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Rabbinic Reflections

Be Happy – It's Adar! And since it is a Leap Year, be doubly happy!

First, thank you for the trust you are placing in me as your Rabbi. I'm so excited to be continuing here at TBAY! This special place has quickly become my home. I love this wonderful community and our many ways of being together. I'm grateful for the calls and messages I've received since our announcement, and I look forward to many meaningful moments together over the coming months and years.

As I have written before, Passover is my favorite holiday. I even love the preparation for it. (Yes, I know this is unusual!) Cleaning my kitchen and separating how I use it at Passover from how I use it the rest of the year gives me a wonderful feeling of peace and holiness. In Judaism we are focused much of the year on sanctifying time. We sanctify Shabbat each week. We

sanctify our holidays together. We take time for contemplation and prayer. And for me, preparing for Passover is a way of sanctifying my home, as well as this time of year. Leave it to the Jewish people to find a way to bring spiritual meaning into spring cleaning!

It is said that the kitchen is the heart of the home. Here at TBAY we are working to restore our kitchen so that it will feel that way for all of us. We are very grateful to Women's League for donating a new stove/oven, which will enable us to prepare many wonderful meals together. A special thanks to Andrea Wohl, April Modlinger, Laurie Gerstein, Genya Mallach and Nate Rajs, as well as our Executive Director, Harvey Brenner and Custodian Rodrigo Lazañas, for their diligent work in planning, taking inventory, cleaning and renovating the kitchen and our supplies. We look forward

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IT'S HAPPENING AT TBAY

MARCH - APRIL - MAY

Shabbat Alive!

Purim Spiel / Purim Carnival

Federation Community Mitzvah Day

Men's Club Yellow Candle Project

Men's Club Shabbat

Yizkor Service

Family Passover Seder

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Rabbi Installation & Celebration Weekend

Men's Club BBQ & Family Fun Day

Women's League Shabbat

TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL MINYANIM

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

Monday—Friday 7:30 am, except *legal holidays* 9:00 am
Saturday 9:30 am, Sunday 9:00 am
Evenings by Request 7:45 pm (at Havdalah on Saturday)

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From Our President

These are truly exciting times for us at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael.

As we prepare for the upcoming holiday of Passover, sometimes referred to as Chag Ha-Aviv, or the Holiday of Spring, we begin the process of reawakening both physically and spiritually after months of a cold, COVID-filled winter.

For Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, this year that reawakening takes on a new meaning. As many of you read in our recent announcement, TBAY is now entering the next chapter in our history as we welcome Rabbi Adrienne Rubin as our new, full-time Rabbi. After replacing Rabbi Mallach, who served our congregation so well for the past 20 years, Rabbi Rubin will now assume her rightful role as our new "mara d'atra."

As we have all gotten to know her over the past few years as our interim Rabbi, Rabbi Rubin's intelligence, passion, and love of Torah have allowed her to quickly become a shining light for us as she begins her (hopefully) long stay as our next Rabbi.

And we as a congregation are excited to celebrate this next stage of our evolution.

Please make sure you save the dates of May 13-15, 2022, as we will come together as a community to celebrate this next milestone in our evolution and help TBAY continue to move from "strength to strength." Wishing you all a Chag Pesach sameach, or Happy Passover!

Brian Margulies, President

Rabbinic Reflections...continued

to having an inaugural meal together with you!

As you prepare your kitchen for Passover – no matter how much or how little work you do! – I hope you will use it as a tool, an uplifting way to sanctify your home. And as you do so, I encourage you to explore other ways to find holiness in your home, whether it is lighting Shabbat candles and saying Kiddush, joining me for Havdalah (on Facebook Live each week!), hanging a mezuzah on a doorpost in your home that

doesn't yet have one, or coming to morning minyan on Zoom. There is so much we can do to make our homes be our sanctuaries.

Happy Purim! A Zissen Pesach!

Rabbi Adrienne Rubin

You can read and watch Rabbi Rubin's messages and Divrei Torah by following the links on her blog on the TBAY website: <http://www.tbaynj.org/>, under the "What's Happening" menu.

THE POWER OF ONE: MINYANAIREES NEEDED!

TBAY has committed to hosting a morning minyan every single day. We hold morning minyan to ensure that those wishing to say Kaddish for their loved ones or those in need of prayer for any reason have a welcoming community in which to pray. We often have 9 people for these services, which are held at 7:30 a.m. on Zoom. Just ONE more person and we would have a minyan.

Can you help? If each member family would pick one weekday/month to join us for minyan, we would easily have a minyan every day of the year! Mondays and Thursdays include a Torah reading and usually last about an hour. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays are shorter – usually about 40-45 minutes. Can you spare this once/month?

Every person matters. And especially when we need a minyan, every person counts. Please use the links in the Shabbat Preview to join when you can. And please contact Rabbi Rubin at rabbirubin@tbaynj.org if you are able to help on a regular basis.

From Our Executive Director

BEYNEINU – JUST BETWEEN US

My wife already admonished me last weekend, “Remember, Pesach koshering begins soon so don’t buy large amounts of ‘chometz’ at Costco!” (FYI.... at this writing, it’s 10+ weeks away!) That’s my wife, she plans ahead for Passover.

Pesach is probably my most favorite (and most dreaded) Jewish holiday of the year. My most favorite because growing up in a “matriarchal” household in Queens, NY (where my maternal grandmother, two aunts, one uncle, a German shepherd, my mother, father, and brother all lived in the same 3-family home two blocks from the shul my grandmother founded) Passover was a unique holiday. The specially prepared foods, tasted only at this time of year were truly memorable and “worth the wait.” *Matzah brei*, *knaidlach*, *charosset* and more dazzled my taste buds and to this day, evoke strong, warm memories. Watching my son and grandchildren develop similar memories makes me “kvell”!

It’s also my most dreaded holiday; why? Invariably, my birthday was either on or right around Passover. Those same special food requirements also restricted greatly what I could consume. I love *matzah* (with butter or ‘*schmaltz*’ and salt) but it makes a lousy birthday cake! Back in the day, my mother would make a Passover sponge cake, dry as the cardboard box from which the mix came and then try to camouflage it with whipped cream and freshly sliced fruits. To this day, I don’t eat sponge cake, whipped cream or most berries.

Nowadays, with the advent of kosher agri-conglomerates and fresh-flash-freezing, we really want for nothing! It’s not an austere holiday anymore! Want a hot dog, taco, pizza, spaghetti or chocolate mousse? Just visit the neighborhood market and you’ll find it all in the “*Kosher I’Pesach*” dry goods, fresh or frozen food departments waiting for your purchase.

Synagogues unfortunately aren’t so lucky, and we can’t run to the supermarket to fulfill our weekday, Shabbat or holiday shopping baskets. This time of year, cash on hand dwindles from our September high water mark, and we try to project our finances through the end of our fiscal year (June 30th) so that we can continue to provide the same level of programs and services to which we’ve been accustomed. Some years it’s more challenging than others but even under the best of circumstances, it takes a great deal of effort to stay within budget and also, as the Beatles’ song says, “*we get by with a little help from our friends!*” This year is no different.

You are the friends upon whom we depend. Membership pledges alone do not cover all of our expenses and while we’re very prudent about how we spend every dollar, we still need donations and “over and above” funding to sustain us. To those of you who have already made and paid your High Holy Day pledge, we thank you and appreciate your ongoing support.

If you haven’t, it’s never too late and we’ll gladly accept and recognize your donation appropriately. If you have a *simcha* or life-cycle event to commemorate, why not make a Tribute Donation to one of our TBAY funds, in honor of that person or event. It’s always the right size and color and you never have to leave the comfort of your couch in order to obtain it.

Pesach is also a time to give thanks for emancipating the slaves in Egypt and creating out of us a Nation. So as the days lengthen, the temperatures warm and the grass turns green, take this opportunity to leave the doldrums of winter behind and join us for *Shabbat* services either online or in person.

As always, thank you for your continued and generous support and although it’s very early, “*Ziessen Pesach*” to all!

Harvey Brenner, Executive Director

Caring Committee



The Caring Committee will be assisting the Temple Board in reaching out to members of the congregation. This is a good will effort to see if the synagogue can assist our congregants in any way. We look forward to speaking with you by phone in the future.

April Modlinger, Chair
modgo1946@gmail.com - 973-715-3457



Our Executive Director, Harvey Brenner, is a Notary Public. He offers his services, at no cost, to our members. Should you need to have a document notarized, give Harvey a buzz! He will be happy to accommodate you.

TBAY GIFT CARD PROGRAM

The Gift Card Committee wants to thank the 122 entities who have already participated in the TBAY Gift Card program for the fiscal year that started on 7/1/21. This is a 25% increase in participation since the last Bulletin was published.

The exciting news is that the program is on target for a **\$20,000 to \$25,000** profit for the current fiscal year. Please keep in mind that TBAY makes a profit on every gift card sold through the program. The average profit is 5%. Also, please remember, especially during these very difficult economic times associated with the pandemic, the purchase of gift cards remains a great way for you to support TBAY with no additional out-of-pocket expense.

As an update: Forever Stamps, in limited quantities, are available again at the TBAY office in rolls of 100 (\$50) and booklets of 20 (\$10). Please call first to check on availability.

Gift Cards are available through the TBAY Office. Please call ahead to ensure that the gift card that you want is in stock or look at the inventory link that is included with each gift card announcement. Please reach out to Mark Scherzer at mscherzer100@gmail.com or 908-797-2695 to discuss special orders, to obtain a copy of the entire list of stores that offer gift cards through our supplier, or to discuss membership purchase requirements for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The committee is stocking more than 35 different stores including Maple Kosher, Grocery Stores, Amazon, Dunkin, Starbucks, Halo Coffee Roasters, CVS, Walgreens, Bagels Supreme, Walmart/Target, Outback, Chipotle, Chick Fil A, Panera, CVS, Alen's Deli, BJ's Wholesale Club, Costco, DoorDash, Staples, Wawa, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, etc.

Mark Scherzer, Chair



The College Connection Committee of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael

No Hillel on campus?

Closest synagogue is miles away?

Not to worry!

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 us if any information changes.

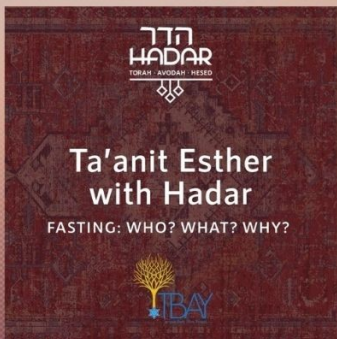
TBAY IS GOING LOGO! JOIN THE SPIRIT!

T- shirts are on sale... Sign up in the office!
Inventory is still available in most sizes.
This mini fundraiser will be ongoing.
Interested in mugs,
thermoses or water bottles?
Let me know.

**Hope to see you in your
TBAY T!
Jackie Schuyler**

TBAY PURIM CELEBRATIONS

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TBAY is joining many synagogues in co-sponsoring this program. Join us for all or part of the afternoon. For a detailed schedule and to register, visit <https://www.hadar.org/programs/taanit-esther-with-hadar>

Wednesday March 16, 2022
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM EST



 **TBAY Morning Minyan**

Torah & Megillat Esther Reading

Thursday, March 17th
7:30 AM on Zoom

Family-Friendly Megillah Reading 

followed by our annual Purim Carnival 

 **Sunday, March 20th**
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

 **shorashim**
The Religious School at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael

Calling all Superheroes

ZAP POW!

TBAY PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 20, 2022

11:00 - 1:30PM

GAMES! PRIZES! FOOD! CRAFTS!

11:00: Mini Megillah Reading
11:30 Costume Parade
11:30-1:30 Carnival

Food must be pre-ordered. We will not sell food at Carnival
Last day to pre-order is Friday, March 11th
PLEASE USE THE ATTACHED ORDER FORM

\$10 = 20 tickets only \$15 = 15 tickets + Lunch \$20 = 25 tickets + Lunch
Lunch Choice: Hot Dogs or Chicken Fingers
Includes Bag of Chips and bottle of water or juice box
Tickets at the door will be sold for 75¢ each.

Any questions, contact TBAY office: office@tbaynj.org
or 973-376-0539, ext. 11

WOW **ohhh!**

TBAY

Calling all Superheroes

ZAP POW!

TBAY PURIM CARNIVAL

Please return with payment to Synagogue front office or return to your teacher at EDP or Religious School. We accept cash or check.
Please make checks out to "Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael", please add "Purim" in the notes

Family Name _____

Contact Information: _____
Email/Phone Number _____

Options	Price	Amount	Total
20 Tickets Only	\$10	_____	\$_____
15 Tickets and Lunch Chicken Nuggets	\$15	_____	\$_____
15 Tickets and Lunch Hot Dog	\$15	_____	\$_____
20 Tickets and Lunch Chicken Nuggets	\$20	_____	\$_____
20 Tickets and Lunch Hot Dog	\$20	_____	\$_____
Total Enclosed:			\$_____

Please contact TBAY office with any questions 973-376-0539 x11 or email office@tbaynj.org

TBAY

WOW **ohhh!**

PURIM CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Purim is coming, and there is so much fun to get ready for!

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!

We are seeking volunteers, both adults and students in grades 7 - 12, to help us set up and run our annual PURIM CARNIVAL.

We know many of you have volunteered in the past, and it has been much appreciated. Please consider donating your time again. For those of you who haven't yet volunteered, we promise that you will have a great time! There are a variety of ways to participate. Here are a few:

COOK/SERVE FOOD ~ BOOTH SET UP ~ CREATE SIGNS ~ RUN AN ACTIVITY/BOOTH ~ SELL TICKETS

Kindly respond to this email or click below to let us know what you are willing to do to help.

Click here to volunteer <https://forms.gle/sLTx7xMtU3JqjVe48>

Volunteers are needed on SUNDAY, MARCH 20 FROM 11:30am - 1:00pm.

Thank you in advance for your help making this day a success!

for questions or more information,

email Ann Kanarek at annkanarek@tbaynj.org or call 973-376-0539 x 26

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PASSOVER 5782

APRIL 15 — APRIL 23

<p>POST-SEDER KABBALAT SHABBAT APRIL 15TH 8:00 P.M.</p>	<p>SHABBAT & YOM TOV SERVICES APRIL 16TH 9:30 A.M.</p>	<p>TRADITIONAL 2ND SEDER ON ZOOM APRIL 16TH 6:00 P.M.</p>
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<p>SOCIAL JUSTICE SEDER & KABBALAT SHABBAT APRIL 22ND 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>SHABBAT & YOM TOV SERVICES WITH YIZKOR APRIL 23RD 9:30 A.M.</p>
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Join Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael for

Midrashic Tales of Jewish Survival in Egypt



R. TALI ADLER



Every year at the seder we celebrate our liberation from Egypt. Surprisingly, however, the seder contains very little information about what our enslavement in Egypt was like or how we managed to survive our time there. Join us as we study rabbinic texts about what the Jewish people endured in Egypt and the strategies they used to survive and even flourish under Egyptian rule. Along the way we'll ask ourselves: what are the tools that enable human beings to endure oppression? What do human beings need, in times of trauma, to create meaning and even joy? What does it look like to insist on one's own humanity in a world that seeks to deny it--and what might this teach us about what it means to be human in the first place?

Schedule of Learning:

Monday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.: Live Virtual Kickoff Lecture:

Packing Timbrels and Washing Hair:

Gendered Anticipation of the Redemption in Rabbinic Texts

Tuesday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.: TBAY Facilitated Learning on Zoom

Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.: TBAY Facilitated Learning on Zoom

Thursday April 7, 7:30 p.m.: Live Virtual Concluding Lecture

A Seder in Novosibirsk:

What Seder Nights in Times of Trauma Can Teach Us in Times of Joy



Register at

<https://tinyurl.com/TBAY-ProjZug-Midrashic-Tales>




YOM HAZIKARON

YOM HAATZMAUT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BRIEF COMMEMORATION AND CELEBRATION

Ma'ariv, Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Check your TBAY email for the Zoom link.



**Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael
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Save the Date!

Installation and Celebration Weekend of

Rabbi Adrienne Rubin

Friday, May 13 - Sunday, May 15, 2022



Please Join Us! RSVP Required.



**6:30 PM
MAY 13**

- ☪ Shabbat Service
- ☪ Installation Ceremony
- ☪ Oneg

**9:30 AM AND 8:45 PM
MAY 14**

- ☪ Shabbat Service
- ☪ Kiddush Luncheon
- ☪ Havdalah 8:45 PM

**12:00 PM
MAY 15**

- ☪ Religious School & ECP Barbecue

**5:30 PM
MAY 15**

- ☪ Cocktail Dinner & Open Bar
- ☪ Exciting Presentation
- ☪ Dessert and Schmoozing

Tribute Journal

In-Person and Virtual Options

Questions? Contact Debbie Nadel dnadel@comcast.net or 908-391-8910

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SALE OF CHAMETZ PROXY

During the Festival of Passover, we are commanded not to have any chametz in our possession, even if it is locked up and out of sight. In order to prevent a financial hardship from having to destroy or give away all our chametz before Passover starts, the practice arose for people to securely store their chametz before Pesach and arrange to sell it for the duration of the holiday.

We are happy to help you ensure that you are not in legal possession of any chametz during the Festival of Passover. Please return the contract below to Rabbi Rubin by Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Since this is a legal contract authorizing Rabbi Rubin to serve as your agent to conduct the sale of your chametz, it must be accompanied by a check in an appropriate amount made out to Rabbi Rubin's Discretionary Fund. Please allow one hour after the conclusion of Passover for sufficient time for Rabbi Rubin to conclude the repurchase transaction, at which time you may legally re-possess your chametz.

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

To: Rabbi Adrienne Rubin
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael
60 Temple Drive
Springfield, NJ 07081

Date: _____

Re: CONTRACT FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

I/we, the undersigned, hereby authorize Rabbi Adrienne Rubin of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael to act as my/our agent in the sale of any or all chametz that may be in my/our possession during the Passover Festival wherever it may be – whether at home, at a place of business, or elsewhere, knowingly or unknowingly, in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law. I/we understand and agree that any such chametz must be placed in a secured storage area.

(signature)

Name: _____

Address: _____

**OUR PLANS AND EVENTS LISTED ARE
ACCURATE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION. OUR PROTOCOLS AND SERVICE PLANS MAY
BE ADAPTED BASED ON CURRENT ADVICE FROM MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, THE CDC
AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THE CURRENT LEVEL OF
SPREAD IN UNION COUNTY.**

Religious School



HOLIDAYS ARE FUN!

Jewish holidays are like raisins in a challah or chocolate chips in a cookie; something extra sweet to make the rest of the year taste better. Our Jewish holidays are special and engaging and spread out in such a way that they are neatly spaced throughout the year. Our calendar provides us with something to look forward to practically every month. Granted, some holidays tend to be more exciting and fun than others.

Purim, on the 14th of Adar II (this year, Thursday, March 17) is one such holiday! We all know the story --that a brave and beautiful Jewish woman, **Esther**, who with her devout uncle **Mordechai**, saved the Jewish people from being killed by a cruel anti-Jewish villain, **Haman**. Traditionally, when we hear Haman's name, we make a lot of

noise. No other holiday is as joyful, rowdy or fun! We parade in costumes, enjoy parties and Purim spiels. From the youngest to the oldest congregant, Purim has something for everyone.

Like all other Jewish holidays, we are not only commanded to celebrate, we are also commanded to do Mitzvot, give Tzedakah and do gemilut chasadim--acts of loving kindness.

And BTW...No one is commanded to eat Hamantaschen, but how could you turn one down?

So enjoy and have fun!! Chag Sameach!!

Ann Kanarek, Director

PURIM CELEBRATION



Get your costume, grogger, and masks ready, and plan to join us for a wild Purim celebration at the synagogue on **Sunday morning, March 20th, beginning at 11:00 am** in the Sanctuary. There will be a Family Friendly Megillah presentation by our very own "not yet ready for prime-time" high school teens. This will be followed by a costume parade and Carnival at 11:30 am. People of all ages are encouraged to attend. There will be games, activities, crafts, food, and prizes. Come, celebrate Purim, and help support our school and teen program.

KITS FOR THE NEEDY— DONATIONS NEEDED



Concern for the needy is a year-round responsibility for Jews. On Purim, particularly, it is a mitzvah to take care of one another.

At the Purim Carnival, a booth will be set up for our students to fulfill this mitzvah and assemble *First Night Kits* to give to the needy. The *First Night Kits* program assists displaced families in New Jersey by providing them with essential toiletry items needed for their first night stay at a shelter or transitional home. Our students will experience the values of caring and sharing, knowing that the people who will receive them will appreciate the useful contents and the thoughtfulness that went into making them.

If you would like to donate, we are accepting the following hygiene items: Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Body Wash, Lotion, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Combs and Brushes, Travel-size tissues, Chapstick and Gallon-size zip lock bags. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Just look for the box at the school entrance that says **Give A Little, Help A Lot.** Thank you.

On behalf of the families who will benefit from your generosity, we thank you for your support.

Early Childhood Program



Spring is starting to show here in the Early Childhood Department. Our children have been very busy. Whether they are learning about dental hygiene, the jungle, Groundhog Day, Dr. Seuss's Birthday, 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. When walking the halls of TBAY'S Early Childhood Program, you 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 2022-2023 school year is well underway. Many of our sections are full while others have limited availability.

Summer Camp 2022 Registration will be available late March. The Splash Pad continues to be a favorite. We have wonderful themes planned with some special treats throughout the summer. Four week and eight 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.

Sandi Newman, Director

ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRE-K - GRADE 3 STUDENTS

If you have a child that is between the ages of 4 and 8 years old who is not yet registered in our Religious School, consider joining our religious school program. It offers activities that develop a child's Jewish identity and stimulates their Jewish involvement through music, art, cooking and storytelling.

You are welcome to visit us during our **PURIM CARNIVAL/OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, March 20** and check out our school and meet our teachers while your children enjoy a special Purim activity.

We make the most of the hours that your child is with us. The children participate in extensive enrichment programs throughout the year as they get acquainted and become part of our religious school life. We are starting to plan many exciting events for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

Please call the school office (973-376-0539 x26) or email: annkanarek@tbaynj.org if you would like more information.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SPECIAL REMINDERS:

- Sunday, March 6:** Kitah Gimmel Naming Ceremony / Siddur Presentation
- Sunday, March 13:** Regular school session
- Sunday, March 20:** Regular school session; Family Friendly Megillah Reading and Purim Carnival (11:00am)
- Sunday, March 27:** Matzah Baking
- Sunday, April 3:** Passover celebrated in school
- Tuesday, April 5:** Chocolate Seder for grades 7-12
- Sunday, April 10- Sunday, April 17:** **NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Passover/Spring break**
- Sunday, April 24:** Religious school resumes; Yom Ha'Atz'maut special program
- Sunday, May 1:** Regular religious school session
- Sunday, May 8:** **NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Mother's Day**
- Sunday, May 15:** Regular Religious School session; Last day celebration

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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

Mark Scherzer on receiving TBAY Men's Club "Man of the Year" Award

Gabriela Lipkin on receiving TBAY Men's Club "Youth of the Year" Award

*Pamela and Jack Barocas on the birth of their granddaughter,
Emme Scarlett Davison, born to their daughter Tiffany and her husband Brock*

Isabell Adler on the birth of her great-granddaughter Paige Rose Adler

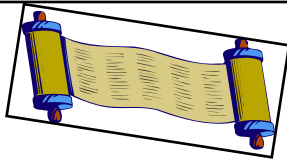
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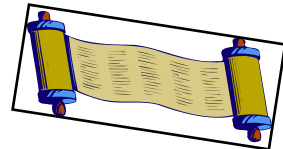
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Freddie Max Lewis born to their daughter Rachel and her husband Randolph*

B'NEI MITZVAH SPOTLIGHT



*Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael is proud to
announce this Bat Mitzvah*



***Yve Lieberman,
daughter of Sarah and Paul Lieberman
March 12***

All are welcome to attend services via Zoom and share this Simcha!



Graduation Announcements

As the college graduation season nears, we want to extend congratulations to those in our congregation who are receiving college or post-graduate degrees.

We have a column in the Bulletin that lists the graduates, but we can only do this with your assistance. 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 GigiSchwartz@tbaynj.org or 973-376-0539, ext 16. **We need this information NO LATER THAN MAY 10 to be included in the Summer Bulletin.** Your Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael family enjoys sharing these s'machot with you.

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We are also now on Instagram. Follow us at **TBAYNJ**

WOMEN'S LEAGUE



President's Message

We will soon be expecting a new delivery at the synagogue. Not a baby—a stove! Women's League is very pleased to be making this gift to the synagogue. Our existing stove must be several decades old and part of it is inoperable. Here's hoping for some tasty food from our new stove!

Lisa Friedman and Laurie Gerstein, our program geniuses, have arranged a most compelling program for March. Rabbi Rubin will lead a discussion on the movie "Love It

Was Not." The film can be viewed on Amazon Prime for \$3.99 so you can see it on your own and join Rabbi's discussion on Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 pm on Zoom. The film raises difficult questions about Jews as collaborators during the Holocaust. The film is particularly timely in light of the recent claim that Anne Frank's family was turned in by a Jewish collaborator. Please see the details about the film in the spotlighted box on this page. We hope you will join us.

April Modlinger, President



WOMEN'S LEAGUE INVITES YOU

View a thought-provoking film in the comfort of your home and join us for a discussion led by Rabbi Rubin.

In this award-winning documentary film, "Love It Was Not," a concentration camp inmate is singled out by an SS officer for special treatment when the official falls in love with her.

Thirty years later the former commander is on trial, and she receives a letter from his wife asking her to testify on the officer's behalf.

Should she try to save this man who brutalized concentration camp victims? Should she try to save this man who saved her sister's life?

View the film on Amazon Prime on your own and join us for the discussion on Zoom on Thursday, March 24, at 7:30. RSVP to April Modlinger and the link for the discussion will be sent to you prior to the event.

April Modlinger, 973-715-3457
modgo1946@gmail.com

Please call April Modlinger at 973-715-3457 to send Tribute Cards or Tapestry Cards. You can buy Tribute Cards to mail yourself. Ten cards for \$20.

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Mazel tov

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Susan and Jerry Wohlgemuth
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Audrey and Zygmunt Wilf on the marriage of Stephanie to Adam Kahn by
Linda, Martin, Adam and Ariel Lieb
Jane and Jon Lakritz on birth of granddaughter by
Lois and Stan Kaish

Get Well

Joan Podnos by April Modlinger

Condolences

Susan Blanco on loss of her mother
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Susan Blanco on loss of mother Miriam Carchman by
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WOMEN'S LEAGUE JUDAICA SHOP

Women's League Judaica Shop offers a full range of Judaica items to meet your holiday, special gift giving and everyday needs. Our beautiful selections range from the traditional to handmade works of contemporary art by Israeli and American artists. Our offerings can help bring Jewish ritual alive within our homes and community. We provide a quality collection, unique merchandise, competitive prices and all gifts are tax-free!



Our showcases are conveniently located in the lobby of the Temple and always open to you during Temple business hours: Tuesday-Thursday 9AM-5PM and Friday 9AM-3PM. Let us take the guess work out of finding the perfect gift for any occasion for you. We would be delighted to offer you our expertise in sourcing special request Judaica items from our vast array of suppliers. Shopping with us is easy and remember, 100% of all proceeds support Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael. In addition, we offer complimentary gift wrap!

**Pearl Scherzer (908) 672-8287 and Susan Wohlgemuth (908) 803-9398
Co-Chairs**

Buy local, keep your dollars right here in our TBAY community!

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE TBAY SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR TEMPLE MEMBERS**

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP
BASED ON COMMUNITY SERVICE**

This scholarship awards up to \$1000 to a high school senior whose family is a member in good standing at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael. The applicant will submit details of their community service along with a brief essay about this experience. Applications are available from Women's League (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 Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael. The award will provide up to \$500 per scholarship, per applicant, within a given fiscal year.

Contact Women's League for additional details and to receive an application form.

Debbie Rogut-Chait, Scholarship Chair 908-608-1541
Ddchait@gmail.com
Helen Jenys 973-467-9739
hjenys@comcast.net

Save the Date

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE
SHABBAT**

Friday, April 29, 2022

**Dinner & Shabbat
Service**

Co-Presidents' Message

We thank those who attended Men's Club Comedy Night. It was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all! We appreciate the support of the congregation.

The Men's Club Northern NJ Region raffle is now available. Be on the lookout for ticket entries coming to you. Tickets are \$20 for one, or \$18 each for more than one (\$36 for 2, \$54 for 3). You can send a check in the mail in the return envelope or contact Paul Peyser (pmpeyser@aol.com, 201-506-0042) for additional payment options. The drawing will be held at TBAY in June.

Men's Club Shabbat will be held Saturday, April 9th at 9:30 am. Join us for an inspirational service.

Yellow candles will be delivered before Passover for Yom Hashoah on April 27-28.

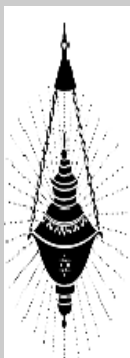
Elliot Merkin & Glenn Wohl
Co-Presidents

Save the Date**MEN'S CLUB
SHABBAT**

Saturday,
April 9, 2022
9:30 AM



With reverence, the members of the Congregation extend their deep feelings of sympathy to the following who have sustained a loss in their family:



*Susan Blanco who lost
her beloved mother
Miriam Carchman*

*Andrea Hirschfeld who lost
her beloved mother
Frieda Cooper*

*Pam Kornspan who lost
her beloved mother
Adrian Gottlieb*

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

In Memoriam **ורבזל**

*We record with sorrow the
recent passing of our congregants*

MIRIAM CARCHMAN

PAM BAROCAS

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

תמאה ניד דורב

MARCH 2022

Adar I ~ Adar II 5782

2	Wednesday	Temple Board Meeting	7:30 pm		17	Thursday	Purim Service/Morning Minyan	7:30 am
4	Friday	Shabbat Alive! Service	6:30 pm		18	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	8:00 pm
5	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service BAT MITZVAH OF YVE LIEBERMAN	9:30 am		19	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
11	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	8:00 pm		20	Sunday	Family Friendly Megillah Mini Reading	11:00 am
12	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am		20	Sunday	Purim Carnival	11:30 am
16	Wednesday	Erev Purim: Purim Spiel	5:30 pm		25	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	8:00 pm
					26	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am

APRIL 2022

Adar II ~ Nissan 5782

1	Friday	Shabbat Alive! Service	6:30 pm		17	Sunday	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	
2	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am		22	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Social Justice Seder	7:00 pm
3	Sunday	Federation Community Mitzvah Day			23	Saturday	Passover Morning Service with Yizkor	9:30 am
6	Wednesday	Temple Board Meeting	7:30 pm		24	Sunday	Family Passover "Later Seder"	12:30 pm
8	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	8:00 pm		28	Thursday	YOM HASHOAH	
9	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT	9:30 am		29	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	8:00 pm
10	Sunday	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL					WOMEN'S LEAGUE SHABBAT	
15	Friday	PASSOVER BEGINS*			30	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
15	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	8:00 pm					
16	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am					
16	Saturday	2nd Passover Seder on Zoom	6:00pm					

* Passover begins the night of Friday, April 15th.
For those that observe 7 days of Passover, Passover ends at nightfall on Friday, April 22nd. For those that observe 8 days of Passover, Passover ends at nightfall on Saturday, April 23rd. Please see our flyer for special Passover events.

YOM HASHOAH

On Yom HaShoah, also known as Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, is the 27th of Nisan. It will begin at sundown on Wednesday, April 27th, and conclude at sundown on Thursday, April 28th.

Jews around the world gather on Yom HaShoah to memorialize the six million Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust. In Israel, this solemn day begins with a ceremony at Yad Vashem in which six Holocaust survivors light six torches, representing the six million murdered Jews. The following morning, a two-minute-long siren is sounded throughout the country. During this time, people stop whatever they are doing, whether working, walking or even driving, and stand in silence. Cars and buses pull off to the side of the road so that people can get out of the vehicles in order to stand at attention. Afterward the siren, a second ceremony is held at Yad Vashem. Dignitaries and representatives of survivor groups lay six wreaths at the foot of the six torches. Additional memorial ceremonies are hosted at locations throughout Israel, including kibbutzim, schools, military bases and municipalities.

The Yad Vashem ceremonies are broadcast live. You can view them at <https://www.yadvashem.org/>. TBAY will send information about our annual Yom HaShoah commemoration via email later this spring.

MAY 2022

Shvat ~ Adar 1 5782

4	Wednesday	YOM HAZIKARON		14	Saturday	Havdalah & Dessert	8:45 pm
4	Wednesday	Temple Board Meeting	7:30 pm	15	Sunday	LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MEN'S CLUB BBQ AND FAMILY FUN DAY DINNER AND PRESENTATION	12:00 pm 5:30 pm
5	Thursday	YOM HA'ATZMAUT		19	Thursday	LAG B'OMER	
6	Friday	Shabbat Alive! Service	6:30 pm	20	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	8:00 pm
7	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am	21	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
8	Sunday	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MOTHER'S DAY		27	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	8:00 pm
13	Friday	Rabbi Rubin Installation Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:00 pm	28	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am
14	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 am	30	Monday	MEMORIAL DAY	

LAG B'OMER 5782

Lag B'Omer, the 33rd day of counting the Omer, is on the 18th of Iyar (sundown May 18th – nightfall on May 19th). Lag B'Omer marks the death of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, one of the most eminent disciples of Rabbi Akiva and widely considered to be the first teacher of Kabbalah. The Zohar calls his *yahrzeit* a *Yom Hillula*, the *yahrzeit* of a great Tzaddik (righteous person), which is commemorated through joy and celebration of the great light his wisdom shining into our world.

The first mention of Lag B'Omer celebrations are in 15th century writings. Lag B'Omer has become a minor holiday that serves as a break from the semi-mourning period of counting the Omer. People celebrate with weddings, bonfires, picnics, walks in the park, outdoor sports, and even haircuts. Some other customs include eating carob fruit and dyed eggs and giving children their first haircut. For many, the holiday celebrates the resilience of the Jewish spirit.

YOM HAZIKARON, ISRAELI MEMORIAL DAY AND YOM HAATZMA'UT ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY

On Yom HaZikaron, Israel remembers and honors the soldiers who gave their lives in both the War of Independence and in protecting Israel since then, as well as the victims of terrorism. Yom HaZikaron in Israel is very different from Memorial Day here in the US. Instead of barbecues and parades, Israelis remember their fallen soldiers with silence and ceremonies. When the two-minute sirens are sounded, people stop what they are doing, even if they are driving, and stand in silence. This nation-wide pause is powerful. Remembering matters.

We celebrate Yom HaAtzma'ut the next day, recognizing that the reason we have an Independence Day is that people were willing to sacrifice their lives that Israel might live. The holiday begins a few minutes after sundown with a ceremonial raising of the flag on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem from half-mast to full mast. The ceremony usually involves performances, speeches, and the lighting of twelve torches symbolizing the Twelve Tribes of Israel. The following day is the day for parties, barbecues, concerts and celebrations. At the end of the day, the Israel Prize, Israel's highest award, is given in a special ceremony to 10-15 Israeli citizens or organizations who have displayed excellence in their fields or have contributed strongly to Israeli culture.

This year Yom HaZikaron begins at sundown on Tuesday, May 3rd, and concludes at sundown on Wednesday, May 4th. Yom HaAtzma'ut begins immediately after that, concluding at sundown on Thursday, May 5th.

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