

Shofar



Nissan - Sivan 5780 • May/June 2020



Rabbi's Message

Numbers: Be Careful When You Count

Since ancient days Judaism has had an aversion to counting, especially to counting people. The basis for this is the idea that ascribing a number sets a limit. This is true of population assessments and also of longevity. As recently as a few generations ago, this sensitivity endured as a superstition among the first generations of Eastern European immigrants, who were reluctant to declare how old they were out of fear that doing so would signify the terminus of their lives.

The first sign of this fear of counting is found in Exodus 30:1, where the Israelites are instructed to conduct a census. Though it is clearly necessary

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Annual Congregational Meeting

Monday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Register at www.tinyurl.com/TBECongMtg2020

Worship Schedule

MAY

Friday, May 1

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Online
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

Saturday, May 2

Parashat Acharai Mot - K'doshim; Leviticus 16:1-20:27
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/693812954>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 693 812 954

Friday, May 8

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Online
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

Saturday, May 9

Parashat Emor; Leviticus 21:1-24:23
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/693812954>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 693 812 954

Friday, May 15

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Online
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

JUNE

Friday, June 5

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Online with Youth Person of Honor and Yad Chazakah
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

Saturday, June 6

Parashat Naso II, Numbers 6:1-7:89
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/693812954>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 693 812 954

JULY

Friday, July 3

6:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Services
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

Friday, July 10

6:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Services
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

AUGUST

Friday, August 7

6:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Services
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

Friday, August 14

6:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Services
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

All worship services are being conducted online during the coronavirus crisis. Please join us.
For more information about Zoom and how to use it, visit <https://www.ourbethel.org/connect-with-zoom/>

Saturday, May 16

Parashat B'har - B'chukotai; Leviticus 25:1-27:34
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/693812954>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 693 812 954

Friday, May 22

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Online
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

Saturday, May 23

Parashat B'midbar; Numbers 1:1-4:20
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/693812954>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 693 812 954

Thursday, May 28

Shavuot
7:00 p.m. Standing Apart At Mt. Sinai: Essential Torah for a Time of Pandemic
Erev Shavuot Learning and T'fillah
Featuring Rabbis Randi Musnitsky, Arnold Gluck, Cecelia Beyer, Ron Isaacs, and Dan Selsberg
Via Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4878454864>

Meeting ID: 487 845 4864; Password: Torah
Or by phone: 646-558-8656; Meeting ID: 487 845 4864;
Password: 770133

Friday, May 29

10:00 a.m. Yom Tov Shavuot and Yizkor Services
Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85906478820>
Password: Yizkor
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 859 0647 8820;
Password: 462532
6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Online
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

Saturday, May 30

Parashat Naso I; Numbers 4:21-5:31
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/693812954>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 693 812 954

Friday, June 19

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Online
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

Saturday, June 20

Parashat Sh'lach L'cha; Numbers 13:1-15:41
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/693812954>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 693 812 954

Friday, June 26

6:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Services
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

Friday, July 31

6:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Services
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

Friday, July 17

6:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Services
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

Friday, July 24

6:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Services
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

Friday, August 21

6:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Services
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98365509442>
Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 983 6550 9442

Friday, August 28

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Services

Saturday, August 29

Parashat Ki Teitzei; Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study with b'nei mitzvah of Matthew Goldman and Delia Erb-Wagner

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for practical reasons, there is great concern that doing so will unleash a plague. To avoid this, the leaders employ the clever strategy of having each person to be enrolled present the symbolic sum of a half-shekel. These would be counted instead of the people while achieving the desired result.

Today we find ourselves counting people in the midst of a plague that is claiming myriad numbers of lives. Each day the news presents a tote board with the escalating count of those infected and those who have died of COVID-19. Like the census in the wilderness that was conducted by counting the half-shekels, we need to know these numbers. Life and death are at stake, and our actions must be guided by the real impact of our choices on their trajectory.

There is another very important side to counting people. Taking note of each individual makes it clear that every person counts – that they matter. The death toll from COVID-19 is not just a statistic. Each number represents a real person whose life is of infinite value and sanctity. The loss of each and every one is a tragedy of immense proportion. This is the reason we must count these losses and do so in a way that does not reduce even a single human being to a mere statistic.

There are other types of counting that are going on during this crisis. Some are helpful and important, and others are problematic. One is the counting of supplies that are needed to treat the sick and prevent further infection. We need to know that the requisite number of masks and other forms of PPE are available, especially to keep the caregivers safe. We must know that we have an adequate supply of ventilators to try to save the critically ill. And returning to work and opening our economy requires that a sufficient number of tests are available and that there is an adequate number of people to do contact tracing. Assessing these numbers is critical.

What is less helpful, and maybe even damaging, is counting the number of days that we have been required to stay at home. Focusing on that number only elevates our stress and tests the limits of our patience by reminding us

of the extent of our unhappy state. It does nothing to bring us closer to our liberation.

And there is another form of counting that is going on at this time. This period of isolation will include the entirety of the period in the Jewish calendar when we count the Omer, the annual recollection of the fifty days from our liberation from Egypt until the day we stood at Mt. Sinai to receive the Torah. Like these days of the pandemic crisis, that was a time of anxiety and uncertainty. We were free, but we were exposed to danger and deprivation. Water and food were scarce, scorpions and wild beasts threatened our safety. And there were even plagues during that frightful time.

During those fifty days no one (except God) knew how long that time would last and how it would end. As it unfolded it was a time of great hardship and trial that must have seemed interminable for our ancestors. Only when it ended was it possible to tell a tale of triumph that would endure for all time.

This current crisis will pass, and when it does (may it be soon!), that will be the time to look back and consider the number of days we maintained discipline and vigilance. Then we will be able to reflect on the good we accomplished and the lives we saved by taking the necessary precautions. Then we will recall the sacrifices we made and be able to take pride in our endurance and resilience. And from that time onward we will have a story to tell that will be valuable and instructive for our future, and for generations to come.

Until that time, let us draw strength and encouragement from the words of the psalmist:

קִוְיָה אֶל־יְהוָה חֲזֹק וַיֵּאֱמָן לִבּוֹ יְקִוְיָה אֶל־יְהוָה:

“Look hopefully to God; let your heart be strong and of good courage; and look hopefully to God.”

L'shalom,

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck

Annual Congregational Meeting

**Monday, June 8
7:00 p.m. Via Zoom**

- Learn how the congregation is responding in the pandemic
- Vote for the incoming slate of officers and trustees
- Vote on the budget
- Confirm our new cantor

Register for the meeting here:

<https://tinyurl.com/TBECongMtg2020>

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

Shofar Submissions and Deadline

The next issue of the Shofar will be Sept.-Oct. 2020. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submissions is August 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.

Temple Calendar Webpage

<https://www.ourbethel.org/about/calendar/>

From Our President

Chazon, a Vision for TBE's Future

We hope you joined us for one of our Virtual Congregational Town Hall meetings on Tuesday May 19 and/or Sunday May 24 and learned about *Chazon*, our vision for our journey forward. If not, you can watch the recording of the presentation at www.tinyurl.com/TBETownHall2020Recording. Please plan to join us for one of the question and answer sessions if you have any questions. (See box this page.)

We hope that our vision for a strong and sustainable Temple Beth-El resonated with you. All around us, we see how the crisis precipitated by COVID-19 has impacted our world, including TBE. Now is the time for us to join together to guarantee that TBE continues to be a source of strength, inspiration and joy for all of us.

TBE has been experiencing financial strains for the past 18 months or so but had been diligently managing these challenges by finding new sources of rental revenue and by thoughtfully containing our expenses. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has made it impossible for our tenants to continue renting space at TBE. In addition, a significant delay in the closing of the sale of the Beit Am building has created additional, unforeseen, expenses to maintain the property pending sale and to respond to requests from the Hillsborough municipality. Further, notwithstanding the fact that we have a very stable level of total number of member families at TBE, a multi-year trend in reduced giving by TBE congregants has created a serious financial challenge for us.

Chazon is our vision for navigating forward together. The first aspect – our Sustenance campaign – asks each of us to increase our yearly commitment to TBE by 10% or more – to close the gap for next year's fiscal budget. The second phase – our Restoration campaign – will enable us to restore our capital reserves.

In the middle of June, you will receive in the mail a request for your annual financial commitment to TBE. We ask you to increase your giving, while recognizing that, for some of us, this will be a challenge. Any increase from any level of annual giving will strengthen TBE. Together, we can achieve our 10% goal. In the fall, you will hear more about our Restoration campaign, which will have a matching component to it. In the meantime, we ask you to consider how you can do more to help TBE.

Our TBE family has joined together during the COVID-19 crisis to support each other. We have a tradition of rallying together to meet significant challenges. Our vision, our *Chazon*, reflects our confidence that as a community we will rise together to sustain TBE for today and for the future.

Leigh Miller

President@templebethelnj.org



Follow-up Q & A Sessions after the Congregational Town Hall Meetings

Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 31, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 p.m.

Join by Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/TBE2020QandA>

Meeting ID: 810 5352 7439; Password: Q&A

Or dial by phone: 929 436 2866; Meeting ID: 810 5352 7439; Password: 109168

Farewell to Cantor Simkin

Amidst all the change and turmoil we've all experienced this year, as a congregation we've also been blessed to have Student Cantor Simkin's beautiful voice and spirit leading us in prayer. As the newly ordained Cantor Simkin concludes her final services with us, and prepares to assume her new role as full-time cantor for Temple Emmanuel in Edison, she looks back on a year of growth, learning and spirituality at Temple Beth-El and cantorial school.

"I am really so grateful for this year with Temple Beth-El," Cantor Simkin reflects. "I appreciate the wonderful opportunity and the warm welcome I received. This is such a special community." At the beginning of cantorial school, she says, students are focused on becoming familiar with the liturgy and prayers. "But as you approach ordination, it's a big step to figure out the balance of how to pray while leading others and being engaged in the energy of communal prayer," she explains. "There's a sense of flow you need to develop, and to learn how to pay attention to what's happening in the room. TBE has been a very warm and welcoming place for me to integrate those ideas," smiles Cantor Simkin. "This has been a year in which to gain experience and envision what my cantorate could be."

Some of the other highlights of her time with TBE have been working with b'nai mitzvah students and Soufganiyot, the children's choir; family Shabbat services; and leading shira/music during Sunday school. And working with the four- and five-year-olds, "getting to be their first

experience with prayer," has been especially meaningful for her.

Cantor Simkin says she's also very appreciative of the understanding and flexibility the community has shown towards her situation, juggling being a full-time cantorial student four days a week, and then "flipping the switch to be in the mindset of leading a congregation three times a week." These roles require much different energies and focus, and she also found it quite different from being a guest student cantor at a congregation once a month.

In the current environment, Cantor Simkin has found it bittersweet to be ordained, virtually in the meantime, on May 10.

Fortunately, an in-person ordination is being planned at Temple Emmanuel in New York City later this fall or winter, when everyone can be safely present. But, she points out, "Ritual helps us to be present in our lives, and this experience underscores that, even on Zoom."

As she looks ahead to her new adventure with Temple Emmanuel in Edison, she's very much

looking forward to devoting all her energies to being a full-time cantor, and to settling into her new home on Staten Island, where her husband, Adam, will begin his clinical rotations at Staten Island University Hospital in the fall.

Cantor Simkin's final service with us will be the Saturday morning Torah study on June 20. We at Temple Beth-El thank you, Cantor Simkin, for your dedication, your warmth and your lovely voice, and wish you all the best in your new congregation!



SHAVUOT CELEBRATIONS

EREV SHAVUOT

Thursday, May 28, 5:00 p.m.

Bible Players

The Bible Players, a Jewish improv comedy duo, return to TBE with a virtual exploration of Shavuot. This event will be great for families and kids of all ages. See page 6.

Join via Zoom: bit.ly/bibleplayerszoom

EREV SHAVUOT LEARNING AND T'FILLAH

Thursday, May 28, 7:00 p.m.

Standing Apart at Mt. Sinai: Essential Torah for a Time of Pandemic

Featuring Rabbis Randi Musnitsky, Arnold Gluck, Cecelia Beyer, Ron Isaacs, and Dan Selsberg. See the flyer on page 7.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4878454864>

Meeting ID: 487 845 4864; Password: Torah

Or by phone: 646-558-8656; Meeting ID: 487 845 4864; Password: 770133

SHAVUOT MORNING

Friday, May 29, 10:00 a.m.

Yom Tov Services and Yizkor

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85906478820>

Meeting ID: 859 0647 8820; Password: Yizkor

Or by phone: 929-436-2866; Meeting ID: 859 0647 8820; Password: 462532

Yizkor services can be especially meaningful to someone who has recently lost a loved one.

Shavuot Night Live



In their fun-filled Torah adventure, The Bible Players go to Chagim (Holiday) High School, where “Shavuot” is a new student who meets Shabbat, Yom Kippur and others who introduce Shavuot to their kehilla/community of learning! They also celebrate our tradition of teaching with fun, educational Zoom games, like “Torah Rhyme Time”, “Movie Quote Exit” and “Ezrah is on the way” about helping each other.

When: Thursday May 28th, 5 PM

Where: Temple Beth-El

Link to watch:

bit.ly/bibleplayerszoom



ZOOM TIKKUN SHAVUOT 2020

WE STOOD CLOSE WHEN THE TORAH WAS GIVEN
THIS YEAR, AT A DISTANCE, WE WILL LEARN IT ANEW

TOGETHER WITH:

**KEHILAT SHALOM, BELLE MEAD
TEMPLE SHOLOM, BRIDGEWATER
BETH-EL, HILLSBOROUGH
HAR SHALOM, WARREN
BETH JUDAH, WILDWOOD**

THURSDAY, MAY 28TH | 7 PM - 9 PM



**Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4878454864>
Meeting ID: 487 845 4864; Password: Torah
Or by phone: 646-558-8656; Meeting ID: 487 845 4864;
Password: 770133**

Lifecycle

Our condolences to...

Rhona Ferling on the passing of her beloved mother, Ruth Ferling
Dave Sandler on the passing of his mother-in-law, Jennie Ward, beloved mother of Pat Ward
Brian Small on the passing of his beloved grandmother, Jean Small
Lynn Small on the passing of her beloved cousin, Jeanne Bancroft
Adam Fisch on the passing of his beloved father, Joseph Fisch
David Fischer on the passing of his beloved father, Lawrence Fischer
Helene Fine on the passing of her mother-in-law, Florre Fine
Claudia Rodrigues on the passing of her brother, Alan Wilson Cordoso
Carrie Feuer on the passing of her beloved mother, Carol deMackiewicz
Stephen Feuer on the passing of his beloved mother, Florence Feuer
Nicole Oringer on the passing of her beloved mother, Marianne Gunzler
Iris Naroden on the passing of her beloved sister-in-law, Millie Miskic Zatz
Simon Stark on the passing of his beloved father, Paul Stark

Mazal Tov to our Spring B'nei Mitzvah Students

All of our spring b'nei mitzvah students have had their bar or bat mitzvah dates rescheduled to the fall due to the stay-at-home orders. We extend them good wishes and look forward to celebrating with them in the fall.

Mazal Tov to...

David and Ilene Rothschild on the arrival of their granddaughter, Devin Grace Fliesser, to parents Emily and Scott Fliesser. The graduating students of the Class of 2020 and their parents.
David and Paula Kornberg on the arrival of their grandson, Samuel Mario Kornberg, to parents Madie and Scott Kornberg.
Russ and Barbara Johnston on the arrival of their granddaughter, Charlotte Jean Johnston, to Russ's son Paul and his wife, Mara.

Our Caring Community

Keshet 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 <https://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 Minyan: For a leader or participants, call Amy Rubin or Cantor Pincus.

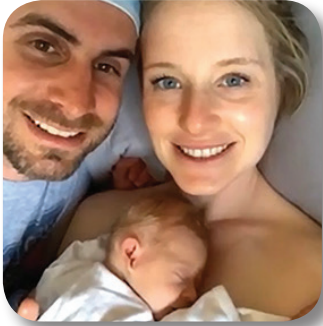
Ladles of Love (New initiative of soup or bread to lift the spirit): To offer to help deliver care packages or to suggest someone who might need a little extra love, contact Andrea Bradley abradley616@gmail.com.

In the event of a loss during the evening or on the weekend, call Rabbi Gluck at 908-722-0674, ext. 311, or 908-229-1618.

To share your family's news in the *Shofar*, call Dina Fisher in the temple office. Please contact Dina 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



Devin Grace Fliesser

Arrived April 7, 2020 to parents Emily and Scott Fliesser. Grandparents David and Ilene Rothschild are overjoyed with Devin's arrival despite needing to keep a socially acceptable distance.



Charlotte Jean Johnston

Born on May 20 to Paul and Mara Johnston and big brother Christian. Grandparents Russ and Barbara Johnston are thrilled with her arrival.



Samuel Mario Kornberg

Born to Madie and Scott Kornberg. First-time grandparents David and Paula Kornberg are simply ecstatic.



Ladles of Love Sows Seeds of Love

In our new era of social distancing, the Ladles of Love initiative has made some changes to its care package program for reaching out to those recovering from illness or surgery, mourning a death or celebrating a birth.

Unable to come together in the TBE kitchen to safely make soup and bake bread, Ladles of Love has been sending handwritten notes to those who would ordinarily receive a Ladles of Love care package. Each note includes a packet of flower seeds and encourages the recipient to

plant the flower seeds at home and watch them grow. The hope is that the beautiful flowers will be a welcome reminder of the warm embrace from the TBE family. "Where seeds are sown, love grows."

Stay tuned for updates about Ladles of Love. As soon as we can safely return to the TBE kitchen, we'll let you know.

In the meantime, send Ladles of Love questions to abradley616@gmail.com. Ladles of Love is generously underwritten by the Jules Swickle Chesed Fund.



Acts of Tzedakah

General Donation

Contributions to this account are used where they are needed most, and often make special programs possible.

In memory of Farra Tebbi-Lewis
Farajollah and Mahin Tebbi

Rabbi Gluck's Discretionary Fund

Contributions to this fund enable Rabbi Gluck to assist congregants in need and support important causes.

Barry and Alison Hoffner
In honor of their daughter Jessica becoming a bat mitzvah
Scott and Natalie Graham
In honor of their son Harrison becoming a bar mitzvah
Evan and Kim Fromberg
In appreciation of Rabbi Gluck
Evan and Kim Fromberg
In memory of Mary Rugg
Stuart and Edith Rugg
In memory of Esther Samson
Shari and Leigh Miller
In appreciation of Rabbi Gluck
Marsha and Ed Malberg
Brian Wood and Susan Willett

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Donations to this fund assist congregants who are in need and support our community's music programs.

In honor of their daughter Jessica becoming a bat mitzvah
Scott and Natalie Graham

Ariel E. Malberg Memorial Fund

Gifts to this fund, named in memory of a beloved child of congregants, will help support programs for those suffering from homelessness, addiction or mental health issues.

In memory of Ariel E. Malberg
Lois Shulman and Jerry Kaminsky

Memorial Fund

Contributions to this fund support the ritual life of the congregation.

In memory of Herbert Schall
Anonymous
In memory of Esther Snow, William Orgel, Ida Feinblum, and Jacob Feinblum
David and Phyllis Feinblum
In memory of Edward Fink and Harry Cohen
Rita Fink
In memory of Ralph Jackson
Robert and June Greenbaum
In memory of Dahlia Johnston
Russ and Barbara Johnston
In memory of David Mendelson and Anne Mendelson
Stanley Mendelson
In memory of George Skowronek and Milton Skowronek
Joshua and Marion Skowronek
In memory of Farra Tebbi-Lewis
Farnaz Tebbi
In memory of Phyllis Phillips
Jeanette and Edward Tuckman
In memory of Sylvia Brinbaum Barretti
Linda Paulanski
In memory of Cheryl Bloomstein
Michael Bloomstein
In memory of Abraham Levenson and Les Weinstock
Edith and Stuart Rugg
In memory of Ruth Ferling
Jeff and Andrea Stuart
In memory of Bernard Cudzynowski
Joseph and Barbara Cudzynowski
In memory of Estelle Julian
Robert Julian
In memory of Irving Fass
Alan and Elaine Fass
In memory of Ethel Milstein
Gail Meyers
In memory of Rose Roth
Bobbie D'Angelo
In memory of Robert Rosen
Shirley Rosen

Jules Swickle Chesed Fund

Gifts to this fund, created in honor of one of our founding members, will enable acts of loving kindness for those in need.

In appreciation of Helping Hands
James Laskey
Stacy and David Siegaloub
Josh and Marion Skowronek
Richard and Leslie Marcus
In appreciation of Temple Beth-El
Rich and Zahava Schaefer

Religious School Scholarship Fund

Donations to this fund help us ensure that each child receives a fundamental Jewish education.

In honor of their son Harrison becoming a bar mitzvah
Evan and Kim Fromberg
In appreciation of Sarah Gluck and Lisa Friedman
Evan and Kim Fromberg

Youth Scholarship Fund

Donations to this fund help provide scholarships to our temple youth, enabling them to attend Jewish camps, youth events, and/or trips.

To support youth activities
Russ and Barbara Johnston
David Goldberg and Cindy Scott
In honor of Mitch and Karen Kaplan being named People of Honor
Bob Krovetz and Ellen Stept
Bruce and Ellen Davidson
Marcy and Alan Rosenfeld

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.

To make a donation, visit the Give Now page on our website (www.ourbethel.org/give/give-now/).

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

Helping Hands

Our Helping Hands initiative continues to grow in strength and in need, as the coronavirus quarantine stretches on. The initiative was launched to ensure the well-being and safety of our senior and at-risk congregants, and by every measure, it's making a difference in many lives, in many ways. Said one congregant, "I'm alone in my house, but with my temple, I'm never alone."

It comes as no surprise that Helping Hands is flush with volunteers—we now number nearly 90! Volunteers, along with board members and the Membership Committee, have been calling congregants to check in with them. One of the beautiful byproducts of these calls are the intergenerational connections being made. Many congregants say they look forward to the day they can return to TBE to meet—in person—those they've gotten to know over the telephone.

Volunteers continue to make grocery store runs for congregants for whom leaving the house is not an option. Volunteers also delivered dinners donated by Stage House Tavern in Somerset. The meals were brought to us by Steve Katz, a friend of TBE. During Passover, the meals were delivered to IHN. To date, volunteers are making regular grocery runs for 13 members (with more than 40 trips to stores), and have delivered 168 dinners.

Prior to Passover, volunteers distributed 35 "Pesach packages" consisting of a seder plate, a box of matzoh, a haggadah, and a holiday greeting card. A special thank

you to Roxanne Levinston and Evan Lerner for leading the effort to make this year's holiday just a little less unconventional.

Helping Hands volunteers are also distributing masks. With so many people presumed to be asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic, Governor Murphy is requiring that masks be worn in all stores and when picking up food from restaurants. Many thanks to Julie, Iris, and Talia Hirsch, Kathy Shanklin, Andrea Bradley, Vicki Schwartz, and Andrea and Joy Auerbach who are making homemade masks, and to the Mask Squad, which is turning out an unprecedented number of masks daily. To date, we have provided 68 masks to our temple family.

Our students are helping out as well. Hannah Lafargue's eighth-grade class sent lovely letters to our seniors, which were greatly appreciated.

The Helping Hands initiative would not be the success it is without the many volunteers who are extraordinarily quick to pitch in when a request for help goes out. Thank you, also, to Robin Osman and the Brit K'hillah Task Force for heading up the initiative. And thank you to Amy Rubin for her endless support.

If you need a helping hand or if you would like to volunteer, please email HelpingHands@TempleBethELNJ.org.



Iris sewing masks at the Hirsch home



Materials used to create masks



Completed masks



Helping Hands volunteer Evan Lerner with Passover bags for distribution

Savoring Shavuot

It's late spring, and we've survived Purim, Pesach and the pandemic. Now it's time to start thinking about celebrating Shavuot, which commemorates the Jewish people receiving the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai. It is customary to eat dairy food on Shavuot for several reasons. One is that Shavuot is linked to the Exodus from Egypt into the Promised Land: "From the misery of Egypt to a country flowing with milk and honey..." (Exodus 3:8-17).

So not surprisingly, recipes for blintzes, cheesecakes and custards abound, symbolic of both the milk and the sweetness, or honey, of the Promised Land. But what if you're watching your sugar intake, as so many of us are, or you're simply just not that into sweets? We've got your number here with three delicious but savory dairy recipes (one has a sweet variation if you change your mind). All of these can be prepared as either a main meal, a side dish or an appetizer, depending on your appetite. B'tay avon!

Frittata with Ricotta Salata, Green Onions and Parsley

Flat omelets known as frittatas are popular throughout mainland Italy. In the southern region of Apulia, this version is made to celebrate the harvest of spring onions. Serves 6

Ingredients

3 T. olive oil
1 bunch scallions or green onions, chopped
8 large eggs
6 oz. ricotta salata or feta cheese, cut into small cubes
½ c. chopped fresh Italian parsley
2 T. milk
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper



Directions:

Heat one tablespoon oil in a 12-inch-diameter broilerproof, nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add green onions and sauté until tender, about 3 minutes. Transfer to large bowl and cool. Add eggs, cheese, parsley, milk, salt and pepper to onions and whisk until blended.

Preheat broiler. Heat remaining two tablespoons of oil in the same skillet over medium-high heat. Add the egg mixture. Tilt and swirl the pan to distribute the mixture evenly. Using a rubber spatula, lift up the edges of the cooked egg to allow the uncooked portion to flow under; cook until beginning to set. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook until the frittata is almost set, about eight minutes. Transfer the skillet to the broiler; broil until the frittata is set and the top just begins to brown, about three minutes. Slide frittata onto plate and cut into wedges. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Source: *Bon Appetit*, May 1995

Topfenknodel

These popular dumplings are called topfenknodel in Austria and Germany, turos gomboc in Hungary, syrove knedliky in Czech, and kluski in Poland. Topfen, also called quark in German, is a thick, slightly tangy central European curd cheese popular for making dumplings, spreads, and toppings. Since topfen is generally unavailable in America, a little cream cheese is added to the pot cheese to approximate the original texture and flavor. You can substitute farmer cheese for the pot cheese, but first wrap it in several layers of paper towels, then let it drain for about 10 minutes to extract some of the excess moisture. Do not use cottage cheese, which contains too much liquid and is too firm. These savory cheese dumplings are traditionally served on Shavuot as an appetizer, accompanied by sour cream or browned bread crumbs (two cups fresh bread crumbs sautéed in six tablespoons butter until golden), or a sweetened version as dessert.

Yield: 16 dumplings, or 5 to 6 servings

Ingredients

1 ¾ c. (14 oz.) pot or soft goat cheese
¼ c. (2 oz.) cream cheese or mascarpone, softened
¼ c. grated or finely chopped onion
1 tsp. table salt or 2 tsp. kosher salt
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
2 T. unsalted butter, softened
About ¾ c. semolina flour, farina (not quick-cooking), or matzah meal

Preparation:

In a food processor or blender, or with an electric mixer, combine the cheeses, onion, and salt. Add the eggs and beat until smooth. Beat in the butter, one tablespoon at a time. Stir in enough of the semolina to produce a firm dough. (Getting the moisture level right so that the batter holds together in your hand is the tricky part.) Cover and refrigerate for at least two hours or overnight. (The semolina absorbs moisture from the batter and firms it.)

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a gentle boil. Using two moistened soup spoons or your hands moistened with water, form the batter into 1 ½-inch balls. Drop the dumplings in the water in batches and stir gently to prevent sticking. Reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, until they expand and rise to the surface, about 15 minutes.

Using a slotted spoon, transfer the dumplings to a bowl. Serve warm. To keep warm or reheat, place in a 200°F oven.

Variations:

Austrian Jam-Filled Cheese Dumplings (Gefulte Topfenknodel)

For the dumpling batter, omit the onion. Add three to five tablespoons sugar and, if desired, one or two teaspoons grated lemon zest. Press a deep indentation into the cheese balls and fill with about ¼ teaspoon lekvar (prune butter) or other jam, about ¼ cup total. Press the dough around the filling to enclose. Cook as above. Serve with sweetened whipped cream, cinnamon sugar, or jam.

Romanian Cheese-Cornmeal Dumplings (Papanush):

For the dumpling batter, omit the onion and substitute ½ to ¾ cup finely ground yellow cornmeal for the semolina.

Source: *Olive Trees and Honey*, by Gil Marks, Wiley Publishing, Inc., 2004.



Best-Ever Boyus

Boyus are spinach- and cheese-filled pastries that are a specialty of the Sephardic world. A perfect boyus is crispy with just enough “chew” to it. The trick to getting the dough to stretch effortlessly is to make a soft dough, don’t handle it too much, and let it rest by giving it a double rise and a double stretch. Yield: 16

Dough:

1 ½ tsp. active dry yeast
1 T. sugar
2 c. warm water
1 T. olive oil
5 ½ c. flour, plus extra for kneading (bread flour is better because of its high gluten content)
2 tsp. sea salt
Flour for dusting

For stretching:

½ c. extra virgin olive oil

Filling:

2 bags prewashed baby spinach
8 oz. mild feta cheese (preferably Bulgarian style from Israel), crumbled
4 oz. sharp cheddar, grated on large holes of box grater
1 c. parmigiano reggiano, finely grated
1/3 c. kasseri cheese, grated on the medium holes of a box grater

Topping:

1/3 cup parmigiano reggiano, finely grated



Directions

In a two-cup glass measure, combine yeast and sugar. Add warm water and stir. Add the oil and set aside until it begins to bubble.

Place flour in a large mixing bowl, add salt and stir. After the yeast and water mixture begins to foam (about eight minutes), add the yeast water to the flour and mix by hand. Gather dough into a ball, working with your hands to incorporate all the flour. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and knead it for five minutes by hand. The dough should be very soft and easy to knead.

Put the dough in a large, clean bowl coated with oil. Loosely cover with plastic wrap and then a tea towel, and let it rise for two hours in a warm, draft-free place. After the first rise, gently press dough down to deflate and divide dough into quarters. Form quarters into flat balls without working the dough. Set four balls of dough onto a lined baking sheet greased with a bit of olive oil. Loosely cover dough and let it rise for one more hour.

In the meantime, prepare the spinach filling. Chop spinach into thin ribbons first and then cut crosswise. Place the chopped spinach in a large bowl and combine with grated and crumbled cheeses.

Divide each ball of dough into four pieces, for a total of 16. Stretch out each piece with your hands to about 5 x 7 inches. The dough should stretch easily. Set the stretched pieces on your work surface. Let the pieces rest five to 10 minutes while you do the initial stretch to all the pieces of dough.

Heat oven to 400°F. For this next step, use a wood board, or the back of a large baking sheet. Place a few drops of oil on the surface of your choice. Oil your hands and stretch dough out to a larger rectangle, around 18 x 10 inches, using the back of your hands. The dough will be very thin and transparent. Don’t worry if you get a hole; it will get covered when you roll up the boyu.

Take a handful of filling, about ½ cup or so, and spread it in a narrow line along the long side of the dough, about two inches from the edge. Roll up the boyu into a long cylinder, and then coil it into a circle. Place the boyu on a lined baking sheet. Sprinkle with remaining parmigiano. Repeat until all the spinach is used up.

Bake the boyus for about 20 minutes, or until crisp and golden all the way around. Remove them from the oven and place on a cooling rack so the bottoms stay crisp. You can eat them fresh from the oven or reheated, or freeze and reheat them in a 300°F oven for about 10 minutes.

Source: Linda Capeloto Sendowski, as seen in theglobaljewishkitchen.com, May 4, 2015

Renaissance Happenings

Harriet received the following poem and asked that I pass it along to all of you. We hope you are all home and staying safe!

"And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed."

This inspirational prose poem was authored by Kitty O'Meara, a retired teacher from Madison, Wisconsin.

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 harriethaler7324@gmail.com.

Here are some fun daily quarantine questions you can ask yourself:

1. What am I grateful for today?
2. Whom am I checking in on and interacting with today?
3. What beauty or art am I creating or appreciating today?
4. How am I moving my body today for exercise?
5. Have I been outside in nature yet today?
6. What expectations of normal am I letting go of today, and what am I doing instead?

Esther Wallach
Renaissance Group

Sisterhood

Purim Bags 2020

Thank you to everyone for participating in the best ever Purim Bag "FUN"draiser to date. Last year, Sisterhood purchased the new banquet chairs expecting to also use the proceeds from this year's Purim bag effort. We are excited to announce that, since you all were so generous in sending many Purim bags this year, we are able to make another significant donation. We are now looking for the next project to support so we can all see the fruits of our labors.

I would be remiss if I did not thank these ladies for all of their help: Laura Miller, Cindy Scott, Debbie Goldblatt, Amy Rubin, and Dina Fisher. Also, everyone who helped assemble the bags, deliver the bags, and of course, purchase the bags.

Food Bank Support

During this pandemic time many people in Somerset County are suffering and in need of food. Sisterhood is happy to share that we donated \$500 to the Somerset County Food Bank. We hope this will help put food on the table for many families in need. If you would like to donate to the food bank you can send a check to: Somerset Co. Food Bank, 9 Easy St., Bound Brook, NJ 08805.

Revised Membership Levels

Since we here at TBE Sisterhood know that many of our own family are in need, we are going to do something

special for our temple family as well. Sisterhood is reducing our yearly membership dues from \$40 to \$18 per person or mitzvah membership dues from \$58 to \$36 per person for the 2020/2021 year. Of course, if this is still a hardship, please just reach out and we can work something out. If you are able to give the mitzvah dues that, too, is greatly appreciated to help someone else out.

Torah Talk Online

The Sisterhood Women's Torah Talk has gone virtual! The first couple of sessions went so well that we will continue. To be added to the Torah talk email list, contact Gayle Skolky at gskolky@gmail.com.

Ronnie Weyl has generously offered to mentor women to become Torah Talk discussion leaders. The discussion leader provides focal points of the parasha (weekly Torah portion) and helps to draw out observations and comments from the group. If you would like to join the ranks of the wonderful women who take on this mitzvah please email Gayle Skolky at gskolky@gmail.com. Everyone stay safe and healthy! We hope to see you in person soon.

Fern Jurgrau
Donna Tischfield
Co-presidents Sisterhood

The Evolution of the Shomrim

Most of you are aware that Temple Beth-El began developing a team of Shomrim last spring. The initial purpose was to provide a watchful eye over our sacred space and our beloved temple family, in the wake of the atrocities experienced by synagogues and other houses of worship in recent years. The corps had several training sessions, including those with law enforcement officers present, and learned how to identify happenings and/or individuals who just did not seem right. You probably noticed folks wandering around during the High Holidays, Kabbalat Shabbat, b'not mitzvot, special events, festivals, religious school, etc. The purpose, we decided, would not be to serve as vigilantes or police officers, but to simply be trained observers who know how to react and where appropriate resources were stored.

The program was doing well and was quite successful at covering almost all the required dates, due to some incredible volunteerism. All of a sudden, things changed when the decision was made to cancel all on-site programming in mid-March when the pandemic took hold of our area. I quickly sent out an email thanking the Shomrim for their dedicated service and told them they were not needed to cover shifts until the crisis subsided. Rhona Ferling, one of our Shomrim, contacted me and suggested that the Shomrim could be utilized to do drive-through check-ins on the temple to ensure all was secure. Amy Rubin quickly embraced this idea, as there has been some recent vandalism to the former Beit Am building. We agreed that the visits should be random rather than on a set schedule, and emphasized to our Shomrim that they should visit only if they felt comfortable leaving their homes during the pandemic.

The request for people to start doing this was met with overwhelming support. Some who had yet to take an indoor

Shomrim shift joined the crowd. As of this writing in late April, we are averaging about three visits per day to the building, sometimes as many as five! Shomrim only check the perimeter and reach out to Amy and/or me to alert us to any concerns. We have actually caught the attention of the Hillsborough police, who seem pleased with this effort. Amy Rubin has indicated this project provides her with an extra level of comfort, while other members of the professional staff have expressed their appreciation for this incredible undertaking.

A very heartfelt thank you goes out to the current pool of Shomrim:

Rhona Ferling, Caryn Shinske, Cory White, Bryan Bendavid, Jared Bendavid, Jay Lavroff, Jay Taylor, Kevin Skole, Ryan Maizel, Evan Lerner, John Carraher, Paul Walitsky, Keith Holler, Sheldon Stept, Jodi Siegel, Oscar Gonzales, Ed Malberg, Dave Sandler, Jeff Stuart, Rochelle Levin, Eric Pear, Gari Bloom, Cindy Scott, Dave Goldberg, Zachary Stept, Rebecca Stept, and Zohar Lavy.

Not only do they go about their tasks in a caring and professional manner, they also send me wonderful suggestions on how to grow and strengthen our program. We could definitely use more team members as our role continues to develop. Please call me at 908-673-6477 or email to hblevin58@gmail.com if you would like to join our team! Special thanks to the Oversight Committee, Board of Trustees, my colleagues on the Security Committee and Ritual Committee and the professional staff, with a special shout-out to Amy Rubin, for their support and direction.

Harold Levin
Shomrim Coordinator

Two Congregants Find Ways to Make a Difference

TBE teen Bella Almeida recently started a fundraiser. Here's what Bella has to say on her website:

"My name is Bella Almeida and I am a senior at Hunterdon Central High School in Flemington NJ. Like many others my age, social distancing efforts have affected our last, and most memorable year of high school. But right now, it's not about us." Bella teamed up with Sneakers Plus/ SP Custom Online and created a "Socially Distant — United for Life" Quaranteen T-shirt. Proceeds support the Hunterdon Medical Center.



<https://www.spcustomonline.com/team/quaranteens>

TBE congregant Erin Stern started a similar fundraising effort to raise funds for the South Brunswick Food Pantry. She chose the school mascot of a Viking to rally the support. "We are here to support our community when they need it most," says Erin. "Let's keep food on everyone's table and stay #VIKINGSTRONG."



<https://twistedinkscreenprinting.printavo.com/merch/vikingstrong>

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RAC NJ House Meeting Campaign: Responding to the Challenges of COVID-19



In this age of COVID-19, we have all seen our world turn upside down, and we live with the uncertainties of what it will look like on the other side of the pandemic. But with uncertainty comes possibility.

Can you imagine what social justice changes you would like to see in our state? Can you imagine the power of joining together with others to make those changes happen?

This spring, the newly renamed RAC NJ* (formerly Reform Jewish Voice of New Jersey) is launching a **Virtual House Meeting campaign** to give Reform Jews around the state a chance to gather virtually in small groups, share stories of how COVID-19 has impacted their lives, and dream together of how RAC NJ can be a uniting force in making our state more compassionate and just in these times.

We at TBE will be holding several virtual group meetings as part of this campaign in the coming month. This is a great way to connect with each other and to join in making a difference.

The meetings at TBE will be among 30 meetings planned at congregations throughout the state, launching the leadership of RAC professional organizer Sarah Blaine and deepening opportunities to engage in social justice work in our congregation and in statewide efforts. The TBE meetings will be coordinated by Liz Cohen and led by Harriet Thaler and other temple members.

In early summer all who have participated will gather virtually to hear the results of these meetings, formally welcome Sarah Blaine to RAC NJ, and celebrate the plan for next steps.

If you would like to join in a house meeting or have questions, please contact Liz at rjvoiceofnj@gmail.com. We hope to hear your voice!

*New Jersey's arm of the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism

Dave Cohen
Chair, Social Action

Civic Engagement Campaign — Consider Voting by Mail

The Religious Action Center is launching a nonpartisan Civic Engagement effort to ensure that all voices are heard in the upcoming elections. We're encouraging everyone to vote and reminding folks that you can vote by mail; this is a safe and easy way to make sure that your vote is counted.

Visit <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/vote-by-mail.shtml> and click on your county for a downloadable application. If you need any help requesting or printing a vote-by-mail ballot application, contact our Social Action committee (ChairSocialAction@templebethelnj.org). Someone from the committee will reach out to help.

**Register
to VOTE**

TBE to Support the
Support Somerset County Food Bank

Spring Food Drive

June 14, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Drop off donated food at Temple Beth-El.

For a list of most needed foods, or to make a monetary donation, go to

<http://www.somersetfoodbank.org/donate/>





Blood Drive **Temple Beth-El**

Social Hall
67 Route 206
Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Sunday, June 14, 2020
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Appointments are preferred.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor keyword: Temple Beth-El - Hillsborough

Questions? Contact Jodi Siegal at jsdegonzalez@gmail.com

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Interfaith Hospitality Network

Leigh Freeman, Coordinator — IHN / Temple Beth-El

Our next hosting date is June 7-14

2019-2020 IHN Hosting Schedule

June 7-14

August 2-9

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

With the order to remain at home, TBE is unable to host IHN during April. IHN clients will stay at a local hotel. Meals are still needed. Please sign up to help feed the IHN guests.

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 <https://tinyurl.com/TBEIHNApr2020> 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.**

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



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Yahrzeits M a y

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

To be read May 8 and 9

Bernard Malin, father of Marilyn Muzikar
Peter Spaulder, father of Mara White
Harris Zeldin, father of Alan Zeldin
Rose Poe, grandmother of Rick Miller
Florence Roswell, mother of Arthur Roswell
David N. Cohen, husband of Barbara Cohen and father of Deborah Cohen
Irving Fass, father of Alan Fass
Beatrice Miller, mother-in-law of Laura Miller
Anne Mendelson, mother of Stanley Mendelson
Mae Waldman, mother of Dori Knauer
Myrna Lapidus, mother of Jody Cohen
Bonnie J. Lifchus, mother of Rebecca Ascher
Solomon Spero, father of Roselle Jaffe
Arthur Wolinsky, father of Shari Farmer
Joseph Landau, father of Steven Landau
Irene Gluck, mother of Julie Hirsch
Paul Donal Paton, father of Kim Fromberg
Sylvia Barrow, mother of Steve Barrow
Oscar Schneck, father of Esther Kaufman-Helfman

To be read May 15 and 16

Phillip Eisenberg, uncle of Sheldon Stept
Joel R. Stryker, father of Barbara Blake
Anne Bernstein, mother of Alan Bernstein
Dorothy Chester, mother of Simma Friedman
Ethel Milstein, mother of Gail Meyers
Nettie Gross, mother of Carol Ahlert
Lloyd Swickle, brother-in-law of Lillian Swickle
Arnold Bernstein, grandfather of Lisa Friedman
Sylvia Goldstein, grandmother of Seth Goldstein
Bernard Brieness, brother of Zina Wolin
Wanda Michaelson, mother of Stacy Boxer
Hilda Goldfeder, great-aunt of Lynn Small
Jacob Feinblum, father of David Feinblum
Larry Vogel, brother-in-law of Max Spinner
Bennett Lerman, father of Hillary Cole

To be read May 22 and 23

Esther Young, mother of Anita Tolman
Roberta Mangel, mother of Howard Mangel
James Fishman, father of Andrew Fishman
Hyman Kaplin, father of Phyllis Greenberg
Ida Wolf, grandmother of Alan Naroden
Sadie Dumanis, aunt-in-law of Linda Paulanski
Sheldon Taylor, father of Jay Taylor
Karen Hicks, mother of Derek Adler
Herman Vogel, father of Irwin Vogel
Jessie Steinberg, grandmother of Wendy Horowitz
Dora Greenberg, mother-in-law of Phyllis Greenberg
Elizabeth M. Stryker, mother of Barbara Blake
Ann Adler, grandmother of Michael Cohen
Betty Berger, grandmother of Wendy Horowitz
Jean Eisenberg, mother of Dorothy Vogel
Meyer Breslow, grandfather of Janice Klein
Anita Rosenthal Lidman, mother of Judy Lissa
Max S. Bernstein, father of Amy McBride
Seymour Goldberg, father of Linda Goldberg
Norman Cohen, father of Pamela Sloan

Olga Tompa, mother of Gary Tompa
Perla Tentler, grandmother of Simona Rivkin
David Schoenberg, father of Isa Beck

To be read May 29 and 30

Philip Applebaum, grandfather of Seth Goldstein
Malwine Schneck, mother of Esther Kaufman-Helfman
George Weintraub, grandfather of Sheldon Stept
Jeanette Busch, mother of Ronald Busch
Doris Braun, mother of Daniel Braun
Max Tolman, father of Edward Tolman
Stephen Reynolds, brother of Mark Reynolds
William Davidson, father of Bruce Davidson
Marie Greenberg Berkowitz, grandmother of Marcy Rosenfeld
Joyce Brothers, sister of Elaine Goldsmith
Milton Zerring, father of Judith Goldberg
Herbert L. Grand, father of Philip Grand
Richard Johnston, brother of Russ Johnston
Leonard Koen, father of Peter Koen
Larry Cudzynowski, brother of Joseph Cudzynowski
Johanna Panthauer, grandmother of Amy McBride
Daniel Wial, father of Ellen Zelnock
Sheila Landau, mother of Steven Landau
William Rosenfeld, father of Alan Rosenfeld
Jesse Dulberg, father of Marian Zeldin
Annette Schlosser, mother of Lynn Levine
Cecile Oringer, mother of Keith Oringer
Charles Levinston, father of Bruce Levinston
Irene Filippone, mother of Susan Julian
Dora Cohen Kanterman, mother of Stanley Kanterman
Judith Weinstein, mother of Jeffrey Weinstein

J u n e

To be read June 5 and 6

Morris Migdal, friend of Martin and Zina Wolin
Burton A. Levy, father of Jill Grand
Stefan Epstein, father of Bruce Epstein
Ida Friedman, aunt of Doris Moshinsky
Leonard Carter, father of Pamela Attner
Barney Shapiro, father-in-law of Joshua Skowronek
Ed Andell, father of Jonathon Andell
Frank Weigl, uncle of Lynn Small
Robert Roth, father of Bobbie D'Angelo
Joan Becker, mother of Marci Becker-Morelli
Ronald Rose, father of Deborah Stark

To be read June 12 and 13

Herb Helfman, husband of Esther Kaufman-Helfman
Shirley Skolky, mother-in-law of Gayle Skolky
Nathan Rubin, father of Jerome Rubin
Richard Hammer, father of Diane Foss
Samuel Spevack, father of Gail Wohl
Minnie Singer, great-aunt of Kimberly Beman
Shirley Kantor, mother of Melissa Pyle
Bernard Keiles, father of Ann Weinstein
Robert Wood, father of Brian Wood
Muriel Herzog, mother of Michael Herzog
Stephen Lavranchuk, father of Jim Lavranchuk
Israel Wolinsky, grandfather of Terry Wallin
Sara Rubin, wife of Jerome Rubin

Yahrzeits

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Isidor Soodik, grandfather of Kimberly Beman
Stanley Rechtleben, father of Deborah Tompa
Tyler Landesman, son of Glen and Carol Landesman
Mildred Kaitz, mother of Revalee Brody
Beatrice Insler, mother of Elayne Weitz
Robert Rothschild, father of David Rothschild
Rosalind Sloane, mother of Leslie Marcus
Nathan Milstein, father of Gail Meyers
Bettie Franzblau, mother-in-law of Barbara Franzblau

To be read June 19 and 20

Celia Chasin, grandmother of Gerald Shubitz
Joan Mangold, mother of Rick Zack
Jerry Friedman, father of Helene Fine
Cindy D'Erasmo, sister of Evette Adler
Sanford Sloane, brother of Leslie Marcus
Iris A. Epstein, mother of Marci Taylor
Jean D. Kovats, mother of Barbara Weinstein
Harry Tucker, father of Barbara Cohen
Iris A. Epstein, mother of Leslie Siegel
Samual Zapolin, father of Zorina Walitsky
Cecile Redlich, mother of Sam Redlich
Ethel Hamelburg, mother-in-law of Rita Fink
Lillian Rosewater, grandmother of Jonathon Andell
Anita Berger, mother of Chuck Berger
John Ward, father of Pat Ward
Judith Frid, aunt of Wendy Horowitz

To be read June 26 and 27

Carol Busch, wife of Ronald Busch
Ruth Schoenberg, mother of Isa Beck
Edith Beck, mother of Michael Beck
Ruth Schwartz, grandmother of Debbie Manrique
Sari Kaplan, mother of Amy Armant
Louis Rubin, father-in-law of Sylvia Rubin
Sid Skowronek, brother of Joshua Skowronek
Henrietta Greenbaum, mother of Robert Greenbaum
Morton Rosenking, father of Evette Adler
Barton Kaitz, brother of Revalee Brody
Florence Rubin, mother of Jerome Rubin
Frieda Krongold, mother of Ruth Krongold
Raymond Bateman Sr., father of Caren Bateman
Edward Mus, father of Rosemary Brody
Roger Pyle, father of Stuart Pyle
Beatrice Breslow, mother of Janice Klein
Rose Rosenfeld, mother of Alan Rosenfeld
Rachel Kelson, mother of Ellen Brown
Anita Schrier, mother of Sally Rosen

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To be read July 3 and 4

Marilyn Leeds, mother of Jodi Bloom
Stanley Milstein, brother of Gail Meyers
Jack Foss, father of Bernard Foss
Howard Rosen, brother of Rochelle Levin
Florence Berson Borrus, mother of Beth Borrus
Eunice Becker, aunt of Marci Becker-Morelli
Carolyn Bloch, grandmother of Jeremy Bloch

Celia Swickle, mother-in-law of Lillian Swickle
Wynne Dallow, stepmother of Brian Dallow
Esther Moshinsky, mother of Leonard Moshinsky
Marvin Friedman, father of Deborah Nisenson
Janet Schenkman, wife of Eugene Schenkman
Anna Raynes, mother of Harriet Thaler
Morris Mandelkorn, father of Debbie Friedman
Marc Young, brother of Anita Tolman
Rose Haskel Wolinsky, mother of Shari Farmer
Michael Schumsky, grandfather of Nanette Mantell
Lillian Silverman, mother of Lloyd Silverman
Jean Lyman, grandmother of Laurie Hills
Helen Marciniak, mother of Judi DiMaio
Meriam Snyder, mother of Ken Snyder

To be read July 10 and 11

Bernard Kass, father of Andrew Kass
Gerald Albin, father of Robert Albin
Martin Malberg, father of Edward Malberg and Marc Malberg
Tamara Leah Maizel, sister of Ryan Maizel
Michael Sherman, cousin of Jonathon Andell
Abram Friedberg, father of Morton Friedberg
Bette Jane Andell, mother of Jonathon Andell
Linda Uhlfelder, cousin of Robert Adler
Melvin Silverstein, husband of Evelyn Silverstein
Florence Morris, mother of Suzan Szych

To be read July 19 and 20

Mollie Minzter, grandmother of Barbara Franzblau
Walter Bollag, grandfather of Laura Miller
Alvin Tauber, father of Shelley Berger
Albert Taub, brother-in-law of Goldie Taub
Norman I. Lapidus, father of Jody Cohen
Glenn Kass, nephew of Henry Nerenberg
David Weiss, father of Lawrence Weiss
Natalie Roth, mother of Bobbie D'Angelo
Aileen Gluck, mother of Arnold Gluck
Jean Dolgonos, mother of Stephanie Miller
Samuel Berger, grandfather of Wendy Horowitz
Marvin Fein, father of David Fein
Jacob Kantor, father of Melissa Pyle
Isaac Hills, father of Laurie Hills
Rita Adler, grandmother of Robert Adler
Anne Stark, mother-in-law of Ann Weinstein
Howard S. Stern, brother of Lisa Dickholtz
Paul Wedeen, father of Ken Wedeen

To be read July 24 and 25

Tiby Laufer, mother of Susan Goldberg
Mollie Cohos, mother of Jane Waldorf
Evalyn Steinberg, mother of Roselle Jaffe
Jack Fastag, husband of Lee Rosenfield
Rose D. Siroty, mother of Robert Siroty
Moses Fruchter, father of Rena Fruchter
Jerome Seid, grandfather of Kenneth Rubin
Anna Miller, mother of Shuey Horowitz
Charlotte Levin, mother of Harold Levin
Marvin Glaser, father of Cindy Weiss
Jerry Spinner, brother of Max Spinner

Yahrzeits

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Sylvia Zibulsky, grandmother of Robyn Becker
William Wisniewski, father of Carol Nerenberg
Isidor Taub, father-in-law of Goldie Taub
Alice Goldberg, mother of Kevin Goldberg
Rachel Jaffe, daughter of Hirshel Jaffe
Harry Bober, father-in-law of Beverly Bober

To be read July 31 and August 1

Florence Sarnoff, stepmother of Nancy Burke
Arline Zedeck, sister of Rita Fink
Morris Mendelson, father of Stanley Mendelson
Walter Morris, father of Suzan Szych
Claire Mosh, friend of Liz Cohen
Estelle Julian, mother of Neil Julian and Jody Berkowitz
Sylvia Bernstein, grandmother of Leslie Maizel
Harold Stark, father of Jonathan Stark
Jack Haskel, uncle of Shari Farmer
Leon Markiewicz, father of Leigh Freeman

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To be read August 7 and 8

Tara Christie-Tamang, sister of Jennifer Tamang
Helen Lieberman, mother of Madelyn Okun
Louis Tussman, uncle of Linda Strand
Susana Gomez de Gonzalez, mother of Oscar Gonzalez
George Panthauer, grandfather of Amy McBride
Miriam Lerner, mother of Evan Lerner
Alyce Bernstein, grandmother of Lisa Friedman
Marlene Kosnac, mother of Wendy Amodeo
Hyman Dolgonos, father of Stephanie Miller
Abe Lyman, grandfather of Laurie Hills
Sy Epstein, father of Marci Taylor and Leslie Siegel
Helen Wisniewski Markiewicz, mother of Leigh Freeman
Jacob Rosen, father of Rochelle Levin

To be read August 14 and 15

Milton S. Lidman, father of Judy Lissa
Charlotte Kaplin, sister-in-law of Phyllis Greenberg
Christine Sweeney, cousin of Lynn Small
Rose Kass, grandmother of Beth Lavranchuk
Mack Wallin, uncle of Terry Wallin
Myron Krovetz, father of Robert Krovetz
Terri Davidson, mother of Bruce Davidson
Madeline Kahn, mother of Eileen Kahn
Isidore Kirsch, father-in-law of Stanley Mendelson
Philip Jaffe, father of Hirshel Jaffe
Barbara Ditman, mother of Robin Kimmelman
Simon Wohl, grandfather of Robyn Becker
Ariel Malberg, daughter of Alta and Marc Malberg
Rita Mayer, mother of Cheryl Nelson
Theodore Stark, father-in-law of Ann Weinstein
Martin Hoffman, father of Julie Hersch
Martin Wortzel, father of Barbara Franzblau
Molly Fass, mother of Alan Fass
Morris Moshinsky, father of Leonard Moshinsky
Nathan Handler, father of Joel Handler
Richard Weinberger, father of Daniel Weinberger
Max Dresdner, father of Arleen Margulis

To be read August 21 and August 22

Ruth Miller, mother of Leigh Miller
Anita Wilson, mother of Jeffrey Wilson
Sima Kahn, mother of Hillary Angeline
Eileen Marcus, mother of Richard Marcus
Edith Katzer, sister of Doris Moshinsky
Sophie Levine, aunt of Rita Fink
Murry Goldberg, father of Kevin Goldberg
Rose Brooks Cohen, mother-in-law of Barbara Cohen and
grandmother of Deborah Cohen
Claire Mandelkorn, mother of Debbie Friedman
Simon Levendel, father of Sheila Koen
Harold Sage, father of Eileen Ruderman
Robert Meehan, stepfather of Andrew Kass
Sheldon Taber, brother of Robert Taber
Evelyn Osman, mother of Larry Osman
Samuel J. Rosenblum, father of Fern Kamine
Joseph Shubitz, grandfather of Gerald Shubitz
Lillian Thaler, mother-in-law of Harriet Thaler
Howard Auerbach, husband of Andrea Auerbach

To be read August 28 and 29

Sylvia W. Arens, mother of Margo Sirotky
Celia Dilson, aunt of Cindy Mangel
Eva Cooperman, mother of Frances Taber
Fred Plan, brother of Michael Plan
Goldie Knauer, mother of Leonard Knauer
Sam Cohen, grandfather of Michael Cohen
Sarah Schwartz, aunt of Sylvia Rubin
Sadie Baker, grandmother of Pam Sharenow
Alter Cudzynowski, uncle of Joseph Cudzynowski
Leon Rothman, father of Shelley Gomolka
Solomon Mintz, father of Goldie Taub
Barbara Fine, mother of Tamar Yarkoni
Meyer Trachtenberg, father of Alta Malberg
Douglas Rogers, father of Sheenagh Hirsch
Ernie Ellison, stepfather of Lori Roth
Samuel Cohos, father of Jane Waldorf
Albert Kanterman, father of Stanley Kanterman
Jean Schwartz, mother of Vicki Schwartz
Harry Morrison, father of Leon Morrison
Harry Bernstein, father of Ann Wallin
Miriam Morrison, mother of Leon Morrison
Martha Mitchell, mother of Donna Tischfield
Fred Hirsch, father of Allan Hirsch

To be read September 4 and 5

Solomon Maizel, grandfather of Ryan Maizel
Aaron Ritzer, father of Gayle Skolky
Marvin Finkelstein, father of Beth Lavranchuk
Leonard Alan Shubitz, brother of Gerald Shubitz
Morris Bauer, father of Elaine Goldsmith
Dorothy Lowenthal, grandmother of Lynn Small
Joan Finke, grandmother of Jeff Stuart
John Gale, father of Janet Aaronson
Sol Greenberg, father-in-law of Phyllis Greenberg
Jay Oshinsky, cousin of Ann Wallin
Joshua Irvin Albin, son of Robert and Shari Albin

May – August

Calendar of Events

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Friday, May 1

3:00 p.m. Shalom TBE — Check in with TBE Staff
6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 2

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Sunday, May 3

9:00 a.m. Religious School — via Zoom
11:00 a.m. Religious School - Alternative Hebrew Class
— Individual Phone Sessions
11:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Biblical Hebrew

Monday, May 4

7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee

Tuesday, May 5

7:15 p.m. Spirituality Group

Wednesday, May 6

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School — via Zoom
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal

Thursday, May 7

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg — Cancelled

Friday, May 8

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 9

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Sunday, May 10

9:00 a.m. Religious School
11:00 a.m. Religious School - Alternative Hebrew Class
— Individual Phone Sessions

Monday, May 11

5:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Biblical Hebrew
7:00 p.m. Post Confirmation
7:30 p.m. Oversight Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 12

Lag B'Omer

8:00 p.m. Young Family Initiative Meeting

Wednesday, May 13

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

Friday, May 15

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 16

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Sunday, May 17

9:00 a.m. Religious School
11:00 a.m. Religious School - Alternative Hebrew Class

Monday, May 18

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

Tuesday, May 19

7:15 p.m. Spirituality Group

Wednesday, May 20

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Women's Torah Talk

Friday, May 22

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 23

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day
Temple Offices Closed

Thursday, May 28

Erev Shavuot

5:00 p.m. Shavuot Night Live with The Bible Players
7:00 p.m. Tikkul Liel Shavuot with Temple Shalom

Friday, May 29

Shavuot

Temple Offices Closed
10:00 a.m. Shavuot Services with Yizkor
6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 30

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Monday, June 1

6:30 p.m. School Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Oversight Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee

Tuesday, June 2

7:15 p.m. Spirituality Group

Wednesday, June 3

6:30 p.m. Sisterhood End-of-Year Event

Friday, June 5

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Youth Person
of Honor and Yad Chazakah

Saturday, June 6

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Sunday, June 7

IHN Meals Week

Monday, June 8

IHN Meals Week
7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, June 9

IHN Meals Week
6:30 p.m. Youth Culture Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 10

IHN Meals Week
7:00 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, June 11

IHN Meals Week

Friday, June 12

IHN Meals Week
6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Installation
of Officers

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Saturday, June 13

IHN Meals Week
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Sunday, June 14

IHN Meals Week
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Blood Drive
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Food Drive for Somerset County Food Bank

Tuesday, June 16

7:15 p.m. TBE Reads: "Beyond the Ghetto Gates" with author Michelle Cameron — Via Zoom

Friday, June 19

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 20

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Friday, June 26

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, July 3

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, July 10

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, July 17

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, July 24

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, July 31

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Sunday, August 2

IHN Hosting Week

Monday, August 3

IHN Hosting Week

Tuesday, August 4

IHN Hosting Week

Wednesday, August 5

IHN Hosting Week

Thursday, August 6

IHN Hosting Week

Friday, August 7

IHN Hosting Week
6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 8

IHN Hosting Week

Sunday, August 9

IHN Hosting Week

Friday, August 14

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, August 21

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, August 28

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 29

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service with B'nei Mitzvah of Matthew Goldman and Delia Erb-Wagner

Sunday, August 30

Youth: SMOOCHY Board Retreat (Time TBD)

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