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Friday Evening (Kabbalat Shabbat)

Sanctuary and YouTube, 6:15 p.m.

Shabbat Morning

"A Taste of Adult Text Study" 9:00am via zoom
Shabbat Services begin at 9:30am

Monday & Thursday Morning Minyan

Morning Minyan 8:00am in the Chapel

Wednesday "Weekly Text Study"

@ Paulista Brazilian Kitchen 9:00am
BBYO – AZA&BBG 7:00pm

JUNE 2022

Candle Lighting Times (Fridays)

June 3	8:09pm
June 10	8:13pm
June 17	8:16pm
June 24	8:17pm

Torah Portions (Saturdays)

June 4	Erev Shavuot \
	Parashat Bamidbar
	Shabbat Mishpacha 10:00am
	Kiddush Sponsored by Allan & Bella Gordon
	Family Shavuot Service with ice cream 6:15pm
	Adult Shavuot Study Session 8:00pm

9:10pm Candle lighting

June 11	Parashat Nasso
	Bat Mitzvah of Eva Katz

9:14pm Havdalah

June 18	Parashat Beha'alotcha
	<i>9:16pm Havdalah</i>

June 25	Shabbat Mevarchim - Chodesh Tamuz - Parashat Sh'lach
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**Kiddush Sponsored by
Noam & Michelle Birnbaum for their Aufruf**

AND

Joe & Sheila Millman for their 50th Anniversary
9:18pm Havdalah

JUNE SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, June 3 **Gan Avraham
graduation & all Gan family picnic 12:00 noon**

Sunday, June 5 **Shavuot I Service 9:30am**

Special Mah Jongg game 12:45pm Courtyard

9:11pm Candle lighting

Monday, June 6 **Office closed**

Shavuot II service with Yizkor 9:30am

9:11pm Havdalah

SERVICE SCHEDULE & ONGOING EVENTS

Saturday, June 11 **Mah Jongg for all 12:45pm**
 Monday, June 13 **GASP Session 1 begins**
 Wednesday, June 15 **Red Cross Blood Drive**
 12:00 noon
 Friday, June 24 **Tot Shabbat 4:45pm**

JULY 2022

Candle Lighting Times (Fridays)

July 1 8:17pm
 July 8 8:16pm
 July 15 8:13pm
 July 22 8:08pm
 July 30 (Rosh Chodesh Av) 8:02pm

Torah Portions (Saturdays)

July 2 Parashat Korach
**Sponsored by the Minyan Fund in honor of the
 principle participants (the Minyanaires)**
9:17pm Havdalah

July 9 Parashat Chukat
9:16pm Havdalah

July 16 Parashat Balak
9:13pm Havdalah

July 23 Shabbat Mevarchim
 Chodesh aVe
 Parashat Pinchas
9:08pm Havdalah

July 30 Parashat Matot-Masei
Israeli Consul General to speak at Service
9:02pm Havdalah

JULY SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, July 4 **Gan and office closed for
 4th of July**

Tuesday, July 5 **GASP Session 2 begins**

Saturday, July 9 **Mah Jongg for all**
 12:45pm Chapel Courtyard

Monday, July 18 **GASP Session 3 begins**

Saturday, July 23 **Mah Jongg for all 12:45pm**

Monday, July 25 **Rosh Chodesh Meeting 10:30am**

Thursday, July 28 **TBA Book Club**
4 3 2 1 7:30pm via zoom

Friday, July 29 **Last Day of GASP for the
 summer**
Tot Shabbat 4:45pm

AUGUST 2022

Candle Lighting Times (Fridays)

August 5 7:56pm
 August 12 7:47pm (Tu B'Av)
 August 19 7:39pm
 August 26 7:29pm

Torah Portions (Saturdays)

August 6 Shabat Chazon
 Erev Tish'a B'Av
 Parashat Devarim

**Kiddush Sponsored by Matt Jaffe and Lucia
 Macias for their Baby Naming**
8:55pm Havdalah

August 13 Shabbat Nachamu
 Parashat Vaetchanan

**Kiddush Sponsor Bryan Schwartz and
 Gabi Marini in honor of Bryan's 50th
 Birthday 8:47pm Havdalah**

August 20 Shabbat Mevarchim
 Chodesh Elul
 Parashat Eikev
Bar Mitzvah of Elliott Zatkin
8:38pm Havdalah

August 27 Rosh Chodesh Elul
 Parashat Re'eh
Bat Mitzvah of Leah Skiles
8:28pm Havdalah

AUGUST SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, August 10
Gan visiting day for Kitah Alef
First day of Gan for Kitah Bet and Gimmel

Thursday, August 11
First day of Gan for Kitah Alef

Saturday, August 13
Mah Jongg for all 12:45pm

Wednesday, August 17
**Adult Hebrew Alef Bet class begins 7:00pm–
 to be held every Wednesday**

Saturday, August 27
Mah Jongg for all 12:45pm

Tuesday, August 30
Bet Sefer Back to School BBQ



Teaching kindergarteners is a joy

By Lisa Fernandez

I have been teaching Bet Sefer for about a decade. I've tutored students in chanting Hebrew, I instructed 1st graders last year on Zoom and have helped out with sixth graders teaching Judaic students.

And this year, I had the great joy of teaching Mechina.

My own children are now teenagers and until this year, I had forgotten the wonders of kindergarten.

I forgot that 5-year-olds hug you spontaneously and say "I love you," as they wrap their arms around your legs in a tight embrace.

I forgot that many kindergartners can't put on their kippot clips without help – and that if you don't jump into help right away, some might actually figure it out for themselves.

And I forgot how much kindergartners love to learn.

Our class learned the entire Hebrew alphabet this year and each week, the kids would draw beautiful letters outside on the sidewalk in chalk – a hidden benefit to outdoor learning during coronavirus. The temple campus always looked more cheerful with their colorful drawings and excellent penmanship.

The children learned the Mah Nishtanah and much to my amazement, the entire verse of what Ruth said to Naomi: "Wherever you go, I will go...."

They learned about Solomon's wisdom and that the highest form of tzedakah is giving someone a job.

And I re-learned that kindergarteners are amazing students and perhaps the best grade to teach!

I'll be teaching Mechina next fall.

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Get Yourself a Teacher

רַבָּחַ רָדַל הַנִּקּוּ, בְּרָדַל הַשָּׁע, רִמּוֹא הִתְרַפּ נְבֵ-עֲשׂוּהִי
*Yehoshua ben Perachia said, get yourself a teacher, and
 acquire for yourself for a friend. --Pirke Avot 1:6*



Pirke Avot, the collection of pithy sayings by our rabbinic sages, places a high value on good teachers, putting it even before friendship. I consider myself very lucky to have learned from some great teachers in my many years of education, including during rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College and at Northwestern University as an undergrad and grad student.

But probably the best teacher I have ever had was in High School, Dr. Philip Fisher, who I had for English in both my 9th and 11th grade years. I still think regularly about three powerful lessons he taught us.

The first, via D. H. Lawrence, is the difference between negative and positive freedom. Negative freedom, or freedom from, refers to the kind of freedom a slave or a rebel desires. When one is enslaved by a taskmaster, as the Israelites were in the land of Egypt, they want to be freed from their tasks, from bondage, from cruelty. Positive freedom or freedom to, in sharp contrast to freedom from, means freedom to live life, not just escape from it, freedom to build a new society, not just rebel against it, freedom to express a religion, not just flee from it. I think about this lesson every year during the Omer, since the former is essentially the kind of freedom we celebrate at Pesach, while the latter is something we celebrate at Shavuot, when we receive the Torah.

The second lesson comes from the William Butler Yeats poem, “The Second Coming.” This poem talks about how the falcon cannot hear the falconer and how the center cannot hold. With Biblical allusions to Isaiah and Malachi, while we wait for a great day of the Messiah coming (the second coming in Christianity, the first in Judaism), Yeats alludes to the idea that the day of awesomeness is awesome not in the sense of goodness, but of destruction and terror. Yeats is alluding to the very words of the Haftarah chanted on Shabbat Hagadol, the Shabbat before Passover.

Finally, Dr. Fisher used to tell us that our goal in life should be to do what he called “conjure up our synthesis.” What he meant by this was that, utilizing what we learn in life, we should find our purpose. I would add the word sacred to that notion.

He taught them so powerfully that I still think about them, utilize them, and even live by them. So I called him recently and thanked him. We discussed the literature, the Torah, and our lives. And he was so appreciative that I called him to tell him that his lessons had stuck with me for life.

So if you have such a teacher in your life, give them that same gift. Call them and thank them. It’s what they do it for. It doesn’t have to be a Jewish lesson or a profound lesson. Just tell them that their teaching meant something to you. And, if you don’t have such a teacher, well, follow the advice of Rabbi Yehoshua, and “get yourself a teacher.”

L’shalom,

Rabbi Mark Bloom

WEEKLY TEXT STUDY with Rabbi Bloom

Wednesdays at 9am

Contact rabbibloom@tbaoakland.org
 for the location



An Extraordinary Teacher

By David Goodwin

I have had a number of excellent teachers over the years, including our own Susan Simon, who is so skilled a teacher that I could not stop smiling the first time I took a class from her, and Professor William (Ze'ev) Brinner, of blessed memory, the Chair of the Near Eastern Studies Department at UC Berkeley (and a TBA member). But I want to devote this column to Nakdimon Doniach, who was my tutor for two years, devoting countless hours of personal instruction in an attempt to teach me the finer points of biblical Hebrew.

Mr. Doniach (and I should say that I knew him for twenty years and never called him by anything else, although his contemporaries addressed him as Naky) was born in London in 1907, the son of two Russian Jews. His father, Aaron Doniach, had been arrested and imprisoned by the Russian secret police while on the way to a memorial service for Theodor Herzl. After escaping to Britain, Aaron set up the school system for Jewish girls in the East End of London and taught Arabic at the School of Oriental Studies at London University. His mother, Rahel Chaikin, was a poet and a friend of Chaim Nahman Bialik, perhaps the greatest Hebrew poet since the Middle Ages, and of the Zionist philosopher Ahad Ha-Am.

Mr. Doniach was an extraordinary linguist. He started his higher education at King's College, London, where he majored (to use the American term) in Hebrew, Greek and Latin. At the same time he studied Rabbinic Hebrew at Jews' College, London University, and Arabic at the School of Oriental Studies. After two years at London he won a scholarship to Wadham College, Oxford, which at the time was the most intellectual of the 27 Oxford colleges then in existence. At Oxford, he studied Hebrew and Arabic but also won prizes in Aramaic and Syriac as well as a scholarship in Sanskrit. Like many educated Englishmen of the time, he was fluent in French and German as well.

After Oxford, he spent ten years in London as a scholar and rare book dealer but his life took a 180 degree turn when World War II broke out in 1939. Mr. Doniach joined the Royal Air Force, which recognized his linguistic talents and sent him to Bletchley Park, the place where the British broke the German naval code, which played a huge role in defeating the Nazis. At the end of the war, he officially became a civil servant but in fact he was a British spy, eventually becoming the head of the foreign language section of the secret service where he oversaw work in Russian, Chinese, and other languages. He told me that what he enjoyed the most was figuring out the meaning of words that weren't yet in the dictionary in documents captured from the Russians.

After retiring in the early 1970s, he moved back to Oxford, where he wrote dictionaries, including the Oxford Russian, Arabic, and, shortly before his death in 1994, Modern Hebrew dictionaries. And once in a great while, he agreed to tutor an undergraduate. I was one such undergraduate.

What did I learn from two years studying with Mr. Doniach? Well, first, that I am not very good at foreign languages and really should stick with English (so I became a lawyer rather than a Hebrew scholar). Second, that the best way to learn about the past is to study original texts, and when you study texts, the words matter. So you have to focus on the text and parse through it until you understand what the drafter was trying to say. His lessons on texts have helped me immensely in my legal career. Third, that academic tasks that seem obscure can actually be fun – writing essays in biblical Hebrew turned out to be a great pleasure. And, finally, that teaching, at any age, is a mitzvah. I have never enjoyed studying with anyone as much as I enjoyed studying with Nakdimon Doniach and no teacher has ever taught as much. May his memory be for a blessing.



About the Cover Artist - Misia Nudler

"Memory of my Lost Little Town" 2022

20"x14 1/4" Graphite/ Acrylic on Paper

I grew up a happy child with wonderful parents and family; I still miss them dearly. Although I lived through the Holocaust, these memories are still with me and bring out the best in me.

When I started school, I dreamed of being a teacher, which I greatly admired. My dear Mom always had faith in me and said, "Mishale, when you will grow up, I am sure you will be a good teacher."

But my destiny was different. After the war, I married a wonderful man in a DP camp; we came to the USA- to Oakland and had our family. We were so lucky to have family present; and we joined the TBA Synagogue and made many dear friends.

As a free person, I devoted myself to doing outstanding volunteer work, showing that the best quality in a person is to be giving of yourself to others. My dream came true....I became a teacher...I was "teaching" about humanity.

— Misia Nudler

Bet Sefer Wrapup: Learning Doesn't Have to End Over the Summer

By Susan Simon

By the time you are reading this, Bet Sefer will have concluded for the year. It's been a great year mostly because we are back together in person, but I have to admit, I need a rest, as do my teachers. As do the students. Yet, while the students and their parents won't be hanging around TBA so much during the summer, that doesn't mean the Jewish learning should stop.

For quite a few years now we have had a Summer Literacy Program for the students. The younger ones are encouraged to keep track of the Jewish acts that they do throughout the summer. They have a cute chart to fill in and if they fill in all 30 squares, plus draw pictures about 5 Jewish books they or their parents have read to them over the summer, then they enjoy a cupcake decorating/eating party when they return to school. The idea is to keep "doing" Jewish in their daily lives.

For the older students, they have a little homework to keep their Hebrew reading

and comprehension skills sharp over the summer. And if they do really well on their start of the year quiz, they, too, get to enjoy the cupcake party. Both of these programs are voluntary – no one has to participate if they don't want to. Of course, it's really important to me that they participate. But is that enough?

Ideally, we would all be engaging in daily Jewish learning, children and adults alike. But our secular lives are important, too and the Jewish learning will be there whenever we are ready. We are all on a Jewish learning journey. Perhaps this summer you can select a small learning goal and try to stick with it for the entire summer months. Reading Jewish books, making it a point to light Shabbat candles and recite the blessings, making it a habit to give tzedakah regularly – all of these acts and more tell those around you, children and adults, that you value Jewish practice and learning. If your child is a Bet Sefer student, for a small donation to TBA, I offer Hebrew tutoring practice sessions if you want to keep their skills fresh. There are so many ways to engage at any age. Find your own path, keep your own journey vibrant. Share with others. It's the best part of our community.



What I've learned in my time as a Gan Student

By Rachel Fenyves

The Gan June article is dedicated to our Kitah Gimmel students who will be moving on to new adventures as of June 3rd. Most of them have been here for three years and some for two or one. These students have had a unique Gan journey. Those who started off in our Kitah Alef class were able to begin their Gan experience in a pre-pandemic world. Then they adjusted to a new normal in their Kitah Bet year, by learning how to wear a mask and how to help keep themselves and friends safe from germs. As difficult as that year of the pandemic was, the children thrived at the Gan. Now their final year is ending and things have begun to lean towards normal-ish. No matter what has gone on in the world around them, these Kitah Gimmel children have all learned something valuable from their time at the Gan. Some of the children shared their answers with me to the question, "What is one thing you have learned during your time at the Gan?"

Levi – "I kind of know everything about G-d. And learning how to write."

Laila – "Boker Tov, to say in Hebrew, good morning."

Otto – "Salaam means Peace in Arabic."

Xavier – "Math. $90 + 90 = 180$ "

Miri – "I learned how to share and how sharing is important."

Lexi – "Being nice is important."

Kaia – "I learned to have courage. Courage is doing something even though it's scary."

Avi – "I learned not to talk when somebody else is talking."

Yael – "I learned to not yell when teachers are talking."

Dani – "I learned how to be a good friend."

Liora – "Not saying potty words."

Jacob – "Stay in your own lane on the swings and only two people on the swings."

Nico – "New songs."

Nathan – "We count how many friends in English and Hebrew."

Ella – "The Gan taught me that "teamwork makes the dream work" and I like when my friends are on my team. And it's always better to say, "yes, please" and "no, thank you" because those are kind words."



Mazel tov to TBA member

Dara Pincus!

Dara has been selected as a 2022 Wexner Heritage Fellow for the San Francisco Bay Area cohort. Congratulations on the well-deserved honor! From the Wexner Heritage Program website:

"The mission of the Wexner Heritage Program is to expand the vision of Jewish volunteer leaders, deepen their Jewish knowledge and confidence and inspire them to exercise transformative leadership in the Jewish community."



Thank you for another great Wetlands Restoration Day

On Sunday, March 27, Temple Beth Abraham returned to the Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline Park in Oakland to resume our annual Wetlands Restoration Day with Save the Bay. We amassed some impressive stats, pulling 160 pounds of wild oat, a non-native species, cleaning 500 planting pots because sometimes the soil can carry a virus that hurts native seedlings, and picking up So Much Garbage, particularly tiny pieces of styrofoam, bottle caps, plastic straws and stirrers. We hope you'll join us next year! If you'd like more information, contact Jody London, oaklandjody@gmail.com

B'nai Mitzvah

Rennen McSwain Pincas - May 14, 2022

My name is Rennen McSwain Pincas and I am in 6th Grade at Contra Costa Jewish Day School in Lafayette. My family and I have been members of Temple Beth Abraham since we relocated from Israel to the Bay Area six years ago, when I was 7 years old.

My favorite activities are basketball, track & field, downhill skiing, and swimming. In addition, I love to spend time hanging out with my friends and my dog & cat. I am thankful for the strong community my family has built here in the Bay Area in the past 6 years and am grateful to have Bar Mitzvahs in Jerusalem and the Bay Area. Both Israel and America are my home and part of my identity, so it will be meaningful to celebrate in both places.

My Torah portion is Emor which is part of the book of Vayikra - Leviticus, Chapters 21 to 24. My d'rash will focus on the prohibition against desecrating G-d's name.



Bat Mitzvah

Leah Skiles - August 27, 2022

Hi, my name is Leah Skiles. I am a rising 8th grader at Contra Costa Jewish Day School. I have been a part of the TBA community my whole life, starting with preschool at the Gan.

When I'm not studying for my Bat Mitzvah I like to go shopping with my friends, play my violin in the Muse Vivo orchestra, go on roller coasters, play volleyball, and figure skate!

My Torah portion is called Re'eh and comes from the Book of Deuteronomy Chapters 15 and 16. It is about some of the laws of the sabbatical year, which occurs every seven years, including forgiving loans and helping those in need.

Hope to see you at my Bat Mitzvah!!!



My Jewish Education

By Charles Feltman

When I was nine years old my father decided it was time, albeit rather late, to begin my Jewish education - The impetus here was probably finding that my Episcopalian summer camp had all campers at church service every Sunday :-)

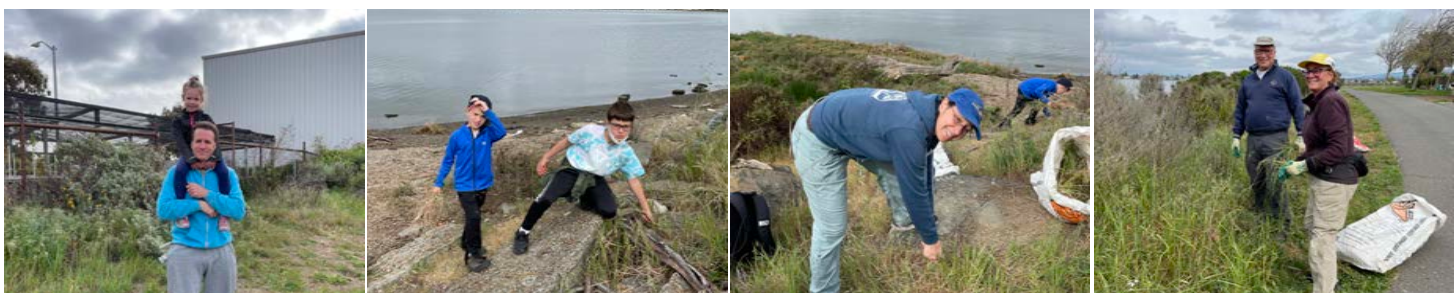
Where we lived in Manhattan, three Synagogues were within walking distance so the next three Saturday mornings we attended Orthodox, Reform, and Conservative services in that order. These visits were instructive because I came with an open mind and no prior experience.

As I had never even heard Hebrew before this, the Orthodox service that first Saturday was totally unsettling. By comparison the next week the Reform service

(remember this was 1951) resembled my summer camp church experience and since I already knew a few kids there it was a comfortable experience.

My last visit was to a very small Conservative synagogue in a pair of rooms in an office building. Most of the service was in Hebrew but their siddur had English as well as Hebrew and I was warmly welcomed by the dozen men already there. After hearing the D'rash from the rabbi, my choice of their Conservative Hebrew School was easy. I could choose Shabbat service attendance over Sunday School along with Hebrew classes during the week.

My father was surprised because he expected me to choose Reform based on my clear comfort with that service. However my preference was based on the belief that I would learn more from a scholarly rabbi even though my Hebrew learning curve would be longer. I have never regretted my choice.



Lag B'Omer, Walk to Shul and more to come with WTBA

By Rachel Dornhelm

WTBA was set to finish out with a Lag B'Omer event this year. Sadly, due to the COVID surge we had to cancel but got lots of great ideas for celebrating the holiday in years to come.



On April 30, we organized a Walk to Shul event to bring attention to the importance of using alternate forms of transportation to cars and to celebrate a traditional way of getting to synagogue. Thanks to all who walked, including the crew who did the North Oakland/Rose Garden route (pictured Kessler family, Jody London, Campbell family).

Looking ahead, WTBA is hosting another blood donation drive at TBA June 15, 11-5. Appointments are available by going to <https://redcrossblood.org/> and entering **TBAOAK** in the top-left "Find a Blood Drive" box.

Finally, WTBA is excited to announce our board for next year.

Jill Oggeri, Co-President

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We look forward to seeing you when we resume our programming in the fall. Have a great summer everyone!

TBA Book Club - Join us!

The TBA book club will meet on Thursday, July 28th at 7:30 via Zoom. We will be discussing the novel, "4 3 2 1," by Paul Auster. The hard cover is 866 pages. The book was published in 2017 and is easy to borrow from the library. It is available in multiple formats. If you are unable to find it in your local library, Link + shows that 44 libraries have copies of the book and it can be ordered.



4 3 2 1, by Paul Auster

Named a Best Book of the Year by The Washington Post, The New York Times Book Review, NPR, The Globe and Mail, Kirkus Reviews, Huffington Post, and The Spectator UK

Paul Auster's greatest, most heartbreaking and satisfying novel—a sweeping and surprising story of birthright and possibility, of love and of life itself.

Nearly two weeks early, on March 3, 1947, in the maternity ward of Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, New Jersey, Archibald Isaac Ferguson, the one and only child of Rose and Stanley Ferguson, is born. From that single beginning, Ferguson's life will take four simultaneous and independent fictional paths. Four identical Fergusons made of the same DNA, four boys who are the same boy, go on to lead four parallel and entirely different lives. Family fortunes diverge. Athletic skills and sex lives and friendships and intellectual passions contrast. Each Ferguson falls under the spell of the magnificent Amy Schneiderman, yet each Amy and each Ferguson have a relationship like no other. Meanwhile, readers will take in each Ferguson's pleasures and ache from each Ferguson's pains, as the mortal plot of each Ferguson's life rushes on.

How Can I Help?

Looking back on streaming TBA with Josh Mailman

TBA member Josh Mailman was the driving force behind getting TBA services online after the COVID lockdown started in Spring 2020. He sat down with the Omer for a Q and A to discuss how he got involved and what it has been like taking services and events online.

While the idea of streaming services and events from TBA seems so natural now, how were you able to get this going so quickly after lockdown began?

For several years prior to the pandemic, I had been streaming medical and patient conferences I had been attending. Many of them are small events where the knowledge would never be shared. The patient nonprofit I run for the rare form of cancer I have invested in small lightweight cameras that I could travel with so that I could



Photo of Josh Mailman, wife Juliette Linzer and son Eli Mailman

stream and do interviews wherever I was in the world. Needless to say, when the pandemic hit in March 2020—my traveling stopped.

When the Rabbi put out the message we have no idea how but we're going to try to live stream Purim [in March 2020]. I sent him a quick email "..., I know something about this, how can I help. (The question that gets me in the most trouble is "how can I help?") So we live-streamed Purim and it was fantastic and then literally on Friday, it was lockdown time. The Rabbi said, "Would you be comfortable coming - just you and me - and doing this?" And that's how it started.

Sometimes it gets challenging, say, the high holidays with 5 Torah stations or erev simchat torah when we had 3 cameras rotating around. The Rabbi, Joe, and I have worked to make the streaming much more stable with a wired connection in the sanctuary and permanent high gain wifi in the courtyard which helps.

This all came out of the simple question. "How can I help?"

What kind of help do you need most now in this endeavor?

For the most part, it's a single camera and we need someone comfortable operating tablet controls as I can not always be available. While the rabbi can run the stream it would be great to train others as well. It may be interesting to 16-18-year-olds who are interested in video production, or just someone who wants to learn something new and contribute to the community. It's a great way to start and learn what's going on. Anyone interested in assisting could reach out to the rabbi.

What have been the biggest surprises?

The number of people who have said, this is my lifeline to the community is staggering. With the high holidays in 2021, we've had over 10,000 views of the stream. What's more amazing to me is we had 5,100 unique individual viewers, much larger than the congregation. We got picked up virally and gained many subscribers. 20% of our traffic is outside the US. 35% of views are over the age of 65. 25% are between 55 and 65. We're connecting to the community in ways we didn't think about before.

Are there any particularly touching moments that have stood out to you?

The bar and bat mitzvahs are the most telling. We had several where families would have come from all over the world but they were cut off. Seeing the notes that come in on the stream from a grandparent talking about what their grandchild just did, or praise from an aunt for their niece, being able to provide for this is touching and awe-inspiring. With the press of a button, you can help people.

At the same time, unfortunately, with that access, you get things like what happened on Rosh H'Shannah when we went viral [comments included anti-semitic slurs]. When it happens it reminds you that the world still needs work. Really we've streamed hundreds of times and only a handful of negative experiences (comments or phishing links).

What are some of your reflections looking back on all these live streams?

We're all looking for a sense of community. I run a support group in my professional life and I changed the name from "support group" to "community." Community became a lot harder in the pandemic, and anything we can do to bring the community back together is hugely impactful. The streaming skills I have are hugely impactful, but all have skills that can bring the community back together. When I do cancer talks, I say this a lot: "not all of us can give a million dollars, but all of us can give something, whether that's money, time, knowledge." What I contribute might be unique but we as a community can continue to contribute in awe inspiring ways and I'm inspired we continue to keep this community together. I saw a lot of non-profits shut down during the pandemic because they couldn't keep together. But this has kept TBA together and grounded. Why I do it most Friday nights is because it's what's kept me grounded. Sooner or later I'll learn the whole service [laughs].

NEW TBA BOARD MEMBERS

2022 TBA Board Bios

The following Board members were confirmed for the coming year. Mazel Tov!



Noam Birnbaum is celebrating his 20th year as a member of the Temple Beth Abraham community. He served a prior two-year term on the Board of Directors and, prior to COVID, was a frequent Shabbat morning service leader. He's the founder and CEO of Ignition, an IT technical support consultancy. He's currently planning his second wedding and is always trying (in vain) to get his two children (who are completing 7th grade at CCJDS) to eat their greens. He's excited to return to Board service to find new ways to support our beautiful, vibrant synagogue community.



Amber Hyman is entering her first year as board member. Amber and her husband Ben have been TBA members for 5 years, and they have 2 children: 4-yr-old Eliya (currently in the Gan) and almost-2-yr-old Kobi (joining the Gan in August). Amber works in vaccine research at Kaiser Permanente and is passionate about public health. When she isn't chasing kids around, she enjoys organizing get-togethers and cooking for family and friends. She has enjoyed engaging with the TBA community and looks forward to the opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way.



Drew Kessler: I am a proud 4th generation Temple Beth Abraham member and a former Gan graduate myself. After some years in Los Angeles and Philadelphia, my wife, Jessica, and I moved back to the Bay area in 2014. After engaging with TBA's Jewish education programs as a child, it was meaningful to begin study again as an adult. I deepened my connection with TBA, while experiencing the Intro to Judaism course with Jessica to support her conversion under Rabbi Bloom's guidance. We now have a Gan graduate, a current student, and another joining in the fall and love engaging with a variety of TBA events throughout the year.

With deep roots in the Bay and Temple Beth Abraham, I look forward to continuing to give back to the TBA community that has given me and my family so much over the years.



Elizabeth Klein: I grew up in the Jewish community in the East Bay (Bat Mitzvah-ed at Beth El in Berkeley), and my husband Jacob and I joined the TBA community in 2013. Our daughter Judith is a Gan graduate and current Bet Sefer student and our baby Nathan has already been to many events at TBA.

We continue to feel grateful our children are learning Jewish traditions in such a loving, inclusive environment.

My day job is at the UC Berkeley School of Law, where I am an Associate Director in the Career Development Office. Before that I was a litigator at two law firms in San Francisco and in my former life danced with the Martha Graham Dance Company. I have enjoyed serving on TBA's Board over the past two years and look forward to continuing to serve our community.



Caryn Lai: Hello everyone! I'm honored and excited to be nominated to serve on the TBA Board for a second year. For some background, I'm of Taiwanese descent and was born and raised in Stockton, California. I later moved to Houston, TX to attend Rice University. After I graduated, I spent several years living

abroad in Japan and Guatemala and also in Austin, Texas. I returned to the Bay Area in 2005 to start law school at UC Berkeley, where I met my husband, Martin White. I converted to Judaism prior to getting married in 2010 and we now reside in Oakland with our two children (Mia, 10, and Nolan, 7). They attend St. Paul's Episcopal School in Oakland and have attended Bet Sefer since their kindergarten year. I've been working in the renewables industry since 2010 and currently work at the law firm of Keyes & Fox LLP. I have enjoyed meeting members of the TBA community this past year and look forward to meeting more of you in person this coming year as life returns to normal!



David Paulson is nominated for his first term as a board member. David and his wife Debbie have been active members of TBA for over 20 years. Their children Talia and Avi are both graduates of the Gan and celebrated their b'nei mitzvas at TBA. David is a partner at the law firm Jones Day, where his practice is focused on real

estate finance. He previously served on the board of Oakland Hebrew Day School and KIPP Northern California. In his free time David enjoys biking and puzzles of all kinds. David is looking forward to the opportunity to contribute to our TBA community by joining the Board of Directors.



Joan Rubin's first career, in Jewish education and administration, began in Columbus, Ohio. Continuing on that path for a few years in the Bay Area, Joan worked at Tehiyah Day School, and enjoyed the opportunity to be around while her two girls were in elementary school.

She then shifted into the field of counseling and currently maintains a private practice as an LMFT, helping people to unravel, and reimagine, their own narratives.

Joan grew up in a Cincinnati home instilled with a love and encouragement of Judaism, including the backdrop of Holocaust survivor father and grandmother. She is an active member of TBA's Second Generation Group.

Her education includes the University of Michigan (BA), The Ohio State University (MA Israeli/Holocaust Literature), John F Kennedy University (MA Counseling Psychology), and The Melton Centre Senior Educator Program.



Jessica Sarber: Hello Temple Beth Abraham Members! I grew up in Sierra Madre in Southern California. My family was a member of the synagogue in Arcadia and then later the Pasadena Jewish Temple Center. My heritage is a mix of Indian Sephardic and English Ashkenazi tradition, peppered with a 60's and

70's California Jewry experience. I grew up with a strong sense of family, community and tikkun olam. My search for a Jewish community in the Bay Area that mirrored those values led me to TBA. The warmth and welcome we received at TBA was a true "You had me at hello" moment. My husband, David, a native of Oakland, and I became members in 1996. Since that time, our two daughters, Andrea and Leah, have experienced a solid and valued grounding in Jewish life and community at TBA. I would be honored to continue to serve as your Board Member.



Elissa Strauss is a journalist and cultural critic whose work has appeared in a number of places including the New York Times, Slate, ELLE, and CNN.com where she is currently a contributing writer. Her book *Why We Care* will be published by Simon & Schuster in 2023. She's also written a family-oriented haggadah and Shabbat guide for Kveller.com.

From 2011-2017, Elissa co-directed LABA: A Laboratory for Jewish Culture in New York City. LABA is a house of study and laboratory which uses classic Jewish texts to inspire the creation of culture, conversation and community, with hubs around the world. In 2020, Elissa helped launch LABA East Bay at the JCC East Bay, where she's the artistic director.

Elissa and her husband Nathaniel Popper are parents to Augie, 9, and Levi, 4. She is grateful for the opportunity to bring her love of Jewish learning and community to the TBA board.



Jenette Woskow: Hi! My name is Jenette and my husband Ben and I have two children: Elise (6) and Xavier (4). I was on the Gan Avraham school board for four years. During that time, I was a room parent and created the preschool

newsletter each week. Currently I am the membership chair of Hadassah's Keshet Oak Chapter for young women of the East Bay. I recently started a specialty cake business named JW Cake Designs Oakland operating out of my home. I look forward to contributing to the TBA board for the next couple of years. I hope to engage with the synagogue community and bring us back together again.

Watermelon “Salsa” with Grilled Halloumi Features Mediterranean Flavors

By Faith Kramer

Watermelon is a summer favorite. Delicious just served cold in slices, it also makes a great base for Watermelon “Salsa” with Grilled Halloumi, perfect for summertime meals and Fourth of July cookouts.

Watermelon has a long association with Jews. An ancestor of the fruit was popular in Egypt and is said to be the melon that some Jews longed for during the Exodus. The Moors introduced the fruit to Spain and medieval Jews were thought to have grown the first watermelons in France.

Watermelon was an important crop in the early years of Israel and remains a popular treat.

The salsa is also good over grilled chicken, fish, or tofu.

WATERMELON “SALSA” WITH GRILLED HALLOUMI

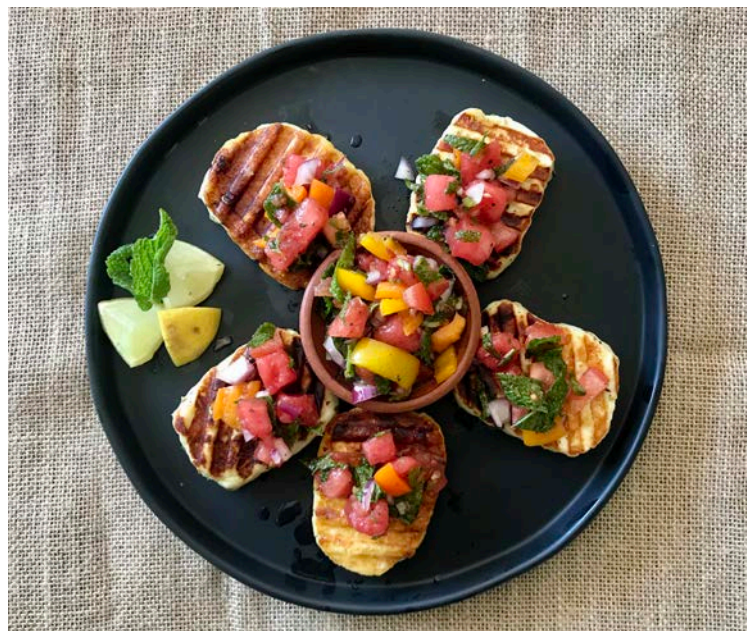
MAKES 10 SLICES

Watermelon “Salsa”

- 2 cups diced seeded watermelon (1/4-inch pieces)
- 1 cup seeded, diced tomato (1/4-inch pieces)
- 1 cup diced yellow or orange bell peppers (1/4-inch pieces)
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1 to 2 tsp. minced jalapeño
- 1/2 tsp. minced garlic
- 1/4 tsp. dried mint
- 1/4 tsp. sumac or 1 tsp. minced lemon zest
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 2 Tbs. extra virgin olive oil

Grilled Halloumi

- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 (8.8 oz.) packs chilled halloumi cheese
- Vegetable oil for the grill



To serve

- 1 cup (packed) finely chopped mint leaves
- Lemon wedges

To Make the Salsa

Put watermelon and tomatoes in colander and drain 10 minutes, discarding juice. Combine in a bowl with onion, jalapeño, garlic, mint, sumac, salt, pepper, and olive oil. Let sit 20 to 30 minutes before using.

To Grill Halloumi

In a wide, rimmed dish, mix together garlic, salt, red pepper, and olive oil. Cut cheese into 8 slices each about 1/2-inch thick. Marinate, spooning liquid over top of cheese and turning occasionally for 10 minutes.

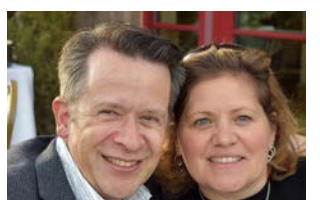
Brush grates of a grill, indoor electric grill, or a grill pan lightly with vegetable oil. Heat to medium high. Lay cheese slices flat on hot grill and grill about 3 to 5 minutes on each side, basting with marinade occasionally, until the cheese is golden and charred with grill marks. (The cheese can also be fried in a heavy skillet.) Serve hot, warm or at room temperature.

To Serve

Stir mint into salsa. Squirt a little lemon juice on top of each grilled cheese slice and top with salsa.

Faith Kramer writes a food column for the j., the Jewish News of Northern California (<https://www.jweekly.com/author/faith-kramer/>). She is the author of *52 Shabbats: Friday Night Dinners Inspired by a Global Jewish Kitchen* (<https://thecollectivebook.studio/52-shabbats>). Visit her website at www.faith-kramer.com. Contact her at fjkramer@msn.com.

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המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

May God comfort you among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

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June 1 - 3

Endre Balint
Sidney Greenstein
Jack Jeger
Rene Nathan
Henry Ring
David Riskin
Sylvia Stein
Robert Berger
Alex Harris
George Morris
Molly Bauer Silverman
George Afterman
Andrew Gooden
Lena Kestenblatt
Shira Weisbach

5 - 11 SIVAN

June 4 - 10

Max Davidson
Anne Gould
Ida Miron
Irving Balto
Aaron and Laura Blau
Henry Brentwood Henzel
Roland Breslov
Samuel Burnstein
Stanley Kilmen
Whitney Ormsby
Ronni Rosenberg
Ruth Siver
Elynore "Skip" Harris
Meyer Kapler
Aaron Kobel
J. Dorothy Stanfield
Robert Bornstein
Allen M. Brodke
Sarah Hertz
Morris Morrison
Rolf Schlesinger
Minna Bakar
Lena Cohen
Irving (Sunny Boy) Clar
Esther De Vorin
Morris Epstein
Ruth Garfinkle
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Reuben Kronick
Jack Spritzer
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Abraham Goldenhar
Irene Lasar
Martha Lerch
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12 - 18 SIVAN

June 11 - 17

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19 - 25 SIVAN

June 18 - 24

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Morris Weiss
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Sidney Biglovsky
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Max Frey
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Ariyeh Heber
Maurice Aaron Ziegler
Elias Aelion
Rose Polse
Leon Siegel
Helen Singerman
Harry Sussman
Jack Wolfe
Irving Reback
Renee Zuckerman

26 SIVAN - 2 TAMUZ

June 25 - July 1

Goldie Breslov
Charles Horwitz
Lizzie Gevertz
Aron Gordon
Abraham Lorenz
Steven Ross
Paul Harford White
David Heskin
Anna Mutnick
David Ross
Judith Wallerstein
Hilda Braverman
Kenneth Katz
Ruth Kay
Sam Nathan
Mae Peters
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Alice Stockman
Nathan Turchin
Sandy Aerenon
Ethel Gold Heskin
Ben Warwick
Herbert Wittenberg

3 - 9 TAMUZ

July 2 - 8

Charles Leve
Frank Lowenthal
Ida Carasick Barber
Leah Fertel
Alan Goldberg
Marie Marcus

Sidney Steckel
Laura White
Joel Cyprus
Leah Pactor Hershel
Edward Markovits
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10 - 16 TAMUZ

July 9 - 15

Harry Adams
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Thomas Hunt
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17 - 23 TAMUZ

July 16 - 22

Brad Cyprus
 Rebecca Garfinkle
 Rabbi Morris Goldberg
 Isaac Gordon
 Essie Landy
 Michele Blau Lockey
 Sadie Unterberger
 Abe Jacobs
 Charles Slavsky
 Samuel Applebaum
 Mollie Goldstein
 Clara Ottinger
 Allegra Saporta
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 Raymond Epstein
 Joseph Rabinowitz
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 Helen Dubner
 Bernice Glueck
 Esther Millman
 Abraham Kravetz
 Celia Reingold
 Harriet Sollo Schaffer
 Rebecca Berrol
 Steve Ellis
 Anna Lea Greenstein
 Rose Jacobs
 Sam Moss
 Douglas Andrew Ross

24 TAMUZ - 1 AV**July 23 - 29**

Eleanor Greenstein
 Joseph Kaplan
 Aviva Rahel Schotland
 Frances Bloch
 Irving Bromberg
 Ray Leavitt
 Josephine Lutz
 David Tsifrin
 Ira Glasser
 Elmer Glick
 Elaine Ruben
 Howard Ruben
 Israel Shepard
 Samuel Gold
 Edward F. Klinger
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 Simmie Baum
 Rosalie Oseroff
 Henry Alton Schmulowitz
 Lawrence W. Stone

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 Edith Moss
 Michael Shaw
 Sheila Rose Seal
 Morris Weiner

2 - 8 AV**July 30 - August 5**

Louis Aldeff
 Minnie Dane Askey
 Morris Kantor
 Lena Klor
 Rayanna Laytner
 Barnett Schwartz
 John A. Berman
 Anna Polse
 Morris Rothblatt
 Thomas Saunders
 Sam J. Rouben
 Aaron Arenbart
 Phillip Kauffman
 Miriam Nash
 Benjamin Rosenstein
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 Francine Weil
 David Berman
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 Toibe Tania Lerman
 David Levy
 Rabbi Alan Miller

9 - 15 AV**August 6 - 12**

Herman S. Engleberg
 Simon Jacobovich
 Ida Jonas
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16 - 22 AV**August 13 - 19**

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 Hilda Brauer
 Robert Fierstein
 Peter Finnegan
 Leo Leyser
 Frieda Nemon
 Regina Okh
 Larry Pencovic
 A. Lawrence Pullman
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 Leah Levine
 Gertrude Bleiberg
 Katherine Sieff
 Ellen Bercovich
 Irving Mayer Burt
 Marshall Denenberg
 Dorothy Levien
 Hannah Ethel Roth
 Saul Seltzer

23 - 29 AV**August 20 - 26**

Pearl Epperson

Arthur Glaser
 David Herman Klein
 Harry Tuman
 David Bercovich
 Daniel Goldfein
 Harry Rubin
 Rose Lerch
 Ruben Lerch
 Minnie Leson
 John B. Landowitz
 Edith Polon
 Richard Felten
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 Arthur Roth
 Ruth Mintz
 Donald Paulson
 Soloman Rabinowitz
 Arthur Michael Ross
 Esther Schecht
 Tobe Burnstein
 Bessie Gerber
 Jacqueline Helfend
 Sylvia Heyman
 Max Kushman
 Mae Mailman
 Mom Mailman
 Avraham Yair Pincas
 Rubin Semendoff

30 AV - 4 ELUL**August 27 - 31**

Sylvia C Davis
 Fannie Kessler
 Harry Levitch
 Norman Alan Katz
 Matilda Kramer
 Charles Levine
 Jonathan Lisker
 Robert Rothman
 Edward Lee Bercovich
 Louis M. Brodovsky
 Eva Klein David
 Bill Hale
 Mollie Kessler
 Lena Atowich
 Joseph Dienstag
 Fannie Schiffman
 Robert Edesess, Sr.
 Rose Jaffe
 Edward Kushner
 Jacob Miron
 Sol Quittman
 Jacob Seltzer

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David Baum, brother of **Amy (Steve) Tessler**
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