



TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, February 3

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

Saturday, February 4

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Friday, February 10

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service
w/Torah Reading

Saturday, February 11

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Friday, February 17

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 18

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Friday, February 24

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 25

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Temple Closings

Religious School

Sunday, February 19
Monday, February 20
Wednesday, February 22

Temple Office

Monday, February 20



From Rabbi Holtz's Study

Dear Friends,

Wherever Jews have lived through the centuries, we have adopted and adapted customs, foods and traditions from the non-Jewish world. Bagels and lox are today considered "Jewish food," but I can assure you that the Israelite diet did not include smoked salmon! Our synagogues incorporated the local architecture. And we have enthusiastically celebrated the local holidays, as long as they were not in conflict with Judaism. I would go so far as to say that we sometimes observe these holidays "religiously." Barry Levinson's film, "Avalon," centers around the significance of Thanksgiving for a Jewish immigrant family. All of this is by way of introduction to the surprising fact that February 14 - Valentine's Day - is now a big holiday in Israel! Of course, they don't call it St. Valentine's Day. In Israel it's called *Yom Ahava* - Love Day. Florists suggest sending bouquets to your loved one on February 14.

Valentine is the patron saint of lovers (and beekeepers and epileptics). However, although he is very much still a saint, his feast day is actually no longer part of the official calendar of the Catholic Church. That means that, as far as the church is concerned, there is no longer a religious holiday known as St. Valentine's Day. Today what we have is the purely secular Valentine's Day, beloved of Hallmark, florists and chocolatiers. Just in case you were concerned, this means that, although it's not mentioned in the *Torah*, asking someone to be your valentine is perfectly kosher.

I would be remiss though not to point out that Judaism does in fact have a day of love mentioned in texts as early as the *Mishna* (2nd century). It is *Tu b'Av*, the 15th day of the month of Av, which falls this year on August 2. It was a day of romance and of match-making, as recounted in *Mishna Ta'anit*:

"There were no greater holidays for Israel than *Tu B'Av* and *Yom Kippur*, for on them the girls of Jerusalem used to go out in borrowed white dresses ... and dance in the vineyards. What would they say? 'Young man, lift up your eyes and see what you choose for yourself ...' "

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Candle Lighting

February, 2023

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| Friday, February 3 | 4:56pm |
| Friday, February 10 | 5:05pm |
| Friday, February 17 | 5:13pm |
| Friday, February 24 | 5:22pm |



Notes from Cantor

Margot E.B. Goldberg

Shalom! In our liturgy when we recite the *G'vurot*, the prayer about God's strength and might, we have a choice about whether to bless the winter or summer season:

- Winter-You cause the wind to shift and the rain to fall. מְשִׁיב הַרוּחַ וּמוֹרִיד הַגֶּשֶׁם.
- Summer-You rain dew upon us. מוֹרִיד הַטֵּל.

The start and finish of these seasons are dictated by the holidays of *Simchat Torah* and Passover, with winter running from *Simchat Torah* to Passover and summer running from Passover back to *Simchat Torah*. These seasons have to do with rain and therefore with crops. Although we are not farmers, we are reminded that we rely on nature to supply food as well as water. In the middle of winter it is odd to celebrate the trees which are dormant, but here is when the *Mishnah* in Tractate Rosh Hashanah calls for *Tu B'Shvat* (literally the 15th day of *Shevat*) and calls it "the New Year of the Trees." The exact middle of winter was chosen as the end of the arboreal fiscal year: tithes on fruit after this date belonged to the next year. According to Hazon's website: "*Tu B'Shvat* is an ancient celebration of the new year for trees. It has changed and evolved over twenty centuries, and has never been more vital or significant than it is today. We live in an era in which sustainable forestry is more widely practiced than ever before, yet deforestation is a powerful driver of climate change and loss of biodiversity. Trees play important roles in some of the most challenging environmental issues of our time, and the way we use them is important, even in ways you might not expect. For a simple example: saving paper does not just "save trees," but also prevents burning fossil fuels in transportation and processing."

In an era when Global Warming is on everyone's minds how can we mark *Tu B'Shvat* which this year falls on February 6th?

- Plant a tree! Choose your favorite charity that plants trees. For example, you can plant a tree in Israel through JNF. We have even provided a form in this bulletin.
- Protect the environment! Set up time to volunteer to clean up at a local park.
- Celebrate the Fruits of the Land of Israel enjoying the 7 species of Israel: "For *Adonai* your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of streams, of wellsprings and underground waters that spring out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey... You shall eat and be full, and you shall bless *Adonai* your God for the good land that He has given you." (Deuteronomy 8:9-10)

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STESSA PEERS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

At Temple Beth Abraham, we believe in lots of different values, or *Middot*, that make us who we are. We believe in *Chesed*, loving kindness; we believe in making the world a better place through *Tikkun Olam*; we believe in doing *mitzvot* and being *mensches*. We also believe in making Jewish community and Jewish education accessible for everyone.

This month, my bulletin article focuses on a program that touches on so many of the values that we uphold at Temple Beth Abraham. The *Mishloach Manot* Fundraiser is both TBA's Religious School's (and our Pincus Fund's) largest fundraiser and is also the Third Grade Mitzvah Project.

What is *Mishloach Manot*? What is the Pincus Fund? What is the Third Grade Mitzvah Project? Don't worry- I'll give you the 4-1-1!

Mishloach Manot means, literally, sending portions. *Manot* comes from the word manna, what we ate in the desert. *Mishloach Manot* are also called Purim baskets and are gifts of food or drink that are sent to family, friends, and others during Purim. The *mitzvah* of giving *Mishloach Manot* comes from *Megillat Esther*, the Book of Esther. This *mitzvah* ensures that everyone has enough food for Purim, and is meant to increase love and friendship amongst our Jewish community.

The Pincus Fund was created by congregant Sherman Pincus, z"l, and his family because they believed that Jewish education should be attainable for all families no matter their financial situation. The Pincus Fund's major contributions are made at Purim time, through this fundraiser, and it is very important to our school and our community. While "scholarship" is the word that we sometimes use, it is this fundraiser that enables us to make sure that everyone can receive a Jewish education at Temple Beth Abraham. It also is an incredible way to get involved at TBA and feel connected.

At TBA, we love celebrating together and we make sure that there is a *Mishloach Manot* basket for each family. When you come for our Purim Circus and Carnival on March 5th, and/or our Purim Services and Shpiel on March 6th, you will be able to collect your *Mishloach Manot*. For those in our community who are home-bound and unable to attend, our Third Graders and their families will be delivering *Mishloach Manot* on March 12th. The 3rd grade mitzvah project encompasses *Talmud Torah*, which is the commandment to study and teach Torah and, further, to help others understand or experience Judaism. If you are home-bound and would like a *Mishloach Manot* basket to be delivered to you, please email SPeers@tba-ny.org. Then, on March 12th, if a family arrives at your door, please do not be startled; they most likely are there from TBA to perform the mitzvah of *Talmud Torah* and bring you *Mishloach Manot* greetings and goodies from your TBA family!

I hope you will all get involved in, and donate to, this year's *Mishloach Manot* Fundraiser. More information will be sent out soon, but if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

L'Shalom!

Stessa



ERICA NEWMAN

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

You may remember that in last month's article I introduced an initiative to grow our endowment as we head into our 125th year to ensure we are here for another 125 years. There will be lots more about that soon!

I took the position as Director of Operations and Engagement with a concern over our growing budget deficits. My personal goal is to balance our budget over the course of five years. So, the endowment campaign is an obvious initiative to guide us in that direction over the long term. My most recent position as a property manager led me to think of creative ways to utilize spaces that are underutilized during the day in our building. We have an opportunity to share with our community and to bring resources to the community where we live and worship.

If you come by on a Tuesday, you may see a sewing group in the Michael Karnes Conference Center and there is an active campaign looking for other small-use tenants to fill our spaces. At one point I began looking for a preschool program to rent some of our classroom spaces during the day when there is no religious school activity in the building. This has led me to explore another initiative. Is it cost effective to return to a TBA-owned and operated preschool in the building? Is there a demand in the Tarrytown community, especially when the JCC runs a program at their nearby facility?

A committee of volunteers has been working on the answer to these questions and more, and after research it does appear this can be a profitable initiative for TBA. So, here we are at the first steps of getting our license and exploring what this program will look like and what we need to make it happen. While there are upfront expenses to clean up and refit our classrooms for little ones and to upgrade our playground, over the long term this appears to be a cash-positive move for TBA, it fills a need for our local community, and it has the potential to attract new members to TBA.

All that said, as I reference most every month I write: it takes a community! If you would like to help build a playground or sponsor a structure in our new playground design please reach out. We are looking for financial support as well as people to roll up their sleeves for a grand community-wide build and upgrade of our facilities. Stay tuned for dates and please give me a call if you're interested in learning more or getting involved.
Erica Newman, Director of Operations and Engagement 914-631-1770 ext. 102.

TORAH READINGS

February, 2023

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| <u>February 3</u> | <u>B'shalach: Exodus 13:17-17:16</u> |
| <u>February 10</u> | <u>Yitro: Exodus 18:1-20:23</u> |
| <u>February 17</u> | <u>Mishpatim: Exodus 21:1-24:18</u> |
| <u>February 24</u> | <u>T'rumah: Exodus 25:1-27:19</u> |

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For many centuries following the Talmudic period, Tu b'Av was all but ignored. With the return to the land of Israel, and the revitalization of our agricultural connection, this holiday experienced a resurgence. Today in Israel it is celebrated with dances and festivals, and the exchange of flowers.

So how is it, if Jews already have a holiday dedicated to love, that Israelis have also begun celebrating February 14? The most likely explanation I've seen comes from an Israeli flower company which says that "the massive immigration from the former Soviet republics, brought with them Russian customs and practices. One of these is the sending of flowers on Valentine's Day. The popularity of sending flowers on February 14th became noticeable in Israel only within the past 30 years. Before this, the practice was virtually unknown."

Whatever day is chosen, I think the existence of holidays celebrating love reminds us of how important this emotion is to human happiness. So, whether on an officially designated day, or even better, on any random day "just because," take time to let the people you love know how much they mean to you.

L'shalom,
Rabbi David K. Holtz



Cantor's Article Cont'd. from Page 2

- Have a *Tu B'Shvat* seder and enjoy fruits and wine. Here are just 2 examples:
 - PJ Library: <https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/january-2019/a-tu-bshevat-seder-for-kids>
 - Reform Judaism: <https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/tu-bishvat/have-tu-bishvat-seder>
- Join us for services on:
 - Friday, February 3rd
 - 5:00pm Tot Shabbat
 - 5:30pm Oneg/Pre-neg – join us for cheese & crackers, fruit and wine
 - 6:00pm Family Shabbat services including that the 5th grade will be leading us in prayer
 - Saturday, February 4th at 9:00am
 - At each service we will mark *Tu B'Shvat* and have parsley seeds for all to plant, grow and be ready to use and enjoy at your Passover Seder!

L'shalom
Cantor Margot E.B. Goldberg

Adult Education



Tanakh Study

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

Tanakh Study will ONLY meet on February 1st this month

Tanakh Study will resume on March 1st.

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 February 20

Play Mah Jongg in a friendly, non-competitive (no betting) gathering at Temple Beth Abraham on Mondays. Free for temple members. \$3.00 per session for guests.



Women's Circle - Friday, February 10 at 5:00pm on Zoom

This month: *Looking at Bible Stories through an Evolving Feminist Lens* with Doris Unger

We all grew up with Bible stories, which helped shape our Jewish perspective on the world. Our view of these stories changes as we grow older and develop new lenses. Join us for a discussion about interpreting Bible stories through early and newer Feminist perspectives.

Guests are welcome.

Please register: bit.ly/TBAWomenFeb10



Author Stacey Agdern: Jewish Romance

Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30pm On Zoom

Join award-winning former bookseller and current author, Stacey Agdern, as she talks about the pioneering Jewish romance authors who infuse *yiddishkeit* into romancelandia and explains why it's important to maintain and expand a Jewish presence in this popular genre. Agdern incorporates her romance novels with Jewish characters and traditions with a side of music, hockey, politics and food.

To register: bit.ly/JewishRomance



TBA Books@Night,

Wednesday, February 22, In Person and on Zoom

This month's selection: *The City Beautiful* by Aden Polydoros

Winner of the 2022 Sydney Taylor Book Award for the Young Adult Category Romanian immigrant Alter Rosen embraces his Jewish identity while trying to adapt to American life. When a friend is murdered, Alter is inhabited by a *dybbuk* and must find the killer before it consumes him. Masterfully combining fantasy, mystery, LGBTQ romance, and historical fiction, this gripping story is set against the sparkling and lurid façade of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

TU B'SHVAT IS FEBRUARY 6TH



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Tu B'Shvat is a Jewish holiday occurring on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. It is also called Rosh HaShanah La'Ilanot, literally "New Year of the Trees." In contemporary Israel, the day is celebrated as an ecological awareness day, and trees are planted in celebration.



Cooking with Cantor Margot Purim Edition

Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30pm

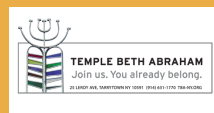
*Join Cantor Margot as we cook together!
We will be making Hamantaschen.*

While we cook, we will talk about all things Purim!



Click [HERE](#) to Register.

Limited to 8 people.



THE BIBLE PLAYERS

The Bible Players, a Torah comedy team, are coming to work with our **Religious School students and teachers at TBA on March 12**. The event is being sponsored by the **Fran Friedman Fund for the Enrichment of Children**.

The Bible Players, based out of New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles, teach Jewish values through theater and improv to infuse comedy and laughs into tales from the Torah, Jewish values, and beyond.

Since its founding in 2011, The Bible Players have toured America from New York to Texas to California, bringing their unique show to thousands of people of all backgrounds and ages, from Pre-K to adults. They've performed in 30 states and do more than 100 programs a year.

On March 12, TBA will learn about the Jewish value of *Chesed*, loving kindness, through improv, games and lots of fun. After school, TBA educators will also do some learning with The Bible Players. At a staff meeting, TBA educators will learn how to infuse improv, drama and comedy into Jewish education and their teaching.



Women's Circle

at Temple Beth Abraham

ON ZOOM, Friday, February 10, 2023, 5:00–6:15pm

Doris Unger

Looking at Bible Stories through an Evolving Feminist Lens

We all grew up with Bible stories, which helped shape our Jewish perspective on the world. Our view of these stories changes as we grow older and develop new lenses. Join us for a discussion about interpreting Bible stories through early and newer Feminist perspectives.



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Join us. You already belong.

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Doris Unger has always enjoyed looking into the deeper meaning of Bible stories. She didn't resonate with prayer and services because she felt her voice as a woman, girl, person, was not heard or acknowledged. Writing her own short Bible Stories helped her express some of her feelings, which she would like to share with Women's Circle.

Click [Here](#) to register

<https://bit.ly/TBAWomenFeb10>

Learn, support, share

Temple Beth Abraham Adult Ed Presents:

Author Stacey Agdern: Jewish Romance

On Zoom, Wednesday,
February 15, 7:30pm

Click [HERE](#) to register

Join award-winning former bookseller and current author, Stacey Agdern, as she talks about the pioneering Jewish romance authors who infuse yiddishkeit into romancelandia and explains why it's important to maintain and expand a Jewish presence in this popular genre.

Agdern incorporates her romance novels with Jewish characters and traditions with a side of music, hockey, politics and food.



BEWARE OF SCAMS!



We've seen a recent increase in phishing and scam emails

These scams are out there because they work!

Several of these emails look like they are from the Rabbi, President, or another TBA email address.

Tips to protect yourself from scams.

- Check the sender's email address. Many scammers use look-alike email addresses. Look for misspellings or numbers in place of letters.
- Some of these emails are eerily specific and personal: they will ask for your help with something and make an excuse as to why you cannot contact the sender (e.g., no cell service/in a meeting).
- Do not click on a suspicious link.
- Do not reply to a suspicious email.
- Do not use gift cards as payment.
- TBA will NEVER ask you to buy gift cards for us and we won't accept them as payment.
- If you're not sure If an email request is legitimate, please pick up the phone and call the office!
- NEVER transfer or spend money solely based on an email request. Always obtain a verbal confirmation from the sender when sending funds.

MONDAYS MEANS

Mah Jongg

AT TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

Mondays
1:00-4:00pm

- At the Coffee Bar
- Coffee and Tea served
- \$3.00 per guest (no charge for TBA members)



Contact Donna Goldsmith to sign up!

DonnaGoldsmith5@gmail.com

friendly game - no betting

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Mah Jongg will not meet on
February 20 (Presidents' Day)

TBA's Congregational Trip to Israel is ON!

Join fellow congregants and
Rabbi Holtz
as we tour Israel with Peter Abelow, our amazing
tour guide

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NOVEMBER 2-14, 2023

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Movie Mavens

SCHEDULE

February 18
Sabena
Highjacking:
My Version
2015
Not Rated

March 18
School Ties
1992
PG 13

April 15
Image of Victory
(Tmunat
Hanitzahon)
2021
Not Rated

May 20
Dancing in Jaffa
2013
Not Rated

Screenings & discussions
take place at TBA*

Films with Jewish themes
or content.
Moderated discussion
immediately
following the movie.

*Screenings may also be
made available online, but
all discussions will take
place in person at TBA

For more information,
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February 18

Sabena Hijacking: My Version

From the writer of "Fauda"
comes this intense docu-drama
based on the events of May 8,
1972, when four hijackers from
the Palestinian organization
"Black September" took control
of a Sabena airliner en route
from Brussels to Tel Aviv.
This program may contain
strong language and/or
violence.

Viewer discretion is advised.

SUBTITLED

DNA Productions, 2015, 104 min

March 18

School Ties

Set in the 1950s, a star
quarterback is given an
opportunity to attend an elite
preparatory school, but must
conceal the fact that he is Jewish.
Paramount Pictures, 1992, 106
min

April 15

**Image of Victory (Tmunat
Hanitzahon)**

Inspired by true events. In 1948,
Hassanin, an Egyptian film-
maker, is tasked with
documenting a raid on the
isolated Kibbutz Nitzanim. When
the kibbutz learns of the
impending army raid, Mira, a
young, courageous mother, is
forced to reckon with the true
cost of war and make an
impossible choice.

SUBTITLED

Symon Productions, 2021, 128 min

May 20

Dancing in Jaffa

Renowned ballroom dancer
Pierre Dulaine takes his program,
Dancing Classrooms, back to his
city of birth, Jaffa, to teach
Jewish and Palestinian Israelis to
dance and compete together.

SUBTITLED

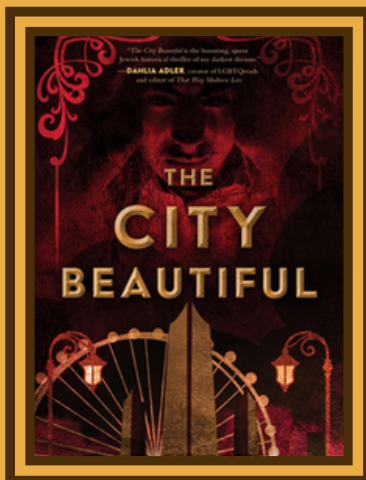
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tba books@night

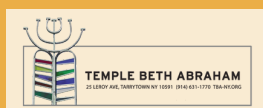


**February 22, 2023
at 7:00pm
In Person**

***The City Beautiful*
by Aden Polydoros**



Polydoros seamlessly blends a murder mystery with Jewish folklore in this haunting historical fantasy.



Group meets every other month
Next meeting: April 26, 2023

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SCOUT SHABBAT

Friday, March 10th at 7:30pm



It is always a pleasure to welcome the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to the bima in celebration of Scout Shabbat.

These dedicated children, along with their leaders, join us in prayer and community each year in celebration of tradition, leadership, and inspiration. They arrive in uniform and are honored by Rabbi Holtz and Cantor Goldberg during services.

If you are a Scout Leader with a local troop or have a scout and would like to join us, please contact Cantor Goldberg at 914-631-1770 or cantor@tba-ny.org to make arrangements.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

In Honor of her retirement, this year's
Fundraising Committee events will feature
Cantor Margot Goldberg



"Thank you for the
Music!"



April 29, 2023
TBA Annual Gala



Captain Lawrence Brewery
Elmsford

Save the Date!

Rivertowns Israeli Whiskey Tasting

Join Senior Community *Shlich*a (emissary)
Shachar Liran-Hanan, the Shames JCC, and the Rivertown
Synagogues at the

Aligned Center in Irvington on March 4th at 7:30pm
to enjoy learning about and tasting Israeli Whiskey.

\$36/per person; seating is limited

Details coming soon!



BACK TO THE FUTURE

A PURIM RETROSPECTIVE

Honor a Cast member or Cantor Margot with an ad in our *Back to the Future* Shpielbill

Your advertisement and/or good wishes will be displayed on the sanctuary screens prior to Purim services and then on our website and social media platforms, as well!

The sizes below reflect how large your ad will appear on the lobby TV screens at TBA:

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| FULL SCREEN AD (41" w x 23.75" h) | \$90.00 |
| 1/2 SCREEN AD (20.5" w x 23.75" h) | \$72.00 |
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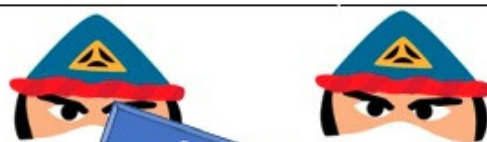
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Congratulations!!

to the Cast, Cantor Margot and Dror
for another spectacular shpiel!

Herb, Melissa, Emma, and Ben Baer



Congratulations to the Haman.
We're so proud of you!
Thank you Cantor Margot, Dror, and the
entire Purim Shpiel cast for another winning
performance.
--Nancy & Eric--



To our amazing spiel actors,
singers, writers, producers,
and to our always fantastic
Cantor Margot-THANK YOU!
so much for making this year
so special and fun every
year
Love It!!!
Audrey and Ben Gelfand

Maral tov Esther Sharon!
Thank you!

Love Dad, Julie, Rena, Karma, Tammy, Dietmar,
Jessie, Jeremy, Julia, Moonlight and Maxie

DEADLINE FOR ADS: FEBRUARY 20, 2023



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February Youth Groups

AT TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

ZEETYKatan (Kindergarteners-2nd Graders)

February 5, 2023: 11:00am-12:30pm

ZEETYTeen (3rd-6th Graders)

February 5, 2023: 1:00-2:30pm

ZEETY678 (6th-8th Graders)

February 12, 2023: 11:00am-12:30pm

ZEETY (9th-12th Graders)

February 12, 2023: 1:00-2:30pm

To Register: <https://bit.ly/FEBYG23>



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



Purim Dinner

March 6, 2023

Pizza/Pasta Dinner - 6:00pm
Purim Service and Shpiel - 7:00pm

\$20 per adult
Children 2-18 eat FREE!

Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 28,
so we know how much food to order.

Go to bit.ly/PurimDinner23 to RSVP
or scan the QR code below:



You may also call the office to RSVP



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JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL PURIM SERVICE AND SHPIEL

Monday, March 6th at 7:00pm
Reform Service & Shpiel

Tuesday, March 7th at 9:00AM
Conservative Service

**Please bring a box of dried
pasta to serve as a grogger!**

**In Hebrew, Hamantaschen are called "*ozney
Haman*" which means "Haman's ears," so
this year why not bring a box of
"orecchiette" pasta which means
"little ears" in Italian?**

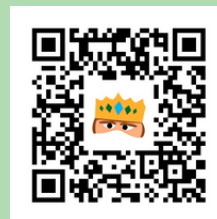
Shake, rattle and roll your grogger pasta boxes!
**This year the *Tikkun Olam* committee will match the number of boxes of
orecchiette pasta donated by the congregation and all will be donated to the
Community Food Pantry of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown.**

MISHLOACH MANOT



**It's easy to
order and pay
online!**

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or scan the
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participate!**

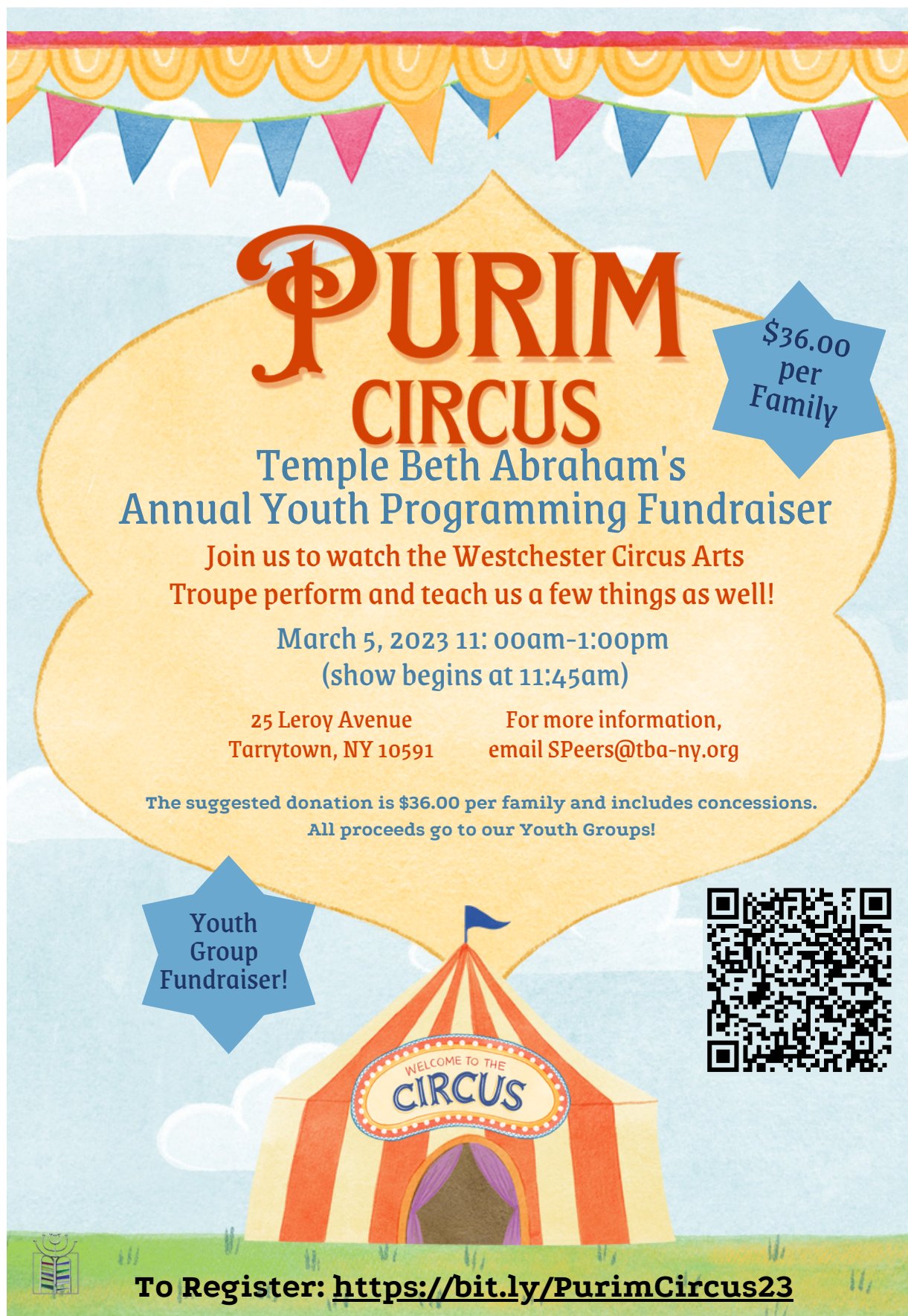


In honor of Purim, TBA will be sending Mishloach Manot to each member family, along with a scroll listing the names of all the families who are participating in this fundraiser.

All members who pay \$118.00 per family will have their names included on the scroll.

Additional baskets may be purchased for \$18.00 each.

You may also make a contribution to the Pincus fund (in an amount of your choosing) using the link above.

A colorful poster for a Purim Circus fundraiser. At the top, there are strings of yellow and pink triangular bunting against a light blue sky with white clouds. The main title 'PURIM CIRCUS' is written in large, stylized orange letters. Below it, in blue text, is 'Temple Beth Abraham's Annual Youth Programming Fundraiser'. To the right of the title, a blue starburst contains the text '\$36.00 per Family'. In the center, orange text says 'Join us to watch the Westchester Circus Arts Troupe perform and teach us a few things as well!'. Below that, blue text gives the date and time: 'March 5, 2023 11:00am-1:00pm (show begins at 11:45am)'. Further down, orange text provides the location: '25 Leroy Avenue Tarrytown, NY 10591', and blue text gives contact information: 'For more information, email SPEERS@tba-ny.org'. A blue starburst on the left says 'Youth Group Fundraiser!'. A QR code is on the right. At the bottom, a red and white striped circus tent with a blue flag on top sits on a green grassy field. A sign on the tent reads 'WELCOME TO THE CIRCUS'. In the bottom left corner, there is a small icon of an open book. The background of the entire poster is a light blue sky with white clouds.

PURIM CIRCUS

Temple Beth Abraham's
Annual Youth Programming Fundraiser

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25 Leroy Avenue
Tarrytown, NY 10591

For more information,
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The suggested donation is \$36.00 per family and includes concessions.
All proceeds go to our Youth Groups!

Youth Group Fundraiser!

WELCOME TO THE CIRCUS

To Register: <https://bit.ly/PurimCircus23>

TBA FAMILY

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

R'FUAH SHLEMAH/COMPLETE RECOVERY TO:

Judith Balsan
Rachel Kirschner, daughter of Sharon Kirschner
Ruda Klein
Vicki Savitch
Jill Silverman

CONDOLENCES TO:

Mark and Demi Bauer on the death of his wife and her mother, Laurie Bauer

MAZEL TOV TO:

Irene and Jonathan Metz on the engagement of their daughter Isabel to Gabe Tarshish

DONATIONS

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

from Stacey & Richard Goldstein
in loving memory of Irving Lipner from Lisa Hunter

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

in loving memory of Stanley Helsel from Rachel & Walter Miller

ENDOWMENT FUND

in honor of Rabbi David Holtz from Paul Kleidman & Jana Kosberg-Kleidman
in honor of Cantor Margot Goldberg from Paul Kleidman & Jana Kosberg-Kleidman
in loving memory of Andrew Zerman from Jared & Amy Zerman

HARRIET VERTER JEWISH EDUCATION FUND

from Michael & Jennifer Povman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

from Mr. Richard Goldstein & Ms. Stacey Katz
in loving memory of Irving Lipner from Lisa Hunter

TBA CARES

in loving memory of Esther Ades from Herb & Melissa Baer

TEMPLE FUND

from Michael & Jennifer Povman
in loving memory of William Lubell from Dr. Harry & Mrs. Linda Lubell
in loving memory of Rachela Goldhar, Mother of Doris Unger, and Rose Unger, Mother of Isadore Unger from Isadore and Doris Unger
in loving memory of Joseph Glat, Father of Jay Glat from Jay & Eleanor Glat
in loving memory of Ioshua Zaslavsky, father of Larisa Katz from Alexander and Larisa Katz
in loving memory of Ida Weiner from David & Eileen Weiner
in loving memory of Jeffrey Sturza from Ira & Harriet Weinbaum
in loving memory of Frieda Norman from Melvin & Carole Norman
in loving memory of Stewart Sandman, Father of Beth Blass from Peter & Beth Blass
in loving memory of Lillian Soson from Richard & Donna Fleming
in loving memory of Honey Black Kay, Stephen Kay, Milton Fein, and Lee Fein from Robert & Mira Fein
in loving memory of Harry Rabinowitz from Barbara Rabinowitz
in loving memory of Lisa Grubel, Wilhelm Fischer, and Henry Fischer from Eva Fischer
in loving memory of, Irene Vandroff from Lynda Solomon
in loving memory of Nathan Epstein from Susan Bannon
in loving memory of Janeth B. Rosenthal, mother from Robert Rosenthal, Laurie Bauer, and Judy Cariani
to celebrate all of the B-Mitzvot of 2022 and their teachers at TBA Mazal Tov! from Jen and Mike Povman
to wish Marvin and Ruda Klein a happy and healthy New Year from Steve & Deanna Marks

*TBA welcomes our
new employees:*

**WELCOME
TO THE TEAM!**

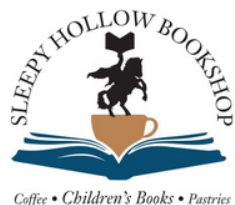
*Jim Pryor
Assistant Facilities Manager
&
Melissa Baer
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NEXT MEETING

Shekelvestors meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 8:00pm

Wednesday, February 8 at 8:00pm - In Person and on Zoom

Interested in finding out about us? Then join us for a meeting! Or email: Shekelvestors@tba-nyc.org

Buy a Brick. Cement our Future.

Your commemorative brick will be placed in a dedicated area to the left of the doors of our new entrance – a permanent memory of your connection to and support of our synagogue. These red bricks with black engraved letters are appropriate to commemorate any occasion.



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per line. \$180

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Deadline for upcoming issues:

March 1, 2023 for April, 2023

April 1, 2023 for May, 2023

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

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| Occasion | Date of Occasion / / |
| Name of Honoree | |
| (PLEASE SPELL NAME EXACTLY AS YOU WISH IT TO BE ENGRAVED) | |
| Contributed By | Phone number |
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