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Celebrate Purim!

Sunday, March 17

Purim Carnival 10:00 a.m.



Wednesday, March 20

Purim family Dinner 6:00 p.m.

& Family Service 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23

Purim Ball

(costumes optional)

Festivities from 8:30 p.m. –Midnight



5779
2019

March

adar I
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SUNDAY

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26 adar I

No Sunday School
Men's Club Children's
Breakfast 9:30 a.m.

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27 adar I

Minyan 6:30 p.m.
"How To Be President"
Candidate (John Delaney)
Interview #1 7:00 p.m.

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28 adar I

BRCA Gene
Information Program
7:00 p.m.

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29 adar I

Avodah Shebalev
9:30 a.m.
BABKA 8:00 p.m.
Forest Dark by
Nicole Krauss

7

30 adar I

Torah Study 10:30 a.m.

8

1 adar II

CL: 5:28
Yedidim Build a Shabbat
Workshop 4:45
Dale/Hai Class Service
8:00 p.m.

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2 adar II

Services 9:30 a.m.
Jr. Congregation
10:00 a.m.

Vayakhel
SHABBAT SHEKALIM

10

3 adar II

Kitah Vav Fam. Program
9:30 a.m.
Teen Philanthropy
12:30 p.m.
Conversational Hebrew
3:00 p.m. & 4:15 p.m.

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4 adar II

Ritual Comm. 8:00 p.m.

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5 adar II

Sisterhood Bd. Meeting
O/S 6:30 p.m.

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6 adar II

Lifelong Learning
Comm. 8:00 p.m.

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7 adar II

Torah Study 10:30 a.m.

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8 adar II

CL: 6:34
Services 8:00 p.m.

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9 adar II

Services 9:30 a.m.
Tot Shabbat - 10 a.m.
Family Shabbat 10 a.m.
Lunch & Learn

Vayikra
SHABBAT ZACHOR

17

10 adar II

Purim Carnival
10:00 a.m.

18

11 adar II

Beyond "Love the
Stranger": The Ethics of
Borders & Immigration
6:15 p.m. - led by Rabbi
Jon

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12 adar II

B.O.D. 6:30 p.m.

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13 adar II

Avodah Shebalev 9:30 a.m.
Purim Fam. Dinner 6:00 p.m.
& Service 6:30 p.m.
SPRING BEGINS
FAST OF ESTHER
MEGILLAH READING

21

14 adar II

Torah Study 10:30 a.m.

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15 adar II

CL: 6:42
Services 8:00 p.m.

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16 adar II

Services 9:30 a.m.
Yedidim PopUp Potluck
Havdalah 5:00 p.m.
Purim Ball 8:30 p.m.

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17 adar II

Conv.Heb. 3 & 4:15 p.m.

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18 adar II

Beyond "Love the
Stranger": The Ethics of
Borders & Immigration
6:15 p.m. - led by Rabbi
Jon

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19 adar II

Torah Study 10:30 a.m.

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20 adar II

Torah Study 10:30 a.m.

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21 adar II

International Shabbat
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Services 8:00 p.m.

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22 adar II

CL: 6:50

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23 adar II

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24 adar II

Yedidim Fam.Sun.Sch. 10 a.m.
Conv.Heb. 3 & 4:15 p.m.

Shmini
SHABBAT PARAH

Tell Me About Friendship

There's a word I use all the time, and a lot of us use all the time. It's a word I have a really hard time defining: Community.



Rabbi Spira-Savett

Some things we say about community: It's something everybody wants. It's something everybody needs. It's the essence of Judaism.

But what is it?

You've heard me ask this question more than once, in Yom Kippur services and at the annual business meetings of the congregation. I've studied sociology since college, and I have read a lot of books and articles, especially from Jewish scholars. I still don't have a 100%, rock-solid definition of community. Any good definition I have seen or come up with fails one or two of the statements above for many people I talk

with in our... community! Meaning it's not what that person thinks she wants or needs or experiences to be the essence of Judaism.

So I'm going about figuring out what community is from a different direction. My colleague Allison Cook, a scholar of Jewish education, said once in a conference session that *community* is like a complex chemical compound. There are connections between people that are more elemental, atomic. We should figure those out first, and that will help us get at the bigger, more complicated thing called *community*.

As one part of that research into what community is or could be, I want to learn more about *friendship*.

Friendship is a compound too, but it's less complex than community. If community is like a complex carbohydrate, friendships are more like water. Not all relationships within a

community are friendships, or even should be. But friendship is good in itself, and looking there might hold some clues about community as well.

I would love to hear from you about friendship.

What does friendship mean to you? What kind of a friend are you to other people? What different kinds of friendship do you have? What's the story behind the friendships you have since you started living here – how and where and when did these friendships start?

Is friendship here different from other places you have lived? How does geography shape friendship – living in a city or suburb vs. a spread-out town? Living in a place with relatively few gathering places, compared to the big cities?

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Purim Is Coming. Let's Party!

Dear Friends,

This year is a leap year in the Jewish calendar. The Rabbis figured out that in 7 out of 19 years, the Jewish calendar needs to add a whole extra month. This ensures that the many Jewish festivals that have roots in agriculture occur in the right season of the year. Remember that the lunar calendar has 354 days vs. 365 for a Gregorian calendar. As this is a Jewish leap year, we have a second month of Adar. In this circumstance we delay celebrating Purim until the 14th day



President David Sacks

of the 2nd month of Adar known in Hebrew as *Adar Sheni*.

So we have been technically been waiting a whole extra month for Purim. Oy gevalt! We have been blessed with so much celebration in the Boston area recently, especially since the Patriots have won the Super Bowl to add to the Red Sox triumph in the World Series a short 94 days before. Are you like me, thinking, OK, Valentines Day is over, now what? Or, is this the post Super Bowl post Valentines Day hangover? No. Purim is coming... and it is time to party!

Temple Beth Abraham goes all out for Purim.

We have an excellent Purim fundraiser of sending *Mishloach Manot* baskets. We get to sponsor baskets which leads to another mitzvah. We raise money for our very excellent Religious School. Please support this great mitzvah laden initiative...

We have our family *Megillah* service on Wednesday March 13, at 6 p.m. where we read an abbreviated version of the *Megillah*, the biblical story of Esther and Purim. We still

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Is friendship different in the more private culture of New Hampshire, compared to loud, in-your-business New York or Boston?

What are your expectations about friendship? Your hopes about friends you have, or about making new friends? What are your disappointments and challenges around friendship? How have these changed for you from earlier adulthood to now?

How does having kids shape friendship? How does not having kids shape friendship?

If you're inclined, write me a note about any of these. Or better yet, let's sit down for an hour over coffee or in your den. I'm looking for nuggets here, patterns, themes that can help me understand how it is that people do connect and wish you could connect. Descriptions and yearnings-- both are important.

While you have an e-mail open, or are looking at a calendar for a good time to talk – let me tell you about a friendship-related mitzvah for Purim. *Mish'loach Manot* means “sending portions” of food to friends. The Megillah says that after Esther and Mordechai had rallied the Jews of the Persian empire to defend themselves against the edict of genocide, the two of them ordained one of the annual practices of the festive anniversary to be *Mish'loach Manot*. The mitzvah is to bring at least two different items of food to a friend or neighbor. It has nothing to do with need. It's a way of bringing a connection to the surface by doing something specific and concrete for that other person.

You should fulfill this mitzvah personally toward (at least!) one other person. And another way you can participate is through the synagogue's *Mish'loach Manot*

fundraiser. You can send to many people through us. Everyone gets a package with a list of the people who donated in their honor. We raise nearly \$9,000 toward our school and educational programs. You can participate online or bring in the form that's in this bulletin.

One great experience of community (!) is volunteering to deliver baskets on Sunday, March 17 after the Purim carnival. Make connections with familiar and new people and help link us all together. To volunteer, contact Terry Watterson or the main office.

Chag Purim Samayach – A joyous Purim festival,

Rabbi Jon

get to make a huge amount of noise as we blot out the name of Roger Goodell, oops... (just kidding) ... I mean Haman. There is a family dinner and so much fun, food, merriment... By Jewish tradition, we are supposed to drink so much that we cannot tell the difference between the Jewish hero, Mordechai and the dark villain, Haman. If this is your plan, please arrange a “Juber” (is that an idea of a business or what?) or a friend to give you a ride to ensure that you enjoy yourself to the fullest and get home safely... I really look forward to this fun event that is capped off by the fun Purim shpiel.

We have a Purim Masquerade Ball on Saturday night, March 23 from 8:30 p.m. until midnight that

is being organized jointly by the Sisterhood and Men's Club. I cannot wait to see you all. I am working on my mask. No early reveal here. This should be an evening of great music, food and dance and we can celebrate our wonderful TBA community.

Allow me to mention one more fun event. We have the return of the International Dinner Series. This time, we get to experience the mouthwatering tastes of Morocco on Friday March 29 at 6 p.m. By the way, Vera and I are happily sponsoring the wine and so please come enjoy the libations with great food followed by an upbeat service. We typically get around 100 or so people so make your reservation early and make it a Shabbat family affair.

PS: There is a good selection of Kosher wines at the NH Liquor stores around the area – we use the one at exit 6 on the Everett Turnpike. We have had good luck with very nice wines from Israel, Spain and other countries.

Mi-she-nichnas Adar marbim b'simcha. When Adar comes, our cup runneth over with joy.

Let's Party!

Best wishes

David Sacks

March Service Schedule

Services are held every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted), Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Monday –Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT SERVICE

March 8

Dalet/Hai Service 8:00 p.m.

March 9

Jr. Congregation

March 16

Tot Shabbat

Family Shabbat Service 10:30
(bagel breakfast 10 a.m.)

Lunch & Learn following services

March 20

Purim family Dinner 6 PM &
Family Service 6:30 p.m.

**Minyan will be
at 6:30 p.m. on
Monday March 4.**

Community News

Best Wishes to:

- Carol & Phil Levy on the birth of grandson, Jacob Levy
- Rena & Ernie Perelmutter on the birth of great granddaughter, Maren Beatrice Jennings
- Toby & Jason Marshall on the birth of granddaughter, Maren Beatrice Jennings
- Marlene & Jason Gallant on the birth of their grandson Benjamin Edward Gallant

Deepest Sympathy to:

- Kelly Garnick on the loss of her beloved father, Richard Magoon
- Marlene Grosky on the loss of her beloved husband, Richard Grosky

Welcome New Members:

Miriam & Sam Bogen (Tyngsboro)

To all those people in our community who are ill, we wish you a complete & speedy recovery.

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Dalet / Hai Class Service

Friday, March 8



Join our Dalet and Hai (grades 4 & 5) class as they lead us in Friday Night Shabbat Services!

Services begin at 8:00 p.m. and will be followed by an Oneg sponsored by the students' families.

Be sure to come to this special service and support our students!



School and Family Education Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 3	No Religious School – final weekend of February break
Friday, March 8	Dalet / Hai Class Service Join us in support of our Dalet and Hai (grades 4&5) class as they lead our congregation in Friday night Shabbat services.
Friday, March 8	Yedidim Build-a-Shabbat Workshop A light child-friendly dinner, activity and special service (see Yedidim page for more information)
Saturday, March 9	Junior Congregation
Sunday, March 10	BAP (Beth Abraham Philanthropists) teen session
Saturday, March 16	Tot Shabbat A fun and engaging event for children 1-5 years old with introduction to Shabbat and other Jewish Holidays through music, crafts, reading and more! Younger siblings are welcome!
Saturday, March 16	Family Shabbat Morning Service This special learning service is created for our families with children in Gimel through Vav (grades 3-6). (Younger siblings are welcome.) The service begins at 10:30 a.m. but there will be a light bagel breakfast at 10:00 a.m. in the gallery. <i>Please note the new time.</i>
Sunday, March 17	Purim Carnival 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – held in the synagogue (See flyer for more details)
Wednesday, March 20	Purim Family Dinner and Service
Saturday, March 23	Yedidim Popup Potluck Havdalah (See Yedidim page for more information)
Sunday, March 31	Yedidim Family Sunday School (See Yedidim Page for more information)

Sponsorship Opportunities

As part of our ongoing caring for the physical needs of the synagogue we have a number of sponsorship opportunities both large and small.

- **School:** We recently had to redo the school roof and remove the skylights, which were leaking. Several substantial donations enabled us to accomplish most of this work. We still need to complete the interior ceiling restoration. Sponsorship opportunity: \$10,000
- **School Security:** A very generous donation is making it possible for us to upgrade the school entryway to enhance security. Several additional items are required including a camera, video door-bells, electrical work, etc. Sponsorship opportunity: \$1,000
- **The Sanctuary:** We need to acquire and install a fan for the sanctuary ceiling, provide for the electrical and installation work it requires. Sponsorship opportunity: \$5,000
- **Memorial Display:** We are adding two panels to our memorial display in the chapel. Sponsorship opportunity: \$4,000

Each of these can be broken down into smaller pieces (1 video door bell, \$200). If you would like to contribute to the sponsorship of any of these needs, please contact the office, the treasurer, or Mike Harris.

“The Ties That Bind Us”

Recently I came across a worn sticky note that had written upon it: “Let every heart rejoice in the heritage that warmly binds us to each other.” I



Director of Education
and Family Engagement
Noreen Leibson

have no idea how long ago I discovered this deeply compelling phrase but I am very glad it came back into my life at this time.

What community do you align with or feel a part of, or identify with? As you think about the communities to which you belong, you will see that there are sub-communities within larger communities. I am part of the greater Jewish worldwide community as well as the Beth Abraham community. But I am also a part of a Camp Ramah community where I continue to enjoy the delight of my relationship with my camp friends. As a member of a community, I have a responsibility to that community and to the individual members.

Currently, we see communities struggling both within the community and outside of the community. We see the struggles in our governing bodies and even within our synagogue community. Struggle in itself is not necessarily negative; it is *how* we manage the struggles that matter. I think that within the core of connecting to others and building community, we need to have love and respect for each other. This brings me back to my sticky note. It reminds me that our shared heritage binds us together. Each of us needs to

support our shared community. In addition, we need to rejoice in our shared heritage. Our shared heritage goes back thousands of years, and yet it is also very current. We accept the *warm bindings of our heritage* and yet move forward by making it relevant to our lives today. When we do this, we are adding to this wondrous heritage and then handing it down to our children and sharing it within our community.

So let us seek joy in our lives through our Jewish community. In late January and February, our students gathered around a large table to begin creating their leaves for our *Etz Brachot*, our Tree of Blessings Project. From our youngest 3 year-olds to our Zayin students (grade 7), everyone found their own joy in making their own leaf. The materials used were cardboard, paint, buttons, ribbons, yarn; all recycled items. The absolute beauty in this project is how unique each leaf is. Soon the leaves will be ready to receive the personal blessing each student wrote. Once this is done, the leaves will be attached to the tree; a permanent, all-season tree always in full bloom. We will let you know when you can visit the school to view our *Etz Brachot*. If you would like to add a blessing to our *Etz Brachot*, please be in touch with me. Thank you to congregants Laura Hegfield and Liz Eckley for spearheading the project!

Besides the active learning we do each school day, we are looking forward to our special, and always enjoyable, program coming up with Purim. Like in past years, we will host a simply, marvelous carnival where children of all ages can

try their hand at winning a prize. Come in costume – no age limits with that. We are looking for volunteers to create and run a booth at our carnival this year. If you are interested, please be in touch with me. We want to raise the roof with the wacky times associated with Purim, and to do that we need you!

Speaking of a great Purim tradition, it is time to send *Mish'loach Manot* to your friends and family. The mitzvah of giving a basket of food to others comes from The Book of Esther. According to Jewish law each Jewish adult is expected to send a food basket containing at least two types of food to at least one friend. As in past years, the school helps you fulfill this mitzvah by making baskets that you order from us to be delivered to your friends and family.

Our goal is to get everyone, especially school families, to send at least two baskets to two people that you care about. Fulfill a mitzvah and help the school at the same time by your donation. By sending in \$18, you can have two baskets delivered to two people of your choice. What could be better than that? Do a mitzvah and help the school! See the order form in the bulletin or on our synagogue website.

In conclusion, let's all reach for the connections and traditions that bind us to each other.

Chag Purim Sameach!

Noreen



YEDIDIM
Bringing Jewish Families Together

MARCH EVENTS

A few snapshots of our recent Build-a-Shabbat and Popup Potluck Havdalah programs.



Yedidim Director
Jessie Mocle



Build-a-Shabbat Workshop

Your kids will love this creative approach to celebrating Shabbat! Join us for a Shabbat-related project, kid-approved dinner and short, joyful, Friday night service. Your kids will receive their own Build-a-Shabbat Workshop apron. If your child attends all of the workshops, they will earn a certificate of achievement and a special gift! Build memories with your child, and enjoy using the special crafts they create at your own Shabbat table!

Register at www.tbanashua.org/yedidim.html

Friday, March 8, 4:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Temple Beth Abraham



Back By Popular Demand: YEDIDIM DAD'S NIGHT OUT!

Dads: take some time for yourself this month, and enjoy the Bruins with other Yedidim dads! Hockey, frosty beverages and adult conversation - sounds like a plan! Yedidim Dad's Night Out takes place this month at **Boston Billiard Club & Casino!** Be there before the puck drops at 7:00pm as the Bruins play Columbus.

Register at www.tbanashua.org/yedidim.html

Saturday, March 16, 6:45 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Boston Billiard Club - 55 Northeastern Blvd, Nashua

Potluck Popup Havdalah

Interested in an easy, low-key way to celebrate the spirit of Shabbat? Potluck Popup Havdalah delivers a complete service in a box, containing everything you need to celebrate the departure of Shabbat. If you'd like to host a Potluck Popup Havdalah in your home, Yedidim families will bring the kid-friendly dairy or pareve food and dessert, and we'll all experience the gentle fellowship of saying goodbye to Shabbat.

Register at www.tbanashua.org/yedidim.html

Saturday, March 23, 5:00 p.m.
Host Family home - register for address!



YFSS

Join us for your child's first Hebrew School experience at the Yedidim Family Sunday School(YFSS)! Aimed at kids 2-3 years old and their caregivers, this innovative monthly program is led by a certified teacher and subject matter expert. We have created a fun and engaging environment where students learn about Jewish holidays, Hebrew language, and Jewish values through age-appropriate activities, games and songs.

Register at www.tbanashua.org/yedidim.html

Sunday, March 31, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Religious School

For more information or to volunteer, contact Jessie Mocle: yedidim@tbanashua.org

**Annual Children's Breakfast
The Southern New Hampshire
Jewish Men's Club
Proudly Presents**



Sunday Morning March 3 at 9:30 am

The Southern New Hampshire Jewish Men's Club is pleased to welcome **Wildlife Encounters Ecology Center** and their highly acclaimed "**Wildlife Encounter**" program. They will provide an exceptional educational experience appropriate for all ages. This unique presentation will introduce the audience to a large variety of ambassador animals. Our children will have a chance to experience hands on animals such as: Tortoise, Lizard, Iguana, or Macaw. And visit with animals such as a Coati mundi, Porcupine, Alligator, and Opossum.

The SNHJMC will be serving our famous bagels and lox spread with accompanying waffles and eggs. As always, children are free and the cost for adults is \$8 for members/spouses and \$12 for non-members. Breakfast will start at 9:30 am at Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond Street, Nashua and the program will start around 10:00 am.

For more information or just to let us know you are coming please RSVP to Breakfastsvp@snhjmc.org. While not required...reservations help us plan better.

Something to Think About.

As we continue our travels and re-new friendships in New Zealand, I am more aware than ever of our good fortune. We have good health...if you don't count the general aches and pains of aging knees...and the means to continue to do the things we enjoy.



Elaine Brody

One of the things we do here is frequent the Op shops...second hand stores operated by various charities. The Salvation Army, local Hospices, the St. John Ambulance Society, Red Cross, SPCA, and others have shops all over the country. People bring in their unwanted items that are then

sold at very reasonable prices, and the funds help the various agencies meet their goals. It is like a never ending Sisterhood Rummage Sale. Each time we visit one of these shops, I am reminded that there are people in need everywhere and people who want to help and make a difference.

TBA volunteers actively support the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. As well as volunteers, the NSKS needs supplies. Many people remember to donate food and funds around Thanksgiving and Christmas. During that season, the shelves of the food pantry are groaning with supplies. Then the shelves start to look empty.

Consider making a donation of non-perishable food, toiletries, disposable diapers, or funds to help out now. You can go to the NSKS website <https://nsks.org>, click on Donate, and see all the options you have to make a difference in the lives of people in our community.

I'll close with this Maori Proverb about cooperation:

Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi:

With your basket and my basket the people will live.

You know, it is something to think about.

*L'hitraot
Elaine*

"How To Be President"

**Clergy-Led Candidate Interview #1:
Former U.S. Rep. John Delaney (D-MD)
Monday, March 4 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Temple Beth Abraham**

How does one person go about holding the power of life and death, in familiar places and all over the world?

How can you know enough about enough issues, and enough about how to rely on people who know far more than you on many of them?

What is it like to try to be a person of integrity in a role where moral ambiguity and sheer uncertainty are pervasive?

How does one deal with regular failure and partial success, while sustaining the ego necessary to be the leader of a nation and of the free world?

These are the kinds of questions that don't usually get asked in a campaign. A group of Nashua-area clergy, spearheaded by Rabbi Jon, are organizing public interviews where you will hear this kind of conversation! At each event, a panel of 2-3 clergy will ask questions and talk with the candidate. You are welcome to stay afterward and speak with Rep. Delaney individually. We will share the video of the event widely and ask you to do the same!

If you have a connection with any of the other campaigns and can help us get an invitation into the right hands, please contact Rabbi Jon.

Two Mitzvot of Giving for Purim

Mish'loach Manot מִשְׁלֹחַ מָנוֹת "Sending Portions"

Matanot La'evyonim מַתָּנוֹת לְאֶבְיוֹנִים "Gifts to Those in Need"

Megillat Esther 9:20-22

Mordechai wrote these words and sent scrolls to all the Jews who were in all of the provinces of King Achashverosh, near and far, to charge them to make the 14th day of the month of Adar and the 15th day of it in every year -- the days when the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month that had turned over for them from sorrow to joy and from mourning to festival -- to make them days of feasts and joy and sending portions one person to his friend and gifts to those in need.

We celebrate Purim by turning from self-defense and fear outward, toward building and strengthening our relationships with each other and taking care of people who do not have enough to eat in the places where we live.

We can help you fulfill both of these mitzvot:

- * **Participate in our *Mish'loach Manot* project and fundraiser**
- * **Contribute to Nashua Meals for Kids -- partnership among several organizations to provide meals for all school-age children in Nashua after school, weekends, and summers (donation link on our website)**



Honoring Rina Scharf Service and Luncheon

Saturday, April 6
9:30 a.m. service followed by a festive
luncheon
Raise a glass, share a story.



Join us as we gather together to honor Rina Scharf
for 40 years of dedicated service to our community.

Come with your memories and your stories to share
with Rina at the luncheon.

Lunch and Learn

Immigration and Deportation

Saturday, March 16, After Services

Temple member, Louis Haskell is an attorney who has practiced law in the City of Lowell for over 30 years. He has a busy immigration practice, with a particular emphasis on the Southeast Asian community. His office speaks Thai, Cambodian, Lao, Spanish and Portuguese, although Attorney Haskell describes himself as decidedly monolingual. He will be addressing the subject of immigration in today's political climate, focusing on the issues of family based immigration and deportation.



Coming in April: Immigration 101

Two immigrants who work with Granite State Organizing Project will present their view of current immigration issues.



Beth Abraham Sisterhood Gift Shop

**All Pesach
items are 50%
off until Purim!
Don't**

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this great deal!

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Mishlo'ach Manot



It is time again for our wonderful mitzvah tradition of Mishlo'ach Manot! We once again have the opportunity to perform a mitzvah of sending baskets to members of our community. **Please take a moment to send a gift basket** of sweets, treats, Hamantaschen and a few new surprises to your friends and family within the **congregation**. Each family will receive one basket along with a card listing all those thoughtful individuals who made a donation on their behalf. If you would like to give a basket to someone outside our congregation, additional baskets can be purchased for you to deliver. These will be given to you, to deliver personally.

If you received a basket last year, think about participating this year and sending some baskets. Remember, it is a mitzvah, and a wonderful way to support the Religious School!



ON LINE ORDERS

can be completed through March 3

[Temple Beth Abraham Website - tbanashua.org](http://tbanashua.org)

- ★ Baskets are \$9 each with a minimum purchase of 2 for \$18
- ★ If you send 15 or more baskets, your name will be listed on the cards to any congregant receiving a basket
- ★ Contribute \$360 to send baskets to reach every member of the congregation.
- ★ You can additionally purchase cards to be sent to non-congregants outside the area for \$4 each

If you prefer a paper order form, please use the form on the other part of this flyer. Checks are payable to Temple Beth Abraham Religious School. Please return this completed form by March 3.

ALL BASKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN March 3
(We cannot guarantee delivery for late orders)

Baskets, including additional baskets, will be delivered on March 17



Order Form for Mishlo'ah Manot

Ordering: Baskets are \$9.00 each with a minimum purchase of 2 baskets. If 15 or more baskets are ordered, your name will be put on every card that congregants receive.

I would like to order _____ Purim Baskets at \$9 each = _____

Congregant Names (We have the addresses of our congregants)

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I would like to order additional Non-Congregant Baskets* at \$9 each = _____

***These will be delivered to you on March 17th for you to distribute**

I would like to order Purim cards for out of town non-congregants at \$4 each = _____

Names and complete addresses must accompany all card orders

Name and address:

Name and address:

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Name and address:

Name: _____ **Total Order Amount =** _____



Social Event of the Season

Joint Sisterhood/Men's Club

Purim Ball

Music by DJ Chris Brunelle

Dancing, Appetizers, Drinks and Desserts
(costumes optional)

March 23

Festivities from 8:30 p.m.~Midnight

RSVP by March 15 to
office@tbanashua.org

\$25.00 per person
(Adults only, please)



Annual Temple Beth Abraham Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 17, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join us and enjoy...

- Playing games and winning prizes!
- Lots of booths for every age!
- USY Escape Room!
- The four P's of food!

Pickles, Pizza, Popcorn, and Pretzels!



There will also be hamantaschen for sale and you will be able to purchase Purim baskets!



Tickets for games and food are 25¢ apiece

Bring anyone you know!

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Festival Schedule At A Glance

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Chewdaism, Double Date, & Wendy's Shabbat
 7:00 PM, Mara Auditorium, Webster Hall, SNHU, Manchester

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Carl Laemmle
 8:00 PM (Doors open 7:30 PM), Currier Museum, Manchester
GALA FOOD AND WINE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
SPECIAL GUEST: BOB TREITEL

Sunday, April 7, 2019

93 Queen
 1:00 PM, Cinemagic, Merrimack
 1:00 PM, Peterborough Community Theatre, Peterborough

The Last Suit

1:00 PM, The Music Hall Loft, Portsmouth

The Samuel Project

3:30 PM, Cinemagic, Merrimack
 3:30 PM, Peterborough Community Theatre, Peterborough

Satan and Adam

3:30 PM, The Music Hall Loft, Portsmouth
POST FILM DISCUSSION: ADAM GUSSOW

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Golda's Balcony, The Film
 7:00 PM, Mara Auditorium, Webster Hall, SNHU, Manchester
POST FILM DISCUSSION: DAVID FISHELSON, PRODUCER

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Working Woman
 7:00 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Shoelaces
 8:00 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord
SOCIABLE SATURDAY NIGHT EVENT!

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Budapest Noir
 1:00 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord

Inside Out

1:30 PM, The Hotel Concord, Concord
PJ LIBRARY EVENT — FREE

Who Will Write Our History

3:00 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord
SPECIAL GUEST: DIRECTOR ROBERTA GROSSMAN VIA SKYPE

Full-Court Miracle

3:30 PM, The Hotel Concord, Concord
PJ OUR WAY EVENT — FREE

Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel

5:30 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord
FESTIVAL WRAP PARTY, SPEAKERS TBA

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Babi Yar
 3:30 PM, Red River Theatres, Concord
SPECIAL FILM EVENT, DETAILS TBA



BRCA1 and BRCA2: The Ashkenazi Jewish Connection

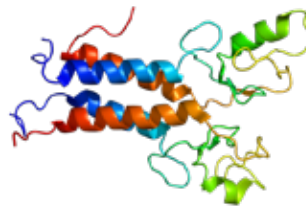
DID YOU KNOW...

that 1 in 40 Ashkenazi Jews—both men and women—carries a BRCA gene mutation, nearly 10x the rate of the general population, making Jewish families significantly more susceptible to hereditary breast and ovarian cancer?

and that BRCA has also been linked with pancreatic cancer, with prostate cancer in men, and with other cancers?

What are BRCA genes? • Are you at risk of having a BRCA gene mutation?•

Should you have genetic counseling? • And more!



Tuesday, March 5, 7 – 8 PM

{Snowdate: Thursday, March 14, 7-8 p.m.}

Presentation by:

T. Salewa Oseni, MD, Breast Surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital
and Southern New Hampshire Health

Janette Lawrence, MS, LCGC, Senior Genetic Counselor at Massachusetts
General Hospital

Sponsored by Temple Beth Abraham Sisterhood
Open to both women and men!

RSVP or for further info, contact Robin Rubin 603.571.1090

International Shabbat Dinner Returns

Based on the success of past dinners and comments we have received, it's time for another Community International Shabbat dinner. After much thought, research and experimentation we have chosen to explore the cuisine of Jewish Morocco.

If delicacies interest you, then reserve **March 29** for a taste treat.

We'll be sending out an email soon to formally solicit help and to make reservations. It's great fun in the kitchen to work with others preparing a community meal and then enjoying the fruits of our labor with a Shabbat celebration.

This is always a popular event so be sure to make your reservation when a formal announcement is made via a soon to come flyer. If you haven't

been before, we generally get close to 120 people!



The cost in the past has always been a bargain and will remain that way! Sponsorships will be available if interested!

So, work up your appetites, bone up on your Jewish Moroccan history and join us in the kitchen and at the Shabbat dinner table.

Coming Events and Programming

Brought to You by the Lifelong Learning Committee

BABKA meeting, Wednesday, March 6, 8:00 p.m.

Forest Dark by Nicole Krauss

***Lunch & Learn: Louis Haskell, Immigration and Deportation attorney,
Saturday, March 16, after services***

**Beyond “Love the Stranger”: The Ethics of Borders and Immigration
Four Sessions With Rabbi Jon**

Wednesdays, March 27 and April 3, 10, 17 - 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Granite State College in Manchester
Registration and fee required — <https://www.campusce.net/granite/course/course.aspx?C=833&pc=4&mc=123&sc=0>

OR

Mondays, March 18, 25 and April 1, 8 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Temple Beth Abraham - No fee or registration required

Immigration policy for the US has always been both a practical and a moral issue. Even practical considerations of commerce and diversity have moral implications. So how do we identify and then rank the moral principles that are invoked in debates over immigration policy? How do we know when we should take people in and when we should concentrate on improving life where they already live? We will look at contemporary American religious explorations of “who is my brother/sister” and how the biblically-based obligations to “love your neighbor” and “love the stranger” relate to each other. We will look at interpretations of immigration and humanitarian aid and intervention by governments in the work of contemporary moral philosophers.

Ongoing:

Torah Study with Rabbi Jon and Noreen Leibson

Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to Noon. Come once or many times. We are in the stories of Sarah & Abraham.

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Teachings on the weekly Torah reading and current events through a Jewish lens, podcasts, and music. Rabbi Jon’s high holy day sermons are posted.

<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/tbanashua> - Search the TBA Library catalog for a book to read

Save the Date!

BABKA, April 3 - Famous Father Girl by Jamie Bernstein

JTS Livestream, April 4

“Renewing American Judaism: Experimentation and Creativity in a Changing Landscape”

Lunch & Learn: April 6 - Honoring Rina Scharf

Have Ideas? Want to Help? Join Our Committee?

Contact Jeff Masors at jmasors@gmail.com or Rabbi Jon at rabbi@tbanashua.org.
Contribute to the Elizabeth Fischer Memorial Fund to support TBA’s ongoing scholarly and cultural programming.

Considering sponsoring a speaker or event. Contact the office or Rabbi Jon.

Men's Club Happenings

March already...how did that happen! The days are getting longer! Dare we say we have gotten off very easy this winter? As we transition ever so slowly into spring, the men's club calendar remains full. We hope you can join us at all, or some, of our remaining events! But first...special thanks to Marty Fabian and his team for joining us on February 10th and sharing with us their perspective on effective financial planning and a vision of what we can expect in the markets in the year ahead. Lots of reason to be optimistic, so long as we are smart and prepared!

Next Breakfast – Sunday March 3

Winter school vacation is upon us so that must mean it's time for the men's club to entertain the kids! Join us on Sunday **March 3**, at 9:30 a.m. for our annual children's breakfast. We are excited to have the acclaimed "Wildlife Encounters Ecology Center" join us. This is a highly entertaining, interactive educational program introducing the kids to "ambassador" animals such as tortoises, lizards, iguanas or macaw. We may also be introduced to Coatiundi, porcupine, alligator and opossum. This is a family event open to the entire community! Dads, Moms, or Grands...bring the kids or grandkids and join us for our fabulous breakfast fare of eggs, potatoes, bagels, lox and whitefish salad, with the added bonus of fresh waffles, and accompanying veggies, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. Cost for adults is \$8.00 for members and spouses or \$12.00 for non-members...and it's free for the kids. RSVP's are requested to help us best plan for this unique event.

Please let us know if you can come by emailing us at breakfastsvp@snhjm.org.

Purim Masquerade Ball – Saturday March 23

Talk about catering to the needs of all...in March we go from a catered breakfast for the kids, to a catered evening out for the adults. On Saturday night, March 23, the TBA Sisterhood and the men's club will join forces to bring you a festive evening of food, beverage and frivolity. So start planning your costume, clear your calendar and make sure to be seen, but perhaps not recognized, at the Purim Masquerade Ball! Look for details elsewhere in this bulletin and announcements coming soon!

Breakfast – Sunday April 7

Save the date reminder. The men's club will be joined by our own Dr. Bill Goodman who will enlighten us with a discussion on the "Top Issues in Men's Health – besides E.D.". Dr. Goodman will address common health problems that impact men and what can be done to prevent, recognize and manage them. An important topic for us all!

Bruce Retchin/Neil Goren Fund

Do you have children or grandchildren who will be traveling to Israel as part of a semester abroad or a summer experience? How about local Jewish summer camps? The philanthropic arm of the Southern NH Jewish Men's Club, the Bruce Retchin/Neil Goren fund, was instituted to provide financial stipends for our community's youth planning such ventures. All that is required is a letter from your student or camper outlining their plans and the educational benefit of the program or camp they are attending. Send it to SNHJMC, 4 Raymond Street, Nashua NH 03064, by April 15 to be considered!

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Sosua75: Remembering The Past, Building The Future

Temple Beth Abraham, in collaboration with Rivier University, will observe Yom HaShoah on Tuesday April 30 at the Dion Center on Clement Street in Nashua at 7 PM.

Our featured speaker is Hugh Bayer who will update us on his non-profit organization, sosua75.org, and its attempt to honor a Holocaust story about hope, justice, and resistance in a part of the world not known as a haven for Jews.

In 1938, one country agreed to help resettle German Jewish refugees.

Most people know it was not the United States. But few guess it was the Dominican Republic (DR).

The DR's then-dictator Rafael Trujillo allowed 100,000 Jews to arrive, but in the end, only 700 made it to the DR. They settled in a colony called Sosúa, an abandoned banana plantation and small beach town on the northern coast of the island. There, a new Jewish community gradually matured, although today, only a handful of survivors remain.

New Hampshire resident Hugh Bayer is determined to generate awareness of this unexplored piece of Holocaust history.

In 2010, Bayer, formerly a minor league baseball player, traveled to the DR where he visited the Red Sox baseball academy led by former MLB player Jesus Alou. He stayed

in touch with the MLB player and traveled again to the DR in 2013, this time learning the name of the Dominican city of Sosúa and its Jewish roots.

Bayer spent this past winter in Sosúa, where he is raising funds to build a memorial park in that region. As reported in the Jewish Journal, he's also trying to create a \$25 million permanent settlement in Sosua which would offer a summer camp, a cooperative farm, a farm-to-table restaurant, botanical gardens, and ... of course, a baseball diamond with stadium seating.

For more information on this story, read or listen: pri.org/stories/2018-11-09/dominican-republic-took-jewish-refugees-fleeing-hitler-while-31-nations-looked

Also - jewishjournal.org/2018/02/08/stitching-together-baseball-and-the-holocaust/

A memorial service and candle-lighting ceremony will follow the presentation.



Are you a knitter, crocheter, spinner, weaver, or any other yarn and/or fiber related craft? Are you looking to sit and chat weekly with like-minded people? Are you interested in learning?

Hi, my name is Jessica Stern and you've probably seen me around the synagogue! I work in the synagogue's Main Office and Religious School. I'm a capital-K Knitter! I also crochet, spin, weave, and dabble in sewing, and quilting. If you're interested in a weekly meetup, I'd love to hear from you! I've created a questionnaire for anyone interested. You can find it here: <https://goo.gl/forms/I4eWrKH9nggT5is02>

I'm hoping that we can get a good group going here at TBA! I'm also happy to teach those that want to learn the basics of knitting or crochet! I just ask that learners provide their own equipment (don't worry I can give you ideas on what to get).

If this group gets enough interest, you'll be sure to be hearing from me!

If you have any questions or comments you can call/text or email me at. (603) 557-4570 or SerenovaCrafts@gmail.com



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TUES, APRIL 2, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

BRING YOUR DONATIONS to TBA's SOCIAL HALL on TUESDAY, APRIL 2!

We need: clothing; shoes, sneakers, boots; accessories; jewelry; household & kitchen items; bed, bath & decor items; small appliances, electronics; sports equipment; baby & children's items; art, music, books, games, toys; etc, etc!!

Questions? Can you help??
Call Carol Gorelick 889-8067 or Robin Rubin 571-1090

הקשר היהודי שלך

Your Jewish Connection

Brought to you by the Lifelong Learning Committee – *Written by Linda S Trapasso*

Happy Feet

Don't you just love to dance? I've danced since I was a young girl, taking ballet and tap lessons. As a young adult, I would dance at concerts and always at weddings. I eventually moved to country line dancing. A few years ago I discovered ballroom dancing. I don't dance much now, but I'm very happy when I am dancing.

I'm thinking about trying contra dancing. The other type of dance I love? Jewish dance!

How many kinds of Jewish dance are there? Well, there is Israeli folk dancing and [Yiddish or Klezmer dance](#). (Most of us lump these into the same category.) Did you know that there is Yemenite dancing based on hopping in place? Or that in Russia and France, many Jews were responsible for ballet? In the US, the list includes Jerome Robbins, Anna Sokolow, Arthur Murray, and Lincoln Kirstein (one



of the founders of The School of American Ballet). Moreover, King Juan Carlos I of Spain honored an Israeli flamenco dancer for training generations of flamenco dancers in a Tel Aviv studio.

([Wikipedia](#))

The Romanian Jewish dancer Baruch Agadati introduced [the hora](#), a circle dance, in Israel. In



1924, he worked together with a composer and songwriter to choreograph a show performed by the Ohel Theater Company, which toured the pioneer settlements of the Jezreel Valley. *Horah Agadati*, as the dance was known, became an instant success, is danced now throughout the diaspora, and often is danced to the music of *Hava Nagila*.

According to [MyJewishLearning](#), Israeli folk dance was part of an effort to increase Israel's folk culture and was a way to bolster



national identity. One of these dances is *Mayim Mayim*, created in the late 1930s when water was discovered at *Kibbutz Na'an*.

Many Eastern European folk dances were given a Zionist twist to become Israeli folk dances. The [Yivo Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe](#) has an interesting article on dance divided between traditional dance and theatrical dance. Unfortunately, folk dance is not as popular now in Israel as it was, and Israelis are turning to more [contemporary forms of dance](#).

However, there is still time to dance!

The [MIT Folk Dance Club](#) has Israeli dancing at the Jewish Community Day School in Watertown, MA, and information on other dancing and dance groups.

Note that The Israel Folkdance Festival of Boston is March 10, 2019.

[Information on Israeli folk dance around Boston](#) has many links, but be sure to call to verify events. And don't forget to check out the videos on [YouTube](#) of Israeli dance (just search on Israeli dance). After watching some of those videos, I bet your feet will be happy!

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**First Forum: Sunday, March 24
at 10:00 a.m.**

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Rabbi Liaison Committee

This committee meets three to four times per year to provide a forum for discussions between the rabbi and a representative group of congregants.

If you have an issue relating to the rabbi that you aren't able to resolve directly, you can contact one of the committee members.

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