

Shofar



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Rabbi's Message

Twenty-five Years of IHN: Until Starfish Learn to Swim

Twenty-five years ago, we at TBE set out to help repair the world. Well, maybe just our little corner of it. We signed on as one of the founding host congregations of IHN, the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County.

The bad news is that 25 years later, there is still much brokenness in our world. There are still homeless families in this, the seventh wealthiest county in America. The good news is that we have been part of a caring mitzvah network of churches and synagogues that has helped to transform scores of lives.

There is a wonderful story that helps to illustrate the immensity of the impact we have made through IHN.

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Purim! Megillah Reading and Spiel

It's a Beatles Purim! Saturday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.

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Special Two-Part Speaker Series on the 50th Anniversary of the Six-Day War

Yossi Klein Halevi on March 16, 7:00 p.m.

Yehuda Kurtzer on April 20, 7:00 p.m.

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Passover is Coming

First Seder, April 10

Come to TBE's Second Seder,
Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

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Israel Shabbat

Friday, April 28

6:15 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Services
with guest speaker Rabbi Eric
Yoffie and the Tefillah Band

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Worship Schedule

MARCH

Friday, March 3

6:00 p.m. Ma'ariv Service
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Across America: Shabbat Seder and Dinner

Saturday, March 4

Parashat Trumah, Exodus 25:1–27:19
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, March 10

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service and participation of Grades PK and K

Saturday, March 11

Parashat T'tzaveh, Exodus 27:20–30:10
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
Erev Purim
7:00 p.m. Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel

Sunday, March 12

Purim

Friday, March 17

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

Saturday, March 18

Parashat Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11–34:35
9:00 a.m. Shabbat Experience for Young Families
(those with children up to grade 2)
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Goldman

Friday, March 24

7:00 p.m. Blue Jean Shabbat – By Teens, For Teens
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, March 25

Parashat Vayak'heil/P'kudei, Exodus 35:1–40
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Colin Mandell

Friday, March 31

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services with Sisterhood

APRIL

Saturday, April 1

Parashat Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1–5:26
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Jonathan Locker

Friday, April 7

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, April 8

Parashat Tzav, Leviticus 6:1–8:36
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study; Learners' Minyan

Monday, April 10

Erev Pesach First Seder

Tuesday, April 11

Yom Tov Pesach
6:30 p.m. Congregational Second Seder

Friday, April 14

Chol Ha'Moed Pesach
7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with participation of Grade 6

Saturday, April 15

Chol Ha'Moed Pesach
Holiday Reading: Exodus 33:12–34:26
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, April 16

7:00 p.m. Yom Tov Pesach and Yizkor Services

Monday, April 17

Yom Tov Pesach

Friday, April 21

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

Saturday, April 22

Parashat Sh'mini, Leviticus 9:1–11:47
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Rebekah Anczarki

Sunday, April 23

7:00 p.m. Community-wide Yom HaShoah Service

Monday, April 24

Yom HaShoah

Friday, April 28

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Dinner for Israel Shabbat
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with special guest Rabbi Eric Yoffie

Saturday, April 29

Parashat Tazria/M'tzora, Leviticus 12:1–15:33
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Samuel Stark

Temple Calendar Webpage

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

Shofar Submissions and Deadline

The next issue of the Shofar will be May-June 2017. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submissions is April 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

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A man walking along the seashore sees that thousands of starfish have washed up onto the beach and are dying in the heat of the day. Then he notices a young girl who is throwing the starfish back into the water, one after another. "What are you doing?" asked the man. "What good do you hope to accomplish?" She replied, "I am saving this one and that one, and those others!" "But what difference does it make? There are so many of them, and just one of you," said the man. The young girl picked up a starfish, threw it back into the sea, and said, "It made a difference to that one!"

Chances are good that many of the starfish that young girl saved washed back up on the shore and died, despite her best efforts. Some surely did survive, however, and that would be enough to justify her work. But just imagine if it had been in her power to teach those starfish to swim, so they could act on their own behalf against the tides that threatened their lives.

When we began IHN 25 years ago, we thought we were helping families who had washed up on the shores of our society. For those who are homeless, their most pressing needs are safe shelter and food to eat. IHN offered that, and so much more. We called it a "hospitality network," because that is exactly what we provided. We opened our spiritual homes to those in need, and we welcomed our guests warmly with a human face and a loving, compassionate embrace. When someone experiences hardship and loses their home, the world can seem harsh and inhumane. They can easily feel like nothing more than

numbers and statistics in the social services system that our society generously offers with the best of intentions. At that challenging and difficult time, IHN has been there for them, filling real and significant needs in a way that treats them with respect and honors the image of God in each person, no matter what their circumstances.

Had IHN accomplished just this and nothing more, it would have been enough to justify the great effort it has demanded from so many. And let there be no doubt, a week of IHN hosting at a congregation like TBE requires a small army of volunteers, as well as those who are willing to help recruit, train and organize those volunteers.

But what started out as a band aid grew into so much more. Today, IHN is much more than a shelter with a bed and a meal. It is even more than a warm, loving, human embrace of our guests by our volunteer hosts. IHN empowers homeless families to achieve and maintain independence. In most homeless shelters, 90% of the clients wind up homeless again. Through IHN, 90% of our guests succeed in remaining independent. IHN is, if you will, a little bit like teaching the starfish to swim. It offers an array of programs and services that help our guests strengthen their life skills and forge connections that create a better life for themselves and their children. Every family that enters our network receives expert case management and support service from a dedicated, capable staff of social workers and mental health counselors. But the backbone of IHN is the religious congregations and

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The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County (IHNSC):

- Provides safe and nurturing havens for homeless families among the houses of worship in Somerset County.
- Helps homeless families plan their transition to independence; they are homeless, not helpless.
- Connects families with essential resources along their path to independence.

With 90% of IHNSC families maintaining independence over the past five years after transitioning from the emergency shelter, IHNSC continues to be a driving force in the fight against homelessness in Somerset County.

In 2016:

- 17 host congregations provided emergency shelter with the help of 14 support congregations.
- IHNSC supported 44 families composed of 109 individuals and 61 children.
- 2,495 nights of shelter and 7,305 meals provided.
- 9,469 volunteer hours provided by over 1,000 volunteers.
- The emergency shelter, the program TBE hosts several times each year, served 10 families (eight single mothers, two couples and 18 children). Six of the adults secured employment while in shelter and six families moved to independent housing.

Learn more about how you can participate in this sacred work on page 24

From Our President

Think of TBE as Your Oasis

Fake news. Alternative facts. Email scandals and Russian spies. Sometimes it seems as though the world has turned upside down. Gone are the days when Facebook feeds were filled with cat videos and fancy food pics. No longer is social media a mindless respite from the real world. Even the Super Bowl commercials (best part of the game if you ask me) had political overtones. Regardless of our political affiliation, many of us are feeling extra stressed these days.

So, what's a person to do?

Sometimes we just need to take a deep breath and be still in order to find calm. That's exactly what we do in the **Jewish Spirituality Group** at TBE. We gather on certain Sunday mornings to meditate, study Jewish teachings, open our hearts and share our experiences with each other. This hour of quiet contemplation leaves me feeling refreshed and renewed. Contact Michael Herzog at mherzog01@gmail.com for more information or to join the group. Meditation experience is not required.

Maybe meditation's not your thing. How about yoga? **Gentle Yoga Flow** helps build strength, balance, and flexibility. The class includes deep breathing and deep relaxation to bring calmness and balance, and to reduce stress. Who couldn't use some calmness and balance these days? Contact Shari Czar at shari@infiniteheartspace.com to learn more or sign up for Thursday evening classes.

Is yoga too slow for you? Try a faster pace with **Israeli dancing** on Thursday evenings. Or relax and enjoy a movie on a Saturday night with temple friends. Contact Simona Rivkin at bakerec@comcast.net to join the fun.

Haven't tickled your fancy yet? What about **mah jongg** on Monday evenings? Beginners are welcome! Email Eileen Ruderman at musiczgrt@aol.com for more information.

If you have little ones in grade two or younger, our **Young Family Initiative** is a great way to get to know other young families. Upcoming activities include a Young Family Schmooze, Young Family Shabbat Experiences and a Young Family Passover Experience. Email Lisa Friedman at friedman.lisang@gmail.com to join the family fun.

Civil discourse seems to be at an all time low these days. Rabbi Gluck is teaching **A Taste of Mussar**, using centuries-old Jewish teachings to help us to identify our own personal path of spiritual growth. Humility, gratitude and patience are among the soul traits that the practice of Mussar cultivates. I enjoyed this class immensely, and I think the world would be a kinder and gentler place if everyone practiced Mussar. The class meets on Tuesday evenings. Email Rabbi Gluck at RabbiGluck@TempleBethElNJ.org to learn more and sign up.

Shabbat offers us a sanctuary in time each week, if only we let it. Shabbat minyan services provide an intimate worship experience with the opportunity to engage in Torah study. If you enjoy music, our Shabbat evening services with the choir and t'fillah band are a relaxing way to end your week and usher in the weekend. See the calendar on page 2 for details about services.

Helping others can make you feel great and give you a sense of renewal. Tikkun olam, or repairing the world, is a cornerstone of Temple Beth-El. One opportunity to help repair the world is to volunteer for **IHN** (Interfaith Hospitality Network). TBE hosts homeless families several times each year. Getting to know our guests and playing with the children is a great mitzvah and joy. In fact, I often feel like I receive way more than the guests do when I volunteer. Please see Rabbi Gluck's article for more information, and contact Leigh Freeman at dancer.leighfreeman@att.net to volunteer.

Our **knitting group** creates and donates items to those in need. It's a great way to relax, enjoy good company and do a mitzvah all at once. If you've always wanted to knit, but don't know how, the group will teach you. All levels of knitters and crocheters are welcome. Contact Jodi Siegal at jsdegonzalez@gmail.com to join the knitters on certain Sunday mornings.

For some of us, taking action is a great way to reduce stress. **Reform Jewish Voice of New Jersey** is a coalition that works on local and state issues such as immigration, health care, environment, and more. Come to a house meeting, meet your legislators and participate in action alerts. Email Liz Cohen at rjvoiceofnj@gmail.com to learn more and join the distribution list.

Interfaith Rise, an interfaith coalition of more than two dozen congregations, is committed to helping refugees resettle in central New Jersey. Email Cindy Andrews at cjrandrews@gmail.com to learn how you can help.

And last, but certainly not least, join us for the **Megillah reading and Purim spiel** on Saturday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. It's an evening of songs and silliness. Who couldn't use that right about now? I hope to see you there!

TBE's complete range of upcoming educational and social opportunities is listed in the *Shofar* and in each week's email blast. If you're not receiving the weekly email, please call the temple office at 908-722-0674 to be added to the list.

Wishing you and your families a joyous Purim and a wonderful Passover!

L'shalom,
Robin Osman
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volunteers that provide shelter, meals, financial support and advocacy.

Every member of Temple Beth-El should derive great satisfaction from what we have accomplished as a host congregation of IHN. Those who have volunteered should be especially proud. And all of us should be especially grateful to our volunteer coordinators. Though there are too many to mention them all, there are two who have earned special distinction by their extraordinary devotion and service to this work. They are Leigh Freeman, who has been our congregational IHN coordinator for years, and Karen Donohue who, after years of volunteering, went on to join the staff of IHN, where she has served with great distinction.

So, where does IHN go from here? There are still starfish washing up on the beach, and there are still homeless families in Somerset County. Until the starfish learn to swim and we realize the just society envisioned by the Torah, we have work to do. And do it we must!

To those who have volunteered in the past, you know how meaningful it is to help our guests feel at home in their time of need. And to those who have not yet participated, we invite you to join us in this great mitzvah. Contact Leigh Freeman at dancer.leighfreeman@att.net.

We may not be able to repair the world, but we can make our corner of it a little brighter, warmer, more caring and more just, one family and one person at a time.

Wishing you a happy Purim and a sweet Pesach.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck

Learn more about how you can participate in this sacred work on page 24.

IHN's Amazing Progress: A Timeline

Over the years since its founding, IHNSC has grown steadily, adding new services and programs to help our guests improve their lives.

1992

IHNSC creates an emergency shelter program through a network of local religious congregations.

2003

Through the generosity of the parishioners of North Branch Reformed Church, IHNSC opens the doors to Sunrise House, a transitional living facility located in Bridgewater.

2006

The N.J. Department of Community Affairs awards project-based rental assistance vouchers to IHNSC for two apartments in North Plainfield, launching the Phase 3 Permanent Supported Housing Program.

2008

Sound Minds, a mental health program, begins providing evaluation and counseling services for adults and children.

2013

Rapid Re-Housing: IHNSC launches a homeless prevention program, funded by the Homeless Trust Fund Rental Assistance Program.

2014

Daycare Plus: Collaborating with the Somerset Valley YMCA, children attend a high-quality childcare program.

Passover Begins April 10

Do you need a place to celebrate Passover?

Consider joining the congregational seder on April 11 (see flyer on page 20), or contact the temple office to be matched with someone who has an extra seat at their seder table.

Do you have an extra seat at your seder table?

Consider welcoming someone who doesn't otherwise have a place to celebrate the holiday. Contact the temple office if you have room at your seder table.

Contact Susan, 908-722-0674, ext 112, SusanWalters@TempleBethElNJ.org



The Beatles Purim

Temple Beth-El Celebrates Purim!
Megillah Reading and Spiel
Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Written by Rabbi Billy Dreskin. Produced and directed by Cantor Emily Wigod Pincus.



March and April Menschen of the Month

Andrea Fish Bradley is our Mensch of the Month for March — and it's easy to see why.

Whether it's her volunteer work at temple, in the community or just during downtime, Andrea's many contributions are done with gusto and joy.

At TBE, Andrea has served three years on the Board/ Executive Committee, as Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary. She also is a liaison to the Religious School Committee and Sisterhood, and has served approximately three years doing Brit Kehilah.

In addition to these activities, Andrea served as lead for TBE's Strategic Plan Initiative and Union for Reform Judaism Congregational Assessment.

Besides lending her talents to various boards and committees, Andrea counts herself as a student, taking the opportunity to learn from Sarah Gluck. You can often find her ushering Shabbat services, and helping those in need through her service as a volunteer with the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Andrea's outside community work is extensive. She is a three-time chairperson of the Princeton Ballet School's American Repertory Ballet Company and a 10-year member of the Montgomery Township Board of Education.

She volunteers 10 hours a week in the office of Special Olympics New Jersey, and also assists on the Volunteer Management Team for various Special Olympics events: the Summer Games, Shriver Cup Soccer, Shriver Cup Bowling and Golf Regionals.

And Andrea plays as hard as she works. Her favorite place when she's not at TBE is Martha's Vineyard, off the Massachusetts coast, where she can indulge her love of sailing, hiking and swimming.

Most of all, though, Andrea loves her family and spending time with them — her husband of 25 years, Patrick, and their three children: Nick, 24, and Nora and Connor, 21.

Mazel tov to Andrea for being March's Mensch of the Month.



You probably already know our Mensch of the Month for April. His is the friendly face you see at Shabbat services, handing you a prayer book and guiding you to your seat. Or you may know Mike Bloomstein as a fellow student in your adult Hebrew class. Mike has deep roots in Temple Beth-El and has been part of the TBE family for 40 years. Mike, with his late wife Cheryl, has two sons, Daniel and Douglas, both of

whom became b'nei mitzvah at TBE. In addition, Mike is a grandfather to Jacob, Jack and Madeline.

Mike was born and raised in New York City. He attended Cornell University and Northwestern University, where he received a Ph.D. in molecular biology. He spent over 40 years in the pharmaceutical industry in quality assurance and regulatory affairs, at Hoechst Roussel, Bristol-Myers Squibb and Aventis. He retired as senior director of biologics regulatory affairs at Sanofi Aventis.

Throughout his time at our temple, Mike has been active in many roles, including stints as treasurer and board member. Currently he is co-chair of the Ritual Committee and also coordinates ushering for Shabbat services. He also serves on the board of the JCC, as well as its Membership and Strategic Planning Committees.

Mike has a natural curiosity and deep interest in learning more about Judaism. An enthusiastic student at TBE's Adult Hebrew classes, he also participates in the Hartman Institute's Engaging Israel classes. And for the past three years, he has attended the JCC/Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning.

Thank you, Mike, for everything you do, and for inspiring us with your passion for lifelong learning!

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To create your Jewish legacy contact:
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Contact Lil Swickle at LegacyCircle@TempleBethElnj.org.

From the Education Directors

TBE Teens – Traveling and Learning

Our teens have had two terrific travel experiences over the past few months. In December, our 10th grade confirmation class went to Washington, D.C. for the *L'Taken* Seminar for Social Justice with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. *L'Taken* is an educational leadership program that exposes students to a variety of issues, such as economic justice, abortion, refugee resettlement, immigration and other civil and human rights. In addition to learning sessions, Shabbat celebration, visiting the

Sarah Gluck and Lisa Friedman



TBE Teens take on Congress at L'Taken, the Confirmation class trip to the URJ's Religious Action Center.

United States Holocaust Museum and free time to explore and socialize, the program culminates with a day on Capitol Hill, where our students meet with the offices of both senators and representatives to lobby on an issue of importance to each of them.

Here are thoughts from our students, which illustrates why we call this trip a highlight of the 10th grade year:

"The Confirmation trip to Washington, D.C. not only brought me closer to my classmates but also taught me about important issues that are affecting the Jewish community. My favorite part of the trip was definitely the last day, when we went to Capitol Hill and spoke to our congressmen and senator. I also really enjoyed meeting other teenage Jews from around the country. I still keep in touch with some of the people I met. Another favorite part was going to the Holocaust Museum. I had been to the one in Israel before but never this museum, and I found it incredibly moving and interesting. In the end, I absolutely loved the trip and would definitely do it again if I had the chance!"
— Abby Wilson

"*L'Taken* was one of the greatest experiences of my life. It was awesome getting to meet new people and to become closer with my own classmates. It was exciting to walk through our nation's capital and present our speeches. It is definitely something I will remember for the rest of my life!" — Alex Wald



Finding inspiration at the Martin Luther King Memorial in Washington, D.C. as part of L'Taken.

"I liked *L'Taken* because I learned more than I would learn in an average day of school. Additionally, I made new connections with my classmates."

— Mitchell Friedman

In February we took our post-confirmation (11th and 12th grade) students to Charleston, South Carolina, where we explored the rich Jewish and American history of the South. Highlights included touring the Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim cemetery, where members of the congregation who fought in both the Revolutionary and



Goofing off and learning lots in Charleston.

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Civil wars were buried, and joining their Reform community for services on Friday night. We also traveled to Fort Sumter to learn about the history of slavery, secession and the Civil War through the South Carolina perspective, and explored a plantation originally run by slave labor that grew the cash crop of rice (not cotton or tobacco). And, of course, our kids had the opportunity to build lasting relationships with one another. For many, the greatest highlight of the trip is bonding with their peers.

Some thoughts from the teens who were on the trip:

"The Charleston trip was everything I had hoped it would be. Visiting a place so rich with Jewish history, that dates all the way back to the Revolutionary War, was incredible. I enjoyed Shabbat services in a temple that is the fourth oldest in the United States. This trip also helped to strengthen my friendships." — Kelsey Kaplowitz

"I liked the trip to Charleston because it gave me a glimpse into the history of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, insight into the Jewish community in Charleston, and this area of the South in general. The hospitality, food and architecture were all outstanding components of the city, as well." — Owen Miller

"Our Charleston trip was more than amazing. Getting to explore the beautiful city with my best friends was an experience I will never forget. The mix of education, fun and free time brewed the best trip possible." — Emily Armant



Members of the post-confirmation class bless themselves at Shabbat dinner.

"I liked the Charleston trip because I was able to room with people I normally don't talk to, hang out with people I don't hang out with on a regular basis, get closer with the seniors and peers in my grade and eat some good Southern food." — Carly Radowitz

Young Family Events

For families with children in grade 2 or younger

Young Family Schmooze

Sunday, February 26

Sunday, March 26

Sunday, April 23

Sunday, May 7

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Café



Young Family Shabbat Experience

Saturdays, March 18

and May 18

9:00 a.m.

Purim

Megillah and Spiel

March 11, 7:00 p.m.



Purim Carnival

March 12, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Carnival Opens at 10:30 a.m.

for children under 5 years of age

Young Family Passover Experience

Saturday, April 8, 5:00 p.m.

No RSVP necessary – feel free to email Andrea Dean with any questions – andreamdean@gmail.com

Youth Education at TBE



TBE's NFTY Convention Delegation, l-r: Jacob Walton, Noah Horowitz, Rachel Frish, director of youth engagement, and Talia Rubin



The rest of the TBE contingent: Benjamin Walton with his brother, Jacob.

Several members of TBE's high school youth group, SMOOCHY, attended the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) Convention in Chicago from February 16–20. Some of the highlights include: Shabbat creative services, social justice workshops, creative expression activities, venturing into Chicago to learn about Jewish organizations in the city, meeting hundreds of Jewish teens from across North America, and of course plenty of dancing, laughing and having fun!



Noah Horowitz showing off his souvenir — a box of cupcakes!

"The two biggest experiences for me were learning about racial justice issues from a Jewish perspective and getting to experience the culture that each region throughout NFTY brought to convention. Everyone has their own way of doing things, but we could still come together to make an event like this amazing!" — Noah Horowitz, senior.

Federation Announces New Overnight Jewish Summer Camp and Summer Israel Experience Scholarship Program

The Jewish Federation of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties is pleased to announce the establishment of a new scholarship program designed to promote attendance at overnight Jewish camp and Israel programs. The scholarship program is need-blind and is available to qualifying Jewish individuals between the ages of 6 and 18 who live in any of the three counties served by the Federation. Applicants must be first-time campers at a recognized Jewish overnight camp or first-time visitors to Israel with a recognized youth program.

Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis based on the date and time of the receipt of their completed application by the Jewish Federation office. The scholarship program for this year will end when the monies allocated to this program are all awarded.

For more details about JFedSHAW's Overnight Jewish Camp and Israel Experience Scholarship Program eligibility or application process, visit the federation's website (www.jfedshaw.org) or contact the federation at info@jfedshaw.org or 908-758-2001.



Jewish LIFE

Lifelong Learning at Temple Beth-El

CLASSES

Adult Hebrew

Advanced Beginner Hebrew Reading and Aleph Isn't Enough continue on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 10:00, respectively.

March 19, 26; April 2, 23, 30

A Taste of Mussar

An introduction to the study and practice of Jewish spiritual ethics

Instructor: Rabbi Gluck

Mussar is a centuries-old Jewish body of teachings, a perspective, and a disciplined practice that provides distinctively Jewish answers to the sorts of questions any thinking person asks about life: Why do I keep making the same mistakes over and over? Why do I cause pain to myself and others? What steps can I take to bring my life closer to my spiritual potential? Are there lessons I

can learn from the experiences of previous generations? Mussar provides guidance in identifying your uniquely personal path of spiritual growth and offers practices to help bring about that growth. A Taste of Mussar is an introductory four-week course to give you the opportunity to experience the tradition of learning and practicing Mussar that has engaged and helped people for centuries.

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

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Fee: \$36

Jewish Film Series

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

March 25: *A Borrowed Identity*

April 15: (TBA)

May 6: *She's Coming Home*

Israeli Dancing

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Yoga Classes

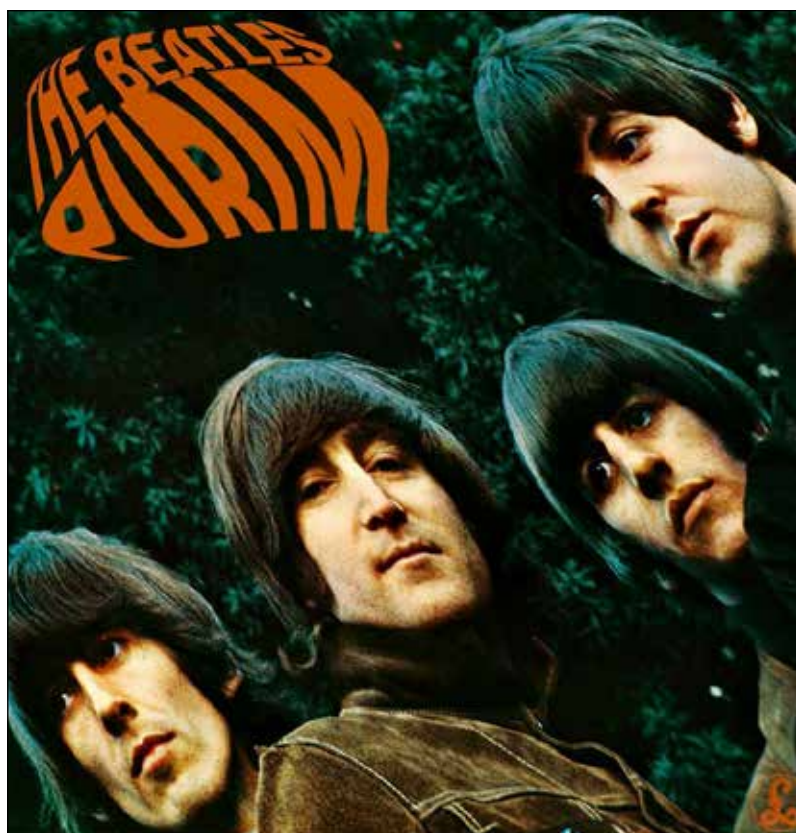
Gentle Yoga Flow

Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Instructor: Shari Czar

Whether you've never been in a downward dog or have been practicing half-moon for years, this class is for you. Gentle Yoga Flow consists of stretches to warm-up the body, postures to build strength, balance, and flexibility, deep breathing to promote stress reduction, and deep relaxation to bring calmness and balance. This class is appropriate for any fitness level and great for beginners and abilities of all levels.

March 2, 14 (a Tuesday), 23, 30; April 13, 20



The Beatles Purim

Temple Beth-El Celebrates Purim!
Megillah Reading and Spiel
Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Written by Rabbi Billy Dreskin. Produced and directed by Cantor Emily Wigod Pincus.

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 12

11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
(after Religious School)

(Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for families with children ages 5 and under)

**Games, delicious food,
tons of prizes and more!**

Open to the community.
Come in costume!

Don't miss out on this incredible event!

Extra info: \$10 for 15 tickets,
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Concessions
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Presented by
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the high school
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Thursday, April 20, 2017 | 7:00 pm
Temple Shalom, Bridgewater



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Starting a Chain Reaction of Giving

Recently the Township of Hillsborough honored one of our congregants, Dr. Laurene Wolf, after she was named one of “New Jersey’s Favorite Kids’ Doctors” by NewJerseyFamily.com for the second year in a row. In awarding Laurene the proclamation for her many achievements and service, Mayor Carl Suraci declared, “We are proud to call Dr. Laurene Wolf a Hillsborough resident and thank her for her many contributions and dedication to our community.”

Laurene established her orthodontics practice in Hillsborough in 1998, where she treats children, adolescents and adults with dedication, care and state-of-the-art technology. In fact, you may already know her as your child’s orthodontist, or as a fellow Temple Beth-El congregant, along with her husband, Howard, and their children, Carly and Reese.

But what you may not know is how much Laurene also gives back to her community. For example, her Giving Smiles Foundation for several years sponsored an essay contest that asked children, including those at Temple Beth-El, to write about the community service they were involved with. “The idea behind the contest was that it would hopefully encourage kids to do more acts of charity and community service and that it would also reward the kids who were giving back to our community,” explains Laurene. An independent committee selected the three winners, who had donations made in their honor to a charity of their choice, and the first-place winner also received complimentary orthodontic care.

In addition to the Giving Smiles Foundation, Laurene also works with Steps Together, a Hillsborough charitable organization formed in 2013 to inspire township residents to support other local families facing medical crises. Through working with Steps Together, Laurene has met some of the families who are beneficiaries and personally witnessed the ups and downs of battling the daunting diseases and medical conditions they face. This has underscored to her the value of strong community bonds and the importance of caring for one another. “It’s eye-opening how the outpouring of community support lifts these families up and helps them with their struggles as much as the financial support does,” she observes.

On the education front, Laurene also awards a monetary scholarship to a graduating high school senior who wants to enter the dental field and who has been involved in community service. “It’s a way to give back to my

profession and again reward and hopefully encourage further community service,” Laurene explains. For instance, “one of the past scholarship winners was planning to become a dentist and also was interested in joining the Peace Corps,” she notes.

Laurene credits her strong Jewish background and her parents’ example for her active involvement in good works. “My Jewish values are at the core of who I am. I was always brought up to be charitable and help others. I remember my mother often saying it was a mitzvah to welcome anyone to our home who didn’t have a place to go at the holidays. I also saw my parents donating monetarily to various charitable organizations, and my family was very involved with charity through volunteering with our temple in East Brunswick.” Looking ahead to her next mitzvah, Laurene says, “Only time will tell what is next! I keep an open mind, and I love to get involved in things that start a chain reaction of giving and inspire others to also get involved.”

Congratulations to Laurene on her honor from Hillsborough Township, and thank you for all your dedication and public service!



Hillsborough mayor Carl Suraci (l) and deputy mayor Gloria McCauley (r) present Laurene Wolf with a proclamation honoring her work in the community.

Brotherhood

Our 2017 Person of Honor: Rande Aaronson

Brotherhood will honor Rande Aaronson with this year's Person of Honor award on Sunday, June 4.

Rande has been the colorful master of ceremonies for many Person of Honor breakfasts, so this year, Rande will get a taste of his own medicine as we roast him. The Person of Honor Breakfast supports the Brotherhood Youth Scholarship Fund, which helps temple youth attend Jewish programs throughout the year.

Rande and his wife Janet have been temple members for more than 25 years, during which Rande has been an active member of our community. He has been a member of the board of trustees, member of the 50th year jubilee committee, caster of ceremonies of the jubilee dinner, Cabaret Night participant, Brotherhood president and executive board member, and has served on many other temple committees. Additionally, Rande was one of the co-founders and developers of the Brotherhood Youth Scholarship Fund, and he is also responsible for recruiting and training many past and present Brotherhood leaders.

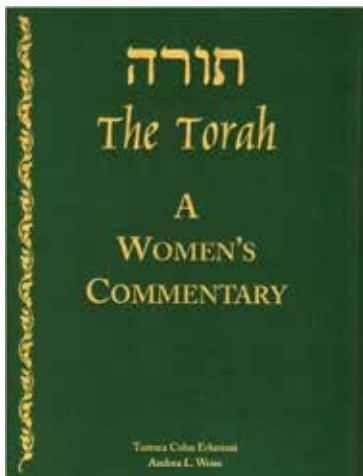
Most recently Rande chaired the Legacy Circle, where he established and actively promoted the temple gift legacy program.

Rande has worked at David Lerner Associates as a manager and Investment Counselor for more than 30 years. Locally, Rande served on the Somerville Library board of trustees (where he met Ray Taub, who helped bring Rande and Janet to Temple Beth-El). Rande and Janet have four children, Arielle, Cole, Tess and Ethan; one grandchild, and are expecting a second grandchild very soon.

We invite our entire temple community to come out on June 4 to honor Rande and to thank him for his service to Temple Beth-El and Brotherhood. To help with the festivities, Steve Lieberman will emcee the breakfast. And with these two longtime hosts, anything can happen!

Please watch for information on how to register for the Brotherhood Person of Honor Breakfast.

News from the Judaica Gift Shop



Sisterhood has the opportunity to purchase copies of the Women's Commentary for the Judaica Gift Shop at the rock bottom price of just \$40. We are so excited about this opportunity that we have decided to pass on the discount to all members of Temple Beth-El. If you are interested in purchasing a copy for this amazing price, please contact Cindy Andrews or Marsha Malberg no later than March 31 to place your order.

Holidays Are Coming – Check Out the Judaica Shop!

Passover:

How about Seder plates, Elijah's cups, matzah/afikoman holders, etc.?

Mother's Day:

Come see our selection of beautiful and unique jewelry for Mom. Does she like earrings, bracelets, necklaces? We have it all. Here is just some of our inventory:



Cultural Arts

Cultural Arts Happenings for March and April

Jewish Film Series

Saturday evening is your movie night at TBE. On Saturday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m., the Social Action Committee and the Cultural Arts Committee are teaming up again to present an award-winning Israeli film, *A Borrowed Identity*.

The accolades for this film include Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor, Israeli Film Academy 2014; and Best Feature Film, Boulder International Film Festival, 2015. *Hollywood Reporter* noted, "There are a lot of ideas about history, co-habitation, cultural identity, legacy and heritage here that are absolutely fascinating," while *Variety* enthused, "This tale of a young Arab trying to find his place in Israel is Eran Riklis' strongest film in years."

After the film, David Cohen will lead a discussion of the film and its implications for Americans and Israelis in our increasingly radicalized world. For more information, pick up flyers in the lobby, check out the poster, and see the flyer in the Shofar. The doors open at 6:45 p.m., so come see a great movie and get involved in the most interesting discussion of the year!

Entry is only \$7, and includes a variety of snacks, cold and hot drinks, the movie and the discussion. Seats sell quickly, and extra donations will go to IHN. To reserve your spot, RSVP to Simona: bakerec@comcast.net.

Further ahead, save the date for Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., when Renaissance and the Cultural Arts Committee are collaborating to present the film *She's Coming Home*. The discussion will be led by the Renaissance Group. This film won Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress, Israeli Academy Awards, 2013; and Best Actress, Best Israeli Feature Film, Jerusalem Film Festival, 2013.

Israeli Folk Dancing

Spring is here, so get in shape and start moving! Israeli dancing is the best workout for mind, body, and soul. Dancing is the fun way to get to 10,000 steps without even noticing. Wear your pedometer and see how the steps add up. But most of all, the joy and spiritual experience of Israeli dancing is priceless.

Drop in to the multipurpose room of Temple Beth-El any Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The cost is just \$10 for a 90-minute session (sometimes longer), including refreshments. All levels are welcome, beginners to advanced, and first-time dancers are free. For registration and questions, contact Simona at bakerec@comcast.net.

Have a sweet and happy Purim,
Have a happy day every day.
See you at the movies,
And maybe at the dancing,

L'shalom,

Simona Rivkin

Cultural Arts Committee Chair



Israeli Folk Dance

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

\$10 per session, first session free to newcomers.

Come lose yourself in the rhythms of the dance and the tuneful music, and feel great as your endorphins kick in! You'll feel happy, and lost in the pleasure of the moment!

Questions?

Contact Simona Rivkin bakerec@comcast.net



Café Beth-El

Open 8:45 to 11:15 a.m. on
Religious School Sundays

Want to help schmeer bagels or make
coffee? We can always use a hand.

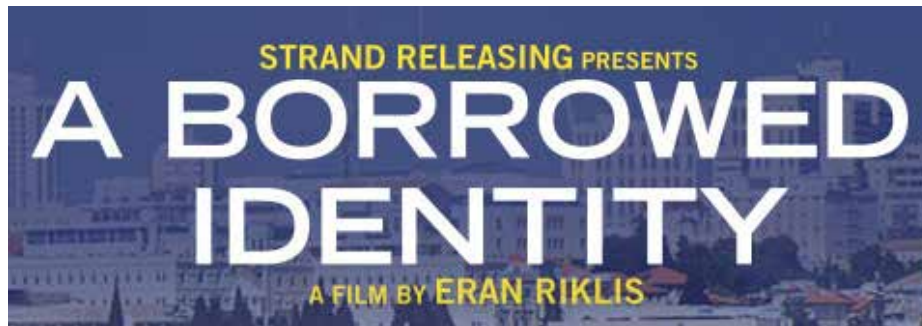
Contact Jay Taylor

9098-507-7849 or

J.Taylor@Huber.com

**Want to join me in our Cultural Arts Committee fun?
Just give me a buzz at 908-369-7884**

The Cultural Arts and Social Action Committees present



**Saturday, March 25
7:00 p.m.**

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

**Provocative discussion after the
film led by Social Action**

Not rated. 104 minutes. In Hebrew and
Arabic with English subtitles.
Suggested donation \$7/pp or better

RSVP required to Simona at
bakerec@comcast.net

**Sponsored jointly by TBE Cultural Arts
and Social Action Committees**

Awards:

Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor, Israeli Film Academy
2014; Best Feature Film, Boulder International Film
Festival, 2015.

A gifted Palestinian Israeli boy is given the chance to go
to a prestigious Jewish boarding school in Jerusalem. As
he desperately tries to fit in with his Jewish schoolmates
and within Israeli society, he develops a friendship
with another outsider, a boy suffering from muscular
dystrophy. After falling in love with a Jewish girl, he
discovers that he will have to sacrifice his identity in
order to be accepted, and is forced to make a decision
that will change his life.

Reviews:

"There are a lot of ideas about history, co-habitation,
cultural identity, legacy and heritage here that are
absolutely fascinating." *Hollywood Reporter*

"This tale of a young Arab trying to find his place in
Israel is Eran Riklis' strongest film in years." *Variety*



Israel Matters

URJ's Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie to speak at Israel Shabbat on April 28

Last month we were privileged to have Rabbi Marc Rosenstein as our guest for the weekend of Tu B'Shvat. His visit enriched us all and provided us with tremendous insight on current issues in Israel, such as how Israel can continue to be both a Jewish and democratic state.

On April 28, we will have the wonderful opportunity to welcome Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie as our guest speaker for Israel Shabbat, our community celebration of Yom Haatzmaut (Israel Independence Day). The evening will commence with a Shabbat dinner at 6:15 p.m., featuring Mediterranean favorites, followed by Shabbat services at 8:00 p.m. Rabbi Yoffie will speak about "Israel's Identity Crisis: Struggling with Religion in the Jewish State."

Rabbi Yoffie is the president emeritus of the Union for Reform Judaism, the congregational arm of the Reform Jewish Movement in North America. He served as president of the Union from 1996 to 2012. Just one of his many outstanding accomplishments was launching the "Ten Minutes of Torah" learning initiative in 2003, which allows subscribers to receive educational emails from the URJ each weekday, beginning with the weekly Torah portion and covering other topics such as Jewish history, culture and ethics.



In addition, Rabbi Yoffie has always been deeply committed to social justice and community concerns. He has been a spokesperson for sensible gun legislation, and was the only religious leader to appear at the Million Mom March in Washington, D.C. He has also worked tirelessly on behalf of the rights of Reform Jews in Israel.

Prior to being president of the Union for Reform Judaism, Rabbi Yoffie was director of the URJ's Commission on Social Action and served as the executive director of ARZA (the Association of Reform Zionists of America).

Rabbi Yoffie writes and lectures on Israel and the Middle East, American Jewish life, interfaith relations, and American religious life. He writes for *Time Magazine*, *The Huffington Post*, *The Jerusalem Post*, and the Israeli daily newspaper, *Haaretz*. His articles can be found on his blog at www.erichoffie.com.

Please mark your calendars to join us for Israel Shabbat!

Beth Lavranchuk
Israel Matters Committee Chair

Please Join Rabbi Eric Yoffie, the Israel Matters Committee, and our Clergy for



Israel Shabbat **Friday, April 28, 2017**



Celebrate Shabbat!

with a delicious **catered** dinner at 6:15 p.m. featuring authentic Mediterranean cuisine (provided by Sahara) with our wonderful community;

Enjoy!

a beautiful musical presentation by the TBE choir; and

Worship!

at our warm and inspiring Shabbat service, during which Rabbi Yoffie will speak about "Struggling with Religion in the Jewish State."

RSVP to Susan Walters by Monday, April 24 (908-722-0674, ext 110) or online at www.tinyurl.com/TBEIsraelShabbat2017. Adults \$15.00; Children \$8.00

Renaissance Happenings

Mark Your Calendars

- Sun., April 30 1:00 p.m.** **Paid-Up Membership Luncheon at Spain '92**
Good food, good friends, good time!
Flyer will be forthcoming.
Not sure if you are paid up?
Email Bob Taber: fct4gc@gmail.com
- Sun., May 7 12:00 p.m.** **Senior Brunch/Hairspray – Voorhees High School, Glen Gardner, NJ**
Tickets include brunch:
\$20 center section/\$15 side section
2:00 p.m. Brunch Show
For best available seats, email Barry:
barryskolky@yahoo.com
- Wed., June 14 11:00 a.m.** **Liberty Hall Historical Museum and Gardens, Kean University, Union, NJ**
Victorian mansion and gardens tour, followed by luncheon nearby.
Watch for email with details.

SNOWBIRD

*I am not bereft of bitter cold,
but take with me
the way of winter:*

*the lacyladen trees
standing tall and proudly bearing
the burden of winter's
glacial gift;*

*the crunch beneath my boot
as I leave my lair
fills me with fear of falling,
yet, savoring the beauty in the beast;*

*the sounds of screaming children
sliding down a slippery slant,
hooting howls resounding
as they ascend again.*

*So, in this place of Sun and Ants
I'm not really leaving winter,
just the winter's land.*

Harriet Raynes Thaler winter 2017

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.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Temple Beth-El on April 18. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). **All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle**

Why do I miss my non-Jewish mother on Passover?



Amy Rubin's mother, Amy H. Garthly
Photo credit: Marian Rubin

My mother, Amy Heinel Garthly, of blessed memory, passed away in 2009. Not surprisingly, there are many moments when I miss her and yearn to be able to tell her of some news, or hear her advice on some issue. My mom was wonderful at many things, and a patient and loving presence. It is a blessing to have loved ones who linger in our thoughts and hearts.

What I have often found curious, though, is that I miss her keenly as I prepare for our Passover Seder. The first few years after her passing, it surprised me that I was deeply saddened by her absence around Passover. You see, my mother wasn't Jewish and never attended one of my family's Seders. Why would I miss her at such a distinctly Jewish time?

I pull out my fine china, and think of my mother's china in the cabinet. I polish the silver, and imagine my mother's hands carefully and patiently polishing the serving pieces. I arrange the pots on the stove, planning how each will be

used, and recall my mother holding court in the kitchen. I spread out the tablecloth, and memories of my mother doing the same at Christmas bubble up.

The first few years, this feeling bothered me. It felt wrong and out-of-place. My efforts to compartmentalize my life just weren't working. I had a difficult time reconciling my feelings of grief with the hope that Passover represented.

Eventually, I figured out that I miss my mom whenever I'm making a special holiday meal – be it Thanksgiving, Passover or a big birthday dinner. During the hubbub of preparing for a loving family celebration, it's natural to remember my mother. Eventually I gave myself permission to stop worrying about compartmentalizing and to welcome the fond memories as part of the holiday joy.

This blending of worlds is the blessing of being a Jew-by-choice. As I make my way in the Jewish world, I'm not cut off from the influences of my previous, non-Jewish self, just as I'm not cut off from my Jewishness when engaging in a secular activity. My non-Jewish mother's love can shine through me onto my Jewish family, on this Passover, on every Passover.

Miss you, Mom!

Amy Rubin

It's Time to Plan for Passover!

Bring your family and your guests to Temple Beth-El for the Second Seder led by Rabbi Gluck and Cantor Pincus.



Saturday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious catered Seder meal with roast chicken, brisket, or vegetarian entree options. The price for adults is JUST \$39, and there is no charge for children under the age of 13.

Hope to see you there. Register at www.tinyurl.com/TBESecondSeder2017

Passover Recipes

Slow-Cooker Coffee-Braised Brisket with Potatoes and Carrots

Ingredients:

- 1 medium onion, peeled and quartered, stem end left intact
- 1 lb new potatoes (about 12)
- 1 lb medium carrots, cut into 2½-inch lengths
- 2½ lbs beef brisket, trimmed
- kosher salt and black pepper
- 16-oz can tomato paste
- 1 cup brewed black coffee
- 3 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 Tbs chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Directions:

In the bottom of a 5- to 6-quart slow cooker, combine the onion, potatoes, and carrots. Season the beef with 1 teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper and place on top of the vegetables.

In a small bowl, whisk together the tomato paste, coffee, Worcestershire sauce, and brown sugar; pour over the beef and vegetables. Cover and cook on low until the beef and vegetables are tender, 8 to 9 hours.

Slice the beef across the grain and serve with the vegetables and sauce, sprinkled with the parsley.

Potato, Thyme & Olive Oil Gratin

The recipe can be made completely up to 4 hours ahead; let the dish sit on the counter and, 20 minutes before serving time, reheat it in the oven until warmed through.

Ingredients:

- 5 Tbs extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 lb. Yukon Gold potatoes
- 1 tsp chopped fresh thyme leaves
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup homemade or low-salt chicken broth

Directions:

Position a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 375°F. Coat the inside of a 9x9-inch or equivalent baking dish with 1 Tbs of the olive oil. Peel the potatoes, slice them into 1/8-inch-thick rounds, and put them in a bowl. Add the thyme, 1½ tsp salt, and a few grinds of pepper and toss to coat everything evenly, making sure that you separate all the sticking potatoes. Pour the potatoes into the baking dish and arrange them in an even layer.

Bring the chicken broth to a simmer in a small saucepan. Whisk the remaining 4 Tbs oil into the broth and pour the mixture over the potatoes. Press down on the potatoes with the back of a spatula to distribute the liquid. Cover the baking dish with foil and bake for 30 min. Remove from the oven and remove the foil. Press down on the potatoes with a spatula to get the juices to bubble up over the edges of the potatoes. Return the pan to the oven, uncovered now, and cook for another 15 min. Repeat this process of pressing on the potatoes every 15 min two more times for a total cooking time of 1 hour and 15 min. When done, the gratin will be lightly brown on top and the potatoes tender when pierced with the tip of a small knife. If the top of the gratin isn't browned after this amount of time, press on the potatoes again with the spatula and return the pan to the oven for up to another 10 min.

Remove the dish from the oven. Press one last time with the spatula and then let the dish rest on a cooling rack for 30 min. before serving.

Chewy Chocolate Meringues

Ingredients:

- 1 cup egg whites
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup dark chocolate chips

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 275 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

Place the egg whites and sugar in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Cook, stirring, until the sugar melts. Place the warm egg white and sugar mixture in the bowl of a stand mixer and beat on high until the whites are stiff and glossy, about 5 - 10 minutes.

Add the chocolate chips and mix on medium until incorporated.

Scoop large spoonfuls onto the prepared baking sheets. These cookies won't spread, but you want to keep an inch between them on the sheet. The cookies will look like fluffy clouds, and will retain this shape during baking.

Bake in the oven for about 45 minutes, rotating the sheets halfway through, until they are hard on the outside and soft in the center. The best way to test is to break one in half and make sure it's cooked through, but still soft.

Allow to cool completely on the baking sheets before removing them carefully with your hands. Store in an airtight container up to 4 days.

Recipe sources: brisket: realsimple.com; gratin: finecooking.com; meringues: Food52.com

Sisterhood

We Are Part of WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) !! This is not new, but we bet a lot of you didn't know...

Did you know that, as a member of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El, you are also a member of the Women of Reform Judaism? This may not seem like a big deal, but it really is. WRJ is a vital organization working on behalf of women in North America and Israel. The mission of WRJ is simple:

Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) strengthens the voice of women worldwide and empowers them to create caring communities, nurture congregations, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and advocate for and promote progressive Jewish values.

Our region of WRJ is part of the Atlantic District, which encompasses New Jersey and Pennsylvania, as well as the northern part of West Virginia. This provides us with broader resources than we have on our own. Through our commitment (and the commitment of hundreds of Sisterhoods across North America), WRJ is able to provide support for the following (to name a few):

- URJ camps – many of our kids go to Camp Harlam in Pennsylvania, where our district donated the new Chapel on the Hill)
- part of NFTY)
- (HUC-JIR)

- World Union of Progressive Judaism (WUPJ)
- Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism (IMPJ)
- Religious Action Center (RAC) – our confirmands attend the *L'Taken* program every year
- Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC) – Fights for gender equality, such as integrated seating on buses and planes, among other worthy causes
- Women of the Wall

This is just a sampling of who WRJ is and some of the wonderful programs and opportunities that they (and we) do. During the next year, we will partner with other Sisterhoods to provide expanded programming and connection with our sisters in the broader community. Stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, if you're curious about what else WRJ does, or how we are able to do all of this, just ask.

We wish you all a fun-filled Purim and a Zissen Pesach.

Marcy Rosenfeld and Cindy Andrews
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Honoring Cindy Scott, Sisterhood Woman of Valor for 2016

On January 12, 2017 the Sisterhood held a festive dinner to honor Cindy Scott as its Woman of Valor for 2016. The dinner, catered by Busy Bee Caterers, was enjoyed by approximately fifty Sisterhood members, together with Cindy's family. As part of this special evening of tributes we collected contributions in Cindy's honor for one of her favorite charities, Safe + Sound of Somerset County (formerly the Women's Resource Center of Somerset County). After matching all collected contributions, Sisterhood was able to send Safe + Sound \$974 in honor of our Woman of Valor for 2016. Thanks Cindy, for all you have done and continue to do for Temple Beth-El and for the community at large!

Cindy Scott displaying her Woman of Valor framed Blessing joined by past Women of Valor. Pictured from l to r, standing: Marsha Malberg, Karen Kaplan, Barbara Johnston, Cindy Andrews, Irene Lieberman. Seated: Lillian Swickle, Cindy Scott, Marcy Rosenfeld.



Upcoming Sisterhood Happenings:

Women's Torah Study – next session on Wednesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Host: Esther Wallach
77 Murray Drive, Hillsborough

A double portion for double the fun!

Parashat Vayak'heil (Exodus 35:1 – 39:20) AND
Parashat Pikudei (Exodus 38:21 – 40:38)

The sanctuary is built to exacting specifications, adorned by gifts from all whose heart so moves them. God's presence fills the tabernacle, and is evidenced by the people through cloud and fire as they continue on their journey.

Worship Service Led by Sisterhood – Friday, March 31 at 8:00 p.m.

Please join us for an uplifting Friday evening service as we welcome Shabbat. We hope all of our Sisterhood members will take part in the service. There are both English and Hebrew parts to be had. Please contact Marsha Malberg to let her know that you want to participate.

Update: What Happened to Those Sanctuary Improvements?

Last year the Sisterhood board announced that one-half of the profits from the Purim Mishloach Manot project would be applied to sanctuary improvements. This year we decided that we would like to pay for new carpeting in the sanctuary. The considerable cost of the carpeting and installation may require added profits from this year's and maybe even next year's Purim bag sales; however, we are committed to getting the entire sanctuary recarpeted. Together with the Temple Beautification Committee, Sisterhood board members are looking at samples to make just the right selection, and expect to get the project started over the summer. At the very least, we expect to see new carpeting on the bimah for the High Holy Day services. Thanks to everyone who supports the Sisterhood Purim Mishloach project. Without you, we couldn't help make these great improvements in our Temple Beth-El.

*Save
the
Date!!*

The Annual Sisterhood Women's Day of Rest and Renewal May 20, 2017

*11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Fox Hollow Golf Club
59 Fox Chase Run, Branchburg*

*Mark your calendar to celebrate this special Shabbat!
Spend a day filled with spirituality, delicious food, relaxation,
fun and friendship while enjoying tranquil lake views!*

Give yourself a truly unique and rewarding day.

You'll be grateful you did...you deserve it!

Please check Sisterhood's Tuesday Tidbits and the *Shofar* for program and pricing details.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Leigh Freeman, Coordinator — IHN / Temple Beth-El

Our next hosting date is April 23 - 30

2017 IHN Hosting Schedule

April 23-30 June 4-11 August 13-20
November 5-12 December 24-31

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/TBEIHNSignup 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
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Evening Shift Volunteers	Julie Hirsch	732-580-8246		jbghirsch@gmail.com
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Chris Grafer, on the passing of his brother, Donald E. Grafer
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Max Spinner, on the passing of his wife, Jackie Spinner
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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.

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Yahrzeits March

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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 month. Below are the dates for the Yahrzeits we will be reciting during Shabbat services.

To be read March 10 and 11

Bertha Posner, aunt of Marcy Rosenfeld
Irv Rabinowitz, father of Sarah Gluck
Anne Swickle, a TBE founding member
Cary E. Goldberg, father of Lisa Goldberg
Rose Mintz, mother of Goldie Taub
Rose Spinner, mother of Max Spinner
Charles Fetaya, father of Pat Fetaya
Adam Goldberg, brother of Carl Goldberg
Mary Beth Lieb, mother of Wendy Spinner
Benjamin Wald, father of David Wald
Estelle Freeman, mother of Richard Freeman
Ruth Papier, grandmother of Shelley Drozd
Alice Seid, grandmother of Kenneth Rubin
George Skowronek, son of Joshua Skowronek,
brother of Brian Skowronek
Harold Jurgrau, father of Fern Schiffman
Harriet Morrison, sister-in-law of Leon Morrison
Frederick Dallow, father of Brian Dallow
Gus Friedman, father of Marc Friedman
Joseph Enzer, husband of Lillian Swickle
Dorothy Levine, mother of Alvin Levine
Richard I. Spivack, father of Michelle Grafer

To be read March 17 and 18

Anna Rosenthal, mother of Arlene Hysen
Mildred Schoenfeld, mother of Eugene Schenkman
David Sloane, father of Leslie Marcus
Billie Sharon Crumley, sister of Stuart Southland
Rose Grossman, mother of Linda Strand
Herman Blond, father of David Blond
Martha Lottman, mother of Liz Cohen
Arthur Lavin, grandfather of Liz Cohen
Louis Zibulsky, grandfather of Robyn Becker
Ellen Fischer, mother of David Fischer
Charles Insler, father of Elayne Weitz
Max Chanoch, father of Keith Chanoch
Anne Finkelstein, mother of Beth Lavranchuk and Lori Blond
Morris Goldstein, father of Marcia Shubitz
Tillie Vogel, mother of Irwin Vogel
Daniel Wachtel, loved one of Ann Weinstein
Lotte Weyl, mother of Lewin Weyl
Joan Bateman, mother of Caren Bateman

Anne Feurman, mother of Ileen Bradley
Paul Glaser, father of Shelley Drozd
Eileen Lemansky, mother of Ellen Edwards
Jacob Seckler, father of Ellen Bailin
Albert Swickle, father-in-law of Lillian Swickle
Victor Vigdergaus, father of Simona Rivkin
Hannah Walitsky, mother of Paul Walitsky

To be read March 24 and 25

Karen Zweig, mother of Lauren Iannucci
Melvin Wolfson, father of Laura Kasauskas
Mary Rugg, mother of Stuart Rugg
Marion Seinfeld, grandmother of David Sandler
Jules Swickle, husband of Lillian Swickle
Rose Faer, mother of Beverly Bober
George Okun, father of Charles Okun
Bernice Jacobs Sarnoff, mother of Nancy Burke
Eva Spivack, grandmother of Michelle Grafer
Charles Feurman, father of Ileen Bradley
William Irving Klinghoffer, father of Doris Moshinsky
Bathsheva Malberg, mother of Marc Malberg
and Edward Malberg
Charles Steinman, father of Judith Steinman
Fay Berger, grandmother of Dana Colon

To be read March 31 and April 1

Dahlia Johnston, mother of Russ Johnston
Dorothy Nerenberg, mother of Henry Nerenberg
Raymond Redlich, father of Sam Redlich
Sylvia Oppen, grandmother of Tamar Yarkoni
Tiby Sharlin, sister of Goldie Taub
Dr. Harvey Freed, brother of Diane Morrison
Phyllis Phillips, sister of Jeanette Tuckman
Phyllis Rosenfeld, sister of Alan Rosenfeld
Irwin N. Levison, father of Carol Levison
Sheila Broder, sister of Debbie Friedman
Ben Spinner, father of Max Spinner
Robin Callaghan, cousin of Brian Small
Martha Brody, mother of Bruce Brody
Ida Goldstein, mother of Marcia Shubitz
Mollie Schenkman, mother of Eugene Schenkman
Florence Winters, mother of William Winters

Yahrzeits April

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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 month. Below are the dates for the Yahrzeits we will be reciting during Shabbat services.

To be read April 7 and 8

George Roberts, father of Sharon Hambro
Bernard Kimmelman, father of Alan Kimmelman
Robert Rubin, father of Kenneth Rubin
Leonard Miller, father-in-law of Laura Miller
Rosalie Zapolin, mother of Zorina Walitsky
David Zelnick, father of Zelda Reinhart
Abraham Levenson, father of Edith Rugg
Rose Seckler, mother of Ellen Bailin
Antoinette Bouchonville, mother of Maria Landau
Anne Gomolka, mother of Albert Gomolka
Charles Bronston, father of Jan Gorban
Robert Donohue, father of Karen Donohue
Yael Gorban, mother of Arie Gorman
David Schnee, stepfather of Jay Tischfield
Benjamin Brown, father of Marvin Brown
Sol Ferling, father of Rhona Ferling
Herbert Schall, friend of Stanley Mendelson

To be read April 14 and 15

Ottillie Wasserman, grandmother of Tamar Yarkoni
Sidney Youngerman, father of Neil Youngerman
Benjamin Horowitz, father of Sidney Horowitz
Felice Platt, sister of Rena Fruchter
Hyman E. Cohen, father-in-law of Barbara Cohen
Jeffrey Mayer, brother of Cheryl Nelson
Esther Katz Rosen, aunt of Betty Roswell
Edward Ditman, father of Robin Kimmelman
Elaine Freiman, mother of Roy Freiman
Lloyd Goldberg, father of David Goldberg
Patricia Klimczak, sister of Joan Weiss
Rabbi Victoria Seren Tuckman, wife of Robert Tuckman
Lillian Richman, great aunt of Lynn Small

To be read April 21 and 22

Cheryl Bloomstein, wife of Michael Bloomstein
Joseph Burke, husband of Nancy Burke
Joseph Kelson, father of Ellen Brown
Arnold Friedman, father of Donna Stein
Irving Leventhal, father of Alan Leventhal
Armond Sherman, uncle of Jonathon Andell
Jack Unrot, grandfather of David Sandler
Fannie Fruchter, mother of Rena Fruchter
Seymour Morrison, brother of Leon Morrison
Hadassa Gradowski, mother of Helen Gradowski
Ada Sage, mother of Eileen Ruderman
Herbert Greenberg, husband of Phyllis Greenberg
Fred Schrier, father of Sheryl Miller
William Weitz, father of Steven Weitz
Gregory Grinberg, father of Michelle Gerner
Carole Rosenhaus, aunt of Steven Weitz
Milton Skowronek, father of Joshua Skowronek
Ruth Altschule, mother of Sara Friedman
Bernard Cudzynowski, father of Joseph Cudzynowski
Sidney Reinhart, father of Morton Reinhart
Irving Schwartz, grandfather of Debbie Manrique

To be read April 28 and 29

Philip Kaplan, father of Mitchell Kaplan
Miriam Youngerman, mother of Neil Youngerman
Frederick Chester, father of Simma Friedman
Caryn Katz, sister of Pauline Schneider
Fannie Friedman, grandmother of Doris Moshinsky
Milton Lottman, stepfather of Liz Cohen
Henry Samson, father of Shari Miller
John Yourman, father of Amy Berger
Selma Green, aunt of Iris Naroden
Kenneth Lieb, father of Wendy Spinner
George Paritz, father-in-law of Joshua Skowronek
Henry Rosewater, grandfather of Jonathon Andell
Hy Fine, grandfather of Tamar Yarkoni
Bernard Isaacson, father of Gerald Isaacson
Evelyn Kugler, aunt of Mark Andrews
Lewis Busch, father of Ronald Busch
Kathleen McBride, mother of Mark McBride
Robert Rosen, father of Steve Rosen

To be read May 4 and 5

Jean Chanoch, mother of Keith Chanoch
Roz Hirsch, mother of Allan Hirsch
Shirlee Shandler, grandmother of Brett Miller
Stanley Witlieb, father of Beth Berger
Leo Mayer, father of Cheryl Nelson
Norman Weinstein, husband of Ann Weinstein
Rose E. Seckler, aunt of Ellen Bailin
Richard Schenkman, brother of Eugene Schenkman
Ray Shinske, father of Caryn Shinske
Peter Spaulder, father of Mara White
Jack Stein, father of Mitchell Stein
Linda Goldblatt, mother of Lisa Friedman
Rose Poe, grandmother of Rick Miller
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Wednesday, March 1

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Mtg

Thursday, March 2

7:00 p.m. Israeli Folk Dance Chavurah
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing
6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow

Friday, March 3

National Day of Unplugging
6:00 p.m. Ma'ariv Service
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Across America Dinner and Shabbat Seder

Saturday, March 4

National Day of Unplugging
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, March 5

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. RS Grade 6 Family Ed — Tallit Workshop
10:00 a.m. Purim Bag Pick-up
1:00 p.m. RJVNJ Advocacy Training

Monday, March 6

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

Tuesday, March 7

6:30 p.m. Youth: Leadership Training Seminar
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: A Taste of Mussar

Wednesday, March 8

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting
7:45 p.m. Brit K'hilah

Thursday, March 9

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

Friday, March 10

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with participation of Grades PK and K

Saturday, March 11

Erev Purim
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
7:00 p.m. Megillah Reading and Purim Spiel

Sunday, March 12

Purim
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Purim Carnival Opens for Children under 5
11:00 a.m. Purim Carnival

Monday, March 13

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:45 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: A Taste of Mussar
6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow

Wednesday, March 15

1:00 p.m. LIFE Planning Meeting
4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

Thursday, March 16

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: 50th Anniversary of Six-Day War Pt 1 with Yossi Klein Halevi
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, March 17

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

Saturday, March 18

NFTY GER Hagigah
9:00 a.m. Shabbat Experience for Young Families
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Goldman

Sunday, March 19

NFTY GER Hagigah
CCAR Convention
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Advanced Beginner Hebrew Reading
9:00 a.m. Grade 6 Field trip to Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York
9:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting about Constitution
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough
11:15 a.m. Jewish Spirituality Gathering

Monday, March 20

CCAR Convention
4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Post Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, March 21

CCAR Convention
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: A Taste of Mussar

Wednesday, March 22

CCAR Convention
4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:30 p.m. Women's Torah Study

Thursday, March 23

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing
6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow

Friday, March 24

8:00 p.m. Youth: Blue Jean Shabbat
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, March 25

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bar Mitzvah of Colin Mandell
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series *A Borrowed Identity*

Sunday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Grade 4 Family Ed
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Advanced Beginner Hebrew Reading
9:00 a.m. Young Family Schmooze
9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough
11:15 a.m. Jewish Spirituality Gathering
4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: iEngage 3: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Monday, March 27

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

Tuesday, March 28

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Great Jewish Writers & Great Jewish Writing

Wednesday, March 29

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

Thursday, March 30

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing
6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow

Friday, March 31

NFTY 6/7 Event TBD
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Sisterhood and the Tefillah Band

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

April

Calendar of Events

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Saturday, April 1

NFTY 6/7 Event TBD

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

Sunday, April 2

NFTY 6/7 Event TBD

9:00 a.m. Sunday School with All-school Passover Program

9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Advanced Beginner Hebrew Reading

9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Board Meeting

10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough

11:15 a.m. Jewish Spirituality Gathering

Monday, April 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

7:45 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 4

6:30 p.m. Youth: Leadership Training Seminar

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Great Jewish Writers & Great Jewish Writing

Wednesday, April 5

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Israeli Folk Dance Chavurah

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

Friday, April 7

5:00 p.m. Post-Con Field Trip to Rutgers

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, April 8

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

5:00 p.m. Young Family Passover Experience

Sunday, April 9

9:00 a.m. No Sunday School — Pesach Break

Monday, April 10

Erev Pesach

4:30 p.m. No Hebrew School — Pesach Break

Tuesday, April 11

Yom Tov Pesach; Day 1

Temple Offices Closed

9:00 a.m. Yom Tov Pesach Service

6:30 p.m. Pesach - Second Seder

Wednesday, April 12

Chol Ha Mo'ed Pesach

4:30 p.m. No Hebrew School or Confirmation Academy — Pesach Break

7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, April 13

Chol Ha Mo'ed Pesach

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

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow

Friday, April 14

Chol Ha Mo'ed Pesach

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service with participation of Grade 6

Saturday, April 15

Shabbat Pesach

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

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series (TBD)

Sunday, April 16

Chol Ha Mo'ed Pesach

9:00 a.m. No Sunday School — Pesach Break

7:00 p.m. 7th Day Pesach and Yizkor Service

Monday, April 17

Yom Tov Pesach; Day 7

Temple Offices Closed

4:30 p.m. No Hebrew School — Pesach Break

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, April 18

6:00 p.m. Brit K'hilah, Dinner and Meeting

7:45 p.m. Young Family Initiative Meeting

Wednesday, April 19

4:30 p.m. No Hebrew School or Confirmation Academy — Pesach Break

Thursday, April 20

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: 50th Anniversary of Six-Day War Pt 2 with Yehuda Kurtzer

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

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow

Friday, April 21

NFTY Spring Kallah

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

Saturday, April 22

NFTY Spring Kallah

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

6:00 p.m. Grade 7 Family Education

Sunday, April 23

NFTY Spring Kallah

IHN Hosting Week

9:00 a.m. Prospective Members Breakfast with Rabbi Gluck

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Advanced Beginner Hebrew Reading

9:00 a.m. Young Family Schmoose

10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough

11:15 a.m. Jewish Spirituality Gathering

4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: iEngage 3: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

7:00 p.m. Community-wide Yom HaShoah Service

Monday, April 24

Yom HaShoah

IHN Hosting Week

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Youth Culture Committee

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 25

IHN Hosting Week

6:30 p.m. SMOOCHY Board Selections

Wednesday, April 26

IHN Hosting Week

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

Thursday, April 27

IHN Hosting Week

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

Friday, April 28

IHN Hosting Week

6:15 p.m. Celebrate Israel Shabbat Dinner

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service Celebrating Israel with Guest Rabbi Eric Yoffie and the Tefillah Band

Saturday, April 29

IHN Hosting Week

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

Sunday, April 30

IHN Hosting Week

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Advanced Beginner Hebrew Reading

9:00 a.m. RS Grade 4 Field Trip to Cemetery

10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Aleph Isn't Enough

11:15 a.m. Grade 7 Field Trip to Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia

11:15 a.m. Jewish Spirituality Gathering

1:00 p.m. Renaissance Luncheon Spain 92

1:00 p.m. Sisterhood Area Day

4:00 p.m. Community Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration at the JCC

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