



TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

MAY NEWSLETTER

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 4

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service
11:00am Ryan Portnoy, son of Kevin & Tracy Portnoy, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, May 5

7:30 pm Yom Hashoah Service and speaker

Friday, May 10

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service with Torah Reading

Saturday, May 11

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service
11:00am Cameron Weiner, son of Randi Hecht & Glen Weiner, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Friday, May 17

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 18

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service
11:00am Joseph Weiss, son of Jon & Anna Weiss, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Friday, May 24

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 25

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service

Friday, May 31

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service



From Rabbi Holtz's Study

Dear Friends,

We are right in the middle of the traditional spring event known as the "Counting of the Omer" which we have reimagined as EveryCounts. We count the period of fifty days which begins on the second night of Passover, and ends at Shavuot, using as our counter the *omer*, the barley sheaves (barley is the first spring grain harvested in Israel). Most holidays are "stand-alone events, but there is an important and intimate connection between Passover and Shavuot.

Passover is the beginning of the Jewish people as a nation. The Haggadah tells us that our ancestors (Jacob and family) went down to Egypt few in number and became there a nation, "great, mighty and numerous." However, we truly became a distinct nation, only upon our redemption from slavery.

And yet, what kind of nation were we? The truth is that we were simply a conglomeration of people, perhaps even including Egyptians, having little to bind us together. It is not until Shavuot that this large and motley crowd becomes a nation with a unique destiny. It is then, standing at Mt. Sinai, that we received the Torah, God's unique set of instructions for the Jewish people.

Passover is incomplete without Shavuot. Freedom is incomplete without rules. The two are inextricably linked, and so in order to make sure we remember that connection, we are commanded to count the days between the two holidays. It is a forty-nine day journey which takes us to the completion of the story we begin reading at Passover.

This year Shavuot begins the evening of June 11. I'm telling you this in May so you have time to change your other plans! It is customary at the time of the revelation of the Torah to do some learning, say a few prayers, and eat dairy foods (in anticipation of entering the "land flowing with milk and honey). This year, we are doing all three!

We will be offering several different learning/discussion opportunities, all connected to themes of the holiday. We'll have a brief service, and then we will celebrate with cheesecake, cannoli and ice-cream! It

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**The TBA Office will be closed
Mon., May 27
for Memorial Day**



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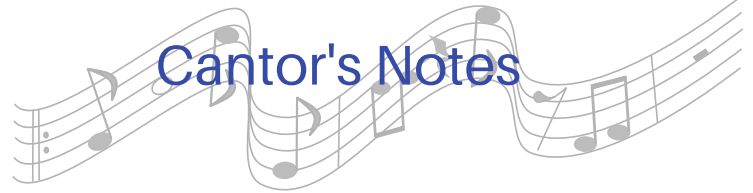
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Cantor's Notes



The antidote to the rise in antisemitism in the United States seems to be an abundance of Holocaust-themed plays, books, and movies emerging in contemporary popular culture. As we prepare to commemorate Yom

HaShoah at the beginning of May, I wanted to give a quick overview of two Broadway shows and a novel that tell moving stories connected to the Holocaust and the historical abundance of global antisemitism. The two plays I'll be talking about have since closed, but they represent public offerings of awareness to issues that have and are still affecting Jews across the globe. Perhaps next time they will run even longer so that their poignant message that "never again is now" reaches an even wider audience.

Harmony: A New Musical by Barry Manilow and Bruce Sussman:

Harmony tells the true story of the Comedian Harmonists, a singing group of six young men that soared to popularity in Germany throughout the 1920s. It was haunting to see the gradual devolution of Jewish hatred in Nazi Germany. Three of the singers were Jewish, and a fourth was married to a Jew. At first, the group received special protected treatment as a result of their fame. Eventually, their prominence didn't matter anymore - the unabashed hatred for the Jews took precedent. The Nazis would not let them perform any music by Jewish composers. Eventually, they were banned from any public performance, at which point the group disbanded. Although all of the singers survived the war, the ensemble never regrouped.

Although the Broadway production closed in February, the soundtrack is a worthy homage to the depiction of Judaism and Jewish identity on Broadway. Of particular note is the song "Where You Go" which is sung by two of the Comedian Harmonist wives. Mary, a Jew-by-choice, is the wife of one of the singers in the group. She sings passionately about her devotion to her husband and her faith, in spite of the struggles the Jewish people are facing. Ruth, a Bolshevik freedom fighter committed to her Jewish heritage, sings bitterly to her husband who begs her to give up her mission or to leave Germany. The lyrics come from the Book of Ruth. This reminds us of the very words spoken by the very first Jew-by-choice her commitment to her faith and family. The women singing this text amidst the darkest of times for Jews affirm their own commitment to the same ideals as their Biblical ancestor.

Harmony - and the song "Where You Go" in particular - remind us that we have come so far in terms of combatting antisemitism - yet we still have a long way to go. Jewish resilience can be credited largely to our faith and our ability to stand up for justice. By framing the Comedian Harmonist's story as a flashback, *Harmony* is a beautiful yet heart-wrenching depiction of a devastating time for the Jewish people - and yet, we are still here.

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promises to be a wonderful evening of celebrating the moment our ancestors accepted the Torah. It was a gift to the Jewish people, and though we reinterpret it in each generation, it remains the core of our faith. As every one of our *b-mitzvah* students declares from the bima, "In this scroll is the secret of our people's life from Sinai until now. Its teaching is love and justice, goodness and hope. Freedom is its gift to all who treasure it."

Please join us on Tuesday evening, June 11 at 7:30pm for Shavuot, as we eat, pray, study - and reaffirm our faith.

L'shalom,
Rabbi David Holtz

Cantor's Article Cont'd from Page 2Prayer for the French Republic by Joshua Harmon:

Prayer for the French Republic follows multiple generations of a Jewish family living in France. It simultaneously tells present day stories while depicting flashbacks to their ancestors living during the 1930s and 40s. During the Holocaust, the family's elders were lucky enough to stay put in their Paris apartment because their landlord protected them from Nazi deportations. But not everyone in the family was safe - some of their children were sent to Auschwitz, and only one son and a grandson returned.

Back in the present: Molly, an American, is spending a semester of college abroad in France but not in Paris because of her parents' worry about the possibility of "terrorism" in a major European city. She ends up spending most weekends in Paris regardless, after she connects with her distant cousins, who are the descendants of the Shoah survivors depicted in the flashbacks. Antisemitism still runs rampant in France even in the modern day, with Molly's cousin Daniel being attacked for outwardly displaying his Jewish identity by wearing a *kipah*. Daniel's father, Charles, makes a serious pitch to move the family to Israel - the only place where it feels safe to be Jewish. His wife, Marcelle is hesitant to make the move. After all, her family had lived in France for generations. She struggles to figure out whether being Jewish or being French factored more into her identity. Meanwhile, it becomes clear that Molly, like many young American college students, is an anti-Zionist who believes that Israel is responsible for Palestinian genocide. Her cousin, Elodie, tries to set her straight in a powerful monologue during the play's second act, dismissing Molly's naivete and encouraging her to look beyond her sheltered American world.

The play, which was written in 2022 and takes place in 2016, resonates particularly strongly in the wake of October 7. It reminds us why Israel exists in the first place. But, of course, it also begs the question - if Israel is the safest place for Jews, are we really safe anywhere? Overall, *Prayer for the French Republic* raises poignant questions of Jewish versus natural identity that resonate strongly amidst the challenges facing Jews of our generation.

We Must Not Think of Ourselves by Lauren Grodstein:

Unlike theater, books don't have limited runs. You still have the opportunity to read *We Must Not Think of Ourselves* by Lauren Grodstein, a historical novel about the Holocaust that gained national attention when it was chosen as *the Today Show's* "Read with Jenna" pick for December 2023. The story depicts an underground group called "Oneg Shabbat" whose purpose was to document the lives of the Jewish occupants of the Warsaw Ghetto in World War II so that their stories were not lost to history. It's a fairly light read - which seems odd for a story related to the Holocaust. Perhaps this fact, combined with its exposure on *Today*, will help the stories - albeit fictional - of the Jews crowded together in the Warsaw ghetto reach a new audience. With hate and antisemitism, we need as many people as possible to hear about and know our stories so that such travesties never happen again.



STESSA PEERS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Ten months seems like forever when you start a year. Children look toward summer as if it is an eternity away. And yet, we are somehow at the *Siyum*, concluding or closing, of our year 2023-2024/5783-5784. This year was filled with learning, joy, friendships, *mitzvot*, and *middot* (Jewish values), and I am so proud (and in awe) of our amazing education team!

I am also excited to OFFICIALLY share with the whole congregation that I am one of this year's Jewish Education Project's Young Pioneers Award Winners! The Robert M. Sherman Young Pioneers Award celebrates five Jewish educators aged 40 and under who demonstrate a commitment to new ideas and the use of innovative approaches to inspire children and families in their community. I am so proud that not only was I nominated by our community (and members in our community), but that I was chosen among so many incredible educators to be recognized in the entire area!

I am so excited to continue learning and growing with you and your families. TBA's school's amazing reputation continues to spread, and I cannot wait to see what next year holds for us!

Next year seems so far away still, but registration will soon be open and the next school year's calendar will be soon finalized (and out to you all soon!).

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 on May 19th! 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 us with your children's Jewish education; we know just how important it is and are so excited to continue next school year!

L'Shalom!
Stessa



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We often say that art imitates life. By depicting the reality of rising antisemitism through theater and literature, we heighten our awareness of the harsh realities of the struggles contemporary Jews are facing. May we one day reach the day where such depictions of antisemitism are memory as opposed to current events.

L'shalom,
Cantor Lauren Phillips Fogelman

Last days of
Religious School

Sunday, May 19
Monday, May 20
Wednesday, May 22



Marla Peers

Religious School Educator
& Chair of the Israel Committee

Reflects on her recent trip to Israel

To register for the Israel Committee program:
Reflections: Israel Since 7 October with Marla Peers
on May 1 at 7:30pm, go to: bit.ly/TBA-Reflections

Dear TBA Family,

As many of you know, I traveled to Israel in March with The Jewish Education Project (TJEP) to understand post-October 7 Israel and to gain some tools to educate our students and community within this context. We also grappled with antisemitism and how it is affecting us on a more global level.

We were a group of approximately 30 people: 23 Jewish educators from different walks of Judaism - Orthodox, Conservative, Reform - educators, rabbis, and leaders of Jewish organizations such as the ADL and PJ Library, along with guides and four people from The Jewish Education Project who helped run the program. Several board members, including David Bryfman, TJEP's CEO wove in and out of our time together. Our guides were indispensable in helping us to understand and deal with the trauma. Back home, we continue to work together, to learn, and support each other.

In a little more than three days together, each member of our group became witness to, and vessels for, understanding and digesting some of the many places, communities, and events that helped shape the current Israeli psyche. We visited places of terror (Nova, the site of the music festival; Kibbutz Nir Oz; Ofakim), a hotel housing מְפֻזָּרִים-mefunim, or evacuees; Har Herzl, Israel's National Cemetery; and spoke with countless other eyewitnesses and people on the ground. This is but a small sampling of what we did.

Throughout the trip, we stopped to reflect together and individually. The first goal was to embrace our emotions and internalize the drama and history that was unfolding. The second was to share ideas about how to move forward to bring all that we saw, heard, and learned into our classrooms with the proper framing for our students. For me, as well as for others, a third goal was to bring our experience to our entire community.

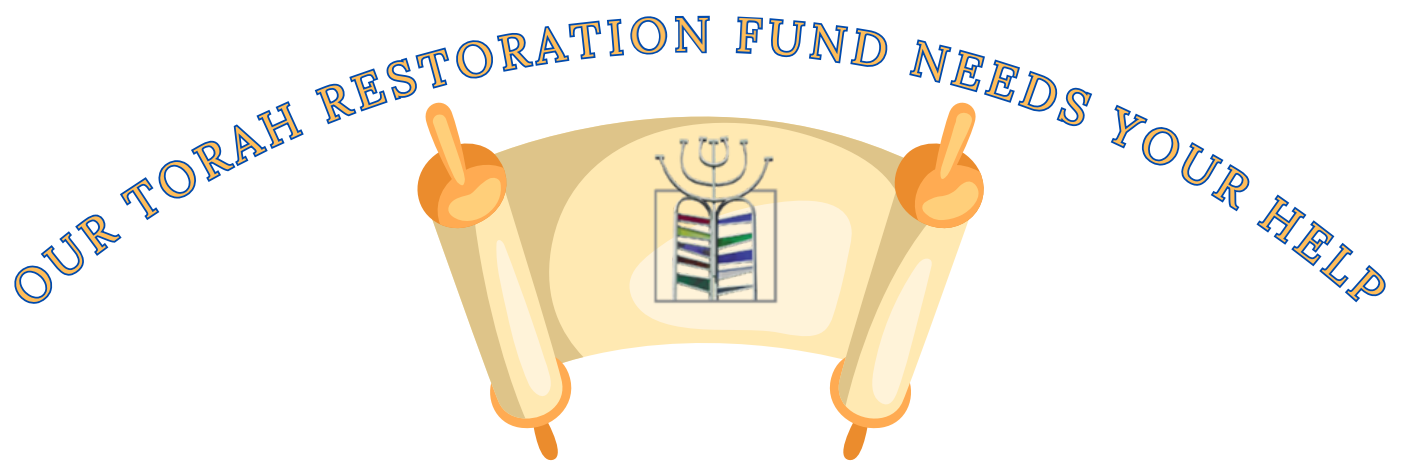
I plan to present my journey to my colleagues in our Religious School and work with them to find appropriate ways to teach our children. I am preparing lessons to share my experiences and look forward to further conversations with my fellow educators about how to reflect on this difficult history.

I look forward to making a presentation to our community on **Wednesday evening May 1st, at 7:30 PM**, here at Temple Beth Abraham. This program will be interactive as well as informative, helping us all to recognize where each of us stands, as we also work to understand and move forward. Not only will I share my thoughts about what I saw and experienced, I welcome you to share your thoughts, as well. I hope you will join me.

-Marla Peers

Torah Readings

<u>May 3</u>	<u>Acharei Mot: Leviticus 16:1-18:30</u>
<u>May 10</u>	<u>K'doshim: Leviticus 19:1-20:27</u>
<u>May 17</u>	<u>Emor: Leviticus 21:1-24:23</u>
<u>May 24</u>	<u>B'Har: Leviticus 25:1-26:2</u>
<u>May 31</u>	<u>B'chukotai: Leviticus 26:3-27:34</u>



In his bulletin article Rabbi Holtz highlighted the centrality of the Torah for the Jewish people. While the words of Torah can be printed in books, it is the handwritten scrolls ensconced in our arks which lend spiritual weight to the majesty of our tradition during services. All of our scrolls are checked regularly by a *sofer* (scribe) to ensure that both the ink and the parchment are in good condition. When a scroll needs any work done, the cost is handled by our Torah Restoration Fund.

Unfortunately, due to recent repairs, that fund has been depleted.

While we always want to have some money in that fund, there is a particular need at the moment. We have one scroll that needs \$17,000 in repairs. This Torah scroll was donated and dedicated more than 30 years ago in memory of a beloved TBA member, Joseph Doctor. We have received a generous matching grant of up to half the cost of repairs, so your donations up to \$8,500 will be doubled. And of course, any additional donations will help us replenish the fund going forward. As we prepare to celebrate revelation at Shavuot, we hope you can be part of the physical restoration of our scrolls! And in advance, *todah rabah!*

Go to [TBA-TorahFund](#) to make your donation today!

MAZEL JOY!
We are so proud of you!

Stessa Peers
recipient of the
**2024 Robert M. Sherman
Young Pioneers Award**

The Robert M. Sherman Young Pioneers Award celebrates five educators aged 40 and under who demonstrate a commitment to new ideas and the use of innovative approaches to inspire children and families in their community.

Join us to celebrate Stessa at the
JEP Spring Event on
May 21 at 6pm in NYC
Register: jep.tfaforms.net/wfmPMOp

TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM
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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

Go to bit.ly/TBAGala2024 or scan the QR code for
tickets and sponsorship opportunities



Vacation Home? Theater or Season Tickets? Box Seats?*
We hope you will consider donating an item to our Gala Auction!

The funds raised by this auction will allow us to continue to be a vital part of
Jewish life in the Rivertowns for the next 125 years!

Contact the Fundraising Committee at Fundraising@tba-ny.org or call the
office at (914) 631-1770 to make a donation or for more details!

*Donations of these Items may not be tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.



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.



TBA'S ISRAEL COMMITTEE

presents

Reflections: Israel Since October 7

with Marla Peers

Wednesday May 1

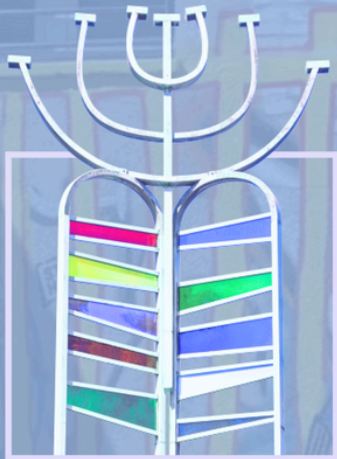
7:30pm

in person & on Zoom

To register: bit.ly/TBA-Reflections
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Marla will share observations from her recent visit to Israel



**Who
knows
one?**

It's not who you know.
It's who [who you know] knows.

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!

Go to bit.ly/TBA-WKO
scan the QR code to RSVP!





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Yom HaShoah

May 5

7:30pm



Holocaust Remembrance Day

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

Aron Krell

survivor of the Lodz Ghetto
and Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp

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

Adult Education



Torah Study

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

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 game scheduled for Monday, May 27 will move to Thursday, May 30 due to the Memorial Day holiday

Wednesdays, 7:00pm-9:00pm, in Person

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

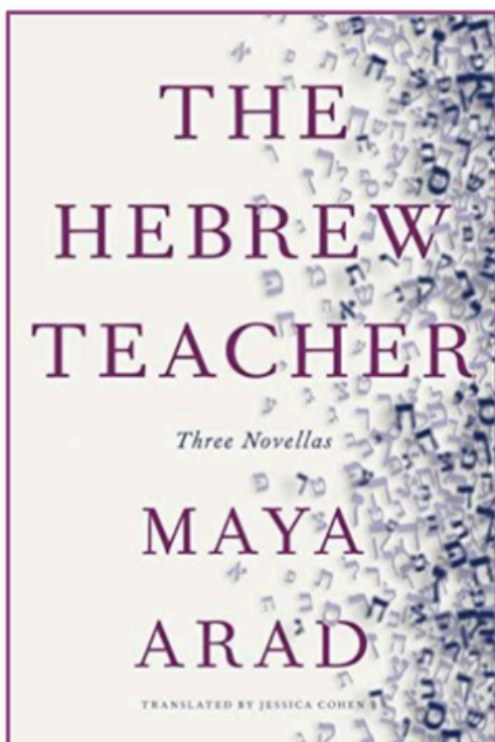
Wednesdays, 1:00pm-3:00pm, in Person

Learn the rules. Play the Game.

Meet new friends, spend fun time with old friends, or take a coffee break.

Learn how to play from a knowledgeable instructor or brush up on your playing skills.

Free for temple members, \$5.00 per session for guests.



Books & More

Friday, May 10 at 10:00am

In Person at TBA

The Hebrew Teacher: Three Novellas

By Maya Arad

"Three Israeli women, their lives altered by immigration to the United States, seek to overcome crises. ... In these three stirring novellas - comedies of manners with an ambitious blend of irony and sensitivity - celebrated Israeli author Maya Arad probes the demise of idealism and the generation gap that her heroines must confront."

(Kindle overview)

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

Temple Beth Abraham's Adult Education Committee
presents:

The Jewish Perspective on Reproductive Rights

with Dr. Lisa Fishbayn Joffe

Thursday, May 16, 2024

at 7:30pm on ZOOM

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



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.

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 and on the intersection between secular and religious family law. Her publications include *Gender, Religion and Family Law: Theorizing Conflicts Between Women's Rights and Cultural Traditions*, *The Polygamy Question* (2015); *Women's Rights and Religious Law*, (2016) and a special issue of *Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women's Studies and Gender Issues on New Historical and Legal Perspectives on Jewish Divorce* (Volume 31, 2017). She is editor of the Brandeis University Press Series on Gender, Culture, Religion and the Law, and of the HBI Series on Jewish Women. She is a co-founder of the Boston Agunah Task Force, devoted to research, education and advocacy for women under Jewish family law. She holds three law degrees.



Women's Circle

at Temple Beth Abraham

In person, Friday, May 17, 2024

Kimberly Marcus

Join Kimberly Marcus as she discusses her process in writing the newly released "Frankenstein's Matzah: A Passover Parody." This children's book is centered on the Passover family experience, interwoven with science experiments, and situated in a modern gender-supportive framework. Kimberly is a longtime member of TBA, a Religious School Teacher, and Books@Night co-leader.



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[Click here](https://bit.ly/TBA-WC-05-17-2024) or use this link register: <https://bit.ly/TBA-WC-05-17-2024>

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

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Temple Beth Abraham

MOVIE MAVENS

Saturday, May 18, 2024 7:00pm

Golda



Israel 1973... One woman stood between Victory and Defeat

This movie, directed by Guy Nattiv and starring Helen Mirren as Golda Meir, focuses on the intensely dramatic and high-stakes responsibilities and decisions that Prime Minister Meir, also known as the "Iron Lady of Israel," faced during the Yom Kippur War.

Bleeker Street, 2023, 100 mins., PG-13 (for thematic material and pervasive smoking)

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



Israel Committee Meeting
May 8
7:00pm
In person and online

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.



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

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, May 8 at 8:00pm - In Person & Online

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



Yom Hashoah

Yellow Candle 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Watch your mail box for the Yellow Candle which has been sent to you. We ask that on Sunday, May 5, *Erev Yom HaShoah*, you light the candle in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. Place it in your window as a reminder to yourself and your neighbors of the tragedy of the Holocaust, to help insure that, through memory, it will never happen again. We hope that you and your family will also join us for our Yom HaShoah service at 7:30pm that evening.

Yom HaZikaron, the Israeli Memorial Day

May 12, 2024
8:00pm

Kol Ami

280 Old Mamaroneck Rd, White Plains

Yom HaZikaron has been traditionally dedicated to fallen soldiers, but recently commemoration has been extended to civilian victims of terrorism



Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

May 19, 2024
3:00pm - 5:00pm

Temple Israel Center

280 Old Mamaroneck Rd, White Plains

Join the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and Westchester Jewish Council (WJC) at a joyous and fun-filled celebration of Israel's 76th anniversary



Temple Beth Abraham's
5TH GRADE'S
MITZVAH PROJECT

CAR WASH

MAY 12
9:30-
11:00AM

SUNDAY
MAY 12, 2024
9:30-11:00am

car wash and dry - \$10.00
to NOT wash - \$10.00

flowers for that special someone -\$2.00
each

bake sale items- \$2.00 each



Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center and Westchester Jewish Council

Present the:
Annual Westchester Countywide
**Yom HaShoah Commemoration
Holocaust Remembrance Day**

Monday, May 6, 2024
12:00 - 1:00pm
Garden of Remembrance
148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, NY

Featuring reflections from Holocaust survivor Annie Kleinhaus, the procession of Westchester's rescued Holocaust Torahs and remarks from County executive George Latimer.

**Free and Open to All
Rain or Shine**

For additional information on this event, please contact:
mjasper@hhrecny.org or
pam@wjcouncil.org

FOR TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM'S YOUTH GROUPS

MAY YOUTH GROUP HANGOUTS

MAY 5, 2024

ZEETYKATAN (KINDERGARTEN-2ND GRADE)

AND

ZEETYTEENY (3RD-5TH GRADE)

11:00AM-12:30PM

ZEETY678 (6TH-8TH GRADE)

AND

ZEETY (9TH-12TH GRADE)

1:00PM-2:30PM

To register: <https://bit.ly/mayyg24>

For more information, email our Director of
Education and Youth Engagement, Stessa Peers, at
SPeers@tba-ny.org



Temple Beth Abraham's May

Family Shabbat

Friday, May 3rd, 2024

5:00pm Tot Shabbat

5:30pm Oneg: Snack and Schmooze

6:00pm Family Services - Kindergarten and 1st Grade Family Shabbat Service

After Services: 7th-12th Grade Shul In

Join us for K/1 Grade Family Shabbat!

What is Family Shabbat?

Family Shabbat is a service geared towards children and families. Kindergartners and 1st Graders will participate in the service by leading us in song

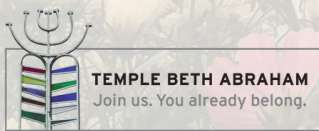
What is a Shul In?

Shul-ins are a sleepover at TBA!

After services, Hebrew High Schoolers will meet for a sleepover that will end at 8:00am the following morning.

To register: <https://bit.ly/hhsshulin>

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



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Temple Beth Abraham's Annual Picnic

in appreciation of our Members

Sunday, May 19, 2024
11:15am-1:30pm

- ☺ FOOD!
- ☺ MUSIC!
- ☺ GAMES!
- ☺ FRIENDS!

in the
Malka Oliner Playground
at TBA



There is no charge for this event, but please RSVP so we know how much food to purchase!
Call the office at (914) 631-1770 or go to bit.ly/TBA-Picnic24!

TBA

SOFTBALL

Join our team!
email
Glenn Trieff
if interested!



Upcoming Games:

- May 5: 9:15am vs. Temple Israel Center at Losee Field, Tarrytown
- May 12: 9:15am vs. Bet Am Shalom at Losee Field, Tarrytown
- May 19: 9:15am vs. Temple Israel of Northern Westchester at Gerlach Park, Ossining
- June 2: 9:15am vs. Temple Israel of Northern Westchester at Losee Field, Tarrytown

THE SEASON CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST 18.

Place	Team	Wins	Losses	Games Back
1	Temple Israel Northern Westchester	1	0	-
2	Temple Israel Center White Plains	1	0	-
3	Temple Beth Abraham	0	1	1
4	Shaarei Tikvah	0	1	1
5	Bet Am Shalom	0	1	1

TBA FAMILY



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

REFUAH SHLEIMAH TO:

Sheila Stein

MAZEL TOV TO:

- **Irene and Jonathan Metz** on the marriage of their daughter Isabel to Gabe Tarshish
- **Sharon DeLevie and Steven Haber** on the birth of their grandson Otis Samson Rosen. Parents are Rachel (DeLevie-Orey) and Scott Rosen.
- **Claire and Steven Zucker** on the birth of their grandson, Benny Shai Zucker. Parents are Carly (Rosenthaler) and Brad Zucker
- **Randi and Ira Schochet** on the engagement of their son Paul to Alison Davis

DONATIONS



BIMA FLOWERS

- In loving memory of Bunny Solomon on her birthday from **Audrey & Ben Gelfand, Roy and Jessica Solomon**

BUILDING FUND

- In loving memory of Bob Zinman from **Harryette Helsel**
- In loving memory of Alex Daniels from **Harryette Helsel**

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- With gratitude for the support as we grieved the loss of our father and grandfather, Morton Povman, from **Michael & Jennifer Povman**

ENDOWMENT FUND

- In loving memory of Robert Zinman from **Ana Benima**
- in loving memory of Lin Bermas from **Margot, Barry & Tamir Goldberg**

FRAN FRIEDMAN FUND FOR THE ENRICHMENT OF CHILDREN

- In loving memory of Anna Stella Lorenz from **Stephen & Linda Gerstman**

HARRIET VERTER JEWISH EDUCATION FUND

- In honor of Rabbi Geoff Mitelman from **Stephen & Linda Gerstman**

DONATIONS



ISRAEL COMMITTEE

- From **Peter & Amy Herzog**

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

- In loving memory of Martin Singerman from **Geri Singerman**

NURSERY SCHOOL FUND

- From **Bradley & Carol Wank**
- In loving memory of Morty Povman from **Audrey & Ben Gelfand**

ONEG FUND

- In honor of their baby naming on May 5th from **Brian Hecht & Morgan Ridler**
- In loving memory of Joseph Doctor from **Ida Doctor**

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- In loving memory of Alex Daniels from **Pearl Raz**
- With gratitude for Rabbi Holtz from **Brian & Karen Daniels**
- With gratitude for his Rabbi's support and guidance during a time of grief from **Glen & Judi Markowitz**
- With gratitude for the support and consolation as we grieved the loss of our father and grandfather, Morton Povman, from **Michael & Jennifer Povman**

TBA CARES

- In loving memory of Morton Povman from **Robin Kolodzinski**

TEMPLE FUND

- In honor of the birth of our grandchild, Benny Shai Zucker from **Steven & Claire Zucker**
- In loving memory of Alexander Daniels from **Brian, Karen, Rachel, Nesya, & Jonah Daniels**
- In loving memory of Alex Daniels from **David Farr**
- In loving memory of Morton Povman from **Loeb & Loeb, LLP**
- In loving memory of Bob Zinman from **Stephen & Linda Gerstman**
- In loving memory of Alex Daniels from **Jane Silverman & Don Kumka**
- In loving memory of Florence Steinman from **David & Eileen Weiner**
- In loving memory of Sally Weinbaum from **Ira & Harriet Weinbaum**

DONATIONS



TEMPLE FUND (continued)


- In loving memory of Elsie Hyman from **Leonard & Judith Hyman**
- In loving memory of Max Berkowitz from **Richard & Linda Okrasinski**
- In loving memory of Zachary Tolchin from **Stanley & Marcia Bell**
- In loving memory of Nettie Singerman from **Geri Singerman**
- In loving memory of Paul Rothenberg from **Rochelle Kessler**
- In loving memory of Samuel Hirsch from **Pamela Drassinower**
- To wish a speedy recovery to **Rochelle Kessler**

TIKKUN OLAM

- In loving memory of Zachary Tolchin from **Barbara Landau**
- In loving memory of Morton Povman from **Jane Silverman & Don Kumka**
- From David & Beth Rubin

TORAH RESTORATION FUND

- From **Richard & Diane Lane**
- In honor of TBA's 125th Anniversary from **Herb & Melissa Baer**
- From **Neil & Wendy Bruckner**
- In loving memory of Bob Zinman from **Jerry and Marla Peers**



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YOUTH GROUP FUND

- for the Purim Circus from **Avital Lipski**
- with gratitude for the loan of our Torah from **Cantor Dana Anesi**

Mazal Tov! to **Bernice Rogowitz**



recipient of the 29th
Annual Julian Y.
Bernstein
Distinguished Service
Award

(כָּל הַכְּבוֹד) Kol Hakavod

The 29th Annual Julian Y. Bernstein
Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony
Temple Israel Center of White Plains
280 Old Mamaroneck Rd.,

White Plains, NY on May 7, 2024 at 7:30pm
Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

RSVP requested: <http://tinyurl.com/33r3cenv>





Save the Date

Tuesday evening, June 11, 2024

A Celebration of Learning

Join us for an engaging Shavuot evening featuring:

- A communal experience combining service elements, singing and teaching
- Breakout learning sessions led by Rabbi David, Cantor Lauren and a surprise guest or two
- Cheesecake, Cannolis & Ice Cream

Also join us Wednesday, June 12th at 9 am for a Shavuot service, *yizkor* and a dairy kiddush!

Save the date

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation
will be Tuesday June 18 at 7:30pm
(due to the Shavuot holiday)

Zentangle at TBA with Jill Greenbaum, Ed.D.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 7:30pm in person

Email AdultEd@tba-ny.org to register

Materials fee:

\$5 each for TBA Members

\$8 each for guests

exact change appreciated

Step by step instruction. No artistic experience necessary.

Discover the many ways to draw beautiful patterns with Zentangle, an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns.

Zentangle helps increase your focus and create a different mood and state of mind.

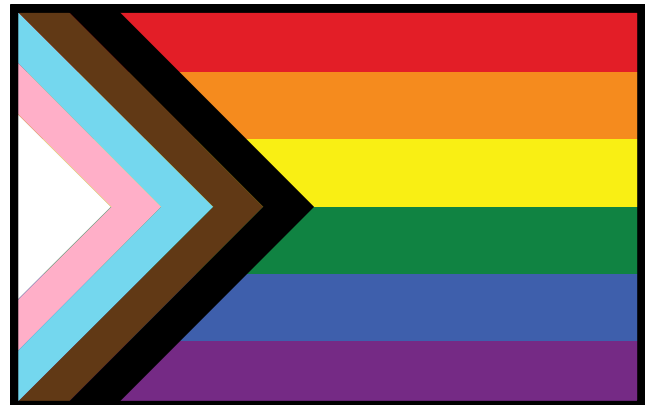
Zentangle can be enjoyed across a wide range of skills, interests and ages.

Everyone is welcome to engage in this delightful journey.



Registration required. Space is limited.

**June 14 at 7:30 pm
Pride Shabbat**



Chai Plus Shabbat Is Friday, June 21st



Chai Plus Shabbat honors those who have been members of the Temple Beth Abraham community for 18 years or more. You have been with us through celebration and challenges and we want to celebrate YOU!



TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

Join us. You already belong.

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Deadlines for upcoming issues:

August 1, 2024 for September, 2024

September 1, 2024 for October, 2024



LEAVES FOR LIFE CYCLE EVENTS ON OUR TREE OF LIFE

Our synagogue is proud to possess the *Etz Chaim*, our *Tree of Life*. This original sculpture by the noted synagogue artist, Sanford Werfel, is permanently displayed in the Temple Beth Abraham lobby. The branches of the tree contain leaves that may be inscribed to highlight or commemorate such joyous events as births, weddings, anniversaries, *b-mitzvat*, graduations or simply to honor parents, family, or friends. Share your happy occasions by inscribing your family *simchas* on our synagogue's *Tree of Life* as a permanent dedication to the meaningful and happy events that touch the lives of our community. **Please note that the creation of a leaf may take up to 8 weeks.**

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

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