Opus Westchester

Three Renaissance Square, White Plains
Cocktail Attire

Early bird pricing until May 1, 2024!
go to bit.ly/TBAGala2024 or scan the QR code for
tickets and sponsorship opportunities

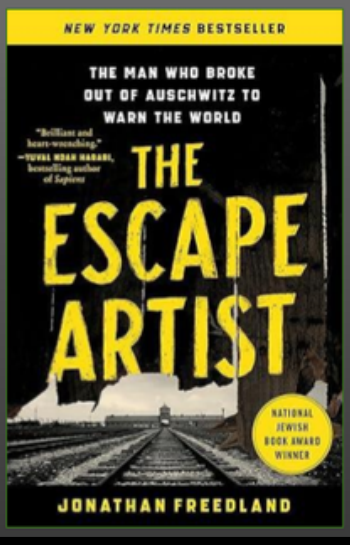
Adult Education

Torah Study
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00am, in Person and via Zoom
Torah Study will NOT meet on Wednesday April 24 (Passover Day 2)
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
The games on Monday, April 22 and April 29 will move to Thursday, April 25 and May 2 respectively, due to the Passover holiday
Wednesdays, 7:00pm-9:00pm, in Person
There will be no evening Mah Jongg on Wednesday, April 24 due to the Passover holiday
Play Mah Jongg in a friendly, non-competitive (no betting) gathering at Temple Beth Abraham on Monday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.
Nominal charge for guests.

Canasta
Wednesdays, 1:00pm-3:00pm, in Person
There will be no Canasta games on Wednesday, April 24 due to the Passover holiday
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, April 17 at 7:00pm

***The Escape Artist* by Jonathan Freedland**

In April 1944, Rudolf Vrba became the first Jew to break out of Auschwitz. He did it to reveal the truth of the death camp to the world—and to warn the last Jews of Europe what fate awaited them at the end of the railway line.

No charge for Temple members. $3.00 per person for guests.

TBA's Adult Ed Committee Presents:

Jewish Jazz Musicians

with Marshall Zucker

Thursday, April 18, 2024
at 7:30pm on Zoom

Click here to register or scan the QR code below.

There have been a number of great Jewish Jazz musicians who played a leadership role in American Jazz. This program will focus on those musicians.

Marshall Zucker is a retired Principal and Teacher from the Elmont School District. He is currently a Hebrew School Educator on Long Island. He plays the vibraphone and has performed with bands in his younger days. Now Marshall enjoys performing for his little granddaughter, Maddyn. Marshall has a wealth of information on the subject of Jazz that he will share with us.

scan to register

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IN PERSON! Friday, April 19, 2024 5:45- 7:00pm

Women's Circle

Dances with Timbrels: Women in the Passover Story

Join Cantor Lauren! Gain new perspectives for your Passover seder by exploring the stories of women who made their mark during the time of the Exodus. We will explore feminist Haggadahs, learn new songs, and explore traditional and modern Passover traditions.

Cantor Lauren Phillips Fogelman

https://bit.ly/TBA-WC-04-19-2024

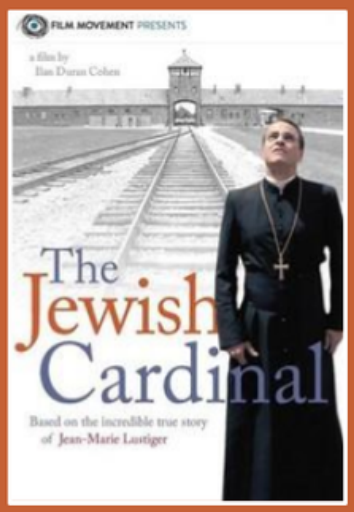
Temple Beth Abraham

MOVIE MAVENS

Saturday, April 13, 2024 7:00pm
In person and on Zoom

The Jewish Cardinal

(Le métis de Dieu)



Film Movement, 2013, 100 mins., Not Rated, Subtitled

The amazing true story of Jean-Marie Lustiger, the son of Polish-Jewish immigrants to France, who maintained his cultural identity as a Jew even after converting to Catholicism at a young age, and later joining the priesthood. Quickly rising within the ranks of the Church, Lustiger was appointed Archbishop of Paris by Pope John Paul II, and found a new platform to celebrate his dual identity as a Catholic Jew, earning him friends and enemies from both groups. When Carmelite nuns start building a convent within the cursed walls of Auschwitz, Lustiger finds himself a mediator between the two communities - and may be forced at last to choose his side.

TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

THEN AND NOW
THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Happy 125th Birthday TBA!

Let your TBA pride shine with something for every member of your family!
THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY ONLINE SHOP
Wear your Tshirt at our upcoming events (like "Who Knows One?" or the TBA Picnic)
Supplies are limited!
Scan the QR code
or go to: bit.ly/TBA125Swag to order.

Purchase a brick and be a part of TBA History!
A separate area in the Brick Garden will be created to commemorate the 125th anniversary of Temple Beth Abraham.
You may purchase an 8x8, 4x8 or
- new for this special occasion-
a line (or lines) on a shared 8x8 brick!
Scan the QR code or go to:
bit.ly/TBA125Brick to download a form with all the details.

Torah Readings

April 5	*Sh'mini:* Leviticus 9:1-11:47
April 12	*Tazria:* Leviticus 12:1-13:59
April 19	*M'tzora*: Leviticus 14:1-15:33
April 26	*Chol HaMo-eid Pesach:* Holidays Exodus 33:12-34:26

Candle Lighting

Friday, April 5	7:07pm
Friday, April 12	7:15 pm
Friday, April 19	7:22pm
Monday, April 22 (Erev Passover- light Holiday candles at)	7:25pm
Tuesday, April 23 (Passover - light Holiday candles from a pre-existing flame after)	8:28pm
Friday, April 26	7:30pm
Sunday, April 28 (Passover - light Holiday candles at)	7:32 pm
Monday, April 29 (Passover - light Holiday candles from a pre-existing flame after)	8:36 pm

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FROM 4:00-6:00PM
FREE DELIVERY

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https://bit.ly/tbawine24

Wine and spirits list available upon registration
online pre-orders will be delivered day-of, or you can order at the event

TBA'S ISRAEL COMMITTEE

presents

Reflections: Israel Since October 7
with Marla Peers

Wednesday May 1
7:30pm
in person & on Zoom

To register: bit.ly/TBA-Reflections
or scan the QR code:

Marla will share observations from her recent visit to Israel

TBA'S ISRAEL COMMITTEE

presents

PERSPECTIVES ON ISRAEL

Map of Israel with Alison Bender Kellner

Alison was a journalist in Israel for several years, covering, among other things, Nazi War Crimes. Alison has also been a formal and informal Jewish educator, most recently as the Educational Coordinator for Westchester ShinShinim, a cultural exchange program through The Jewish Agency for Israel.

Israel on the Ground Today: A Personal Look with Orly Kobi

Orly has been in the fitness industry for more than 20 yearsShe served in special units of the Israeli Air Force, was in the army during The Persian Gulf war in 1991 which presented Israel with its first experience of a threat of chemical attack on the home front.

moderated by Rabbi David Holtz

Sunday, April 14

2:00-4:00 PM

In person

To Register: bit.ly/TBA-Isr-Perspectives

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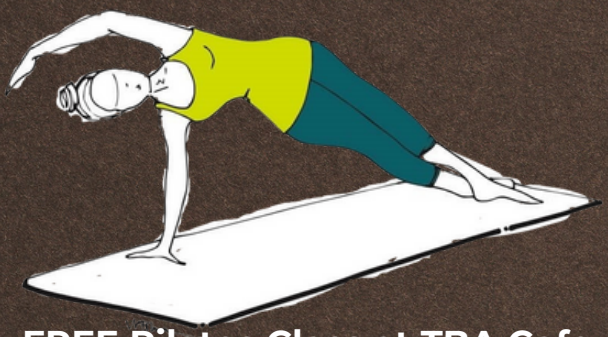


April 7, 2024

9 AM - 11 AM
IN THE
FRAN FRIEDMAN
LEARNING CENTER

FREE Pilates Class at TBA Cafe
led by Hope Glassberg

Wanna break a sweat while your kids are in Hebrew School?

Drop off your kids and join us!
This is a classic mat class...no prior experience necessary.
Please bring a water bottle and a mat if you have one.
(If not, there will be extras.)

For More Information,
Email SPeers@TBA-NY.org

EVERY1COUNTS

TBA is once again celebrating the ancient ritual of counting the 49 days of the *Omer* between Passover and Shavuot.

Watch the weekly e-news for ways to count the days with educational facts and suggestions of daily *mitzvot*

APRIL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

AT TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

ZEETYKATAN (KINDERGARTENERS-2ND GRADERS)
APRIL 7, 2024 11:00AM - 12:30PM

ZEETYTEENY (3RD-6TH GRADERS)
APRIL 21, 2024 11:00AM - 12:30PM

ZEETY678 (6TH-8TH GRADERS)
APRIL 7, 2024 1:00 - 2:30PM

ZEETY (9TH-12TH GRADERS)
APRIL 21, 2024 1:00 - 2:30PM

Happy Passover!

TO REGISTER: HTTPS://BIT.LY/YGAPR24

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT OUR DIRECTOR OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, STESSA PEERS, AT SPEERS@TBA-NY.ORG

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance) Service

Sunday, May 5

at 7:30pm

Our powerful and moving Yom HaShoah service will feature a presentation by

Aron Krell

survivor of the Lodz Ghetto
and Auchwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp.

This presentation is appropriate for everyone 9 yrs. old and older.

Temple Beth Abraham's Adult Education Committees presents:

The Jewish Perspective on Reproductive Rights

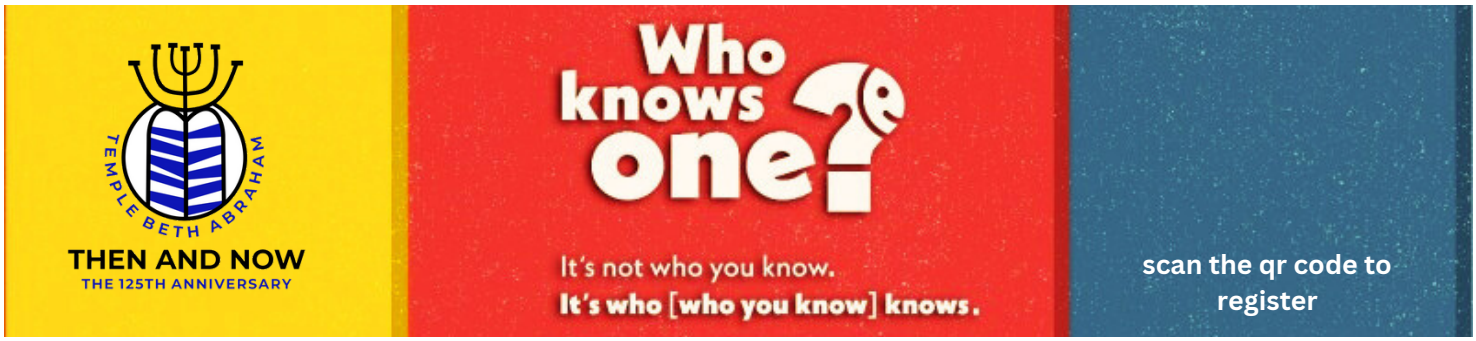
with Dr. Lisa Fishbayn Joffe

Thursday, May 16, 2024
at 7:30pm on ZOOM

This talk will explore what ancient and modern Jewish sources have to say about decision-making regarding abortion and will consider cases pending in courts around the country in which Jewish people argue that abortion bans impinge on the free exercise of their religion.

To register scan the QR code:

Dr. Lisa Fishbayn Joffe is the Shulamit Reinharz Director of the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute and a faculty affiliate in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. She is an expert on women's rights under Jewish family law. She holds three law degrees.



WHO KNOWS ONE? GAME SHOW FUNDRAISER

MAY 9, 6:45PM, $72.00 PER PERSON

- **6:45-7:00PM SCHMOOZE & NOSH**
- **7:00-8:30PM PLAY WHO KNOWS ONE?**
- **8:30-9:00PM DESSERT RECEPTION**

This hilarious game show has become a cultural hit in the Jewish community, reuniting old friends and creating new ones with an innovative game that combines Six Degrees of Separation and Jewish Geography.

Now, the creator of Who Knows One?, Micah Hart, is bringing the experience to TBA ON THURSDAY, MAY 9TH with a live, in person, interactive version of the show!

Come see how we're all connected to each other and share a few laughs along the way and maybe even be a part of the show yourself!

Thank you to our Mishloach Manot participants!
We raised over **$5,000** for the Kate and Harry Pincus Scholarship Fund

The Baer Family
Judith, Steve, Rebecca and Jason Balsan
Cantor Mandi Beckenstein
Leah, Doug, Evan and Jeremy Bloom
The Chazen Family
The Doctor Family
Eva Fischer
Audrey & Ben Gelfand
The Gleit/Marcus Family
Cantor Margot, Barry & Tamir Goldberg
Stacey Katz & Richard Goldstein
Shelly and David Greenspan
The Greller Family
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CONDOLENCES TO:

- Brian Daniels, Hilary Daniels, and their families on the death of their father and grandfather, **Alex Daniels.**
- **Dan and Jennifer Convissor** and family on the death of his father, Samuel Convissor
- **Glen and Judi Markowitz** and family on the death of his mother, Phyllis Markowitz.
- **Donna Misrok** and family on the death of her mother, Lorraine Yoels
- **Jerry Peers** on the death of his aunt, Anna Peers
- **Jennifer, Michael, Benjamin, and Marty Povman** on the death of their father and grandfather, Morty Povman
- **Susan and Larry Tolchin** and to Jeff, Maria, and Lily Tolchin on the death of their grandson, nephew, and cousin Zachary Tolchin
- **Marion Zinman** and family on the death of her husband, Bob Zinman

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- In loving memory of Sharon Abner from **Herb & Melissa Baer**

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- In loving memory of Bob Zinman from **Herb & Melissa Baer**

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- In loving memory of Chuck Goldfarb from **Jared & Amy Zerman**
- In honor of the 125th Anniversary of TBA! from **Barry & Cantor Margot Goldberg**

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- In loving memory of Sharon Abner from **Harryette Helsel**

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- To welcome Cantor Lauren aboard from **Peter & Amy Herzog**
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- In loving memory of Lorraine Yoels from **Rick & Donna Misrok**
- With gratitude for Gabe's Bar Mitzvah from **Brian & Nicole Schneider**

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- In loving memory of Miriam Baron Zerman, and Andrew Zerman from **Jared & Amy Zerman**
- In loving memory of Lorraine Yoels from **Rick & Donna Misrok**
- In loving memory of Jeff Bonné from **Ruda and Marvin Klein**
- With gratitude for Gabe's Bar Mitzvah from **Brian & Nicole Schneider**
- With gratitude for performing the aufruf for Skylar and Sibel from **Marvin & Ruda Klein**

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- In honor of Cantor Lauren on her Installation from **Sharon Kirschner**

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- to wish a speedy recovery to **Rochelle Kessler**

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