

Shofar



Cheshvan-Tevet 5779 • November/December 2018



Rabbi's Message

Mai Thanksgiving? What is Thanksgiving?

If the Talmud had a tractate on the holiday of Thanksgiving, it would likely begin like this: “*Mai* Thanksgiving?” What is Thanksgiving? What is its meaning? What is its purpose?

So, what *is* Thanksgiving? Is it merely an opportunity to gather with family and friends to eat too much turkey and stuffing, maybe watch football, or to see the Macy's parade with its floats and massive balloons march down Broadway?

For many of us, Thanksgiving is much more than just fun and feasting, and even more than the beginning of a shopping spree that leads up to Chanukah and Christmas. It is, in fact, an opportunity to reflect on the blessings in our lives and to express gratitude.

Continued on page 3

In this issue...you can click on the page you would like to read first.

Acts of Tzedakah	28
Brotherhood.....	19
Calendar	30-31
Cantor	4-5
Chanukah Recipes.....	20-21
Cultural Arts.....	18-19
Education Directors	10
Honorable Menschen.....	9
Interfaith Vigil.....	6-7
Jewish LIFE	12
Ladies of Love	14
Legacy Circle.....	13
Lifecycle (TBE Family News).....	16
Rabbi's Message.....	1, 3
Renaissance	25
Ritual.....	21
Sisterhood.....	22-23
Social Action (IHN)	24
Standard Response Protocol	18
Welcome to the World	17
Worship Schedule.....	2
Yahrzeits	26-27
Young Families at TBE.....	11

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Honoring IHN

November 20, 7:00 p.m.

See page 3

Adult Bat Mitzvah Class Service and Celebration

December 1, 10:00 a.m.

See page 8

Shabbat Chanukah Service

December 7, 7:00 p.m.

See page 9

Far from the Home I Love: The Jewish Immigration Story in Song

Cantorial Concert with Special Guests

December 16, 4:30 p.m.

See page 5



Worship Schedule

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 2

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with Kabbalat Torah

Saturday, November 3

Parashat Chayai Sarah, Genesis 23:1–25:18

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study and the Bat Mitzvah of Emily Dickholtz

Friday, November 9

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with the Choir

Saturday, November 10

Parashat Tol'dot, Genesis 25:19–28:9

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, November 16

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Seder with New Member Welcome

Saturday, November 17

Parashat Vayeitzei, Genesis 28:10–32:3

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with the Bat Mitzvah of Ava Fox

Tuesday, November 20

7:00 p.m. Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving

Friday, November 23

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, November 24

Parashat Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4–36:43

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, November 30

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with the Tefillah Band

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 1

Parashat Vayeishev, Genesis 37:1–40:23

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study with Adult B'not Mitzvah

Sunday, December 2

Erev Chanukah — First Candle

Monday, December 3

Chanukah

Tuesday, December 4

Chanukah

Wednesday, December 5

Chanukah

Thursday, December 6

Chanukah

Friday, December 7

Chanukah

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Chanukah Service with Consecration and the Tefillah Band

Saturday, December 8

Chanukah

Parashat Mikeitz, Genesis 41:1–44:17

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with the Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Manrique

Sunday, December 9

Chanukah — Last Candle

Monday, December 10

Chanukah — Final Day

Friday, December 14

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 15

Parashat Vayigash, Genesis 44:18–47:27

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with the B'nei Mitzvot of Lila Stark and Samuel Yarkoni

Friday, December 21

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 22

Parashat Va-y'chi, Genesis 47:28–50:26

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, December 28

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 29

Parashat Sh'mot, Exodus 1:1–6:1

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Temple Calendar Webpage

<http://www.ourbethel.org/luach-beth-el>

Shofar Submissions and Deadline

The next issue of the Shofar will be January-February 2019. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submissions is December 15. Submit articles via email to: ShofarEditor@templebethelnj.org.

In the subject line, please use the following naming convention: Shofar Month/Shofar/Committee Name or Professional Staff Name.

Torah Portions

You can read a Weekly Torah Commentary by visiting the Union of Reform Judaism's web page: www.reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study

Rabbi's Message, continued from page 1

But I would like to suggest that it can be even more than that.

When I was a kid, there was always a Thanksgiving assembly in school. Parents were invited, and the students would act out the story of Thanksgiving. Some played the part of Pilgrims. Others played the part of Native Americans. We would dress in costumes appropriate to our roles and re-enact the story of that first Thanksgiving at Plymouth Plantation in 1621.

I don't know if such dramas are still enacted today, but I would like to suggest that there was something to them, or at least the potential of something important to them, that may or may not have been realized.

At their best, those plays were an opportunity for the children to stand in the shoes of those who experienced the hardship of being Pilgrims, to imagine being refugees to a foreign shore who barely survived the harsh winter, and who, with the help of the Native Americans, learned to plant and reap a harvest that sustained them.

Our respective religious traditions place a high value on this kind of re-enactment. If I understand correctly, the Christian mass is an example of this. On Passover, we Jews see ourselves "as if" we ourselves were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt. We imagine that we personally experienced the hardship and degradation of enslavement, and that we ourselves went forth to freedom.

This is no trivial exercise. The drama of the Seder shapes our identity. It is much more than a mere recollection of what happened once upon a time. It tells us who we are today.

We are people who know the aching heart of the stranger, for we were the stranger. We enter into the experience and relive the bitterness, the harshness, the pain and suffering of enslavement, so that we will stand up and declare, "Never again!" No human being should ever be so mistreated. It is wrong, and we know it to the depths of our hearts and souls.

This is what Thanksgiving could, and I believe should be, for us as Americans, an opportunity to see ourselves as those who came here to these shores as Pilgrims, as refugees, and who retell this story to remind us of who we are, and who we want to be.

And who should we aspire to be, if we are to be true to our shared story? We should be people who see the refugees around us and insist on standing for them and with them. We should be people who see the homeless and refuse to make our peace with the reality that even one of God's children should lack for a roof over their heads, and a place to call home.

We should remember that the first Pilgrims to these shores escaped religious persecution and came here to find a refuge where they could freely practice their faith. And so, to be faithful to that story, we should refuse to accept intolerance or discrimination against any other person on the basis of their religion or creed.

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, the former chief rabbi of Britain, has spoken of the difference between history and memory. History is the attempt to recover the events of the past as objectively as possible. Memory, on the other hand, is the subjective story we choose to tell about what happened. History is about facts. Memory is about meaning.

Google the story of Thanksgiving and you will find many different versions. The history is complex, and can be seen from a variety of perspectives. Believe me, the Native Americans tell quite a different story from the descendants of the Pilgrims. Their story is one of persecution, displacement, and murder, and it is a story that needs and deserves to be heard. As for the Pilgrims, though they escaped religious persecution, they were not themselves the most religiously tolerant people, to put it mildly! This, too, is part of our collective memory.

We each have our subjective memories. We tell different stories. But I hope and pray that the stories we choose to tell, and to pass on to our children, will have at least one important thing in common. May they all be narratives of compassion. May they tell us to see ourselves as loving, caring people whose hearts are open to all God's children, and who hear ourselves called to bind the wounds of all who suffer, to lift them up, and to endow them with dignity.

May we always be grateful for the blessings God has bestowed upon us, and may we build a world in which all God's children will share in the bounty that God has given us. Amen!

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck

Editor's note: This message was first delivered as a sermon for the Interfaith Thanksgiving service at the North Branch Reformed Church in November 2017.

An Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving

In Celebration and Support of
Somerset County's Interfaith Hospitality
Network for the Homeless (IHN)

With participation from the clergy, musical
direction, choirs, and musicians from
The Roman Catholic Church of
St. Bernard of Clairvaux,
North Branch Reformed Church,
and Temple Beth-El

November 20, 7:00 p.m.

North Branch Reformed Church
Bridgewater

A Note From Our Cantor

Far from the Home I Love: The Jewish Immigration Story in Song

Once again, the TBE Cantorial Concert Committee, led by Jim and Beth Lavranchuk, is laboring to bring another beautiful musical event to fruition. Our subject is a bit deeper this year, and possibly a little darker. But only by descending is it possible to rise: out of the darkness we hope to bring you light.

It's that time of year....the Cantorial Committee and I are going full steam ahead in preparations for our yearly cantorial concert on Sunday, December 16 at 4:30 p.m., preceded by a "Meet the Artists" reception at 3:30 p.m., where a light dairy menu will be offered. Music brings people together and soothes the soul, and the concert will raise money for the temple through donations and sponsorships. This year's concert is titled "Far from the Home I Love: The Jewish Immigrant Story in Song." I had wanted to do something that was relevant to current times and the issues that we now face as Jews and Americans. But I had no idea how timely the subject would be.

The concert will bring many voices together, both young and old, incorporating the talents of Soufganiyot (our junior choir), the Tefillah Band, Kolot El (our adult choir) and our beloved accompanist Kathy Shanklin. One of the special guests will be Vladimir Lapin, who made a spectacular impression on the TBE community with his performances in two cantorial concerts several years ago, while he was still a cantorial student. I am very much looking forward to performing with him again! Vlad has an amazing ability to communicate with an audience through words and music. As a student at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music, he garnered high-level performance prizes. He is now cantor of Temple Beth-El of Great Neck, New York. Additionally, he has spent several summers as the director of the nature program (*Teva*) at URJ Camp Eisner in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and returns annually as a faculty member.

Cantor Maria Dubinsky, of Temple Avodat Shalom in River Edge, New Jersey, is the other special guest at the concert. I met Maria while I was in cantorial school, and her artistry and sincerity deeply impressed me. Born in Moscow, Maria immigrated to Israel in 1990, where she graduated from the Rubin Academy of Music and Dance in Jerusalem with a degree in vocal performance. As she observed to me, having been an immigrant two times over makes the subject of our concert particularly personal for her. Maria has participated in numerous opera productions of the New Israeli Opera, as well as in a large variety of concerts, recitals, oratorio, chamber music, and opera projects in Israel and abroad. She has also performed in major festivals in Israel and Europe, including International Jihlava Music Festival, Kol Ha-Musica Ba-Galil Ha-Elyon, the Abu-Gosh Festival, Eilat Chamber Festival and Montreal Jewish Music Festival.

I chose the subject for this concert because it speaks to the Jewish condition, and what it means to be Jewish.

Since the time of Abraham, we have always been wanderers. Indeed, when it comes time to attend to the needs of the next generation, Abraham sends his servant back to his homeland in Aram to find a wife for Isaac. This is the only acceptable option; under no circumstances is Isaac to marry a native Canaanite. Isaac's partner must be like him, an *ivri/ivriyah* (Hebrew, literally one who "crosses over"): one whose spiritual/moral consciousness stems from the soul of an immigrant.

Passion, terror, longing for home, illusions about the new place, heavy burdens, struggle, confusion, dreams that blossom or shatter, not to mention comedy. America as the home for the refugees, Jerusalem as the home for the refugees, hope, loss, danger, wandering, uncertainty. Carrying our sacred heritage and teaching from place to place. Rising to the top of society and then having to leave. What does it feel like to be an immigrant? Always between multiple worlds – the home you left behind, the country you're in, the place you long to be. Where is home? And as we consider these questions, I hope to foster empathy for those newly minted immigrants we find in our midst. I know that both our guests, being immigrants to this country themselves, will bring a particularly personal, poignant perspective to the topic.

As before, part of the afternoon will be devoted to singing songs from both The Great American Songbook and Israeli song repertoire, with song requests from some of our strong supporters.

If you would like to help sponsor the event, please contact our event chairs Jim and Beth Lavranchuk, Cantor Pincus, or past president Lillian Swickle by sending a message to CantorialConcert@TempleBethElNJ.org for information about the levels of sponsorship and how to get involved.

Admission is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children under 13, before December 1. After December 1, admission rises to \$25 for adults, but remains at \$10 for children under 13.

A combined admission for the concert and the "Meet the Artists" reception at 3:30 is \$60. Please contact the synagogue office (908-722-0674, ext 312) or visit www.ourbethel.org/CantorialConcert2018 online to reserve your place at the event.

The Talmud says: "All Israel are responsible for one another!" (Tractate Shavuot 39A). As always, events at Temple Beth-El are open to all, regardless of financial means, so if you would like to attend the concert but will need financial assistance, please contact me directly to reserve your place. I look forward to seeing you all here, in the home that we love.



Far from the Home I Love... The Jewish Immigration Story in Song

Cantorial Concert With Special Guests



Cantor Maria Dubinsky
Avodat Shalom, River Edge, NJ



Cantor Emily Wigod Pincus
Temple Beth-El, Hillsborough, NJ



Cantor Vladimir Lapin
Temple Beth-El, Great Neck, NY

Sunday, December 16

Reception at 3:30 p.m. and Concert at 4:30 p.m.

The Jewish soul is the soul of the immigrant, balancing uncertainty and tears with courage and joy. This is the shared heritage we'll honor in words and song. Join us for the journey led by Temple Beth-El's own **Cantor Emily Wigod Pincus**, **Kathy Shanklin**, the Tefillah Band, and the adult and youth choirs, with special guests, **Cantor Maria Dubinsky** and **Cantor Vladimir Lapin**.

Bring your Friends and Family!

Concert (with refreshments): \$18 (\$25 after December 1); Kids under 13: \$10

Meet-the-Artists Reception and Concert Admission: \$60

Sponsorship opportunities available.

Please let Cantor Pincus know if cost is a barrier to your attendance.

Reserve your space: www.ourbethel.org/CantorialConcert2018
or, call 908-722-0674, ext. 312.

Temple Beth-El, 67 Route 206, Hillsborough, NJ

Interfaith Vigil in Solidarity with the Jewish Community of Pittsburgh

Rabbi Gluck's Remarks



We gather tonight with hearts that are broken for the tragic loss of 11 precious souls, men and women who were murdered for the simple fact that they were Jews.

It was the deadliest attack on Jews in the history of our nation, but it was not an isolated event. It is only the latest in a rising tide of hate and anti-Semitism that threatens innocent lives of Jews, Muslims, people of color, immigrants, and all those who are labeled as "other."

Our presence here tonight, your presence, makes a powerful statement. There is no "other." There are no "others." There is only "us," brothers and sisters, human beings created in the image of God. Each and every one infinitely precious.

Jewish tradition teaches that "whoever destroys a single life has destroyed an entire world." Each person murdered at Congregation Tree of Life in Pittsburgh was a world. They must not be reduced to numbers or statistics. They were a mother, a father, a beloved spouse, a sister, a brother, a friend. Each had a face, and each had a name:

Daniel Stein; Joyce Feinberg; Richard Gottfried; Rose Mallinger; Jerry Rabinowitz; the brothers Cecil Rosenthal and David Rosenthal; husband and wife Bernice Simon and Sylvan Simon; Melvin Wax; and Irving Younger.

We grieve with their families, with their community, and with the entire human family for their loss. May God comfort all who are bereaved and heal all who are broken in body and spirit.

There is much that needs to be said about why this happened. About how words of hate breed to acts of violence. About how ordinary citizens, including unbalanced people, so easily obtain weapons of war. And about the need for our leaders to abandon the rhetoric of fear, division and demonization that turns minorities and vulnerable people into targets of those who hate.

But tonight, we gather as people of faith to pray for our brothers and sisters whom we've lost and for the survivors and their neighbors. We gather to pray for healing, for peace, and for hope. We gather to say that as people of faith, as proud Americans, we refuse to succumb to fear.

We are resilient people. We will mourn our losses, take steps to secure our communities, and join together to stand against hate in every form. The most powerful antidote to hate is love, so let love be our banner and our guiding light.

As people of faith we turn to God in prayer. Be with us, O God, in this dark time. Strengthen us and calm our fears. Send healing to the broken hearted, hope to those whose lives have been shattered, and consolation to the bereaved. Cause the light of Your love to shine upon us to heal our wounds and remind us of the goodness of Your world and the blessing of this life You have given us. In the face of evil remind us never to despair of human goodness. Open our hearts to feel Your presence among us and within us. To You, O God, we turn in our time of need. Renew our hope, give us courage, and grant peace to us and all Your children. Amen.

Our vigil tonight will include prayers and songs for healing, hope, strength and peace from seven different religious traditions, words of solidarity from civic leaders, and a call to action to stand up for the other.

Speaking for the Jewish community, I want to express how much this outpouring of love and support means to us. Your presence here with us reminds us that God's love makes us one human family and gives us hope that we will learn to live in peace and harmony.

Editor's note: To view the vigil on Livestream, visit <https://livestream.com/OurBethEl/events/8434867>



Cantor Pincus was joined by Cantor Vadim Yucht and Cantor Anna Berman.



At the end of the service, the assembled crowd linked arms to sing "We will Build this World with Love."

Interfaith Vigil in Solidarity with the Jewish Community of Pittsburgh

Supporting Organizations

Jewish Federation of Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren Counties
Temple Beth-El, Hillsborough
Islamic Society of Basking Ridge
North Branch Reformed Church
Temple Sholom, Bridgewater
Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center
St. John's Episcopal Church
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, Bridgewater
Temple Beth El, Somerset
Bridgewater United Methodist Church
Christ Presbyterian Church, Martinsville
Family Worship Center
First United Methodist Church of Somerville
Flemington Jewish Community Center
Garden State Sikh Association, Somerset
Garden State Sikh Association, Bridgewater
Temple Har Shalom, Warren
Holocaust and Genocide Institute at Raritan Valley
Community College
Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey, Washington Township
Jewish Family Service of Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren Counties
Congregation Kehilat Shalom, Belle Mead
Congregation Kneseth Israel, Bound Brook
Middlebush Reformed Church
Muslim Center of Somerset County
Or Chadash, Flemington
Oscar & Ella Wilf Campus For Senior Living
Refuge International
Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Millstone
Saint Martin's Episcopal Church, Bridgewater
Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Hillsborough
Sathya Sai Center of Bridgewater
Shree Swaminarayan Mandir - Loyadham, Raritan
Somerset County Asian-American Association
Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition
Chabad Jewish Center of Greater Somerset County
Chabad Jewish Center of Southern Somerset County
Chabad Jewish Center of Hunterdon County
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Somerset Hills
United Reformed Church, Somerville
St. Bernard's Episcopal Church, Bernardsville
Jam-e-Masjid Islamic Center, Boonton

Participating Civic Leaders:

Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin
Senator Kip Bateman
Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker
Assemblyman Roy Freiman
NJ Director of Homeland Security Jared Maples
Somerset County Freeholder/Director Patrick Scaglione
Somerset County Freeholder Mark Caliguire
Somerset County Sheriff Frank Provenzano
From Hillsborough Township
Mayor Gloria McCauley
Deputy Mayor Doug Tomson
Committeeman Frank DelCore
Chief of Police Darren Powell
Middle School Principal Joe Trybulski
From Montgomery Township
Councilwoman Sadaf Jaffer
Councilwoman Patricia Graham
Somerville Council President Granville Brady
Bound Brook Mayor Robert Fazen
Princeton Councilman David Cohen



The Sikh community leaders read a moving prayer.



Leaders of the Sathya Sai Center of Bridgewater, a group that worships and studies each week at TBE, offered songs and prayers of peace.

Jay Lavroff Honored

President Jay Lavroff's integrity and kindness — familiar to many at TBE — is being noticed by his professional peers.

Jay, a Bridgewater resident and partner at the Westfield office of Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, P.C., was honored as the Union County Bar Association's *Professional Lawyer of the Year* at the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law annual awards, held Oct. 11 at Pines Manor in Edison, according to an article on TapInto.net.

"Lindabury prides itself as being a firm with a reputation of professionalism and high character," David R. Pierce, Lindabury's partner and president, said in a news release provided to TapInto.net, which reported Jay's award on its website. "Jay Lavroff exemplifies all that is positive in the



law profession, and we are proud that he has been recognized with this prestigious honor that reflects our culture."

Jay's law practice is concentrated in litigation, with an emphasis in the areas of insurance coverage and defense, professional liability claims, and contract disputes.

The Professional Lawyer of the Year Awards are presented in cooperation with county bar associations throughout New Jersey to lawyers who are respected by colleagues for their character, competence and exemplary professional behavior. The New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law is a cooperative venture of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA), the state and federal judiciary, and New Jersey's three law schools.

THE ADULT BAT MITZVAH CLASS OF 2018/5779
INVITES OUR TEMPLE BETH-EL FAMILY
TO SHARE IN OUR BLESSING
AS WE ARE CALLED TO THE TORAH

SHABBAT VAYEISHEV
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018 / 23 KISLEV 5779
AT 9:45 A.M.

KIDDUSH LUNCH TO FOLLOW IN THE LARGE SOCIAL HALL.

AN RSVP FOR LUNCH WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED:

DINAFISHER@TEMPLEBETHELNJ.ORG OR 908-722-0674 X312.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THIS SPECIAL MOMENT WITH YOU.

HILLARY ANGELINE
GARI BLOOM
LIZ COHEN

KAREN DONOHUE
CAROL GARDNER
MICHELE HOLLER

DONNA TISCHFIELD

Honorable Menschen for Autumn 2018 – Alta Malberg



The Temple Beth-El 65th Anniversary Gala was a success in every way. It was a wonderful tribute to our temple community, an opportunity to recognize and thank several of our past presidents, and a heck of a good time dancing, singing, eating and socializing. It was also the biggest fundraiser of the year and an integral part of our annual financial plan. An event like this requires a

copious amount of hard work and creativity. It also needs a leader who can form and direct a committee over an extended period of time. That leader is Alta Malberg.

After taking the helm of the gala planning, Alta immediately assembled a committee to address the multitude of tasks that made up the evening. In addition to chairing the committee and coordinating with others involved, Alta took an active role in shaping the event. Among the innovative ideas she contributed was the “Prize Board,” which cleverly combined fundraising with community building.

Dedicated and forward-thinking leaders like Alta help to write the success story that is Temple Beth-El. In recognition of her contributions, we are very pleased to recognize her as our Honorable Menschen for Autumn 2018.

Honorable Menschen for Winter 2019 – Jacki Skole



By now I’m sure that everyone has had a chance to visit and explore our beautiful new website. Over a year in the making, the website promotes the very best of Temple Beth-El in a bright, attractive and user-friendly fashion. As remarkable as the internet is, the new site did not just appear on its own. It is the product of a tremendous amount of work by volunteers who contributed their individual talents to the effort. Among those who helped make the project succeed is Jacki Skole.

Drawing on her professional experience as an author and professor of communications, Jacki served as head writer and editor in chief for the new website. In doing so, she wrote or edited all of the text that appears on the site. This was an enormous undertaking, requiring the skill and patience that Jacki possesses in abundance. In addition to being an author and editor, she was significantly involved in decisions regarding the design of the website.

We are extremely fortunate to have someone like Jacki who is so committed to the success and advancement of our community. We are happy to recognize her as our Honorable Menschen for Winter 2019.



Shabbat Chanukah Service *and* *Consecration of New Religious School Students*

Friday, December 7
Sixth Night of Chanukah
7:00 p.m.

Bring your family’s favorite chanukiah and seven candles to help light up the temple and celebrate Jewish learning!

From the Education Directors

Chanukah, O Chanukah, Come Light the Menorah!

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights (*chag ha-urim*), comes to illumine our homes and give us a spiritual and emotional lift during the dark days of winter. Chanukah celebrations include lighting the chanukiah, the special eight-branch menorah, each night; eating foods fried in oil, such as latkes (l'vivot) and jelly doughnuts (sufganiyot); singing songs; playing games, especially the dreidel game; and exchanging gifts. The glow of the candles, the warmth and good smells in the kitchen, the fun holiday activities, and the joy we take in the company of family and friends is something very special to look forward to.

Chanukah means “dedication” in Hebrew, in commemoration of the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian Greeks in 165 B.C.E. and the subsequent liberation and rededication of the great Temple in Jerusalem. As on all our Jewish holidays, Chanukah is a great time to rededicate ourselves to helping to make the world a better place. This Chanukah (December 2-10), please consider incorporating tzedakah into your celebrations by donating to a cause you care about or participating in a program or activity that will make a difference in someone's life. There are organizations all over the world and right here at home that could really use our help.

This year, TBE's annual Shabbat Chanukah service is on Friday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. This is always an extra-special service, when everyone brings their family's favorite chanukiah and candles (7 this year, including the shamash) to light up our sanctuary, warm our hearts, and — sweetest of all — formally welcome our newest Religious School students with the Ceremony of Consecration.

Excellent resources for Chanukah (and every area of Jewish life) are available online at reformjudaism.org and so many other sites. [Click here](#) to learn more about the holiday, practice the blessings with text and audio, pick up recipes and suggestions for activities, and find inspiration for celebration and tzedakah.

Wishing you a very happy Thanksgiving and joyous Chanukah — *chag urim sameach!* May your hearts be warmed and your lights shine bright.



Sarah Gluck



Lisa Friedman

Chanukah Blessings

Candles are added to the chanukiah from right to left and are kindled from left to right (i.e., light the newest candle first). On the Shabbat of Chanukah, light the Chanukah candles first and then the Shabbat candles.

Light the *shamash*—the helper candle—first, using it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights, then say or sing:
*Ba-ruch a-tah, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam,
 a-sher kid'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu l'had-lik ner shel
 Cha-nu-kah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

*Ba-ruch a-tah, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam,
 she-a-sah ni-sim la-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem
 baz'man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who performed wonders for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

On the first night only, add this blessing:

*Ba-ruch a-tah, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam,
 she-he-che-ya-nu v'kiy'ma-nu v'hi-gi-a-nu laz'man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Urban Mitzvah Corps: Recognizing Privilege

By Jack Haftel, Urban Mitzvah Corps New Jersey 2018 Participant

This week we participated in a program to help us learn about privilege. In the program, we were asked questions regarding certain privileges we may have and depending on how we answered the questions, we took a step forward or backwards. I found this program very impactful, as it made us more aware of privileges we have that we may never have realized. Although it showed that not all of us had the same privileges, it taught us all an important lesson: when afforded certain privileges, it is our duty to try to help those less privileged so that they have just as much opportunity to change the world as we do.

For the past two weeks, I have been working at Elijah's Promise, and the experience has been truly rewarding. It is an amazing feeling to see a person's eyes light up when they have their first meal of the day, but at the same time it is upsetting. No one should have to be concerned about where their next meal is coming from and I, along with my fellow participants, hope that one day, no one has to be food insecure, struggling just to make ends meet. What brought us all together in the first place was the shared goal to help other people, to change someone's life in any small or large way we could. We know that we may be



more privileged than others, but this program has taught us that anyone can make a change in the world, no matter their life circumstances.

Originally published on the Urban Mitzvah Corps blog on July 11, 2018. Reprinted with permission.

Young Families at Temple Beth-El Experiences for families with children in Grade 2 and younger

Family and Holiday Events

Young Family Pajama Party with musical guest Sheldon Low

Saturday, January 26,
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Shabbat/Worship Experiences

Pizza and Family Shabbat Services

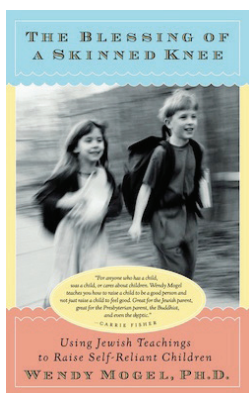
November 2, 6:00 p.m.

January 4, 6:00 p.m.



Shabbat morning experience and bagel breakfast

Saturday, January 12, 10:30 a.m.



Young Family Schmoozes

Sundays during religious school

November 18, December 16 (in the TBE café)

***NEW: Book discussion on February 10**

The Blessing of a Skinned Knee by Wendy Mogel*

Jewish LIFE

November and December

Enriching mind, body, and spirit.



AT TBE

Biblical Hebrew, Sundays 10:00-11:30 a.m.

November 4, 18; December 2, 9, 16

Continuing January 6, 13, 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 3, 10, 24, 31; April 7, 14

iEngage 4: Israel's Milestones and Their Meanings

Sundays, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

November 18: 1947—The United Nations Partition Plan: The Jews in the World

December 9: 1967—The Six Day War: Power, Land, and God

Continuing March 3, 24; April 7; May 19; June 2

Inner Ladder: Continuing Mussar Steps

Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

November 26: Enthusiasm

December 17: Silence

Continuing January 21, February 11, and March 18

Kabbalat Shabbat: Traditions and Texts

A mini-course with Student Rabbi Shira Gluck

Join our favorite student rabbi in exploring the poetry and themes of the Shabbat psalms, with emphasis on the musical-spiritual aspects of Kabbalat Shabbat.

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

November 27; December 4 and 11

Israeli Dancing

Most Thursdays throughout the year at 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Film Series: Past Life

Past Life tracks the daring late 1970s odyssey of two sisters — an introverted classical musician and a rambunctious scandle sheet journalist — as they unravel a shocking wartime mystery that has cast a dark shadow on their entire lives. A discussion follows the screening.

Saturday, December 1, 7:30 p.m.

Suggested donation: \$5/person

Co-sponsored with Cultural Arts

UPCOMING AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Irma Horowitz Film Series: Falafel and Films

Presenting two offbeat short films: "Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas" (a playful celebration of the Jewish American songwriters who composed the soundtrack to the winter holiday season) and "Hannah Cohen's Holy Communion" (the story of a young girl who can't wait to make her Holy Communion — the only problem is, she's Jewish!).

Thursday, November 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Bridgewater JCC

\$18 per person includes the films and a falafel dinner.

To register, call 908-725-6994 x9018.

Dr. Mehnaz Afridi, The Shoah Through Muslim Eyes

Co-sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation SHAW, the JCC Holocaust Memorial and Education Center, and the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom. Free to the community.

To register, call Lauren at 908-758-2003.

Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 p.m., at the Bridgewater JCC

To the Little Polish Boy: Developing Empathy Through Ecphrastic Poetry, with Nancy Gorrell

This program is geared for teens and their parents. (An ecphrastic poem is a vivid description of a scene or work of art.)

Sunday, November 18, 1:30 p.m. at the Bridgewater JCC

Free to the community.

To register, call 908-725-6994 x9018.

Co-sponsored by Jewish LIFE and the JCC Holocaust Memorial and Education Center

Click for the 2018-19/5779 [Jewish LIFE Program Guide](#) or visit <https://www.ssbjcc.org/jewish-living/jewish-life/>.

Jewish LIFE (Learning Is for Everyone) is made possible in part by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties.

What's the difference between stress and anxiety?

What stresses our teens today?

**Protecting the Mental Health and Well-Being
of Our Young People
with special guest Dr. Betsy Stone**

**Wednesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.
at Temple Beth-El**

*While focused on middle and high school students,
all are welcome to join this important conversation.*



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Help provide complete Thanksgiving meals to IHN families. Please donate:

Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Canned Corn
Canned Cranberry Sauce

Canned Green Beans
Gravy (cans or packets of mix)
Mashed Potatoes (boxed)

Stuffing (boxed)
Sweet Potatoes (small cans)
PLEASE, NO GLASS!

Place donations in the **baskets in the Religious School** rotunda until November 18.
Whole turkeys are also needed. Contact Barbara Johnston at bjohnston1836@gmail.com

Sponsored by Sisterhood and Religious School

We honor our Legacy Circle:

Anonymous (4)
Rande and Janet Aaronson
Lou and Myrna Binder
Gari and Charles Bloom
Mike Bloomstein
Jody and Gary Cohen
Liz and Dave Cohen
Rabbi Arnold and Sarah Gluck
Julie and Greg Hirsch
Chrys Jochem
Barbara and Russ Johnston
Andy and Leslie Kass
Bob Krovetz
Jay Lavroff
Leigh Miller
Rick Miller
Robin and Larry Osman
Art and Betty Roswell
Amy Rubin
Lillian Swickle
Goldie Taub
Irwin Vogel
Steve and Elayne Weitz
Ann Weinstein
Bruce and Marlane Wolf



HOW WILL YOU ASSURE
JEWISH TOMORROWS?



To create your Jewish legacy contact:
Lillian Swickle, Chair
LegacyCircle@TempleBethElnj.org

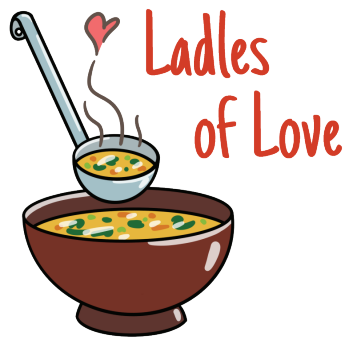


LIFE & LEGACY program and the
LIFE & LEGACY logo are trademarks of the
Herald Group Foundation. All rights reserved.

Please remember Temple Beth-El with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy.

A legacy gift ensures that the community will continue to serve future generations.

Contact Lil Swickle at LegacyCircle@TempleBethElnj.org.



Temple Beth-El's new Ladles of Love initiative to bring comfort and good noshing to those in need is underway, with its next community cook-a-thon set for Sunday, November 28.

The first cooking session, held on Oct. 21, produced 15 mini loaves of pumpkin bread and lemon cake, as well as 23 quarts of butternut squash carrot soup and harvest barley soup. Ladles of Love volunteers have started delivering loaves of bread and soup to those in the TBE community who need a little extra care, whether recovering from surgery or an illness, grieving a loss or celebrating a birth.



Participants at the October session included Andrea Bradley, Rebecca Guss, Barbara Johnston, Robin Osman, Melissa Pyle, Marla Schoor, Dana Shapiro and Caryn Shinske.



Cooking slots are filled for the Nov. 28 session, but additional opportunities to join the cooking corps will be announced beginning in January. Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver care packages.

Ladles of Love is generously underwritten by the Jules Swickle Cheshed [Kindness] Fund. To volunteer for deliveries or for more information, email Andrea Bradley at abradley616@gmail.com.

Meet the Moalams

As Temple Beth-El members for slightly over a year now, the Moalam family is one of the newest to TBE, and they are excited to be here. Madelyn and Moshe have been married for 12 years and live in the Piscataway area with their son, Elan. Moshe, who is a production manager for 3M, was born and raised in Israel. He served in the Israeli army and attended school in Herzilya, Israel, moving to the United States in 1988. Madelyn, a copy editor of technical documents for Commvault, a software company in Tinton Falls, NJ, was born and raised in Brooklyn and attended Hunter College in New York City.

Elan is nine years old and attends fourth-grade religious studies at Temple Beth-El. Moshe has three additional children, Madelyn says, so “Elan is fortunate to have a brother, Israel, and two sisters, Tair and Maskit.” Israel is married and has a seven-year-old son named Mason, “so Elan is very proud to tell everyone that he is Mason’s uncle,” she laughs.

Like many other families, the Moalams began seeking out a Jewish community as their child grew older. “We were looking for our son to begin his Jewish studies; however, we were also looking for a Reform temple that would be accepting of an interfaith couple,” Madelyn remarks. As parents, “we enjoy how much the message of love and family is instilled in our child. Every time we attend family Shabbat services, we always feel that this message of love is brought to light, and it is a very warm and comforting feeling.” And this year Elan joined the children’s choir, Soufganiyot, “so it is always a treat watching the children enjoying themselves,” Madelyn smiles.



Left to right: Elan, Madelyn and Moshe Moalam

In their spare time, the Moalams love to travel and enjoy going on cruises to visit different Caribbean islands. They have also recently traveled to Thailand and go to Israel often.

We look forward to getting to know more about you, Madelyn, Moshe, and Elan – and welcome!



**Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
November 27;
December 4 and 11**

Kabbalat Shabbat: Traditions and Texts: A mini-course with Student Rabbi Shira Gluck

“Sof ma’aseh b’machshavah t’chillah, Shabbat was the final act of creation, but the very first in thought.” (“Lecha Dodi,” Shabbat liturgy).

The ritual of Kabbalat Shabbat is a rich tapestry of texts and traditions from the time of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem to the mystics of the 16th century.

These three sessions will explore the poetry and themes of the Shabbat psalms and the Kabbalistic understanding of Erev Shabbat, with emphasis on the musical-spiritual aspects of this service.

Lifecycle

Our B'nei Mitzvah students for November and December

Emily Dickholtz, November 3

Ava Fox, November 17

Adult B'not Mitzvah class, December 1

Hillary Angeline

Gari Bloom

Liz Cohen

Karen Donohue

Carol Gardner

Michele Holler

Donna Tischfield

Andrew Manrique, December 8

Lila Stark, December 15

Samuel Yarkoni, December 15

Our Condolences

David Rothschild on the passing of his beloved mother, Gloria

Shari Farmer on the passing of her beloved sister, Debra Lee Schreiber

Sol and Beatrice Cohen on the passing of their beloved son, Gerald

Lisa Goldberg on the passing of her beloved uncle, Melvin

Joe Drozd on the passing of his beloved mother, Irene

Andy Feusse on the passing of his beloved mother, Elizabeth Ann

Rita Fink on the passing of her brother-in-law, Maurice Zedeck



*Jared Ruderman, Eileen Ruderman's son,
wed his beloved, Gillian Goldmark.*

Mazel Tov!

Eileen Ruderman on the marriage of her son, Jared Ruderman, to Gillian Goldmark

Michael and Judith Goldberg on the marriage of their daughter, Shaina Goldberg, to Andrew Sherman

Harold and Rochelle Levin on the arrival of their granddaughter, Cadence Jane Tone, to proud parents Andrea and Sean Tone

Janice and David Klein on the birth of their granddaughter, Beatrice Dorry Violet Klein, to proud parents Sam and Jez Klein

Ronnie and Lewin Weyl on the arrival of their granddaughter, Zoe Perry Weyl, to proud parents Ben and Debbie Weyl

Bob and Shari Albin on the marriage of their daughter, Amanda, to Daniel Rosenblum

Our Caring Community

Kesher Network: For those who are unable to attend our worship and simcha events and some adult education classes, our video streaming service is the next best thing to being there. Navigate to new.livestream.com/OurBethEl from a personal computer or mobile device (apps are available for [apple](#), [android](#) and [roku](#) devices) for a list of upcoming and recent livestream events from Temple Beth-El.

Shiva Minyans: For a leader or participants, call Amy Rubin or Cantor Pincus.

Mitzvah Committee: To offer or request help, please contact Carol Ahlert, carolahlert@yahoo.com, or 908-359-9357.

Ladles of Love (New initiative of soup or bread to lift the spirit): To offer to help deliver care packages or to suggest someone who might need a little extra love, contact Andrea Bradley abradley616@gmail.com.

In the event of a loss during the evening or on the weekend, call Rabbi Gluck at 908-722-0674, ext. 111, or 908-229-1618.

To share your family's news in the Shofar, call Susan Walters in the temple office. Please contact Susan with information about significant occasions, hospitalizations, or the loss of a loved one.

Prayer for Healing Cards: Cards are available in the temple lobby to let those in need of healing know that their names were included in our Mishebeirach prayer. The cards can be mailed as postcards by writing the address over the Temple Beth-El watermark or directly inserted into get well cards.

Welcome TO THE WORLD



Beatrice Dorry Violet Klein

September 11, 2018

7 lbs., 7 oz., 19.7 inches

Welcomed by parents Sam and Jez Klein, and
proud grandparents David and Janice Klein



Zoe Perry Weyl

May 14, 2018

Joyously greeted by Ben and Debbie
Weyl and ecstatic grandparents
Ronnie and Lewin Weyl



Cadence Jane Tone

October 24, 2018

A surprise early arrival for parents Andrea
and Sean Tone and happy grandparents
Harold and Rochelle Levin



Standard Response Protocol: An Action-Based Emergency Preparedness Tool

Last year, Temple Beth-El adopted the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) as our primary emergency training and preparedness tool. SRP is a shared lexicon, a specific vocabulary, which is matched with specific actions to be taken in emergency events. By standardizing the vocabulary and matching it with actions, everyone involved can understand the response and status of an event.

This program comes from the I Love U Guys Foundation.


The foundation was created by the parents of Emily Keyes, who was murdered in a school shooting in 2006. During the time the shooter was in the building, Emily texted her parents: "I Love U Guys." The foundation's mission is to restore and protect the joy of youth through educational programs and positive actions in collaboration with families, schools, communities, organizations, and government entities.

The SRP is the foundation's flagship program, designed to improve communication, awareness and responsiveness during emergencies. While SRP was developed for schools, it has since been adopted by emergency responders, businesses, and more.

The protocol is the standard for all Somerset County school districts, police, and first responders, making the training and the material familiar to most of our students.

At Temple Beth-El, all staff and faculty receive training on the SRP. Each classroom is equipped with posters and instructions.

For more about the Standard Response Protocol, visit the <http://iloveuguy.org>. See the chart below or contact Executive Director Amy Rubin at amyrubin@templebethelnj.org.



**STANDARD™
RESPONSE PROTOCOL**

<p>LOCKDOWN LOCKS, LIGHTS, OUT OF SIGHT</p> <p>Students are trained to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move away from sight • Maintain silence <p>Teachers are trained to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lock classroom door • Lights out • Move away from sight • Maintain silence • Do not open the door • Wait for first responders to open door • Take roll, account for students 	<p>EVACUATE TO THE ANNOUNCED LOCATION</p> <p>Students are trained to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave stuff behind • Bring their phone • Form a single file line <p>Teachers are trained to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grab roll sheet if possible • Lead students to evacuation location • Take roll, account for students
<p>LOCKOUT SECURE THE PERIMETER</p> <p>Students are trained to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to inside of building • Do business as usual <p>Teachers are trained to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recover students and staff from outside building • Increased situational awareness • Take roll, account for students • Do business as usual 	<p>SHELTER FOR A HAZARD USING SAFETY STRATEGY</p> <p>Hazards might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tornado • Hazmat <p>Safety Strategies might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuate to shelter area • Seal the room <p>Students are trained in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate hazards and safety strategies <p>Teachers are trained in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate hazards and safety strategies • Take roll, account for students • Report problems at the evacuation assembly using this card.

Brotherhood

Brotherhood Off to a Great Start

Brotherhood is enjoying a rousing start to 5779, and all of the Brothers look forward to the coming year with great anticipation.

Officially kicking off the year, literally, was a fun and relaxing evening in early October at Petrock's – the Brotherhood's watering hole of choice – to watch the Giants play the Eagles on NFL Thursday Night Football. Combining the light-hearted (sometimes maybe not so light-hearted...) rivalry between Giants and Eagles fans, with good food and drink and the camaraderie among long-standing and new members made for a pleasant evening – especially for the Eagles fans.

Later in October, Rabbi Hirshel Jaffe gave a very thought-provoking and insightful talk at the first Sunday morning breakfast, sharing with us several meaningful and

inspirational stories. Rabbi Jaffe discussed the profound spiritual lessons he learned as a cancer patient and five-time survivor of the disease, his remarkable visit in 1980 with the 52 American hostages held in Iran as part of a clergy delegation, and his message that someone who does the right thing and cares for others is truly a religious person, irrespective of the number of rituals observed or commandments followed. Rabbi Jaffe joined the temple fairly recently and it is a blessing to have him as part of our community.

Future events include a family fall hike in Duke Island Park, and an Escape Room evening in December.

It's not too late to join our group and participate in activities. We can always use more Brothers.

Cultural Arts

Cultural Arts Happenings for November and December

Join us at the movies and Israeli folk dancing

The Jewish Film Series, which grows stronger each year, continues with new offerings.

Please consider becoming a sponsor to help us to continue our wonderful and highly educational Jewish/Israeli film program.

Sponsorship: For \$200 a year we will call you a friend,
For \$400 a year we will call you a partner,
For \$1,000 a year we will call you a SPONSOR
and name our film program in your honor.

Questions? Email Simona at bakerec@comcast.net

Mark your calendars for *Past Life*, which will be screened at 7:00 p.m. on December 1. This showing is co-sponsored by TBE Renaissance.

Israeli folk dancing with Ruach!

We now have a lovely new dance floor – come try it out!

Our instructors are professional dancers and our dancers are friendly. Most dance sessions are held in the large social hall. All are welcome.

Why Israeli folk dancing? Like zumba, or yoga, we use many muscles that work hard and burn many calories. You will breathe deeply and sweat, as in any good workout. Lose yourself in the rhythms of the dance and the tuneful music, and feel great as those endorphins kick in.

When and where? Israeli folk dancing is offered every Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to approximately 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 at the door, or prepay for five sessions. The first dancing session for newcomers is free.

The Cultural Arts Committee hopes to enhance your joy, pleasure and knowledge as you participate in the events of Jewish cultural life that we bring to you!

B'shalom,

Simona Rivkin

Cultural Arts Committee

These Are Not Your Bubby's Latkes

It's time for our joyous festival of lights, Chanukah, and all the delicious latkes that come with it. But in an ever-expanding universe of culinary options, the humble potato is no longer the only game in town.

What about using sweet potatoes this year, or even beets, to make your latkes? These vegetables add a new

dimension and exciting flavors, textures and colors to the traditional Chanukah fryfest. (And for those of us with health or weight concerns, check out the tips in the first recipe for baking, rather than frying, your latkes.) So for something new and different this year, try out one of our gourmet latke recipes and shake up your holiday table!

Smoky Sweet Potato Latkes

Preparation time: 45 minutes. Makes 16 latkes

These smoky sweet potato latkes balance the sugar of the sweet potatoes with earthy cumin and smoked paprika. They are delicious, crispy and perfect accompanied by unsweetened applesauce and plain Greek yogurt or sour cream.

You can either fry these latkes in the traditional way, or bake them. To ensure they remain crispy while baking, brush both the pan and the latkes on both sides with a little bit of oil. This is much easier, much less mess and a whole lot leaner.

A great way to cut the cooking time is to par-cook the shredded sweet potatoes by pouring boiling water over them. This not only speeds up the baking, it also washes away some of the starch, which results in a crispier latke.

Ingredients

1 large sweet potato, peeled and grated (about 4 c. grated)
½ large yellow or sweet onion, grated (about ¾ c. grated)
1 egg
½ tsp. kosher salt
½ tsp. ground cumin
½ tsp. smoked paprika
1/3 c. cornstarch
4 T. canola or vegetable oil, divided
Plain Greek yogurt and unsweetened applesauce, to serve

Directions

Pre-heat the oven to 400° F. In a large colander, combine the sweet potato and onion. Set over the sink.

Bring about 4 cups of water to a boil. Slowly pour the water over the potato mixture, then let it drain and cool until easily handled, 8 to 10 minutes.

Place the sweet potato mixture in a clean kitchen towel, a handful at a time, and squeeze to extract as much liquid as possible; then transfer to a large bowl.

In a small bowl, beat together the egg, salt, cumin and paprika, then stir into the sweet potato mixture. Sprinkle the cornstarch over the sweet potatoes and mix well. The mixture should be moist, but not wet. If necessary, blot excess moisture and add a little more cornstarch.

Use 2 tablespoons of the oil to evenly coat a rimmed baking sheet. Divide the sweet potato mixture into 16 mounds (each about 2 tablespoons) on the prepared baking sheet, leaving about 2 inches between them. Use the bottom of a glass or measuring cup to flatten each.

With a pastry brush and the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil, brush the tops of the latkes with oil. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until lightly browned and crisp. Serve the latkes with a dollop of yogurt and applesauce.

Source: "Smoky Sweet Potato Latkes Are Crisp, Tasty and Nutritious," by Melissa D'Arabian, *The Daily Gazette*, Dec. 17, 2014.



Carrot-and-Beet Latkes

The beets turn these latkes a festive shade of red, while carrots add a note of sweetness. Because beets are high in sugar, these latkes brown very quickly, so keep an eye on them.

Makes about 2 dozen

Ingredients

1 small white onion, grated on the large holes of a box grater or minced
 1 tsp. fresh lemon juice
 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
 3 T. all-purpose flour
 1 tsp. coarse salt
 ¼ tsp. freshly ground pepper
 ½ lb. carrots (about 4 medium), peeled and grated on the large holes of a box grater
 ¼ lb. beets (about 2 medium), peeled and grated on the large holes of a box grater
 ¼ lb. russet potato (about 1 small or ½ medium), peeled and grated on the large holes of a box grater
 Peanut or vegetable oil, for frying
 Applesauce or sour cream, for serving



Directions

In a medium bowl, combine onion, lemon juice, and eggs. Add flour, salt, and pepper, and stir until incorporated. Add carrots, beets, and potato, and toss until combined and evenly coated.

Fill a large skillet with about 1/2 inch oil. Place over medium heat until oil is almost smoking. (To test, drop a small bit of batter into the skillet; it should sizzle upon contact.) Working in batches so as not to crowd the skillet, carefully spoon about 2 tablespoons batter into oil for each latke. Lightly tamp down to flatten. Cook, turning once, until golden on each side, 2 to 3 minutes. Using a slotted spatula, transfer to a paper-towel-lined wire rack to drain. Repeat with remaining batter. Serve immediately with sour cream and applesauce.

Source: *Martha Stewart Living*, December 2002

Share your Joy and Blessings — Host an Oneg

Hosting a Friday night oneg is a wonderful way to celebrate a special birthday, anniversary, baby naming or other special occasion with the congregation. Hosting is also an excellent way to build community with fellow congregants. The following dates are available for committees, families or individuals to host and, no worries, instructions will be provided!

1/25/19	3/15/19
2/15/19	3/22/19
2/22/19	5/24/19



If you are interested, please contact Jodi Siegal at jsdegonzalez@gmail.com or 908-541-1170.

Sisterhood

Come Connect with Sisterhood!

SAVE THE DATE

Sisterhood Woman of Valor Dinner
Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Paid membership necessary. Includes catered dinner, wine, refreshments and dessert. Who will be the Woman of Valor this year? Contact Karen Kaplan at Karen@repsfitnesssupply.com

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Turkeys needed! Please donate to the Religious School Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please drop off frozen turkeys during temple hours. Monetary contributions happily accepted...checks can be left in the Sisterhood mailbox.

Assembly: Sunday, November 18, at 11:00 a.m.

Contact: Barbara Johnston at bjohnston1836@gmail.com

WOMEN'S TORAH TALK

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Host: Carol Levison

Discussion Leader: Gayle Skolky

Parashat Va-Yeshev Genesis 37:1-40:23

Join in a lively conversation about the week's Torah portion from a distinctly female point of view...yours and other Sisterhood members'. This is a casual version of Torah study that is easy to relate to on a personal level. You don't need to read the portion to be comfortable joining in. You will be surprised at how such an ancient text can be so relevant in today's world!

Contact: Gayle Skolky at gskolky@gmail.com

Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop

"Shop local" means more than supporting mom-and-pop businesses in your local community.

At TBE, shopping local at the Sisterhood-run Judaica shop means supporting charities, paying for capital needs around the building and finding unique items that often are unavailable elsewhere.

Unlike buying Judaic items in retail stores, all purchases from the Judaica shop directly benefit the temple. Shop proceeds have helped pay for two new kitchen freezers as well as new carpeting in the atrium and sanctuary. This year, Sisterhood will use the proceeds to help refurbish the Beit Midrash.

TBE members and visitors can continue to support these important endeavors by coming to the shop for everything from basic ritual items to special purchases for b'nai mitzvot and other simchas.

To continue providing beautiful Judaica not available at chain stores, the shop is updating its inventory of mezuzaot as well as baby, marriage and house blessings. In December, the shop will showcase a large array of Chanukah candles, chanukiot and decorations.

Merchandise is available in a variety of price points for items such as Shabbat candlesticks and kiddush cups, hand-painted silk and hand-embroidered challah covers, as well as zvat candles from Israel.

A quality selection of tallitot from Israel, in materials ranging from wool to silk, is available. Sisterhood can assist



those who want to support the Women of the Wall program in Israel by purchasing a special Women of the Wall tallit.

The shop is open on Sundays during religious school hours. On weekdays when the office is open, Amy Rubin and Dina Fisher can assist anyone wanting to visit the shop, or schedule your visit ahead of time by calling Donna Tischfield at 732-754-7367 or Laura Miller at 908-246-3094. Sisterhood members always receive a 20 percent discount on purchases.

TBE Sisterhood's Woman Of Valor



Sisterhood member Simma Friedman (center) received a certificate at the Women of Reform Judaism Atlantic District Convention recognizing her as TBE Sisterhood's Woman Of Valor. The certificate presentation to Simma and other regional Women of Valor occurred during the Women of Reform Judaism Atlantic District convention held Oct. 18-21 in Teaneck. Simma is flanked by Sisterhood board members (from left) Wendy Horowitz, Sisterhood board co-president Karen Kaplan, Cindy Andrews and Marsha Malberg.



Sisterhood board member Marsha Malberg introduces Simma Friedman as Temple Beth-El's Sisterhood Woman Of Valor.



Women Of Valor from temples across the Women Of Reform Judaism Atlantic District gather beneath a tallit following the benediction during a program at the district convention.

(From left) TBE Sisterhood Board Co-President Karen Kaplan along with Sisterhood board members Cindy Andrews and Donna Tishfield in front of the United Nations building in New York City. The UN visit was one of many highlights during the Women of Reform Judaism Atlantic District convention.



Social Action

Repairing the World...One Mitzvah at a Time!

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Leigh Freeman, Coordinator — IHN / Temple Beth-El

Our next hosting date is Dec. 23-30

2018-2019 IHN Hosting Schedule

Dec. 23-30	Feb. 3-10	Apr. 7-14
Jun. 2-9	Aug. 11-18	

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County (IHNSC) is a not-for-profit organization that provides many layers of services for homeless families with children. IHNSC provides a valuable service, as most other programs for homeless families do not provide the range of services to families with children.

Temple Beth-El hosts clients of IHN six times a year, approximately February, March or April, June, August, October or November and December. The families call Temple Beth-El "home" for a week and our volunteers give their time to assure that the families have a warm and welcoming stay with good food, compassion, play, and lots of good conversation.

Getting involved requires only a few hours from one to six times a year...you choose your level of involvement. Every volunteer is an important mentor to our IHN families.

Please visit www.tinyurl.com/TBEIHN or call the appropriate coordinator listed below to schedule a volunteer shift. Always check the IHN Coordinators Contact List in each issue of the Shofar, as it's possible that there have been changes. **Each volunteer is expected to honor their commitment to the IHN hosting week. If a volunteer is unable to fulfill their commitment, they should contact another volunteer and swap dates.**

Please Help Us Shelter the Homeless

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County is holding its annual raffle to benefit homeless families with children.

Tickets are available now and are selling fast.

Tickets are \$20.00 each and the drawing will be held on December 7.

Grand Prize: \$500 Gift Certificate to Broadway.com

Second Prize Dinner for four at Cherry Valley Country Club and a \$200 gift certificate to McCarter Theater (a \$400 value)

Third Prize Amazon Fire TV with 4K Ultra HD and Alexa Voice Remote (a \$70 value)

For tickets please call 908-704-1920 or stop by the IHN office located at 98 West End Avenue in Somerville.

Thank you for your support.

IHN Coordinators Contact List

Function	Name	Main Phone	Other Phone	Email Address
Coordinator	Leigh Freeman	908-359-2724	908-391-1397 (c)	dancer.leighfreeman@att.net
Dinner Shift Volunteers	YOUR NAME HERE			
Evening Shift Volunteers	Julie Hirsch	732-580-8246		jbghirsch@gmail.com
Overnight Shift Volunteers	Sharon Sietz		908-256-6483	sharon.sietz@gmail.com
Meals	YOUR NAME HERE			
Food/Supplies	Mara White	908-231-1518	301-704-6066 (c)	mara@alumni.brown.edu
Linen Pick-Up	Cindy Andrews		908-635-6858 (c)	cjrandrews@gmail.com
Set-Up/Breakdown	David Cohen	609-683-5766		david@decarchitect.com
IHNSC/Day Center	Karen Donohue	908-704-1920	908-217-0217 (c)	karen@ihnsc.org

Renaissance Happenings

The Scoop

A transformative experience was had by those touring the marble Swaminarayan Hindu Temple, in Robbinsville, NJ. Set on beautifully landscaped grounds, the structure's scale and craftsmanship is remarkable. With the aid of hospitable guides, members learned the story of this magnificent work of Indian religion and culture, explored the ornate carvings, and witnessed a ritual ARTI prayer ceremony. Our many thanks go out to Ina Spero for organizing this enchanting tour and following it with a chance to mingle at a terrific local luncheon spot.

Esther Wallach
Renaissance Group

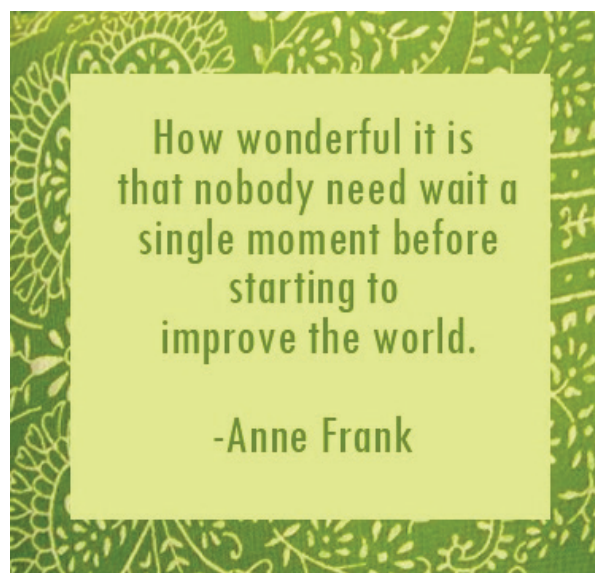


Year-End Events

Sun., Dec. 23, 12:00 p.m.

Post-Chanukah luncheon at
the residence of Susan and
Ed Steinfeld

Please note this location change for the Chanukah luncheon, which now will be hosted by the Steinfelds at their Somerset Run residence in Somerset. Stay tuned for forthcoming particulars from Fran Taber to RSVP and to note your culinary contribution. Your participation is welcomed and, as always, are your suggestions and ideas, as we get together to plan our 2019 events calendar!



The Renaissance Group is a 50+ social group that gets together to share interests, experiences, and activities. New membership is welcomed! Should you wish additional information about the group, or want to contribute to the Renaissance Happenings column, we welcome your submissions on a learned experience or human interest story. Please contact Harriet Thaler at 908-788-0269 or thalerz@embarqmail.com.

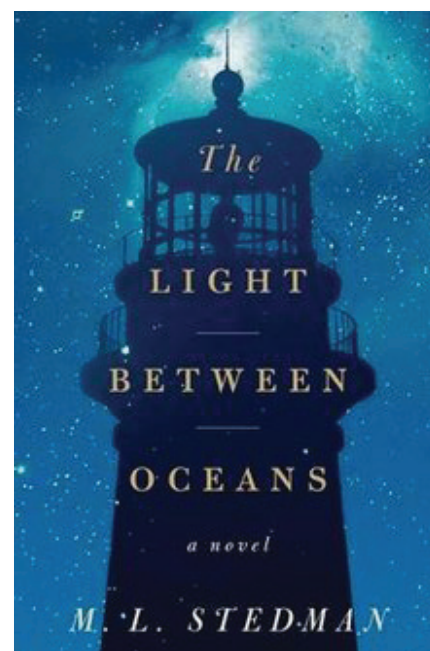
TBE Reads: *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman

Discussion led by Andrea Auerbach
Monday, November 19, 7:15 p.m., RSVP to Debbie Herman
at daherman@mac.com.

A captivating, beautiful, and stunningly accomplished debut novel that opens in 1918 Australia – the story of a lighthouse keeper and his wife who make one devastating choice that forever changes two worlds.

“Haunting...Stedman draws the reader into her emotionally complex story right from the beginning, with lush descriptions of this savage and beautiful landscape, and vivid characters with whom we can readily empathize. Hers is a stunning and memorable debut.”—*Booklist*, starred review

The Light Between Oceans won the 2013 Indie Book Awards Book of the Year and Debut Fiction Awards, made the 2013 longlist for the Miles Franklin Award, and the 2014 longlist of the International Dublin Literary Award.



Yahrzeits November

[Click here to return to Page 1](#)

We extend our deepest sympathy to those of you who will be marking a loved one's Yahrzeit in the coming month. Below are the dates for the Yahrzeits we will be reciting during Shabbat services.

To be read November 2 and 3

Eileen DeJager, sister of David Hersh
Max Miller, grandfather of Brett Miller
Stanley Gluck, father of Rabbi Arnold Gluck
Erwin Naroden, father of Alan Naroden
John Gunzler, father of Nicole Oringer
Renee Krovetz, mother of Robert Krovetz
Felix Hermann Brown, husband of Susan Brown
Rachelle Friedberg, wife of Morton Friedberg
Fanny Horowitz, mother of Sidney Horowitz
Marilyn Kohn, mother of Hal Kohn
Julius Greenhut, grandfather of Robert Adler
Tseelah Grinberg, mother of Michelle Gerner
Susan Small, mother of Brian Small
Annette Rothman, mother of Shelley Gomolka
Arnold Irving Snyder, father of Ken Snyder
Shirley Steinman, mother of Judith Steinman

To be read November 9 and 10

Penina Decter, friend of Sheenagh Hirsch
Pauline Klinghoffer, mother of Doris Moshinsky
Sidney Shubitz, father of Gerald Shubitz
Alfred Sweetwood, husband of Gail Meyers
Molly Waldorf, mother of William Waldorf
Eugene Bradley, father of Patrick Bradley
Shirlee Hersh, mother of David Hersh
Benjamin Schlosser, father of Lynn Levine
Ruth Schwartz, mother of Sandy Schwartz
Roslyn Eber, mother of Beth Moran
Sidney Herman, father of David Herman
Fae Shubitz, mother of Gerald Shubitz
Morris Simon, father of Janet Halpern
Meghan Bradley, daughter of Robert and Ileen Bradley
Herman Mintz, brother of Goldie Taub
Melva Shulman, mother of Evette Adler
Hilda Slackman, mother of Rhonda Brown
Lila Stein Kroser, mother of Marla Lerner
Isabelle Mendelson, wife of Stanley Mendelson
Stacie Michelle Goldstein, sister of Seth Goldstein
Joseph Skolky, father of Barry Skolky
Warren Thaler, husband of Harriet Thaler

To be read on November 16 and 17

Herman Bloomstein, father of Michael Bloomstein
Max Osman, grandfather of Larry Osman
Raymond Boschen, father of Karen Kaplan
Nat Schnitzer, grandfather of David Schnitzer
Laura Shapiro, sister of Irene Lieberman
Zena Fish, mother of Andrea Bradley
Philip Schwartzman, father of Tina Kanterman

Jacob Blaustein, father of Betty Roswell
Marc Jurgrau, brother of Fern Jurgrau
Marc Rosberger, father of Molly Rosberger
Ruth Uhlfelder, aunt of Robert Adler
Anna Zelnick, mother of Zelda Reinhart
Murray Berger, father of Alan Berger
Karl Friedman, grandfather of Doris Moshinsky
Jeffrey S. Rugg, nephew of Stuart Rugg
Florence Levenson, mother of Edith Rugg

To be read November 23 and 24

Joseph Nerenberg, father of Henry Nerenberg
Herman Adler, grandfather of Robert Adler
Arthur Brooks, father of Cindy Mangel
Alan Hatoff, father of Harlee Hatoff
Faye Miller, grandmother of Brett Miller
Harry Berkowitz, uncle of Marcy Rosenfeld
Elayne Cohen, mother of Randy Cohen
Leonard Eber, father of Beth Moran
Jaqueline Miller, mother of William Miller
Beverly Sandler, mother of David Sandler
Marvin Skowronek, brother of Joshua Skowronek
Murray Stern, father of Lisa Dickholtz
Alfred Bloom, father of Andrew Bloom
Charlotte Cohen, aunt of Shelley Drozd
Esther Cohen, mother of Rita Fink
Samuel Friedman, father of Neil Friedman
Dr. Irving Miller, uncle of Gayle Skolky
Mary Rucci, mother of Victoria Freiman
Donald E. Grafer, brother of Chris Grafer
Julian Lerner, father of Evan Lerner
Glenn Rankin, husband of Stacy Rankin
Harry Spinner, brother of Max Spinner
Jill Stuart, mother of Jeff Stuart

To be read November 30 and December 1

Harold Freed, father of Diane Morrison
Eva Gitterman, mother of Matthew Gitterman
Stanley Charles Goldstein, father of Seth Goldstein
Jack Adler, grandfather of Michael Cohen
Rochelle Glaser Freedman, mother of Cindy Weiss
Lester Raynes, brother of Harriet Thaler
Jules Blake, husband of Barbara Blake
Julian Arthur Kahn, father of Hillary Angeline
Estelle Malin, mother of Marilyn Muzikar
Jeffrey Peck, father of Jacki Skole
Ethel Gardner Rosenfield, mother of Lee Rosenfield
Sondra Katz, mother of Pauline Schneider
Robertta Meyers, wife of Edmond Meyers
Ira Tiplitz, father of Andrea Wolkofsky

Yahrzeits December

[Click here to return to Page 1](#)

We extend our deepest sympathy to those of you who will be marking a loved one's Yahrzeit in the coming month. Below are the dates for the Yahrzeits we will be reciting during Shabbat services.

To be read December 7 and 8

Mildred Hillman, mother of Lillian Swickle
Alexander Howard, brother of Sidney Horowitz
Gustave Miller, father of Shuey Horowitz
Olivia Roth, mother of Alice Fox
David Diamondstein, father of Leslie Kass
Anne Weintraub, grandmother of Sheldon Stept
Shirley Berger, mother of Alan Berger
Lewis M. Bloom, father of Charles Bloom
Howard Gross, brother of Carol Ahlert
David Schoor, father of Marla Schoor
Nathan Seinfeld, grandfather of David Sandler
Karen Andell, wife of Jonathon Andell
Sadie Bailin, mother of Gary Bailin
Herb Cohen, father of Michael Cohen
Ida Kaye, grandmother of Susan Plan
Alan Stept, father of Sheldon Stept
Greta Bollag, grandmother of Laura Miller
Karen Hargey, mother of Joseph Keim
Barbara Kass, sister of Henry Nerenberg

To be read December 14 and 15

Sylvia Applebaum, grandmother of Seth Goldstein
Samuel Attner, father of Paul Attner
Donald Gorka, stepfather of Wendy Horowitz
Marvin Siegel, father of Craig Siegel
Jack Vogel, father of Dana Colon
Ms. Claudia N. Johnston, sister of Russ Johnston
Mildred Trachtenberg, mother of Alta Malberg
Estelle Bauer, mother of Elaine Goldsmith
David Locker, father of Stephen Locker
Evelyne Weinberger, mother of Daniel Weinberger
Dave Locker, father of Brenda Osofsky
Edythe Schrier, sister of Sally Rosen
Joel Keiles, brother of Ann Weinstein
William Levine, grandfather of Jeremy Bloch
Howard Richman, great uncle of Lynn Small
Elaine Roswell, sister of Arthur Roswell
Marvin Raynes, brother of Harriet Thaler
Harry Schrier, father of Sally Rosen
Mrs. Beverly Yourman, mother of Amy Berger
Irving Levine, father of Alvin Levine
Evelyn Southland, mother of Stuart Southland
Jackie Spinner, wife of Max Spinner, mother of Michael Spinner
Jack Spinrad, father of Marcy Rosenfeld

To be read December 21 and 22

Dr. Harold Sharlin, brother-in-law of Goldie Taub
Charles Toborowsky, father of Robert Taber
Morton Blaustein, brother of Betty Roswell
Irving Cooperman, father of Frances Taber
Gladys Goldberg, mother of David Goldberg
Bernice Skowronek, wife of Joshua Skowronek and mother of Brian Skowronek
Walter Greenbaum, father of Robert Greenbaum
Phyllis Schnall, mother of Stuart Schnall

Miriam Cartine, mother of Julie Caliman
Esther Kaminetsky, mother-in-law of Fern Kamine
Ruth Stein, mother of Mitchell Stein
Morton Swickle, brother-in-law of Lillian Swickle
Maurice Greenberg, father of Elaine Krantz
Richard Katz, father of Pauline Schneider
Abraham I. Tucker, brother of Barbara Cohen
Justin Galler, husband of Pat Galler
Milton Levenberg, father of Richard Levenberg
Eric Strand, brother of Thomas Strand
Mark Steven Wolin, son of Martin and Zina Wolin
Eleanor Attner, mother of Paul Attner
Bertha Bloomstein, mother of Michael Bloomstein
Alan Schneider, husband of Pauline Schneider

To be read December 28 and 29

Helen Bernstein, great aunt of Keith Holler
L. Dover Frankel, father of Jan Miller
Jill Kaplan-Goret, sister of Mitchell Kaplan
Muriel Levitt, mother of Laura Miller
Nathan Spinner, brother of Max Spinner
Michael Zerring, brother of Judith Goldberg
Elsie Keiles, mother of Ann Weinstein
Beatrice Cohen, grandmother of Michael Cohen
Wesley Goldman, father of Shari Albin
Ida Okun, mother of Charles Okun
Margaret Levine, grandmother of Jeremy Bloch
Barry Adler, father of Derek Adler
Giesela Foss, mother of Bernard Foss
Brian Ruderman, husband of Eileen Ruderman
Barney Walitsky, father of Paul Walitsky

To be read January 4 and 5

Mr. Bob Friedman, brother-in-law of Lillian Swickle
Libby Rita Friedman, mother of Neil Friedman
Sol Goldberg, father of Michael Goldberg
Gustave Kaitz, father of Revalee Brody
Dora Kirsch, mother-in-law of Stanley Mendelson
William Margulis, husband of Arleen Margulis
Edward Reynolds, father of Mark Reynolds
Celia Shubitz, grandmother of Gerald Shubitz
Gene Alden, father of Vicki Brody
George Rugg, father of Stuart Rugg
Irving Glatt, father of Evelyn Silverstein
Annaliese Stuart, aunt of Robert Adler
Fannie Febesh, mother of Ilene Rothschild
Stephanie L. Graham, wife of James Graham
Ben Lavin, father of Liz Cohen
Harry Schwartz, uncle of Sylvia Rubin
Sophie Brown, mother of Marvin Brown
Gussie Osman, grandmother of Larry Osman
Amy Garthly, mother of Amy Rubin
Max Adler, father of Robert Adler
Jack Cudzynowski, uncle of Joseph Cudzynowski

Acts of Tzedakah

General Fund

Eileen Ruderman
Martin and Zina Wolin
Sharon Sietz
Arthur and Eiko Ko Schneider
Eric and Jamie Pear
Lil Swickle
 In honor of Art Roswell's 90th birthday
Nancy and Patrick Blaustein
The Gee Fund of the Jewish Communal Fund
Nancy Kramer
Amy and Ken Rubin
Marian Wachtel
Fran and Bob Taber
 In honor of the marriage of Judy and Mike
 Goldberg's daughter Shaina Goldberg to Andrew
 Sherman
Judy and Allan Frost
 In memory of Evelyn Osman
Harriet Thaler
 In memory of Jack Fastag
Amy and Ken Rubin
 In appreciation of Fern Jurgrau (Schiffman)
Amy and Ken Rubin
 In honor of Talia reading Torah at Confirmation
Amy and Ken Rubin
 In honor of the birth of Ivy Anglin's
 granddaughter, Amajah
Amy and Ken Rubin
 In memory of Ariel Malberg
Amy and Ken Rubin
 In appreciation of Amy Rubin, Rabbi Gluck
 and Dave Sandler
Vicky and Michael Farhi
 In honor of the JCC Gala
Michael Bloomstein
 In honor of Slichot
Erica Mandell
 In honor of Leigh Freeman
Jonathon Andell and the Verizon Foundation

Ariel E. Malberg Memorial Fund

Russ and Barbara Johnston
Marc and Alta Malberg
 In honor of Sid and Shuey Horowitz's family reunion
Gloria Howard

Beautification

Anonymous
 Eileen Ruderman on the marriage of her son, Jared
 Ruderman, to Gillian Goldmark

Brotherhood Youth Scholarship

In memory of Evelyn Osman
Patrick and Andrea Bradley

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Gloria Rothschild
David Rothschild
Steven and Elayne Weitz
 In memory of Evelyn Osman
Arthur Osman, Robin and Larry Osman
 In honor of Sophia becoming bat mitzvah
Randy Appel
General Donation

Garden Fund

Harriet Thaler

Israel Matters

In honor of Art Roswell's 90th birthday
Richard and Monica Skydell

Israel Scholarship Fund

In honor of Art Roswell's 90th birthday
Richard and Monica Skydell
 In honor of Ed Bandman's 50th birthday
Judy and Stephen Lerner

Jules Swickle Fund

In honor of Art Roswell's 90th birthday
Richard and Monica Skydell

Memorial Fund

Bruce and Reva Lee Brody
Martin and Zina Wolin
 In memory of Russel Johnston, Sr.
Barbara and Russ Johnston
 In memory of Edna Silver
Edith and Stuart Rugg
 In memory of Joan Finke and Fay Stern
Jeff and Andrea Stuart
 In memory of Alter Cudzynowski and
 Ida Cudzynowski
Joseph Cudzynowski

In memory of Evelyn Osman
Nicole and Keith Oringer
Sharon Sietz
 In memory of Jay Jefferson Cooke
Caryn Shinske
 In memory of Arline Zedek
Rita Fink
 In memory of Judith Cohen
Jeanette and Edward Tuckman
 In memory of Evelyn Osman
Rodger and Beth Feldman
 In memory of Isabelle Mendelson
Stanley Mendelson
 In memory of Eugene Bradley and Zena Fish
Patrick and Andrea Bradley
 In memory of Herman Mintz
Goldie Taub
 In memory of Esther Skowronek
Joshua and Marion Skowronek
 In memory of Dorothy Mae Hirsch
Steven and Elayne Weitz

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Aileen Gluck
Beth and Jim Lavranchuk
Laura Miller
Sandy Rabinowitz
 In memory of Gloria Rothschild
David Rothschild
 In memory of David Roswell
Arthur and Betty Roswell
 In memory of Evelyn Osman
Arthur Osman, Larry and Robin Osman
 In appreciation of Rabbi Gluck
Confirmation Class

Religious School Scholarship

Rich and Zahava Schaefer
 In appreciation of Lisa Friedman
Confirmation Class

Temple Beth-El has many funds available to which members can contribute. Donations to these committed funds help support Temple programs and enable us to continue to maintain a high level of programming for our community.

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • General Fund | • Cultural Arts | • Library | • Social Action Fund |
| • Adult Education | • Garden | • Mazon Hunger Fund | • Torah Restoration Fund |
| • Ariel E. Malberg Memorial Fund | • Holocaust Education | • Memorial | • Yad Chazakah Fund |
| • Beautification | • Israel Matters | • Prayer Book | • Youth Activities |
| • B'nei Mitzvah Special Needs Fund | • Israel Scholarship Fund | • Rabbi Gluck's Discretionary Fund | |
| • Brotherhood Youth Scholarship | • Jules Swickle Chesed Fund | • Religious School Enrichment | |
| • Cantor Pincus' Discretionary Fund | • Keshet | • Religious School Scholarship Fund | |

Jewish Hospice Care



- Excellent Nurse to Patient Ratio
- Home Health Aide Support for Family
- Bereavement Support Monthly Meeting
- Complementary Chicken Soup plus Harp and Massage therapies



STEIN HOSPICE
at The Oscar and Ella Wilf Campus for Senior Living

49 Veronica Ave., Suite 206
Somerset, NJ 08873
(732) 227-1212
www.SteinHospiceNJ.org

Serving Union, Middlesex,
Somerset and Monmouth Counties

Accredited by the National Institute
for Jewish Hospice

Caren Bateman

SHOEBOX
COMPUTER SERVICES, INC.

117 West End Avenue, Suite 201
Somerville, NJ 08876
(908) 722-9379 • Cell (908) 507-9024



"For Every Insurance Problem,
There Is A Solution"

**Ready to handle all your Business
and Personal Insurance needs:**

- Business Insurance • Umbrella
- Workers Compensation • EPLI
- Directors & Officers • Health Insurance
- Homeowners / Umbrella

Michael F. Braunstein, CPIA, Partner

Phone (973) 927-0084 x 3073

Fax (973) 927-0155

Michael@paularnoldassoc.com

www.paularnoldassoc.com



dk
deli king of clark

30 Clarkton Drive
Clark, New Jersey 07066
(732)-574-2040
fax (732)-574-3447

Toll Free 1-800-410-DELI



NJ's LARGEST SELECTION OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT
COMPARE MOST MAJOR BRANDS INCLUDING CONSUMERS REPORTS BEST BUYS

REPS
FITNESS SUPPLY .COM

5,000 SQ FOOT SHOWROOM

RESIDENTIAL • CORPORATE • INSTITUTIONAL
SALES • ON SITE SERVICE • DELIVERY • INSTALLATION

GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES...EVERYDAY!

★ **TREADMILLS**
★ **ELLIPTICALS**
★ **BIKES**

★ **HOME GYMS**
★ **FREE WEIGHTS**
★ **SUPPLEMENTS**



★ **ACCESSORIES**
★ **MARTIAL ARTS**
★ **CLOTHING**

Special Discounts
For Temple Members!

NO PRESSURE...NON-COMMISSIONED SALES PROFESSIONALS

6 MONTH INTEREST FREE FINANCING ★ **908-526-7377** ★ **OPEN DAYS 7 A WEEK**
886 RT. 22 EAST • SOMERVILLE NJ

Calendar of Events

Thursday, November 1

6:30 p.m. Civic Engagement Call-a-Thon
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, November 2

6:00 p.m. Young Family Pizza Dinner
7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with Kabbalat Torah
8:15 p.m. Youth: Grades 3-5 Oneg

Saturday, November 3

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study
with Bat Mitzvah of Emily Dickholtz
7:00 p.m. Brotherhood Fundraising Event

Sunday, November 4

9:00 a.m. Religious School
9:00 a.m. Adult B'not Mitzvah Class
9:15 a.m. Sisterhood Breakfast: Nutrition and Food
Allergies
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Biblical Hebrew

Monday, November 5

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 7

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 8

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, November 9

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with the Choir

Saturday, November 10

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, November 11

No Religious School: NJEA Weekend
8:30 a.m. Religious School: Mental Health First Aid for
Youth Training

Monday, November 12

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:30 p.m. Oversight Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 13

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Building Bridges Between
Muslims and Jews

Wednesday, November 14

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:00 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Brit K'hillah
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 15

11:30 a.m. NJ Rabbi's Reform Meeting
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, November 16

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Seder with New Member Welcome

Saturday, November 17

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study
with Bat Mitzvah of Ava Fox

Sunday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Bag Assembly
8:00 a.m. Bus arrival for Grade 6 Field trip
8:30 a.m. Chanukah Gift Shop
8:30 a.m. Religious School: Grade 6 Field Trip to
Museum of Jewish Heritage
9:00 a.m. Religious School
9:00 a.m. Religious School: Grade 2 Family Ed
9:00 a.m. Young Family Schmooze
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Biblical Hebrew
1:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Holocaust Program with Nancy
Gorrell
1:00 p.m. Youth: Grades 7-8 Scavenger Hunt (Time TBD)
4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: iEngage 4 — Israel's Milestones
and Their Meaning
7:00 p.m. Brotherhood Social

Monday, November 19

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:15 p.m. TBE Reads: *Light Between Oceans*
7:30 p.m. Religious School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 20

7:00 p.m. Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 22

Offices Closed — Thanksgiving Weekend

Friday, November 23

Offices Closed — Thanksgiving Weekend
6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, November 24

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, November 25

No Religious School: Thanksgiving Weekend

Monday, November 26

2:30 p.m. Religious School: Post-Confirmation Trip to
HUC Soup Kitchen
4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:00 p.m. Inner Ladder: Continuing Mussar Steps
7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, November 27

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Kabbalat Shabbat — Traditions
and Texts

Wednesday, November 28

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
5:00 p.m. Ladles of Love Cooking Soup and Bread
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Women's Torah Talk

Thursday, November 29

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing
7:30 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting

Friday, November 30

Taste of NFTY (Grades 6, 7, 8)
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with the Tefillah
Band

Visit our online calendar at www.ourbethel.org/about/calendar/ for more information, room locations and updated information.

December

Calendar of Events

[Click here to return to Page 1](#)

Saturday, December 1

Taste of NFTY (Grades 6, 7, 8)
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study with Adult B'not Mitzvah
7:00 p.m. Baby Boomer/Empty Nesters Pre-Chanukah Party and Game Night
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Jewish Film Series *Past Life*

Sunday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Chanukah Gift Shop
9:00 a.m. Religious School
10:00 a.m. Jewish Federation Super Sunday
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Biblical Hebrew

Monday, December 3

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 4

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Kabbalat Shabbat — Traditions and Texts

Wednesday, December 5

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 6

6:30 p.m. Woman of Valor Dinner
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, December 7

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Chanukah Service with Consecration and the Tefillah Band
8:30 p.m. Youth: Teen Oneg

Saturday, December 8

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Manrique

Sunday, December 9

8:15 a.m. Religious School: Grade 5 Field Trip to Tene-ment Museum
9:00 a.m. Religious School
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Biblical Hebrew
1:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Holocaust Program with Nancy Gorrell
1:00 p.m. Youth: Grades 6-8 Skating
4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: iEngage 4 — Israel's Milestones and Their Meaning

Monday, December 10

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:30 p.m. Oversight Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 11

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Kabbalat Shabbat — Traditions and Texts

Wednesday, December 12

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:00 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 13

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, December 14

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 15

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study and B'nei Mitzvah of Lila Stark and Samuel Yarkoni

Sunday, December 16

9:00 a.m. Religious School
9:00 a.m. Religious School: Grade 4 Family Ed
9:00 a.m. Young Family Schmooze
9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Biblical Hebrew
4:00 p.m. Cantorial Concert

Monday, December 17

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Inner Ladder: Continuing Mussar Steps
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Wednesday, December 19

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 20

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, December 21

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 22

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, December 23

IHN Hosting Week
No Religious School: Winter Break
12:00 p.m. Renaissance Chanukah Luncheon

Monday, December 24

IHN Hosting Week
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, December 25

IHN Hosting Week
Offices Closed

Wednesday, December 26

IHN Hosting Week

Thursday, December 27

IHN Hosting Week
NFTY-GER Winter Kallah
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, December 28

NFTY-GER Winter Kallah
IHN Hosting Week
6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 29

IHN Hosting Week
NFTY-GER Winter Kallah
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, December 30

IHN Hosting Week
NFTY-GER Winter Kallah
9:00 a.m. No Religious School: Winter Break

Monday, December 31

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Contacting Temple Beth-El

Temple Office: 908-722-0674 Info@TempleBethElNJ.org

To Contact the Temple Beth-El Staff by email:

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck

Cantor Emily Wigod Pincus

Amy Rubin, Executive Director

Sarah Gluck, Education Director

Lisa Friedman, Education Director

Rachel Frish, Director of Youth Engagement

Betty Parenti, Financial Manager

Dina Fisher, Executive Secretary

Ivy Anglin, Religious School Secretary

RabbiGluck@TempleBethElNJ.org

CantorPincus@TempleBethElNJ.org

AmyRubin@TempleBethElNJ.org

SarahGluck@TempleBethElNJ.org

LisaFriedman@TempleBethElNJ.org

RachelFrish@TempleBethElNJ.org

BettyParenti@TempleBethElNJ.org

DinaFisher@TempleBethElNJ.org

IvyAnglin@TempleBethElNJ.org

Shofar Advertising

To place an ad in the Shofar or for more advertising information, please contact ShofarAdvertising@TempleBethElNJ.org