

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, May 4

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song and Story -

Saturday, May 5

10:30 am Shabbat Service
 B'nai Mitzvah: Nathan Katz
 Brooke Savell

Friday, May 11

7:00 pm Tot Shabbat
 8:00 pm Erev Shabbat Music
 Infusion Service Teen Participation
 Honoring our Graduating Seniors

Saturday, May 12

10:30 am Shabbat Service
 B'nai Mitzvah: Simon Fischer
 Jordan Greenspun

10:30 am Shabbat Chapel Service

Friday, May 18

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Confirmation Service

Saturday, May 19

10:30 am Shabbat Service
 B'nai Mitzvah: Bradley Gritz
 Lauren Roseman

Friday, May 25

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Picnic Service

Saturday, May 26

10:30 am Shabbat Service
 Bar Mitzvah: Brendan McLenaghan
 8:00 pm Erev Shavuot Service including Yizkor

9:00 pm Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Sunday, May 27

10:30 am Shavuot Service including

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MESSAGE FROM
Rabbi Luxemburg



"We all fuel our inner Jewish flame in different ways..."

"The Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out." (Lev.6:6) The compelling image and profound symbolism of a flame perpetually burning, rooted in these verses, is an expression of the eternity of the Jewish people, of our Judaism and of God. A visible representation of these same ideas is found in every synagogue today – the Ner Tamid – the Eternal light that burns warmly in our sanctuaries.

Of course, there are isn't a rabbi who hasn't been asked by a practical-minded religious school student, "What kind of light is it that never burns out?" or "What happens if you have to change the blub?" No matter how we answer these important questions, it has to occur to us that, in some ways, it was easier to tend a fire and keep it continuously burning than it is to accomplish the same with a light bulb.



The biblical commentary, Me'Am Lo'ez, explains in reference to Lev. 6:6, that keeping the fire burning on the ancient altar actually required not one burning fire, but three. The first of these was the one that burned on the altar itself, and upon which sacrifices were burned. The second was set off to one side and from this fire, coals were taken upon which incense was burned. This would seem to meet all the ritual needs of the Tabernacle. However, a

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COMING IN JUNE

Shalomapalooza and W.H.A,R,F,F
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MESSAGE FROM
Mitchell Frost, President



It always seems to me that at this time of year, more than others, the days and weeks seem to fly by. I think part of the reason is that I always wait for the end of winter with great anticipation and then once spring hits, I'm cleaning-up, getting the yard ready and planning for summer, so that I don't take enough time to notice and enjoy the time from Passover to the end of May. This is the short-lived time when trees are flowering and colorful and the world is extra beautiful. Maybe, in some way, this was the case for our ancestors as well and, hence, at least in part, the rationale for the Counting of the Omer and Lag BaOmer.

An omer is an ancient Hebrew measure of grain, and Biblical law disallowed the use of the new barley crop until an omer was brought as an offering to the Temple in Jerusalem. The Torah then directs that following the bringing of the first omer to the Temple, seven weeks (49 days) shall be counted. The Counting of the Omer begins on the second day of Passover and ends on Shavuot (the festival celebrating the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai). Receiving the Torah was huge so, similar to the month of Elul before the High Holy Days in which we mentally prepare ourselves for them, the Counting of the Omer can be seen as a time for mindfulness and anticipation of the celebration of the giving of the Torah.

Lag BaOmer occurs on the 33rd day of the Counting of the Omer and is a time for celebration (historically it commemorates

the end of a plague to which thousands of students of Rabbi Akiba lost their lives during the Counting of the Omer). Traditionally, many weddings take place on Lag BaOmer. Lag BaOmer can be used as a pause in which celebration brings awareness of time and our surroundings to be heightened even further. This year Lag BaOmer is celebrated on May 9 and Shavuot is celebrated on May 16.

It turns out that initially, Shavuot was a celebration of the harvest. One of the names of Shavuot is chag hakatzir, or the Festival of the Harvest. The very first fruits would be set aside and brought to the Temple to celebrate our connection to the land. Now that I am trying to be more mindful of this season and aim at slowing things down a bit, fully taking in the beauty of the season, my environmental consciousness (of which I always try to pay attention and to continually further develop) is made more keen as well. So this year, as I'm allowing myself more time to notice and enjoy the multi-colored blossoms and the first juicy fruits and berries of the season, I may take my environmental consciousness to a new level and begin worm composting. I'm told that it is an incredibly efficient way to convert kitchen scraps, junk mail and cardboard into nutrient-rich compost for the garden.

And, if you need some help enjoying the harvest and the outdoors this month, the TBA Brotherhood and the Women of Temple Beth Ami have just the prescription

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**Graduation
Shabbat
May 11**

Celebrate this May with TBAHigh:

**Confirmation
May 18**

Join us on Friday, May 11, 8 pm as we honor the members of Machon (Class of 2012), at Music Infusion Kabbalat Shabbat Services with teen participation:

Robyn Bernstein	Lindsay Katz
Zoe Braunstein	Danielle Linowes
Samantha Gross	Eli Lorenzi
Melissa Heller	Maxine Rich
Rachael Slater	

Join us on Friday, May 18 at 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services as we honor the members of the Confirmation Class :

Adam Bogart	Benjamin Michael Goodman	Matthew Phillip Richardson
Rachel S. Casper		
Aaron Cooperman	Joshua Adam Gritz	Jayne Marie Ritter
Ryan Coran	Adam Scott Hochberg	Jared Schifrien
Elana Sadye Davis	Jacob Eli Honigman	Sydney Alison Soroka
Ariel Nicole Decko	Samantha Rose Kahn	Alexis Tara Tanenbaum
Jennifer Sari Freedberg	Rachel Leigh Kessler	Debra Renee Winberg
Rebecca Bethany Golub	Brenlon Seth Perdikis	

CONFIRMATION AND GRADUATION - ON THE ROAD TO JEWISH ADULTHOOD



Confirmation is a joyous milestone on the road to Jewish adulthood. Jewish education should not conclude with Bar/Bat Mitzvah; children should be helped by parents and teachers to understand the wealth of their Jewish heritage and the sacred obligation to continue their formal Jewish education through Confirmation and, hopefully, through high school and beyond. Continuing Jewish education helps children to understand that they are vital links in an unbroken chain of Jewish men and women who have studied and cherished the Torah. Through the group ceremony of Confirmation, on or near the festival of Shavuot, the students are renewing and confirming the covenant entered into by God and the people of Israel on that day at Mount Sinai. Please join with

the members of the class and their families on Friday, May 18 at 7:30pm.



Join us in celebrating the graduates of TBAHigh at Erev Shabbat Music Infusion Services with Teen Participation on Friday, May 11 at 8:00 pm as they reach this milestone in their Jewish education at TBA. We honor these students and their families for having made the commitment to continue their Jewish study past Confirmation.

These are special occasions for the entire congregation - these young adults are the future of Reform Judaism. Come celebrate with them. A special Oneg Shabbat in honor of our students and their families will be held at the conclusion of the Confirmation and Graduation services.

To learn more about TBAHigh, contact Katy Shapiro at kes@bethami.org or 301-340-8335

COMING
This Month



LIVE AND LEARN

Daytime Seminars

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



MAY

Tuesdays, 5/15 & 5/22 10:30am—12 noon

JOSEPH: The Only Modern Story in the Torah?
presented by Professor Julie Galambush

It may not seem obvious to think of the Joseph story as "modern," but it is different from the rest of Torah in several ways. For example, why does God have pleasant conversations (and even lunch!) with the earlier patriarchs, but never even speaks to Joseph? How come Abraham can easily talk to Egyptians, Philistines and assorted Canaanites, while Joseph has to use an interpreter? Come help figure out what makes Joseph so "different" and what a difference it makes.

JUNE

Tuesdays, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19 10:30am—12 noon

Israeli Poetry as a Window to Israeli Society

Join Rabbi Weiss and explore how Israeli poetry helps uncover the cultural mores, Zionist aspirations and national psyche of Jews from Israel and around the world. We will read poems and prose that express a longing for Zion, the war and its impact, and the unique flavor of Israeli society.

Do you enjoy Live & Learn?
Want to help brainstorm and shape next year's lineup?
Please attend a brief planning get-together on **Tuesday, May 29**
at 11 am. RSVP to Shelly (SLG@bethami.org).

10th Annual Golf Outing



Don't miss your chance to be part of this special event

Tuesday, May 15

All TBA members and guests welcome
Men & Women—Duffers & Pros
www.bethami.org/programs/register

\$125 pp (\$135 non-member) includes:
10th Anniversary Golf Shirt, Range Use, Carts, Box Lunch and Buffet Dinner!
11:30 am—Lunch and Range opens
1 pm— Shotgun start

If you or your company wish to be a sponsor of this special event, contact
Steve Feldman — 301-428-3344
sfeldman@preferredinsurancesolutions.com

WTBA GAME NIGHT

Wednesday, May 16

7-10 pm \$10

Drinks & snacks provided




Bring a group to play with or join a group here!

RSVP by May 10:
mmaryn3@comcast.net

Machane TBA's Education & Youth Committee
Announces 2nd Annual:

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

SUNDAY, MAY 20

9:30 AM-1 PM



Celebrate another fabulous year at Machane TBA with art & music!

Browse our student art gallery and enjoy small stage performances by our students in grades pre- K-12.

Honor our teaching staff and madrichim .

Rock along with singer/songwriter, **Todd Herzog**.

Parents and children are invited to attend this special culmination together in lieu of their regular class session.

This event is FREE. Refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the morning.

THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR IS COMING

"The members of the congregation must nurture one another because they need one another. They simply cannot do it alone." – Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

In these difficult financial times, the Temple depends on the support of all its members. In order for us to continue to meet the religious and pastoral needs of our members, and to provide programs, education, caring community, social events, financial assistance, and more for all our congregants, we need to be able to count on all of our members to pay their annual support (dues), whether full or negotiated.

All accounts for this fiscal year, July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012, should be paid in full by May, unless you have arranged for a 12 month payment plan. Unless our Executive Director, Janice Rosenblatt, is contacted by you, all accounts not paid in full for the past fiscal year (July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011) will be resigned as of June 30.

Thank you for your continued support of Temple Beth Ami.

PICNIC SHABBAT



FRIDAY, MAY 25

Grab your lawn chair or beach blanket and find a spot in the Rova (backyard) at 6:45 pm to enjoy your picnic dinner.



Erev Shabbat Services with The ShabbaTones begin at 7:30 pm.

Help Gear NCCF Children for Camp!

Each year, the National Center for Children & Families (NCCF) sends over 300 of their kids (toddlers-19 y.o.) to camp. Most of them have never had the chance to experience camp, so please help by donating:



**Bathing suits
sunscreen
flip flops
towels
swim goggles**

(All sizes from toddlers through teens)

OPTION: PIZZA PRE-PURCHASE

Order your pizza(s) by 3 pm Thursday (5/24) with cash/check (attn: Shelly Gordon)

**\$8 - cheese
\$9 - mushroom
\$9 - white pizza**



Pick up at 6:45 pm at Picnic Shabbat.

JULY/AUGUST CHADASHOT DEADLINE MAY 25

TIKKUN OLAM

Community Service Project



LEND A HAND

Temple Beth Ami Community Service Projects

For more information on TBA community service projects, visit bethami.org/groups/TO.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The following activities may be appropriate for families, teens or adults.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sukkot in April/Rebuilding Together Volunteers Needed

Join other TBA members in repairing and renovating the home of a low-income family in Montgomery County on Sunday, May 6. Contact Roger Rothman at rothmania@aol.com or 301-770-2176.

Gala Auction Items Needed/Attendees Welcome

Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR) and the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic need donations for a silent auction to be held at their Fabulous Fiesta gala on May 19, 2012, at Lakewood Country Club. The gala will include dinner and dancing. CMR has been providing a wide range of services to the most vulnerable residents of Montgomery County since 1967. For more information on attending or to donate auction items, contact Lynn Goodman at lynngoodman13@yahoo.com or Paul Goozh (paul-judig@verizon.net).

Volunteer Ticket Sellers Needed May 26 & 27

CMR needs volunteers to help sell food tickets at Rockville's Hometown Holidays during Memorial Day Weekend to benefit CMR. Volunteers are needed for 3.5-hr. shifts between 11:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. either day. Come out and enjoy the festival while helping a great cause. Contact Lynn Goodman (lynngoodman13@yahoo.com) or Paul Goozh (paul-judig@verizon.net).

A Wider Circle Needs Weekend Volunteers on May 19 or Other Weekends

AWC has large groups of volunteers on

weekends and needs help leading teams of volunteers in various projects. Contact lucy@awidercircle.org or call 301-608-3504.

Heads-Up Re Health Fair Volunteers Needed

CMR and the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic will sponsor a free Health Fair on Saturday, June 9, and need volunteers to help patients register and assist staff at screening stations. Contact Lynn Goodman (lynngoodman13@yahoo.com) or Paul Goozh (paul-judig@verizon.net).

Help Bring the Joy of Shabbat to Local Seniors

Join fellow TBA members in leading/helping with Shabbat services for seniors at Bedford Court in Silver Spring or Brighton Gardens in North Bethesda (contact Colin Alter at alterc@comcast.net), or at Renaissance Gardens at Riderwood Village in Silver Spring (contact Allen Shapiro at allen@design-one.com). Volunteers are also needed in Rockville on Saturday mornings to help wheelchair-bound Hebrew Home residents attend Shabbat services. Contact Ed Hopkins at 301-929-1999. Adult and teen volunteers are welcome for all of these programs.

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.

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.

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CONFIRMATIONGRAMS HONOR CONFIRMANDS

Your donation to the YES Fund of the Women of Reform Judaism in honor of your child, grandchild, friend, or classmate, will support Youth, Education and Special Projects worldwide. Your Confirmand will receive a beautiful certificate in honor of his/her achievement in Jewish education. Simply check the name(s) below, include your check made payable to TBA, and we will do the rest. Any questions, please contact Olivia Sheinkopf at 301-340-7452

2012 Confirmation Class

- Adam Bogart
- Rachel S. Casper
- Aaron Cooperman
- Ryan Coran
- Elana Sadye Davis
- Ariel Nicole Decko
- Jennifer Sari Freedberg
- Rebecca Bethany Golub
- Benjamin Michael Goodman
- Joshua Adam Gritz
- Adam Scott Hochberg
- Jacob Eli Honigman
- Samantha Rose Kahn
- Rachel Leigh Kessler
- Brendon Seth Perdikus
- Matthew Phillip Richardson
- Jayne Marie Ritter
- Jared Schifrien
- Sydney Alison Soroka
- Alexis Tara Tanenbaum
- Debra Renee Winberg

of Confirmationgrams _____ @ \$5.00 each = \$ _____

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please note how you would like the certificate signed.

You may attach an additional page as needed

Candlelit Dinner *Saturday* with Wine Tasting *May 5* 7:30 pm



Join sommelier, Jennifer Wick, who will guide us through sampling 15 types of wine during **cocktail hour, catered dinner AND dessert!**

Wine will be available for purchase at \$5 over wholesale.

Sponsored by Brotherhood and WTBA

CANDLELIT DINNER—Reservations

Please return with payment to TBA by no later than April 29

NAME(s) _____

EMAIL _____

@ \$35 (members) _____ # @ \$40 (non-members) _____

for Babysitting @ \$5/child (please include name(s)/age(s)) _____

Friday, May 11 at 8 pm

MUSIC INFUSION SHABBAT

an exciting, musically enhanced Shabbat experience



MONTGOMERY PHILHARMONIC STRING QUARTET

The Montgomery Philharmonic String Quartet, made up of members of the Montgomery Philharmonic Orchestra, (based in Gaithersburg) will perform Haydn, Barber, and Debussy as they explore how music paints pictures. Join your guide, conductor Sandra Ragusa, as she helps us hear these great works!

BROTHERHOOD

News

Don't Be Left Out

Candlelight Gourmet Dinner and Wine Tasting, Saturday, May 5, 7:30 - 10:30 pm

Join sommelier Jennifer Wick who will guide you through 15 types of wine during cocktail hour, dinner and dessert. Wines include both Reds and Whites with a range of sweetness, body, balance and price points. Wine available for purchase (wholesale + \$5 to benefit TBA). Babysitting available at \$5 per child. RSVP to wsmathon@yahoo.com. Cost is \$35pp for Brotherhood and WTBA members. \$40pp non-members. Register at www.bethami.org/programs/register.

Golf Outing at Worthington Manor, Tuesday, May 15

We welcome all TBA members and

guests, men and women, duffers and pros, for a fabulous day of golf at Worthington Manor in Urbana MD. Shotgun start at 1pm. Cost is \$125 for TBA members, \$135 for non-members. Register at www.bethami.org/programs/register. See application form in this issue for last chance to register.

Look for our activities in the Chadashot, the Temple sign board and the Up-To-The-Minute. This 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.

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.

Sunday Morning Cafe , Sundays, 8:30-11:15 am. After dropping the kids at school, sit down and enjoy the paper and the company of friends at our new Sunday Morning Cafe.

Bill Mathon, President

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COLLECTIONS

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

- **Help Outfit Kids for Summer Camp** - The National Center for Children and Families sends more than 300 children/teens to MD and DC camps each summer. Help send them off prepared by donating bathing suits, sunscreen, flip flops, towels, and/or goggles for boys and girls ages toddler to 19 years. Collection boxes will be in the TBA lobby from May 13–30 and at the Picnic Shabbat on May 25. Thanks for helping these kids who may not get to experience summer camp otherwise!
- **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.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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Yizkor

Bar Mitzvah: Derrick Daoust

Friday, June 1

6:30 pm Erev Shabbat of Song and Story

Saturday, June 2

10:30 am Shabbat Service

B'nai Mitzvah: Noah Beyers

Drew Morris

10:30 am Sunday Minyan

WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH AMI

News

Thank you to all of these volunteers who helped make the Purim Café a resounding success: Flora Feldman, Jeanne Kahn, Marilyn Lipowsky, Jackie and Mike Manis, Rachel Maryn, Carol Plotkin, Phyllis Polster, Jody Rosenblum, Livia and Don Weinstein, and Dorothy Welan. We appreciate their assistance with shopping, making ziti, tuna fish and salad, cooking hot dogs, setting up, serving food and cleaning up.

WTBA provided and served Shabbat dinner to about 350 NFTY-MAR teens and adults who attended TheVent. Thank you to Jeanne Kahn and Rachel Maryn for shopping for the food, and to Jeanne, Rachel, Helene Casper, Marilyn Lipowsky, Flo Meit, Ngina Shulman, Harriet Sturm, and several members of the NFTY-MAR alumni staff for their help before, during and after the dinner.

With singing, dancing and tambourines, more than 70 women and girls celebrated at our Women's Seder. We learned about the women of the Passover story and explored the themes of gratitude and plagues from modern women's points of view. Thank you to Rabbi Weiss and Cantorial Soloist Joshana Erenberg for leading our wonderful Seder again this year.

All Temple members and their guests are invited to our **Game Night on Wednesday, May 16, from 7:00 to 9:30 pm**. Come and play Bridge, Mah Jongg, Canasta, Scrabble, or Gin Rummy. Enjoy snacks and drinks and have a chance to win a door prize. The cost is \$10 per person. Please see the flyer in this issue for more information and to RSVP by May 10th. Contact Rachel Maryn at mmaryn3@comcast.net for more information.

Please help us wish Mazel Tov to our 21 Machane TBA students who will become confirmed on May 18th by purchasing a **Confirmationgram**. Look for the order form in this issue.

This month's dinner for the Chase Men's Shelter in Rockville will take place on Thursday, May 24th. All WTBA members are invited to help us cook the meal in the Temple kitchen from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Afterward, we will deliver the food to the shelter and then go out to dinner 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.

Just married? One of the many ways in which WTBA supports Temple Beth Ami families is to provide a gift of the book *On the Doorposts of Your House: Prayers and Ceremonies for the Jewish Home* to any Temple member or child of a Temple member who gets married. Please email Sona Glickman at saglickman@yahoo.com with contact information so we can send a copy of this wonderful book to the happy couple.



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:

Book Club – Tuesday, June 5, The Start-Up Nation, by Dan Senor and Saul Singer

Rbona Arbit, WTBA President



NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

*Paula Sayag,
Director*



Announcing: New for the 2012-2013 School Year



We are starting a Kindergarten class! Ms. Jenn Fechter will teach the 5 year olds, who will be treated to a year of carefully crafted instruction designed to best prepare them for the more intensive structure of traditional, large elementary schools. We will provide developmentally appropriate studies which will enhance children's academic, as well as communication and critical thinking, skills. Our Kindergarten program will be approved by the Maryland State Department of Education and our students will achieve the curricular goals of Montgomery County Public Schools. All within an intimate, creative, joyous, Jewish atmosphere.



Baby Alefs

We will offer a weekly parent-child class for children less than 1 year of age! Following the tremendous success of our Bets-to-Be Class (for children between 1 and 2 years old), we will offer a class for our newest community members so parents can connect with each other and share the

5 Day Bets

Our youngest students can now attend 5 days per week. In our ever expanding attempts to meet the needs and wishes of our busy families, children who turn 2 by September 1, 2012 will be able to attend school Monday – Friday, 9:30 – 12:30. The consistency afforded children who attend school each day may be appealing to families, as well as being beneficial to children for many reasons.



joys and challenges of child-rearing.

For further information on any of these programs, contact Paula at pls@bethami.org.



TBANS EXODUS DAY



B'NAI MITZVAH Profiles

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



BROOKE LAUREN SAVELL

daughter of Toby and Ken, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 5. She is a seventh grade student at Lakelands Park Middle School. Brooke has an older sister, Morgan.

For her Mitzvah Project, Brooke has been volunteering with Knine Rescue, a non-profit organization in Germantown dedicated to animal care, protection, fostering and adoption.



NATHAN MAXIM KATZ,

son of Leslie and Jason, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 5. He is a seventh grade student at Hoover Middle School. Nathan has a younger sister, Ava.



JORDAN ETHAN GREENSPUN,

son of Carol and Michael, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 12. He is a seventh grade student at Cabin John Middle School. Jordan has an older sister, Allie, a younger sister, Caitlyn, and a younger brother,

Bennett. For his Mitzvah Project, he will be collecting summer camp items for the National Center for Children and Families, which provides residence for adolescent boys, ages 12 – 17.



SIMON ROSS FISCHER,

son of Caryn and Fred, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 12. He is a seventh grade student at Robert Frost Middle School. Simon has a younger sister, Emma.

For his Mitzvah Project, Simon will be raising money for the First Tee organization to purchase special equipment used to introduce golf to young children.



LAUREN SHELLEY

ROSEMAN, daughter of Galit

Roseman and Eric Roseman, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 19. She is a seventh grade student at Hoover Middle School.



BRADLEY GRITZ,

son of Abby and Shawn, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 19. He is a seventh grade student at Cabin John Middle School.

Bradley has an older brother, Josh, and a younger sister, Allison.



BRENDAN DAVID

MCLENAGHAN, son of Ruth and

Paul, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 26. He is a sixth grade student at The Barnesville School.

Brendan has two younger brothers, Benny and Max.



DERRICK MATTHEW

DAOUST, son of Michelle Birnbaum

and Stephen Daoust, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Shavuot, Sunday, May 27. He is a seventh grade student at Cabin John

Middle School. Derrick has a younger sister, Nicole.

BROADCAST SYSTEM IN THE SANCTUARY

When calling in, you no longer have to enter 9. Just enter 301-309-3834 and wait to be connected to the sanctuary. If you experience any difficulty, please call the office on Monday and let us know.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

*Kim Roberts,
Director*



Calendar

Friday, May 4

Machon (Gr 12) 6:30 pm
Graduation Erev Shabbat Service

Sunday, May 6

Destination: Israel (Gr 5)
All Gr 5 students 11:00 am -
12:45 pm

Tuesday, May 15

Zayin (Gr 7) Final Class
TBAHigh (Gr 8-12) Final Class

Friday, May 18

Confirmation (Gr 10)
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

Sunday, May 20

Pre-K thru 6 Final Day
Celebration of the Arts
All families 9:30 am-1:00 pm



This Month is busy for Machane TBA and TBAHigh! We are extremely proud that we will be honoring our TBA Confirmation and Graduation classes this month. **On Friday, May 11th we will honor our Graduation Class** during the Kabbalat Shabbat Service. Each teen will present a short “story” about his or her Jewish experiences thus far as a part of Kabbalat Shabbat Service. Then on **Friday, May 18th, we will honor our Confirmation Class during the Kabbalat Shabbat Service**. We are excited to honor our teens and to give them the opportunity to shine while leading services or sharing personal experiences!

Rabbi Weiss has been working with several of our teens, who will be participating in the service on May 11th.

The celebration of our students continues on our **final night of TBAHigh, Tuesday, May 15th**. This night will include a grade-level spirited competition

and acknowledgments of our Confirmation and Graduation classes, as well as a slideshow of photos from the year we’ve all shared together.

Our end of year Celebration of the Arts will be held on Sunday, May 20th, 9:30 am - 1 pm!

This fun-filled day will showcase the art of each of our students, as well as performances by selected students. We will also have a concert by Todd Herzog, an energetic, exciting young Jewish singer-songwriter. During this celebration, we will acknowledge the people who make it all happen – the Machane TBA Faculty and Madrichim. We are looking forward to this festive celebration to conclude our year together.

We hope you will join us for these special occasions, during which we honor the achievements of our students and faculty!

Katy Shapiro



YOUTH Programs

THEVENT MARCH 2012

The weekend was a great success!!! NFTY–MAR (National Federation of Temple Youth – Mid-Atlantic Region) “occupied” our building in a wonderful way! Over 300 teens, many of them our TBA teens, participated in the weekend which was filled with great energy for Judaism. They worshipped together in two wonderful Shabbat services written by our TBA High teens. Our teens also wrote a fabulous program explaining The Occupy Movement, and the entire group discussed some of



the social and economic issues raised. A visit from Invisible Children helped them to learn more about the use of child soldiers in conflicts in Africa.



Alan Goodis, an amazing song leader and performer, joined in the weekend’s festivities. And, to make the whole event even greater, our sub-region won the Color War – West is the Best!!!



We owe a special thanks to all of our Host Families for opening their homes to all of the 300 teens who joined us for the weekend.

Their hospitality was appreciated by all!!! We could not have done this without the support of so many wonderful families who welcomed these teens into their families!



Thanks also to our teen Quad-Chairs for the event: Zoe Braunstein, Ben Goodman, Alyssa Katon and Debra Winberg. Their commitment to writing services

and programs throughout the year was what made the event as wonderful as it was!!!

Thanks to the Women of TBA for a beautiful Shabbat dinner! The WTBA made the meal possible by volunteering their time to cook and shop for this event! The WTBA also supported our teens by giving a \$40 scholarship to every TBA teen who attending the weekend!

A huge thank you to the TBA Brotherhood for supplying all of the food for the Sunday Breakfast! We appreciate all of the support our youth receive throughout the year from the Brotherhood and the Women of TBA – Thank you!!!

Thanks to everyone who supported this event in so many ways; it took so many people in our TBA community to pull off such a large event for the Region! From the Temple Staff, to our facilities crew to all of our congregants, all of NFTY-MAR now knows how wonderful a community Temple Beth Ami is! Finally, thanks to Sue Schaffel and Alexa Broida for all of their efforts coordinating and overseeing housing, programs, meals, etc. Without your knowledge and expertise, we could not have run such a wonderful and successful weekend!

Katy Shapiro

SIMCHAS

Mazel Tov to...

Bryce Gross, Jake Gross, Justin Mensh, Benjamin Shapiro, and Dylan Berkowitz on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Sydney Cohen, Sarah Shapiro and Jamie Winberg on becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Rabbi Baht Weiss and Todd Cohen on their engagement
Phyllis and Mark Silverman on the engagement of their son, **Aaron**, to **Brie Hotz**.

Jody and David Engel on the engagement of their daughter, **Shelley**, to **Zac Coombs**

Cali and Larry Tamarkin on the birth their granddaughter, **Orly Mae Tamarkin**, daughter of **Lena and Jed Tamarkin**
Marilyn and Donald Goldman on the birth of their granddaughter, **Carly Victoria Noyes**, daughter of **Laurie and Bill Noyes** and sister of **Gabriella**

Val and Mike Wolly on the birth of their grandson, **Evan Reed Wolly**, son of **Beth and Mark Wolly**

Rebecca Rosenthal, daughter of **Beth and Jack Rosenthal**, on being named to the Illinois Rising Stars as one of the top up and coming attorneys for 2012

To our confirmands: **Adam Bogart, Rachel S. Casper, Aaron Cooperman, Ryan Coran, Elana Sadye Davis, Ariel Nicole Decko, Jennifer Sari Freedberg, Rebecca Bethany Golub, Benjamin Michael Goodman, Joshua Adam Gritz, Adam Scott Hochberg, Jacob Eli Honigman, Samantha Rose Kahn, Rachel Leigh Kessler, Brendon Seth Perdikis, Matthew Phillip Richardson, Jayne Marie Ritter, Jared Schifrien, Sydney Alison Soroka, Alexis Tara Tanenbaum, Debra Renee Winberg**

To our TBA High Graduating Seniors: **Robyn Bernstein, Zoe Braunstein, Samantha Gross, Melissa Heller, Lindsay Katz, Danielle Linowes, Eli Lorenzi, Maxine Rich, Rachael Slater**

Special Thanks to:

Hey and Vav students for their Shabbat service participation
Thanks to the **members of NFTY-MAR TheVent** for their participation in Kabbalat Shabbat services

Eric Lader for commemorating our Confirmands and Graduates in photos



TBANS "Shop and Eat Your Heart Out!" raised \$6,000 for Make -A-Wish Foundation and Montgomery Hospice. Thank you to our committee (L to R): Lauren Kirsch, Beth Gelfman, Jamie Wolinsky, Lauren Sheintal, Andrea Knapp

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!

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Purim



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TIKKUN OLAM IN ACTION

Read on to learn about two programs that need more volunteers.

Emergency Assistance Program in Rockville Needs Volunteers

The Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP), sponsored by the Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR), works in partnership with the City of Rockville to help local individuals and families with emergency financial assistance needs. The program also connects and refers clients who live anywhere in Montgomery County to community service agencies such as Manna Food Centers, clothing centers, and dental and eye clinics. REAP's clients are the homeless, unemployed, and/or working poor, as well as disabled and older adults. TBA member Linda Vann volunteers at REAP and gave an example of helping a typical REAP client: Linda met with a woman who was referred from the Kaseman Clinic, CMR's health unit. The woman is homeless and lives in a shelter. She had significant dental problems, and Linda was able to talk with her and then complete the referral process so that she could make an appointment at the County's dental clinic.

REAP assists more than 1,000 individuals and families each year by providing financial assistance and serves more than 3,000 individuals by making referrals for dental/eye clinics and clothing/food centers. The program is located in the Kaseman Health Clinic on Middle Lane in Rockville. Volunteers are needed to answer phone calls, screen clients and refer them to other community services, and to help out as needed in the office. If you are interested in volunteering with REAP or would like more information, contact REAP Director Monica Ramos at 301-917-6811 or mmenndoza@cmrocks.org. For more information about REAP, go to www.CMRocks.org and click "emergency assistance."

TBA Continues Long Relationship With the Children's Inn

Temple Beth Ami has a longstanding relationship with the Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. The Inn provides a home for families of sick children who are being treated at the hospital. Our congregation has provided Thanksgiving dinner for families staying at the Children's Inn since the 1990s. The residents and staff at the Inn are especially appreciative of our efforts to make this holiday a little more homelike for those staying at the Inn at that time.

When TBA began providing these dinners, the Inn residents primarily were American families who wanted to cook the dinner themselves but needed the provisions. TBA volunteers prepared homemade side dishes and desserts and bought raw turkeys, stuffing and cranberry sauce ingredients, and other items needed to cook a traditional Thanksgiving dinner and delivered them to the Inn. In recent years, the number of residents at the Inn increased and more families come from other countries, and the Inn has asked TBA volunteers to prepare, serve, and clean up after the dinner onsite on Thanksgiving Day.

In 2011, more than 40 TBA volunteers participated in this special project. TBA provided dinner for approximately 40 residents, and there were leftovers for many more. Special thanks to Gail Kaplan-Wassel for having co-chaired this project since 1999, and to Michelle Freedberg and Melissa Bauman, who co-chaired and oversaw all of the tasks onsite at the Inn on Thanksgiving Day 2011.

It takes 40 to 60 people to accomplish this project each year. If you'd like to help, watch for announcements this fall in the Chadashot and Up-to-the-Minute. Help needed includes monetary donations, food preparation, food delivery, and help on Thanksgiving Day at the Inn. For more information or to volunteer (yes, even now!), contact Gail Kaplan-Wassel at gail.kaplan-wassel@gmail.com. Thank you!

KASEMAN HEALTH CLINIC NAMES A ROOM IN MEMORY OF RON LEVIN-EPSTEIN



RABBI'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

third and smaller fire was established and this, according to Ma'am Lo'ez, was "...to keep the altar lighted. This was to fulfill God's commandment, "A constant fire shall be lit on the altar. It shall not be extinguished" – for even one second. Interestingly, the fire burning on the alter for sacrifice and the second fire used to generate coals for the incense offering, had their continuity protected by the flames burning in the "back up" - the third, smaller fire, and the one which the commentary suggests is that which must burn without interruption.

This passage and the commentary took on some new meaning for me in light of my experience at the end of February as a member of a rabbinic mission to Budapest and Israel. While in Budapest, we met people, young and old, who under extraordinary circumstance – past and present – have made it possible for the flames of Jewish ritual and cultural life to burn brightly after long periods of disruption and interference. They are the bearers of that third flame that makes it possible for the others to persist. The luminosity and warmth of our Judaism, the vitality and energy of the Jewish people, are sustained by the "pintele yid" - the Jewish spark - that smaller fire which burns in the hearts and souls of our people, even in the darkest of times and places.

The eternality of this sometimes flickering flame is a perpetual source of amazement and wonder to any who reflect on the experiences of our people through the ages. At the end of this month, we will celebrate Shavuot and recall the moment when our ancestors received Torah at Mt. Sinai. In the glow of the festival, we might consider how it is that throughout Jewish history - from Mt. Sinai until now - with its astounding mix of tragedy and triumph, there remains an unextinguished spark of Jewish soulfulness that has helped our people find their way from the darkness of bondage and persecution to the light of freedom and joyful Jewish living, even in unexpected places.

A month ago, around the Seder table, we pledged ourselves to maintaining that spark within ourselves while living in freedom and abundance. At Shavuot, we appreciate that fueling the spark of Jewish soulfulness comes from meeting our Jewish responsibilities – spiritual, moral and communal – as enshrined in our Torah. This means protecting and nurturing that spark not only within ourselves and our own community, but in communities where Jewish life is constrained and dimmed, yet, flickering still. We all fuel our inner Jewish flame in different ways, but always with the intent that joining together to fulfill the responsibilities of Jewish life, we might enable the light and warmth our Judaism, our passion for justice and our love of freedom, to touch every soul chilled by oppression and to brighten every dark place where tyranny still persists - for the sake of our people and all people, everywhere. With the coming of Shavuot, may we all enjoy a Chag Samayach - and may our "pintele yid" fuel sacred fires, eternally.

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Register online: www.bethami.org/programs/register
For more information, please contact
TBA Nursery School at 301-762-5594

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for you. On Saturday May 5, enjoy the fruit of the harvest with a wine dinner (sponsored by both WTBA and Brotherhood) as sommelier, Jennifer Wick, guides us through 15 types of wine during cocktail hour, catered dinner and dessert. Wines sampled will include a variety of reds and white with a range of sweetness, body, balance and price points. All wine will be available for purchase at just \$5 over wholesale! (And babysitting is available).

If you want to get outside to enjoy the fresh air while benefiting from some physical exertion and camaraderie, join in on the Brotherhood's 10th Anniversary Annual Golf Outing. It takes place on Tuesday May 15 at Worthington Manor Golf Club. The Brotherhood welcomes all Temple members and guests - men, women, duffers and pros. Included with the fees is a 10th anniversary TBA golf shirt. Further information can be found in this issue and on the Temple's website.

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.

Share with Us...

Please inform the Temple of any significant life cycle event, such as a birth, engagement, wedding, illness or death, so we can be in touch. Please contact Gail Brodsky, Clergy Assistant, at 301-340-6818, ext. 230 or gsb@bethami.org

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

We mourn the recent death of:

Ethel Kanter
mother of Betsy Sill

Joy Marjorie Krissoff
mother of Karen Kominsky and Kevin Krissoff

Israel Dilman
uncle of Malvina Roberts

Claire Steinberg
mother of Cynthia Silverstein and
grandmother of Melissa Kupferschmid

Jane Schwartz
mother of Rhona Arbit

Michael Fleisher
husband of Trudy Fleisher

Anne Breuer
mother of Nora Soroka

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

WE GRATEFULLY *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.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUND IN MEMORY OF MARK GREENSTEIN

In appreciation of:
Janice Rosenblatt for her support at the time of her grandmother, CLAIRE STEINBERG'S, funeral by Melissa Kupferschmid

In memory of:
Her son, MARK GREENSTEIN, by Pauline Greenstein
ETHEL KANTER, mother of Betsy Sill, by Janice Rosenblatt and Ed Williams; Edythe and Darryl Runett

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In memory of:
HERBIE BORNSTEIN, brother of Marilyn Lipowsky and uncle of Jody Rosenblum, by Marcia and Don Kaplan
JANE SCHWARTZ, mother of Rhona Arbit, by Marcia and Don Kaplan

In honor of:
The engagement of RABBI BAHT WEISS and TODD COHEN, by Jody Rosenblum and Marilyn Lipowsky

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By Lois Fishman

In honor of:
MELANIE EZRIN'S Bat Mitzvah by Marci, Patrick, Melissa and Rachel McCalley
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Cantor Eschler following the death of their husband and father, MICHAEL FLEISHER, by the Fleisher Family
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The marriage of KAREN TEBEKA, daughter of
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SHAVUOT - THE DAY WE RECEIVED THE TORAH FROM GOD

Forty-nine days after the first day of Passover, we celebrate the festival of Shavuot. If Passover marks our people's ancient liberation from slavery, Shavuot marks the exercise of that new found freedom by our ancestors. At Mt. Sinai, they entered into the covenant which forever determined the relationship between God and the Jewish people. The record of that relationship is our Torah. On Shavuot, we commemorate and celebrate that extraordinary moment in our history when God gave Torah to our people and we accepted it for all time.

It is acceptable to say "we" because Jewish tradition suggests that all the generations of our people stood at Sinai. This is one way to impress upon us that, while given to our people in one generation, Torah is received and accepted by each generation, over and over again. In this way, we relive and renew this distinct and defining event in the spiritual history of our folk and our faith.

We will celebrate Shavuot on the evening of Saturday, May 26 with a festive service, which will include Yizkor, beginning at 8 p.m. and followed by a Tikkun Leil Shavuot, an evening of study and discussion. It is customary to spend the eve of Shavuot engaged in study of Torah and other sacred texts as a reminder of how our ancestors prepared themselves to receive Torah at Mt. Sinai. Rabbis Luxemburg and Weiss, Cantor Eschler and others prepare short study sessions for all to enjoy. The experience at Sinai is further recalled when on Shavuot morning, May 27 at 10:30 am, we will celebrate with a service that includes a special Torah reading, the Ten Commandments; this service will also include Yizkor.

All are encouraged to come and celebrate Shavuot, the last of the festivals for this Jewish calendar year. Friends and neighbors are welcome to join us. Chag Sameach! Have a happy holiday!

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