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From Rabbi Holtz's Study

Dear Friends,

This year, for the first time that I know of, Foster Memorial AME Zion Church will not be holding its Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day service. The service has fallen victim to the pandemic. But Dr. King will still be acknowledged. The Reform movement has designated the Shabbat of MLK weekend as *Shabbat Tzedek* – the Sabbath of Righteousness. At TBA, we will be commemorating Dr. King's life and legacy during Shabbat evening services.

Eight years ago I had the privilege of preaching at Foster Memorial on MLK day. It was one of the highlights of my rabbinate. I spoke of the deep bond between Dr. King, descendant of Protestant preachers, and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, scion of generations of Chasidic rabbis. I hope to share some of those thoughts with you on *Shabbat Tzedek*. I wish I could say that my words would only be of historical interest, since everything they fought for has been achieved. If only that were so.

Though most of the legal barriers to equality have been removed, the continued inequality in our society tells us that there is still much to be done. Jews must be among those who act. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, *z"l*, former president of the Union for Reform Judaism, called upon us to remember that "we Jews did not achieve our rights in this country on our own. Rather, it was because other people of good conscience believed that we must have those rights, and fought for them along with us. We must do the same for others; we can do no less."

One step toward action is education. This month our self-education on racial justice continues with programming led by Sharon DeLevie and Rachel Zive. I hope you will participate. In the words of the hymn, "Let there be change, and let it begin with me."

Peace and blessings,

Rabbi David Holtz

Notes of Cantor Margot E.B. Goldberg

Shalom!
It is hard to believe that I am writing to thank you again for all of your support. Losing both my parents in this short period of time has been difficult, but knowing that I am surrounded by you, my synagogue community, has been extremely comforting. Many of you have written notes again expressing the desire to support me and my family in the way that I have supported you – and I really do feel your kindness. It is an honor and a privilege to stand with you at times of simcha and sorrow and I am grateful that you are standing with me, and my family, now.

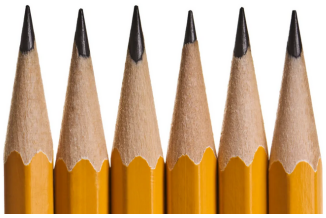
My Dad would say that the world is a perfectly balanced place and that he didn't want to mess it up. He mostly spoke about balance in reference to weight. He was concerned that if he lost weight, someone would gain it and he thought that would be cruel to that person. We tried to explain to him that maybe someone who needed to gain weight or was malnourished, might gain that weight in a good way. But dad just didn't want to take any chances.

I can see my Dad's smile as I share this story with you, but I also think there is something to be said for balance. The world seems out of balance in many ways at the moment. There is inequality and prejudice in our world - for Black and Brown people, women, the LGBTQIA community, and us as Jews. It has been difficult for us to witness the pain people are experiencing for simply existing; and it is all compounded by COVID19. All of these circumstances have the potential to separate us, and yet TBA has brought us together in many powerful ways. Thank you for joining us in worship and study, for being up-standers for many positive causes, and for standing by me and my family during this difficult time.

Barry, Tamir, and I, as well as my sister and her family, feel very blessed to be a part of TBA. You have been by our sides through *simchas* and now when we are experiencing the deepest of sorrows. Thank you for rising to the occasion and for showing me how to take care of myself in this time.

L'shalom,
Cantor Margot E.B. Goldberg

From Yanira Quinones, Director of Education



"Community doesn't just create abundance - community is abundance. If we could learn that equation from the world of nature, the human world might be transformed."
-Parker Palmer

Community is abundance. Imagine if that abundance was of life-long learners, not only growing within themselves, but inspiring other learners to expand their horizons. Imagine being surrounded by a group of people who share values and beliefs who actively engage in learning from one another. Imagine being an active participant in a learning community that is connected, cooperative, and supportive. Thankfully, this is not something that we have to simply imagine. As I think about our wonderful community within the Religious School at Temple Beth Abraham, I know it is within our grasp to make our community of learners even stronger. This is our ultimate goal.

To have a community of learners means everyone is involved in the learning process. Educators have to remember how to be learners; learners have to have the opportunity to be educators; parents are learning with their children.

There are four steps to create a community of learners. The first is to create an environment with an inclusive culture. This is one of the hallmarks of our Religious School. I encourage - and our educators take very seriously - the notion of meeting our students on their own terms and learning styles.

The second step is to understand that learning is a two-way street: educators learn from students. To accomplish this, we must stop and listen and allow our learners to flourish. This ties into the idea of our third step and questions I often ask myself. I ask, "why do our educational systems often stifle the wondering process for older children." In Step 3, we need to increase our flexibility and widen our perspective - that is learning by doing. If we want our children to understand and know how to interpret Torah as critical thinkers; we need them to engage with the stories in a meaningful way. Imagine learning stories through a theater lens where you become the story.

Which brings me to step 4: being a cheerleader. Aryeh Ben David, in his book *Becoming a Soulful Educator*, writes about "harmonic vibration." Did you know that if you pluck a string on a guitar that the identical string on another guitar sitting next to it will also vibrate? The way we speak to, and around, our children have the same effect. Have you ever been in a situation in which someone is speaking about the terrible morning that they had and without even thinking about it you find yourself commiserating, even if your morning was off to a pretty good start? I'm sure I have been there. I have had to work hard on learning how to hold space for someone else's negativity and not be engulfed by it.

If we employ the Reggio Emilia Philosophy which is anchored in an "innovative and inspiring approach to early childhood education, which values the child as strong, capable and resilient; rich with wonder and knowledge," and the "strings we pluck" are ones of imagination, exploration, and wonder, then we can ensure our kids will receive these "harmonic vibrations."

Children learn how to be Jewish by watching, observing, and taking in the data from those who surround them - which means everyone is part of a community of leaners - whether we realize it or not. As partners in a community of learners, all the adults in our community have the glorious opportunity to be invested in the Religious School. The Religious School children observe that adults have multiple identities - they are lawyers and Jewish;

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Adult Education

Tanakh Study

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00am via Zoom

Rabbi Holtz leads a class every Wednesday morning, which goes at its own pace through the *Tanakh* in English. No previous knowledge is required, and you can join in at any point in the cycle.

Saturdays, 9:00am

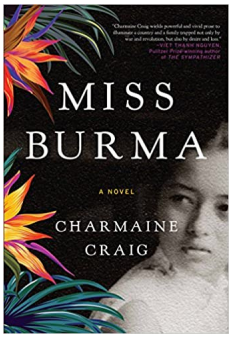
Join us for a discussion of this week's Torah reading during Conservative Services.

Morning Book Club

Friday, January 8, 2021 at 10:00am via Zoom

Looking for a different approach as we continue Zooming our meetings, TBA's "Book Review" will debut at the next meeting of the A.M. Book Club. The book originally chosen by the group is not readily available to all members (limited editions), and as there was much discussion as to which book to read next in the first place, the decision was that each member select his/her own book for the next meeting. Although the books will vary, it is still not difficult to create coherent discussion. Members are selecting books with Judaic themes that appeal to them individually. When we meet, we will discuss these books - what they reveal about Jewish culture and thought and whether these books have merit as literary works. Select your own title and join us as we determine just what kind of book critics we have at TBA!

Books@Night



Wednesday, February 17 from 7:30-9:00pm via Zoom

Miss Burma by Charmaine Craig

IA beautiful and poignant story of one family during the most violent and turbulent years of world history, *Miss Burma* is a powerful novel of love and war, colonialism and ethnicity, and the ties of blood. Based on the story of the author's mother and grandparents, *Miss Burma* is a captivating portrait of how modern Burma came to be and of the ordinary people swept up in the struggle for self-determination and freedom.. Email TBAReads@gmail.com for the Zoom link to participate.

Movie Mavens

Saturday, January 16 at 7:00pm via Zoom

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Women's Circle - Mothers and Daughters

January 22 at 5:00pm via Zoom

Join us for an interactive discussion about mothers and daughters; you don't need to be a mother or a daughter to participate. See page 16 for more information or you can email tbawomenscircle@gmail.com.

Torah Readings

January, 2021 Torah Readings

January 1-2 *Va-y'chi*: Genesis 47:28-50:26
January 8-9 *Sh'mot*: Exodus 1:1-6:1
January 15-16 *Va-eira:* Exodus 6:2-9:35
January 22-23 *Bo*: Exodus 10:1-13:16
January 29-30 *B'shalach*: Exodus 13:17-17:16
Shabbat Shirah

February, 2021 Torah Readings

February 5-6 *Yitro*: Exodus 18:1-20:23
Shabbat Mevarkhim HaHodesh
February 12-13 *Mishpatim*: Exodus 21:1-24:18
Shabbat Sh'kalim and Rosh Chodesh
February 19-20 *T'rumah*: Exodus 25:1-27:19
February 26-27 *T'tzaveh*: Exodus 27:20-30:10
Shabbat Zachor

March, 2021 Torah Readings

March 5-6 *Ki Tisa*: Exodus 30:11-34:35
Shabbat Parah
March 12-13 *Vayak'heil/P'kudei*: Exodus 35:1-40:38
Shabbat HaChodesh
March 19-20 *Vayikra*: Leviticus 1:1-5:26
March 26-27 *Tzav*: Leviticus 6:1-8:36
Shabbat HaGadol

CANDLE LIGHTING

JANUARY, 2021	
FRIDAY, JAN. 1	4:19PM
FRIDAY, JAN. 8	4:26PM
FRIDAY, JAN. 15	4:33PM
FRIDAY, JAN. 22	4:42PM
FRIDAY, JAN. 29	4:50PM
FEBRUARY, 2021	
FRIDAY, FEB. 5	4:59PM
FRIDAY, FEB. 12	5:08PM
FRIDAY, FEB. 19	5:16PM
FRIDAY, FEB. 26	5:26PM
MARCH, 2021	
FRIDAY, MARCH 5	5:33PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 12	5:41PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 19	6:48PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 26	6:56PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 27	7:57PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 28	7:58PM

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doctors and Jewish; teachers and Jewish; construction workers and Jewish; musicians and Jewish; an astronaut and Jewish - then why can't children, who may be struggling with multiple identities, see that they can be a soccer player and Jewish; a dancer and Jewish. Extracurricular activities and Jewish identities are not at odds with one another - they complement one another.

A child's imagination is a powerful tool, and in the spirit of partnership among all of us as a community of learners it is our responsibility to harness that imagination and help our children shape it. It is *L'Dor v' Dor* in a pure sense. As we approach *Tu B'Shvat*, this sense of a community of learners and taking responsibility for the next generation reminds me of the story of "Honi, The Circle Maker." Honi asks a young girl why is she planting a carob tree if the fruits cannot be eaten for 70 years? She will never enjoy it. The girl replies that her grandparents planted a carob tree for her, and she will do the same for her future grandchildren. Honi scoffs at the notion and then lies down to rest. He does not awake for 70 years. When he does, he sees he is obviously hungry and sees some young children eating from a carob tree. He asks, "did you plant that carob tree?" and the children respond, "No, it was our grandmother." Taking care of the next generation. That is really what our partnership as a community of learners is all about. Invest in the current generation if you want to have Jewish great-grandchildren.

As I mentioned above, Jews can be astronauts. We're fortunate to be able to present Space Torah, a special and exclusive program, which will take place on January 31, 2021. Suitable for adults and children in grades 3-6, Space Torah is a documentary about Dr. Jeff Hoffman who brought a Torah scroll with him into space and chanted from Genesis. We are lucky enough to have Dr. Rachel Raz, the film's producer, speak to us and present a program about the film. Please keep an eye out for more information.

Our next Tikkun Olam Committee online meeting is Sunday, January 10, 2021, at 11AM. *The Zoom link will be posted on the* Tikkun Olam *webpage.*

Would you like to help the *Tikkun Olam* Committee plan for the New Year? We are organizing for both the shorter-term, with online activities and resources, and also for projects for when we are able to gather again in person. Please attend our next online meeting on Sunday, January 10, 2020, at 11AM. The link will be posted on the *Tikkun Olam* section of TBA's website. You can also contact us with ideas and join our mailing list at TikkunOlam@tba-ny.org. We are looking forward to a meaningful year. We hope you will join us!

Light One Candle – Making a Merrier Holiday for La Asociación Families

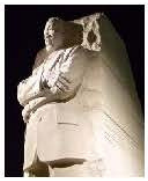
Thank You so much for Lighting One Candle—and many, many more! As a result of the generosity of so many TBA members, we were able to help the families of La Asociación redeem $25.00 gift certificates for 50 young children at A Nu Toy Store in Tarrytown. Your $20.00 donations, plus $5.00 from each La Asociación family, helped make this a special holiday for many of our neighbors in Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown. The organizers and families pass along their thanks and gratitude for your thoughtfulness. We will use the extra funds raised to help support La Asociación families in the coming year. Thank you also to Angel, the owner of A Nu Toy Store, for partnering with us again this holiday season.

Super Bowl Sunday Blood Drive Is Postponed

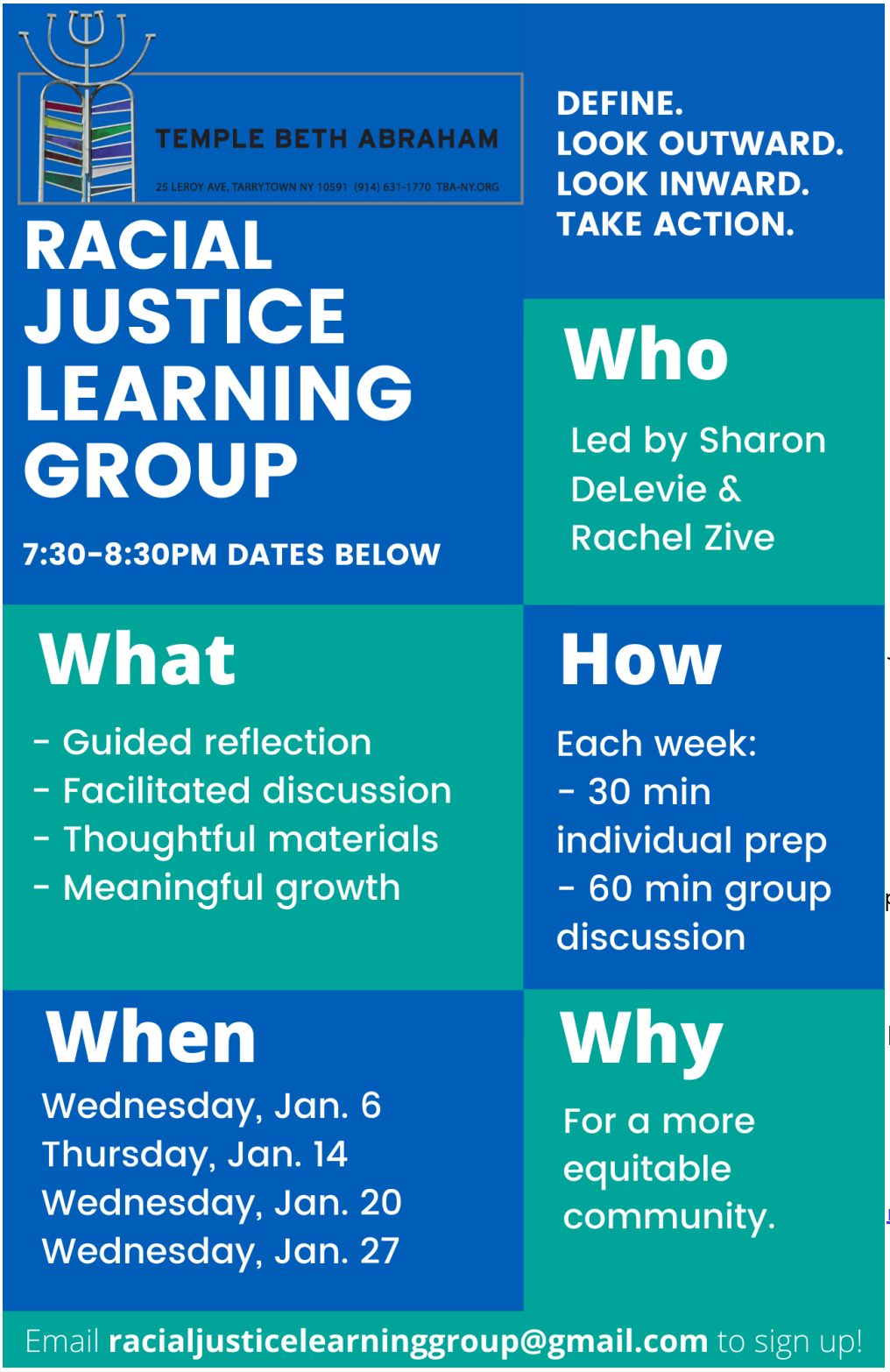
TBA's annual February blood drive is postponed for now, but if you are able, please consider donating blood to the New York Blood Center or to the American Red Cross. Thank you for giving this life-saving gift to others.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Goes On This Year

This time to come together in service in honor of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be different in 2021, but the urgency of need and opportunity to give back in the spirit of Dr. King still remain. To honor Dr. King's legacy, the UJA is suggesting that this year, "spend time immersing yourself in learning about Judaism, justice, and our role in fighting for racial and social equity." To that end, please join the **Racial Justice Learning Group**, led by Sharon DeLevie and Rachel Zive, beginning January 6, at 7:30PM, and then meeting January 14, 21, and 28. Click here for more information or send an email to: racialjusticelearninggroup@gmail.com to learn more and sign up!



We also encourage you to spend time doing meaningful acts of service. Find opportunities to learn and serve on the UJA website, as well at Volunteer New York!. There are many organizations running virtual programs this year. We will update the Tikkun Olam webpage to reflect more of these opportunities.



After the murder of George Floyd, many of us "woke up" in a way we never had before. We were motivated to learn more, do more. Some participated in a six-week discussion of Robin DiAngelo's *White Fragility* led by the Rabbi. These were enlightening, humbling, informative, and important discussions.

But there is so much more to learn and understand. To that end we (Sharon DeLevie and Rachel Zive) have created a Racial Justice Learning Group. We have been gathering materials to share with you: videos, lectures, articles, podcasts, webinars and more.

For four weeks in January, participants will do 30 minutes of homework, and then we'll come together weekly for an hour to discuss what we've learned and how we feel about it. Please join us on this important journey toward racial justice. If you can be with us for **January 6, 14, 20, and 27**, please contact us at racialjusticelearninggroup@gmail.com

Looking forward to learning with you,
Sharon DeLevie and Rachel Zive

Please Join Us for

Temple Beth Abraham Virtual

TRIVIA NIGHT III

Cantor Margot Edition!

Thanking the Cantor for all of her support and inaugurating her as a member of the TRIVIA NIGHT team

A family FUN-draiser

Saturday, January 23 at 7:00pm

Get ready for a night of trivia, 50/50 raffle, prizes and LOTS of FUN!

New format and new questions

A fun new way of determining the raffle winner

$20 per family or team (per zoom link)

Raffle tickets $10 each or 5 for $40

For entry and raffle tickets click below

If you can not join us but would like to make a donation in honor of Cantor Margot click below

Registration Closes Wednesday January 20

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Click here for entry and raffle tickets,
here to make a donation or here to contact fundraising

WIX

Join us for a conversation with Yoav Cohen of Wix

Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 12:00pm

Learn about how this exciting Israeli company enables 180 million people worldwide to create their own websites

To register: http://bit.ly/YoavCohen

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Temple Beth Abraham's Adult Education Committee presents:

Movie Mavens

On Zoom

Select Saturdays at 7:00PM*:

Jan. 16
Feb. 20
Mar. 20

Films with Jewish themes or content.

Moderated discussion immediately following the movie.

On Zoom from the comfort of your own home!

If you don't receive the link, please contact
The Temple Office at (914) 631-1770
Or email AdultEd@tba-ny.org
by the Friday before the movie is scheduled to be shown

***Please note: dates and titles are subject to change. Please refer to the website for up-to-date information.**

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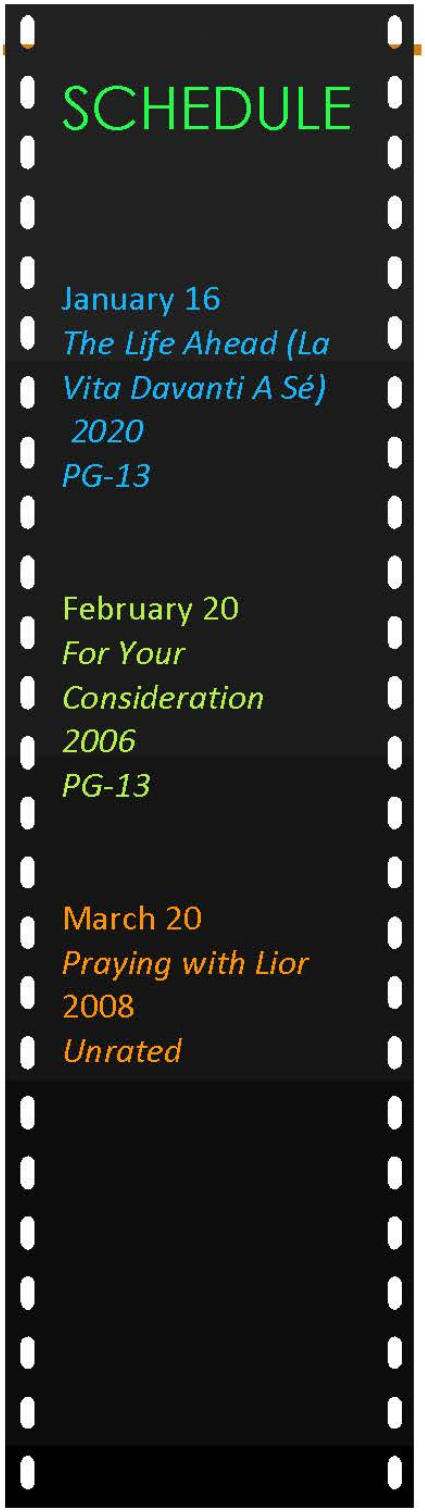

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SUBTITLED
***Palomar*, 2020, 93 min.**

February 20
For Your Consideration
This film was directed by Christopher Guest and co-written by Guest and Eugene Levy, both of whom also star in the film. The film's title is a phrase used in trade advertisements to promote films for honors such as the Academy Awards. The plot revolves around a group of three actors (played by Catherine O'Hara, Parker Posey, and Harry Shearer) who learn that their performances in the fictional film they have not even completed yet, *Home for Purim*, a drama set in the mid-1940s American South, are supposedly generating a great deal of award-season buzz.
***Shangri-La Entertainment*, 2006, 86 min.**

March 20
Praying With Lior
Many believe Lior is close to god—at least that's what his family and community believe—though he's also a burden, a best friend, an inspiration and an embarrassment, depending on who is asked and when. As this documentary moves to its climax, Lior must pass through the gateway to manhood - his bar mitzvah.
5 Audience Awards: Boston Jewish Film Festival, Washington Jewish Film Festival, San Diego Jewish Film Festival, and Vancouver Jewish Film Festival
***Ruby Pictures*, 2008, 87 min.**

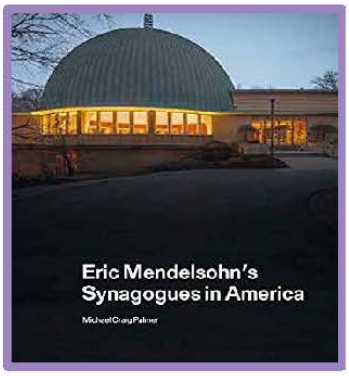
Temple Beth Abraham's Adult Education Committee Presents:

MICHAEL PALMER

On his book, "Eric Mendelsohn's Synagogues in America"

January 26 at 7:30pm Via Zoom

Click here to join us



In the post-war and post-Holocaust climate, the duality of Jewish and American identity became more crucial than ever, and congregations were eager to express their integration into a modern America through their buildings.

Between 1946 and 1953, the German-Jewish architect **Eric Mendelsohn** (1887-1953) designed and built synagogues that soon became the benchmark of modern American synagogue architecture.

Mendelssohn's work is recorded in exquisite detail by **Michael Palmer**, a photographer whose work has explored the architectural legacy and relevance of the German Jewish exodus from Germany in the 1920s and 1930s.

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Thank you to all the Vendors who Participated in this year's Latkepalooza! Although Latkepalooza is over, you can always continue to patronize these small businesses!

[One Hope Wines]

[A. Strongwater Designs]

[mermadebrooklyn]

[Moshe Monzon Gallery]

[Origami Owl]

[The Blue Olive Shop]

[Karla Gudeon Art & Design]

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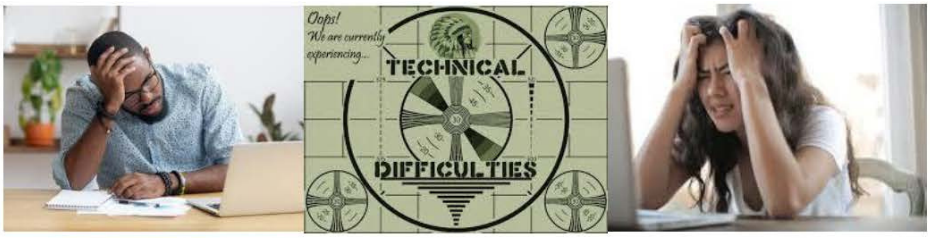
[Tallit by Ina Bearak Helfand]

The Home of Jewish Kids Music

PJ Library Radio
Has a New Name
& AMAZING New Programming!
JKids RADIO

JKids Radio is The Home of Jewish Kids Music! Formerly PJ Library Radio, JKids Radio App and JKidsRadio.com allow you to listen to amazing music 24/7 and watch super cool music videos from your favorite artists and so much more!
Check out the website for yourself!

Having Trouble Getting Connected ?
Having Trouble using Zoom?



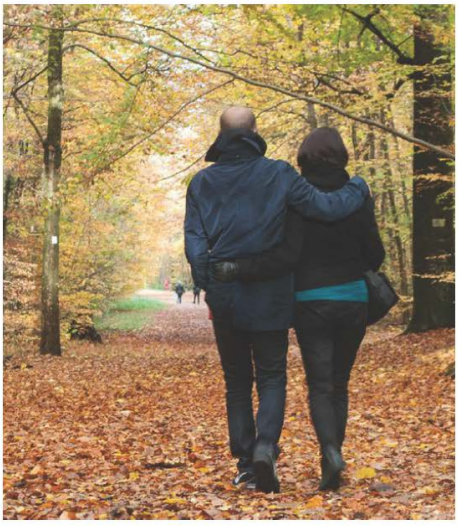
We're here to help! memberservices@tba-ny.org

During the pandemic, all our programs at Temple Beth Abraham are brought to you via the computer. We are using lots of different methods, and it can be very confusing. Friday services are streamed from our TBA website and from our Facebook member group; Saturday services are delivered via Zoom. Some Zoom presentations are webcasts (no interaction from the audience) and some are interactive zoom sessions where everyone gets a separate zoom window. Oy!

If you are having trouble getting connected, please send an email to memberservices@tba-ny.org.

If you are interested in volunteering to help fellow congregants, please join our team, and send an email to memberservices@tba.-ny.org.

WHAT WILL THEY SAY TO YOU ON YOUR 120TH BIRTHDAY?
"HAVE A NICE DAY"*



ARE YOU PREPARED?

None of us wants to burden our survivors with making last minute burial arrangements.

Reserve affordable burial plots in one of several Jewish cemeteries in the New York metropolitan area:

Long Island – New Montefiore
Queens – Mount Hebron, Mount Judah and Beth David
New Jersey – Beth Israel, Beth El and Cedar Park

For details and costs regarding this offer, please reach out by email to Lifeplanning@bnaizion.org or call the Bnai Zion office at 212.725.1211 ext. 6225.

BnaiZion

*Old Yiddish joke

FOR TBA'S ZEETY, ZEETY678, AND ZEETYTEENY YOUTH GROUPS
MOVIE HANGOUT
JOIN YOUR YOUTH GROUP FRIENDS FOR A MOVIE DAY! POP SOME CORN, MAKE SOME COCOA, AND GET COZY WHILE WE WATCH A MOVIE TOGETHER ON ZOOM!
ZEETY (9TH-12TH GRADES):
JANUARY 24, 2021: 1:00-3:00PM
ZEETY678 (6TH-8TH GRADES):
JANUARY 31, 2021: 11:30AM-1:30PM
ZEETYTEENY (3RD-5TH GRADES):
JANUARY 3, 2021: 11:30AM-1:30PM
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Women's Circle Shabbat

January - May 2021

January 22 - Mothers and Daughters

Join us as Ilana Tolpin Levitt, LPC, LMHC, leads a discussion about the mother-daughter relationship. Ms. Levitt is certified by the National Career Development Association as a Certified Career Counselor (CCC). She is proactive, intuitive, practical, results-oriented, and has a holistic approach to career development. She is the author of "What's Mom Still Got To Do With It?: Breathe New Life into Your Career By Understanding Your Mother-Daughter Relationship." Join us for an interactive discussion about mothers and daughters; you don't need to be a mother of a daughter to participate.

February 19 - Bad Girls

In honor of Purim, we'll use Vashti as a starting point for so-called wicked women in Judaism, some Biblical, some contemporary, and why, just maybe, they aren't so wicked.

March 19 - Freedom

It's the holiday of freedom. Most of us are not in actual slavery, but there are elements of ourselves from which we wish to be free. We'll talk about our own definitions of freedom and maybe share what we personally want to be free from.

April 16 - Coffee Date

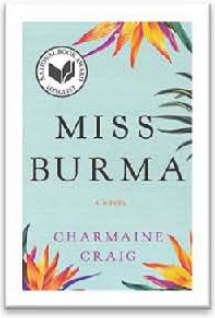
Name someone you'd like to spend a few hours with. You can focus on a character from the Bible, but let's face it, we've all watched a lot of TV and movies this year, so feel free to name someone from there. Share with us what you relate to and what you'd like to discuss.

May 14 - Surprise!

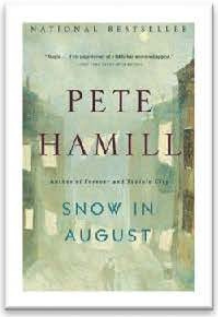
In lockdown there's not a lot to surprise us, and certainly not a lot of good surprises. This time let's share something surprising about you that most of us don't know and then something surprise that happened in the past week, month, or year.

TBA books@night on Zoom

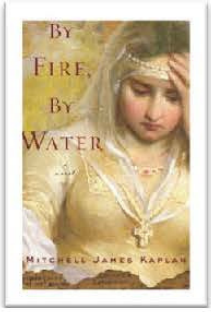
"Award Winning Titles from the Jewish Book Council."



7:30pm Wed., February 17, 2021
***Miss Burma*, Charmaine Craig**



7:30pm Tues., April 13, 2021
***Snow In August*, Pete Hamill**



7:30pm Wed., June 16, 2021
***By Fire, By Water*, Mitchell James Kaplan**

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Purim Costume Ball

Saturday, February 27, 2021
7:30pm – 9:30pm

Watch for the link to join in!

Time to celebrate!

- Dress up in a costume!
- Create Purim-themed cocktails and mocktails
- Contests, dancing, gift basket raffle!

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BER 12/2020

new member party recap!

ON DECEMBER 5, WE POURED A GLASS OF WINE AND PICKED UP OUR PAINT BRUSHES AT THE NEW MEMBER PARTY. EIGHT NEW MEMBERS HOUSEHOLDS AND TWO PROSPECTIVE MEMBER FAMILIES JOINED IN THE FUN, HOSTED BY MEMBERS OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, THE CLERGY, AND BOARD MEMBERS. NYC ARTIST ANDREA STRONGWATER USED HISTORICAL EXAMPLES OF CHANUKAH MENORAHS TO INSPIRE US TO IMAGINE AND PAINT OUR OWN DESIGNS. THERE WAS A LOT OF INTERACTION AND LAUGHTER AS EVERYONE DISCUSSED THEIR COMPOSITIONS, MADE TOASTS, AND GOT ACQUAINTED. WELCOME!

Bernice Rogowitz

Sharon DeLevie

Kimberly Marcus

Stessa Peers

This Fall, the Rabbi led a community-wide discussion about racism in America, centered around the book *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo. These bi-weekly discussions helped us understand the historical and social forces in America that shape our attitudes and behavior around race. It was disturbing and elevating to look at ourselves through this lens, as we realized together how racism permeates our behavior, even when we are certain that there isn't a racist bone in our bodies. The four of us supported the Rabbi in developing and delivering this program. Here's a photo of us in the t-shirts we received in appreciation. Social Justice will continue to be a theme in our programming at TBA. Sharon DeLevie has led discussions on two books about Jews of Color, and Sharon and Rachel Zive will be leading a course in January- see Page 6.

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TBA FAMILY

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Ilene Bergenfeld on her marriage to John Lupinacci
Richard and Judith Frimer on the engagement of their daughter Kaylo to Ari shifman

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:
Judith Balsan
Carol Barlia
Ina Bearak Helfand
Rochelle Kessler
Sami Wilson

CONDOLENCES TO:
Carly Jacobs on the death of her mother, Carole Kern
Marvin Klein on the death of his cousin, Robert Bernard Fenster
Donna Misrok on the death of her father, Gerald Traister
Margie Ostrower on the death of her father, Barry Haiman
Stanley Sonn on the death of his wife, Sandra Sonn

Donations

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Morris Solomon, Lee Solomon, Philip Solomon, & Albert Kronenberg, from Bunny & Roy Solomon
Peter Bermas, from Bunny & Roy Solomon
Shirley Cooper, from Harryette & Stan Helsel
Emma Marx, Mary Marx, & Suzanne Goldberg from Margot, Barry & Tamir Goldberg

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
In appreciation of
Cantor Margot's funeral for Martin Tanzer, from Sharon Kirschner
Your love and support, from The Groppe Family

In honor of
Ava Rose White's *Bat Mitzvah*, from Andrea and Douglas White

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Peter Bermas, from The Bloom Family, Geri & Steve Borkan, David & Cheryl Brandwein, Lisa Davidson, Martin Deutsch, Ida Doctor, Carole Eagle, Richard & Donna Fleming, Eva Fischer, Saara Gallin, The Gelfand Family, Julia, Steve, Becca & Ryan Gosset, Robert & Marilyn Harris, David Helfand & Ina Bearak Helfand, Stanley & Harryette Helsel, Amy, Peter, Jenna & Ryan Herzog, Michael & Barbara Herzog, Leonard & Judith Hyman, Marvin & Joyce Jeshiva, Rochelle Kessler, Ruda & Marvin Klein, Julie & Boris Kotler, Geraldine & Joseph La Motta, John, Phyllis, Jake & Max Leary, Sheldon & Susan Manspeizer, Michael & Joyce Maron, Gail Mendell, Jonathan & Irene Metz, Malcolm & Marilyn Miller, Andrea & Jerry Moskowitz, Richard & Linda Okrasinski, Sergio & Helga Palacios, Audrey Lynn Polinsky, Abby, Jeff, & Nicole Reuben, Marianne & Arnold Rich, Farron & Gary Roboff, Phil Rothenberg, Howard & Hannah Sackelman, Vivian Savitch, Jennifer & Matthew Schwartz & Family, Morry & Naomi Silbiger, Jane Silverman & Don Kumka, Gordon Swartz & Deborah Doyle, Rabbis Barbara & Ron Symons & family, Ira & Harriet Weinbaum, Irv & Melissa Weissman, Renee & Michael Zarin, Amy & Jared Zerman, Claire & Steven Zucker Lin and Peter Bermas, from Barbara Barak and family, Carole Aaronson, M. Daniel Nienaltow & Liza Karsten, Sharon, Rachel and Laura Kirschner Martin Klein, husband of Teddi Klein, from Marvin & Ruda Klein

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In honor of
Ava Rose White's *Bat Mitzvah*, from Andrea & Douglas White

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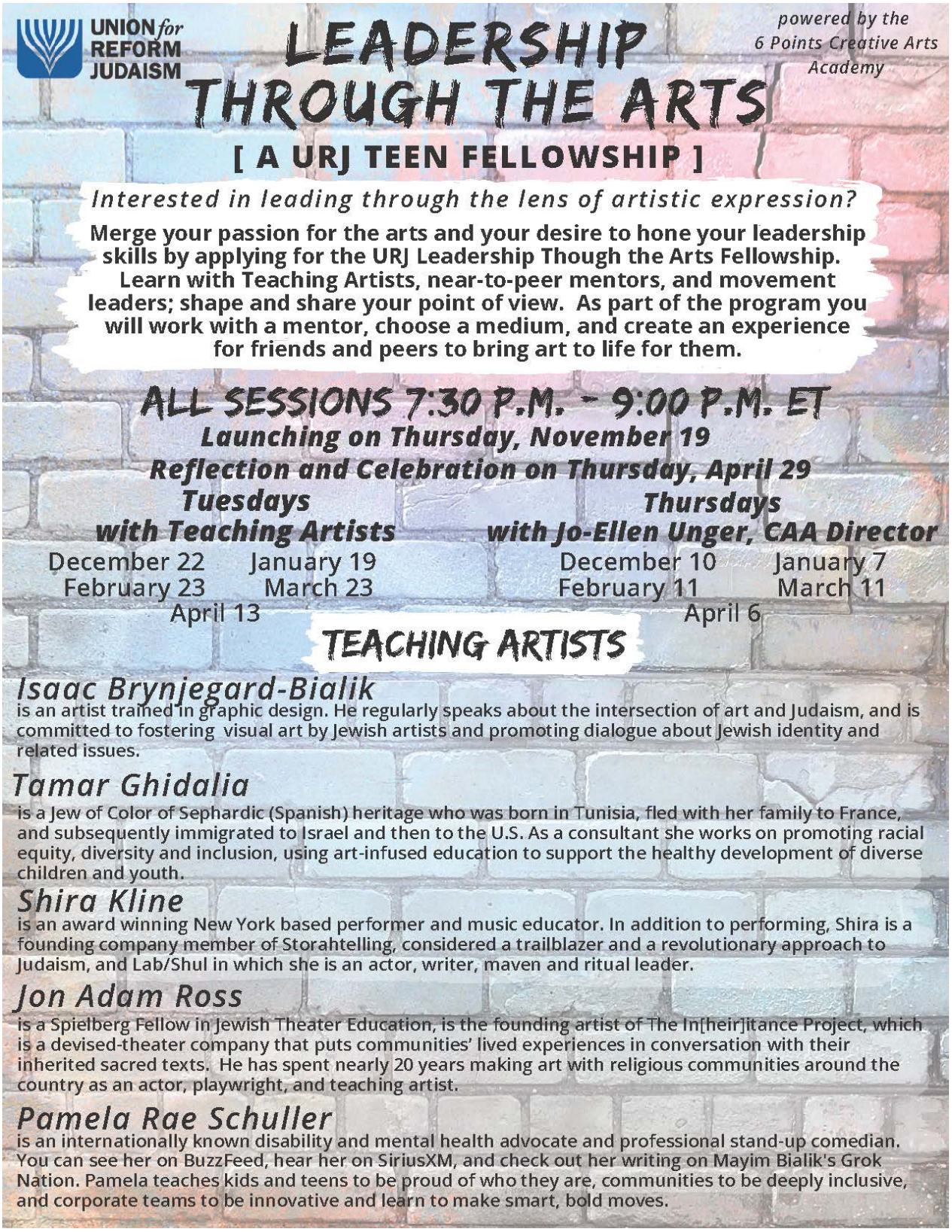
Temple Closings in January

Religious School

Sunday, January 17
Monday, January 18

Temple Office

Friday, January 1
Monday, January 17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December 22 January 19
February 23 March 23
April 13
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December 10 January 7
February 11 March 11
April 6
TEACHING ARTISTS
Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik
is an artist trained in graphic design. He regularly speaks about the intersection of art and Judaism, and is committed to fostering visual art by Jewish artists and promoting dialogue about Jewish identity and related issues.
Tamar Ghidalia
is a Jew of Color of Sephardic (Spanish) heritage who was born in Tunisia, fled with her family to France, and subsequently immigrated to Israel and then to the U.S. As a consultant she works on promoting racial equity, diversity and inclusion, using art-infused education to support the healthy development of diverse children and youth.
Shira Kline
is an award winning New York based performer and music educator. In addition to performing, Shira is a founding company member of Storahtelling, considered a trailblazer and a revolutionary approach to Judaism, and Lab/Shul in which she is an actor, writer, maven and ritual leader.
Jon Adam Ross
is a Spielberg Fellow in Jewish Theater Education, is the founding artist of The In[heir]itance Project, which is a devised-theater company that puts communities' lived experiences in conversation with their inherited sacred texts. He has spent nearly 20 years making art with religious communities around the country as an actor, playwright, and teaching artist.
Pamela Rae Schuller
is an internationally known disability and mental health advocate and professional stand-up comedian. You can see her on BuzzFeed, hear her on SiriusXM, and check out her writing on Mayim Bialik's Grok Nation. Pamela teaches kids and teens to be proud of who they are, communities to be deeply inclusive, and corporate teams to be innovative and learn to make smart, bold moves.

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