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*From Rabbi Sarah's Desk*



It seems like Winter has just begun, but Spring is right around the corner. As always, I continue to be impressed by the remarkable community that is Temple Beth Shalom. I regularly brag about our “small but mighty” congregation to colleagues, and they are blown away when they hear about the extent and diversity of our programming, the “menschiness” of our youth, the warm, caring community feel, and the vibrant Jewish life we are creating here in Mahopac.

The next few months bring a whirlwind of terrific events here at TBS. Personally, I’m most looking forward to our Star Wars themed Purim! I’ve always loved Purim—the costumes, the revelry, the silliness, the junk food and the all-out fun. This year, the Purim Carnival will be on Sunday 3/13 from 11-1 and the Megillah reading will be on Wednesday 3/23 at 7pm.

While Purim has a party like atmosphere, the themes of Purim are anything but juvenile. When did you realize that life can change in an instant? For me, it was on a beautiful August afternoon shortly before my fifteenth birthday, when my family got “The Call.” I answered the phone and heard the voice of a family friend asking for my parents, because my aunt had been in a terrible, nearly fatal car accident. The idyllic summer day, and those that followed, seemed incongruous as my aunt lay in a coma, somewhere between life and death. She survived, and with time and physical therapy, healed. But the lesson that life can change in an instant remained.

For Esther in ancient Persia, life changed in an instant first when she was crowned queen. From life as an orphan raised by her uncle Mordechai, Esther’s life was completely turned upside down that fateful day when she found favor in the eyes of the King and became royalty. Life changed again when she heard the horrific news that

her people, the Jewish people, were to be destroyed, annihilated, wiped out, due to a royal decree.

“Purim” means “lottery” in Hebrew, and the holiday’s essential message is that no matter how hard we work to control our lives, how diligently we plan and prepare, life is inescapably unpredictable. Purim is deeply connected to another holiday which comments on the capriciousness of life—Yom Kippur, known as “*Yom HaKi-Purim!* The day that is like Purim.” Whereas on Yom Kippur we respond to the uncertainty of life with introspection, solemnity and prayer, on Purim we respond to the same uncertainty with joyful celebration and abandon. We eat, drink, laugh, and play in the face of our deepest fears. We wear masks that both hide who we are and reveal the deepest parts of ourselves. We celebrate the gift of life, because we know that all can change in an instant.

Yet Purim isn’t only about raucous parties and delightful festivities. It’s about more than drinking, dancing, noise, costumes, carnivals and fun. On Purim we commit ourselves to caring for and sustaining our friends and family members and concern ourselves with the wellbeing of those less fortunate. The mitzvot of Purim are sending *mishloach manot* (baskets filled with sweets and other delicacies) to our loved ones and giving *matanot l’evyonim* (gifts to the poor). We respond to the imbalances of the world and the uncertainty of living by honoring the relationships that sustain us and enrich our lives and by giving generously to all who need help.

On Purim, we respond to the threat of the unknown by pouring sweetness and kindness into our relationships and healing into the world, affirming what truly is important: family, friendship, community, justice, and compassion. Temple Beth Shalom excels at living out these Jewish values.

May you have a joyous Purim!  
Rabbi Sarah Freidson

## A Message from our President



Much has been said of the late David Bowie. He has been lauded as a music and internet visionary, way ahead of his time in the world of recording, production, merchandising and ownership of his own musical product.

I never met Ziggy Stardust but I remember him as a visionary for the words and music he created to enrich and infuse multiple generations with the idea to be true to one's self.

In one of Bowie's earliest songs, Major Tom informs Ground Control that he is stepping through the door..." And I'm floating in a most peculiar way and the stars look very different today. For here am I sitting in a tin can, far above the World. Planet earth is blue and there's nothing I can do."

Major Tom's decision not to return to earth was startling and epic. What a vantage point to be hundreds of miles above the earth and see beyond the minute pedestrian movements of everyday people and life and to have clarity in what your ultimate decision in life will be.

Here on the ground, in the northern hemisphere, in the northeast quadrant of North America, north of New York City and just north of Westchester County in the county that boasts it is the gateway to the North Country of New York State, lies our own "Tin Can", Temple Beth Shalom.

Truth be told, we are way more than a 'tin can'. The programming spectrum at TBS rivals Shuls three times our size and our level of congregation participation at services, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, shiva's and holiday observances is spectacular. The Hebrew School and Educational Services provided to our students is unparalleled in the metropolitan area. Our community of young families, empty nesters and elders coalesce to establish a united Jewish community right here in Mahopac.

There is one thing that I believe goes unnoticed and undetected by the constant ebb and flow through our doors of those who call Temple Beth Shalom their go to source for anything Jewish. Who among us is a visionary? Who among us can see more than just the front door of the building and the side back door? Who among us can see through the four square walls of our classrooms or of our office hub or our community room? Who among us has the x-ray vision to see beyond the rafters

and the roof?

The Executive Board and the Board of Trustees together with the Rabbi, full heartedly and without reservation believe that each one of you *is* a visionary.

Sure, you may have an opinion as to the scent the soap should be in the lavatories. You may have a thought about the tuna fish or bagels during the Shabbat Luncheons. You may wish to be heard regarding the length of services or the number of days on the school calendar. You may have formed a position concerning the use of the Oy Vey Café or the general state of affairs in the Lobby area.

Excuse me, but that is not being a visionary, and of course *you already* know that. David Bowie reminds us to "Turn and face the strange changes." Each of us has the power and the depth to see the larger picture. I ask you to elevate yourself...to rise above this little world of ours. "Don't want to be a richer man...just gonna have to be a different man."

In the year ahead we will be focused on a Vision Mission...To transform each person who comes in contact with Temple Beth Shalom, whether that be as a board member, a parent dropping or picking up a child, a movie goer, a Shabbat luncheon attendee, an office volunteer, a person in need of solace, a family in need of Purim, a couple in need of a night out at the coffee house, into a TBS Visionary.

What will your relationship with Temple Beth Shalom look like in five years?

Where will you be sitting on a Saturday morning in the year 2025?

What do you think will insure that your children, as young adults, will have an active ongoing connection with Judaism?

What do you need, to have a full heart and a lifted spirit, as you walk back and forth between the front and back door of TBS?

The reason the stars looked very different to Major Tom was because he had the clarity of not having to look up into the sky, through air pollution and free from an abundance of artificial light. The stars were always there... his perspective merely changed.

Let us all join in the conversation to move our own personal perspective in order to view Temple Beth Shalom from the heavens above to the ground we pray upon and together, build a visionary future.

*Embodying Spirit*  
*EN-SPIRITING BODY*

### From the Men's Club



I hope you are all surviving the unusual weather we have been having this winter. Also, with oil and gas prices below \$2.00 a gallon you can keep the heat in your home above 50 degrees and take long trips in your automobiles.

Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Millennium Breakfast held on Sunday January 10, 2016 was a huge success with great attendance. Our guest speakers included County Judge James Reitz, Mahopac School Superintendent Dennis Creeden, Frank Lombardi, who represented State Senator Murphy, Deacon John Scarfi from St. John's and Rabbi Sarah. While many subjects were discussed, the common thread was drug addiction problem in this area and the perceived lack of recreation for the area teenagers. Judge Reitz told us of the youth court that he presides over and its success in getting many teenagers off drugs.

Our next breakfast will be held on Sunday February 28, 2016 at 9:30am. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jerome Thaler. He will take us back to a time in the 1940's and 1950's when things were much simpler and summer cooperatives in the Westchester and Putnam areas thrived. Some are still around but you would never recognize them today. If you are a local history buff, and even if you are not, please plan on attending. He has given this presentation before and they were well attended informative and very successful.

Shalom,

**JOEL**



## Millennial Breakfast at TBS

### Ritual News By Eddie Lapa



Shalom

What a busy time it has been for the Ritual Committee!!!

We have been working very hard to bring a fun "May the Force Be with You " Purim that will include the Purim Carnival as well as the Megillah Reading! Hope you

all come out and join us for the Purim Festivities! Then in April is Passover . We are planning to have the Second night Seder at TBS led by Rabbi Sarah and a host of others. More info to be coming .

We have met with the B'nai Mitzvot families for 2016 and 2017 and look forward to sharing in their simchas. As I sit here writing I received the notification that the new Siddurim have arrived and we are planning to dedicate them at a ceremony in the beginning of June. I want to wish one and all a Chag Purim Sameach as well as a Zeisen and Kosher Pesach and as we say at the end of the Seder - L'Shana HaBa-Ah 'yerushalayim -Next Year in Jerusalem!

Be well,  
Eddie

## Programming Previews By Wendy Greenberg



Winter has finally arrived in Putnam County, and it has arrived with a bang! I am sitting at my desk and looking out at the majestic snowstorm which has hit Mahopac and the entire east coast today. The snow covering the ground, trees, and bushes is so beautiful to look at. It is so peaceful outside without a car, truck or person in sight. I must admit, of course, that it is very nice to be inside my warm and cozy house and to look out the window at the snow. I know I wouldn't feel the same way if I had to be walking or traveling in the snow! Since I was spending the day at home, I decided that this was the perfect time to write my Programming Committee article for the *Temple Times* and fill you in on many of the exciting events that will be taking place at Temple Beth Shalom in March and April.

The *Book Club*, moderated by Gail Plaut, will be meeting on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7PM. The book selection for March is *A Dangerous Place*, written by Jacqueline Winspear. The book is available at the local libraries. Everyone is welcome. Our next *Guess Who's Coming to Shabbas?* is planned for Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Wendy Greenberg or Patti Bettman if you would like to host or be hosted. Our annual *Purim Carnival* for the children will take place on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 1PM. The Purim Carnival Committee is planning a fun-filled day for children of all ages. There will be lots of games prizes and food. On Saturday night, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:15PM we are planning to hold an exciting *Trivia Night* (similar to Jeopardy). The Trivia Night is being planned, implemented, and hosted by Phyllis and Steve Nadelhaft. It will be a delightful evening. Cash prizes will be given and refreshments will be served. Please come. There is a *Ballroom Dance Class* with Stuart and Chun Levin scheduled for Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5PM. It is \$15 per person and \$30 per couple for the class. Contact Wendy Greenberg and let her know if you are interested in participating. Our *Purim Service (Megillah Reading) and Celebration* will take place on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM. This year's theme is *STAR WARS*. Come in your favorite costume or just come as you are. As always, delicious refreshments will be served (hors d'oeuvres,

drinks, cookies and cakes). It is a fantastic evening for the entire family!

April is another busy month at Temple Beth Shalom. We will be offering a *Passover Cooking Class* with Chef Michael Garelick on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30PM. Bring your appetites and your aprons. On Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10AM, Rabbi Sarah will be offering another class in *Spiritual Writing – Preparing for Passover*. At 5PM on March 10<sup>th</sup>, Marge Pollack and her *Travel with TBS at TBS* Committee will be transporting us to *Italy*. There will be a guest speaker, many things to see and do, and lots of delicious food to eat. Please join us. Last year's trip to Mexico was fabulous. I expect nothing less this year. The last *Book Club* of the year will take place on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The book selection is *This Is Where I Leave You* by Jonathan Tropper. The book is available at local libraries. Gail Plaut will serve as the moderator. Please plan on attending. I do hope you'll be joining us as we celebrate *Passover* at the annual *Second Night Community Seder* on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM. Our own wonderful Rabbi Sarah will be conducting the Seder and Chef Michael Garelick will be preparing the delicious meal. It is always an extraordinary evening and I hope to see you there.

Please remember to check for information and updates on all of these events and activities in the TBS weekly Shabbat announcements as well as in the constant contacts that will be sent to you. As always, I am happy to hear from you about programs you would like to see implemented at TBS or if you have any questions.



Religious School News By Libby Spitzer



Imagine a beautifully set Passover table. Tempting foods and decorations prepared with love and care for the well-being and comfort of guests of all ages. This table sets the stage for an evening of participation and learning. It is a table that invites everyone to linger, enjoy and partake in the Seder.

In Parshat Mishpatim read in February, G-d gives Moses the laws the Jew must follow. It says “these are the words you should place before them” Rabbi Akiva one of Judaism’s most beloved teachers, however, is concerned with HOW the words are taught. He says that one should “Set them like a table that is fully laid out before them” The words should be ready to be eaten.

Consider, for a moment, the act of setting a table, as a metaphor for teaching.

*It is an act of preparation.* What will I be serving and how will I make it attractive and appealing?

*It is an act of invitation.* Who will be at my table, and how can I make them feel comfortable and welcome?

*It is an act of loving attention.* What are the simple touches that will make my guests want to linger at the table, enjoying each other’s company and a beautiful and nourishing meal?

In a culture that speeds up just about everything, the image of “the set table” is a powerful reminder that good teaching can’t be rushed. Our children don’t just need to be fed more information. They need to be invited to the table, again and again, by trusted adults who have the patience, compassion and time to notice

who they are and what’s going on in their lives.

I love this metaphor for teaching. How can we create lessons that are as attractive and inviting as our set table? How can we be sure each learner feels invited, welcome, comfortable and safe? How can the teachings nourish the learner, allowing tie to linger and digest the information? How can we revisit the lessons with compassion until each learner understands?

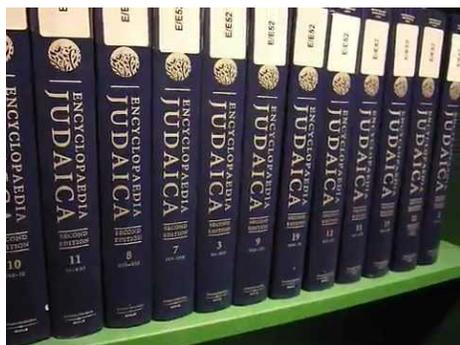
Our teachers at Temple Beth Shalom are setting the table for their students. With patience, passion and caring, they cater their lessons to each individual child. They know their students well, they are aware of their strengths and their interests. They take care to create appetizing lessons in a safe environment that encourages exploration and questioning. Discussions, role playing, innovative games are a few of the nourishing ways our teachers make their classes inviting. Todah Rabbh to our inspiring teachers! Let all who are hungry come and eat at TBS Religious School!



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR  
MARCH - MAY

DATES	EVENTS
March 5	Shabbat <u>Chaveya</u> (No Religious School March 6)
March 13	Daylight Savings Time Begins Purim Carnival
March 18	<u>Kitah Dalet</u> Class Service (7 pm) Followed by <u>Oneg</u> Shabbat
March 20	No Religious School

March 23	Megillah (No Religious School)
April 2	Shabbat Chavaya (No Religious School April 3)
April 8	Kitah Hay-Vay Class Service (7 pm) Followed by Oneg Shabbat
April 13	Pesach Trivia or Do Wheat Program with Jonathan
April 15	Kitah Bet-Gimel & Zayin Class Service(7pm) Followed by Oneg Shabbat
April 20	Model Seder
April 22-29	 <p>Pesach</p>
April 24 (Sunday)	No Religious School
April 27 (Wednesday)	No Religious School
May 1 (Sunday)	Religious School resumes
May 15	Gan & Aleph end of year Celebration (10-11 am)
May 22	Kitah Zayin Stepping Up Ceremony ( 11 am - noon)



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*TBS Teens by Zoe Yellen*

As we enter the month of Adar on the Hebrew calendar, we have the opportunity to reflect and be thankful for the things in our life that make us the happiest.

Whether that’s watching the Superbowl or throwing a snowball, we all have something that will make us smile in the cold winter chill. And with this year being a leap year, we have twice as much time to enjoy and embrace the happiness that the month of Adar has to offer. I remember growing up, hearing to my teachers chant that annoyingly catchy song “mishe nichnas Adar, marbim b’simcha,” when the month of Adar comes, we increase our joy! It’s such a simple, yet incredibly profound message: Let’s just take a month and be happy. So simple! So profound! So happy! And what’s more, with the start of Adar, Purim is soon to follow. And with Purim, comes the real fun: Costumes! Mishloach Manot! Carnival! What more could you ask for out of a holiday? We are also, incredibly excited that this year’s Purim Carnival will planned and run by TBS Teens.

With TBS Teens, we aim to foster a passion for Judaism in our children. To instill this important sense of community, love, and happiness. Through education, leadership, and fun our teens will have the chance to use skills that they might not necessarily have access to in their day to day activities at school. Perhaps, they’ll tap into a new passion or flex a muscle they already use. There’s only positive opportunities and experiences that await! I’m always looking to hear more about what the teens are looking to accomplish and what you hope they can gain as well, so please feel free to reach out to me anytime at [zoeyellen@gmail.com](mailto:zoeyellen@gmail.com).

Looking forward to this year’s Purim Carnival brought to you by YOUR teens!!! See you there!



*From Sisterhood by Abigail Avellino*

As recording secretary for the sisterhood, I’ve seen a lot of changes. I have found that our community has really come together at these events. Our first event of the year was a wine tasting at the Kushner’s home. Unfortunately, it was also our first winter storm of the year and had to be canceled. It is rescheduled for Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. January 7<sup>th</sup> was our gifting party. The turnout was great, and I felt that everyone who came enjoyed themselves. About a month later, we also did our annual pottery event at Westchester Pottery. It was again a big success.

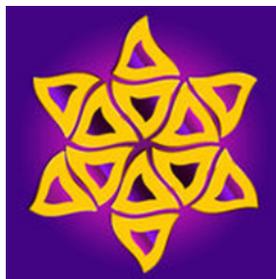
I look forward to the many more events we have scheduled this year. I can’t wait to see both familiar and new faces at our upcoming events. I have such a great feeling for the new sisterhood and can’t wait to see what the rest of the year has in store.

**COME LEARN MORE ABOUT  
WHAT SISTERHOOD IS  
OFFERING THIS  
COMING YEAR**

March 6 - Painting party

March 26th - Wine Tasting  
Fundraiser

April 3 - Cooking for Adults with  
Michael



**TBS Teens**

**Purim Carnival Dinner and Set Up**  
Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>

**Purim Carnival**  
Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>

**Passover Event: Chocolate Seder**  
Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>

**WJTLI (Westchester Jewish Teen Learning Initiative) Courses:**  
Sundays 11:30am-1:00pm

**Cooking Crafts and Kindness:** Explore a variety of artistic materials and create projects to be donated to help others.  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple Beth Shalom  
April 10<sup>th</sup> Hebrew Congregation of Somers

**Modern Israel The Full Experience:** Experience a simulated Israel Defense Force (IDF) basic training and discover Israel's achievements in technology, science and athletics over the past 65 years.  
April 17<sup>th</sup> IDF Values & Israel's Achievements: Temple Beth Shalom

**Contact Youth Advisor Zoe Yellen for more info  
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*Spotlight On New Member*

**Diane Cohen Joins Her Sister at TBS**

**By Glenn Sapir**

I suppose we can thank our first vice president, Gail Freundlich, for steering one of our newest members toward Temple Beth Shalom, but *you* can also take some credit.

“Everyone has been so warm and welcoming,” said Diane Cohen, Gail’s sister.

In fact, says Diane, it’s like being home.

After a long marriage and a successful career as an elementary school teacher in the Parkchester section of the Bronx, the Shenorock resident’s life has changed dramatically.

Now, she enjoys retirement, but she is also dealing with the loss of her husband to cancer.

“At one time we belonged to a synagogue in Somers, virtually walking distance from our house,” Diane said. “But the situation changed there, and we moved on to a Reformed temple in Yorktown.”

Diane grew up in a more observant, Orthodox, household and synagogue, and the Reformed temple did not meet her expectations and needs. So, for several years the Cohens did not belong to any house of worship. It was during that time that Diane was particularly devoted to her husband, as he battled his terminal illness. However, she did occasionally attend a service or other function at TBS, laying the groundwork for closer examination of our temple.

After her husband succumbed to cancer more than a year ago, Diane had time to investigate a new temple with which to affiliate.

“Actually, for years I wanted to join Temple Beth Shalom, but circumstances just didn’t allow me to do so,” she said. “I really wanted to join a welcoming congregation, and I found that at TBS. And, of course, I am so impressed with Rabbi Sara. It really is like being home, and, believe me, not all synagogues are like that.”

When asked what she hoped to attain from her membership, Diane paused before answering.

“I look forward to religious growth as a Jewish woman,” she then replied. “During my husband’s illness I was very isolated. Now I look forward to meeting new people.”

Constants in her life have been her two daughters and their families, who all live in Chappaqua. Her older daughter has gifted her with a 1-year-old grandson, her younger daughter with a 3-year-old grandson and, on Jan. 5, her first granddaughter.. The children are her pride and joy.

“I do plan on becoming more active in the temple,” she said, but added with a bit of a chuckle, “Right now, however, much of my time is needed in Chappaqua.”

Dear TBS Community:

Thank you for your support and caring during my Mother's recent illness. It was indeed a stressful time for me and my family.

It was a comfort knowing you were there with the words of condolence and expressions of sympathy I received upon her passing.

Marlene & Allen Hochberg

**תודה רבה**  
**Thank You**

## TBS Book Club News by Gail Plaut

March 1 at 7PM

A Dangerous Place by Jacqueline Winspear

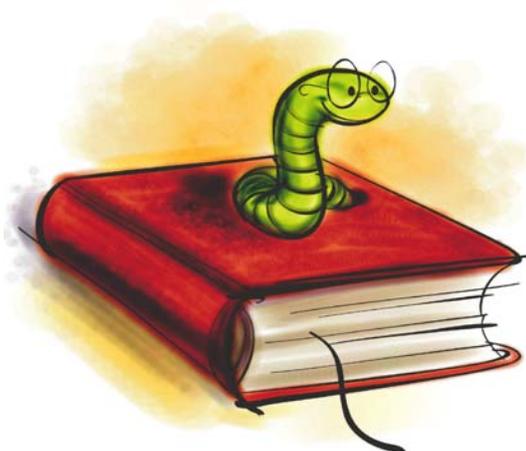
It is Spring 1937. In the four years since she left England, Maisie Dobbs has experienced love, contentment, stability -- and the deepest tragedy a woman can endure. Now, all she wants is the peace she believes she might find by returning to India. But her sojourn in the hills of Darjeeling is cut short when her stepmother summons her home to England; her aging father Frankie Dobbs is not getting any younger. But on a ship bound for England, Maisie realizes she isn't ready to return. Against the wishes of the captain who warns her, "You will be alone in a most dangerous place," she disembarks in Gibraltar. Though she is on her own, Maisie is far from alone: the British garrison town is teeming with refugees fleeing a brutal civil war across the border in Spain. Yet the danger is very real. Days after Maisie's arrival, a photographer and member of Gibraltar's Sephardic Jewish community, Sebastian Babayoff, is murdered, and Maisie becomes entangled in the case, drawing the attention of the British Secret Service. Under the suspicious eye of a British agent, Maisie is pulled deeper into political intrigue on "the Rock" -- arguably Britain's most important strategic territory -- and renews an uneasy acquaintance in the process. At a crossroads between her past and her future, Maisie must choose a direction, knowing that England is, for her, an equally dangerous place, but in quite a different way.

April 19, 2015 AT 7 PM FINAL

BOOK SELECTION OF THE YEAR !

This is Where I Leave You by Jonathan Tropper

The death of Judd Foxman's father marks the first time that the entire Foxman family--including Judd's mother, brothers, and sister--have been together in years. Conspicuously absent: Judd's wife, Jen, whose fourteen-month affair with Judd's radio-shock-jock boss has recently become painfully public. Simultaneously mourning the death of his father and the demise of his marriage, Judd joins the rest of the Foxmans as they reluctantly submit to their patriarch's dying request: to spend the seven days following the funeral together. In the same house like a family!



**Welcome Shabbat with  
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toddlers, kids,  
parents, and  
grandparents!**

**All are welcome!**



**Fridays at 5:30, 11/6, 12/11 (Chanukah), 3/11, 5/6  
Saturday Mornings at 11: 2/20, 4/9**



## SPIRITUAL WRITING FOR PASSOVER

On Passover we experience our history through storytelling.  
Join Rabbi Sarah to explore your life story through spiritual writing.  
Thought provoking and inspirational writing prompts will be provided.  
Give yourself the gift of an hour of quiet and creativity.

Sunday, April 10, 2016

11:00am-12:00pm

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# CELEBRATE



## AT TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

Join us as we welcome Shabbat with stories, songs, activities, and snacks!

Friday, March 11th • 5:30-6:15pm

Wednesday, March 23rd • 5:30-6:15pm

Saturday, April 9th • 11:00-12:00pm

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Save the date for an upcoming  
TBS Kids field trip to Muscoot Farms!

Sunday, April 17th

11:00am-1:00pm

For more information and to RSVP please contact

Rachel Jurisz at [TBSKids@tbsmahopac.org](mailto:TBSKids@tbsmahopac.org)



Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel

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## Historic Agreement at the Kotel (Western Wall)

By Yizhar Hess, CEO Masorti Israel



A historic compromise that redefines the relationship between religion and state in Israel has been reached! After 25 years of fraught negotiations, for the first time in the history of the State of Israel, non-orthodox Judaism has achieved formal status in our holiest of places - the Kotel.

**Finally, there will be one Kotel:** Walking through one common entrance, visitors will be able to choose which part of the Kotel they would like to pray or visit - the Northern Plaza of the Western Wall which respects Orthodox custom, or the Southern Plaza that respects the egalitarian traditions of both Conservative and Reform Judaism. The two plazas, north and south, will provide Torah scrolls, siddurim, tables for Torah reading and everything necessary for every man and woman to pray as they see fit. Every month, Women of the Wall will be able to pray, undisturbed in the Southern Plaza.

**Equality and pluralism:** This agreement updates the protocols safeguarding the holy site, and for the first time in history, the following explicit words will appear in the law books of the State of Israel:

**"The customs of this site will be based on principles of pluralism and gender equality, and prayer at this site will be egalitarian and un-segregated, women and men together, without a partition."**

From today, every solution to every dispute must give expression to the simple, basic and natural fact that *there is more than one way to be Jewish*. While we did not achieve everything that we wanted, this day is a day of celebration for Jewish pluralism in Israel - for Conversion, Marriage and *Kashrut*.

This historic compromise represents so many achievements. The egalitarian plaza will have several large and extensive levels. Spreading out over an expanse that will include a raised prayer plaza (constructed) and all of the Herodian Street area, the entire prayer plaza will stand at almost 900 square meters (for means of comparison, the area is about 70% as large as the present men's section at the Western Wall and 130% larger than the present women's section).

A Public Council, to be appointed by the Prime Minister, will be headed by the Chairperson of the Jewish Agency and six representatives (two from each) from the Conservative Movement, the Reform Movement and Women of the Wall, alongside six professional representatives from the Prime Minister's office and various Ministries, as well as the Israel Antiquities Authority. **This is the first Statutory Council in which representatives of the Conservative and Reform Movements in Israel, by definition, will have been officially appointed to participate.**

The Conservative Movement in Israel is filled with pride because it was back in the year 2000, that we were the first to adopt the compromise resolution of Robinson's Arch. Since then, hundreds of thousands of Israelis, Conservative Jews and others from around the world were welcomed to the site to pray and to celebrate bnei mitzvah, and other special occasions.

Throughout that time, the Masorti Movement maintained regular prayer at the site, and absorbed all of the expenses, including the provision of Torah scrolls. We are proud that we were able to provide this service throughout this long transition period, and are very pleased to pass this heavy financial burden onto the shoulders of the Israeli government, as should have occurred long ago.

Thanks to this agreement, the Prime Minister's office will assign a permanent annual budget for the site's management, maintenance, marketing and religious services that will be provided to the public at-large.

Pearl and Ira Meyer were active members of our Temple Beth Shalom community as well as being advocates for Jewish youth. As many of you know, a number of years ago, Temple Beth Shalom received a sizable endowment from the estate of Pearl Meyer. Given her love of our community and her passion for making sure that Jewish ideals and knowledge continue to thrive through our young people, the Board of Trustees of Temple Beth Shalom has established

#### The Pearl and Ira Meyer Memorial Scholarship Fund

This fund will recognize graduating high school seniors from our Temple Beth Shalom community who have exhibited continued connection to our temple after B'nai Mitzvah throughout their years in high school. A maximum of two (2) \$500 awards will be given each year to graduating seniors who meet the criteria listed below. The Board of Trustees encourages all who meet the selection criteria to submit an application for this award by April 30, 2016.

The awards will be given out at the Men's Club Graduates Shabbat Service.

#### Selection Criteria:

1. Family must be a member in good standing at the time of application.
2. Family must be a continuous member of Temple Beth Shalom since the child was in 5th grade, meaning the family has been a continuous member of TBS since at least July 2009.
3. Child must actively participate in at least one of the following programs: Temple Beth Shalom TBS Teens, METNY USY, regular Shabbat services participant (lead services or read Torah) or reading Torah during High Holiday services at TBS.
4. Child must have attended Temple Beth Shalom religious school a minimum of 3 academic years, 5th, 6th and 7th grades, unless they attended Jewish Day School during that time period.
5. Child must have had their Bar/Bat Mitzvah service at Temple Beth Shalom.
6. Child must be planning to attend one of the following: a 2 or 4 year institution of higher learning in Fall 2016, enlistment in the US or Israeli military in 2016, or will be participating in a USCJ (Nativ) or other Jewish gap year program.
7. Complete an essay of no more than 500 words detailing how your outlook, experiences or development of your Jewish life has been enhanced by your participation in one of the programs listed in number 3 above.

Scholarships!

## *Joseph Sitt and Diane Von Furstenberg Behind \$12 Million Venice Ghetto Renewal* Submitted by Jeff Roberts

Thor Equities CEO Joseph Sitt and the designer Diane von Furstenberg are spearheading the fundraising effort for the \$12 million renovation of the historic Venice Jewish Ghetto. The two lead the Venetian Heritage Council.

Venice's historically-significant Jewish Museum and its three synagogues will receive a multi-million restoration on the 500-year anniversary of the creation of the city's Jewish Ghetto. The restoration is expected to both ease traffic and flow through the museum as well as restore the centuries-old Synagogues.

Established in 1516 when the Republic of Venice decreed that Jews had to live in a defined area of the city and follow specific rules, the Ghetto would become one of Europe's most culturally-rich communities. Three synagogues – German, Canton, and Italian – dating back to the Ghetto's founding now carry hundreds of years of history and disrepair. The \$12 million raised will go to the repair and reinforcement of walls and structures through the entire building, as well as the restoration of gilded

wooded panels bearing carved biblical features.

Numerous adornments and design elements that have suffered the weight of a half-millennium will also be renovated.

It will also expand and modernize its exhibition space, completely reorganize the exhibition routes, the connection of the ancient Italian synagogue to the exhibition route, and add additional museum wing, "This is a project long overdue and hugely important to European and Jewish identity. There are 500 years of cultural and religious importance residing within this community and it's imperative that we revive and revitalize it," said Joseph Sitt.

"As much as this renovation is about preserving the past and the rich history of the Venetian and Jewish communities, today is about the future. All of us are responsible for making sure that future generations – 500 years from today – have access to these stories of human culture and progress," said Diane von Furstenberg. In addition to the structural revitalization of the synagogues, we are vastly improving and upgrading the museum space.

## *The Significance and Value of Being Part of a Shiva Minyan by Lynn Michaels*

On November 9, 2015, my father died after a one week stay in hospice.

Shiva officially started that Wednesday so that we could wait for both my sisters to arrive in New York. There was a memorial service at Temple Beth Shalom. I was comforted in being able to say Kaddish in the presence of my community, my TBS family. I wanted to be among the people who knew me as one of their own, most of whom had already experienced what I was just beginning to go through. My mother and two sisters sat Shiva in my home from Wednesday thru Sunday. A few people came by during the day, and so did food. We didn't have to order food at all!! All of the food that came from my fellow congregants was more than abundant and delicious. Must have been the love that was added to it. So many people came each evening that we overflowed the living /dining room. Over the years, I have attended many Shiva minyanim and have had the privilege of leading a number of them. But this time, I let others lead it for me and what a difference that was! At those other services, I was consoling others. Now, I was the one being consoled.

Previously, I was there to comfort the mourners. Now I was the mourner in need of comforting.

As the service concluded, I had the opportunity to share memories of my father. Mentally, I had prepared a short list of broad topics that I could touch on, hoping that I would have something different to say each night. I needn't have worried. As I started to speak, each memory triggered a new memory, which in turn brought forth still other memories. I thought of things I had not thought of in decades. More importantly, I felt free to share these memories, here in the midst of this loving community.

I always understood the importance of attending Shiva Minyanim, but when I needed them, it really hit home. Being there to support a fellow congregant is so important.

I want to thank everyone for their show of support and love during this time – whether it was sending food, sending desserts, or just showing up.



# SISTERHOOD INVITES YOU TO AN ACRYLIC PAINTING PARTY

For more info call the office  
845-628-6133.  
Ask for Marge

Cost is \$35/person  
Includes group instructor and all materials

## Painting Party

**Date:**  
Sunday  
March 6th  
**Time:**  
2PM



Register by February 26th with payment to reserve your spot

Join us for a fundraiser to purchase a new meat freezer

## Wine Tasting Party

**Entry Fee:**  
\$15 for couple / \$10 for single  
Desserts will be served

**Saturday March 26th**

**7:30—10 PM**

*Come for a tasting or  
stay the evening and  
socialize with your  
fellow TBS members*

*14 Mancini Drive  
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598*

*Entry Fee Paid in Advance is required -  
online, or by check to the TBS office.  
RSUP must be received by March 23rd*



## NEW TBS BENEVOLENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

### NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.....

The *goal* of the BOC is to provide support to temple members (and families) who are either seriously ill or grieving the loss of a close family member

*Please consider adding your name to our **volunteer list** to assist with occasional transporting/delivering of meals to grieving families or those affected by serious illness.*

Adding your name to a volunteer list means you may be *occasionally* called upon to assist with a meal pick-up and/or delivery, or perhaps a home visit

There is no commitment required to becoming part of the Benevolent Outreach Committee/Volunteer Pool....it is our goal to have sufficient “back-up” established to address any requirements/needs our affected families may have

Please consider becoming a TBS *Outreach Volunteer!*

Contact Bev Petrone via email [ccodlight@comcast.net](mailto:ccodlight@comcast.net)  
or cell 914-262-1103

*Community \* Cooperation \* Caring*



## *You're Welcome By Steve Bettman*

If you are grateful for the love and support from the TBS community in your time of need... You're Welcome.

If you are not sure where you are on the spiritual spectrum... You're Welcome.

When you are thankful that someone remembered to turn on your loved one's yahrzeit light ... You're Welcome.

When you need to spend your weekend time with your ailing parents instead of breaking bread at a Shabbat Luncheon... You're Welcome.

When you are filled with appreciation for the wonderful work of our Hebrew School teachers working with your precious child... You're Welcome.

If your credit cards are pulled in a thousand different directions and you can't seem to find your way to 760 Route Six... You're Welcome.

The smile that crosses your face when you watch the Purim costume parade... You're Welcome.

If you don't know how to read Hebrew or do not keep a Kosher home... You're Welcome.

When you learn a thing or two about yourself from attending a programming speaker event... You're Welcome.

If the ritual aspect of Judaism is foreign and unknown to you... You're Welcome.

When your feet start to tap and your hands start to clap at the Blooming Seed... You're Welcome.

If you can count on one hand the number of times you've participated in a service at TBS... You're Welcome

The moment your son or daughter steps up to the bema to read their Bar/Bat Mitzvah aliyah and you think about thanking the TBS tutors... You're Welcome.

When you are newly married, no children and under-employed... You're Welcome.

When you are overcome with pride that Temple Beth Shalom stands as a bastion of Jewish Community in the North Country... You're Welcome

If you and your family are looking for something but just don't know what it is... You're Welcome

The fact is that no matter how you look at it... here in the warm, friendly, understanding, haimish, tolerant and value driven community at Temple Beth Shalom... You're Welcome.



## *Thoughts on the Blooming Seed Cafe By Phyllis Nadelhaft*



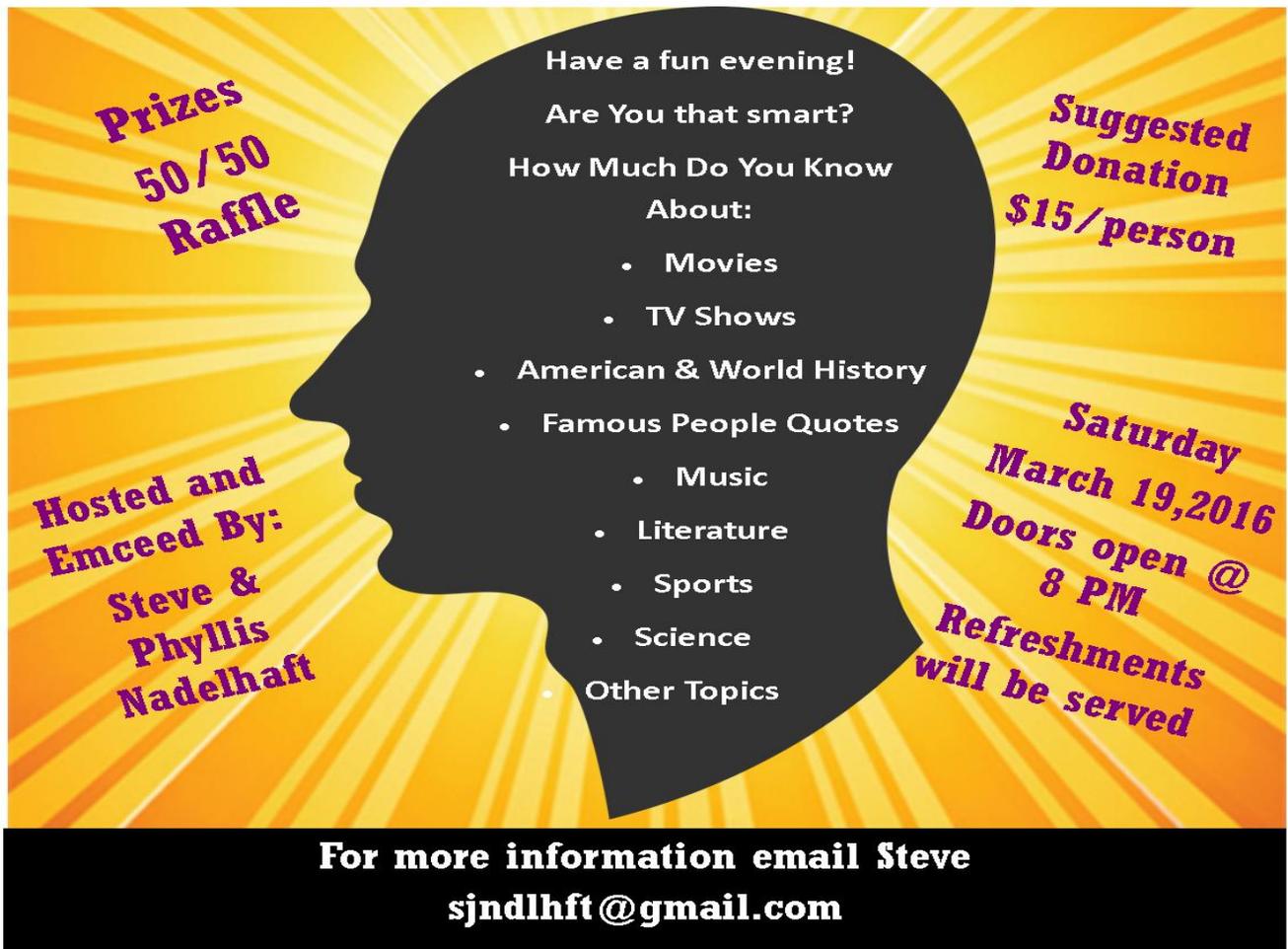
Saturday evening, January 30th all who attended **The Blooming Seed** were treated to a super show starring the duo of Scott and Beth Bierko, along with the trio of Nancy Hershatter, Dan Brodax and Joanne Davidson. As I have done before, I set up a table of my

handcrafted jewelry. It was given a shot in the arm by Scott announcing the sale as well as the fact that all proceeds were going to Temple Beth Shalom. My grand total was much more than I could have expected - and I personally added a bit more to make the donation to the Temple a nice round number!!!

Here's to **The Blooming Seed** - may its attendance continue to grow in leaps and bounds.



# TRIVIA NIGHT



**Prizes**  
**50/50**  
**Raffle**

**Hosted and Emceed By:**  
**Steve & Phyllis Nadelhaft**

Have a fun evening!  
Are You that smart?  
How Much Do You Know About:

- Movies
- TV Shows
- American & World History
- Famous People Quotes
  - Music
  - Literature
  - Sports
  - Science
  - Other Topics

**Suggested Donation**  
**\$15/person**

**Saturday**  
**March 19, 2016**  
**Doors open @ 8 PM**  
**Refreshments will be served**

**For more information email Steve**  
**[sjndlhft@gmail.com](mailto:sjndlhft@gmail.com)**

**This event is a fundraiser for TBS!!**

**Let us know you are coming by calling Steve or Phyllis at**  
**(914) 248-8472**

**Or email—[sjndlhft@gmail.com](mailto:sjndlhft@gmail.com)**

**RSVP no later than March 5th.**

**A minimum of 30 people is required to make this a success.**

*Travel with Temple Beth Shalom at Temple Beth Shalom By Marge Pollack*

## A NIGHT IN THE PIAZZA

Come and travel to Italy with Temple Beth Shalom on Sunday - April 10, 2016 at 5:00 pm!

At TBS (even without a passport and no security) you can learn about many sites and towns rich in architecture, sculpture, paintings, museums along with historical artifacts, religious churches and temples.

Tap your senses by listening to Italian music, by seeing a short film, by tasting a delicious appetizer and a pasta entree followed by dolce and cafe for dessert. Drink some Vino!

Learn from our guest speaker, Professor Giuseppe Spedaliere who teaches at Westchester Community College, Concordia College and at White Plains High School. His subjects of expertise are Basic Italian, Conversational Italian with Grammar in addition to Italian Films and Etymology. Often he will extend his lectures (in English) to include interesting material of past and modern day events in Italy. He is sure to enlighten us on why tourists are attracted to visit Italy and why they keep returning! Professor Spedaliere also conducts group trips each summer to different regions of the country. These trips are sponsored by the Westchester Italian Cultural Center located at One Generoso Pope Place in Tuckahoe, New York.

You can make your reservation with payment of \$15.00 for this exciting travel program by calling the office of Temple Beth Shalom at (845) 628-6133 and ask for Marge Pollack.



*Travel with TBS  
To Italy*

**April 10th  
5:00 PM**

RSVP By April 1st To  
[office@tbsmahopac.org](mailto:office@tbsmahopac.org)

## *Jewish Surnames: Part II By Jeff Roberts*

Many names are descended from the towns they lived in such as Berliner, Bachrach  
and Guggenheim

Here are other names with their meanings

### OCCUPATIONAL NAMES

NAMES	MEANINGS
Abzug	Printer
Ackerman	Plowman
Becker	Baker
Berger	Shepherd
Bodner	Cooper Barrel Maker
Braverman	Brewer
Brenner	Distiller
Feder	Scribe with Quill Pen
Korff	Basketmaker
Kramer	Merchant
Lederer	Tanner
Meltxner	Malt Dealer
Metzger	Butcher
Pomerantz	Orange (fruit) dealer
Portnoy	Tailor
Schechter	Slaughter of Mean
Singer	Cantor
Weber	Weaver
Weiner	Wine Seller

### NAMES FROM ABBREVIATIONS

NAMES	MEANINGS
Brock	Ben (son of) Rabbi Akiva
Katz	Kohen Tzedek-Priest of righteousness
Rabad	Rosh av Bet Din-Head of Religious Court
Schatz	Sheliach Tzibur-minister of the Congregation

## PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS OR NICKNAMES

NAMES	MEANINGS
Bogatch	Rich
Erlich	Honet
Friedman	Free
Sommer	Summer
Springer	Vivacious

## TRIBAL NAMES

NAMES	MEANINGS
Cohen,Hohen,Kogen,Kahane,Kahn,Kaplan	Descended from Priests
Levy,Levin,Levine,Levinsky,Levitan,Levitt,LevitanskyLevinthal,Ssegal,Chagall	Assistant to Levite

## NAMES WITH PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

NAMES	MEANINGS
Bleich	Pale
Gelbart	Yellow-Bearded
Gross	Large
Jung	Young
Klein	Small
Kraus	Curly
Krumein	Bowlegged
Kurtz	Short
Mankuta	Left-Handed
Roth	Red
Rothbart	Red-Bearded
Schnell	Fast
Schwartz	Black
Schwartzbart	Black-Bearded
Stark	Strong
Steinhard	Hard as Stone
Weisbard	White-Bearded

*Passover By Rabbi Sarah*

**EREV PESAH SIYUM**

The sunrise to sunset *ta'anit* (fast) *bekhorim* (of the firstborn), which occurs on the day before Passover, is the only fast that applies to just a segment of the community: all males who are the firstborn children in their families (if the firstborn child is female, the first son born after her is not obligated).

There is a widely practiced exemption: On the principle that fasting is prohibited on a joyous occasion, Judaism allows for anyone who attends a religious feast to forego fasting. It is customary to hold a celebratory meal on the completion of study of a tractate of rabbinic literature, called a *siyyum* (conclusion). So the sages initiated the practice of studying the end of a tractate after morning services on Erev Pesach followed by a celebratory meal.

At 9:00 am Friday, April 22nd, the firstborn in each family is invited to the Siyum B'khorim, led by Rabbi Sarah. We'll study Torah and enjoy breakfast together in the Oy Vey Café.

**Is it Kosher for Passover?**

Passover has its own special rules of kashrut. On Pesach, Jews are forbidden from owning or consuming hametz (flour, food or drink made from the prohibited species of leavened grain: wheat, oats, barley, rye or spelt).

While historically, most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods (*kitniyot*) to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas; however, string beans are permitted), this year the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has ruled that *kitniyot* are acceptable for consumption by Ashkenazi Jews. For more information on the CJLS ruling: <http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/halakhah/teshuvot/2011-2020/Levin-Reisner-Kitniyot.pdf>

**TO SELL YOUR HAMETZ**

The Torah prohibits the ownership of hametz (flour, food or drink made from the prohibited species of leavened grain: wheat, oats, barley, rye or spelt) during Pesah. Ideally we burn or remove all hametz from our premises which may be affected by

donations to a local food pantry. In some cases, however, this would cause prohibitive financial loss. In such cases, we arrange for the sale of the hametz to a non-Jew and its repurchase after Pesah. You can arrange for this sale of your Hametz by sending the following form to Rabbi Sarah at the Temple office **no later than Wednesday, April 20th.**

It is customary to include a donation to provide *Maot Hittin* funds for Passover supplies for the needy. Please make checks payable to Temple Beth Shalom which will contribute to *maot hittin* on everyone's behalf.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Temple Beth Shalom  
790 Route 6  
Mahopac, New York 10541

Dear Rabbi Sarah Freidson:

Please act as my agent for this sale of any hametz on my premises.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my contribution to sell my hametz.

**BEDIKAT HAMETZ**

One of the required holiday ceremonies is Bedikat Hametz, searching for leaven. On the night before the first seder, Thursday, April 21st, we conduct a candle-lit search through our home to ensure that no hametz is still present. It is a brief ceremony in which the entire family can and should participate.

- 1. Make sure that all hametz has been removed or locked away with the exception of what will be needed for the morning.

## Passover (continued) By Rabbi Sarah

2. Carefully hide some crumbs of bread. This is to insure that the blessing and the ceremony will not be performed in vain.

3. Take a candle, a feather or brush, and a box or cloth for the crumbs, and recite this blessing:

*Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheynu Melekh haolam asher kidshanu b' mitzvotav v'tsivanu al biur hametz.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us with the commandments and commanded us to remove all leaven.

4. Perform the search and gather up all the crumbs. Tie them in a bundle which will be burned the next morning. Feel free to (safely) burn it on your own.

5. Recite the following: All manner of leaven which is in my possession, that I have not seen or removed shall be annulled and void of any ownership and considered as the dust of the earth. (The Aramaic for this can be found in the front of your Haggadah.)

6. On Friday, April 22nd, at or before 10:00 am, burn the leaven and recite the formula below:

All manner of leaven which is in my possession, that I have seen or not seen, that I have removed or not removed, that I have destroyed or not destroyed shall be annulled and void of my ownership and considered as the dust of the earth.

(The Aramaic for this can be found in the front of your Haggadah.)



# 2016 Community Passover Seder

## at Temple Beth Shalom

### Saturday, April 23, 2016

### 6:00 PM

### All are welcome

### Save the Date

*Subsidies: "All who are hungry, let them come and eat; all who are needy let them come and celebrate." Full and partial subsidies are available, so please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Sarah (all requests are confidential).*

**Growing Close: Ancient Rabbis and iPhones By Jonathan Billig, Nature Educator**

*Sometimes I wonder what I'm doing with my life, having gotten B.A. degrees in the Hebrew Bible and History, then promptly becoming an urban food educator en route to a master's of science and my current path. On other days, I'm immensely grateful for it all; the confluence I represent, and the perspective it allows me to begin to explore.*

If you're reading this, you're both natural and un-natural. On the one hand, nature is simply *what is*. Rather than trying to tease out where nature begins and humans end, sometimes it's useful to see everything as nature, albeit more or less *wild* or beyond deliberate human influence.

Yet this argument is a bit too inclusive, perhaps, for our radically new moment in time: how can I, a (mostly) hairless mammal writing down words on a digital machine plugged into an electric grid, claim that there is nothing more than "nature" going on here? Haven't we, as humans, stepped out of the realm of nature?

The ancient rabbis of the Talmud can help us navigate this paradox of an all-inclusive nature contrasted with a nature that is separate from humans. Those rabbis were not intimidated by paradox; they were engaged in a tradition that worshipped the One God of Everything, a presence transcending and determining all, yet also in love with a very particular people. Such a God would by definition relate to our most intimate neurons and transcend our wildest dreams (and utterly defy definition.)

The Rabbis present an example of how we can be *drawn in* by the challenge of a paradox, rather than confounded or even repulsed. This is not to say that the paradox of God is the same as the paradox of Nature and our relationship to it. It is to say that, for

those who hold nature dear in these confusing times, there is much to learn from an ancient tradition that also holds at its heart a kind of paradox.

What if we could welcome the paradoxes that generate us, rejoicing in our deep and vital connection to nature while celebrating and mobilizing our unique beauty as humans?

I happen to think our planet (which I feel we are a part of, not apart from,) is in trouble. To address the challenges we face, we'll need both our skills and our sense of wonder, of humility. As I take action, I also take guidance from the ancient rabbis of the talmud, who pray to a relative God when it works, and then part the veil and access a transcendent God, a presence that pulses through every atom of the universe, when that is expedient. This mix of hubris and humility, of agency and quiet wonder, is exactly the approach I think we need to employ- we can't just sit back and let things take their course, but it would be too much to claim that we know how to steer this ship.

If you don't agree with my assessment of our planet's situation, thank you for sticking with me and reading this far. Maybe you can apply the ancient rabbi's mix of hubris and humility to any other issue (or joy, for that matter,) that you face in your life. It seems to me that it's all the same work anyway, healing the world one vital piece at a time.

See Synder, G. (2010). *The practice of the wild*. Berkeley, CA: Counterpoint.

Michaelson, J. (2009). *Everything is god*. Massachusetts: Trumpeter Books

**Schedule of Services**

<p><b>Regular Shabbat Services</b>                  Friday Evenings 8:00 pm                  (April 22 canceled - Seder)                  Saturday Morning 9:45am</p> <p><b>Shabbat Chavayah - Sat 9:00am</b>                  March 5, 2016                  April 2, 2016</p> <p><b>Tot Shabbat—Sat @ 11:0am</b>                  April 9, 2016</p>	<p><b>Candle Lighting</b></p> <p>03/04/16 5:32 PM                  03/11/16 5:39 PM                  03/18/16 6:47 PM                  03/25/16 6:55 PM                  04/01/16 7:02 PM                  04/08/16 7:10 PM                  04/15/16 7:18 PM                  04/22/16 7:25 PM                  04/28/16 7:32 PM</p>	<p>04/29/16 7:33 PM</p> <p>05/06/16 7:40 PM</p> 
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## ***Rabbi Barbara Aiello and the Jews of Southern Italy Submitted By Jeff Roberts***

*The Haplogroup G2c (Y-DNA) which is associated with about 40% of the Ashkenazi Jewish population has been linked to the Jews of Sicily who in part migrated to Calabria then onto other parts of Europe. In addition to the Ashkenazi, Haplogroup G2c is also present in the population of modern Calabrians and their descendants, indicating a common ancestry between the two groups.*

Every Monday and Thursday in the 1920s Antonio Aiello dutifully traveled 25 kilometers from his Calabrian hometown of Serrastretta to study the Torah, the Jewish holy book, at the home of a man known as the “Rav,” or rabbi. He often hitched a ride on an artichoke cart, or so he told his daughter Barbara Aiello, who is now a rabbi.

The darker side of the story is that no Jews were officially said to reside in Calabria at the time. The Spanish Inquisition and subsequent Roman Catholic persecution had decimated a once-flourishing Jewish community. Jews had been expelled or forced to convert. For a time, so-called “new Christians” held onto their Jewish ways through closed doors. Jewish holidays were celebrated secretly. Gradually, the “marranos” — or crypto-Jews — were assimilated into Catholic society, eradicating most traces of Jewish life from southern Italy.

Now, signs of a hidden past are emerging. In 1986, archeologists discovered the ruins of a synagogue they speculated was built under the Roman Empire. First signs pointed to a Roman settlement until archeologists found floor mosaic depicting a seven-branched candelabrum, the Jewish menorah. “No one had any idea a Jewish community existed there,” Elio Toaff, the then-chief rabbi of Rome told the New York Times.

Barbara Aiello’s presence in the region reflects some of this complicated personal and spiritual history. Fulfilling a promise she made to father Antonio, she is now the rabbi in tiny Serrastretta’s “Ner Tamid del Sud” (Eternal Light of the South) synagogue. It’s the first active synagogue in Calabria in five centuries. Its historical context is anything but new. Judaism, though forced underground, really left, says Aiello. “In nearly every small town and village there are remnants of Jewish cultural and tradition that thrived here as early as 2,000 years ago.”

Both Aiello’s immigrant parents descended from crypto-Jewish families. In Pittsburgh, her

grandmother went to the basement to light Shabbat candles. “We’re in America now! There’s

religious freedom here!” Antonio told his mother, Aiello’s grandmother. “You never know,” was her solemn rebuttal.

Antonio Aiello was a GI in Europe during World War II. He was present at the liberation of the Buchenwald death camp. “Do something for the Jewish people,” he implored his daughter. She became a rabbi.

Her career has included an apprenticeship in the Virgin Islands, a seminary in New York City, and a rabbinate in Florida. Five years ago she accepted a job at Milan’s Lev Chadash (New Heart) synagogue, making her Italy’s first non-Orthodox rabbi. After the Lev Chadash experience, she decided it was time to make good on her promise to her father.

She arrived in Serrastretta two years ago and is known by the locals as “the woman who bought the house” — a house that in fact has been in her family for generations. She bought adjoining units to make space for the synagogue. Gradually, Aiello discovered that Serrastretta is full of Jews. Many are finally ready to start talking about their faith. She spoke to Marc di Martino.

You’ve brought what some refer to as “Americanisms” to the Italian Jewish scene. Do you look at yourself as an outsider or as an Italian Jew with a different tradition?

The latter: an Italian-American Jew, who, as a rabbi, is above all else a Jew. I work to revive Jewish tradition that is uniquely Italian in a place, Calabria, where many believe Italian Jewish tradition was born. Because I’m an American some can view this as an insurmountable cultural obstacle. But I don’t think so. I was raised with Italian Jewish traditions as well as a “marrano” background, in that my family’s heritage dates back to the time of the Inquisition and forced conversions. This [common] heritage ... seems to overcome the other more obvious cultural differences.

After two years at in Milan, which has the second largest Jewish population in Italy, you opened a synagogue in Calabria. Not exactly an ideal stomping grounds for a rabbi — let alone an American woman.



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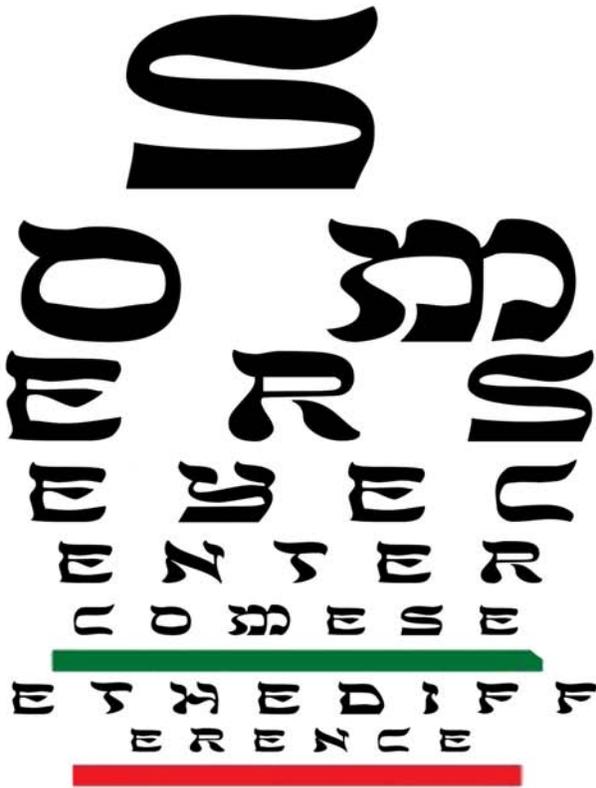
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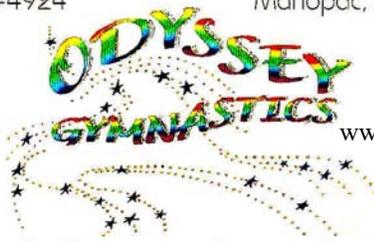
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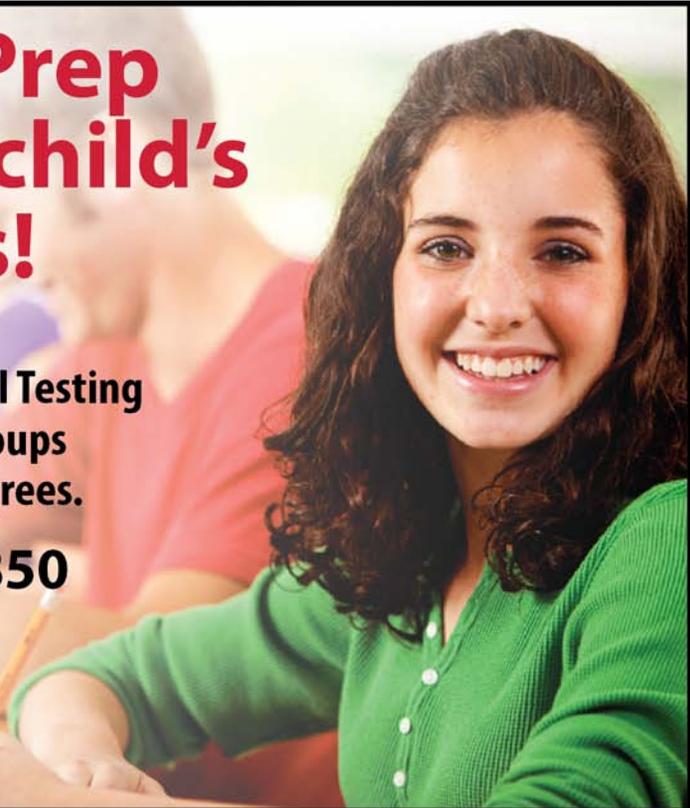
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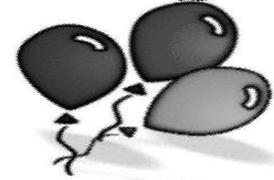
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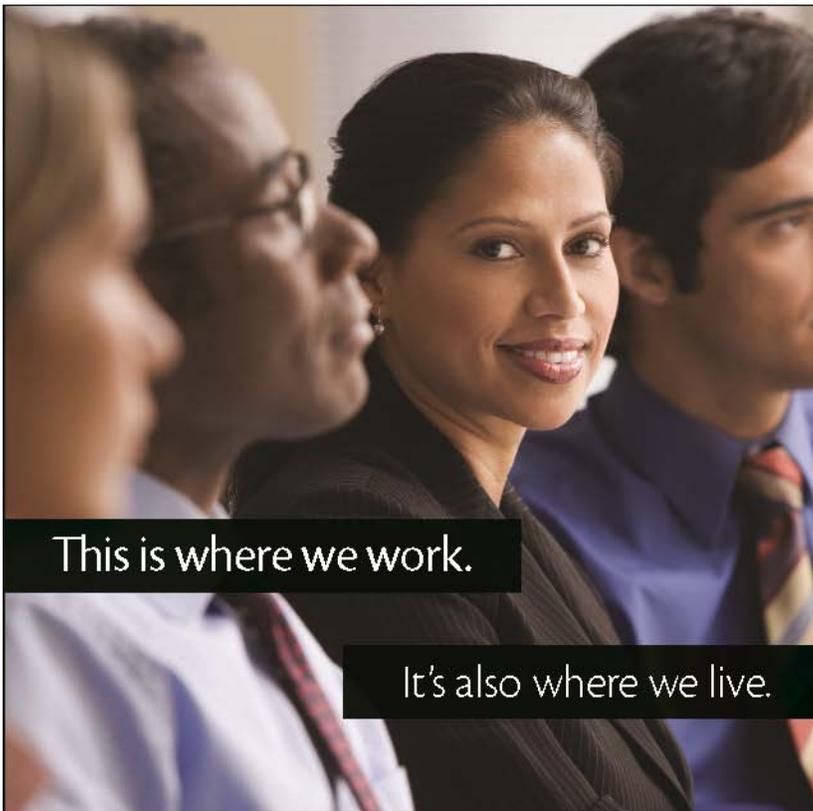
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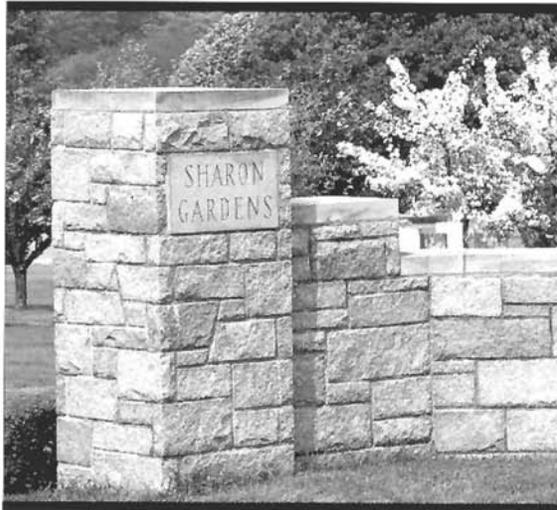
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