



SAVE THE DATE: Annual Gala honoring Alan and Donna Pierce
Tuesday, June 9 at 5:30 NSMT *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

From the Rabbi

I recently returned from a four-day retreat with the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, where I joined 40 rabbis and cantors. We are a two-year leadership cohort, and together we will cultivate mindfulness, meditation, and study to build on our personal spiritual practices. This learning will then enable us to not only be more present and effective spiritual leaders, but also to share what we have learned with our communities. Stay tuned!

There is already a lot happening in February and March at TBA that will support our spiritual practice and learning. I hope you can join us for Tu B'Shvat Shabbat (holiday of trees and nature) it is a wonderful opportunity to connect. See the description about a three-part discussion about end of life, death, and mourning practices, and a conversation with ECCO about immigration and racial justice. I hope to see you soon.

Let's Just Talk About It

Life before, during and after a Jewish death

Let's talk about the gray areas

Join Rabbi Adler, Jerry Schwartz, and Michelle Newman as they ask questions and talk about answers regarding Jewish practices on dying.

1 – Our experiences

- It's hard to talk about death.
- What are Jewish beliefs?
- Questioning G-d
- The finality and mystery of it

2 - Death, burial and mourning practices (including interfaith)

- Cremation
- Donating Organs
- Hevra Chadisha
- Kaddish
- Keeping the soul alive
- Shiva

3 – End of Life planning

- Conversations with family
- What's important to you for your family to carry forward?

3 week session - Thursdays March 5, March 12, March 26 7:30-9:00 pm.

Attend one or all.

Please RSVP to office@tbabeverly.org or 978-927-3211 ext. 3

In the Community

Conversations for Action: Building the Future of our Jewish Community Together –
with Rabbi Marc Baker, President of Combined Jewish Philanthropies,

Wednesday, Feb. 12 at the Danversport Yacht Club at **7:00 p.m. doors open at 6:30 p.m.**

This is a conversation for everyone who cares about Jewish life in Greater Boston. **Whether you're new to the area or have always lived here, whether you're active in local organizations or just curious about learning more, we want your help as we seek answers to a vital question: How can we become more welcoming?**

Light snacks will be served and kosher dietary laws will be observed.

A link to register is at: <https://www.cjp.org/conversations-for-action>

From the President

It began with an off-the-cuff comment TBA Vice President David Carnivale made to a business acquaintance about our aged and failing heating system. David had been spending a lot of time getting the heat back on and mopping up leaked water. Our two boilers (let's call them Fred and Barney) are many years past their life expectancy and maintenance costs increased while their reliability declined.

This acquaintance, not a TBA member and who wishes to remain anonymous, immediately pledged \$3,000 in matching funds to replace the heating system IF we could raise the money before the end of the year (which was only four days away).

We have begun soliciting bids to install a more reliable and energy efficient system. We expect to see significant reductions in our carbon footprint and our gas bill. Deb Schutzman sent an e-mail to the congregation asking for contributions. Our members stepped up and pledged amounts ranging from \$18 to several thousand dollars.

Recently, many of our updates have been visible improvements to our Temple – the chapel, bathrooms,

library, offices, ramp, and lobby furniture to name a few. Temple leadership worried that nobody would want to contribute to something as boring and “out of sight, out of mind” as a heating system. We were wrong.

The names of those who have donated so far are in this bulletin and we will continue to gratefully acknowledge all future donations. I want to thank everyone who answered the call so quickly. We are still accepting donations and hope that we will soon reach our goal. I am grateful that we have such a generous and caring community who stepped forward to ensure our physical warmth continues to match our spiritual warmth!

We hope to evaluate proposals and begin the replacement shortly. The next decision is what to name our new boilers? How about George and Jane?

Ken Hartman, President

Me'ah Class

“Judaism and Science Talk To Each Other: A Class for Believers, Skeptics, Scientists, and Thinkers of all Kinds”

Instructor: Rabbi Richard “Rim” Meiorowitz

Meets: Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 9:30 PM beginning February 5.

Full class schedule: Feb. 5, 12, 26; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 22, 29 **Snow/sick days:** June 3 and June 10.

Cost: \$250 for temple members, \$350 non temple members. Financial aid is available.

<https://hebrewcollege.edu/meah-select-classes-at-temple-bnai-abraham-beverly-2019-2020/>

Are You Interested in an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class??

Maybe you never celebrated one, maybe you want a “do over” as a more meaningful experience.

Preliminary meeting is Sunday, February 23 at 10:00 AM

contact rabbi.adler@tbabeverly.org to find out more details.

“Introduction to Jewish Meditation” Sunday, March 1, 9 – 10:30 AM

This one-time class will introduce the TBA community to the history and practice of Jewish meditation; that meditation it's not just a “zen thing” or a more recent mindfulness practice. The class will also give beginners to meditation an opportunity to learn some basics so they might be more comfortable to coming to Sunday Morning Meditation.

Sunday Morning Meditation Continues! Every Sunday from 7:30-8:15 AM

No experience necessary. An opportunity to sit in silence and begin the day with gratitude and quiet.

A replenishing gift to ourselves!

Please contact Jerry Schwartz at 978-500-8769/978-468-6089 with any questions.

RSVP to office@tbabeverly.org or 978-927-3211 ext. 3.

Cantor Siegel's Genesis Class Continues!

Thursdays in the TBA Library, at 10 AM. Drop-ins and newbies are always welcome! Free and open to all!

Upcoming Events

Sisterhood Book Club

The TBA Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 6, 7:30 PM, at the home of Linda Feldman. We will be discussing *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro. All are welcome to join us. Please contact Linda to RSVP and for directions at: freinfeldman@gmail.com

Tu B'Shvat Shabbat: A Celebration of Trees and All Life

Friday, February 7, 7:00 PM

Join us to celebrate Tu B'Shvat the way the Jewish mystics did centuries ago. We will eat, sing, learn and rejoice! We will also explore how the themes of this earth-based holiday connect to environmental challenges we face today. For all ages! (Note there is a PJ Library Tu B'Shvat/Shabbat Table program at 5:30 for young families).

ECCO: Interfaith Action for Racial and Immigration Justice – Monday, February 24, 6:30 pm

The TBA Social Action Committee will be welcoming Aviva Herr-Welber, community organizer with the Essex County Community Organization (ECCO) for a conversation about the Jewish community's unique role in racial justice and immigration justice work in this moment of our country's history."

Aviva will be focusing on two of ECCO's current initiatives: ECCO's race-based learning caucuses, which are spaces to explore how our struggles are interconnected and delve into the history of how the racist systems we're living in were created, and discuss our unique roles in fighting for racial justice; and the North Shore Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition, a solidarity effort that a group of ECCO congregations has formed to support our immigrant neighbors who are facing unjust deportation. ECCO is seeking volunteers with many different skills sets to make the coalition's work possible—from occasional presence and emotional support to computer skills, childcare skills, food preparation, or shopping, and fundraising skills.

TBA members have long been a part of ECCO's multifaith justice work across the North Shore—and this will be a great opportunity for everyone to learn more about ECCO's current initiatives. Please feel free to invite friends from outside TBA to join us for this special evening.

Weinberg Shabbat Dinner Friday, March 6 at 6 PM

sponsored by Paul Weinberg in memory of Sam and Eve Weinberg

After dinner, join us for a shabbat service at 7 pm with our religious school students assisting Rabbi Adler and Marcy Yellin in leading the service.

Free and open to all BUT **RSVP REQUIRED** by Monday, February 24

Author Brunch



Our 15th Annual Temple B'nai Abraham Lecture Series Brunch

Sunday, March 22nd 10:00am

Featuring Hank Phillippi Ryan and her latest book

"The Murder List: A Novel of Suspense"

Books will be available in the Temple Office.



Passover Seder at Temple B'nai Abraham Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 5:00 PM

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. Complete registration form will be in the March Bulletin.



Special Thanks

With heartfelt thanks for all their support during the shiva, a donation was made to the Boiler Fund by Tim Averill, Rebecca Marley & Jennifer Moffit in honor of: Paula Ivey, Deb Willwerth, Linda Feldman, Eve Noss, Stacey Ames, Julie Zeiff, Lisa Fabry, Toby Karlyn, Fran Baker, Susan Wolper, Ilene Goldberg, Phyllis Freeman, Donna & Alan Pierce, Lisa Fabry, Melody Kriteiman, Elissa Klein, Diane Yates, Jayne Gordon, Peg & Ken Hartman, Sandy Freiberg, Bonnie & Arnie Goldsmith, Deb Schutzman and Rabbi Adler. Please excuse any omissions or errors.

Cemetery

Thanks to Ethan Miller for volunteering to assist in removing the flags from the graves at TBA's Sons of Abraham Cemetery after Veterans Day. And cheerfully accomplishing the task despite it being a cold, windy and wet day.
TBA Cemetery Trustees.

The Congregation is Grateful for the Following Donations

ABE KAUFMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

Abe and Anita Kaufman to Jaffee Family, in memory of our longtime dear friend, Sheldon Jaffee

BOILER FUND

Anonymous
Tim Averill (in memory of Lauren)
Leo Berman
Suzie and Tom Cheetham
Jane and Paul Cohen
Arnie and Nancy Cowan
Elaine and Phil Goldberg
Arnie and Bonnie Goldsmith
Ken and Peg Hartman
Zellie and Harold Kaplan
Linda and Dan Magalnick
Cantor Bruce and Anne Siegel
Al and Lorinda Viznick
Paul Weinberg
Jim Younger and Andy Freedman Younger

CEMETERY FUND

Robert Freedman to the Kossover Family, condolences on the loss of Annette Kossover

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FUND

Ruth Helman to Lauren Averill Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you
Ruth Helman to Kimberly Hansen, Tiffany Finn, and Pat Kossover and family, my deepest sympathy on the passing of Annette
Ruth Helman to Tim, Jennifer, and Rebecca Averill, my deepest sympathy on the passing of Lauren. May the many fond memories you have of her help you through this difficult time. She and her smile will never be forgotten

GENERAL FUND

Joan Heller to Sara Bronstein, in memory of sister
Joan Heller to Averill Family, in memory of Lauren with deepest sympathy
Barron Family Foundation to Alison and Deb, wishing all of you at TBA a wonderful new year
Sheila and David Katz to Erin Lipkowitz, continue on the road to recovery
Joan Shechet to Joyce Kramer, in memory of beloved mother, Florence Novak

Joan Shechet to Kimberlee Hansen, in memory of my friend, Annette Kossover
David and Sheila Katz to Tim Averill and Family, our sympathy to you at this difficult time
Bonnie and Arnie Goldsmith to Tim Averill, deepest sympathy on the loss of dear Lauren
Lisa Horowitz and David Huth to Alan Weiner and Family, in memory of Barbara
Lisa Horowitz and David Huth to Elaine Israelsohn, Eve Noss, and Family, in memory of Sylvia Riley
Lisa Horowitz and David Huth to Tim Averill and Family, in loving memory of a beautiful soul, Lauren Averill
Linda and Dan Magalnick to Alan Weiner, in memory of your mother, Barbara
Linda and Dan Magalnick to Elaine Israelsohn, in memory of your sister, Sylvia Riley
Linda and Dan Magalnick to Tim Averill and Family, sorry for your loss
Linda and Dan Magalnick to the Kossover Family, in memory of Annette
Bonnie and Arnie Goldsmith to Marcia Glassman Jaffe and Mark Jaffe, deepest sympathy on the loss of your father
Emily and Mike Ogan to Temple B'nai Abraham, thank you for being part of our special day for Levi
Bonnie and Arnie Goldsmith to Elaine Israelsohn, our sincerest condolences on the loss of your sister Sylvia
Bonnie and Arnie Goldsmith to the Ogan Family, mazel tov on the birth of Levi Lewis
Len and Judy Allen to Averill Family, in memory of Lauren
Jimmy and Wendy Cohen to Tim Averill, in memory of dear Lauren

THE KITCHEN FUND

Nancy and Joel Black to the Averill Family, in memory of Lauren Averill, loving wife, mother, and grandmother

MONDAY NIGHT SUPPER FUND

Susan Wolper to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montanari, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to special long time friends
Susan Wolper to Mr. and Mrs. David Ballentine, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to special long time friends

Sarazita Freedland to the Averill Family, in memory of Lauren

ONEG AND KIDDUSH FUND

Lorraine Der in memory of her father, Norman Robinson

Robert Freedman for Annette Kossover's sheloshim

PIERCE FUND

Donna and Alan Pierce to Rick Colten, in memory of your father

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Jimmy and Wendy Cohen in honor of Rabbi Alison, just because she is such a warm, caring, kind, wonderful person

Susan Wolper to Israelsohn/Noss Families, thoughts are with you, remembering Sylvia

Susan Wolper and Leo Berman to Elaine Adler, thinking of you, wishing you a speedy and full recovery

Sandra Zigelbaum to Mindy Levine condolences for your husband Larry

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Robert Freedman to the Kossover Family, condolences on the loss of Annette Kossover

SAM and EVE WEINBERG FUND

Paul Weinberg to Elaine Israelsohn, in memory of Sylvia Riley, sister of Elaine Israelsohn

Paul Weinberg to Jaffe Family, in memory of Sheldon Jaffee

Paul Weinberg to the Averill Family, in memory of Lauren Averill

Paul Weinberg to Kossover Family, in memory of Annette Kossover

Paul Weinberg to Alan Weiner Family, in memory of Barbara Adams Weiner

Paul Weinberg to Erin Lipkowitz, a complete and speedy recovery

Paul Weinberg to Averill Family, with deepest sympathy

Susan Wolper to Tim Averill Family, smile with your good memories of Lauren, Mom, Grandma

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

John Hughes in honor of Leah Shriro

STERMAN/ISENBERG FUND

Diane Isenberg to Elaine Israelsohn, condolences on the loss of your sister

Diane Isenberg

Diane Isenberg to Erin Lipkowitz, you are missed

YAHZDIET FUND

Rosalee Goldstein in memory of Sadye Weinberg

Susan Hacker in memory of Arthur Hacker

Bonnie Goldsmith in memory of Sidney Kaplan

Dr. Jacob Kriteiman in memory of Ruth Kriteiman

Dr. Jacob Kriteiman in memory of Louis Kriteiman

Ralph Edelstein in memory of Max J. Edelstein

Abe Kaufman in memory of Pauline Schultz

Deb and Barry Levine to commemorate all of the 2019 yahrzeits in the Weisberg and Levene families

Lorraine Der in memory of Norman Robinson

Jayne Gordon in memory of Herbert Dulman

Geraldine Gormery in memory of Harold Levin

Owen Grush in memory of Maurice Grushky

Judith Dawson in memory of Sara Freedland

Gail Linda Sinitski in memory of Lillian Toll

Bruce Kurman in memory of Richard Kurman

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Dr. Joel Black in memory of Rhoda Black

Bonita Levine in memory of Bernard Levine

Joan Shechet in memory of my beloved mother, Sophie Andler

Julie Gross in memory of William Mack

Joan Heller in memory of Harry Sidman

Leon Kirschner and John Kirschner in memory of Herman N. Kirschner

Mrs. Elaine Israelsohn in memory of Jacob M. Israelsohn

Richard E. Freedberg in memory of my father, Alan P. Freedberg

Nancy Tartakoff in memory of Ruth Tartakoff

Thank you for your donations - Please excuse any omissions or errors.



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**Content for February Bulletin is due
February 14**

Send your content to: editor@tbabeverly.org

Monday Night Supper

Adult and youth volunteers from Temple B'nai Abraham regularly prepare and serve dinner at First Baptist Church on Cabot Street, Beverly.



Please join us on the third Monday of the month.

Our next Monday Night supper date is:

Monday, February 17

We need help in the church kitchen and in the dining room anytime from 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Visit our Facebook page

or watch for our weekly email with information updates.

Service Hours at Temple B'nai Abraham:

Weekdays: Mondays and Thursdays 6:55 AM

Shabbat: Friday 7:00 PM and
Saturday 9:00 AM

Sunday: 9 AM

Temple Office Hours:

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