



# TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

## MARCH NEWSLETTER

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### Monday, March 2

7:00pm Reform Purim Service and *Shpiel*

#### Tuesday, March 3

9:00am Conservative Purim Service with *Megillah* reading

#### Friday, March 6

5:00pm Tot Shabbat Service  
5:30pm *Oneg/Pre-neg*  
6:00pm Reform Family Shabbat Service, Sixth Grade Shabbat, and Scout Shabbat

#### Saturday, March 7

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service with Torah discussion  
11:00am Joseph Daniels, son of Jason Daniels & Elena Tashlitsky, will be called to the Torah as a *Bar Mitzvah*

#### Friday, March 13

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service with Torah Reading, Shabbat Across America

#### Saturday, March 14

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service with Torah discussion

#### Friday, March 20

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

#### Saturday, March 21

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service with Torah discussion

#### Friday, March 27

7:30pm Reform Shabbat Service

#### Saturday, March 28

9:00am Conservative Shabbat Service with Torah discussion



### From Rabbi Holtz's Study

Dear Friends,

A new leader who blurts out the first thing that comes to mind; a secretive advisor known for his hatred of "others;" a woman who refuses to do what the leader demands and is summarily dismissed. Ripped from the headlines? Nope, it's the story of Purim!

King Ahashuerus is the blowhard; Haman the evil advisor; Vashti the one who stands up to the King. And of course, there's Esther and Mordecai as well. It's a timeless story, with echoes that resonate in every generation.

This year, our Purim celebration begins right after Religious School on Sunday, March 1, with our Purim Carnival, run by ZEETY, our teen youth group. Games, fun, food, prizes!

Monday evening, March 2, we welcome the holiday with a festive dinner, a joyous and abbreviated *megillah* reading, complete with our ever-popular traffic light, followed by a spectacular *shpiel*!

Then, on Tuesday morning, join us at 9:00 a.m. for the *gantze megillah* – a full *megillah* reading, accompanied by adult beverages.

I hope you'll join us for all of it. Meanwhile, to whet your appetite, here are some lesser-known facts about Purim which you might find interesting:

- 1) In the entire scroll of Esther, God is not mentioned at all. The author of this scroll did not attribute the saving of the Jews to Divine intervention. [Meanwhile, in the Passover Haggadah, Moses isn't mentioned at all, and the redemption of the Jews is all God's doing. So, which is it? Are we saved by our own actions, or by God? Or is it both?]

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Religious School will be closed from Sun., March 29 through Sun., April 5 for Spring Break/Passover and will resume on Mon., April 6

The Children's Garden Center is closed from Mon., March 30 through Fri., April 3 for Spring Break/Passover and will resume on Mon., April 6



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**Cantor's Notes**  
**Jewish Athletes at the Milano-Cortina Olympics**

It's always a thrill to explore the journeys that Jewish and Israeli athletes go through to qualify - and potentially medal - at the Olympic games. As we celebrate the recent conclusion of the Milano-Cortina Olympics, here is a round-up of several Jewish and Israeli athletes who made an impact at the games:

**Korey Dropkin, Mixed Doubles Curling for Team USA (Silver Medalist)**

Korey Dropkin and his partner, Cory Thiesse (yes, they're both named K/Cor(e)y) became the first Americans to ever receive a medal in mixed-doubles curling during the Milano-Cortina Olympics. Curling is not a sport that one typically associates with Jewish athletes. In fact, Gabe Pulver writes about this unusual phenomenon in The Canadian Jewish News: "I would say in terms of historical analogies, a Jewish curler is almost at "Jewish BYU (Brigham Young University) quarterback" level of rarity."

In addition to being Jewish, Korey also has a Northern Westchester connection: He is the nephew of former congregants of mine from my time at Temple Israel of Northern Westchester.

**Aerin Frankel, Jeremy Swayman, Quinn Hughes, and Jack Hughes, Team USA Hockey (Gold Medalists)**

Jewish athletes were among the stars of both Gold Medal-winning Team USA Men's and Women's Hockey Teams. Aerin Frankel, a Briarcliff Manor native who attended Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, was the heroic goalie of the women's team. Frankel leaned to skate and was a member of the Westchester Vipers hockey team at the Westchester Skating Academy as a child and young teen.

Frankel made more than 30 saves in Team USA's nail-biting overtime win over Canada. "I was just kind of treating it like another game," Frankel told CBS News in regards to victory. "I believe in my teammates so much, so for me it was just belief the whole way through, knowing we were going to get the job done, trying to do my job and letting them do theirs."

Also of note is the fact that the opposing goalie for Team Canada - Kayle Osborne - is also Jewish!

On the men's side, Gold Medal-winning Team USA boasts three Jewish players. Brothers Jack and Quinn Hughes and Jeremy Swayman. All three are NHL players: Jack plays for the NJ Devils, Quinn plays for the Minnesota Wild, and Swayman plays for the Boston Bruins. The third Hughes sibling, Luke, also plays for the NHL. The Hughes family is the first American family to have three siblings all chosen in the first round of the NHL draft. This comes as no surprise, given that their mother, Ellen Weinberg-Hughes, is also a hockey player and represented the US at the 1992 World Championships and served on the coaching staff for the Milan-Cortina Olympics.

Jack Hughes scored the winning Gold Medal goal in Milan, at which point he was lauded on social media as being the only hockey player to have had both a golden goal and a *Bar Mitzvah*.

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SHERRY SATURNO  
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Dear Temple Beth Abraham Families and Friends,

We have so much to joyfully anticipate in March as we transition into spring! The *mitzvah* of giving *Mischloach Manot* brings cheer and warmth through gifts shared in our congregation. I can't wait to welcome you for games, spin art, and delicious snacks at our fun Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 1st. We are so excited for our Purim dairy dinner, Reform Service, and the highly anticipated Purim *Shpiel* with a *Wicked*

twist on Monday, March 2nd, which is followed by our Conservative Service and *Megillah* Reading on Tuesday, March 3rd.

If you love learning about women artists, the Jewish Women's Archive ([JWA.org](http://JWA.org)) launches its free online history course titled "Unruly Visions: A History of Jewish Women Artists" on March 1st, and I hope you will join me for this four-part series. You may register here: [p.constantcontactpages.com/\\_sl/S8gowbQ/OHCMarch2026](http://p.constantcontactpages.com/_sl/S8gowbQ/OHCMarch2026).

For our cinephiles, the 2026 Jewish Film Festival ([burnsfilmcenter.org/series/jewish-film-festival-2026](http://burnsfilmcenter.org/series/jewish-film-festival-2026)) premieres at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville on March 24th with a screening of "My Underground Mother" and will conclude on April 6th. There are over twenty programs in the series which celebrate resilience, tradition and community, with several in-person engagements with filmmakers.

Finally, please save the date for Friday, March 15th, and join us in person for our Books & More Club. We're thrilled to welcome author Lynda Cohen Loigman virtually as we discuss her novel, *The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern*, and enjoy special refreshments together.

I am so delighted to be part of the TBA community, and if you happen to be in, please stop by to chat with me - I would love to see you!

L'Shalom,

Sherry



We're revamping Midnight Run for Spring 2026 and need your help!

We're collecting donations (clothing, hygiene supplies, packaged snacks, and funds) and recruiting volunteers to prepare and deliver food and care bags to people experiencing homelessness. Please donate items, sponsor supplies, or sign up to volunteer. Every contribution helps keep people safe and warm. Bins will be available for drop off in the lobby.

Please share your contact information with Melissa Dickman ([MLdickman123@gmail.com](mailto:MLdickman123@gmail.com)) for info on volunteering.



## STESSA PEERS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Dear TBA Families,

As you're receiving this, it is the early morning of the first day of March. When I was growing up, the TV channel, Nickelodeon, had a tradition of saying "rabbit rabbit" on the first of the month. It always felt like a small, sweet, happy way to welcome whatever was ahead in the new month.

Even though we have already been in the Hebrew month of *Adar*, the most joyful month of the year, there is something about the first of March lining up with our Purim Carnival that feels especially fitting. If there were ever a Jewish version of "rabbit rabbit," it might be stepping into Purim celebrations on the first day of the secular month with the reminder that we increase our joy. "Rabbit rabbit" is a simple, playful way to begin a month, and *Adar* carries that same spirit as we move toward Purim. As the *Talmud* teaches, "When the month of *Adar* enters, we increase in joy" (*Taanit* 29a).

Purim is joyful because it tells the story of a people who survived. We retell how Esther found her voice, how Mordechai stood firm, and how what felt frightening and uncertain turned completely upside down and topsy-turvy. The *Megillah* moves from fear to celebration and joy. We dress up because the story reminds us that things are not always what they seem, we make noise to drown out Haman's name because evil does not get the final word, and we are commanded to increase our joy and to share that joy with others.

Purim is also about generosity. We give *mishloach manot* (Purim baskets) to friends and *matanot la'evyonim* (gifts to those in need) because Jewish joy is meant to be communal. It connects us to one another and it strengthens our community. Thank you to everyone who participated in our *Mishloach Manot* Fundraiser. Your support of the Pincus Fund provides financial assistance to Religious School families and helps ensure that Jewish learning and belonging remain accessible to all.

I am looking forward to our Purim Carnival TODAY, Sunday, March 1, 2026, from 11:00am-1:00pm following Sunday School. The building will be filled with costumes, games, laughter, and *ruach* (spirit). If you are coming to TBA today, come in costume and get ready for the fun... we are SO excited to celebrate together!

- [For more information about the carnival, click here!](#)
- [If you are an adult or teen who would like to volunteer, click here!](#)
- [If you would like to donate to our youth group fund, click here!](#)

I am so excited to see you all at TBA for our Purim Carnival, and at our Purim Dinner, *Shpiel*, and Service!

*L'Shalom*, to Peace, and *Chag Purim Sameach*, Happy Purim!

Morah Stessa

### Shabbat Candle Lighting

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Friday, March 6, <i>Adar</i> 17		5:34 pm
Friday, March 13, <i>Adar</i> 24		6:42 pm
Friday, March 20, <i>Nissan</i> 2		6:50 pm
Friday, March 27, <i>Nissan</i> 9		6:57 pm



## Melissa McHugh Director of Early Childhood Education HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CGC

*"Spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm." - John Muir*

We have been very busy at the Children's Garden Center this Winter exploring various related themes as we spend our days learning and growing together. During February, we had many days to play and engage inside. We worked on a cumulative study of our bodies and our five senses. A highlight of the month was "Capabilities Day." We learned the song, "Put a Little Love in your Heart" in sign language, read a braille version of "Goodnight Moon," and had the opportunity to ride in a wheelchair. We learned about our bodies and how they grow and we read about trees for *Tu B'Shvat* and how trees, like us, grow when nourished. Our CGC Friday gardening program has continued indoors with the help of master gardener, Sara Seliti. Thank you to Rabbi David and Cantor Lauren for sharing music and blessings with us each Friday as we welcome Shabbat. We look forward to Spring and the opportunities for exploration that this wonderful season provides both outside and inside the classrooms.

The Children's Garden Center is currently enrolling for the 2026-2027 school year. Our classes are filling very quickly! This summer we will be offering a CGC mini-camp. Details coming soon! Please spread the word!

Happy Spring!

Warmly,  
Melissa McHugh



## A Letter From The President



As we move into March, I have been reflecting on what an extraordinary moment this is in the life of Temple Beth Abraham.

This is a year of transition, of celebration, and of thoughtful investment in the future we are building together. In recent weeks, we marked an important milestone as we came together for a special congregational meeting to approve the hiring of Rabbi David Vaisberg. I am grateful for the strong participation and engagement, and we look forward to welcoming Rabbi Vaisberg and his family to TBA this summer as we prepare for the next chapter of our community's leadership.

At the same time, we are seeing meaningful momentum across our Strengthen & Sustain effort. Many of you recently received a letter about Strengthen & Sustain and the Social Hall refresh now underway, and I appreciate the thoughtful conversations and generosity that letter has already sparked. Thanks to early support across the community, we have now raised nearly \$500,000 toward our \$3 million Strengthen & Sustain goal.

Work is underway on the Social Hall refresh, and we are excited for the congregation to experience the space when it is completed ahead of our April 25 Gala honoring Rabbi David Holtz. The goal of this work has always been simple: to make one of our most heavily used gathering spaces warmer, more welcoming, and better suited to the many ways we come together as a community.

As we look ahead to the spring gala, anticipation continues to build. The evening will be an opportunity to celebrate Rabbi Holtz's remarkable impact on TBA and to gather as a community at a meaningful moment of transition. Gala sponsorships remain one of several ways congregants are choosing to participate in this shared effort.

What has been most striking to me is the way these moments fit together. Leadership transition, investment in our shared spaces, and growing support for Strengthen & Sustain all reflect a congregation moving forward with intention, confidence, and care. This is what it looks like when a community honors its past while actively shaping its future, together.

Thank you for all the ways you continue to show up for Temple Beth Abraham and for being part of this important moment in our congregational story.

Brian





**Friday March 13 is Shabbat Across America**

Hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate Shabbat. Everyone is invited to celebrate--together!

Share the beauty of Shabbat - Everyone has at least one friend, family member, co-worker, or someone you know who has not truly experienced Shabbat in a long time – if at all. Tell them about *Shabbat Across America* and invite them to participate with you!

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- 2) The primary commandment concerning Purim is to hear the *megillah* being read.
- 3) Purim was the first celebration of a Jewish holiday not mentioned in the Bible. Can you name the other three? [Hint: one is old, two are modern]
- 4) *Hamantaschen*, those delightful confections, are triangular, supposedly in imitation of Haman's tri-cornered hat. But no one can say how we know that Haman wore such a hat! There are other, grislier theories. Any guesses?
- 5) Special Purim celebrations have been held throughout the ages by communities or even families that have been miraculously delivered from certain destruction. These communities or families continue to commemorate the day of their deliverance every year.
- 6) It is customary to send baskets of food, especially *hamantaschen* and fruit, to friends and neighbors on Purim morning. This is called, appropriately enough, *mishloach manot* (the sending of gifts). Here at TBA we make it easy for you to fulfill that *mitzvah* through our *Mishloach Manot* fundraiser. If you missed it this year, no worries; Purim happens every year!

L'Shalom,

Rabbi David Holtz

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Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, also offered his congratulatory wishes on social media: "Beyond his incredible skill on the ice, Jack makes history as a proud representative of the American Jewish community, reminding us that the Jewish people are interwoven into America in her 250th year!"

**Avital Carroll, Moguls Skiing for Austria**

Avital Carroll, a native New Yorker who grew up skiing the slopes of Stowe, Vermont as a child, is a freestyle skier who specializes in moguls. She qualified for the US Ski Team in 2018. However, a few years later Avital switched her nationality to Austria in honor of her grandmother, Elfi Hendell, a Holocaust survivor who fled Vienna and eventually immigrated to the US in 1944 when she was just 11. The Austrian Nationality Act came into effect on September 1, 2020, at which point Austria extended citizenship to descendants of those who suffered under the totalitarian Nazi regime.

"I'm so grateful for what Austria went through to create this Act and the opportunities that it gives not only to me, but to the Jewish community around the world," writes Avital. I want to use my little platform to bring attention to all the horrible things that have happened in the past, and that unfortunately still continue today.

In Milan, Avital came in 7th place in Women's Moguls and in 10th place in Women's Dual Moguls. She is a two-time bronze medalist at the Women's Moguls World Championships.

**Israeli Bobsled Team**

In 1988, Jamaica surprised the world when the Jamaican Bobsled Team made their debut in the Calgary Olympic Games. Nearly 40 years later, another unlikely Bobsled squad has found their way to Milano-Cortina. The Jamaicans went on to inspire the hit Disney movie *Cool Runnings*. In tribute, the Israeli Team has been lovingly nicknamed "Shul Runnings."

Team Captain AJ Edelman (the brother of popular comedian Alex Edelman) is thought to be the first Orthodox Jew to compete in the Winter Olympics and the first Orthodox Jewish man to compete in any Olympics. (The first-ever Orthodox Olympian was Bat-El Gatterer, a Taekwondo athlete who competed in

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the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.) Notably, AJ was also the first Israeli Olympian to represent the country in two different sports. In 2018, he represented Israel in Skeleton in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

While it was an incredible feat for Israel's Bobsled Team to qualify for the Olympics, their final results put them in last place for the two-man bobsled and with an unfortunate disqualification on the four-man bobsled. The four-man team was made up of four regular athletes and one alternate. The alternate, Ward Fawarseh, would have become the first Druze Israeli to compete in the Olympics. Already in last place from the qualifying rounds, Edelman and his teammates posted on social media that "it was more important to us that our alternate could have the opportunity to compete in the Olympics."

But making a substitution on Olympic bobsled events is not so easy, and is only allowed if someone is injured or ill. Sledder Uri Zisman agreed to say he was too sick to compete. Unfortunately, they got caught by the Olympic Committee of Israel (OCI), who decided to suspend its own team for lying.

In a statement, the OCI said: "The heads of the delegation ... received information according to which members of the [bobsled] team requested to replace one of the participants in an improper manner that does not meet the standards expected of Olympic athletes and is not in line with Olympic values."

Edelman posted an apology on X, taking full accountability for the team's risky decision: "I apologize profusely for the disappointment. But I will always remain proud that the team looked at their Druze brother, who had earned his place on the team, and unanimously said 'we want this for you.' I signed off on it and I take responsibility."

Despite the fact that their attempted act of *chesed* backfired, Edelman and his team - which, in addition to the athletes already mentioned, also included Omer Katz and Menachem Chen - were ecstatic simply by the fact that they were at the Olympics.

"What we accomplished today, some kid is going to see in 10, 15, 20 years, and he's going to be inspired by that to do his own journey," Edelman told Israel's Sport5 channel in an interview shortly after competing in the two-man race with Chen. "We're very proud, we're moving forward to the four-man event... Israel is in the Olympics, baby! We did something unbelievable in this sport, to do it by ourselves, piecing it together. People might not realize how amazing this accomplishment is for this country."

In addition to these athletes, other notable Jewish Winter Olympians who traveled to Milan included sibling skiing duo Noa and Barnabas Szollos, Figure Skater Mariia Seniuk, and Skeleton sledder Jared Edelman. None of them medaled this time around, but they all represent the talent, grit, and determination necessary to be among the world's most elite athletes. *Mazel tov* to all!

*L'Shalom,*

Cantor Lauren Phillips Fogelman

## Shabbat Torah Readings

March 7	-----	<i>Ki Tisa</i> , Exodus 30:11 - 34:35
March 14	-----	<i>Vayak'heil-P'kudei</i> , Exodus 35:1 - 40:38
March 21	-----	<i>Vayikra</i> , Leviticus 1:1 - 5:6
March 28	-----	<i>Tzav</i> , Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36

# JOIN US FOR THESE PURIM EVENTS

## **PURIM DINNER**

**Monday, March 2, 6:00pm**

**Dairy Dinner**

**by reservation**

**(Reservations are closed, please reach out to the office to see if we can still fit you in)**

## **REFORM SERVICE & SHPIEL**

**Monday, March 2, 7:00pm**

## **CONSERVATIVE SERVICE WITH MEGILLAH READING**

**Tuesday, March 3, 9:00am**

## **MISHLOACH MANOT**

**Pick up your Purim Bag at Services on Mon., March 2 or Tues., March 3**

## **PURIM CARNIVAL**

**Sunday, March 1, 11:00am - 1:00pm**

**TBA's Teen-led Purim celebration!**

**Games! Spin art! Snacks! Raffle!**

**Food items \$1-3**

**Activity Tickets: 10 for \$10**

**or \$36 for unlimited**

**Cash preferred**

**Please bring a box of rice or dried pasta to services to serve as a grogger which will be donated to the Community Food Pantry of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown following services.**

# TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!



**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

TBA Gala  
honoring Rabbi David Holtz  
on his retirement from Temple Beth Abraham  
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montage to be shown  
at the Gala.**

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your photos  
with Rabbi David.**

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# Adult Education



## Torah Study

**Wednesdays, 10:00am-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**

**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.

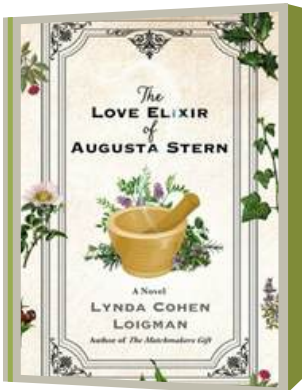
Free for temple members, \$5.00 per session for guests.

## Books & More

**Fri., March 13 at 10:00am**

***The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern* by Lynda Cohen Loigman**

Featuring an Appearance from the Author on Zoom!



*It's never too late for new beginnings. At nearly eighty, retired pharmacist Augusta Stern moves to a Florida senior community—only to reunite with the man who broke her heart sixty years ago. As memories of 1920s Brooklyn and a fateful youthful mistake resurface, Augusta must decide whether love—and a little magic—deserves a second chance.*

Free for temple members; \$5.00 suggested donation for guests.

# TBA Women's Circle



**Why a Healthcare Proxy is not enough.**

**Get the most out of MOLST**

**with Susan Cember**

**Friday, March 20, 2026 5:45 – 7:15pm**

Health Care Proxies and Living Wills do not translate your wishes into specific, actionable medical orders. The MOLST (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) form, on the other hand, tells your designated Health Care Proxy representative and doctors exactly what your wishes and values are regarding life-sustaining treatments, should you ever be hospitalized and unable to make your own medical decisions. We will discuss different scenarios and why nothing should be left to guesswork when it comes to your medical care. Your experiences and questions are welcome.

**CLICK HERE**

**to register**

**<https://bit.ly/TBA>**

**WomenMar20**



## **\*\*NEW\*\* JUDAICA STORE**

**Have you visited the Judaica Store?  
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And even a "Shabbark" Dog Bowl!**

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If you would like to purchase an item that may not be in stock, or you would like to see additional items, please go to [ConceptsOfArt.com](http://ConceptsOfArt.com).

Make sure you tell them that you are from TBA so our Temple will receive 20%!

Any questions, please email Loretta London at [loretta185london@gmail.com](mailto:loretta185london@gmail.com)



# SCOUT SHABBAT

## Friday, March 6 at 6:00pm



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 Fogelman 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 Fogelman at 914-631-1770 or [cantor@tba-ny.org](mailto:cantor@tba-ny.org) to make arrangements.

# Get ready for Passover at TBA's Semi-Annual Wine and Spirit Tasting and Sales Event

We've collaborated with a new store; come and see!

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 4:00pm

Join us for wine & hors d'œuvres,  
& learn about several hand  
selected wines & spirits  
made in Israel

Sponsored by  
TBA's Israel Committee

Register here:  
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## Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance) Service

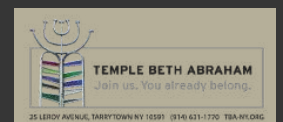
Monday April 13  
7:00pm

Our powerful and moving Yom HaShoah  
service will feature a presentation by  
**Ernest "Ernie" Brod**



Born in Vienna in April 1938, just weeks after Nazi Germany's annexation of Austria. His father died in prison after the family's film business was confiscated, and as anti-Jewish persecution intensified, his mother secured passage for Ernie and herself to the United States in 1941 while his older brother escaped earlier on the Kindertransport to England.

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



Temple Beth Abraham's March

# Family Shabbat

Friday, March 6, 2026

5:00pm Tot Shabbat

5:30pm Oneg: Snack and Schmooze

6:00pm Family Services - 6th Grade Family Shabbat Service

After Services: 6th Grade Shul In

### Join us for 6th Grade Family Shabbat!

#### What is Family Shabbat?

Family Shabbat is a service geared towards children and families. 6th Graders will participate in the service by leading us in prayer

#### What is a Shul In?

Shul ins are a sleeover at TBA! After services, 6th graders will meet for a sleep-over that will end at 8:00am the following morning.

To register: <https://bit.ly/6thshulin26>

For more information, email [SPeers@tba-ny.org](mailto:SPeers@tba-ny.org).



## March Youth Group Events

AT TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM

ZEETYKatan (Kindergarteners-2nd Graders)  
March 8, 2026: 11:00am-12:30pm

ZEETYTeeny (3rd-5th Graders)  
March 22, 2026: 11:00am-12:30pm

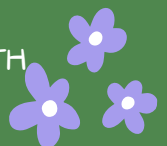
ZEETY678 (6th-8th Graders)  
March 8, 2026: 1:00-2:30pm

TBA TEENS (7th-12th Graders)  
March 22, 2026: 1:00-2:30pm

To Register: <https://bit.ly/marchyg26>



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT OUR DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, STESSA PEERS, AT [SPEERS@TBA-NY.ORG](mailto:SPEERS@TBA-NY.ORG)



# TBA FAMILY



THE FOLLOWING EVENTS REFLECT THE KNOWN SORROWS AND SIMCHAS OF OUR TBA FAMILY SINCE OUR LAST PUBLICATION:

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

- **Wayne & Sherri Heller** on the death of his father, George Heller
- **Michael & Rhona Seymour** on the death of his father, Norman Seymour

**REFUAH SHLEIMAH (A COMPLETE HEALING) TO**

- **Judith Balsan**
- **Steven Balsan**

# DONATIONS



**BIMA FLOWERS**

- **Sharon, Rachel & Laura Kirschner** in loving memory of Louis Lipton and Arnold Tanzer

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES -CHESED FUND**

- **Herb & Melissa Baer**

**BUILDING FUND - SOCIAL HALL RENOVATION**

- **Herb & Melissa Baer**
- **Judy Cohen**
- **Sharon Kirschner**
- **Jenny Libien & Richard Goodwin**
- **Liz Ross & Bernie Tolpin**
- **Jon & Anna Weiss**

**CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

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**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND - CHAPEL RENOVATION**

- **Neil Klein & Susanne Jones**
- **Jennifer & Michael Povman**

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

- **Rochelle & David Greenspan** in memory of Lilly Guttman
- **Tracy & Joseph Ostroff**
- **Jennifer & Michael Povman** in support of TBA's *Strengthen & Sustain* Initiative

**HIGH HOLYDAY APPEAL**

- **Ben & Audrey Gelfand**

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**PINCUS RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



- **Jerry & Marla Peers**

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- **Herb & Melissa Baer**
- **Jenny Libien & Richard Goodwin**
- **David Tabacoff & Sheri Bloom** in loving memory of Seymour Tabacoff

**TEMPLE FUND**

- **Herb, Melissa, Emma & Ethan Baer** in loving memory of George Heller
- **David Glickhouse** in support of TBA's *Strengthen & Sustain* Initiative
- **Rochelle Kessler** for *mi shebeirach* prayers
- **Rochelle Kessler** in loving memory of Stephen Rothenberg
- **Harry & Linda Lubell** in loving memory of Frances Lubell
- **Richard & Linda Okrasinski** in loving memory of Rose Berkowitz
- **Jennifer & Michael Povman** in support of TBA's *Strengthen & Sustain* Initiative
- **Steve & Roberta Rothkin**
- **Philip Stewart** in loving memory of Nicole Bergenfeld

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Deadlines for upcoming issues:

March 6, 2026 for April 2026

April 1, 2026 for May 2026

## 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-mitzvot*, 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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