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From The Rabbi



As we celebrate the start of the New Year at Rosh Hashanah, this year at the beginning of October, we sense the changes around us, and recognize the cycle of life in our personal, unique ways.

Sometimes we feel that at the start of the High Holyday season, at Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur. For many of us, we really

feel that during Sukkot.

For those of us who live in the wall-to-wall climate control Sukkot reawakens understandings that are too easily taken for granted. It forces us to reconnect with food chains and ecosystems, to reaffirm our awareness that, despite our normal existence in carefully controlled environments, we are all passengers on "spaceship Earth." The rhythms and patterns of the natural order, and the quality of its equilibrium, will affect our lives.

When we spend time in the Sukkah, we get a unique chance to experience the natural world. We are subject to wind and rain, hot and cold, sunlight and moonlight; birds and bugs directly interact with us- and that which we are trying to eat. We are reminded of our dependence on nature, and of our need to protect it.

Once again this year we have several opportunities to take part in the celebration of the holiday. Several upcoming services, and all our student classes at Temple Beth Ami will be held in our 'Super-Sukkah' during the holiday. A Sukkot holiday guide is also available at the Temple.

Some of the events in our Sukkah this year include:

Friday night, October 18th we will have Shabbat in the Sukkah. Chazan Alyssa Rosenbaum will help lead services at 8 pm, and we will once again host a surprise visitor to our Sukkah. Previous visitors included 442nd Veteran/Medal of Honor Winner George Sakato, Tariq Altas from SCV Islamic Center, Father Vivian Ben Lima, Rev. Canon Lynn Jay, Rev. John Shaver

and Rev. Ricky Hoyt.

Sunday evening, Oct. 20th at 6:00 PM, we will be hosting our annual wine and cheese social at the Blazer Family Sukkah.

And don't miss out on Simchat Torah, which comes at the end of Sukkot in what is always a raucous good time. We rejoice with the Torah with music, dance, food and drink Monday night, October 21st at 7:00 PM. Take part in unrolling the entire Torah scroll as we complete the yearly cycle of reading, and begin a new one. For those who are able to come early, we will be having pizza at 6:00 PM.

And just around the corner is the *Celebration of Life-Animal Service*, November 2nd at 10 AM, as we bring our pets to shul for a special blessing, and read from the story of Noah. This is the 18th year of this special tradition.

The month ahead is filled with wonderful opportunities to be together, and so much to celebrate. We hope it is the beginning of an even more wonderful year.

HAG SAMEYACH! TO A JOYOUS SEASON!

- Rabbi Mark Blazer

Mission Statement of Temple Beth Ami

The Purpose of this Reform Congregation shall be to worship G-d, to promote Jewish education and the fundamental principles of Judaism, to ensure the continuity of the Jewish people to cultivate love, understanding, and enjoyment of our Jewish heritage and to encourage community involvement.

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President's Message



L'Shana Tova to all! Welcome back to our current TBA family and a hearty welcome to our new members. We truly appreciate all of you & aspire to have the coming year be fulfilling for all spiritually, educationally and socially. Let's all resolve in this New Year to be more involved at TBA!

There is an abundance of holiday celebrations and fun activities this fall for you to join. How about Board & Brush on 10/6, a new Sisterhood event, for those of you that love to create beautiful home-made craft items for your home? A group of TBA folks will be attending "The Diary of Anne Frank" matinee (2pm) at The Main on 10/13. Tickets for the above are available through links on our Weekly Announcements from TBA. Our not-to-be-missed Sukkot Celebration Wine & Cheese Tasting Social at the Rabbi's house takes place on 10/19 & a special Simchat Torah featuring Alyssa Rosenbaum, our wonderful Cantor, includes dinner at 6pm at the Temple with a service following at 7pm. And these

are just some of our October events! Please join in these celebratory occasions & don't forget, our always meaningful Shabbat services.

Stay tuned for more facility improvements on the way, too!

L'Shalom,

Lori Litel
TBA President

A poster for a Short Story Writing Class. The background is a light teal color with several green pencils scattered at the top. At the bottom is a green silhouette of an open book. The text is centered and reads:

Short Story Writing Class

AUTHOR OF 15 PUBLISHED BOOKS,
LECTURER IN EUROPE AND THE U.S.
MARGOT WEBB

MARGOT WEBB, WILL TEACH A STEP BY STEP WAY OF WRITING A
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REWRITES TOGETHER & HAVE DISCUSSION & READINGS.
THEN SUBMIT YOUR STORY TO A PUBLISHER.
LIMITED TO 10 PEOPLE

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT
7PM-8:30PM
BEGINING OCTOBER 15TH @TEMPLE BETH AMI

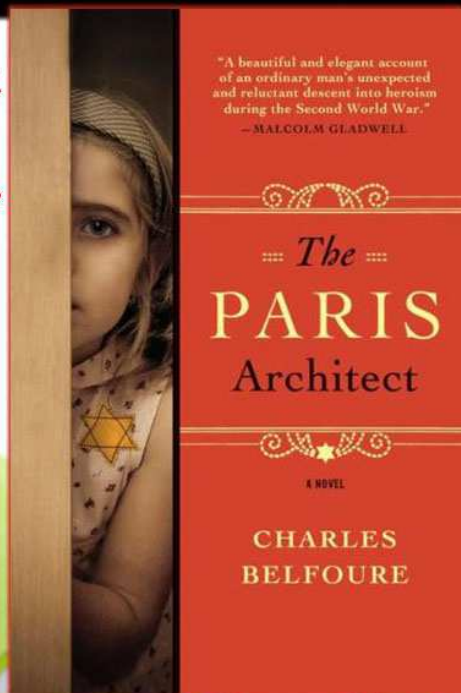
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BOOK CLUB

In 1942 Paris, gifted architect Lucien Bernard accepts a commission that will bring him a great deal of money — and maybe get him killed. But if he's clever enough, he'll avoid any trouble. All he has to do is design a secret hiding place for a wealthy Jewish man, a space so invisible that even the most determined German officer won't find it. He sorely needs the money, and outwitting the Nazis who have occupied his beloved city is a challenge he can't resist.

But when one of his hiding spaces fails horribly, and the problem of where to hide a Jew becomes terribly personal, Lucien can no longer ignore what's at stake. The Paris Architect asks us to consider what we owe each other, and just how far we'll go to make things right.



Discussion & Potluck
Sat. Oct. 19 @ 11am
Temple Beth Ami, Classroom 1
RSVP: Diana 951-809-7035

Temple Beth Ami Adult Social Event

SUKKOT CELEBRATION

WINE TASTING SOCIAL

OUR ANNUAL INFORMAL WINE & CHEESE
TASTING EVENT AND CELEBRATION OF SUKKOT
WITH YOUR FELLOW TBA MEMBERS
AT RABBI MARK & TRACY BLAZER'S

SUNDAY NIGHT
OCTOBER 20TH
6:00-9:00 P.M.
AT THE RABBI S HOUSE



R.S.V.P. TO rabbim@templebethami.org OR CALL TBA AT (661) 255-6410

SIMCHAT TORAH

at Temple Beth Ami

FEATURING

Alyssa Rosenbaum

Monday, October 21st

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Service at 7:00 PM

Join us for pizza and after dinner we "Rejoice with the Torah." On Simchat Torah we complete the yearly cycle of reading, and also begin a new one. Dance and sing with us on one of the most joyous days of the year, and celebrate with food and **drink**.



Religious School



Shalom,

TBA's Religious School is starting 5780 with a new name, T.E.A.M., **Temple Education About Me**. We are changing the name with the hope that our kids will see coming to T.E.A.M. as a place to experience both the social and educational Jewish experience, rather than just another after school program that they must attend. Our challenge has been to ease the struggle that kids and families face with all of their extra-curriculars, homework, and coming to TBA to learn Judaica and Hebrew. In light of this, we have established an Education Committee to help guide us into this next phase of education. Thank you to Judy Winokur, Alyssa Peretz, Sarah Goldflam, Nancy Lepore and Kim Boothby-Fogel for all they are doing behind the scenes to make T.E.A.M. the place to be!

Our theme this year is "Ruach," Spirit! Each of our teachers will work with their classes to create a team chant over the next month to represent the goals they have for their particular class. Throughout the year we will have competitions and incentives that continue to bring a new spirit to our youth.

Additionally, we have changed our Family Service, and we will be trying some different formats over the next few months to engage our congregation. Our September Family Service included a Rosh Hashanah story and discussion and a fantastic edible craft that followed during the oneg. Kids put together trains made from all sorts of delicious treats while the adults helped, and kibbitzed. A fun time for all ages. October had craft following the service allowing the kids to create an edible Sukkah. Our plan in November will be to have a "Camp" Shabbat with Israeli dancing to follow during the oneg. Please come out and experience habbat at TBA no matter what your age.



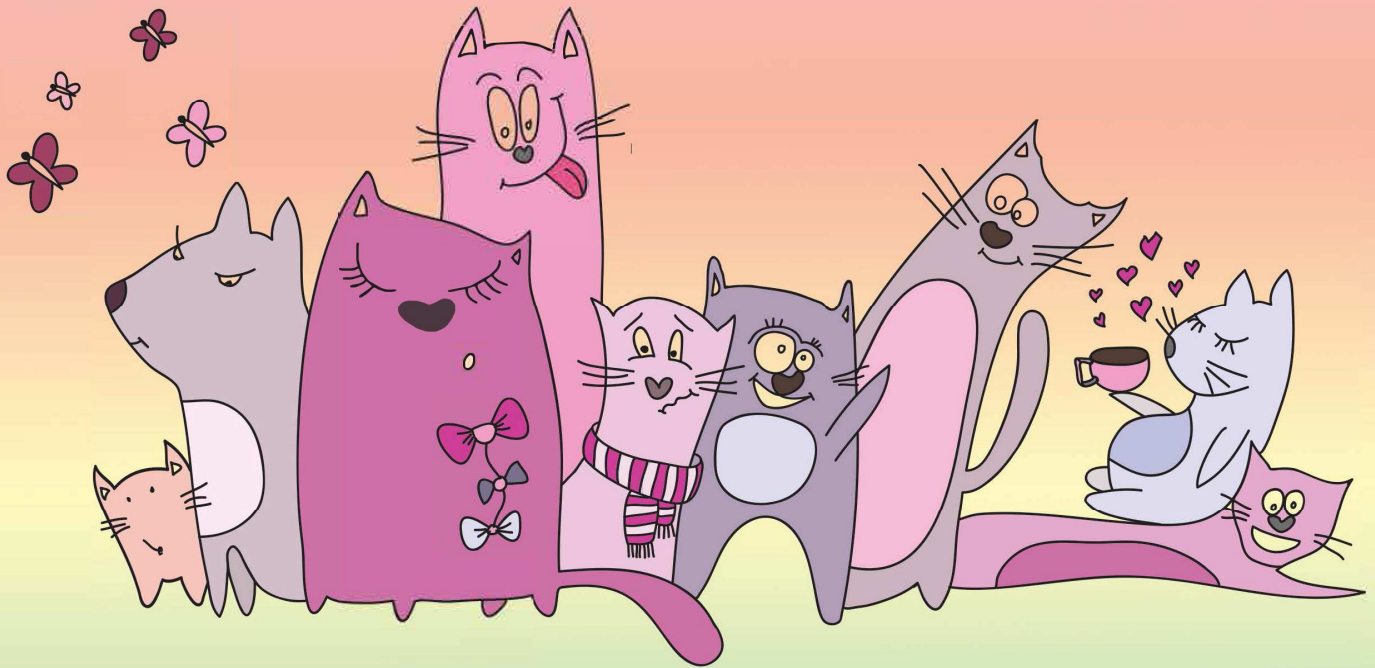
IGNITE will be posting their next Social for in the eBlast. Keep your eyes open. Also, we want to thank all of our teens that have been volunteering to help with the renovations in the TBA building and their support in our classrooms.

Please come by and feel free to enjoy our Kibbitzing Room that is our current work in progress. We will have some refreshments for you in the coming weeks and a place that you can enjoy meeting some families and sharing some time together. We will be hosting our first parent event in the coming weeks to celebrate our re-opening of this room! We are so excited about all of our changes. Check the eBlast for all updates.

Hope to see everyone celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah in the coming weeks! These holidays are joyous and our kids create great memories when we all celebrate together!

B'Shalom, Jennifer

Temple Beth Ami is proud to host the
**CELEBRATION OF LIFE
ANIMAL SERVICE**



Shabbat Parshat Noach, Saturday, November 2nd at 10AM

Please join us for our special service. Bring your pets and animal friends to this unique outdoor experience.

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Sisterhood



Ladies of TBA

We have had a busy couple of months with the holidays and some fun social events. Thanks to Rena Slabich for helping me with our High Holiday Cooking Class. I know more people than ever made their own Challah and Apple Roses this holiday season.



Thanks to all of you who helped set up and clean up oneg during the High Holidays. Also we had alot of fun at Board & Brush and made some fun signs and furniture for our homes. Check them out and thank them for donating to TBA.

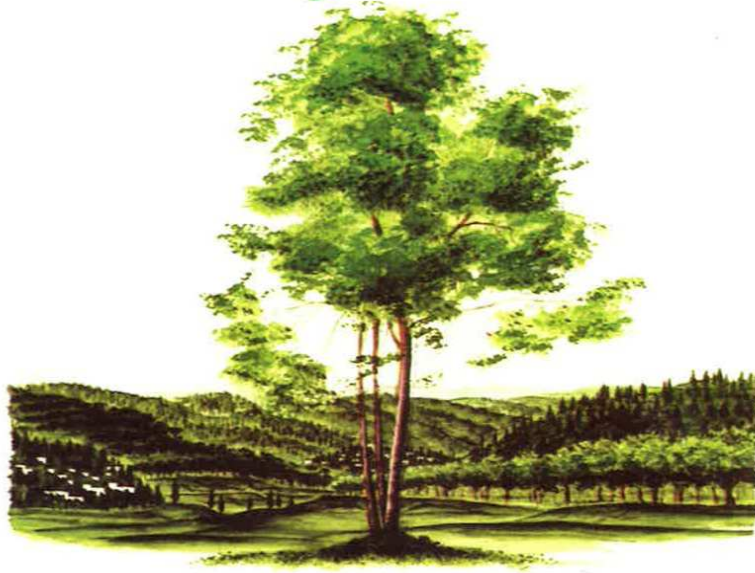


We will have a get together in the Blazer Sukkah on Tuesday October 15th and eat some treats and play some games (THIS IS A DATE CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL FLYER...SORRY). Then in November we will celebrate Shabbat together at TBA with a Potluck on November 15th.

Stay tuned for more information on our Holiday Boutique in December

Tracy Blazer
TBA Sisterhood

Trees for Israel



כ' תבוא אל הארץ ונטעתם (ויקרא ט"ב ג)

"When you shall come to the land you shall plant trees." — Leviticus 19:23

Israel's Trees & Water Project Celebrate any Life Cycle event

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improve water quality.

Please contact Cheryl Maliniak (sisterhood@templebethami.org)
for more information and to place your order

SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Thank you to all of you that have either joined or renewed your Sisterhood membership for 2019-2020 Memberships are being received as of August 15, 2019. All new TBA members are automatic members of Sisterhood for their first year – free of charge and are encouraged to attend all Sisterhood functions. Please contact sisterhood@templebethami.org

SISTERHOOD PURPOSE & BOARD:

The purpose of Sisterhood at TBA is to have a group of women that come together and support one another while also participating in a variety of programs of choice. In doing so, Sisterhood supports the community of Temple Beth Ami along with a generous financial donation at the end of each fiscal year.

SISTERHOOD BOARD:

President—Tracy Blazer, **Past President**—Judith Stolnitz, **Secretary**—Donna Casey,
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Sisterhood's website: www.templebethami.org/sisterhood.html (*PayPal here too)

Sisterhood updates: www.templebethami.org/sisterhood-updates.html

Sisterhood's email: sisterhood@templebethami.org

Please go to Sisterhood Updates page on the website for forms and event flyers!



7-Oct	Natalie	Barton			
7-Oct	Danielle	Hershenson			
7-Oct	Juliette	Hershenson	3-Nov	Cassandra	Azani
11-Oct	Maxwell	Corben	4-Nov	Michael	Schoenwetter
11-Oct	Jacob	Levine	8-Nov	Nancy	Lefko
15-Oct	Madeline	Corben	9-Nov	Brandi	DeVore
15-Oct	Sarah	Petri	9-Nov	Chris	Vila
17-Oct	Preston	Fields	10-Nov	Leon	Melnick
18-Oct	Jeff	Stein	14-Nov	Rob	Kayne
19-Oct	Jennifer	Cogan	18-Nov	Zachary	Goldflam
22-Oct	Michael	Watson	19-Nov	Shira	Blazer
23-Oct	Art	Greenfield	29-Nov	Rina	Slabich
26-Oct	Riley	Scott			
29-Oct	Ben	Watson			

8-Oct	Gene & Bonnie	Horwitz
15—Oct	Jay & Karen	Barnett
25-Oct	Phil & Kelly	Wasserman
28-Oct	Matt & Brandi	Devore
29-Oct	Garrett & Donna	Casey
29-Oct	Lee & Joyce	Shulman
4-Nov	Don & Cheryl	Cogan



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1-Oct	Rebecca	Aronowitz	1-Nov	Sibyl	Cohen
1-Oct	Michael	Cohen	2-Nov	Jack	Blum
1-Oct	Jacob	Fuchsman	6-Nov	Sidney	Chest
2-Oct	Millard	Singerman	6-Nov	Harry	Edelman
4-Oct	Ron	Retin	6-Nov	Ethel	Mandel
4-Oct	Leon	Strauss	9-Nov	Flora	Levy
4-Oct	Albert	Ludwig	9-Nov	Gertrude	Nach
6-Oct	Charles	Goldsmith	10-Nov	Mautice	Heller
11-Oct	Beth	Singer	10-Nov	Lilian	Levine
12-Oct	Gertrude	Barnett	11-Nov	Bernardo	Azani
15-Oct	Mikkey	Goodman	13-Nov	Joel	Levinson
16-Oct	Gayle	Block	14-Nov	Dale	Meyerhoff
17-Oct	Herman	Gross	14-Nov	James	Schuyler
20-Oct	Arti	Baer	15-Nov	Charles	Nierenbeg
21-Oct	Roslyn	Durkee	16-Nov	Barbara	Fredrickson
24-Oct	Roseanne	Melnick	16-Nov	Stanley	Stulman
27-Oct	Mary	Edelman	17-Nov	Sydney	Schwartz
29-Oct	Marcus	Greenfield	18-Nov	Bea	Horwitz
30-Oct	Adelle	Stulman	18-Nov	Kurt	Kaufman
			19-Nov	Leonard	Mullen
			20-Nov	Leonard	Winokur
			24-Nov	Gertrude	DuQuinn
			25-Nov	Irving	Goldberg
			26-Nov	Shirley	Maliniak
			26-Nov	Charlotte	Cogan
			26-Nov	Marguriet	Schuyler
			27-Nov	Jack	Davis
			28-Nov	Frances	Mullen
			29-Nov	Harold	Richter
			30-Nov	Annie	Goldberg

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October 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 No Minyan No Torah Study Theatre Group Rehearsal 6pm Support Group 7pm	2 Theatre Group Rehearsal 6pm Toastmasters 6:30 No Adult Education Support Group 7pm	3 Religious School Gr. 4-7 4:15-6pm	4 Family Shabbat Services 7pm w/Rabbi Blazer & Wendy	5
6 No Religious School	7 Support Group 7:30pm	8 Erev Yom Kippur Support Group 7pm Yom Kippur Kol Nidre 7:30pm	9 Yom Kippur Service 9am Yizkor 11:30am Support Group 7pm	10 Religious School Gr. 4-7 4:15-6pm	11 Shabbat Services 8pm w/ Rabbi Blazer & Wendy	12 Shabbat B'nai Mitzvah
13 Erev Sukkot Sukkah Build 8am Religious School Gr. K-3 9:00 – 11am Gr. 4-7 10:30am – 12:30pm Board Meeting 5pm	14 Sukkot Columbus Day Support Group 7:30pm	15 Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am Sisterhood in the Blazer's Sukkah 6:30pm Support Group 7pm	16 Adult Education in the TBA Sukkah 7pm Toastmasters 6:30pm Support Group 7:30pm	17 Religious School Gr. 4-7 4:15-6pm	18 New Member Shabbat in the TBA Sukkah Dinner for new members 6:30 w/Rabbi Blazer & Alyssa 8pm Services	19
20 Religious School Gr. K-3 9:00 – 11am Gr. 4-7 10:30am – 12:30pm Wine & Cheese in the Sukkah 6pm	21 Support Group 7:30pm Simcha Torah & Pizza 6:00pm	22 Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am Support Group 7pm	23 Adult Education 7pm Support Group 7:30pm	24 Religious School Gr. 4-7 4:15-6pm	25 Shabbat Services 8pm w/ Rabbi Blazer & Alyssa	26
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3 Daylight Savings Time ends ("Fall Back") Religious School Gr. K-3, 9-11am Gr. 4-7, 10:30am – 12:30pm	4 Support Group Meeting 7:30pm	5 Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am Support Group Meeting 7pm	6 Support Group Meeting 7pm Adult Education 7pm	7 Religious School Gr. 4-7, 4:15 – 6pm	1 Family Shabbat Service 7pm w/ Rabbi Blazer & Alyssa	2 Blessing of the Animals 10am Scott Bar Mitzvah
10 Religious School Gr. K-3, 9-11am Gr. 4-7, 10:30am – 12:30pm	11 Veteran's Day Support Group Meeting 7:30pm	12 Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am Support Group Meeting 7pm	13 Toastmasters 6:30pm Support Group Meeting 7pm Adult Education 7pm	14 Religious School Gr. 4-7, 4:15 – 6pm	15 Sisterhood Shabbat Potluck Shabbat Services/Zayin Class w/Rabbi Blazer & Alyssa 8pm	16
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24 Religious School Gr. K-3, 9-11am Gr. 4-7, 10:30am – 12:30pm	25 Support Group Meeting 7:30pm	26 Minyan 9am Torah Study 9:30am Support Group Meeting 7pm	27 Support Group Meeting 7pm Adult Education 7pm	28 Thanksgiving Day	29 Shabbat Services w/Rabbi Blazer & Wendy 8pm	30