

Community Builders Schedule

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Personal Paparazzi

Date to be mutually agreed upon by Louie and purchaser



ARTIST'S BOOK WORKSHOP

Explore a number of simple book structures while learning about the properties of paper, uses of glues, pastes or adhesives, and easy techniques which can become more complicated inventions.

No experience necessary.

June 14, 2026 from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Adults Only

Number of Spots: 6 | Price per spot: \$100

Donated by Bonnie Thompson Norman & Kelly Rigotti



TALLIT MAKING WORKSHOP

Join Rabbi Laura and a skilled group of Beth Am weavers and textile experts to create your own unique, hand-made Tallit to wear or gift. Learn about the spiritual significance of the knots and fabric of the tallit, explore different styles and materials, and leave with a beautiful garment that personalizes your Jewish practice in a hands-on way.
No textile experience necessary.

August 23, 2026 at 2 PM

Adults and Teens Welcome

Number of Spots: 20 | Price per spot: \$80

Donated by Rabbi Laura Rumpf



MOSAIC MAGIC

Delve into this traditional Jewish art form for an afternoon of community, connection, and fun. We will make photo frames with the help and supplies of professional mosaic artists and teachers Majken Ryherd and Bridget Culligan. Keep it for yourself or give it as a gift!

**June 14, 2026 from 2-5 PM | Ages 12+
Number of Spots: 25 | Price per spot: \$100**

Donated by Hannah Lidman and Lauren Dudakov



FORGING WITH FRIENDS

Spend an afternoon forging hot iron with Temple Beth Am's own blacksmith, Louie Raffloer. Sign up for this unique opportunity to create a lovely keepsake and a really fun memory.

March 29, 2026

Number of Spots: 6 | Price per spot: \$100

Donated by Louie Raffloer



LASER-CUTTING JEWELRY WORKSHOP

Sarah will teach you how to draw laser-friendly designs, then show you how to cut them out on a laser cutter. Everyone in your group will get a chance to use the laser cutter and watch it run, and then she'll help you attach earring hooks, necklace chains, or keychain rings. We can make as many pieces of jewelry as we have time for. Light snacks provided.

August 2, 2026 at 1 PM | Ages 13+
Number of Spots: 6 | Price per spot: \$50

Donated by Sarah Nichols

A glass of white wine and a paintbrush on a table.

PAINT AND SIP

Everyone can be an artist! Create your own finished painting along with amateur painter Davida Sims. She will show you step-by-step how to create your own masterpiece while you enjoy chatting, snacking, and sipping wine/beverages with old and new friends. No experience is necessary. The actual painting will be autumn themed.

August 9, 2026 at 1 PM | Ages 13+
Number of Spots: 15 | Price per spot: \$60

Donated by Davida Sims



REPOUSSE PLAYDATE


Join this creative community builder for an afternoon of laughing, learning and creating. We'll be working with copper, aluminum, or very thin steel to create a variety of Judaic mementos.

Most everyone catches on and has success in their work. Sign up, work with friends, and impress yourself.

April 26, 2026

Number of Spots: 6 | Price per spot: \$100

Donated by Louie Raffloer



NEEDLES & NOSH

Needles and Nosh is back! Shelly will provide the nosh, you bring your needles and WIPs, or come prepared to start a new project. All needlecrafts welcome - knit, crochet, embroidery, needlepoint, etc. If you don't have a project in mind, Shelly can suggest some easy knitting patterns. Come enjoy crafting camaraderie with fellow TBAers!

May 3, 2026 at 2 PM

Adults and Older Teens Welcome

Number of Spots: 8 | Price per spot: \$40

Donated by Shelly F. Cohen



CHALLAH & CHAMPAGNE LUNCH

Back by popular demand: challah making, champagne, and a delicious luncheon! Learn 4 different types of challah braiding and bake under the tutelage of world-class challah makers Cathy Hiller and Cathy Shiovitz. Then join Puddin and the mavens to enjoy the company of your Beth Am friends and a yummy lunch at Puddin's home.

August 29, 2026 from 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM | Adults Only

Number of Spots: 6 | Price per spot: \$80

Donated by Puddin Cox



DETROIT- STYLE PIZZA PARTY

Join us for a festive Detroit Pizza Party, with pizzas baked by Detroit-area native Terri Buysse. We'll start with appetizers and cocktails (Detroit Mule and The Last Word) crafted by Michael Berman. Dinner will include meat and vegetarian pizza options and a Greektown Greek salad.

April 12, 2026 at 6 PM | Adults Only
Number of Spots: 8 | Price per spot: \$80

Donated by Michael Berman & Terri Buysse




NEW ORLEANS DINNER

Experience eclectic, savory, subtle, and genuine flavors of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast! The dinner may include such traditional recipes as shrimp creole, gumbo, jambalaya, red beans and rice, and oysters Bienville. We can guarantee flaming bananas foster! Wine and a special New Orleans cocktail will be offered, as well as recipes to take home.

May 3, 2026 | Adults Only

Number of Spots: 10 | Price per spot: \$100

Donated by Puddin Cox, Liz Asher, Susan Klastorin, and Sharon Kean



TEQUILA TASTING, MARGARITAS, AND NOSH

**Join Helen and Steven to
enjoy margaritas, Mexican
food, and a tasting of
mezcal and tequila!**

May 9, 2026 from 5:00 - 9:00 PM | Adults Only

Number of Spots: 12 | Price per spot: \$70

Donated by Helen Spencer-Snyder & Steven Snyder



CELEBRATE A SUMMER HAVDALAH

Please join Rabbi Ruth and Rich—with special guest Chava Mirel! —at their home to welcome in the first week of summer! We'll have lots to eat, drink, and discuss with our famous question of the evening! Bonus points for wearing Pride colors on this Pride weekend.

June 27, 2026 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Adults Only

Number of Spots: 50 | Price per spot: \$80

Donated by Rabbi Ruth Zlotnick and Rich Cicale

A background image featuring three glasses of beer with thick white foam, a wicker basket filled with green leafy vegetables, and a burlap sack overflowing with grain. A large, light blue circle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text for the workshop.

BEER BREWING WORKSHOP

Learn about the role of beer in ancient culture, discuss the spiritual elements of the ingredients of beer, and experiment with flavor and fermentation as we brew a new batch together! Pizza will be provided.

November 7, 2026 from 4:00 – 9:00 PM | Adults Only

Number of Spots: 12 | Price per spot: \$60

Donated by Rabbi Jesse Epstein




SUMMER SOIREE AT THE KORTBERGS

**Enjoy a summer evening on
our backyard deck with
snacks and sweets, wine,
beer and a signature cocktail
along with non-alcoholic
beverages, too!**

August 1, 2026 from 7 - 9 PM | Adults Only

Number of Spots: 20 | Price per spot: \$50

Donated by Alexis Kort & Joshua Greenberg



PESACH WINE TASTING CLASS

Join sommelier and wine lover Zach Geballe for an exploration of wines that will pair perfectly with your Passover Seder. Make sure your four cups are as good as they can possibly be, and find out what wine could possibly pair with maror. Attendees will also have the chance to purchase wines at a discount from Doe Bay Wine Company, should they so choose.

**March 24, 2026 at 6:30 PM | Adults Only
Number of Spots: 40 | Price per spot: \$40**

Donated by Zach Geballe



WINES OF WASHINGTON STATE

Join sommelier and wine lover Zach Geballe for an exploration of the wine of Washington state. Learn more about our state's history as a wine region, our wide range of appellations and growing regions, and the plethora of varieties and styles that produce world class wine right here at home. Attendees will also have the chance to purchase wines at a discount from Doe Bay Wine Company, should they so choose.

August 2, 2026 at 2:00 PM | Adults Only
Number of Spots: 40 | Price per spot: \$40

Donated by Zach Geballe



PACIFIC NORTHWEST HAVDALLAH DINNER

Our annual summer celebration—close out Shabbat with a short Havdalah service, a delicious dinner, and great conversation. We'll gather in our beautiful backyard and enjoy a perfect Pacific Northwest summer evening. All dietary needs and preferences will be taken into account. The entire dinner will be plant-based/vegan, but don't let that scare you!

August 22, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Number of Spots: 8 | Price per spot: \$80

Donated by Bryan and Sharon Rutberg



MIMOSAS AND MONIKERS GAME NIGHT

Join Ben & Theresa for mocktails (and wine, beer) and party games! We will enjoy appetizers and dinner before throwing ourselves into some of our favorite party games -- including Monikers, which is great fun (and alliterative when paired with Mocktails). But wait, there's more! We will also be serving Theresa's peanut butter chocolate cake, famed Gala dessert dash prize, which none other than Joel Fingerroot called the best cake he'd ever eaten in his life!

July 5, 2026

Number of Spots: 6 | Price per spot: \$80

Donated by Theresa and Ben Glatstein



CHALLAH AND CHAI SCORES

Come hang right after Gan and play some pinball with your fellow Jews! The Mizrahi family will host this third annual fun event! Bring the whole family to Ice Box Arcade to have a drink, nosh together, and enjoy pinball and arcade games with your friends and family. Challah, snacks, and some quarters provided to get the games started.

May 17, 2026 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM | All Ages

Number of Spots: 30 | Price per spot: \$36

Donated by the Mizrahi Family



BROTHERHOOD POKER TOURNAMENT

Join your friends for a no-limit Texas hold 'em game with food and drinks. The champion gets their name engraved on the Kiddish Cup!

May 17, 2026 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM | Adults Only

Number of Spots: 50 | Price per spot: \$50

All skill levels welcome

Donated by the TBA Brotherhood

A background image showing a traditional Chinese tea ceremony. A white ceramic teapot is pouring tea into a white teacup. Other teacups and a wooden tray are visible on a dark wooden table.

TEA CEREMONY

Participate in a traditional tea ceremony in the style of Chinese Gong Fu Cha. This practice honors the many facets, flavors, and tastes that each tea has to offer, while thoughtful conversation and Jewish learning carries the group from cup to cup. Please note that the tea will contain caffeine.

April 18, 2026 at 1:00PM | Adults Only
Number of Spots: 6 | Price per spot: \$50

Donated by Jacob Glickman



MODERN ROM- COM BOOK DISCUSSION

Join Lauren Appelbaum ahead of her third book release for a book club community builder event. We will do a book exchange, share favorite books, and get a preview of “The Holiday House Swap.” We will have light noshes and drinks.

October 11, 2026 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM | Adults Only

Number of Spots: 10 | Price per spot: \$60

Donated by Kate Perez-Lopez and Lauren Appelbaum



POINTS & MILES 101: HOW TO MAXIMIZE TRAVEL REWARDS

Unlock the secrets to travel without the premium price tag in this session led by a frequent flyer & temple member Kate Perez-Lopez, who has navigated the world using strategic loyalty programs. You will move beyond basic credit card rewards to master advanced redemption tactics, transfer partner "sweet spots," and the professional workflows used to book first-class experiences for pennies on the dollar. Light noshes provided.

March 15, 2026 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Adults and Teens Welcome

Number of Spots: 12 | Price per spot: \$36

Donated by Kate Perez-Lopez



STRENGTH FOR EVERY BODY: A COMMUNITY KETTLEBELL WORKSHOP


Curious about strength training but not sure where to start? This welcoming, beginner-friendly outdoor session will introduce you to kettlebells — one of the safest and most effective tools for building strength, improving balance, and supporting lifelong health.

March 22, 2026 at 11:00 AM

Adults and Older Teens Welcome

Number of Spots: 8 | Price per spot: \$36

Donated by Michelle Finley



ADULT-ONLY SWIM CLASS

Love to swim but want to improve your stroke? Join us for swim instruction, free swim, and refreshments and learn a new stroke or perfect one you already know with feedback from a professional instructor. Participants must be able to swim the length of a 30' pool. Changing facilities provided.

**July date to be determined | Adults Only
Number of Spots: 9 | Price per spot: \$36**

Donated by Donna Berliner & Alana Knaster



PERSONAL PAPARAZZI

Enjoy a few hours of photographic service from Louie. This can be for any occasion or most any reason. Louie is strictly a black and white photographer and has a lot of experience documenting gatherings. This prize covers even the smallest event, family outing, brunch, birthday celebration, portrait sitting, or anything!

Date to be coordinated between purchaser and Louie.

2 individual sessions available (1 per purchaser)

Price per spot: \$300

Donated by Louie Raffloer



ONE WEEK FREE AT URJ CAMP KALSMAN

Let your child challenge themselves on a high ropes course, canoe on a lake, cook over a campfire, and sing with friends under the stars all on the same day.

Your child can explore all aspects of camp and participate in fun programs while exploring their Jewish identity.

If your child (grades 1-11) is already signed up for a session, this will cover all or some of the cost.

Donated by URJ Camp Kalsman



WEEK AT LONG BEACH

Relax, hike, and shop along 26 miles of beach! Enter for a chance to win this Long Beach home for one week!

The house is located on the beautiful Long Beach Peninsula of Washington.

This home sleeps 8 and is fully equipped with all the amenities you need as well as ocean access, a large backyard, and a BBQ grill.

Date to be decided dependent on availability; dates available over the next two years.

3 bedrooms and a new queen sleeper sofa.

Donated by Puddin & George Cox



THE TREAT YO' SELF PACKAGE

Because you deserve it! This luxurious package includes:

- 1 hour massage gift certificate
 - \$500 University Village gift certificate
 - \$500 Botox gift certificate
- 2 suite tickets to Noah Kahan at T-Mobile Arena

Donated (respectively) by Coalesce Massage/Leah Crosby, University Village, Amato Dental Group, and Kate & Andrew Perez-Lopez