



TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

MARCH NEWSLETTER

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Monday, March 6

7:00pm Reform Purim Service and
Shpiel

Tuesday, March 7

9:00am Conservative Purim Service

Friday, March 10

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service
w/Torah Reading

Saturday, March 11

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Friday, March 17

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 18

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Friday, March 24

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 25

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Friday, March 31

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

Temple Closings

Religious School

Monday, March 6 (7th-12th)
No High School Classes
Join us for Purim!



From Rabbi Holtz's Study

Dear Friends,

Eleven years ago, we began a social action project we dubbed, "Every1Counts." It started as a reimagining of a biblical custom known as the "counting of the *omer*."

The 49 day "counting" began as a period of thanksgiving for the spring barley harvest in Israel. It later merged with the belief that there were exactly seven weeks between the Exodus from Egypt to the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. In other words, 49 days between the second day of Passover and the beginning of Shavuot.

The Torah says that on the second day of Passover, the priest would lift an *omer* (sheaf) of barley before God to signify thanks for the harvest which had just begun. We read: "And from the day on which you bring the sheaf...you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete: you must count until the day after the seventh week-fifty days; then you shall bring an offering of new grain to the Lord."

Once the Temple was destroyed and the Jews exiled, the counting of the *omer* changed. The rabbis of the Talmud (4th-6th centuries) understood it as a period of semi-mourning. Traditional Jews will not get married during the fifty days between Passover and Shavuot, and won't even cut their hair. The only exception you may recall from your own religious school days: the holiday of Lag b'Omer - the 33rd day of the *omer*. On that day, say the sages, a plague in Israel was lifted, so it is a day of joy.

The Kabbalists of Safed (16th century) had a different take on the counting of the *omer*. They understood it as a season of serious introspection and preparation that each person goes through in order to receive the Torah on Shavuot. The period begins with Redemption (the Exodus at Passover) and ends with Revelation (the giving of Torah at Shavuot). Each day of the counting represents a different aspect of our personality and our relationship with other people and with God.

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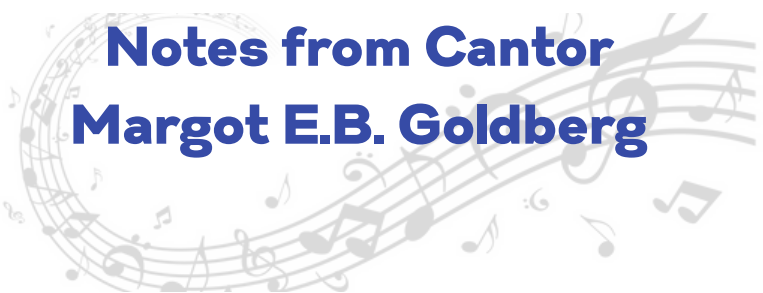
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Shalom! When I arrived as your Cantor in the summer of 1994, I could never have imagined the evolution of Purim at TBA. We started small with a Disney themed service. I acquired a pink flowing princess gown which I have worn many times, much to the delight of pre-school children and in all honesty, myself. Then in 1999, in the famous words of Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney, "my uncle's got a barn, let's put on a show," I purchased our first "Norman Roth Shpiel" and we were off and running. Norman Roth wrote shpiels for Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in Manhattan, his home synagogue, and then sold them to other institutions the following year. As our own cast of talented congregants learned the mechanics of shpiel writing, they thought about writing our own. For Purim 2004, a past TBA congregant, Heather Steinberg, wrote a "Disco Shpiel" and the legacy began. (David Kaufmann, do you remember writing the lyrics for Stayin' Alive?) Since those early years, Heather was joined by Hope, Pam, and Sarah Barkley, Melissa Baer, Andrea Bergman Samaras, Glen Eisenberg, Lori Hrbek, Sharon Kirschner, Jodie, Hannah, and Leah Lane, Rick Misrok, Mark Monack z"l, Don Ostrower, Benjy Povman, Victoria Ritter, Sylvia Simon z"l, and Roy Solomon to write comical, entertaining, and musical shpiels for TBA.

This year, we looked through all of the shpiels we have performed over the years, curating our favorite moments and put them together to create this year's shpiel. Producing shpiels takes a long time. I often say, "it's like herding cats," but I love it! Working with our dramaturges, cast (adults, teens, and kids) and our amazing accompanist, Dror Perl, is always an amazing experience. I am grateful for everyone's generosity of time and amazed by their talents.

As my last year at TBA passes, many have asked how I feel when doing something for the last time. When the High Holydays concluded, I reflected on many moments throughout the Days of Awe. I was moved by singing with our volunteers, quartet, and fabulous accompanist, Katia Kravitz, and standing alongside our Torah and Haftarah readers in a way I did not expect. As in most things, I prefer to work as a team rather than alone. Working with our professionals and volunteers to make the High Holydays come to life at TBA has been an incredible privilege and honor. As we have prepared for this year's shpiel, I have a similar feeling. Looking back at past programs and seeing the names of congregants who have moved away or unfortunately passed away has been a stroll down memory lane. Looking at photographs taken by



STESSA PEERS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

As you read this, we are getting ready for all things Purim; the Spiel, Services, and the Circus are rounding out some pretty incredible events. Thank you in advance to our teens, our volunteers, all those who donated, and all those who attended our Youth Group Fundraiser: Purim Circus. We are also getting ready to welcome the Bible Players to our school on March 12th, thanks to the Fran Friedman Fund for the Enrichment of Children. Our learners will learn about Judaism through improv and after school our educators will get some professional development on how improv can enhance what we do in the classroom! I can't wait to tell you more next month!

But we do not have to wait to have some fun at TBA... we have so much in store for our youth and teens! This March, we will have some Passover themed programs (...an afikomen hunt and more is what is in store for our youth groups!) that I am sure will be incredibly fun and a great way to celebrate Passover!

If you haven't checked out our youth groups yet, there's no better time to join than now!

Speaking of Passover, that is steadily coming! As we enter Passover time, I am excited to learn, celebrate, and grow with you all at TBA!

L'Shalom!
Stessa



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Bob Harris, Marvin Klein, and Bunny Solomon, I am amazed at the growth of our littlest shpielers into incredible young adults, and I had many laughs at some of the crazy costumes we put together. COVID happened and we were not able to gather and pray together, and our volunteers were not able to sing together. That was something I truly missed. Singing together again at last year's Shpiel and again this past Fall for the High Holydays has been a joy. I am excited for this year's shpiel and recreating some of our favorite moments from the tunes we have written, but most importantly, I am looking forward to working with the amazingly talented and generous people in our community!

Join us for everything Purim:

- Sunday, March 5 from 11:00-1:00 Purim Circus
- Monday, March 6: 6:00 Dinner (by reservation) and 7:00 Service and Shpiel
- Tuesday, March 7 at 9:00am Conservative services with a full Megillah reading

These moments are where lifetime memories and friendships have been made.

L'shalom
Cantor Margot E.B. Goldberg



ERICA NEWMAN
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

I hope you don't mind indulging me every month with my updates from the office. It has not been our tradition, but it is my intention to engage more of you in what TBA is doing on a more regular basis. I sincerely hope at least a few of you are reading this column and finding yourselves included.

Here we are on the precipice of spring and a lot is blooming at TBA. Look for an email soon with opportunities to sponsor parts of our new playground, our Gala in April, the end of year picnic in May, and the return of the Children's Garden Center at Temple Beth Abraham in the fall. We want to hear from you about what you want from our community. What programs, new or old, can we provide to make your time at TBA meaningful and valuable? I hope to send out a few surveys soon and I would love to know more about how this community can support one another. Please send me a note with your thoughts.

Messages from our committee chairs will come your way eliciting more feedback on how to engage and provide value to our community.

Thinking about what we offer our members; you may know that this organization has operated with a deficit budget for the past three years. TBA took a stand that we would make our programs accessible to all regardless of their ability to pay and we will continue that model. Accessibility for all; whether physically arriving at our building, engaging at our services, learning in our religious school, are at the heart of TBA and who we are as a community. As such, we moved to our voluntary commitment model where we ask people to pay what they can and we never turn families away regardless of their ability to pay.

All this good will does require a financial commitment from those that can pay to support those that cannot. In this year we have seen a 5% decline in the number of families giving at the sustaining level. While we are looking for new revenue streams, such as increasing our endowment fund so we have monies to use from the interest on an annual basis and adding a nursery school program at TBA, we are asking you to look at a model defined by "pay what you can."

We want your donations to be meaningful. Is it meaningful for you to know that your donation has supported a family who otherwise would not be able to worship at any synagogue and we have welcomed them into our doors with dignity, respect and accessibility? If this speaks to who you are and you have the means, we hope that you will consider increasing your annual commitment. This year only 25% of our congregation has donated at the sustaining level. Will you join them to close the gap? For this model to work over time, we need to increase those that can give to support others that cannot.

There are many ways to get involved and many projects that need both financial and physical support and, as always, let me know what TBA can provide for you and for your family.

Rabbi's Article Cont'd. from Page 1

Today, traditional Jews add a special prayer to the evening service between Passover and Shavuot, and each night they announce which day of the *omer* it is. We move, as did the Israelites, toward Mt. Sinai and our covenant with God. For many this is a very powerful period of time. But as important as the run-up to Shavuot is in Judaism, this simple daily counting in and of itself is hardly inspiring.

But here's another possibility: Rabbi Jacob Milgrom says that in the Bible just as today, the harvest -and therefore the farmer - was totally dependent on the weather. He suggests that the ancient Israelites were terrified that the harvest would be destroyed by bad weather, so they made a barley offering of thanksgiving each day to God, and counted the days until the harvest was successfully completed. Those of us living in Westchester are not farmers, but the economic gyrations due to the pandemic have reminded us all that it does not take much to make our own fiscal situation pretty precarious. And just as our ancestors gave thanks for the harvest, we can and should give thanks for our own blessings. And that's where Every1Counts comes in.

We are going to do a completely modern, liberal Jewish remake of the counting of the *omer*. I hope that you will all participate. We will make available to every Temple family an Every1Counts "kit" to help you count the Omer. It will consist of a very large bag which we want you to place in a conspicuous place in your home, a sticker to use on a *tzedakah* jar, and blessings for you to say, among other things. If you are a Religious School family, your (youngest enrolled) child will receive the kit. If you don't have a child in the religious school you will need to pick up your kit at TBA. We will also make everything in the kit (except the large bag!) available to you to print at home on our website at: <http://tba-ny.org/every1counts>.

Every day for fifty days, from the second day of Passover until Shavuot, we want you to put one can, box, or jar of food for the hungry into the bag. If you don't have the room for that, put a set amount of *tzedakah* aside each day - actual cash each day, not a lump sum at the end! As you do it, recite the blessing we'll send you, giving thanks for having enough to eat and enough to share. At the end of seven weeks, you will have fifty items to bring to Temple for donation to the local food pantry. And as a result of your daily offering, you may very well have a much stronger sense of gratitude, of appreciation for your blessings.

This is a brilliant way for us to do Judaism: re-purpose an ancient ritual, have it remind us of the important connection between the Exodus and the giving of Torah, have it provide us with a deepened spiritual sense of gratitude, and have it provide a way for our entire family to celebrate and participate in repairing the world. Please, give it a try. I think it's going to be amazing.

Peace and Blessings,
Rabbi David Holtz



From the Ritual Committee (Sharon Kirschner and Steven Haber, co-chairs)

A little about us, what we do, what our thoughts and goals are (and an invitation to join us!)

The Ritual Committee of Temple Beth Abraham works with and supports Rabbi Holtz and Cantor Goldberg in all matters related to worship and ritual at Temple Beth Abraham – whether it's Shabbat, the High Holydays, Holidays and Festivals, or special programs. Some of the programs supported by the Ritual Committee so far this year include the afternoon programming and ushering for the High Holidays, inviting congregants for candle lighting and Kiddush at Reform Shabbat services when there isn't a B-Mitzvah family, Sukkah decorating, and Simchat Torah, the "Chanukah party that wasn't" due to the weather (but it would have been fabulous!), and the recent take home Parsley for Planting Kits for Tu B'Shevat.



At our monthly meetings we start with a quick study of the week's Torah portion, receive updates from the clergy about what they're working on and then we discuss what's happening currently and what's coming up at TBA. There are a few months we truly focus on EVERYTHING related to the High Holydays at TBA, but the rest of the year we talk about anything and everything related to worship and ritual at TBA--Shabbat and special services, prayer, music, in-person and on-line worship and lifecycle rituals. We are also looking at the website and how to better talk about prayer, ritual and services at TBA.

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From the Ritual Committee (Sharon Kirschner and Steven Haber, co-chairs), continued.

This year we plan to undertake some new initiatives with the goal of better serving and engaging the TBA community through all kinds of ritual moments. We're in the process of creating subcommittees to look at the following needs:

- Lifecycle support and identifying other lifecycle moments. What more can we do to provide resources or support for congregants going through life cycle events and what are some of the lifecycle moments beyond birth, B-Mitzvah, illness, weddings and funerals? What are some prayers and resources we can provide to help our congregants create meaningful unveilings? What are some of the other moments in our lives that might be marked by a meaningful ritual such as a naming for a transitioning child or adult, or sending a child to college or moving or becoming an empty nester? How can we acknowledge and mark these, and more, moments on a spiritual level?
- Gendered language in prayer and rituals. While we stay grounded in our traditions and rituals, we also recognize the evolving nature of Jewish liturgy and expression and its need to reflect and convey inclusive intention and language. Like shuls (Conservative and Reform) in North America and beyond, we are examining prayers and rituals to recommend if and how they align with our Jewish values of being welcoming to and inclusive of all.

We'd really like to hear what YOU think is important and what you are looking for concerning rituals and worship at TBA or for yourself personally. While we hope to create a survey to better understand what you want to see more of at TBA, we don't have to wait until that survey is distributed. Join the ritual committee or one of the subcommittees described above. Let us know what you need and want related to ritual and worship at TBA. Join our ZOOM ritual meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Send us an email at ritual@tba-ny.org or call Sharon at (914) 332-0830. We'd love to hear your ideas and/or have you join us!



TBA FAMILY



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

MAZEL TOV TO:

Judith and Richard Frimer on the birth of their grandson, Simon Miles Shifman

Rebecca Rikon on her engagement to Zachary Harra

DONATIONS



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In loving memory of Stephen Rothenberg from Rochelle Kessler

In loving memory of Abraham Kessler from Rochelle Kessler

In loving memory of Laurie Bauer and Janeth Rosenthal from Lucille Miller

In loving memory of his sister, Laurie Bauer, from Robert Rosenthal

To wish a speedy recovery to Rochelle Kessler

Spring Forward

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Adult Education



Tanakh Study

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

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.

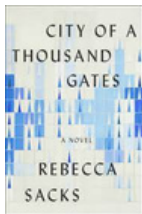
On Saturdays, join us at 9:00am for a lively discussion of this week's Torah reading during Conservative Services.



Mah Jongg

Mondays, 1:00pm-4:00pm, In Person

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.



Books & More

Friday, March 10 at 10:00am at TBA

This month's selection: *City of a Thousand Gates* by Rebecca Sacks

Brave and bold, this gorgeously written novel introduces a large cast of characters from various backgrounds in a setting where violence is routine and where survival is defined by boundaries, walls, and checkpoints that force people to live and love within and across them.



***The Seeds of Racial Equality: Benny Goodman & Teddy Wilson* with Marshall Zucker**

Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30pm on Zoom

Benny Goodman and Teddy Wilson were among the first to form a musical group that allowed equality among the races in the USA. Join us to learn the story of the Benny Goodman Quartet: its formation and music.

Marshall Zucker Mr. Zucker is a vibraphone/xylophone player with a vast knowledge about music history.

To register: bit.ly/SeedsOfRacialEq



Movie Mavens

Saturday, March 18 at 7:00pm In person

This month's movie: ***School Ties***

Set in the 1950's, 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., Rated PG-13

\$5.00 per person suggested donation for guests. No charge for members.



Women's Circle

Friday, March 24 at 5:45pm at TBA

This month: *She/They: What's in a Pronoun?* with Stessa Peers

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

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Candle Lighting


March 2023

Friday, March 3	5:30pm
Friday, March 10	5:38pm
Friday, March 17	6:46pm
Friday, March 24	6:54pm
Friday, March 31	7:01pm

TORAH READINGS


MARCH 2023

March 3	Tetzaveh, Exodus 27:20-30:10
March 10	Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11-34:35
March 17	Vayak'heil-Pekudei, Exodus 35:1-40:38
March 24	Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1-5:26
March 31	Tzav, Leviticus 6:1-8:36



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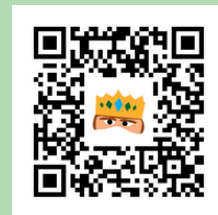
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All members who pay \$118.00 per family will have their names included on the scroll.

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.

PURIM CIRCUS

Temple Beth Abraham's
Annual Youth Programming Fundraiser

Join us to watch the Westchester Circus Arts
Troupe perform and teach us a few things as well!

March 5, 2023 11:00am-1:00pm
(show begins at 11:45am)

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

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Temple Beth Abraham's Adult Ed. Committee Presents:

The Seeds of Racial Equality: Benny Goodman & Teddy Wilson with Marshall Zucker

Wed., Mar. 15 at 7:30pm on
Zoom [click HERE](#) to register

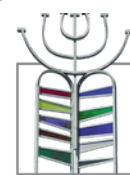


When record producer and civil rights activist John Hammond arranged to have Benny Goodman play with pianist Teddy Wilson at a party in Forest Hills Queens in 1935, it was the beginning of a musical group that allowed for equality among the races in the USA for the first time. When Goodman and Wilson then met, first with drummer Gene Krupa and then with vibraphonist Lionel Hampton, they established the most popular musical group in the country, one which is highly influential to this day. The story of this event as well as the great music created by these musicians for almost 40 years will be the subject of this talk.

Marshall Zucker is a retired Principal of the Elmont School District and current Religious Educator of Congregation Beth Ohr in Bellmore, Temple Beth Am of Merrick and Bellmore and Merrick Jewish Centre. Mr. Zucker is a vibraphone/xylophone player and has a fountain of knowledge about music history.



Scan the QR Code to register



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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.



Women's Circle

at Temple Beth Abraham

IN PERSON! Friday, March 24, 2023 5:45-7:15pm

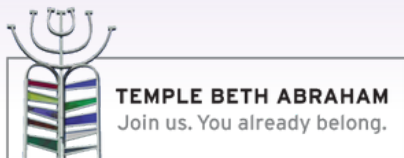
Stessa Peers

She/They: What's in a Pronoun?

Using (and asking for) someone's pronouns is a great way to be inclusive. Join Stessa Peers to learn about pronouns, and what is Jewish about using the ones that people ask us to use. In this discussion, we will look at how we identify ourselves, and others, and why using all (and the correct) pronouns helps us cultivate a truly inclusive society.



Stessa Peers is the Director of Education and Youth Engagement at Temple Beth Abraham. A pioneer in our congregation in bringing awareness and understanding around issues of gender identification and inclusion, she has been a part of Keshet's LGBTQIA+ inclusion initiative and the URJ's Culture of Belonging Project. She is very proud of her involvement in the creation of TBA's Pride Shabbat, Teen Pride events, our all-gender bathroom, and diversity, equity and inclusion training for the TBA board. She is passionate about TBA being inclusive and accessible to all.



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Click [Here](https://bit.ly/TBAWomen) to RSVP <https://bit.ly/TBAWomen>

When you RSVP, let us know if you'd like to bring a little nosh!

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Will you be a part of the return of The Children's Garden Center at TBA?



We are pleased to announce that Temple Beth Abraham
plans to reopen
the Children's Garden Center Nursery School.

It is time to revitalize the space to
welcome children ages 18 months through
5 years of age with exciting programming,
engaging teachers, and a new playground!

There are numerous opportunities to get
involved.



To make a donation, scan the QR code above, or
go to: bit.ly/TBA-Playground



EVERY1 COUNTS

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

- **Religious School families** will receive a package with items to help you count with us. It will be distributed this month.
- For those without children in Religious School, we will make these **packages available to pick up** at TBA.
- Items will also be available on our website for you to **download and print out at home** (except the big blue bag!)

TO DO:

1. Every day, add one of the suggested items* to your large, blue bag (or your own container) to donate to Feeding Westchester.
2. Every day, deposit money in a tzedakah jar to help feed the hungry in Israel through Leket, Israel’s National Food Bank.
3. Every day, say a blessing as you do your counting!

DON'T FORGET:

1. Hang up the calendar and add a sticker each day.
2. Put the label on any empty jar or bottle to use to collect your tzedakah.
3. Keep your bag and tzedakah jar someplace visible and watch your donations grow!
4. Bring your non-perishable items to TBA at Shavuot services on Thursday, May 25 (7:00pm) or Friday, May 26 (9:00 am), or Shabbat Services on Friday May 26 (7:30pm) or Saturday May 27 (9:00am). You could even drop them off a little early on the last day of Sunday School, May 21 or at the picnic that day at 11:00am.
5. Bring your filled tzedakah jar to TBA at any of the times listed above.

*Suggested items: (All donations should be non-perishable. No glass containers, please.)	
TUNA, CANNED or POUCHED	PASTA and BOXED MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS
WHOLE-GRAIN, LOW-SUGAR CEREALS and INSTANT OATMEAL	RICE
PEANUT BUTTER	MILK (shelf-stable boxed or powdered)
CANNED STEWS, SOUPS, CHILI and PASTA	100% FRUIT JUICE
CANNED FRUITS & VEGETABLES	



**Temple Beth
Abraham's
softball team is
looking for a few good
men or women.**

Competitive, but fun, softball.

Modified fast-pitch. (No windmill.)

No bunting or stealing.

Games on Sunday mornings.

**Season runs April – August,
with playoff games in September and October.**

Full rules and more information:

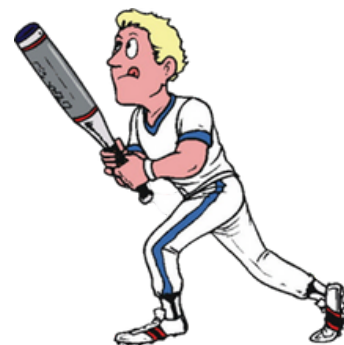
<https://whsl.org/content/17775/WHSL-By-Laws-and-General-Rules>

**For additional information or to be
added to the email list, please**

contact:

Glenn Trieff at

glenn.trieff@gmail.com



Temple Beth Abraham's

MOVIE MAVENS

Saturday, March 18 at 7:00pm

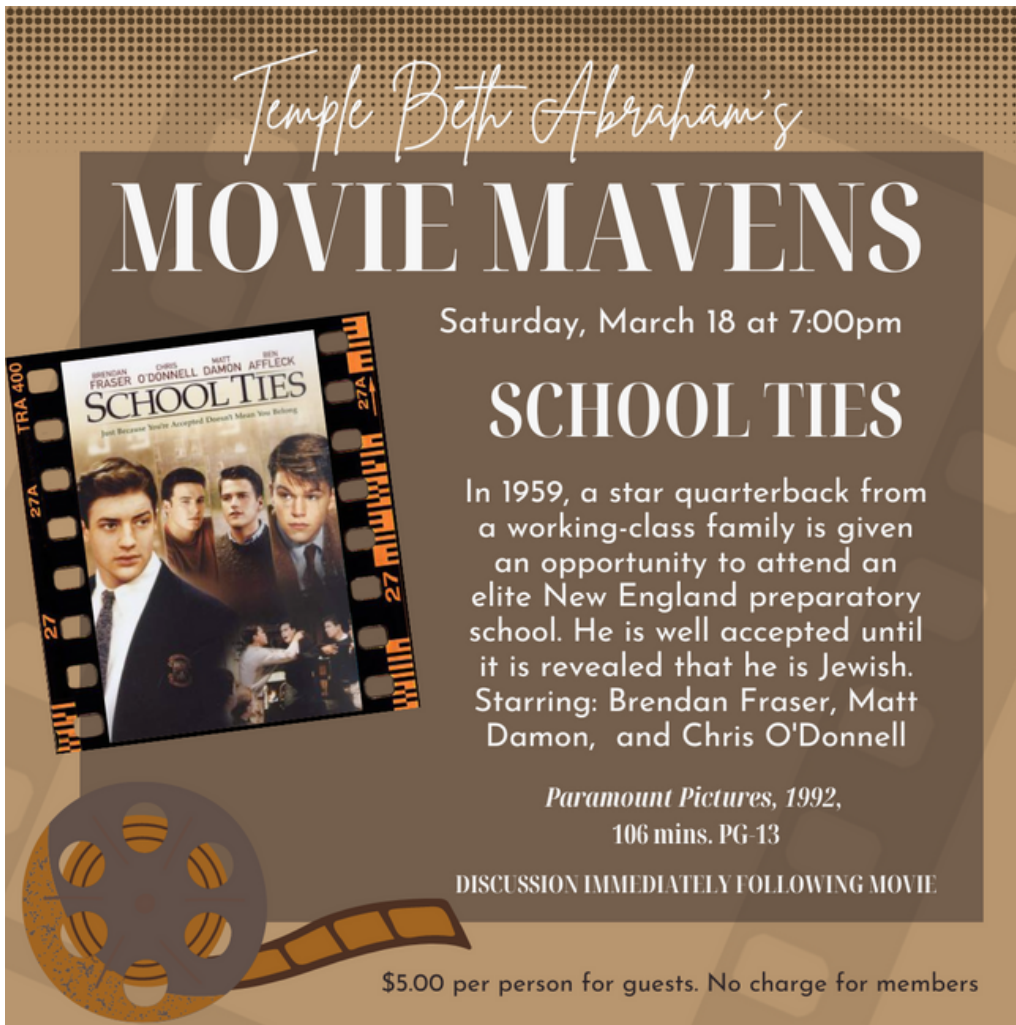
SCHOOL TIES

In 1959, a star quarterback from a working-class family is given an opportunity to attend an elite New England preparatory school. He is well accepted until it is revealed that he is Jewish. Starring: Brendan Fraser, Matt Damon, and Chris O'Donnell

*Paramount Pictures, 1992,
106 mins. PG-13*

DISCUSSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MOVIE

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



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.



March Youth Group Events

AT TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

ZEETYKatan (Kindergarteners-2nd Graders)
March 19, 2023: 11:00am-12:30pm

ZEETYTeeny (3rd-6th Graders)
March 19, 2023: 1:00-2:30pm

ZEETY678 (6th-8th Graders)
March 26, 2023: 11:00am-12:30pm

ZEETY (9th-12th Graders)
March 26, 2023: 1:00-2:30pm

To Register: <https://bit.ly/MARCHYG23>



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



**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**

**JOIN US
in
ISRAEL!**

NOVEMBER 2-15, 2023

For information

email

israelcommittee@tba-ny.org

Passover Cooking Class

with Cantor Margot



Passover Apricot Squares

**Wednesday,
March 29
at 11:00am**

**In-Person
limited to 8 participants**

Join Cantor Margot in the TBA Kitchen to make:
**Passover Apricot Squares and
Passover Chocolate Bark**

All ingredients will be Kosher for Passover and nut free, but we will be using non-Kosher pots and pans.

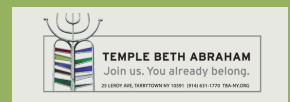
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



Passover Chocolate Bark

Space is limited to 8 participants in the kitchen.

All ingredients will be provided



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

**Masks
Strongly
Suggested**



PUZZLED BY HOW TO CARE FOR AN ELDERLY RELATIVE

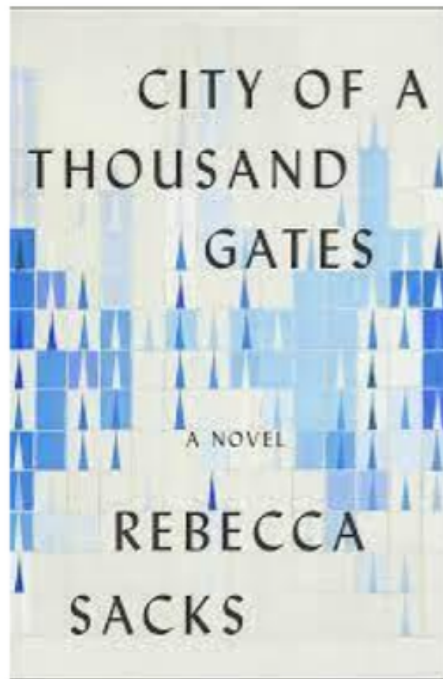
Geriatric Care Manager can help put the pieces together.

- Evaluate clients level of function and make recommendation for home modifications, nursing home placement and home care services.
- Medicaid applications.
- Assist in cleanouts and moves.
- And much more.

Call Sue Stone-Groppe OTR/MS
at 914-779-0031
or e-mail ssgotr@aol.com
website: www.elderservicesny.com

Save the Date: TBA's Spring Picnic Is May 21st!





Temple Beth Abraham's



Books & More

Friday, March 10, 2023 at 10:00am at TBA

City of a Thousand Gates: A Novel

by Rebecca Sacks

Brave and bold, this gorgeously written novel introduces a large cast of characters from various backgrounds in a setting where violence is routine and where survival is defined by boundaries, walls, and checkpoints that force people to live and love within and across them.

SHEKELVESTORS

Have a few Shekels or dollars that you want to grow? Want to be part of the Start up Nation?

Why not join us? We are a small and growing investment club whose strategy is to buy and research Israeli companies, to learn about and support Israeli innovation, and while we're at it to make some money, and enjoy like-minded company.

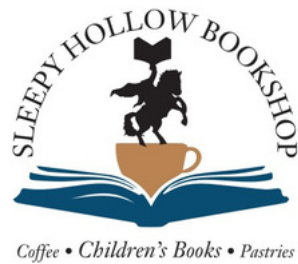
NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 8th at 8:00pm - In Person & Online

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



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



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4" x 8" BRICK
Up to 3 lines of engraving
and up to 18 characters
per line. \$180

8" x 8" BRICK
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and up to 18 characters
per line. \$300

To purchase a brick, go to: bit.ly/TBA-Bricks,
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or contact the office at (914) 631-1770





Deadline for upcoming issues:
 April 1 for May, 2023
 May 1 for June, 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

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

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