



**TBA Monthly Newsletter**

**March 2020 Adar/Nisan 5780**

**Mishloach Manot Exchange DUE MARCH !**

**TBA Lecture Series -Hank Phillippi Ryan Sunday, March 22 at 10 AM**

**TBA Passover Seder Thursday, April 9 at 5 PM**

### **From the Rabbi**

#### **A Community Call-to-Action Against Antisemitism**

Rabbi, I am afraid. How can we take a stand against anti-Semitism?

- I know antisemitism, but I can't define it?
- How is antisemitism the same as or different from racism?
- When does criticism of Israel cross the line into antisemitism?
- Why did the white supremacists who marched in Charlottesville chant, "Jews will not replace us"?

It feels better to do than to worry.

Let's have a conversation about these questions. Temple B'nai Abraham is participating in the Community Read of Deborah E. Lipstadt's new book *Anti-Semitism: Here and Now*. Facilitated discussions will take place in the spring at North Shore locations. In addition, a live presentation by the author is planned for Tuesday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. at a North Shore location to be announced.

I invite you to read this book and attend a facilitated discussion for the TBA community on Sunday, May 17. The first 25 people to register for the facilitated book discussion will receive a complimentary copy of the book, thanks to the Holocaust Legacy Foundation and co-directors Jody Kipnis and Todd Ruderman. There is a one-book limit per family. An invitation will be coming out soon with more details and how to register for the congregational discussion.

In Beverly there will also be an expanded conversation about this book through the Human Rights Committee and the Multifaith Coalition. Certain community officials in surrounding North Shore towns and cities have already received their free copy of the book. We will be setting another date in May for this larger conversation with our neighbors and friends.

Please contact me with any concerns or questions. I am hopeful about these conversations and all that we can accomplish together towards greater understanding and tolerance. In hope and peace,

Rabbi Alison Adler

Community Call-to-Action Committee: Rabbi Michael Ragozin, Chair, Izzi Abrams, Marla Belostock, Miriam Blue, Deborah Coltin, Sara Ewing, Paul Gulko, Helaine, Hazlett, Beverly Kahn, Jody Kipnis, Deryn Pressman-Mashin, Rabbi David Meyer, Miriam, Pollack, Todd Ruderman, Anne Selby

## **Celebrate Purim at TBA Monday March 9 from 5:30- 9 PM**

Come eat, drink and be merry!

5:30 Children's Carnival, dinner and games

6: 30 Megillah reading for all

7:30 DJ Kids' party

7:30 Adult Program Come Yee Come Yee all you b'toga'd adults to our second annual

Purim debate debacle featuring our own Alan Pierce and Tim Averill again.

There will be raucous fun and witty rebuttals and capped with a costume contest!!\_Queen Esther's Decree beer will flow again.

If you don't have a toga (or other costume) we will provide one for you!

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**Community Morning Megillah reading at Shirat Hayam in Swampscott,  
Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 AM minyan,**



## From the President

Often times, big, bright, spectacular things begin with a spark. This is the case with an initiative that Temple B'nai Abraham leadership has begun to reinvent how we lead the congregation and more effectively support our membership.

A few months ago, Rabbi Adler reached out to the Leadership Development Institute (LDI) of Combined Jewish Philanthropies to understand how they work with temple leaders to implement "best-in-class" processes. LDI assigned consultant Leslie-Ann Copes-Finke, an experienced temple consultant and 2-time temple President to see if Temple B'nai Abraham could benefit from working with the LDI. Leslie met for several hours with Rabbi Adler, Deb Schutzman, and me to get a better understanding our where we are and where we see TBA headed in the next few years. We talked about what is working very well and where we can improve.

After reviewing the input from the interviews, the LDI team agreed to work with us.

Briefly, LDI's mission is to empower Jewish leaders to learn together, to hone the needed skills to assess and recommit to their vision and values, and to create and implement action steps to move their organizations forward.

They accomplish this mission by:

- supporting organizations and their leaders through seminars, workshops, consultations and executive coaching
- working with, clergy, boards, professionals and "emerging leaders" to deepen their knowledge and effectiveness as leaders as they shape institutional change

- drawing on classic and modern models of leadership and management, case studies, and Jewish texts and traditions

One of the keys to success is developing a "sacred partnership" among the leadership including Executive Committee, Board, and Committees. The foundation of these partnerships is the relationship between the Rabbi and the President. With Leslie's help, Rabbi Adler, and I spent several hours looking at how we work together, how our styles differ (a lot, apparently), and how we complement each other. This is a huge learning curve for me but I know that building and maintaining this partnership with Rabbi Adler is essential. Besides, it's very enjoyable to spend quality time with each other.

Beginning with our February meeting, the Board will start looking at how we function as a board. Are we visionary or functional? Do we have a shared vision of the future? Do we have the right members on the board? Do we have consistent processes?

This is a lot of work but it is something that we must do in order to ensure that TBA continues to grow and evolve and that we build a cohesive community based on our shared values.

I will continue to update the congregation on our progress. In the meantime, I encourage you to reach out to me with your comments, suggestions, and perspective.

Ken Hartman  
President

## In the Shul

### 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](mailto:office@tbabeverly.org) or 978-927-3211 ext. 3.

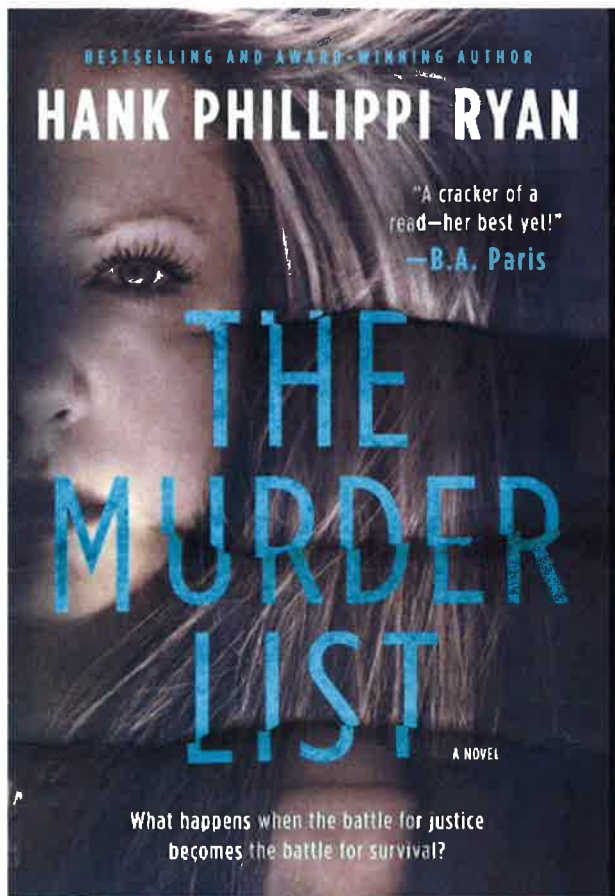
### Cantor Siegel's Genesis Class Continues!

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, March 19, 7:30 PM**, at the home of Jane Cohen. We will be discussing the book ***The Murder List* by Hank Phillippi Ryan** that will be featured at the Lecture Series Brunch. All are welcome to join us. Please contact Jane to RSVP and for directions at: [janecohen1@gmail.com](mailto:janecohen1@gmail.com)



# TEMPLE B'NAI ABRAHAM 15TH ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES BRUNCH

Sunday  
March 22, 2020  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
\$25/person  
(\$18/person over 65)

RSVP  
by March 13th  
[www.tbabeverly.org/events](http://www.tbabeverly.org/events)  
or  
978-927-3211, x3

## *Hank Phillippi Ryan*

### Lecture, Discussion, Brunch and Book Signing

Presented by the Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Abraham.

"A fireworks display of a novel: exciting, explosive, relentless – and likely to leave you gasping."  
—A. J. Finn, New York Times bestselling author of *The Woman in the Window*



200 East Lothrop St., Beverly, MA 01915

This synagogue welcomes, values  
and includes people of all abilities.

CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER





## PASSOVER SEDER AT TEMPLE B'NAI ABRAHAM Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 5:00 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 the TBA Office  
by Tuesday, March 31***

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
- \_\_\_ number of children's dinners (chicken fingers)
- \_\_\_ please check here if you will need a **ride** to this event

**Enclose check payable to TBA Sisterhood**

*For more information contact Erin: TBA office at: 978-927-3211 ext. 3 or  
email: [office@tbabeverly.org](mailto:office@tbabeverly.org)*

**TBA Passover Seder – It takes a village!**

**Help is needed Sunday, April 5 thru Friday April 10**

If you have any time to **volunteer**, please contact: Bonnie Goldsmith at:

[bgoldsmith@emersonhosp.org](mailto:bgoldsmith@emersonhosp.org), 508-523-1099 or Donna Pierce at: [donna.pierce5@gmail.com](mailto:donna.pierce5@gmail.com), 978-524-0298.

Even an hour or two will make a difference and be helpful. Thank you!

## **In the Shul Sunday March 1**

### **Mishloach Manot Exchange to Benefit the TBA Religious school scholarship fund**

***Have you ordered yours yet? The deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> so order soon!!!***

*Mishloach Manot* are the gifts of delicious treats, sweets and hamentashen (triangle-shaped filled cookies) which Jews traditionally exchange at Purim.

TBA Religious School is organizing an exchange of Mishloach Manot, which simplifies the delightful tradition of sending greetings to our TBA friends. All proceeds will benefit the TBA Religious School Scholarship Fund

Order forms are available electronically through the weekly TBA Constant Contact or hard copies are available in the office. All orders must be received and paid in full by **Sunday, March 1st!**

Questions? Contact Deb at [deb.schutzman@tbabeverly.org](mailto:deb.schutzman@tbabeverly.org) or 978-927-3211, ext. 4.

### **Introduction to Meditation with Jerry Schwartz 9 AM to 10:30 AM**

This one-time class will introduce the TBA community to the history and practice of "Jewish meditation" - The class will give beginners to meditation an opportunity to learn and to practice some basic sitting techniques. This also might lead to a comfort to attend the Sunday Morning Meditation! It is the intention of this class to familiarize people with the experience of meditation - that it's doable! - with the hope that it can be a practice to incorporate into your Jewish prayer and your spiritual development.

RSVP to [office@tbabeverly.org](mailto:office@tbabeverly.org) or 978-927-3211 ext. 3.

### **Tai Chi Seminar with Master Zhou Xuan Yun Sunday, March 1 - 11:00 AM -Noon**

The Tai Chi evolved out of the fusion of ancient Chinese fighting techniques, and the teachings of Daoism (a Chinese religion based on the study of the "Dao", the organic order of the natural world). The Tai Chi were used by Daoist monks to prepare their bodies for long periods of meditation, and to protect themselves as they traveled from temple to temple. For hundreds of years the Wudang martial arts have been kept secret, and only recently has it become possible for Daoist monks to share these great skills.

RSVP to [office@tbabeverly.org](mailto:office@tbabeverly.org) or 978-927-3211 ext. 3.

### **Special Thanks From Sisterhood**

Close to 200 people enjoyed an evening of comedy, delicious desserts and beverages. We thank Marty and Deb Greenstein for donating beer and wine. Once again we were honored to enjoy Leo Berman's jokes and his tribute to Lauren Averill. Even the professional comedian was intimidated by Leo! Thanks to all who planned, shopped, baked, setup, cleaned up and helped in many other ways to ensure the success of the evening. A special shout out to Julie Zieff, the creative force responsible for the mini desserts and Jello shots.

### **The Congregation is Grateful for the Following Donations**

#### **ABE KAUFMAN FUND**

Abe Kaufman in memory of Zalman Kaufman  
Abe & Anita Kaufman in memory of friend and neighbor,  
Norman Rudow

#### **BOILER FUND**

Alan and Lorinda Visnick  
Fran and Jordie Baker

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Regina Cole to the Kossover Family in memory of  
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Lauren Averill  
Donna & Alan Pierce to Mark Jaffee in memory of your  
father  
Donna & Alan Pierce to Elaine Israelsohn in memory of  
your sister  
Marion & Ed Bailey to the Averill Family in memory of  
Lauren Averill  
Robin Low to TBA, thank you for your warmth and  
hospitality the you showed us on Shabbat  
Judith Murray to the Averill Family in memory of Lauren,  
she was a beautiful individual inside and out

Fran & Jordy Baker to Elaine Israelsohn, deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your sister, Sylvia Riley

Fran & Jordy Baker to Tim Averill and Family, deepest sympathy on the loss of your wife, mother, and grandmother

#### **MONDAY NIGHT SUPPER FUND**

Karen & Mike Stearn to the Levine Family in memory of Larry Levine

#### **ONEG AND KIDDUSH FUND**

Robert Freedman in memory of his parents, Tamara and Louis Freedman

#### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Ann, David & Allison Morin to the Averill Family in memory of Lauren Roberts Averill

The Noss Family in memory of Jack Israelsohn

The Noss Family in memory of Matthew Young

The Noss Family in memory of Leah Shiro

Zellie & Harold Kaplan to Joyce Kramer in memory of Florence Novak

Shelia & David Katz to the Barth Family in memory of your parents, Richard and Sheila

#### **TBA RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Nancy & Joel Black to the Barth Family in memory of Sheila and Richard Barth, proud parents of their children, adored Nana and Papa of their grandchildren

The Isenberg Family to the Barth Family in loving memory of your parents

Diane Gayton to the Barth Family in memory of Sheila and Richard Barth

Ilene & Richard Goldberg to the Barth Family in memory of Shelia and Richard Barth

Cynthia Sterman Cutler to the Barth Family in memory of Shelia and Richard Barth

The Duchin Family to the Barth Family in memory of Shelia and Richard Barth

Medtronic Americas Supply Chain to The Barth Family, please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your parents. Our thoughts are with you.

#### **Yahrzeit Fund**

Robert Freedman in memory of Louis Freedman

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Michael Stearn in memory David Stearn

Joan Heller in memory of Dora Sidman

Joan Heller in memory of Mary Sidman

Joel Joseph in memory of Fanny Joseph

Joan Joseph in memory of Louis Freedman

Joan Joseph in memory of Tamara Freedman

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

# March 2020 5 Adar 5780 - 6 Nisan 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 5 ADAR Religious School 9-noon/Meditation Workshop 9:00 AM/Tai Chi Demonstration 10:30 AM	<b>2</b> 6 ADAR	<b>3</b> 7 ADAR	<b>4</b> 8 ADAR	<b>5</b> 9 ADAR Adult Ed with Cantor Siegel 10:00 AM/Let's Just Talk About It. Life before, during and after a Jewish death 7:30PM	<b>6</b> 10 ADAR  <b>5:21</b> Weinberg Shabbat Dinner 6:00 PM followed by musical shabbat service at 7:00 PM with Marcy and TBA	<b>7</b> 11 ADAR  Tetzaveh  Parashat Zachor  ca htmun
<b>8</b> 12 ADAR Meditation with Jerry Schwartz 7:30 AM/Religious School 9:00-Noon	<b>9</b> 13 ADAR  Fast of Esther Community Purim Celebration with Carnival and Dinner at 5:30-6:30 PM, Meggillah reading at 6:30 PM, Kids DJ party and Adult Mock debate at 7:30 PM	<b>10</b> 14 ADAR  Purim TBA Board Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>11</b> 15 ADAR  Shushan Purim	<b>12</b> 16 ADAR Adult Ed with Cantor Siegel 10:00 AM/Religious School 4-5:30 pm/Let's Just Talk About It. Life before, during and after a Jewish death 7:30PM	<b>13</b> 17 ADAR  <b>5:29</b>	<b>14</b> 18 ADAR  Ki Tisa  Parashat Parah  ca htmun
<b>15</b> 19 ADAR Meditation with Jerry Schwartz 7:30 AM/Religious School 9:00-Noon/Celebration of Life For Lauren Averill 1:00 PM	<b>16</b> 20 ADAR Monday Night Supper at the First Baptist Church 4:30-6:30 PM	<b>17</b> 21 ADAR	<b>18</b> 22 ADAR	<b>19</b> 23 ADAR Adult Ed with Cantor Siegel 10:00 AM/Religious School 4-5:30 pm	<b>20</b> 24 ADAR  <b>5:37</b>	<b>21</b> 25 ADAR  Vayakhel - Pekude  Parashat Hachodesh  ca htmun
<b>22</b> 26 ADAR Meditation with Jerry Schwartz 7:30 AM/Religious School 9:00-Noon/Author Brunch 10:00 AM	<b>23</b> 27 ADAR	<b>24</b> 28 ADAR	<b>25</b> 29 ADAR	<b>26</b> 1 NISAN  Rosh Chodesh Nisan Adult Ed with Cantor Siegel 10:00 AM/Religious School 4-5:30 pm/Let's Just Talk About It. Life before, during and after a Jewish death 7:30PM	<b>27</b> 2 NISAN  <b>5:45</b>	<b>28</b> 3 NISAN  Vayikra  ca htmun Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Vaynshtuyn 9:00 AM
<b>29</b> 4 NISAN Meditation with Jerry Schwartz 7:30 AM/Religious School 9:00-Noon	<b>30</b> 5 NISAN	<b>31</b> 6 NISAN				



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**Content for April Newsletter is due  
Monday, March 16**

Send your content to: [editor@tbabeverly.org](mailto: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, March 16**

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:**

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays  
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Upcoming Events at TBA**

**Sunday Morning Meditation with Jerry Schwartz**

Sundays at 7:30 – 8:15 AM

**Cantor Siegel's Genesis Class**

Thursdays at 10 AM

**Introduction to Meditation**

Sunday, March 1, 9 – 10:30 AM

**Tai Chi Seminar**

Sunday, March 1, 11:00- Noon

**Shabbat Dinner in Memory of Sam and Eve Weinberg**

Friday, March 6 at 6 PM

**Purim Evening Megillah Reading and Celebration**

Monday, March 9, 5:30- 9 PM

**Community Morning Megillah Reading at Shirat Hayam**

Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 AM

**Celebration of Life for Lauren Averill at TBA**

Sunday, March 15, 1 PM

**Sisterhood Book Club – *The Murder List***

Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 PM

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Author Brunch**

Sunday, March 22, at 10 AM

**Passover Seder**

Thursday, April 9 at 5 PM

**Annual Gala at NSMT**

Tuesday, June 9

If you or someone you know has been sick, in the hospital, or needs some comfort, please contact Rabbi Adler: 978-927-3211 or [rabbi.adler@tbabeverly.org](mailto:rabbi.adler@tbabeverly.org)