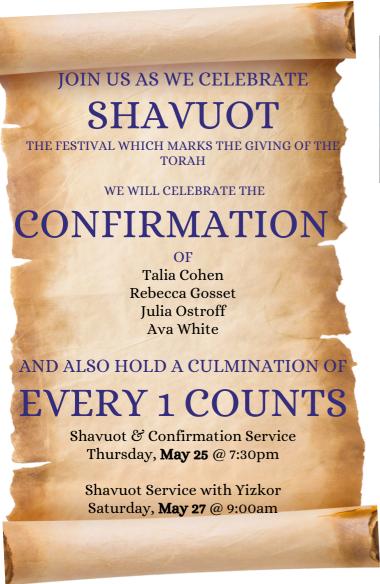


TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

MAY NEWSLETTER



From Rabbi Holtz's Study



Dear Friends,

I hope you have been enjoying Every 1 Counts, our 49-day-long update of the counting of the *omer*. Though we are just about half-way through, it's time to start thinking about how it all wraps up. There will be more in-

formation forthcoming about the details of bringing the food you've collected to Temple. I want to tell you about the spiritual conclusion of the event. As you know if you've been following along, the 49 days of the *omer* take us from Passover to Shavuot. So Shavuot, the festival celebrating the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai, is the culminating moment of the count. This year it begins on the evening of Thursday, **May 25**. (Yes, I know it's Memorial Day weekend, but we had the date first!!!)

During Reform services that evening, and also at Conservative services on Shabbat morning, we will be adding a brief but meaningful ritual to mark our fulfillment of the ancient custom of bringing the *omer* to the Temple. It should be wonderful for everyone, but if you've been participating in the counting, you certainly will not want to miss it.

That Thursday evening is also the night of Confirmation, the magnificent service when our 10th graders confirm the commitments they made at their b-mitzvah three years earlier.

THIS IS NOT A PRIVATE EVENT!

Rather, it has always been very much a congregational celebration of our people's future. In many Reform congregations, Shavuot/Confirmation is a highlight of the ritual year. With our addition of the *omer* ceremony, we hope that it will once again become a highlight of TBA's year. Please, even if you've never been before, come to the Shavuot/Confirmation/Omer service this year. Bring your food offering to help repair the world, celebrate the great gift of Torah, and be inspired by the commitment of our 10th graders. It promises to be a great evening!

Peace and blessings,

Rabbi David Holtz

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, May 5

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

Saturday, May 6

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service 11:00am Ella and Jacob Fox, daughter and son of Seth and Ann Fox will be called to the Torah as b'nei mitzvah

Friday, May 12

7:30pm Reform Shabbat/Chai Plus Shabbat (Broadway) Service

Saturday, May 13

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service 11:00am Wyatt Cloutman, son of Heather & Andrew Cloutman will be called to the Torah as a *bar mitzvah*

Friday, May 19

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 20

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Thursday, May 25

7:30pm Erev Shavuot Reform Service with Confirmation

Friday, May 26

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 27

9:00am Conservative Shavuot & Shabbat Service with Yizkor

CLOSINGS

The Office will be closed on Friday, May 26 for Shavuot

The Office and Religious School will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day



Notes from Cantor Margot E.B. Goldberg

Shalom! One of the many things that I admire most about TBA is the continuity of families in our community. There are TBA family trees dating back to the founding members of our Temple of which we will soon celebrate our 125th anniversary year.

L'dor vador, from generation to generation, was the theme of our 100th anniversary celebration. It not only referenced the hope that TBA would exist for another 100 years, but also acknowledged the connections that exist amongst our present membership and to the past and back to our roots. The sense of legacy and commitment to Judaism and TBA is felt so deeply that many families join along with their extended family.

The multi-generational groups that made TBA their home felt the sense of *l'dor vador* and wanted to be a part of this deep connection. I think it is amazing to have a family join TBA along with grandparents, parents, and children, all at the same time.

We have several families in which a parent had been a b-mitzvah student of mine and Rabbi's who later on joined TBA as an adult. We have had the privilege to name their babies, teach their children in Religious School, and share the *bima* as their child became a b-mitzvah. We more recently have had the opportunity to celebrate their children's engagements, join them under the chuppah, and rejoice with the birth of their grandchildren. This speaks volumes about the life of our congregation and the commitment to inclusion, innovation, and preservation of our future.

On May 12 at 7:30pm during Shabbat evening services, we will celebrate YOU our members and in particular our Chai Plus Members, those who have been TBA members for 18 years or more. Join us as we sing the liturgy to Broadway show tunes and honor our long-term members.

We want to hear your stories or memories and share them during the Chai Plus Shabbat service. Please send them to me at <u>cantor@tba-ny.org</u>

A few sentences about your thoughts or memory at TBA (examples):

- A positive experience with TBA
- A favorite TBA story or memory
- A contribution I made to TBA that I was proud of
- A lesson I learned at TBA
- Why TBA has been important to me

L'shalom

Cantor Margot Goldberg



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STESSA PEERS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

WOW... where has the year gone!? I feel like I was just writing to you all to announce that I would be the new director of our school and somehow, we are almost done for the year! And WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!

As we wrap up the year, I am very excited to announce that we again have a graduating class; Bella Greenspoon is graduating from Temple Beth Abraham's Religious School!

Bella, the daughter of Jen and Dave Greenspoon, will be graduating from TBA's Religious School on Monday, May 8th. Bella has been attending our school since Kindergarten, has been a *madricha* (aide) since 8th grade, has served on our youth board ZEEBO since 9th grade, and is our current youth board President. Bella is also a talented singer, musician, and actress, and is truly incredible with our children in our Sunday School. I know that I, our educators, and our learners will miss her on Sunday mornings!

In the Fall, Bella will attend Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA.

We at TBA are so proud of all that Bella has accomplished at TBA, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for her! Mazal Tov Bella!

As registration and next year's calendar are being worked on (that information will go out to you all soon!), we are steadily growing! TBA's school's reputation is spreading and I cannot wait to see what next year holds for us! Have you ever thought about teaching? We are always looking for new teachers and substitutes and would love to have you (or a friend!) join our education team for next year.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our end of the year picnic, a day of gratitude, after the last day of Sunday School, May 21st! It will be a day of fun, Jewish joy, and community and I cannot wait to see you all there!

I am so thankful to you all for entrusting me and our educators with your children's Jewish education; we know just how important it is and are thrilled to continue next school year!

L'Shalom!

Stessa



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

CONDOLENCES TO:

Terri Shapiro and family on the death of her mother, Phyllis Goldman.

Jerald Seti and family on the death of his father, Roger Seti.

Judith Messinger and family on the death of her husband, Stanley Messinger.

Geri Singerman and family on the death of her husband, Martin Singerman.

Eric Poritzky and family on the death of his father, Sandy Poritzky.

Jeremy Gerson and family on the death of his father, Michael Gerson.

Amy Zerman and family on the death of her father, Charles Bowles Goldfarb.

Mitchell Bernstein, Andrew Bernstein, and their families on the death of their mother, Elinor Bernstein.

MAZEL TOV TO:

Norm and Melissa Jacobson's daughter, Amanda, who became engaged to Corey Dubin. Their son, Andrew, became engaged in January to Elyssa Diamond.

Audrey and Ben Gelfand's daughter, Marissa who became engaged to David Angelo.

Seth Groppe and his partner Destiny on the birth of their son Charlie Ethan Anthony Groppe. Sue Groppe is the proud grandmother.

Ruda and Marvin Klein on the marriage of their grandson Walter Bonné to Arianna Rappy, and the engagement of their grandson Skylar Bonné to Sibel.

DONATIONS



BRIDGES

In loving memory of Roger Seti from Harryette Helsel.

BUILDING FUND

In loving memory of Stanley Messinger from Anar Desai, Sheri Whitko, and family.

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In loving memory of Stanley Messinger from Becky & Lee Isenstein.

In loving memory of Dr. Gunter Lorenz from Stephen & Linda Gerstman.

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In loving memory of Linda M. Bermas from Margot, Barry and Tamir Goldberg.

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In loving memory of Stanley Messinger from Jeff Drinkwater.

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In loving memory of Sam and Sophie Fischberg from Carole Fischberg.

TEMPLE FUND

in honor of Cantor Margot Goldberg from Harold Gross.

in loving memory of Stanley Messinger from Janis Cameron.

in honor of Haryette Helsel's "special birthday" from Carole Eagle.

TORAH READINGS

MAY 2023

May 5	Emor, Leviticus 21:1-24:23
<u>May 12</u>	B'har-B'chukotai, Leviticus 25:1-27:34
<u>May 19</u>	B'midbar, Numbers 1:1-4:20
<u>May 26</u>	Naso, Numbers 4:21-5:31

DONATIONS



TEMPLE FUND

In loving memory of Stanley Messinger from The Carole Cooper Martin Foundation.

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In loving memory of Samuel Liebman from David & Eileen Weiner.

In loving memory of Florence Steinman from David & Eileen Weiner.

In loving memory of Benjamin Kleister from Morry & Naomi Silbiger.

In loving memory of Bernard Braun from Norman & Janet Braun.

In loving memory of Martin Singerman from Barbara Barak.

In loving memory of Dr. Jay Glat from Carole Eagle.

In loving memory of Miriam Rothenberg from Rochelle Kessler.

In loving memory of Dasha Lifton from Vickie Savitch.

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In loving memory of Stanley Messinger from Toni Brackis.

To wish a speedy recovery to Rochelle Kessler

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In honor of Cantor Margot Goldberg from Morry & Naomi Silbiger.

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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 May 29 (Memorial Day)

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.



Unpacking Antisemitism: What You Need to Know with Myra Clark-Siegel Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30pm in person

Whether in business, academics, on social media, or as a student, it can be intimidating to be Jewish today. The best way to ensure that we can stand against bigotry and stand up for ourselves as Jews and for Israel, is to be educated and empowered. Please join Myra Clark-Siegel, AJC (American Jewish Committee) Regional Director, for an interactive discussion on antisemitism, Israel, and how to support our students and children against hatred on high school and college campuses.

To register, please go to: bit.ly/TBA-UnpackingAntiSemitism Refreshments served



Women's Circle Friday, May 12 at 5:45pm, In person

This month: Jews and Salt with Bernice Rogowitz

Learn about Jewish traditions and folklore about salt: from Lot's wife, to Kosher salt,

to tossing salt over your shoulder. Register at: bit.ly/TBA-WC-Salt

Guests are welcome



Books and More Friday, May 19 at 10:00am at TBA

This month's selection: The Limits of the World by Jennifer Acker

The Chandaria family-emigrants from the Indian-enclave of Nairobi-have managed to flourish in America. Spanning four generations and three continents, *The Limits of the World* illuminates the vast mosaic of cultural divisions and ethical considerations that shape the ways in which we judge one another's actions.



Movie Mavens

Saturday, May 20 at 7:00pm at TBA

This month's selection: 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. *kNow Productions*, 2013, 90 mins. not rated \$5.00 suggested donation per guest; free for members

Temple Beth Abraham's Adult Ed Committee Presents:

Unpacking Antisemitism: What You Need to Know with Myra Clark-Siegel

Wed., May 3 at 7:30pm In person at TBA

Michael Karnes Conference Center Click <u>HERE</u> to register

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Ms. Clark-Siegel has 25+ years of expertise in the US and Israel in public relations, media relations, communications, marketing (direct, online and viral), messaging and media training.









Women's Circle

at Temple Beth Abraham

(ending in time for the Chai Plus "Broadway" Shabbat Service)

IN PERSON! Friday, May 12, 2023 5:45-7:15pm

Bernice Rogowitz Jews and Salt

Have you ever wondered why Lot's wife was turned into salt? Or, what "Kosher" salt is, anyway? Or why we throw salt over our shoulders for good luck? Or why pickles are always on our deli plate? Join us for an exploration of the political and culinary history of salt, and its role in Jewish writings and Jewish lore. And taste some salts from around the world!





Click **Here** to RSVP



Bernice Rogowitz is an experimental psychologist, working in the field of data visualization. She studies color vision, memory, touch, and pattern perception. She became interested in salt when she learned that the human body has the same salinity as the ocean and started reading about the role of salt in our physiology, in taste perception, and in Jewish teachings and traditions.

https://bit.ly/TBAWomenRogowitz

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

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TBA's Adult Ed and Israel Committees present:

Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish

scholar, author, blogger



lecturer, teacher, mentor

Join us for a discussion about peacemaking: the purview of national leaders and diplomats; and peace-builders:

ordinary citizens, who have the power to influence others to reduce the barriers of fear and resentment, and encourage dialogue and mutual understanding, in the hopes of securing lasting peace among Israelis and Palestinians

Wednesday, May 17

7:30PM, In Person and LiveStream Register here

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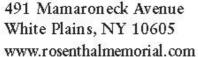
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dedication of the dedication of the Malka Oliner Playground





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JUNE EVENTS

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WED. JUNE 7

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Ketaku

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JUNE 9 7:30PM Pride Shabbat with Rabbi

Andrew A. Goodman

TUE.

JUNE 13 7:30PM

Annual Congregational Meeting

WED. JUNE 14 8:00PM **Shekelvestors**

JUNE EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS!

FRI. JUNE 16 5:45PM

Women's Circle Pot Luck

FRI. 7:30PM

Board of Trustees Installation Shabbat

WED. JUNE 21 7:00PM

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FRI. 7:00PM

Shabbat service Celebrating Cantor Margot





Deadline for upcoming issues: August 1 for September, 2023

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