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The weather is turning colder, we have had the first dusting of snow, and High Holy Days are already a distant memory... or are they? Our morning minyan regulars know we have begun studying Tractate Nedarim, which deals with vows, their interpretations and implications, as well as the process of nullifying or dissolving them. So right now, Yom Kippur does not seem that far off when we hear a few verses of Talmud each day.

Speaking of morning minyan, when you come to services, you might notice some people wearing colorful kippot with the TBAY logo on them. These were special gifts we gave to our minyanaires – the people who come every week to ensure that we have a minyan. We have many,

many people who show up each week and even each day and it was wonderful to recognize them. Our members with blue kippot have attended 90-179 minyanim and/or Shabbat services in the past two years. They are David Brooks, Bernie Flashberg, Howard and Paula Gerber, David Glass, Gene Gorin, Larry Horwitz, Ken Melman, Peter Schvarcz, Kathi Spielholz and Jack Usdin. Our members with purple kippot have attended 180-359 minyanim and/or Shabbat services in the past two years. They are Isabell Adler, David Biebelberg, Linda Bloom, Marvin Bram, z"l, Howard Guss, Rabbi Mark Mallach, Joel Millman, Paul Peyser, Nate Rajs, Gayle Rosenbach, Steve Taub, Gerry Weiss and Andrea Wohl.

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IT'S HAPPENING AT TBAY DECEMBER - JANUARY - FEBRUARY

Shabbat ALIVE!

New Member Shabbat TBD

FJMC Man of the Year Dinner

Women's League Chanukah Party

Read Hebrew America

Family Shabbat Morning Service

Shorashim Chanukah Celebration

HaMakom All School Program

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration

Debbie Friedman Shabbat

Scout Shabbat

World-Wide Wrap - Brunch & Speaker

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 *Federal 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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At TBAY, we are so lucky to have an incredible staff and dedicated volunteers. It is this special combination that makes us who we are – a warm, vibrant congregation committed to ensuring that we keep fostering a strong, safe, sacred Jewish community in Springfield.

Never was this more evident than this past fall, as we experienced several events that showed how truly special our community is.

First, thanks to the leadership of Genya Mallach, we celebrated one of our founding member families, Miriam and Nahum Gershwin, with a community-wide event. Over 250 people came together to enjoy the music of a cappella group Six13 in an exciting, fun-filled concert. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the dedicated committee who worked tirelessly to make this event a success. A special thanks to Isabell Adler, Jon Bird, Faye Bodenstien, David Brooks, Cindy Elgrably, Roz Feuer, Marisa Gershwin, Sam Gershwin, Nicole Hunter, Lois Kaish, Rabbi Mark Mallach, Debbie Nadel, Faith Racusin, Rabbi Adrienne Rubin and Jackie Schuyler.

Second, thanks to our Men's Club, led by co-presidents Elliot Merkin and Glenn Wohl, along with Regional president David Glass,

for once again hosting our annual Northern New Jersey Men's Club Man of the Year/ Youth of the Year event. As with the Six13 concert, our Men's Club brought together over 300 people from around the state to celebrate our honorees.

And finally, to Executive Director Harvey Brenner and our dedicated staff, including our Early Childhood teachers and office staff, who helped assure that our community remained safe during the recent threat that was made to synagogues across New Jersey. Their immediate response, and coordination with the Springfield Police Department, and Temple members and their families, made sure that all were kept safe and alerted to the events as they unfolded. They also underlined our need to continue to be vigilant and take the necessary steps and precautions during these uncertain times.

We are honored to have such a dedicated team that is committed to assuring that TBAY continues to go from strength to strength - Chazak, Chazak, V'nitchazek.

Wishing all a Happy and Healthy Secular New Year,

Brian Margulies, President



Join **Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield Facebook Group**. This group is used to disseminate the most updated information for our synagogue members. Also please follow the **Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Facebook**

From Our Executive Director

BEYNEINU – JUST BETWEEN US

Having just spent the better part of two months in shul, many things come to my mind, but most importantly, my desire to be a better person this coming year (both generally and Jewishly).

While sitting in my home synagogue's sanctuary for Sukkot, I had the chance to read, think and plan just how to accomplish this. One of the tools I found available to me was a handout compiled by my rabbi that offered lots of inspirational and contemplative excerpts for our personal use. One of the selections resonated within me, most probably because of what I do for a living.

Dr. Ron Wolfson, *Fingerhut Professor of Education, American Jewish University*, and founder of "Synagogue 3000", spends a great amount of his time teaching and writing about converting synagogues from 'transactional' organizations into 'relational' ones, preferred because people connect with one another and establish lasting friendships (which is far superior and much more rewarding to all).

So it was with great interest that I read an excerpt from his *Spirituality of Welcoming, "Jewish Values to Guide Communications."* In it, he lists seven Jewish values that we should incorporate into our everyday synagogue language and behavior, and some hints to help us model them:

Sh'tikah & Sh'miat Ha-Ozen: Silence & Active Listening

Reflect in silence while others are speaking
Refrain from interrupting while others are speaking

Dibbur: Speech

Speak the truth as you see it, but.....
Don't hurt others by speaking harshly to or about them
Speak as if God was listening to everything you say

Salvanut: Patience

Be patient while others are speaking; wait your turn
Have empathy towards others and their opinions

Elu v'elu: "These and these"

Allow for multiple perspectives
Even if you don't agree with others, don't be
condescending towards them

B'yachad: Together

Let's think of each other as teammates
Progress emerges from collaboration
Even davening requires a minyan!

Derech Eretz: Common Decency towards others

Treat each other with mutual respect
Remember, everyone present is on the same side

L'Shem Shamayim: For the sake of Heaven, and

Da Lifnei Mi atah Omed: Know before Whom You Stand

I am going to try to remember that our congregation is a *Sacred Community* and not just a building. We are a collection of individuals who share a common goal and a profound love of Judaism. It is "all about the relationships" we develop that keeps us together in good times and bad. We support each other spiritually, emotionally and socially. **For this and the many other blessings in our lives, I say "Thank You."**

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and the bountiful year to come.....

L'hitraot,

Harvey Brenner, FSA, FTA
Executive Director

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The five people who received burgundy kippot deserve special mention. They are the backbone of our morning minyan services and we are so grateful for their consistent, ongoing participation. Without them, the minyan we have most mornings simply would not be there. They are Leslie Mishell (474 services), Rabbi Simon Rosenbach (514 services), Michelle Manders (557 services), Jackie Schuyler (598 services), and Martha Flashberg (687 services!!!). Thank you for all you bring each and every day.

Finally, the people with silver kippot are like precious metals to us. They are the people who lead our services every week. Many thanks to David Glass, Rabbi Simon Rosenbach, Joel Millman, David Biebelberg, Larry Horwitz, David Brooks and Nate Rajs for their ongoing commitment to all of us here at TBAY!

We would love to welcome you to our warm and welcoming morning minyan community! The Zoom links are always in your Shabbat Preview. Start by coming once a month or once a week and you might just find you like it more than you thought you would. And if you have asked for a minyan, please return the favor by making a commitment to join minyan at least once a month. Remember, one person is the difference between having a minyan and a mourner not being able to say Kaddish. Each of us really does matter.

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.

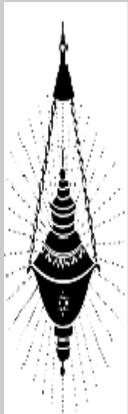
PRESIDENT'S DAY – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

President's Day is a federal holiday honoring the presidents of the United States, both past and present. Celebrated as an official state holiday in the majority of the United States, President's Day originated as a day of commemoration for the first president, George Washington. However, in the 20th century, the event became a day of recognition for all presidents of the United States, including the current 46th president of the United States, Joe Biden

Here are some "fun facts" about our presidents –

- Hear the story about George Washington's wooden choppers? It's a myth. Throughout his lifetime, the first president was variously fitted with false teeth made from ivory, gold, and even human teeth.
- America's 10th president, James Tyler, had 15 children -- the most of any president. James Buchanan, the 15th US President, was the first unmarried man to be elected president while Ronald Reagan was the first to have been divorced.
- At 5'4", James Madison was our shortest president. Abraham Lincoln was the tallest at 6'4".
- William Taft got stuck in the White House bathtub the first time he used it. A larger one was ordered to better fit his hefty 332 pound frame.
- Rutherford B. Hayes banned beer, wine or any other type of alcohol at the White House. At official functions Mrs. Hayes was known as "Lemonade Lucy."
- Left-handed Presidents? There have only been eight. They include James Garfield, Herbert Hoover, Harry Truman, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama.
- Barack Obama, the first African American president, collected comic books. His favorites were Spider-Man and Conan the Barbarian.

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



*Gary Berger who lost his beloved mother
Blanka Berger*

*Lisa Friedman who lost her beloved mother
Thelma Pacht*

*Caren Manders who lost her beloved sister
Robin Lee Zimmerman*

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 **ורבול**

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

JUDITH WEISS

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

תמאה יד רורב

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bring solace to the sorrowing hearts
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**Baruch Dayan Ha' Emet
Praised be the true Judge**



**WANTED:
TBAY MINYANAIRE!**

One person is the difference between 9 and 10!

We are looking for people willing to come once a week or even once a month to ensure we have a minyan on Zoom each morning.

No prior experience required. Ability to read English and page numbers helpful. Ability to read Hebrew a plus. Join from the comfort and convenience of your own home. Books provided. Caring community, bite-sized learning, support for yahrzeits, engaging Torah reading. Pay is manna from Heaven: an opportunity to make friends and shep nachas.

Join our special morning community:
Weekdays at 7:30 a.m.
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Contact Rabbi Rubin at rabbirubin@tbaynj.org



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.



**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 us if any information changes.

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Improve Your Hebrew Reading Skills in ONE Day!

In just a few hours, you'll learn to read Hebrew like you never thought possible! You'll receive prayer review sheets and a handy Alef-Bet chart specifically designed by the NJOP (National Jewish Outreach Project) to enhance your reading skills.

**Sunday, December 11
Noon to 3:00
In person and on Zoom**

Registration is FREE

<https://tinyurl.com/TBAY-Read-Hebrew-America>

TBAY-Read-Hebrew-America



NJOP

**JANUARY 16TH
10:30 AM EST**

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION**

LET US RAISE OUR VOICES

Recitation of Letter from Birmingham Jail

On April 16, 1963, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail," which was addressed to Birmingham's local white clergy, including at least one rabbi, who had been critical of King's organizing tactics. The Letter, now an important part of American Scripture, passionately expressed King's visions of a just society and contained the now-ubiquitous verse, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Wrongful Incarceration: The Work of Centurion

Centurion is a secular, national non-profit organization dedicated to the vindication of the wrongly convicted. Since 1983, we have freed 67 men and women who were serving life or death sentences for crimes they did not commit. That's over 1,200 years of life lost. We take on the hard cases, the ones others leave behind. We re-investigate the crime, uncovering lost evidence, finding new evidence, convincing a coerced witness to come forward with the truth, overturning false confessions, and sometimes even finding the real criminal.

Making a Difference Here

In keeping with our theme of the effects of incarceration, we will put together letters and care packages for the inmates at Rahway Correctional Facility.

**REGISTRATION
AND SIGN-UP INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**



PLEASE JOIN
TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL
AS WE HONOR
OUR LOCAL SCOUTS

**SCOUT
SHABBAT
5783**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

COME IN UNIFORM!

**ALL SCOUTS WILL
RECEIVE A
SPECIAL SCOUT
SHABBAT PATCH!**



Friday, February 3rd, 6:30 PM
In person and via Zoom

Registration Information to Come

PLEASE JOIN
TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL
TO HONOR THE 12TH YAHRZEIT OF
SINGER/SONGWRITER DEBBIE FRIEDMAN Z"l

**DEBBIE
FRIEDMAN
SHABBAT**

WITH MUSIC BY
BEN ROSENBACH,
LESLIE ADLER,
LESLIE GLASS,
LEN HAUSMAN,
& RABBI ADRIENNE RUBIN

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH
8:00 PM**

IN PERSON AND ONLINE ON ZOOM
REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO COME

**Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael
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1st Night
Sunday, 12/18
Latke & Sufganiyot Tasting
Bring-Your-Own Chanukiah
Pre-Holiday Candle Lighting
11:30 a.m.

2nd Night
Monday, 12/19
Women's League Candle Lighting
6:00 p.m.

3rd Night
Tuesday, 12/20
Teen Night: Donut Truck, Latkes,
Candle Lighting & More
7:00 p.m.

4th Night
Wednesday, 12/21
TBAY Board Candle Lighting
7:30 p.m.

5th Night
Thursday, 12/22
Men's Club Candle Lighting
6:30 p.m.

6th Night
Friday, 12/23
Candle Lighting
4:16 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat and Festive Oneg
8:00 p.m.

7th Night
Saturday, 12/24
Havdalah & Candle Lighting
5:17 p.m.

8th Night
Sunday, 12/25
Chinese Food & A Movie
3:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting, Followed by Dinner
5:06 p.m.

CELEBRATE CHANUKAH AT TBAY!

LIGHT THE GIANT TBAY MENORAH...

ENJOY FESTIVE FOOD...

CONNECT WITH FRIENDS!

Morning Services with Hallel and Torah Reading
Monday-Friday, 11/19-12/23 & 12/26: 7:30
Saturday, 12/24: 9:30
Sunday, 12/25: 9:00

All are on Zoom.
Saturday & Sunday are ALSO in person.

TBAY
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael

Women's League Invites You to Our Upcoming
Hanukkah Party

TUESDAY, DEC. 6 at 7:00 PM in the TBAY Ballroom

**FEATURING: LATKES & WINE
& A VERY FUN GRAB BAG!!!**

RVSP by Dec. 1st. Email janelakritz@gmail.com
Or call or text Jane at 201-826-8930.

Please bring a NEW wrapped gift with the value of \$15-\$20. Only those who bring a gift will be able to participate in our grab bag game! Each participant will get a turn to choose from the table of wrapped gifts, or she can "steal" an already picked gift from someone who went before her. A gift can be "stolen" twice, thus the second person who steals a gift ends up with it!

Admission \$5 for all Women's League Members.
\$10 for non-WL Members. To join, please send your \$40 dues payment to WL of TBAY, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, NJ 07081

Enjoy a time-honored tradition
with your TBAY friends!

Chinese Food & A Movie

**Sunday
25 December 2022**

Pixar Movie @ 3:30 p.m.
Candlelighting @ ~5:06 p.m.
Chinese Dinner to follow
2nd Movie @ 6:30 p.m.

TBAY
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, December 18
11:30 a.m.

Religious School
Pre-Holiday Candle Lighting
Latkes & Sufganiyot Tasting
Bring Your Own Chanukiah

Religious School



SHEDDING NEW LIGHT ON CHANUKAH

The light of the Chanukah menorah is more than a reminder of ancient miracles--it is intended to inspire and illuminate our lives today. The prayers that we say every day and on Chanukah are an important way for us to thank God for the special blessings in our lives. That is why, in the second Chanukah blessing, we say: *"Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe who accomplished miracles for our ancestors in ancient days and in our time."* By looking at the significance of the Chanukah miracles, we can appreciate the blessings in our own lives today.

Chanukah is a time for recognizing miracles and expressing thanks. Take some time to figure out creative and meaningful ways to say **"thank you"** to important people who make you who you are--such as your parents, siblings, grandparents, friends and teachers. It is a special

way to count the blessings in your life and appreciate the good things that other people do for you. Your **"thank you"** can be a Chanukah gift in itself.

In fact, the word for **GAVE** in Hebrew, **NATAN** (spelled nun, tav, final nun), is a palindrome - a word spelled the same way backward or forward. It is interesting to consider that when someone gives you something or shares something with you - either a gift or a special thank you - both people, in a sense, enjoy the feeling of giving and receiving at the same time.

On Chanukah, let's be thankful for our personal blessings and realize that it is a priceless gift.

Wishing you and your family all the very best for a happy and enjoyable Chanukah and a happy and healthy "secular" new year.

Ann Kanarek, Director

CHANUKAH IS COMING!! SUPPORT OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL'S WALL OF FLAME

Put your name on a flame; put your handle on a candle. Look for the **Wall of Flame**, our Religious School menorah with your name in lights. For only a dollar each, you can buy paper flames for every member of your family. Or, for 18 big ones, you can buy a whole paper candle for your group. Any way you choose, you are warming up to a great cause--your Religious School. For more information, check the flyer online.

On behalf of the Religious School staff and children we thank you for your support.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

Sunday, December 4: Regular school session

Sunday, December 11: Regular school session

Sunday, December 18: Regular school session

Sunday, December 25 - Sunday, January 1: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Winter break.

Religious school resumes on Sunday, January 8

Sunday, January 8: Regular school session, **PACT for 7th grade (parents/students)**

Sunday, January 15: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL; MLK weekend

Sunday, January 22: Regular school session; special program: **Kosher Workshop (K-7)**

Sunday, January 29: Regular school session; special program: **Havdalah workshop (K-7)**

Sunday, February 5: Regular school session; **PACT for 4th grade (parents/students)**

Sunday February 12: Regular school session: **World Wide Wrap for 7th grade**

Sunday, February 19: NO RELIGIOUS School: President's Weekend

Sunday, February 26: Regular school session; **PACT for 5th grade (parents/students)**

Early Childhood Program



The 2022-2023 school year is in full swing. The High Holy Days are well behind us and we are working on all things Fall, playing in the leaves and, of course, Thanksgiving and Chanukah are right around the corner. The ECP is so

excited to finally welcome parents to celebrate Shabbat with us in our classes and in the sanctuary. It is always amazing to see the growth of our children. Our experienced faculty is doing a fantastic job with our curriculum and making sure everyone is having a great day. Our staff is dedicated to planting the seeds that foster your child's love of learning by not only preparing him/her for school, but for life. We are proud of our program, which is designed to meet the needs of our families.

We create an environment that encourages children to learn through discovery. Our commitment to this growth is seen in our rich, developmentally appropriate play-based curriculum. We provide experiences for children that promote learning in the academic domains of literacy, math

and science as well as the more traditional early learning areas of cognitive, social, emotional, physical and language development. We meet all children at their own developmental level, nurture their growth and foster excitement of their discoveries.

We seek to nurture a child's curiosity and sense of community and cultivate a connection to Jewish values and traditions. Our families are partners in the work we do, joining with children and teachers to learn and celebrate Jewish life and learning.

At the current time, our enrollment is about 90 children with most being full time students. We have a very extensive waitlist for the current year as well as September 2023. We are getting ready for Thanksgiving, Chanukah and, of course, welcoming 2023. We are looking forward to continuing a fantastic school year and getting ready to enroll for 2023-2024.

Sandi Newman, Director

CARING COMMITTEE

Everyone, no doubt, has or will endure a life situation when we feel helpless and distraught. I recommend you to the writings of Rabbi Naomi Levy. A member of the first class at the Jewish Theological Seminary to include women, she is a gifted, inspirational writer. She has been no stranger to tragedy. Her father was murdered in a robbery when she was 15. Later in life, her daughter was diagnosed with a fatal, degenerative disease. In trying to understand these tragic events, she reveals her own doubts and conflicts.

"God wasn't a body snatcher looking for the right moment to steal our loved ones away from us and God wasn't a cruel judge looking for ways to catch and punish us. God wasn't Superman ready to swoop down and protect us from all harm, and God wasn't Santa Claus reading our minds and giving us whatever we prayed for...."

"God's reply came as the strength to fight on, the courage to face what I was fearing.... God's answer appeared to me as hope in the face of despair. When I stopped waiting for miracles and started opening up my soul to God, my prayers started working. I could pray for strength and receive strength..."
Hope Will Find You, Naomi Levy 2010

Naomi Levy has written several books about our personal relationship with God. Her frank, accessible writings respond to many of our doubts raised by fear and despair. She shows the reader how to find strength in oneself and comfort in God.

April Modlinger
Caring Committee Chair
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The exciting news is that the program is on target for a **\$25,000** profit for the current fiscal year as the Budget Committee and Board of Directors continue to maintain a flat dues structure again.

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 with high inflation, the purchase of gift cards remains a great way for you to support TBAY with no additional out-of-pocket spend.

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 2022-2023 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, Best Buy, Staples, Outback, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, etc...

Mark Scherzer, Chair

We are excited to announce the names of **15 new families** who have joined our sacred community.



New Members Are Joining

Linda Bloom, also a member of Ahavas Sholom, Newark

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Kimberly & Nicholas Moscariello, Landon & Lorelei Lori & Larry Needleman, also members of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield
Bonnie & Adam Steir, Jessica & Scott Alan Zimbalist, Ryan & Kira

Please join us in welcoming them to TBAY at our **New Member Shabbat at a date to be announced in the future.** What a wonderful way to share time and get to know each other!

**Jackie Schuyler
Membership Committee**

WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Message From Women's League Presidium

At the time of this writing, this week's Torah portion is *Lekh Lekha*, the story of how God instructs Abram to leave Haran in Babylonia and the home of his father, Nahor, who was an idol maker.

Now some of us were born with a sense of direction and some of us, even with the incredible invention of a GPS, still get lost, even if we have been to the destination before. Perhaps you have heard your GPS on occasion say to you: "REROUTING!" Sometimes we do not know where we are going and get lost. Not that Abram got lost – but in this week's Torah reading, *Parashat Lekh-Lekha*, when God told him to "Go forth from your native land and from your father's house to the land that I will show you," Abram did not know where he was headed. Abram did not get lost, but his final destination was

unknown. Isn't that true literally and figuratively for many of us? Sometimes we do not know what our destination will be; or we do not have a specific destination. Life is a journey! When you are trying to find your destination, think of Abram, our forefather, who did not know where God was leading him. But as you set out on whatever journey may be going on, whether it is to the supermarket, a synagogue meeting, or a walk or drive with no specific destination – like Abram - **Chazak v'Ematz – Be Strong and Courageous!**

April Modlinger, Women's League Presidium
modgo1946@gmail.com, 973-715-3457

*This text is adapted from the writing of
 Rabbi Ellen S. Wolintz-Fields*

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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 his or her 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

Co-Presidents' Message

TBAY Men's Club will be hosting the NNJR North Region dinner on Sunday, December 4, at 4 PM.

Sunday, February 12, 2023 is Super Bowl Sunday; first up that day is World-Wide Wrap. TBAY Men's Club, together with Women's League, will be hosting breakfast and a moderated discussion of the U.S. response to the Holocaust.

Saturday, March 4, at 7:30 pm is our Annual Comedy Night. Save the date and join us for laughs and getting together with friends.

Please contact us with any questions.

Elliot Merkin, Co-President
eymerkin@gmail.com, (908) 884-4754

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gwohl@yahoo.com, 9908) 247-6374

TBAY MEN'S CLUB
2022 Man and Youth of the Year
Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m.

at TBAY

Our Honorees

Man of the Year: Brian Margulies,
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Youths of the Year: Jordyn Chait
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CONGRATULATIONS!!

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

Allison and Andrew Adornato on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Addison

Jaime and Matthew Haber on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jake

David Green on the birth of his grandson Joel Philip Green, born to his son Benjamin and his wife Sarah

Laurie and Steven Kaplan on the marriage of their daughter Ellen to Andre Gaspar

Julie and Jeffrey Sagalow on the marriage of their son Jon to Stacey Shewitz

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DECEMBER 2022

Kislev ~ Tevet 5783

2	Friday	Shabbat Alive Service!	6:30 PM	20	Tuesday	Chanukah: 3 Candles HaMakom All School Program	5:04 PM 7:00 PM
3	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM				
4	Sunday	FJMC Man of the Year Dinner	4:00 PM	21	Wednesday	Chanukah: 4 candles TBAY Board Candle Lighting	5:04 PM 7:30 PM
6	Tuesday	Women's League Vodka & Latkes/Chanukah Grab Bag	7:00 PM	22	Thursday	Chanukah: 5 Candles Men's Club Candle Lighting	5:05 PM 6:30 PM
7	Wednesday	Temple Board Meeting	7:30 PM	23	Friday	Chanukah: 6 Candles Kabbalat Shabbat	4:16 PM 8:00 PM
9	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat	8:00 PM	24	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service Chanukah: 7 Candles Havdalah & Candle Lighting	9:30 AM 5:17 PM 5:17 PM
10	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 PM	25	Sunday	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Chinese Food & a Movie Chanukah: 8 Candles Candle Lighting & Dinner	3:30 PM 5:06 PM 5:06 PM
11	Sunday	Read Hebrew America-One Day Hebrew Refresher	12:00 PM	26	Monday	OFFICE & ECP CLOSED	
16	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat	8:00 PM	30	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat	8:00 PM
17	Saturday	Shabbat Mischpacha - Family Shabbat Morning Service	10:00 AM	31	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
18	Sunday	Shorashim Chanukah Celebration Chanukah: 1 Candle	11:30 AM 5:03 PM				
19	Monday	Chanukah: 2 Candles Women's League Candle Lighting	5:03 PM 6:00 PM				

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JANUARY 2023

Tevet ~ Shevat 5783

1	Sunday	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL		15	Sunday	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	
2	Monday	NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED OFFICE & ECP CLOSED		16	Monday	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OFFICE & ECP CLOSED	
4	Wednesday	Temple Board Meeting	7:30 PM			MLK Commemoration:	10:30 AM
						Recitation of Letter from Birmingham Jail	
5	Thursday	Women's League Board Meeting	7:30 PM	20	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat - Debbie Friedman Shabbat Shabbat Mishpacha - Family	8:00 PM
6	Friday	Shabbat Alive!	6:30 PM				
7	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM	21	Saturday	Shabbat Mishpacha - Family Shabbat Morning Service	10:00 AM
13	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat	8:00 PM	27	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat	8:00 PM
14	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM	28	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM

FEBRUARY 2023

Shevat ~ Adar 5783

1	Wednesday	Temple Board Meeting	7:30 PM	12	Sunday	World Wide Wrap/ Program & Speaker	9:00 AM
2	Thursday	Women's League Board Mtg	7:30 PM	17	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat	8:00 PM
3	Friday	Shabbat Alive! Scout Shabbat	6:30 PM	18	Saturday	Shabbat Mishpacha - Family Morning Service	10:00 AM
4	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM	19	Sunday	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	
6	Monday	TU BISHEVAT		20	Monday	PRESIDENT'S DAY OFFICE & EPC CLOSED	
7	Tuesday	Women's League "Culinary History of Jews in America"	TBA	24	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat	8:00 PM
10	Friday	Kabbalat Shabbat	8:00 PM	25	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM
11	Saturday	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 AM	28	Tuesday	HaMakom All-School Prog.	7:00 PM

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