



Monthly Bulletin

February 2018/5778

RSVP Today for the Passover Seder March 31, 2018

From the Rabbi

In 1908, the New York City police commissioner, Theodore Bingham, claimed that half the city's criminals were Jews. The truth was that Jewish crime rates were at about 16 percent, while the crime rates for the general population were 25 percent. Contrary to much of today's propaganda, incarceration rates for immigrants are nearly half what they are for native-born Americans.

Early 20th-century immigration hardliner Madison Grant was bent on protecting the "Nordic" races against those he called "social discards" — including "the Slovak, the Italian, the Syrian and the Jew." In 1914, Edward Alsworth Ross, a sociologist from the University of Wisconsin, called Jews "moral cripples."

Yes, there's a lot more I can quote and that has been cited recently, by the conservative columnist Bret Stephens in the New York Times, comparing the rhetoric we are hearing about immigrants today with that about Jews not so long ago. It is important to know this part of American history to see clearly what's happening today.

Chuck and I, and other TBA families have been volunteering to help a beautiful family with two young boys. They are seeking asylum from horrific violence in Nigeria, have settled in Beverly, and are being supported by RIM (Refugee Immigration Ministries), with which TBA is now active (contact me if you want to help).

Last week I sat in Seth Moulton's office with ten other clergy seeking to free a woman who has also been seeking asylum. She has been detained by ICE even though her case is still pending. She has no criminal record, she is a mother, a wife, a church goer, a human being. She fled to save her and her children's lives. And now, she is not getting the medical treatment she needs and her life is in danger. She actually was shackled when transported — even though she had been shot in her legs in Guatemala and has tremendous pain and scaring. When I looked into the eyes of her husband I saw the fear and pain that no one should have to endure. Of course, this is just one of thousands of troubling stories.

The centerpiece of Jewish identity is that we know the suffering of the stranger, as we were once strangers in Egypt, stereotyped, hated, beaten, murdered. And we have faced it all throughout Jewish history.

I don't care about who anyone voted for. I do care that we remain conscious of our people's history and not take our current status in this country for granted. I do care that we

draw on our Torah, which commands us 18 times to love the stranger — more than any other commandment. I do care that our empathy and courage call us to do the right thing, right now.

There are many levels of help needed. If you want to know more about what you can do please contact me.

Rabbi Adler

From the President

We are barely one month into 2018 (as I write this) and so far, this year has seen its share of highs and lows for the TBA community. I would have to say Elaine Israelsohn and Eve Noss' being honored with the Leah Shiro Social Action award on January 12 was certainly a high point. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to read the feature article about them in the Jewish Journal. The Shabbat program was a beautiful recognition of their accomplishments and Dr. Alexandra Piñeros-Shields, ECCO Executive Director's message was uplifting and motivating. The sanctuary was full and we were treated to beautiful reception afterward.

The low point of January (and perhaps all of 2018) was the loss of Jerry Wolper on January 11. Jerry and Susan went to Thursday morning minyan as usual and then attended Cantor Bruce Segal's Torah study class. As they were leaving, Jerry fell ill and he passed away later that day. His loss affected every TBA member and countless others who were fortunate enough to have met him during his long and brilliant life. By many accounts, more people attended Jerry's funeral than attend High Holiday services. Those who couldn't attend the funeral came to the shiva minyan to support Susan, Allison and the rest of the Wolper family.

What these two things have in common other than the coincidental dates, is that the entire TBA community came together — once in celebration and another in grief. We rejoiced in the recognition of Elaine and Eve's life-long accomplishments and we supported (and continue to support) each other over the loss of Jerry.

These two very different events, coming only days apart, were powerful reminders of why our Temple B'nai Abraham community, and our relationships within it, are to be cherished. As the rest of 2018 unfolds, take a moment to go up to someone you know and ask how they're doing. And then go up to someone you haven't met, introduce yourself, and begin to create a new relationship.

Ken Hartman, President

Yoga Is Back!

Neshamah Yoga uses gentle yoga and guided imagery with yoga instructor Stacie Nardizzi.

Classes will meet on the following Sunday mornings at 9 AM at TBA:

2/4, 2/25, 3/4, 3/18, 4/8, 4/29, 5/6

This program is free and open to all levels.

For more information contact Deb Schutzman at:

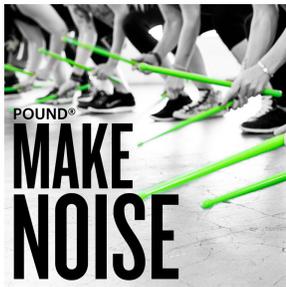
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Jewish Women's Organizations of the North Shore



POUND Fitness Class



Please join us for **February Fitness Fundraising** for Temple B'nai Abraham.

We will be hosting a Pound Fitness class for adults and kids that can be enjoyed by all fitness levels.

Pound is a cardio jam fitness class inspired by drumming, combined with yoga and Pilates style movements.

Come have some fun and workout, rock out with us!

Space is limited to 15 participants, so please register as soon as you can.

Email you name and number of guests to jenn.leshin@yahoo.com.

Class dates/times: **ADULTS ONLY Sunday February 11th, 2018 at 10:45, AM**

KIDS Sunday February 18th, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

All classes to be held at TBA. \$10 per participant- all proceeds to benefit TBA.

Please bring check payable to Temple B'nai Abraham.

****Please be sure to bring a yoga mat, plenty of water, sneakers, and large towel.

Please forward any questions to jenn.leshin@yahoo.com if you would like to know more about this class.

Ladies Night At Linda Goodspeed's



Meet at Linda's house at 5 Marjorie Way, Beverly, for drinks and snacks!

Thursday February 15 from 7 to 9 PM

BYOB or appetizer to share but not required

JUST BRING YOURSELF!

PJ Library Tot Shabbat at TBA

Friday, February 23 at 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Families with children 8 and under

Join us for a Family Shabbat service, story, music with Marcy, dinner and dessert!



Me'ah Select

**ME'AH SELECT: The Teachings of Hasidism
With David Ariel, PhD**

Meets Wednesdays, 7:00-9:30 pm

Winter/Spring 2018 class begins March 7

Cost for 10 sessions: \$250 member/ \$350 community members

Have you ever wondered what is the appeal of Hasidism?

It may appear to us today as ultra-Orthodox fundamentalism, but when it first appeared in the eighteenth century, the followers of Hasidism were considered rogues, renegades, and rebels by their Orthodox contemporaries.

In this course, we will explore Hasidism as a revolutionary Jewish revival movement that transformed Eastern-European Jewry.

We will explore the spiritual teachings of early Hasidism and their contemporary implications including pantheism, mystical union, ecstatic prayer, self-transcendence, worshiping God through sin, and the role of the Hasidic wonder-rabbi.

We will look at Hasidic literature in translation including the teachings of the Baal Shem Tov, Nachman of Bratzlav, Chabad-Lubavitch Hasidism, and Martin Buber and consider how these teachers made mysticism attractive in our modern world.

Ten week in-in depth exploration of **"The Teaching of Hasidism"** with Dr. David Ariel

Winter/Spring class begins: Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

For more information contact Erin Lipkowitz at: office@tbabeverly.org

IMPORTANT! ! !

Cemetery Sale

Prices extended to February 28

For more information contact Deb Schutzman at: deb.schutzman@tbabeverly.org

Special Thanks

On Christmas Eve, TBA members took over the Sunday Night Supper at St. Peters Church. We were able to give the night off to our friends at St. Peter's, so they could celebrate their holiday, while providing a nice meal for an appreciative group of less fortunate folks.

Joining me that night: Fran Baker, Janis Soferr, Rabbi Alison, Chuck and Leo Hirshberg, Sarazita Freedland, Lillian and Jeff Ulman and Eugene Berman.

A big thank you for a wonderful Mitzvah and a job well done!

Arnie Cowan



PASSOVER SEDER AT TEMPLE B'NAI ABRAHAM

Saturday March 31 at 6:00 P.M.

Join us for a delicious four-course brisket dinner (or a four-course vegetarian option) catered by Larry Levine's and a meaningful, family-friendly Passover Seder led by Rabbi Alison Adler.

Registration Form must be completed and mailed/delivered to TBA Office
By Thursday March 22

Your Name: _____

Please indicate the **number of people** attending according to their age:

- ___ Number of Adults Attending (\$40 each)
- ___ Number of Children Ages 0 - 5 Attending (Free)
- ___ Number of Children ages 6 - 12 Attending (\$10 each)
- ___ Number of Young Adults ages 13 - 22 Attending (\$18 each)
- ___ Financial Assistance needed to attend this event

Please indicate your **dinner choices** here:

- ___ Number of brisket dinners
- ___ Number of vegetarian dinners

___ Please check here if you will need a **ride** to this event

Enclose check payable to TBA Sisterhood

*For more information contact TBA office at 978-927-3211 ext. 101 or
email office@tbabeverly.org*

The Congregation Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations

GENERAL FUND

Lorraine and Bernie Der in honor of Elaine Israelsohn and Eve Noss in recognition of their receipt of the Leah Shiro Memorial Award

Lorraine and Bernie Der in memory of Jerry Wolper
Annette Kossover to Erin Lipkowitz, wishing you a speedy recovery

Elaine and Barry Silver to Abe & Anita Kaufman, in honor of their special birthdays

Melody and Jack Kriteiman to Steve Swartz, get well soon
Sid Cornrich and Sheryl Brunswick to Anita & Abe

Kaufman, in honor of your milestone birthdays
Melody and Jack Kriteiman to Saul Axelrod, get well soon
Annette Kossover to Dina Davidyan, wishing you a speedy recovery

ONEG AND KIDDUSH FUND

Ben Hughes in memory of Leah Shiro
Robert Freedman on memory of his parents, Tamara and Louis Freedman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Allison Wolper to Besty Breitborde & Beth Denish, in honor of their wedding.
Susan and Jerry Wolper to Steve Swartz, glad to hear that you are doing better
Susan and Jerry Wolper to Erin Lipkowitz, hope each day that you are feeling a little better
Annette Kossover in memory of her father, Jack Kossover
Annette Kossover in memory of her uncle, Dr. Robert Dubin

SAM AND EVE WEINBERG FUND

Paul Weinberg to Saul Axelrod, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery
Paul Weinberg to Dina Davidyan, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery
Paul Weinberg to Ruth Helman, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery
Paul Weinberg to Ralph Edelstein, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery
Paul Weinberg to Steve Swartz, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery

STEPHEN HELMAN MONDAY NIGHT SUPPER FUND

Susan and Jerry Wolper to Carol & Bob Montanari, may this be a happy holiday season
Susan and Jerry Wolper to Gail & David Ballentine, may this be a happy holiday season
Susan and Jerry Wolper to Kelly, Brent, & Payton Smith, may this be a happy holiday season
Fran and Jordy Baker to Ralph Edelstein, love and heartfelt wishes for a full recovery
Fran and Jordy Baker to Heidi Krugman, deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother

Fran and Jody Baker to Erin Lipkowitz, best wishes for a full recovery

Fran and Jordy Baker to Dina Davidyan, fond wishes for a full recovery

STERMAN/ISENBERG FUND

Diane Isenberg to Erin Lipkowitz, wishing you a great recovery
Diane Isenberg to Ralph Edelstein, hope that you'll soon be back on Thursdays
Diane Isenberg to Saul Axelrod, Miss you! Hurry back
Diane Isenberg to Dina Davidyan, wishing you a full recovery

SPECIAL FUND

Leo Berman to the Wolper Family, condolence on your loss
Barbara, Steve, & Sophia Lazarides to the Wolpers, our deepest sympathy
Annette Kossover to The Wolper Family, my deepest condolences!

YAHARZEIT FUND

Lorraine Der in memory of her father Norman Robinson
Mary Lou Breitborde in memory of her mother, Sylvia Breitborde
Bob Scheier in memory of his mother, Sophie Scheier
RosaLee Goldstein in memory her mother, Sadye Weinberg
Joel Joseph in memory of his mother, Fanny Joseph
Anita Kaufman in memory of her father, Joseph Berenzon
Joel Black in memory of his mother, Rhoda Black
Elaine Israelsohn in memory of her husband, Jacob Israelsohn
Ken and Janet Hartman in memory of their father and husband, Herbert Hartman
Ralph Edelstein in memory of his mother, Rose Edelstein
Gail Sinitsky in memory of her mother, Lillian Toll
Roberta Kirschner in memory of her mother, Lillian Toll
The Freedberg Family in memory of their husband and father, Alan Freedberg
Philip Goldberg in memory of his uncle, Oscar Smith
Paul Newman in memory of his mother, Beatrice Newman
Len Allen in memory of his father, Paul Allen
Eileen Edelstein in memory of her mother, Rose Barr
Bruce Kurman in memory of his aunt, Iris Lanes
Bruce Kurman in memory of his brother, Richard Kurman
Cynthia Titlebaum in memory in her husband, Ronald Titlebaum
Cynthia Titlebaum in memory of her father, Samuel Gershfield
Jacob Kriteiman in memory of his father, Louis Kriteiman
Jacob Kriteiman in memory of his mother, Ruth Kriteiman
Thelma Dreezer in memory of her brother, Jerome Sheffer
Thelma Dreezer in memory of her father, David Dreezer
Paul Handler in memory of his father, Nathan Handler

Thank you for your donations

