

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, February 3

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song and Story - Hey Students participating

Saturday, February 4

10:30 am Shabbat Service
 Bar Mitzvah: Michael Yentis
 10:30 am Vav Shabbat Service
 5:30 pm Shabbat Service
 B'nai Mitzvah: Alec Falconer
 Vita Marie Matzkin

Friday, February 10

6:30 pm Tot Shabbat
 8:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 11

10:30 am Shabbat Service
 B'nai Mitzvah: Matthew Fields
 Andrew Scher

10:30 am Chapel Shabbat Service

Friday, February 17

6:30 pm Spirit of Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 18

10:30 am Shabbat Service
 Bar Mitzvah: Harrison Barr
 5:30 pm Shabbat Service
 Bar Mitzvah: Michael Weinberg

Friday, February 24

8:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 25

10:30 am Shabbat Service
 Bat Mitzvah: Melanie Ezrin

Friday, March 2

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song and Story - Hey Students participating

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MESSAGE FROM
Rabbi Luxemburg



In the end, the role of the President of the URJ is really no different from the role of any local rabbi vis a vis his/her own congregation.

Just a little more than a week after the biennial meeting of the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) brought 5000 members of our Reform Movement from all over America and from around the world to the Washington area, I attended a Chanukah party. Many of the people there were interested in what went on at that highly publicized gathering. They wanted to know what President Obama said. They wanted to know what issues were the focus of the discussions, what topics were covered in the workshops. One partygoer asked me a question that really gave me pause. Remarking on the designation of Rabbi Rick Jacobs as the new President of the Union for Reform Judaism, she asked me, "What exactly does the President of the URJ do?"



One the face of it, it's a simple question. It's interesting, even intriguing to think about what the leader of the Reform Movement does on behalf our nearly 900 congregations and 1.5 million members. But upon reflection, it's a very thoughtful and important question. Is the President of the URJ the "Chief Rabbi" of the Reform Movement? Is he or she like the head of other grass roots organizations,

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

Are you interested in getting involved in Temple leadership? Do you know someone you think could be and would want to be a future leader? We are looking ahead to develop leadership to take us into the next 40 years (well, maybe the next 5!). Please contact Michael Firestone, Immediate Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, for more information about Temple leadership. We look forward to hearing from you. firestonejazz@yahoo.com.

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MESSAGE FROM
Mitchell Frost, President



As I have mentioned before in this column, one of the options we are privileged with as Board members, is to present a D'var Torah at a meeting. The paragraphs below are adapted from one that I wrote awhile back, and that I recently reflected upon as 2012 begins to unfold:

Long-term goals, dreams and aspirations, they are a part of life. In turn, sights are set upon the attainment of some thing or condition, a targeted final destination. Some goals are reached more readily than others and can be checked off the list early in life. Others may be of grander scale; their pursuit taking years of dedication and effort. It is of the later, perhaps more notable and extraordinary goals that one may think, "man, when I attain [X], life will be perfect. I will have arrived!" It is as if it has been designated as the ultimate end, something that will define life as successful and bring complete bliss. In other words, "allow entry into the Promised Land". But what if entry into that "Promised Land" never occurs? That 'ultimate' goal, dream or aspiration is never realized. What then of the appraised value of life and of happiness?

Moses never set foot in the land originally promised to our Forefathers: Abraham; Isaac; and Jacob. Yet it is clear that Moses longed for reaching that final destination. It had been the purpose toward which all his endeavors were directed for at least the last 40 years of his life. But the closest he got was to view

it, standing atop a mountain just on the other side of the Jordan River. Imagine, Moses being so close he could taste it, yet he would never enter. How incredibly heart-breaking!

So how does Moses handle what could be construed as the ultimate failure? Like a mensch. Moses accepts that crossing the Jordan will not be the final punctuation mark of his life. He respectfully passes along his stature to Joshua and passionately reviews all the teachings which he had set before the Israelites. And while I can't know whether Moses considered the worth of his life to have been diminished, I believe it safe to say that most judge his life to be extraordinary.

So how does this translate to life today? I find it to be a reminder that most lessons are learned through the journey and not upon arrival at the destination, and that success need not be a place reached, but rather it can be the spirit with which the journey is undertaken. Naturally, accomplishments and achievements are important and necessary, but self worth need not be based upon some quantitative measure of completed product. More so, the qualitative measure of the path taken in the pursuit of goals tells the story of our lives and may even be more apt to deliver happiness.

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote "An aspiration is a joy forever, a possession as solid as a landed estate, a fortune which we can never exhaust and which gives us year by year a revenue of

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LIVE AND LEARN

Daytime Seminars from 10:30 am—12 noon

A casual daytime learning opportunity open to all who yearn to learn.

FEBRUARY

MUSIC with MUSICIANS: Vladimir Fridman & Seth Kibel

2/7: The Journey with Jewish Music Around the World
Vladimir Fridman, accomplished guitarist, teacher and performer, will take you on a Klezmer journey with his guitar! Russian born Vladimir has performed at the Kennedy Center, Strathmore AND at Beth Ami!



2/14: The Jews of American Jazz
Examine the lives and careers of some 'greats' - Gershwin, Berlin, Goodman, Shaw & others—whose contributions shaped the American genre of Jazz. Seth Kibel, an expert in Jewish American music, is leader, clarinetist and composer for The Alexandria Klezmet.



MARCH

ANGELS, DEMONS & SPIRITS

Tuesdays **March 6, 13, 20**
Cantor Eschler

Did you know that angels, demons and spirits are prolific in our siddur and Torah? Why are they there? Where did they come from? And how do we utilize their presence in a modern world.



Please RSVP to Shelly : SLG@bethami.org or 301-340-6818

Supported by the Sally B. Kera Live & Learn Endowment Fund

A special Community Shabbat with:

Shira Kline

in concert

Friday, February 3
 12 noon— FREE

Please Join Us!

SHIRA KLINE, aka ShirLaLa, is a celebrated New York based performer and music educator. ShirLaLa performs outrageously hip Jewish kiddie rock!



Sponsored by the Cantor's Discretionary Fund.

Let's Get Saucy!

Hands-On Cooking Class with Livia Weinstein
 Come learn how to make three different sauces to accompany pasta and chicken

Sunday, February 5th in the Temple kitchen
 9:15 – 10:30am OR 11:15am – 12:30pm
 \$10 per person, limit 15 per class

Please complete the form below and return to the Temple office with your payment by Feb. 1st.

WTBA "Let's Get Saucy" Cooking Class - Sunday, February 5
 I will attend: 9:15 – 10:30am OR 11:15am – 12:30pm

Name

Email or Phone

\$10 (\$12 non-members) enclosed

APRIL CHADASHOT
 DEADLINE FEBRUARY 25

COMING
This Month

The TBA Players Present
**You're a Good Man,
Charlie Brown**



Based on the comic strip
Peanuts by
Charles M. Schultz
Book, Music & Lyrics
by Clark Gesner

Reservation Order Form

Please return this form & check payable to Temple Beth Ami
by 2/6/2012 – All reservations will be held at Beth Ami.
\$5 more per reservation AT THE DOOR.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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|------------------|-----|--------------------|----------|
| Sat, February 11 | 8pm | Members @ \$15 | \$ _____ |
| Sat, February 11 | 8pm | Non-members @ \$20 | \$ _____ |
| Sun, February 12 | 2pm | Members @ \$10 | \$ _____ |
| Sun, February 12 | 2pm | Non-members @ \$15 | \$ _____ |
| Sun, February 12 | 7pm | Members @ \$10 | \$ _____ |
| Sun, February 12 | 7pm | Non-members @ \$15 | \$ _____ |

Please consider one of our sponsorship opportunities:
Please indicate Sunday matinee OR evening performance

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|------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| PRODUCER | 2 reservations, reserved parking, reserved seating, names in program | _____ Sat _____ Sun @ \$500=\$ _____ |
| DIRECTOR | 1 reservation, reserved parking, reserved seating, names in program | _____ Sat _____ Sun @ \$250=\$ _____ |
| CONDUCTOR | 2 reservations, reserved seating, names in program | _____ Sat _____ Sun @ \$200=\$ _____ |
| FRIEND | 1 reservation, reserved seating, names in program | _____ Sat _____ Sun @ \$100=\$ _____ |

Enclosed is a check for a total of reservation(s) _____
TOTAL \$ _____

For additional information, please contact Shelly Gordon
(301) 340-6818 x612 or slg@bethami.org

Mah Jongg Tournament

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Temple Beth Ami 14330 Travilah Road Rockville, MD 20850

10 am—4 pm (coffee at 9:30 am)

Play begins promptly at 10 am

\$50 includes deli lunch and homemade desserts

1st prize	\$300
2nd prize	\$150
3rd prize	\$75

Register by February 13 with registration form (below)
and check (payable to Temple Beth Ami)



Questions? Please contact Rachel Maryn: rmaryn3@comcast.net or 301.330.1635

2012 Mah Jongg Tournament—February 19

Please return form with check (payable to Temple Beth Ami) by 2/13/12.

Name: _____ Email Address: _____
Address: _____
YES, I can be east _____ YES, I can bring a Mah Jongg set _____

COFFEE HOUSE SHABBAT
February 24

SERVICES at 8 pm
ONEG at 9:20 pm
featuring



TAYLOR CARSON



Taylor Carson hails from the land of the Dave Matthews Band, Virginia Coalition and O.A.R. While he built his musical chops on the shoulders of the acoustic rock superstars, his lyrical inspiration comes from the timeless wordsmiths like Paul Simon, Cat Stevens and Martin Sexton. His new record "Defending The Name," recently won concept album of the year from the Independent Music Awards.

TIKKUN OLAM*Community Service Project***LEND A HAND****Temple Beth Ami Community Service Projects**

Did you make a New Year's resolution to volunteer more? Here are a few suggestions to help you get started.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The following activities may be appropriate for families, teens or adults. Thank you in advance for your support!

Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR): Latino Outreach Program (LOP). LOP offers opportunities for adults and teens to assist in English language and American culture/customs classes for immigrants whose primary language is Spanish. Volunteers (age 14 and above) are also needed in the evenings to spend time with the children of the adults being tutored. The program is offered in Rockville area schools and churches. For more information, contact Lynn Goodman at lynngoodman13@yahoo.com.

Additional CMR Volunteers Needed - (1) 1 volunteer needed for an hour or less per week to help make phone calls to elderly shut-ins in the Elderly Ministries project. (2) The Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) needs 1 more volunteer to serve as an intake coordinator for residents requesting program assistance. (3) Kaseman Clinic needs volunteers who are English/Spanish speaking as interpreters one day a week or twice per month for the Clinic's medical staff. For more information or to volunteer for any of these positions, contact Lynn Arndt at 301-637-0705 or lynnarndt@cmrocks.org.

Chase Partnership Shelter: Meals Help Needed - Volunteers are needed to help provide Thursday meals for the 36 men at the Chase Partnership House on E. Gude Drive in Rockville. Groups are asked to help cook a dinner for the men at the shelter (and to cover the cost of the meal). Individuals can form their own groups or ask to be teamed with others, sports teams can sign up to provide a meal, and Beth Ami groups and organizations can cover a Thursday as a group project. Guidance is available on menu choices and quantities. Contact Debbie Jacobs at debrajacobs@comcast.net.

Senior Connection Needs Volunteers - Senior Connection, a nonprofit that provides support to promote independent living for older adults in Montgomery County, needs volunteers to escort seniors to medical appointments; help with errands and grocery shopping; make friendly visits or phone calls; or assist with reading, writing, and paperwork. Training provided, and schedules are flexible. For more information or to volunteer, visit www.seniorconnectionmc.org, call 301-962-0820, or e-mail marcia.custer@seniorconnectionmc.org.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you for helping others by donating to these Temple-wide collections for community groups.

- **Help "Stuff-A-Duff" for Needy County Children** - Donate new adult small and medium t-shirts, 8 oz. bottles of water, new notebooks and/or stuffed animals to help TBA and Child Welfare Services of Montgomery County assemble overnight duffle bags for children and teens placed into foster care on short notice. Collection boxes will be in the Temple lobby through February 14. Donations also accepted during showings of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" on February 11 and 12.
- **Heads-Up re March Food Drive for Needy Children** - Donate food or funds to help feed needy schoolchildren in Montgomery County during TBA's Fight Childhood Hunger campaign. See article elsewhere in this issue for more details, including a list of food items needed.
- **Ongoing Clothing Drive** - Drop off clean clothes in good condition in the Interfaith Works containers at the back of the Temple parking lot. Receipts available at bethami.org or in the Temple office.
- **Ongoing Food Drive** - Bring nonperishable food items (canned or boxed goods) to the TBA lobby any time to be donated to the Manna Food Center.

BROTHERHOOD

News

SAVE THE DATE

TBA Brotherhood's Golf Outing

10th Anniversary

Tuesday—May 15, 2012

Worthington Manor Golf Course

Open to all TBA members and Guests

Men & Women—Duffer or Pro

(Range, Carts, Lunch and Dinner included)

Register today

www.bethami.org/groups/adult/brotherhood/

If you or your company wish to be a sponsor
of this special event, contact

Steve Feldman — 301-428-3344

sfeldman@preferredinsurancesolutions.com

Blood Drive, Sunday February 26, 8 am-12:30 pm

Temple Beth Ami has been doing Blood drives since 2000. Thanks to all who were able to give, we collected 17 pints of blood at our December Blood Drive. We're doing it again in February; let's make it the

year, put the Brotherhood on your calendar and join us for great entertainment with good friends and fabulous food. Become a member and get in on the community.

biggest one ever. I encourage you to support this program and give the gift of life if you are able. There are 48 time slots available and our goal is to fill at least 32. Please invite your spouse to also participate. Children must be at least 16 and require parental consent. You must weigh at least 110 lbs to donate blood. You cannot have donated whole blood within 8 weeks of the event. Look for our activities in the Chadashot, the Temple sign board and the Up-To-The-Minute. This

Join Brotherhood Today.

We ask the men of Temple Beth Ami to consider joining the Brotherhood. By joining the Brotherhood and supporting sponsored activities you will have fun, expand your network of friends and business contacts, and help sustain a wide range of temple and community activities. This year your support will help to provide Kiddush cups to our youth becoming Bnai Mitzvah, financial aid for Rebuilding Together, meals for the community based shelter, and sponsorship of family events. Brotherhood membership is FREE to new Temple members, so come and get to know us.

Sunday Morning Café, Sundays, 8:30-11:15 am

Sunday mornings, after dropping the kids at school (or have breakfast with the kids before school), sit down and enjoy the paper and the company of friends at our new Sunday Morning Cafe.

Bill Mathon, Brotherhood President

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Saturday, March 3

10:30 am Shabbat Service

Bar Mitzvah: Dylan Berkowitz

10:30 am Vav Shabbat Service

10:30 am Sunday Minyan



TEMPLE BETH AMI
KINDERGARTEN

Coming Fall 2012

Contact Paula Sagay, pls@bethami.org

WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH AMI

News

Surrounded by many beautiful paintings in the Temple's lobby, WTBA members enjoyed our own Jewish art appreciation night with artist Mordechai Rosenstein in December. We celebrated the Temple's 40th anniversary by listening to an explanation of his career, business, and special techniques. We each then decorated our own piece of art entitled "In Celebration of Sisterhood". Thank you to all of the board members who provided refreshments, and to Jeanne Kahn and Marcia Kaplan for coordinating this event and for the elegant food and wine display.

Forty preschoolers and their parents attended our annual Hanukkah party. They had a wonderful time singing songs, listening to stories, and making dreidels, menorahs, and door hangers. Each child received a fun goodie bag. Thank you to Karen Asman, Judy Fox-Teppe and Beth Jolles for planning and leading the party. Thank you also to Judy Miller for putting together the goodie bags.

We want to express our deep and heartfelt appreciation to WTBA board members Jeanne Kahn and Marcia Kaplan for all of their dedication and time as the local arrangements co-chairs for the 48th WRJ Assembly, held at the Gaylord in December. Their hard work resulted in a very successful and fun event for all 520 women from around the country and Canada who attended. Thank you also to Rachel Maryn for co-chairing the Judaica Shop at the Assembly. We appreciate these WTBA members who represented our Sisterhood: Flora Feldman, Marilyn Lipowsky, Cecile Plost, Phyllis Polster, and Harriet Sturm. They reported their fascination during a workshop given by the Israeli author of a favorite weekly column and their

excitement listening to speeches by prominent Jewish women and President Obama. While more than 5000 people ate Shabbat dinner together, sharing this dinner with many TBA members who attended the concurrent URJ Biennial, made the evening feel very comfortable. Praying during Shabbat services with so many Jews in one venue was amazing. All of the music was magnificent. One of our representatives met a woman from England who was familiar with the book that our book club had read and discussed earlier in December. There was a wonderful feeling of being part of the world wide Jewish Reform Movement.

WTBA is again collecting donations for Stuff-a-Duff. The duffle bags will be stuffed before our February 14th board meeting. In conjunction with the Tikkun Olam Committee and the Temple's production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", we will be filling duffle bags for 8-10 year old children in foster care. We're asking for donations of the following new items:

- adult small and medium t-shirts
- 8 oz. bottles of water
- notebooks
- stuffed animals

A collection box is located in the Temple lobby. Cash donations are also welcome; please bring them to the Temple office. All donations need to be received by February 12th. Please contact Rhona Arbit at arbitfamily@gmail.com with questions.

WTBA will be holding our second annual **Mah Jongg tournament on Sunday, February 19th** from 10:00 am - 4 pm at the Temple. The entry fee of \$50 includes coffee and pastries, a yummy lunch and plenty of prizes. There will be cash prizes for the three highest scores. We are also

selling 2012 Mah Jongg cards. One dollar from every sale goes to WTBA to continue the good work we do for the Temple and our community. Deadline to order cards is February 14th. Please see flyers in this month's Chadashot and in the lobby for more information on both of these items.

The Women of TBA will be providing dinner for the Chase Men's Shelter on Gude Drive in Rockville on Thursday, February 23rd. All WTBA members are invited to help us cook the meal in the Temple kitchen from 2:30 - 5 pm. Afterward, we will deliver the food to the shelter and then go out to dinner ourselves as a group. Please contact Jeanne Kahn at 301-762-4095 or JeanneKahn@aol.com if you are able to help cook for the shelter or if you would like to make a monetary donation to help cover the costs involved.

Kippot for sale - Attention B'nai Mitzvah families, Brides and Grooms: Please remember that you can order your Kippot through the Women of Temple Beth Ami. There are several colors to choose from and our prices are competitive. Contact Livia Weinstein at 301-330-0382 or donlivia2@comcast.net to place your order.

Upcoming events – Please Join Us:
 Reform Responsa-bility classes with Rabbi Weiss – Sunday, February 5 – Ins and Outs:
 How Inclusive We Are as a Movement;
 Sunday, March 4 – Learning to Swim in Different Streams of Judaism
 Book Club – Tuesday, February 7 - After a Long Silence by Helen Fremont
 Purim Café – Wednesday, March 7
 Women's Seder – Sunday, March 25 (new date)

Rhona Arbit, WTBA President

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

*Paula Sayag,
Director*



Building community. Our vision is to help our families connect with each other and with Temple Beth Ami. Every decision we make and every program we plan is driven by the goal of nurturing relationships. Everybody wants to make friends and know that they belong. Feeling welcome and safe and looking forward to seeing classmates makes every day special. Preschool friends often stay together through high school, and we are laying the foundation and establishing the memories and positive feelings that will carry them forward.

There are so many ways we ensure that our families come together, but today I want to illustrate how we have expanded our efforts to create community this year. Our classes of same-age children are spending more time together, so the children make even more friends throughout the school.

Our Bet Classes (2 and 3 year olds) regularly spend time on the playground

together. Sometimes, they share the “ride room.” And it’s really fun when they do a special movement or music activity together. The children are beginning to recognize their friends from other classes.

Our Gimel Classes (3 and 4 year olds) hold “Community Days” when they work together to prepare for holiday celebrations. They learn the art of giving by making holiday gifts for each other’s classes. Children from different classes attend the weekly fitness program together. Of course, they share playground time. And perhaps best of all, they come together for a Shabbat sing every Friday.

Our Dalet Classes (4 and 5 year olds) have two new initiatives. “Havurah (Friendship) Time” is when six children, two from each class, play a game together, as they get to know each other in more intimate groups. “Dalet Time” is when all three classes do a special activity together, such as

running an obstacle course, extending literature, or creating art. Our Dalet children are more ready than the younger children to expand their social network, accept more friends, and flexibly alter their schedules to allow for some unique interactions. We want all the Dalet children to graduate knowing their entire cohort.

Temple Beth Ami has always attended to each person’s desire to know and be known. We are reminded of the importance of building community when we think of the hectic pace of today’s family life, the rapid of incursion of technology, the economic realities of child-rearing, and the increased academic pressures on children. Nothing takes the place of friendships and togetherness, support and camaraderie. Jewish life can be a haven from every day stressors. We want TBANS to be a place where children thrive and parents relax.



B'NAI MITZVAH*Profiles*

Please join with us at Shabbat Services during the month of February as we celebrate with...



MICHAEL AARON YENTIS, son of Meredith and Jeff, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, February 4. He is a seventh grade student at Herbert Hoover Middle School. Michael has a younger sister, Becca. For his mitzvah project, Michael has been volunteering regularly at A Wider

Circle, an organization that assists families transitioning out of shelters or simply living without life's necessities.



ALEC FALCONER, son of Karen Matzkin and William Falconer, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, February 4. He is a seventh grade student at Cabin John Middle School. Alec has an older brother, Matthew, and two step sisters, Vita and Paulina.



VITAMARIE MATZKIN, daughter of Caren Matzkin and Jon Matzkin, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, February 4. She is a seventh grade student at Tilden Middle School. Vita has a younger sister, Paulina, and two step brothers, Matthew and Alec



MATTHEW AARON FIELDS, son of Jodi and David, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, February 11. He is a seventh grade student at Thomas W. Pyle Middle School. Matthew has a younger sister, Jenna.



ANDREW SCHER, son of Gail and David, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday February 11. He is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Andrew has a younger brother, Kevin. For Andrew's Mitzvah Project, he has been raising money for the ASPCA,

which includes becoming an ASPCA Ambassador through its website and by selling glow in the dark bracelets.



HARRISON MICHAEL BARR, son of Heather and Stuart, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, February 18. He is a 7th grade student at the Lab School of Washington. Harrison has an older brother, Jordan, and a younger brother, Cameron.



MICHAEL COREY WEINBERG, son of Amy and Joel, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, February 18. He is a seventh grade student at Kingsview Middle School. Michael has an older sister, Jenna



MELANIE ALLISON EZRIN, daughter of Debbie and Mark, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, February 25. She is a seventh grade student at Lakelands Park Middle School. Melanie has a younger brother, Jared

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

*Kim Roberts,
Director*



Calendar

Friday, February 3

Hey (5th gr) Service-
(Sunday Hebrew Students)

Saturday, February 4

Vav (6th gr) Service-
(Tuesday Hebrew Students)
TBAHigh Teen Event (Gr 8-12)

Sunday, February 5

Zayin (7th gr) Family Education

Sunday, February 12

Gimel (3rd) Family Education
Sixth Grade Rosh Hodesh 4:00

Tuesday, February 14

NO SCHOOL

Sunday, February 19

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 21

Olim (8t gr) Mosque Trip

Sunday 26

Zayin (7th gr) Field Trip



REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2012-13

This is an exciting year for Machane TBA registration! We are happy to announce on line registration for school year 2012-13 is available. The week of February 13 you will receive an email with instructions and a login-in to access the Machane TBA registration forms. The form will contain two parts; Part 1 being the Parent/Guardian and student information, Part 2 will be the section where you will select each child's session preference. The form will also prompt you to attach your child(ren)'s picture. The registration fee will remain at \$65 per child, not to exceed \$130 per family. The registration form will also contain a link in order for you to pay the registration fee on line, therefore allowing you to complete the entire Machane TBA registration process on line from the comfort of your home at a time that is convenient for you!

As always, I am available to address all of your questions and concerns!

Bobbie

Bobbie Chait, bac@bethami.org



Zayin Students showing off custom designed t-shirts with their Hebrew name



– Chillin at the Sixth/Seventh Grade Retreat



Meal time at the Sixth/Seventh Grade Retreat



TBAHigh Students having fun at our Hanukkah Celebration Night



Hey I'mata Students in the Sanctuary



Primary Students in Art



Primary Students learning Hebrew letters

PHOTO REVIEW

*Biennial, JCC Book Fair, Mordechai Rosenstein, TBA
High Laser Tag, TBANS...*







SIMCHAS*Mazel Tov to...*

Sophie Cooperman and Anna Votaw on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Colin Drexler and Jacob Denison on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Third graders and their families on their receiving their sid-durim at the Hagigat Siddur

Bess and Jack Rosenthal on the engagement of their son, **Jay, to Elizabeth Whitmore Funk**

Cecile and Charles Plost on the marriage of their son, **Rabbi Ariel Plost to Cantor Star Trompeter**

Olga Shapiro-Palanker, Pavel Palanker and Nicholas Palanker on the birth of their son and brother, **Michael.**

Alexandria and Aaron Chusid on the birth of their son, **Isaac David**

Special Thanks to:

Mordechai Rosenstein for enhancing our Shabbat with his stories and art work

The Temple Cookie Brigade for the delicious sweets for our Onegs

GREAT NEWS!!! YOU CAN SHOP AT AMAZON AND SUPPORT TEMPLE BETH AMI AT THE SAME TIME!

Do you shop on the Amazon.com website? Do you know that if you enter the Amazon website from a link on the Temple Beth Ami website, TBA will earn at least 4% of your purchase price for every purchase you make? It is very easy and you will be helping TBA. You can access the Amazon site to earn money for TBA in one of two ways: Either go to the TBA website and click on the small Amazon.com link at the top of the home page, or use this URL which takes you directly to Amazon: <http://tinyurl.com/bethamishop>. BUT REMEMBER, TBA ONLY EARNS MONEY IF YOU GO TO AMAZON THROUGH THE TBA WEBSITE OR THIS URL!

Just imagine, you can "shop 'til you drop" without leaving home and put some badly needed cash in TBA coffers. GO TO IT!

**WE'RE WINNERS!**

"Everybody Sing", a photo of our Nursery School's Community Shabbat program, submitted by teacher/photographer Ellen Bortz, to the URJ Biennial Photo Contest, was selected as 1st Runner Up. They received nearly 200 entries, each one of them reflecting the excitement, uniqueness, and sacredness of our synagogue communities. All the photos are displayed on the Biennial Highlights page at www.urj.org. Yasher koach to our singing nursery school children, to Ellen and to Paula and our wonderful Nursery School staff who make every day sing for our children.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS REWARDS

Participation in Temple events, that have a fee, costs more for non-members. We welcome everyone and look forward to their being here with us. However, in fairness to our members who support the congregation, a higher fee is charged to non-members. Please, if you make a reservation for a non-member, calculate the fee at the non-member rate.

VIRIDIAN ENERGY

Thanks to you, TBA has earned over \$1000 from Viridian Energy in just over 3+ months! And, our members who have signed up for the program have helped the environment and saved money. Please register on our website www.bethami.org. It's a win-win!

COMMITTEE

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TBA AT THE BIENNIAL

When the Union for Reform Judaism convened its Biennial convention here in December, it was one for the record books – not just because the president of the United States addressed the gathering of North American Reform Jews for the first time, but because Temple Beth Ami had a record number of congregants who participated in this historic event.

Beth Ami was one of 17 host congregations, which gave our members the opportunity to volunteer at the Biennial and then stay for the day. Sixty-seven members volunteered over the course of the five-day event, working at the registration desk, ushering at services and plenary sessions, monitoring study groups and workshops, greeting people in the lobby and helping them navigate the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center.

And when the Guinness Book of World Records officials made their count at the 5,000-person Shabbat Dinner Friday night, several of the tables were filled with Beth Ami members, clergy and staff.

Other highlights of the Biennial included a panel on lay leadership transition featuring Rabbi Luxemburg, Janice Rosenblatt and Mitch Frost; a forum on “Liberalism, Conservatism: Which Better Furthers Jewish Values and Jewish Interests? Featuring Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center, and William Kristol, Editor of the Weekly Standard; an address by Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak, and Friday afternoon’s historic speech by President Obama.

Obama told the assembly that his daughter Malia is the expert on Jewish tradition at his house because she seems to be going to a Bar or Bat Mitzvah every weekend. And she’s told him it never hurts to begin a speech by discussing the Torah portion – which he did, citing the week’s story of Joseph overcoming persecution, which the president said inspired civil rights leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. Obama also gave a vigorous defense of his policy toward Israel, saying, “America’s commitment and my commitment to Israel and Israel’s security is unshakable.” You can watch videos of all the major Biennial addresses at www.urj.org.

Beth Ami was also well-represented behind the scenes: Janice

Rosenblatt co-chaired the annual convention of the National Association of Temple Administrators, immediately preceding the Biennial; Shelly Gordon helped organize the convention of the Program Directors; Jeanne Kahn and Marcia Kaplan co-chaired the simultaneous convention of the Women of Reform Judaism, Judy Blickstein organized donations for and stuffing of the welcome bags, Larry Tamarkin checked torahs in and out, and Don Kaplan and Tom Temin served as TBA’s liaisons to the Local Arrangements Committee, which Kathy Goldgeier co-chaired.

On behalf of all those who helped organize this Biennial, many thanks to the Beth Ami community for your support.

Order your 2012 Mah Jongg Card through Women of TBA

Your card will be mailed directly to you in March from the Mah Jongg League.
Questions: Contact Rachel Maryn
mmmaryn3@comcast.net

Thank you for your support!

DEADLINE: February 1, 2012

2012 Mah Jongg Card Order
Please return form with check (payable to Women of TBA) to the Temple:

Name _____ Email Address _____
Address _____
Small card (\$7) _____ Large card (\$8) _____
Renewal: _____ New Member: _____
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TIKKUN OLAM IN ACTION

Help Fight Childhood Hunger in Montgomery County

- Did you know that nearly a third of public school children in Montgomery County receive federally subsidized free and reduced-price meals?
- Did you ever wonder what these children eat on weekends, during holiday breaks, or during the summer when they are not in school?
- Did you know that in 2009, 12% of Maryland's children were living in poverty (defined as an income below \$21,756 for a family of four)?
- Did you know that the average food stamp allotment is only \$31.50 a week?

Childhood hunger is a serious problem across the country and right here in Montgomery County. Many families suffer from "food hardship," which refers to families who report that in the past 12 months they did not have enough money to buy the amount of food they felt their family needed. Other families suffer from "food insecurity," which refers to the lack of access to enough food to fully meet basic needs due to a lack of financial resources. Several federal, state, and local programs are helping to address these issues, but more help is needed.

To help fight childhood hunger in our area, during the month of March Temple Beth Ami will collect food to fill Smart Sacks for children who receive free and reduced-price lunches in cooperation with Manna Food Center's Weekend Smart Sack Program. Included in the sacks are two breakfast items, two lunch items, two dinner items, and two healthy snacks that students can eat at home on the weekends.

For more information on childhood hunger and efforts to address this problem in Maryland, visit www.nokidhungrymd.org.

How You Can Help

You can help by bringing any of the following food items to the collection boxes in the Temple lobby during the month of

March or by sending in a check, made out to Temple Beth Ami and with "Childhood Hunger Project" in the memo line. Manna Food Center will use these items to fill weekend Smart Sacks for needy children. Thank you for joining in this effort to help fight childhood hunger in Montgomery County!

(Items can be purchased individually or in bulk.)

Breakfast Items

Individual cereal boxes

Oatmeal packets

Nutritious cereal bars

Small fruit cartons/cups

Lunch Items

Peanut butter (18 oz. or less)

Cans of tuna fish

Crackers packaged in a sleeve (such as Ritz or Saltines)

Juice boxes (100% juice)

Dinner Items

Microwaveable macaroni and cheese

Microwaveable bowls of pasta

Canned pasta/canned "kid-friendly" soups

Microwaveable soups

Pudding cups

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Thank You to All Who Participated in the 2011 Child Welfare Holiday Gift Project

Thank you to all of the Temple Beth Ami staff, families, and friends who participated in our 2011 Child Welfare Holiday gift project. Through your generosity, we provided gifts to 172 children!

The families we helped ranged from single moms raising babies, "adult" children in independent living or group homes who will age out of foster care shortly, and many children with mental health issues and/or physical disabilities. There were moms who were victims of domestic violence, children who now live with grandparents, and children who were physically abused. Some of the children wanted underwear, warm winter coats, scarves and hats, and pajamas. Others wished for bound journals, dolls,

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books, fashion jewelry, or jeans. Whatever the wish or want, you made a difference.

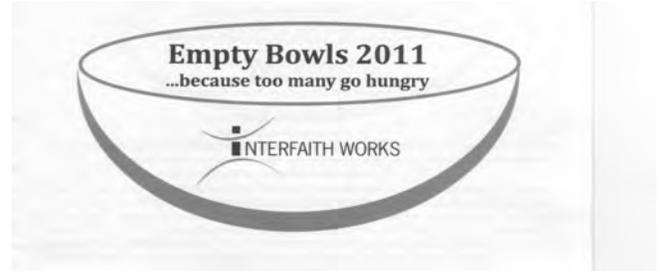
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If YOU
participated in this project and your name was inadvertently left off the list or misspelled, we apologize, and please let Judi know at paul-judig@verizon.net.

This project was sponsored by TBA's Tikkun Olam Committee. To learn more about TBA community service projects or to volunteer, contact Mark Joffe at mjoffe@erols.com or Joanne Brodsky at jbbrodsky@aol.com.

TIKKUN OLAM IN ACTION

Temple Beth Ami Honored by Interfaith Works



On December 7, 2011, TBA was one of five organizations honored by Interfaith Works with the Hearty Helper Award, "for groups that have provided outstanding service to Interfaith Works' programs that feed our hungry neighbors." We were recognized for our many years of work in providing meals to the Community Based Shelter women's shelter on Wilkins Avenue in Rockville; for our participation in the Community Based Shelter program in years past, when clients slept and ate at TBA and other congregations on a rotating basis; and for the Walks for the Homeless conducted annually by our Religious School. We also collect clothing for Interfaith Works through the collection box in our parking lot.

Thanks to all Temple members who have supported these projects over the years. Special kudos go to Jeanne Kahn for her tireless efforts on behalf of the women's shelter in Rockville in recent years during our week of providing meals there. Not only does Jeanne organize wonderful meals during that week, but she gets to know each of the residents as well. Watch for further information on our efforts to provide additional meals at the shelter, and on our week of meals next summer. We hope you'll join us in these efforts if you can.

Other recipients of the Hearty Helper Award this year were the North Bethesda United Methodist Church, Bullis School, IBM's Project Thanksgiving, and Whole Foods Markets of Montgomery County. The awards were presented at Interfaith Works' first annual Empty Bowls night, during which local artists donated ceramic bowls and local restaurants and food providers donated soups and baked

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secular or religious, who spend most of the time raising money? Does the President of the URJ tell all the congregations what to do, or tell the rabbis what to say? Is he or she a leader with the authority to speak for the diverse population of congregations and individuals who make up our movement? Is the President of the URJ the one who determines and defines what is Reform Judaism today and what it will be tomorrow?

What seemed an easy question to answer turned into the catalyst for quite a discussion which engaged many of the others present. Who is this new guy, Rabbi Rick Jacobs? Was he elected or appointed, and by whom? What if I don't agree with what he says, does that mean I'm not a Reform Jew? How does he decide what's important for the Movement to do? What positions to take on the issues of the day, both Jewish and general? It turned out to be more difficult than I expected to explain what it means to be President of the Union for Reform Judaism, the leader of our movement. I think that is because to every question I had to respond both "yes" and "no".

In a movement where congregations, rabbis and individual members enjoy a high degree of autonomy in making decisions about our personal and communal Jewish lives, the nature of authority and leadership is always a complex conversation. Yes – the President of the URJ becomes the "face" of Reform Judaism in America. No – he cannot dictate to congregations, rabbis or individuals. Yes – he has responsibility and authority that touches all aspects of our movement and its institutions. No – he can't act unilaterally; he has a large, representative Board of Trustees to which he answers and all the other institutions of Reform Judaism have their own leaders and representative boards. Yes – he has a position and perspective that enables him to address and to encourage the current and future directions of our movement. No – he can't impose any changes or innovations in ritual or practice on congregations, rabbis or individual Reform Jews.

So, after an active conversation, we exhausted the topic. I am not sure all questions were answered, but even such important discussions must give way when latkes and sufganiot (jelly donuts, my personal favorite Chanukah treat) appear. However, even as I heaped my plate with good things to eat, I couldn't help think about the discussion and all the issues, concerns and complexities that await Rabbi Jacobs as the new

President of the URJ. His plate is certainly full. But it is not just his plate, it is our plate, too.

In the end, the role of the President of the URJ - while public and embracing an entire movement with a presence not only in North America, but in Israel and around the world - is really no different from the role of any local rabbi vis a vis his/her own congregation. After all, any and all issues - from the sacred to the secular, the social and the cultural, the intellectual and the institutional - that the URJ is obligated to address at the national or international level, are the same issues which every congregation, including Beth Ami, must also address at the local and personal level. That being said, it becomes clear that the role of the President of the URJ is to model a level of commitment and dedication to not only our movement, but to the greater historical and spiritual enterprise of the Jewish people. That is something that we all share in. Rabbi Jacobs, or any President of the URJ (or any leader of the Jewish community, for that matter), is first and foremost a teacher and guide, helping to determine how communities and individuals can best pursue the values and virtues of our Judaism and enjoy the inspiration, insight and uplift it offers to each of us. I would go a step further, and suggest that what engages Rabbi Jacobs publically is what should engage all of us in our congregational life together, and in our individual Jewish lives. To the extent that he can encourage and persuade us to do so, I believe Rabbi Jacobs will succeed. To the extent that we are willing to engage with Judaism and Jewish living, its joys and its challenges, side by side with Rabbi Jacobs, then I believe we will continue to succeed on our individual Jewish journeys, in our shared efforts to strengthen and invigorate our congregation and community, and in making our contribution to the success of that sacred enterprise which is the essence of our Judaism and the mission of the Jewish people – to pursue justice, love peace and to live in harmony with others, with nature and with God.

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pleasurable activity.” He went on to write that “Soon, soon, it seems to you, you must come forth on some conspicuous hilltop, and but a little way further, against the setting sun, descri (catch sight of) the spires of El Dorado (or perhaps the Promised Land). Little do you know your own blessedness; for to travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and the true success is to labor.”

On a final note, it may be that acquisition brings about a sort of sober melancholy. It has been said that following his final victory, when Alexander the Great saw the breadth of his domain, he wept for there were no more worlds left for him to conquer.

So while I continue to set my sights high toward goals I consider meaningful, I'll journey with spirit upon the path en route for their pursuit, all-the-time trying to remember to relish the moment and not base meaningfulness solitarily on the final outcome.

DON 'T DROP AND RUN!

If you are doing a carpool, waiting for school pickup, bidding your time until a meeting starts, stop into the library and have a cup of coffee, browse through the books, CDs and DVDs, make a new friend. Wifi is available, too. So, make yourself at home at your Temple.

BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION

Join the Budget Committee

The Budget Committee has the responsibility for creating the Temple's budget, recommending dues changes, and helping to maintain a secure financial future for the congregation. If you like numbers, creative thinking, and working with great people, contact Robert Oshinsky at rcoshinsky@gmail.com

Services in the sanctuary can be heard at home through our BROADCAST SYSTEM. Please call 301-309-3834. When the phone is answered, enter 9. You will only hear background noise until the service begins.

CELEBRATING? Remember MAZON

Our Congregation is a MAZON congregation which means that we contribute 3% of every event in which food is served to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger (also \$3 of every Oneg contribution). We ask every member of the congregation to do the same.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH...contributing to Mazon brings food and help to the hungry, while it gives your child the opportunity to begin his/her Jewish adult life with a public act of Tzedakah.

WEDDING...traditionally it is the obligation of the bride and groom to feed the hungry and help the poor. By contributing 3% of the cost of your wedding celebration to MAZON, you can continue these Jewish traditions.

SYNAGOGUE LIAISON PROGRAM

**Need a consultation about a family issue?
Don't know where to turn?**

TBA members can get free, confidential consultation on challenging personal and family issues including parenting children of all ages, life transitions, caring for aging parents, and marital issues. The Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) Liaison Program, in partnership with Temple Beth Ami, provides our congregation with a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) who can offer support and referrals to JSSA and other community resources, and provide guidance about how to proceed with difficult situations. Call or email Natalie Merkur Rose, LCSW-C, at 301-610-8319 or nmrose@jssa.org to make an appointment

CLOSING INFORMATION

It's snow and ice time again. Weather related information will be posted on the Temple's website (www.bethami.org) and will be on the Temple and the Schools' voice mails. Please check the website under education for late opening and early closing policies. The schools follow MCPS; the Temple follows the MC Government.

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Acknowledge

A contribution to a Temple fund is a meaningful way to support the Temple community while honoring a birthday, recuperation, wedding, graduation, birth or any special occasion. Donations may also be made in memory of loved one. For a minimum \$10 donation, an acknowledgement will be sent to the person you wish to honor or the family of the deceased. If you have any questions about existing funds or wish to establish a fund, please call Janice Rosenblatt, Executive Director, at 301.340.6818.

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In appreciation of:
Cantor Eschler for his assistance in KYLE PEREL'S Bar Mitzvah preparation and the meaningful service by Brooke and Adam Perel

In memory of:
RUTH DOSIK, on the occasion of her yahrzeit, by Susan, Jackie and Ed Dosik

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Rabbi Luxemburg providing a beautiful shiva service for FLORENCE FELDMAN, by Lynn and Steve Markenson

In honor of:

SOPHIE COOPERMAN'S Bat Mitzvah by the Gritz family

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Their loved ones that have passed, by Gail and Arnold Brodsky

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Being able to spend High Holy Days at TBA with her family by Nettie Hanover

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The wonderful dinner WTBA provided during her illness, by Harriet Sturm WTBA for their support during Lois' rehab by Jim and Lois Schwartz

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RUTH JAFFE, on the occasion of her yahrzeit, by Judith Jaffe

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BARBARA GLUCKSMAN, mother of Lori Honigman, by the Gartenberg family

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*“May the memory of these
Righteous
be for a blessing”*

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mother of Izzy Ilkovich

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father of Janet Liebowitz

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Tu B'Shevat



he New Year for Trees

Tu B'Shevat, the fifteenth day of Shevat (Wednesday, February 8), is celebrated as the New Year for Trees, especially in Israel, where the day is devoted to the planting of trees. In recent years, reforestation and the protection of the environment have become the focus of the day and the celebration of the holiday includes eating fruits that grow in Israel.

This Tu B'Shevat, support an environmental group, plant a tree, help clean up the parks, donate to the Jewish National Fund (www.jnf.org) - do your part to save the environment and celebrate the trees.

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