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Rabbinic Reflections

The Ten Plagues – “Food” for Thought for Your Pesah Seder

The worst outbreak of desert locusts in Kenya in 70 years has seen hundreds of millions of the insects swarm into the east African nation from Somalia and Ethiopia. “Even cows are wondering what is happening,” said Ndunda Makanga, who spent hours Friday trying to chase the locusts from his farm. “Corn, sorghum, cowpeas, they have eaten everything.”

Even a small swarm of the insects can consume enough food for 35,000 people in a single day, said Jens Laerke of the UN humanitarian office in Geneva.

“This one, ai! This is huge,” said Kipkoech Tale, a migratory pest control specialist with the Ministry of Agriculture. “I’m talking about over 20 swarms that we have sprayed. We still have more. And more are coming.”

A single swarm can contain up to 150 million locusts per sq km of farmland, an area the size of almost 250 football fields, regional authorities said.

“The locals are really scared because they can consume everything,” Kitoo said. “I’ve never seen such a big number.”

The locusts eat the fodder for animals, a crucial source of livelihood for families who now worry how they will pay for expenses like school fees, he said. “They will lay eggs and start another generation.”

A changing climate has contributed to “exceptional” breeding conditions, said Nai-

robi-based climate scientist Abubakr Salih Babiker. Migrating with the wind, the locusts can cover up to 150 km in a single day. They are now heading toward Uganda and fragile South Sudan, where almost half the country faces hunger.

Modern Day Interpretation

Perhaps the most memorable moment in the Passover story is when the people of Egypt are overtaken by plague after terrible plague. During the Passover seder, 10 drops of wine are poured out for each of the plagues, in a gesture of recognition for what the Egyptians endured before the Israelites were set free.

Rabbi Yael Rapport of Congregation Beit Simchat Torah describes the pattern that emerges during this part of the story: “The plagues are a consequence to an action.” After every plague, Moses and Aaron return to the pharaoh to ask, again, for freedom, and the pharaoh “hardens his heart” against their pleas each time. It’s only after these fruitless meetings that the next plague comes.

Rabbi Rapport says the 10 plagues of Egypt are meant to teach us “to be open-eyed, open-minded, and open-hearted toward other people.” They can also serve as a springboard for reflection on what “plagues” still exist in our modern-day world. Frogs and water turning to blood might not be problems for us anymore, but bigotry, poverty, and illness are still widespread. She tells us this can be a helpful framework to use when you’re thinking about where to direct your service work or charity.

Rabbi Mark Mallach

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Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael needs you to help assure our commitment to provide a daily minyan, every day, twice each day, 365 days a year.

Monday—Friday 7:00 am, except *legal holidays* 9:00 am
Saturday 9:30 am, Sunday 9:00 am
Sunday to Thursday, upon request 7:45 pm
Saturday 10 minutes past candle lighting
Friday 6:30 pm or 8:00 pm

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From Our Co-Presidents

A little story to kick off our spring 2020 message:

"This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done."

- Charles R. Swindoll

The message of this story is clear. No one volunteered so nothing got accomplished.

As Co-Presidents, we worked hard to instill this sense of accountability among our executive committee and board. There are some strategies we've learned in these recent years that we feel have helped elevate the assumption of responsibility among our lay leaders. If you volunteer, in any capacity, please consider how helpful these tactics are to those around you.

Become a role model. You can't tell people what to do if you yourself aren't willing to hold yourself to the same level. If you want people to act responsibly, you have to be accountable.

Don't make assumptions. Don't assume that others know instinctively what to do and when to do it, or even what you expect from them. Before people can take responsibility for their work, they require clear communication. The more you communicate, the better the results are likely to be.

Set the standard. If you expect excellence, it's up to you to set the standards for results and performance. Set each task or goal on a reasonable timeline so it's achievable. Give people a clear target and they'll work to reach it—and maybe even surpass it.

We always need more volunteers to staff our committees and create new events. Events that so many of us attend and enjoy for ourselves and our families. We need volunteers for Religious School, Adult Ed, Women's League, Men's Club, Fund Raising, Religious Affairs, Membership, Programming, Choir, etc.

Feel free to contact either one of us if you'd like to get involved in any of our multiple committees and events that are being planned.

B'shalom

Lesley and Ilene

IT'S HAPPENING AT TBAY DURING MARCH, APRIL & MAY

ShabbatALIVE!	Torah on Tap	Family Lag B'Omer Celebration
Men's Club Comedy Night	ECP Matzoh Factory	Women's League Donor Dinner
Purim Carnival	Religious School Matzoh Factory	Religious School Taste of Kochavim
Purim Schpiel	Men's Club Yellow Candle Program	Religious School Moving Up Day
ECP Purim Celebration	Men's Club Shabbat	
Women's League NY Times Crossword Challenge	Women's League Shabbat	



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YOM HAZIKARON & YOM HA'ATZMAUT: ISRAEL MEMORIAL DAY & INDEPENDENCE DAY -

My Jewish Learning

Israel's Independence Day is celebrated on the fifth day of the month of Iyar, which is the Hebrew date of the formal establishment of the State of Israel, when members of the "provisional government" read and signed a Declaration of Independence in Tel Aviv. The original date corresponded to May 14, 1948. In 2020, it falls on April 29. Most of the Jewish communities in the Western world have incorporated this modern holiday into their calendars.

In the State of Israel, it is a formal holiday, so almost everyone has the day off. Yom Ha'atzmaut in Israel is always preceded by Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day for the fallen soldiers on April 28. The message of linking these two days is clear: Israelis owe their independence—the very existence of the state—to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for it.

The "Switch": The official "switch" from Yom Hazikaron to Yom Ha'atzmaut takes place a few minutes after sundown, with a ceremony on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem in which the flag is raised from half staff (due to Memorial Day) to the top of the pole. The president of Israel delivers a speech of congratulations, and soldiers representing the army, navy, and air force parade with their flags.

In recent decades this small scale parade has replaced the large scale daytime parade, which was the main event during the 1950s and '60s. The evening parade is followed by a torch lighting (hadlakat masuot) ceremony, which marks the country's achievements in all spheres of life.

In addition to the official ceremonies, Israelis celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut in a variety of ways. In the cities nighttime festivities may be found on the main streets. Crowds will gather to watch public shows offered for free by the municipalities and the government. Many spend the night dancing Israeli folk dances or singing Israeli songs. During the day thousands of Israeli families go out on hikes and picnics.

Yom Ha'atzmaut is concluded with the ceremony of granting the "Israel Prize" recognizing individual Israelis for their unique contribution to the country's culture, science, arts, and the humanities.

TBAY PURIM CARNIVAL



Sunday, March 8

11:30 am to 1:00 pm



GAMES!!

FOOD!!

PRIZES!!

CRAFTS!!

Save money by pre-ordering

Last day to pre-order is

Tuesday, March 2

**Pick up your pre-sale package
at the Purim Carnival**

\$12 = Lunch + 15 tickets

\$20 = Lunch + 30 tickets

Lunch Choice:

Pizza Bagels or Mozzarella Sticks

Includes Bag of Chips and

choice of Soda or Water

Food will be available for purchase on Purim

Tickets at the door are 75¢ each

**Contact TBAY office: office@tbaynj.org or
973-376-0539, ext. 11**



YOM HASHOAH



Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Memorial Day, is a remembrance day to commemorate the six million Jewish people who died during the Holocaust. It is usually celebrated on the 27th day of the Hebrew month Nisan – which is around April or May in the Gregorian calendar. This year it falls on April 21.

History of Yom HaShoah

In 1953 Prime Minister of Israel David Ben-Gurion and Israel President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi signed into law Yom HaShoah as an observance day. The original plan was to hold this observance day on the 14th of Nisan, which was the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising. However, this couldn't be done because that day was the day that preceded Passover. It was then decided to move the date to the 27th of Nisan.

SALE OF HAMETZ PROXY

To assure that you are not in legal possession of any hametz during the festival of Passover, please return the Contract below to Rabbi Mallach by **Thursday, April 8 at 10:00 am**. Since this is a legal contract authorizing Rabbi Mallach to serve as your agent to conduct the sale of your hametz, it must be accompanied by a check in an appropriate amount made out to Rabbi Mallach's Discretionary Fund. Please allow one hour after the conclusion of Passover for sufficient time for Rabbi Mallach to conclude the re-purchase transaction, at which time you may legally re-possess your hametz.

If you would like to perform a ceremony of ritual *kinyan* (acquisition) in person, Rabbi Mallach is available after morning minyanim or by appointment at other times to conclude an agreement of agency appointment.

Contract

I, the undersigned, authorize Rabbi Mark Mallach of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael to serve as my agent in regard to sale of any or all hametz that may be in my possession, home or office, during the Passover Festival. I understand and agree that any such hametz must be placed in a secured storage area.

Send the statement along with the date, your name, address and signature to Rabbi Mallach at TBAY, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, NJ 07081.

SHAVUOT SCHEDULE

We observe Shavuot based on the Israeli Calendar

EREV SHAVUOT & TIKKUN LIEL SHAVUOT
Thursday, May 28 at 8:30 PM

The tradition to stay up to study Jewish texts for all or part of the first night of Shavuot is an increasingly popular activity; it is called a *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*. The word *tikkun* is most popularly understood to mean a process of "repairing the world" or even an improvement of one's qualities. *Tikkun* is also used to describe a particular time devoted to study, a seder--order--of texts designed for this study, and also a canonical book containing these texts. For Shavuot we remain awake to show that, unlike the situation of our heavy-lidded ancestors at Sinai, there is no need to bring us to our senses; we are ready to receive Torah.

This year, on May 28 at 8:30 PM we begin our Erev Shavuot celebration and following the services will be a unique Tikkun Leil Shavuot session.

YOM TOV SHEL SHAVUOT
Friday, May 29 at 9:30 AM

NOTE: We are following the Israeli Festival Calendar for Shavuot so only one day of Yom Tov. This service will also include the Yizkor service. There will not be a 2nd day of Shavuot observed on May 30th.

SHAVUOT PROGRAM

Thursday, May 28 at 7:30 pm
 Topic to be Announced
 Dairy refreshments will be served


 As the
COLLEGE GRADUATION

season nears, we extend congratulations to those in our congregation who will receive college or post-graduate degrees.

We have a column in the Bulletin that lists the graduates, but we can only do this with your cooperation. Please tell us the names of those who will graduate from college, professional school or other graduate programs this year.

**TELL US THE NAME OF THE STUDENT,
 THE INSTITUTION AND THE DEGREE.**

Send to Dana Langerman at Bookkeeper@tbaynj.org or 973-376-0539, ext. 12. **We need this information by MAY 10 to be included in the Summer Bulletin.** Your Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael family enjoys sharing these s'mahot with you.



No Hillel on campus?
 Closest synagogue is miles away?
 Not to worry!

The College Connection Committee of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael would like to send fun holiday-related small gifts and cards to our college students throughout the year. If you are the parent of a college student, please provide the following information:

1. Student's Full Name
2. College/University Name
3. Year in school
4. Student's Exact Mailing Address
5. Student's Email Address
6. Studying Abroad? Which Semester and Year?
7. Parent's Name and Email Address

Send information to
Debbie Neher, dneher@comcast.net
 Past participants must re-register every year
 with current contact information.
 Please notify me if any information changes.

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR PESACH

Reprinted from the Rabbinical Assembly
(For more details, see rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide)
If you have a question contact me at rabbi@tbaynj.org.

THE KITCHEN

It is customary (and easiest) to remove the utensils and dishes that are used during the year, replacing them with either new utensils or utensils used year to year only for Pesach. This is clearly not possible for major appliances and may not even be possible for dishes and utensils.

Process for kashering many, but not all, kitchen items to make them kosher for Pesach: The general principle used in kashering is that the way the utensil absorbs food is the way it can be purged of that food. This principle operates on the basis of the quality or intensity of how the items absorb food. Things used for cold food can be kashered by rinsing since no substance has been absorbed by the dish or glass. Items used on a stove absorb the food and thus need a stronger level of action namely expelling the food into boiling water. The most intense form of usage is directly on a fire or in an oven and these utensils require the most intense method of kashering, which burns away absorbed food.

GLASS

Glass dishes used for eating and serving hot foods are to be treated like any dish used for eating and serving hot food. Kashering is effected by cleaning and immersing in boiling water. Glass cookware is treated like a metal pot for kashering (see paragraph on metal, above). The issues regarding glass bakeware are complex. Some authorities allow it to be kashered and others do not. Drinking glasses or glass dishes used only for cold foods may be kashered by a simple rinsing. Some follow the custom of soaking them for three days.

PLASTICS

Heavy duty plastics including dishes, cutlery or serving items, providing they can withstand very hot water and do not permanently stain, may be kashered by cleaning and immersing in boiling water. If there is some doubt as to whether particular items can be kashered, consult your rabbi.

CERAMIC DISHES

Ceramic dishes (earthenware, stoneware, china, pottery, etc) cannot be kashered. However, fine china that was put away clean and that has not been used for over one Jewish calendar year may be used after thorough detergent and hot water washing. The china is then considered pareve and may be designated for meat or dairy use.

COOKING APPLIANCES

For ovens and ranges, every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly cleaned. This includes the walls and the top and bottom of the oven. Then the oven or range should be heated as hot as possible. The oven should be heated at maximum heat for an hour; the range top until the elements turn red and glow. Then parts of the range top around the elements that can be covered should be covered, (usually with aluminum foil). After a general and careful cleaning, self cleaning ovens are put through the full cleaning cycle while empty. Following this process, the oven should be again cleaned to remove any ash. If the oven was very dirty to start, two cycles may be needed to assure a thorough cleaning.

SMOOTH, GLASS TOP ELECTRIC RANGES

These require kashering by pouring boiling water over the surface of the range top. First, clean the top thoroughly, and then leave it untouched for 24 hours. Then turn the coils on maximum heat until they are red hot. Shut off the elements and then carefully pour boiling water over them.

MICROWAVE OVENS

If they have no convection option, they should be thoroughly cleaned. Then an 8 ounce cup of water is placed inside and the oven is turned on until the water almost disappears (at least 6 of the 8 ounces is gone). The cup should be moved midway through the process so that the area under the cup is exposed to the steam. Heating to complete dryness may damage the oven. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered.

WORK SURFACES

Tables, closets, and counters should be thoroughly cleaned and covered for Pesach. The coverings can be contact paper, regular paper, foil or cloth that does not contain hametz) (e.g. been starched with hametz starch). Note that the covering material should be made of material that is not easily torn. Many counter top surfaces can be kashered simply by a thorough cleaning, a 24 hour wait and pouring boiling water over them. To be effective for kashering, the surface must have no hairline cracks, nicks or scratches that can be seen with the naked eye.

PROHIBITED FOODS

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of hametz during Pesach, and since many common foods contain some, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesach. Prohibited foods include the following: biscuits, cakes, coffees containing cereal derivatives, crackers, leavened bread and pasta. These are foods that are generally made with wheat, barley, oats, spelt or rye (grains that can become hametz. Any food containing these grains or derivatives of these grains must be certified kosher for Pesach. Flavorings in foodstuffs are often derived from alcohol produced from one of these grains which would render that food hametz. Such products also need Pesach supervision.

In 2015 the CJLS passed a responsa that permits the consumption of kitniyot for Ashkenazim

1. Fresh corn on the cob and fresh beans (like lima beans in their pods) may be purchased before and during Pesach, that is, treated like any other fresh vegetable. 2. Dried kitniyot (legumes, rice and corn) can be purchased bagged or in boxes and then sifted or sorted before Pesach. These should ideally not be purchased in bulk from bins because of the concern that the bin might previously have been used for hametz, and a few grains of hametz might be mixed in. In any case, one should inspect these before Pesach and discard any pieces of hametz. If one did not inspect the rice or dried beans before Pesach, one should remove pieces of hametz found in the package on Pesach, discarding those, and the kitniyot themselves remain permissible. 3. Kitniyot in cans may only be purchased with Pesach certification since the canning process has certain related hametz concerns, and may be purchased on Pesach. 4. Frozen raw kitniyot (corn, edamame and soy beans): One may purchase bags of frozen non-hekshered kitniyot before Pesach provided that one can either absolutely determine that no shared equipment was used or one is careful to inspect the contents before Pesach and discard any pieces of hametz. Even if one did not inspect the vegetables before Pesach, if one can remove pieces of hametz found in the package on Pesach, the vegetables themselves are permissible. 5. Processed foods, including tofu, although containing no listed hametz, continue to require Pesach certification due to the possibility of admixtures of hametz during production.

**If you have a question that
is not answered in the guide
email Rabbi Mallach at rabbi@tbaynj.org**



Diane and Mitchell Black and their child Logan

Lauren Levine and Daniel Hammer and their children Cole and Elliot

Roxanne Robinson

TBAY GIFT CARD PROGRAM

The Ways and Means committee wants to thank everyone who has participated in the TBAY Gift Card Program. The program just completed its third month, and we are pleased to report the following:

- 107 entities (members, friends, companies) have participated in the program
- Sales have topped \$77,000
- Program profits have exceeded \$5,400

As a reminder, gift cards are available when the TBAY office is open, on Sundays when Religious School is in session, and at events such as Trivia Night, Comedy Night, etc. Let's keep the momentum going as we work toward the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

The committee is stocking more than 35 different stores including Grocery Stores, Amazon, Coffee Shops, Drug Stores, Retailers, Walmart/Target, Visa, Select Restau-

rants, and more. Rolls of 100 Forever Stamps remain discounted at \$50. Booklets of 20 Forever Stamps are available for \$10.

Maple Kosher has graciously offered to participate in the program, and within the first six weeks of having gift certificates to this store available, more than \$4,000 have been purchased. Please support this local business, and know that TBAY profits 5% on each of your purchases.

Want to be creative? Combine Amazon Smile with an Amazon Gift Card and TBAY benefits by both efforts.

If you have questions, suggestions or want to place an order, please contact me at **908-797-2695** or **mark.scherzer@morganstanley.com** between 6:30 am and 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and from 6:30 am to 4:00 pm on Friday.

Mark Scherzer, Chair

In Memoriam

ורבול

We record with sorrow the recent passing of our congregants

RICHARD GOLDROSEN

SELMA ROSS

HARRY STEIN

WALLACE WERNER

We extend our deepest sympathy to their families and pray they will find comfort in the days to come

תמאה ייד כורב

The members of the Congregation extend their sympathy to those who have sustained a loss in their family

Susan Wohlgenuth who lost her beloved mother Barbara Nestler

Joseph Simons who lost his beloved brother Jerome Simons

Erica Zuckerman who lost her beloved grandmother Gertrude Bloom

Lisa Sassone who lost her beloved brother Russell Cress

Faith Racusin who lost her beloved grandmother Helen Brodsky

Karen Kerstein, who lost her beloved mother Selma Ross

Elise Goldblat, who lost her beloved father Wallace Werner



May the spirit of love, which is everlasting, bring solace to the sorrowing hearts of our congregants and their families.

Baruch Dayan Ha'Emet—Praised be the true Judge

Membership Committee

In my few months serving as a Vice President, I've learned a few things about membership.

One, TBAY is not the only area synagogue experiencing a decline in membership. Two, TBAY is similar to both area and national synagogues in facing that membership decline. Lastly, all religions are seeing similar declines.

While acknowledging these facts, I still want to buck that trend and increase membership. My focus will be on retention of existing members, recruitment of new members, and reaching out to members who have resigned for various reasons to understand why they left. You will see more specifics in coming weeks on events and programs designed to help in these areas.

TBAY will be participating in Community Mitzvah Day on March 29. Additional details will be forthcoming soon, but please let me know if you would like to help and/or participate.

We have many other fun and educational events here at TBAY. Tell your friends and prospective members to attend and enjoy a night out. Need a babysitter? We can help. Have an idea for an event? Let me know. I am always happy to have volunteers and new ideas. Please contact me at gwohl@yahoo.com.

I am also the chair for the Tikkun Olam committee. We are restarting these efforts and are in need of volunteers to help. Please reach out if you are interested.

Glenn Wohl, Chair

Teen Institute



It is hard to believe that we have already had five months of Teen Institute. The students have been enjoying it tremendously. When we returned from vacation in January, some of our students reunited with their former teacher, Morah Rudin. She led a wonderful class entitled, "There's a Bracha For That?" Students learned that blessings are not only recited on food and drink.

Some of the upcoming topics are Halacha and Harry Potter, Anti-Semitism in Modern Day, and LGBTQ and Halacha. If you have an interesting topic that you would like to teach and discuss with our students, please speak with me soon. We may have one more slot open.

Michele Praport, Director

Caring Committee



There have been few people in the hospital for us to see. Hopefully, that's a good thing—but I am afraid that we are not receiving information about people who are ill and hospitalized. If you know of a member of our synagogue community who is ill, please let Rabbi Mallach or the synagogue office know.

Do you need a ride to a doctor's office? Call the synagogue office or call me directly.

We would love to have more active members of our committee, so let me know if you would like to do a mitzvah.

April Modlinger
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SIYYUM TA'ANIT B'KHOROT

**CONCLUSION OF STUDY FOR
THE FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN**
Wednesday, April 8 - 14 NISAN 5780
6:45 AM in the Chapel

Last Chance Bagel Binge Breakfast To Follow

Siyyum B'Khorim: The Fast of the First Born started as a reminder that the first born of the Egyptians were destroyed, but the first born of the Israelites were spared. However, since the fast was instituted out of gratitude for having been spared, a method had to be found in order to rescind the requirement for fasting. Hence the Siyyum, which means the "closing of a piece of learning." So significant was the idea of finishing a tractate of the Talmud as a community, that a Fast Day could be canceled. The Siyyum takes place on Erev Pesah, the 14th of Nisan, during the Shaharit (morning) service. A bagel breakfast will follow, and if you have hametz to be burned after your searching from the night before, bring it in.

Early Childhood Program



Spring has sprung in the Early Childhood Program. Our children have been very busy. Whether they are learning about dental hygiene, Dr. Seuss's birthday, Passover, or playing outside, the children of the Early Childhood Program are having a great time with smiles on their faces.

Our children learn by doing, not by watching. Walk into the halls of TBAY's Early Childhood Program and you will feel love, hear the laughter and see the smiling faces of our young children.

Here in the Early Childhood Program, we view each child as independent and confident. When we look at that through a Jewish lens, we refer to the child as being created b'tzelem Elokim, in the image of God. We honor children by providing them with materials that are open-ended and give them many opportunities to use their own imaginations, create their own ideas, and solve their own problems. For example, blocks are open-ended and empower children to build their own world rather than live in one that we create for them; they are limitless and give children a

chance to do their own problem solving and experience their own accomplishments. Children have the chance to control their environment and constantly build new structures. The possibilities are endless.

School registration for the 2020-2021 school year is underway. We offer a wide variety of part-time and full-time options. Classes begin with infants from the age of 2 months old through Pre-K.

Summer Camp 2020 registration will begin in March. The Splash Pad continues to be a favorite. We have wonderful themes planned and, of course, the Kona Ice truck will visit for a special Shabbat treat. Four week and 8 week sessions are available. Children ages 15 months through Pre-K are accepted for camp.

For more information about any of our Early Childhood programs, please reach out to me.

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Religious School



משנכנס אדר מרבין בשמחה
"Mishenichnas Adar Marbim B'Simcha"- When the month of Adar arrives, we should increase our joy and happiness!

At Shorashim it was amazing to welcome this happy month together. We welcomed Adar with smiles on our faces and laughter in our halls. It was a wonderful surprise to be greeted by smiling emojis all over our walls and halls as we entered our religious school building. Of course, this was the perfect day to start learning about the joyous holiday of Purim. The happiness will continue at our annual "Shorashim Pajama Day." As our clocks spring forward and we lose an hour of sleep, we will arrive at religious school wearing our pajamas. We will start our joyous day with hot chocolate (with whipped cream, of course) and cookies to go along with our bagels. Throughout the month we will learn about the history, laws and mitzvot of Chag Purim. With thanks to the generosity of the TBAY Men's Club, every Shorashim student will build and decorate wooden "raashanim"- gragger/noisemakers. We will celebrate Chag Purim together in costume and continue to the Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Purim Carnival. Of course, this will all come together as we listen to "Megilat Esther," enjoy the TBAY Purim Schpiel, and nosh on a Hamentash (or more

than one) on the evening of Chag Purim.

As spring begins, so does our study of the holiday of Passover. The history, laws, and customs of פסח are explored and studied in all our classrooms. Passover Seders will be shared in our classrooms and the knowledge we gain at religious school will be brought home and shared with our families.

Throughout the year we have continued to develop our connection to Eretz Yisrael. What better way to end our Religious School year than by celebrating Yom HaAtzma'ut - יום העצמאות - Israeli Independence Day, with our friends from Congregation B'nai Israel, B'Yachad (together), here at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael. We look forward to sharing a morning of interactive programming full of fun and learning as we focus on the amazing land of Israel. We will wear our Cachol V' Lavan - Blue and White, with pride as we dance and sing in celebration of our second home, Eretz Yisrael.

Wishing You a Chag Pesach Sameach!

Morah Elissa Gorkowitz
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WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Co-Presidents' Message



Women's League welcomes Spring! As we go to press with this Bulletin, we are looking ahead to our March and April programs.

On Wednesday, March 11, we are proud to announce that Deb Amlen from the *New York Times* will share with us tricks and tips for solving crossword puzzles. Then on Friday, April 24, we are inviting the entire congregation to our Annual Women's League Shabbat Dinner and Services. In May, stay tuned for our end of the year program (to be announced).

To join Women's League, please send your \$40 membership dues to WL of TBAY, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, NJ 07081.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Jane Lakritz and Susan Teller
Co-Presidents

Women's League invites our entire TBAY family to a

Shabbat Dinner Celebrating Spring

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 at 6:30 PM

Adults: \$20 Children (ages 3-10): \$10

Salad, chicken marsala, roasted potatoes & vegetable medley.
Chicken nuggets & fries for kids. Dessert buffet following services.

Women's League Shabbat Services *will begin at 8:00 PM*

We need participants to lead the congregation in the service. Both Hebrew and English prayers are available, as well as singing and reading parts. Please contact Barbara Eglow to sign up at aeglow33@verizon.net or 908-687-0106.

To reserve for the dinner, send us the names of all attending with your check payable to
TBAY Women's League to TBAY, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, NJ 07081
Attention: Spring Dinner

RSVP by Thursday, April 16

WOMEN'S LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEMPLE MEMBERS

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP BASED ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

This scholarship awards up to \$1,000 to a high school senior whose family is a member in good standing at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael. The applicant will submit details of his or her community service along with a brief essay about this experience. Applications are available from Debbie Rogut-Chait or Helen Jenys, see below.

JEWISH STUDIES/JEWISH EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship encourages participation in programs that will provide Jewish experiences for Middle School, High School and Undergraduate students ages 13-23, whose families are members in good standing at TBAY. The award will provide up to \$500 per scholarship per applicant within a fiscal year.

Contact one of us for additional details and to receive an application form.

Debbie Rogut-Chait, Scholarship Chair, 908-608-1541,
ddchait@gmail.com

RACHEL SHABBAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 PM

**RACHEL SHABBAT WILL BE
OBSERVED IN CONJUNCTION
WITH WOMEN'S LEAGUE
SHABBAT ON APRIL 24**

**OUR SPEAKER IS
PAM FISHMAN
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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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Tributes

Condolences

Adrienne Raskin-Loss of sister by Marilyn Schwartz
Mr. and Mrs. Jed Levine-Loss of father by Jill Aroeste
Susan Wohlgemuth-Loss of mother by Esther Avnet and Norton Scherzer
Joseph Simons-loss of brother Jerome by Esther Avnet
Neil Goldrosen-Loss of father, Richard by Esther Avnet

Faith Racusin-Loss of grandmother by Esther Avnet

Tapestry

Mazel tov

Barbara and Mark Schwartz-New home by Marilyn Schwartz
Isabell Adler-Marriage of grandson Zachary by Lois and Stan Kaish
Dave Green-Marriage of son by Pam and Craig Kornspan
April Modlinger

Condolences

Jane Lakritz-Loss of uncle by Elise Goldblat
Faith Racusin-Loss of grandmother by Lois and Stan Kaish

Susan Wohlgemuth-Loss of mother by Lois and Stan Kaish
Women's League
April Modlinger
Barbara Eglow
Elise Goldblat
Caren and Richard Manders
Doug Zucker-Loss of father Jerry Zucker by Sally Kaufman
Muriel Schlefstein-Loss of Maurice by Albie Kornspan and Carol
Bobbi Ostrow-Loss of husband Mel by Bobbi and Jack Matalon
Barbara and Elliot Merkin



Women's League invites the entire community to...

The New York Times "Crossword Puzzle Challenge"

**Wednesday, March 11 at 7 PM
In the ballroom of TBAY**

White Wine Spritzers & Hors'D'oeuvres served!

Join Deb Amlen, the columnist and senior editor of "Wordplay" - the crossword column of *The New York Times* - for an evening of learning how to be a better crossword solver.

You say you've never tried? She'll be spilling the secrets behind how to get started filling in those tricky squares. And she will prove to you that YOU CAN DO IT!

Deb has been making people all over the world laugh (in a good way) and teaching them things they never thought they needed to know, on behalf of *The Times* since 2011. She is the author of "It's Not P.M.S., It's You," and a former senior humor columnist for Yahoo! Tech, which, she says, was Yahoo's first mistake!



**Admission: \$3 for WL members. \$5 for Non-WL members.
All Are Welcome! (Men too!) RSVP by March 8th**

Email janelakritz@gmail.com or call Jane at 201-826-8930

TBAY Men's Once again presents our Premier event not to be missed every year.

TBAY Men's Club Annual Comedy Night

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020 • 7:30 PM

FEATURING OUR TWO HEADLINERS:



Tim Hayes

Everyone's favorite dad, Tim Hayes is the consummate comedian performing all over the tri-state area bringing his very funny brand of humor to clubs, private events and fundraisers. Tim is currently starring in the Off Broadway comedy "The Exes" a play about marriage and divorce. He recently headlined at Catch A Rising Star and has appeared at some of the top venues in the tri-state area including Gotham, Broadway, New York and Stand Up NY comedy clubs in New York City.

Linda Belt

Linda Belt is a New Jersey native (a comedy routine in itself). Her humor touches on the absurdities of modern life and explores marriage, sex, parenting and social mores, in other words: any subject she feels like discussing! Linda has performed throughout the US and Canada. Her many venues have included: The Comedy Stop at the Tropicana (Atlantic City) Mohegan Sun with Tree House Comedy, Turning Stone Casino, Broadway Comedy Club (NYC) & The Laugh Factory (NYC) as part of the "Broads of Broadway" show, The Comedy Cove (New Jersey), and Royal Caribbean Cruise Line. As a full-time working comic, Linda was profiled in the *The Chicago Tribune* and *The New Jersey Star Ledger*. She has appeared on affiliates of NBC and ABC as well as PBS.



**7:30 pm | beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks | \$25 per person
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To purchase tickets online, visit: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4504323
Tickets can also be purchased from the Temple office (973-376-0539) or at the door.

For questions or to RSVP, contact David Glass
at david.seth.glass@gmail.com or 908-414-2116.

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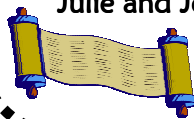
4 Wednesday	Temple Board Meeting	7:45 pm		Minḥa, Ma'ariv, Havdallah	7:46 pm
6 Friday	Candle Lighting Shabbat ALIVE!	5:38 pm 6:30 pm	17 Tuesday	Religious Affairs Comm. Mtg	7:45 pm
7 Saturday	Shaharit Service Babysitting & Blessings Youth Service Havdallah Men's Club Comedy Night	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 6:38 pm 7:30 pm	19 Thursday	Torah on Tap	8:00 pm
8 Sunday	PURIM CARNIVAL	11:30 am	20 Friday	Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	6:52 pm 8:00pm
9 Monday	Purim Schpiel	6:30 pm	21 Saturday	Shaharit Service Babysitting & Blessings Youth Service Minḥa, Ma'ariv, Havdallah	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 7:53 pm
10 Tuesday	PURIM Megillah Reading	6:30 pm	27 Friday	Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	7:01 pm 8:00 pm
11 Wednesday	Women's League Program	7:00 pm	28 Saturday	Shaharit Service Babysitting & Blessings Youth Service Minḥa, Ma'ariv, Havdallah	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 8:00 pm
12 Thursday	Women's League Board Mtg.	7:30 pm	31 Tuesday	Men's Club Yellow Candle Program	7:30 pm
13 Friday	Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	6:44 pm 8:00 pm			
14 Saturday	Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Weinberg Babysitting & Blessings Youth Service	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am			

B'NEI MITZVAH SPOTLIGHT

*Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael is proud to
announce these B'nei Mitzvah*

**Ryan Weinberg, son of
Daniella and Andrew Weinberg, Saturday, March 14**

**Sam Scherzer, son of
Julie and Jeffrey Scherzer, Sunday, May 24**



*All are welcome to attend services
and share these s'machot!*

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3 Friday	Shabbat ALIVE! Candle Lighting	6:30 pm 7:07 pm	16 Thursday	Torah on Tap	8:00 pm
4 Saturday	Shaharit Service Babysitting & Blessings Youth Service Minḥa, Ma'ariv, Havdallah	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 8:08 pm	17 Friday	Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	7:21 pm 8:00 pm
8 Wednesday	EREV PASSOVER Siyyum B'korim & Last Chance Breakfast	6:45 am	18 Saturday	MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT Shaharit Service Babysitting & Blessings Youth Service Minḥa, Ma'ariv, Havdallah	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 8:22 pm
9 Thursday	PASSOVER - DAY 1 MAIN OFFICE CLOSED		21 Tuesday	YOM HASHOAH Religious Affairs Comm. Mtg.	7:45 pm
10 Friday	PASSOVER – DAY 2 Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	7:14 pm 8:00 pm	23 Thursday	Women's League Board Mtg.	7:30 pm
11 Saturday	PASSOVER – DAY 3 NO YOUTH SERVICE Shaharit Service Babysitting & Blessings Youth Service Minḥa, Ma'ariv, Havdallah	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 8:18 pm	24 Friday	WOMEN'S LEAGUE AND RACHEL SHABBAT Shabbat Dinner Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	6:30 pm 7:29 pm 8:00 pm
12 Sunday	PASSOVER – DAY 4 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL		25 Saturday	Shaharit Service Babysitting & Blessings Youth Service Minḥa, Ma'ariv, Havdallah	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 8:30 pm
13 Monday	PASSOVER – DAY 5		28 Tuesday	YOM HAZIKARON	
14 Tuesday	PASSOVER – DAY 6		29 Wednesday	YOM HAATZMAUT	

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Temple family extends hearty congratulations to these families on their recent life cycle events and special occasions

David Glass on being named Northern New Jersey
Men's Club Man of the Year

Jackie and Andy Schuyler on the Bar Mitzvah
of their grandson Ari Schuyler

Andy Schuyler on being named Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael
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Evelyn and Steven Max on the birth of their grandson
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born to their daughter Lisa and her husband Chris

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Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award

Lea Karpman and Dan Breau on the birth
of their granddaughter, Nava Star Berg,
born to her daughter Talia and her husband Brett

Sheri and Warren Frank on the marriage
of their son Adam to Shelby Krasnof

Lea Karpman and Dan Breau on the Bar Mitzvah
of their grandson Joseph Oppenheimer

MAY 2020

Iyar—Sivan 5780

1 Friday	Shabbat ALIVE! Candle Lighting	6:30 pm 7:36 pm	17 Sunday	Religious School Moving Up	9:00 am
2 Saturday	Shaharit Service Babysitting & Blessings Youth Service Minḥa, Ma'ariv, Havdallah	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 8:37 pm	19 Tuesday	Religious Affairs Comm. Mtg.	7:45 pm
6 Wednesday	Temple Board Meeting	7:45 pm	21 Thursday	Torah onTap	8:00 pm
8 Friday	Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	7:43 pm 8:00 pm	22 Friday	Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	7:56 pm 8:00 pm
9 Saturday	Shaharit Service Babysitting & Blessings Youth Service Minḥa, Ma'ariv, Havdallah	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 8:44 pm	23 Saturday	Shaharit Service Babysitting & Blessings Youth Service Minḥa, Ma'ariv, Havdallah	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 8:57 pm
10 Sunday	MOTHER'S DAY		24 Sunday	Bar Mitzvah of Sam Scherzer	10:00 am
12 Tuesday	LAG B'OMER		25 Monday	MEMORIAL DAY	
15 Friday	Candle Lighting Shabbat Service	7:50 pm 8:00 pm	29 Friday	Shabbat Service Candle Lighting	8:00 pm 8:02 pm
16 Saturday	Shaharit Service Babysitting & Blessings Youth Service Minḥa, Ma'ariv, Havdallah	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 8:51 pm	30 Saturday	Shaharit Service Babysitting & Blessings Minḥa, Ma'ariv, Havdallah	9:30 am 10:30 am 9:03 pm

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