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Announcements



Temple Beth Abraham
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Shanah Tova and welcome to TBA!

Our community includes families from diverse Jewish backgrounds and reflects a wide range of ages, genders, sexual orientations, economic circumstances, political outlooks, and towns of residence who are united by our love of Torah, *Tikkun Olam*, and the Jewish community. We look forward to sharing the Holy Day season together through song, study and *teshuvah*, return to God. We hope that all our members and guests feel welcome to explore different styles of worship and ways to welcome the New Year.

A Brief History of Temple Beth Abraham by Sonya Edleson z”l, Ruth Biloon z”l, and Melissa Baer

In the beginning, there was a trickle of travelers into the Tarrytown area, mostly from the melting pot that was New York City in the late 1880s. They were among the Orthodox Jews escaping from the hubbub of the big cities, seeking a haven on earth from the whirlwinds of change that marked the twilight of the 19th century. As time went by, these Orthodox settlers formed the nucleus of what was to become the Hebrew Congregation of Tarrytown and North Tarrytown, and finally, what we now know as Temple Beth Abraham. In those early years, religious services were held in the houses of various members. Then, Hyman Levy, son of Abraham Levy who was reportedly the first Jew to settle in Tarrytown, provided a room over his dry goods store to serve as a shul. This arrangement continued until space became inadequate.

In 1905, the congregation built the first Orthodox shul on Valley Street in North Tarrytown (now Sleepy Hollow). Since most settlers came from Kovno, near Kiev, the architecture of the shul was a replica of an old Lithuanian synagogue. The interior featured a beautiful hand-carved ark, which stands today in our Conservative Chapel. In the center of the room were a circular *bima* and ark. In back of the *bima* were pews for the men. The aisles were covered with red carpeting. The ladies sat upstairs in long rectangular balconies.

By the 1930s, the congregation needed a place for the Jewish community to hold social events. In 1933, property on North Washington Street in Tarrytown was purchased, and thanks to the money raised by the Ladies Auxiliary, the Jewish Center was built, complete with a kosher kitchen. As the Valley Street shul became too crowded, the Jewish Center was used for religious services as well. But there was no balcony for separate seating. Thus, the Orthodox continued to pray at the Valley Street shul, and the Jewish Center followed the Conservative tradition.

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By 1945, our congregation had become primarily Conservative, with a vestige of Orthodox members and many of the Reform tradition. The need for a larger building was evident, but there was a dilemma: to maintain the Conservative tradition or to change to the Reform tradition. A special committee appointed to resolve this problem decided upon a unique compromise: there would be two chapels under one roof. The Leroy Avenue property was purchased in 1949, the first service was held in 1955; and in January of 1956, the new building was named Temple Beth Abraham.

In 1957, the Board of Trustees was instituted to run the affairs of the temple. In 1962 the first Friday of the month was designated as a Family Service, which continues to this day with the addition of Tot Shabbat. In 1983, a preschool began under the joint auspices of TBA and the JCCA (formerly known as Jewish Child Care Association). In 1993 the Children's Garden Center Nursery School opened and was run solely by Temple Beth Abraham. Although there were a few years when the Garden Center was jointly run with the Harold and Elaine Shames JCC or was closed (during the COVID-19 pandemic), the CGC recently reopened as the Ian and Emily Cohen Children's Garden Center at Temple Beth Abraham with Melissa McHugh as the Director of Early Childhood Education.

Since its earliest days, Temple Beth Abraham has had a religious school where boys prepared for their Bar Mitzvahs, and girls were taught to read and write Hebrew. At first, school was held in a small room in the Valley Street Shul. When that space was outgrown, the school, took place in the upstairs room over the "spaghetti factory." Whether the downstairs ever had been a spaghetti factory was never documented. By 1965, enrollment in the religious school had grown and the need for additional classrooms was apparent. Ground was broken on an Education Wing (now our "upstairs classroom wing").

Over the years, the school's curriculum evolved to reflect the needs of a modern Jewish community. Under the leadership of dedicated educators, including our current Director of Education and Youth Engagement, Stessa Peers (a long-time member of the TBA Community and a product of the religious school itself), the school emphasizes not only Hebrew reading and preparation for B-Mitzvah, but also Jewish values, history, and community engagement. Youth groups and teen programs are an important part of TBA life, giving students opportunities for leadership, friendship, and Jewish identity-building beyond the classroom.

The COVID-19 pandemic (2020–2022) was a time of extraordinary challenge and creativity for Temple Beth Abraham. While the building was closed, services, classes, and programs were moved online. Clergy and lay leaders worked tirelessly to keep the congregation connected through Zoom, livestreamed services, and virtual holiday celebrations. As restrictions eased, TBA gradually reopened with safety protocols, hybrid programming, and renewed commitment to in-person community life. These adaptations not only sustained the congregation during a difficult time but also expanded accessibility for those unable to attend in person.

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Temple Beth Abraham has several unique Torahs – a “Holocaust Torah” obtained from the Westminster Congregation in England. This Torah dates from 1830 and represents the lost community of Muhlhausen, Czechoslovakia. Another unique Torah in our Ark is distinguished by its rigid silver case. It comes from Calcutta, India, and is typical of Eastern Sephardic communities which do not cover their Torahs with mantles but encase them in highly decorated vertical containers. A third special Torah is the “Joe Doctor Torah,” in the Conservative chapel, which was commissioned and made possible by donations from Joe’s many friends and admirers after his untimely death at the age of 40 and which has recently been restored.

In September 2012, thanks to a generous donation from Judy, Maddy, and Wendy Cohen, Temple Beth Abraham undertook a major renovation of the Sanctuary. The project enhanced accessibility by adding a wheelchair ramp and an elevator. An induction loop was placed in the concrete flooring so that people can pick up sound directly through their hearing aids. Screens and projectors help those with visual impairments. Lighting has been improved. At the same time, the renovations preserved the warmth and beauty of the original design, blending tradition with modern functionality.

Temple Beth Abraham has many beautiful works of art – a hand carved Ark by Sam Gordon, the Jacob’s Ladder sculpture by Sidney Simon, the free-standing menorah in the Sanctuary by Kurtz Matzdorf, the Tree of Life Sculpture by Sanford Werfel, the Holocaust Memorial by Paul Jeffries, and glass sculptures “Shalom” and “Woman of Valor” by our own Saara Gallin. Our newest artwork is our Donor Recognition Wall “Life Lines.” “Life Lines” was envisioned and crafted by congregant Susan Manspeizer. It acknowledges the families who participated in the Bridges Campaign which allowed us to make our facility more accessible.

Until Cantor Margot E. B. Goldberg’s retirement in 2023, she and Rabbi David Holtz were the longest-serving clergy team in Westchester.

In 2023, Cantor Lauren Phillips Fogelman joined us, bringing her warmth, musicality, and energy to our congregation. Following Rabbi Holtz’s retirement in 2026, Rabbi David Z. Vaisberg began his tenure as TBA’s rabbi. Together with Cantor Phillips Fogelman, he is helping lead TBA into an exciting new chapter while honoring the traditions and relationships that have made our community so special.

Membership is once again on the rise, the nursery school is at capacity, the religious school is flourishing, both Reform and Conservative religious services are well attended, social and educational activities of all kinds abound, and Temple Beth Abraham is set on a steady and positive course, we pray, for the next 125 years.

YEAR ROUND SERVICE SCHEDULE

Come pray with us at the time that is perfect for you and your family!

Reform

First Friday of the Month	Tot Shabbat	5:00pm
First Friday of the Month	Family Shabbat	6:00pm
Second Friday of the Month	Shabbat Service with Torah Reading	7:30pm
Third, Fourth, and Fifth Fridays	Shabbat Service	7:30pm

Conservative

Saturdays	Shabbat Service with Torah Discussion	9:00am
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“All Gender” bathroom: in our ongoing effort to assure that everyone entering TBA feels welcome, we have several designated all-gender single-user restrooms, some with changing tables. If you are unsure where to go, please ask one of the ushers.



A FEW MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- Please remember to silence your cell phones.
- When entering or leaving the Sanctuary or Chapel, please do not assemble or talk loudly in the upper-level lobby area when Services are in session.
- Children are welcome at all Services, but should be accompanied and supervised by an adult.
- The Fran Friedman Learning Center is equipped with a monitor where you may view and listen to the Service if you need to step out of the Sanctuary or Chapel.
- Ushers may ask you to wait in the lobby during a Cantorial rendition, the Rabbi's sermon, when the Ark is open, or when the Congregation is standing.
- If an emergency arises, be assured that our ushers will provide direction. Please follow their instructions.



PLEASE NOTE: The temperature in the sanctuaries is deliberately kept cool for the benefit of those presiding.



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Rabbi David Z. Vaisberg
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of their time and energy.

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As the gates remain open on Yom Kippur, we will open our worship with the piece we commissioned in honor of Rabbi David Holtz's retirement.

The words are as follows:

פִּתְחוּ־לִי שַׁעַר־צֶדֶק אֲבֹאֲבָם אֲזֶדֶה יְהוָה
זֶה־הַשַּׁעַר לִיהוָה צְדִיקִים יָבֹאוּ בּוֹ
אֲזֶדֶךְ כִּי עָנִיתָנִי וְתַהֲיִלִּי לִישׁוּעָה

Open the gates of righteousness for me that I may enter and
praise *Adonai*.

This is the gateway to *Adonai*; the righteous shall enter through it.
I praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my deliverance.

- *Psalms 118:19-21*

Music by Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller



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As we enter this season of reflection and renewal, we invite you to consider all that Temple Beth Abraham means to you—what it offers, what it stands for and what it makes possible.

A new year brings exciting possibilities.

Rosh Hashanah begins a period of renewal and reflection. It is also a time of great excitement, as we welcome Rabbi David Vaisberg as our new spiritual leader. In keeping with his arrival, Rabbi V joins us at a time when TBA is going through some other remarkable changes.

That includes our Ian and Emily Cohen Children's Garden Center preschool, which is growing enrollment in its third year. We know it's growing because the sounds of laughter and singing from our little learners keep getting louder! When you come for services, you'll inevitably notice the dramatic renovation of our social hall. It is as striking as it was overdue.

Both projects were made possible through the support of generous donors. But we're not done yet! The wish list keeps getting bigger, as does the list of expensive repairs. **That's where you come in.**

The High Holy Days is when TBA conducts its Annual Appeal, which provides vital funding for our programming and operations. I am humbly asking for your support to help TBA thrive now and well into the future.

Whether you only join us for the High Holy Days or are a more frequent visitor, you know TBA has always been a special stop on your Jewish journey.

From life cycle events to weekly Torah study; from the *Tikkun Olam* programs to our Israel Committee, there is so much we do here and so much more we want to do. **Please help us make that possible.**

Please join us and please be generous. I look forward to meeting many of you as we welcome in what I fervently hope will be a sweet, peaceful new year.

L'Shana Tova!

Steve Gosset

President, Board of Trustees

"Together we have triumphed in the past, and it is together that we will continue to build our Jewish future."

For more than 125 years, Temple Beth Abraham has been at the heart of Jewish life in the Rivertowns. The Annual High Holy Day Appeal provides vital funding for our programming and operations, helping sustain themany ways we worship, learn, celebrate, care for one another, and help heal the world.

Temple Beth Abraham is a community: we worship and celebrate together, learn from and care for each other, mend souls and lift spirits, and help heal the world.

READY TO PLEDGE?
Scan the QR code or visit
tba-nyc.org/HH-Appeal





For Personal Reflection

From Rabbi Vaisberg

What is the nature of my *cheshbon hanefesh* (“accounting of the soul”) this year?

What should be my focus, as I examine my deeds and my direction, from now until Yom Kippur?

What is unresolved in my heart? What questions are on my mind? What is unclear or unsettled in my life?

What decisions have I been putting off or avoiding?

Is there one change I would like to make in the way I am living my life and relating to other people?

When I look over my “accounts,” what do I see? Which personal qualities need repair and strengthening? What habits of mind and behavior need correction?

Which relationships in my life are most challenging at this time? What will I do about them?





To those members who are new or returning to Temple Beth Abraham

We welcome everyone and apologize if we missed any new families as of the printing date.

Jon, Hannah, Shay, and Ezra Arkin

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Rosh Hashanah O'neg

Tuesday, September 12



**Join us for cake, apples, and
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with a special thank you to our
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Conversations and Meditations

Join Rabbi Vaisberg for a guided meditation designed to create a quiet space for reflection, renewal, and connection during Yom Kippur.

Join Cantor Margot Goldberg in an exploration of the song "Awaken" by Cantor Ellen Dreskin to discuss how we might awaken and enter the new year.

Time and space for private reflection in both the Chapel and the Sanctuary



Yom Kippur Food Drive

On Yom Kippur, we set aside food and drink to focus on prayer, reflection, and renewal. Our tradition reminds us, however, that fasting is not meant to end with ourselves. The hunger we feel makes us aware of those for whom hunger is not symbolic but a daily reality.

This year, we will not be collecting food donations at TBA. Instead, we encourage you to support those in need by donating directly to Feeding Westchester by scanning the QR code or at bit.ly/TBA-YK-FoodDrive



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Fall Festivals

The holiday season does not end with Yom Kippur.
Please do not forget to join us for the fall festivals of
Sukkot and Simchat Torah.



Calling all Sukkah Builders and Decorators Tuesday, September 22

- 10:00am Help build the outdoor sukkah!
- 7:30pm Help decorate the Indoor sukkah!

We need helpers to erect the walls and “raise the roof” on the outdoor sukkah and to help decorate the indoor sukkah in the Reform Sanctuary
RSVP to Irene Metz at clergyassistant@tba-ny.org or (914) 631-1770 x106 or by scanning the QR code:



Join Us For Sukkot Services



Friday, September 25

7:30 pm Reform Sukkot and Shabbat Service
Special “Sweets in the Sukkah” *Oneg* following services

Saturday, September 26

9:00 am Conservative Sukkot and Shabbat Service
Kiddush luncheon in the Sukkah following services

Both gatherings will take place as scheduled; weather permitting, they will be held in the Sukkah.

Join us Sept. 25 for

Sweets in the Sukkah



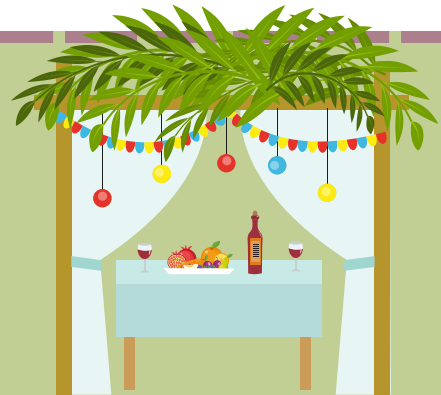
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**Bring Your Own Meal
and eat in the TBA Sukkah!**



It is a mitzvah to eat your meals in the Sukkah and ours is an open tent for all TBA members to enjoy.

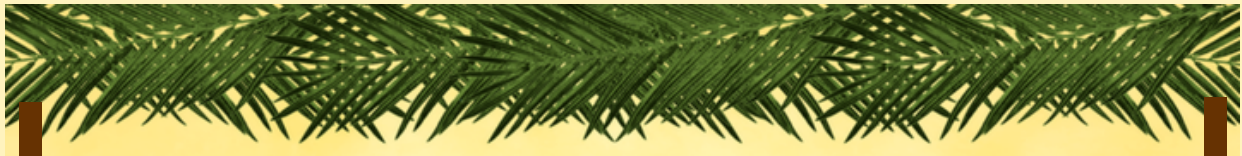
Bring your own meal and enjoy it together with fellow congregants under the branches of the sukkah.

Saturday, September 26 – Friday, Oct 2, 2026

Please note: BYOM will be **unavailable** when in use by the Religious School, the Children's Garden Center, or for *Oneg* or *Kiddush* after Services

Please reserve your space - you may be sharing the space with others in our community

Get in touch with the office to secure your reservation and confirm availability - (914) 631-1770 or tbaoffice@tba-nyc.org



Join Us For *Pizza In the Hut* Sukkot Dinner and Reform Sukkot Services

Friday, September 25

- ◆ 6:30pm Dinner (by reservation only) - \$18 per family
- ◆ 7:30pm Reform Shabbat/Sukkot Service followed by “Sweets in the Sukkah” *Oneg*



Scan the QR code to reserve online, go to
bit.ly/PizzaInTheHut26 or contact the office at
(914) 631-1770 or tbaoffice@tba-nj.org

***Sign up by September 22**



And Join us for Conservative Sukkot Services and Kiddush Luncheon

Saturday, September 26

- ◆ 9:00am Conservative Sukkot Service followed by a Kiddush luncheon in the Sukkah

Sept. 25 Pizza in the Hut Dinner RSVP

Name (First name/last name): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Adults (aged 13 and older): _____

Children (aged 2 to 12): _____ Total enclosed (\$18/family): _____

Please join us after services for “Sweets in the Sukkah!”

Return this completed form to the Temple Office - 25 Leroy Ave., Tarrytown



SUKKOT

Family Fun Day

While our first official day of Sunday School isn't until Sunday, October 11, we'd love to kick off the year by welcoming learners and their families to our Sukkot Family Fun Day! Join us for a morning of crafts, songs, stories, time in the TBA sukkah, and a family-friendly Sukkot service as we celebrate the holiday together.

27
September

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



9:00
to
11:00
AM



Celebrate *Simchat Torah* With Us!



It takes A LOT of people
to unscroll the Torah
Come lend a helping
hand!

Friday, October 2

- 5:00pm Tot Shabbat
- 5:30pm Dairy Dinner (by reservation*)
- 6:30pm Reform Family Shabbat and *Simchat Torah* Service and Dancing with the Torah followed by a festive *Oneg* - **note later service time**

Saturday, October 3

- 9:00am Conservative Shabbat, *Shemini Atzeret*, *Simchat Torah* and *Yizkor* (Memorial) Service
- followed by a dairy luncheon

*Dinner is \$18 per person, \$54 maximum per family.
Reservations required.



Scan the QR code to reserve online, go to bit.ly/2026-ST-Dinner or
contact the office at (914) 631-1770 or tbaoffice@tba-nyc.org

October 2 Simchat Torah Dinner RSVP

Name (First name/last name): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Adults (aged 13 and older): _____ *Dinner is \$18 per person, \$54

Children (aged 2 to 12): _____ maximum per family.

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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Adult Education

at Temple Beth Abraham



Temple Beth Abraham provides a variety of adult education opportunities through a rich array of classes, lectures, discussion and events for adult learners. The Adult Ed Committee is chaired by Bernice Rogowitz

Some events may have a nominal charge for non-members.

You may reach the committee at: AdultEd@tba-nj.org.

Book Clubs



There are two options for readers at TBA. Both groups are congregant-led.

- **Books@Night** – Bi-monthly meetings on Wednesdays at 7:00pm
- Next meeting: **September 16 – *The Postcard* by Anne Berest**
- **Books and More** – Bi-monthly meetings on Fridays at 10:00am
- Next meeting: **September 18 – *This is Not About Us* by Allegra Goodman**

Torah Study



Wednesdays from 10:00am – 11:00am

Rabbi Vaisberg leads a class discussing the Five Books of Moses, The Prophets and Writings. Discussions and readings are in English. No prior knowledge is required and you may join at any point in the cycle

Saturdays at 9:00am

Join us to discuss this week's *parsha* (Torah Reading) during Conservative Services

Lectures



Join the Adult Education Committee and connect with fellow members through engaging learning opportunities and meaningful discussions—both in person and on Zoom, often in collaboration with other TBA committees. Next lecture: **October 21 at 7:30pm In person: *The Erosion of Women's Rights In Westchester***

Mah Jongg



Mondays 1:00pm–4:00pm

Second and Fourth Wednesdays 6:30pm – 8:00 pm

Join us for a friendly game of Mah Jongg—no betting, just fun! Enjoy coffee, conversation, and good company while you play.

All are welcome!

Canasta



Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Instruction for beginners; players of all levels are welcome!

Women's Circle

Once a month on a Friday afternoon from 5:45pm to 7:15pm ending in time for Reform Shabbat Services.

Presentations, activities and discussions. Come spend some time with us as we learn, explore and share.

Next Women's Circle: **Get Together/Planning Meeting October 16**



Tikkun Olam: Repair the World



Hello! I am Audrey Gelfand and I am the chair of *Tikkun Olam* at TBA this year. I am so excited to be leading the synagogue in our efforts to repair the world. There are two kinds of work that *Tikkun Olam* will be undertaking this year. They broadly fit under the umbrellas of Social Action and Social Justice.

Our social action efforts will be to support community, national and global organizations that directly help the community. Our first effort will be to support the students and families in the Tarrytown Pre-K with school supplies. We have taken up this effort for many years because we know that having backpacks and supplies is essential for school success. Please keep an eye out in the next two weeks for a link to purchase supplies tax free. We will also put a group together to assemble the backpacks before the end of the summer.

Tikkun Olam will be working thematically this year fighting food insecurity, helping those who do not have adequate housing, helping immigrant families, caring for the elderly and in many other ways. We will be working on our annual Light One Candle gift program later in the fall. Please read all the way through the weekly eblasts for information going forward.

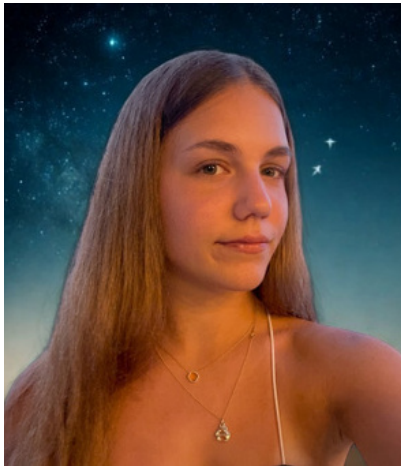
Our other task is social justice. Social justice is the fair and equitable treatment of all individuals and social groups, ensuring equal opportunities, inclusion, and protection of human rights. This year we would like to have conversations about what that means for our congregation. What do all of us care about? What keeps you up at night? What gets you up in the morning, ready to help? Rabbi Vaisberg and I will be leading these conversations and we hope this helps us to develop some ideas for a longer term project or theme for our social justice work. We will be expanding our understanding of this work through the lens of Jewish values. It's not political. It's value driven.

Lastly, this is not something that I can or want to do on my own. *Tikkun Olam* is a wonderful way to help others, become more involved at TBA and meet lots of new people. Do you have a *B-Mitzvah* coming up this year and need ideas for a project? Are you in honor society in your high school and want to do community service? Did you recently join TBA and are looking for a way to meet new people? Do you have something you care about and want TBA to help? Lets work together! I am interested in building this committee with anyone and everyone who wants to be involved. You could be very involved or come to an event. Come join us, you already belong!

Please email me at tikkunolametba-nj.org, and let me know if you want to be on my email list.



Meet The SHINSHINIT



This September, we will be joined by our new *shinshinit*, **Adi Beiman**. Eighteen years old, Adi lives with her parents and two older siblings in Hod Hasharon, which is about 20 minutes from Tel Aviv. She and her family love traveling – both in Israel and abroad, playing board games, and watching movies together.

In high school, Adi majored in chemistry and systems engineering, challenging her to think creatively and sharpening her approach to problems. The *Tsofim*, or Scouts, have been a huge part of her life since she was in fourth grade, where she spent much of her time. Her leadership ability led her to become a counselor and, in her final years in school, a troop leader, responsible for an entire age group. Adi says that the Scouts have shaped who she is and taught her a lot about leadership, responsibility, and how to be a positive role model. We will be in great hands!

In her free time, Adi loves hanging out with friends and staying active. She especially enjoys Pilates, yoga, and running, all of which help her recharge and clear her head.

We are incredibly lucky and honored to welcome Adi into our TBA family on Mondays, where she will be inspiring our fourth and fifth grade students as well as our older *HaMakom* (High School) students, sharing her love of Israel with us and forging friendships, as we, in turn, welcome Adi into our Jewish American lives here, in Westchester.

Shekelvestors

Our small, fun-loving group with a passion for Israel and a few shekels to invest is seeking new members to join us. The group meets the second Wednesday of every month. Come prepared to schmooze, nosh, and learn about investment opportunities in the land of milk and honey.

If you or someone you know enjoys learning about investing, making a few dollars on the side, and having fun, then you should come to our next meeting to see what we are all about.

RSVP to shekelvestors@tba-n-y.org to let us know you're interested

TBA hosts Shekelvestors, but Shekelvestors is not a program of the Israel Committee or Temple Beth Abraham. It is open to members of TBA and the community.



Israel Committee

The mission of Temple Beth Abraham's Israel Committee is to foster a connection to, and love of, *Eretz Yisrael* and *Medinal Yisrael*: the land of Israel and the independent, democratic State of Israel. The committee promotes the State of Israel as a vital component of our identity as American Jews and advocates for the civil and religious rights of all of its citizens.

The goals of the Israel Committee are to foster a connection to, and love of, Israel through:

- educational programs;
- religious school education and life-long learning programming;
- cultural programs;
- travel to Israel;
- promotion of ARZA membership;
- support of Israeli companies and merchants.

The Israel Committee meets every month on the second Wednesday of the month (unless there is a holiday).

The chair of the Israel Committee is Marla Peers, IsraelCommittee@tba-n-y.org



TBA FUNDRAISING EVENTS

SUN
NOV
15

LATKEPALOOZA

HOLIDAY GIFT MARKET AND LATKES, LATKES, LATKES!

SAT
FEB
27

TRIVIA NIGHT

PROFESSIONALLY RUN. GET YOUR TEAMS READY OR WE CAN FIND ONE FOR YOU. APPROPRIATE FOR AGES 13 AND UP. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

SUN
APR
18

SPRING MARKET

SUSTAINABLE SHOPPING. FEATURING DESIGNER AND FASHION PRE-OWNED AND VINTAGE ACCESSORIES: HANDBAGS, SCARVES, JEWELRY. WATCH YOUR INBOXES FOR WAYS TO DONATE. THEN GET READY TO SHOP!

SAT
MAY
15

GALA

NEED WE SAY MORE? STAY TUNED.



From the Rabbi Welcome Team

Informal Opportunities to GET TO KNOW TBA'S CLERGY



BUILDING THE OUTDOOR SUKKAH

Tuesday, September 22
10:00am



BYOL – LUNCH IN THE SUKKAH

Tuesday, Sept 29
12:00pm – 1:30pm
(in case of rain, TBA Lobby)



COFFEE WITH CLERGY

Tuesday, October 6
10:00am – 11:00am
TBA Lobby



Tuesday, October 20
10:00am – 11:00am
TBA Lobby



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 11
11:00am
Social Hall



SHABBAT 'DAY OF PAWS' FRIENDLY DOG WALK

Bring your friendly dog, or join us without a pet, as Rabbi V, with his pup Billie, takes a Shabbat walk on the 'wooded trail' at Tarrytown Lakes Park.

Saturday, October 17, 4:00pm,
Tarrytown Lakes Park
(201-209 Neperan Rd)



SPECIAL ONEG

Rabbi V and Miriam invite the community to Shabbat services and a special *oneg* in honor of their daughter Nava's upcoming *Bat Mitzvah*.

Friday, October 23, 7:30pm



HOST in your HOME

Interested in hosting a casual coffee or evening gathering at your home to get to know Rabbi V? Invite friends, neighbors or anyone interested in TBA. These informal, small-group get-togethers are a wonderful way to build personal connections and share meaningful conversations.



To schedule a convenient date,
contact Irene Metz at
clergyassistant@tba-ny.org.





OPEN YOUR HOME for Shabbat

Consider inviting Rabbi V and his family to your Shabbat table. It's a meaningful way to welcome them into our community and spend some time together outside of synagogue.

Rabbi Vaisberg and his family don't yet live locally and commute from New Jersey, so hosting them for Shabbat dinner is a wonderful mitzvah, and a great way to get to know them too!

You don't need a kosher home or a fancy meal. Vegetarian, dairy, fish, and pasta are all easy options. If you're serving meat, it does need to be kosher. And if you have questions about their dietary needs, just ask—we're happy to help!

Contact Irene Metz, Clergy Coordinator, at clergyassistant@tba-ny.org for more info or to schedule.

Still to be scheduled!

LOOK FOR INFO IN FUTURE
TBA MONDAY EMAILS:



NATURE WALK
at Rockwood



BREWS &
SCHMOOZE
MEETUP



ICE CREAM
SOCIAL



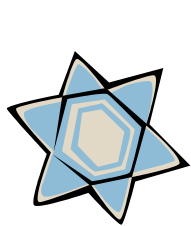
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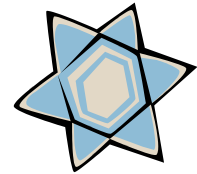
Questions? Ideas?

Contact the Rabbi Welcome Team at RabbiWelcomeTeam@tba-ny.org





Tot Temple Beth Abraham Shabbat



First Friday of the month
5:00 — 5:30pm
Followed by Oneg/Pre-Neg



Led by Rabbi V and Cantor Lauren
(with special guests Morah Stessa and Miss Melissa)

Come join us on:

September 4*
October 2*
November 6
December 5*
January 1

February 5
March 5
April 2
May 7
June 4



*special Shabbat Holiday or Celebration

Tot Shabbat is a monthly program designed for children 0-5 years old
(plus older siblings, and their parents or caregivers)
and includes singing, storytelling, and snack



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— PLEASE JOIN US —

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY-WIDE GATHERING

To Remember October 7th



Tuesday, October 6, 2026



7:00 PM
Doors open



7:30 PM–8:30 PM
Program



Central Westchester Location
Details Upon Registration

Advance registration is required [here](#) or scan QR code



Please contact Pam Goldstein, pam@wjccouncil.org or (914) 328-7001, for more information.



Our way of reminding our students and young adults who are ...

Away@School & Beyond

... they are still in our thoughts and part of our congregational family!

Send your children or grandchildren packages and cards for the Jewish holidays and messages throughout the year from Rabbi V, Cantor Lauren, Morah Stessa and the A@S & Beyond Committee.

\$54.00 per participant

To enroll a participant, go to:
bit.ly/AwayAtSchool or scan the QR code



For more info, contact Irene Metz, clergyassistant@tba-ny.org

The Temple Beth Abraham Adult Ed and Tikkun Olam Committees

Invite you to a lecture

Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 7:30pm
followed by a "Coffee and Questions" Reception



The Erosion of Women's Rights in Westchester

Catherine Lederer-Plaskett
President, Choice Matters

The overturn of Roe has affected women's health and freedom of action in many, many ways. New York has some of the strongest protections for women, yet, the preservation of reproductive justice is not guaranteed. Join us to hear how women's rights are being jeopardized, and what we can do about it.

Members and non-Members welcome. Click here to register: tinyurl.com/ErosionWR
or scan the QR code:



Pet Blessing and Food Drive

Bring your pet to TBA for a blessing.

October 25, 2026 at 11:15 am
(weather permitting)

If your pet doesn't travel well, please bring a photo instead.

All animals must be on a leash or safely contained.

Items to donate:

Amazon wish list: amzn.to/3X1rEj0

Pet Food Drive supports Paws Crossed

www.pawscrossedny.org/



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MAKE THIS YEAR

YOUR YEAR

AT TBA!

CONNECT

LEARN

VOLUNTEER

BELONG

As we enter 5787, we invite you to be part of all that makes TBA special. Whether you've been with us for years or are just getting involved, there's a place for you here!

What will you try?

- Come to a Shabbat Service
- Attend Torah Study
- Come to an Adult Education class
- Attend a Holiday program
- Volunteer
- Play Mah Jongg or Canasta
- Meet new people
- Get involved in *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world)
- Learn about Israel
- Join a committee
- Share a talent
- Bring a friend

Our community is stronger when you are part of it!



TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM
Join us. You already belong.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

For your safety, please review the emergency evacuation instructions provided at your seat.

In the event of an emergency, our ushers and staff will provide clear verbal instructions and guidance.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

If you have children in the Junior Congregation or in Child Care, please **DO NOT** go to the Michael Karnes Conference Center or the Classrooms to retrieve them. The children will exit the building under supervision, and we will instruct you on how to meet up with them once the emergency has ended.

