

Shofar



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Rabbi's Message

Covenantal Kindness from Generation to Generation

Our tradition teaches us that the deeds we do for the deceased are among the greatest kindnesses possible. Clearly our sages had in mind that such acts are untainted by thoughts of self-service, since there is nothing the dead can do to requite us. A recent experience, however, helped me see a deeper dimension to what the rabbis meant when they invoked the term *chesed shel emet* to speak of such acts of kindness. *Chesed* means more than kindness. It is often translated as "lovingkindness," and its use in the Bible invokes an expression of deeply mutual or covenantal love.

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Worship Schedule

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 3

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

Saturday, November 4

Parashat Vayeira, Genesis 18:1–22:24

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

Friday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 11

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

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

Friday, November 17

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 18

Parashat Tol'dot, Genesis 25:19–28:9

9:00 a.m. Shabbat Experience for Young Families

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

Tuesday, November 21

7:00 p.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Honoring IHN

Friday, November 24

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, November 25

Parashat Vayeitzei, Genesis 28:10–32:3

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

DECEMBER

Friday, December 1

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 2

Parashat Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4–36:43

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

Friday, December 8

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 9

Parashat Vayeishev, Genesis 37:1–40:23

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

Tuesday, December 12

Chanukah: First Candle

Wednesday, December 13

Chanukah: Second Candle

Thursday, December 14

Chanukah: Third Candle

Friday, December 15

Chanukah: Fourth Candle

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Chanukah Service with Consecration

Saturday, December 16

Parashat Mikeitz, Genesis 41:1–44:17

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

Chanukah: Fifth Candle

Sunday, December 17

Chanukah: Sixth Candle

Monday, December 18

Chanukah: Seventh Candle

Tuesday, December 19

Chanukah: Eighth Candle

Wednesday, December 20

Chanukah: Final day

Friday, December 22

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 23

Parashat Vayigash, Genesis 44:18–47:27

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

Friday, December 29

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 30

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

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

Temple Calendar Webpage

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

Shofar Submissions and Deadline

The next issue of the Shofar will be January-February 2018. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submissions is December 15.

Submit articles via email to:

ShofarEditor@templebethelnj.org.

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

Torah Portions

You can read a Weekly Torah Commentary by visiting the Union of Reform Judaism's web page:

www.reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study

IHN Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Let's gather together with members of North Branch Reformed Church and St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church to celebrate, sing and pray in thanks for the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County (IHN) and the wonderful work it does in an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Beth-El.

A choir composed of members from the three congregations and led by Director of Sacred Music, Christina Blalock; Director of Music and Worship Arts, Linda Collins; and Cantor Pincus will perform songs full of joy and thanks accompanied by members of our own Tefillah Band. Rev. Todd Buurstra, and Rabbi Gluck will each conduct part of the service. Donations will be accepted for IHN, an organization providing emergency shelter and case management services to families in need. Nonperishable food items will also be collected for the Somerset County Food Bank.

Don't miss this very special evening and opportunity to pray and sing with a few of our partner IHN congregations.

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The experience was the funeral of a nonagenarian at which all of her four children and nine grandchildren were present. As a rabbi, this scene is not an uncommon thing to witness. Deep love of family is, thankfully, to be seen in abundance in our community (and beyond). It is often there, but is not often expressed as palpably as it was on this occasion, notably by the grandchildren.

It struck me at the cemetery as I watched each of the grandchildren take his or her turn at taking the shovel in hand and, in keeping with custom, turning it upside down to scoop some earth on the back side of the blade and placing it in the grave, which is meant to reflect our sadness and reticence at the need to be performing this act. Each one did this with strong and clear intention, with what seemed to be a deep knowledge of the meaning of this practice, and, more importantly, what it said about the bond between them and their grandmother. This is how we know that a ritual is alive, when it is a tangible conduit for the expression of meaning. In this case, I saw it speak to the value of *l'dor va-dor*, the living, vibrant link between the generations, between these young adults and their beloved grandmother.

These grandchildren did not live in the world of their grandmother. They are of this time and this place. But through *chesed*, through loving devotion, it was possible to witness that something quintessential and beautiful had been successfully passed from one generation to the next for at least three generations, and undoubtedly more.

It was not incidental, I think, that the vessel for the manifestation of this continuity was a ritual, and an ancient one at that. Such acts reflect a humility before the sacred, a willingness to allow ourselves to flow with the tapestry of time by doing that which those before us have done from time immemorial. In so doing, we become a link in a chain that preserves values that transcend time and space, and partake of eternity. We all live and die, but we are part of something stronger than death — an eternal people who embody the holy.

What I am trying to convey here is not limited to the rites and rituals of death and mourning, though there is

something especially deep about them that sets them apart. The beauty of continuity of spirit and sanctity flows through the rituals of Shabbat, holy days, and other moments of the life cycle, as well. But what distinguishes the rituals connected to the end of life is the lifelessness of the deceased we are honoring. They are not there to witness what we are doing for them, and yet we do it nonetheless. We do it *davka* — especially and affirmatively — because they are not able to look over our shoulders and approve or disapprove. This is why it is so poignant to observe a *yahrzeit* and to come to shul to say *kaddish*. There is little, if anything, that says as much about what we have become in relation to those we've loved and lost than standing to recite those ancient words, especially if they recited them in their turn, and so on back through the generations.

We Jews refer to the cemetery as *beit chayyim*, a “house of life,” because when they function as intended, as part of a set of practices that link the living and the dead, they bequeath to us a measure of immortality. Through memory and loving devotion, through *chesed shel emet*, we live on like those before us, through those who come after us, *l'dor va-dor*.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck

You, too, can perform acts of
covenantal kindness.

Join other members of TBE who serve on the
Chevra Kadisha (Holy Burial Society)
of our local Jewish community.

Contact Rabbi Gluck for further information.

Support Temple Beth-El Through the High Holy Day Appeal

On the holy days, Gary Cohen spoke about the importance of sustaining the community through the High Holy Day Appeal. If you missed it, you can view his remarks on our LiveStream channel (address below).

Please give generously to the High Holy Day Appeal. You can make your contribution online at <http://tinyurl.com/TBEHHDAppeal5778>. Thank you for your generosity.

Gary Cohen High Holy Day Appeal on LiveStream:
<https://livestream.com/OurBethEl/5778-high-holy-day-appeal>



A Note From Our Cantor

Chanukah Around the World Cantorial Concert

We are now in the Jewish month of Cheshvan, also called “mar” or “bitter” Cheshvan by the ancient rabbis because there are no holidays during this month. Modern day cantors tend to think of it in other terms. But this Cheshvan, I and my Cantorial Concert Committee, led with hard work, dedication, and so much love by Jim and Beth Lavranchuk, are not taking a vacation! Read on to find out what we’re up to, and about a truly wonderful way to spend the upcoming sixth night of Chanukah!



As the days grow shorter and the evenings longer in this time of festivities, both secular and Jewish, Cantor Emily Wigod Pincus has been turning her attention to the cantorial concert on Sunday, December 17 at 4:30 p.m., preceded by a “Meet the Artists” reception at 3:30 p.m., where a light dairy menu will be offered. This year’s concert will be called “Chanukah Around the World.” Cantor Pincus says, “There’s a lot of well-known and beloved Chanukah music, and we will touch on that while inviting the audience to look at Chanukah through the lens of all the different countries in which Jews have lived, bringing a multicultural perspective. It should be not only comforting, but fun and intriguing!” She goes on to explain that she “wanted to have something during this season that would draw the congregation together inter-generationally through music, while helping to raise money for the temple through donations and sponsorships.”

This year’s concert will indeed bring many voices together, both young and old, incorporating the talents of the youth choir, tefillah band, adult choir and our beloved accompanist Kathy Shanklin to bring joy and music to our congregation. One of the special guests will be **Joyce Rosenzweig**, artist-in-residence at the HUC Debbie Friedman School of Music. “Joyce is a major force in the Jewish music world, and is internationally known as a pianist,” Cantor Pincus enthuses, adding, “I have been dying to do a concert with her ever since I left HUC. I learned all my Yiddish and Sephardic repertory from her, and she was my favorite teacher.”

Cantor Galit Dadoun, of Temple B’nai Or in Morristown, is the other special guest at the concert. Cantor Pincus has worked with Cantor Dadoun on concerts, during Cantor Pincus’ HUC recital, and when she hosted the New Jersey Jewish Choral Festival a few years ago. Cantor Dadoun has sung opera and cantorial roles extensively in her native Israel, as well as Germany, Italy and the United States, and wrote her master’s thesis on the fusion of traditional Sephardic folk songs with Western art music in Jewish

music of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Clearly, both artists offer rich perspectives on the diversity of Jewish music around the globe and also its symbiosis with secular art forms. Indeed, remarks Cantor Pincus, “Both of these women are incredible people and artists, wonderful to work, perform, and pray with.”

As an added bonus, part of the afternoon will be devoted to singing songs from both The Great American Songbook and Israeli song repertoire, with song requests from some of our strong supporters. Another high-level donor perk is a free voice lesson with Cantor Pincus.

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

Admission is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children under 13, before December 1. This reserves your seat at the concert and some tasty “Beth-El baked with love and light” desserts. After December 1, admission rises to \$25 for adults, but remains at \$10 for children under 13.

A combined admission for the concert and the “Meet the Artists” reception at 3:30 is \$60. Please contact the synagogue office or use www.ourbethel.org/ChanukahAroundTheWorld online to reserve your place at the event.

The Talmud says: “All Israel are responsible for one another!” (Tractate Shavuot 39A). As always, events at Temple Beth-El are open to all, regardless of financial means, so if you would like to attend the concert, but will need financial assistance, please contact Cantor Pincus directly to reserve your place. We will be thrilled to welcome you, and our light will be increased by your presence.

We look forward to celebrating a musical, joyful sixth night of Chanukah. As it is said, “And the Jews had light, joy, gladness, and honor.” So may it be for all of us!

Thank you to our Torah Chanters for September, October and the High Holy Days:

Isabella Almeida	Rachel Berger	Shayna Friedman	Ed Malberg	Stuart Schnall
Sammy Almeida	Beth Borrus	Arielle Heimberg	Marissa Osofsky	Jake Silver
Grace Amodeo	Kyle Cartmell	Talia Hirsch	Katrina Papierman	Lindsey Skole
Cindy Andrews	Dave Cohen	Hannah Hopson	Kristen Rodrigues	Yael Tuckman
Hillary Angeline	Nate Cohen	Micah Kroloff	Marcy Rosenfeld	Lewin Weyl
Joe Angeline	Karen Donohue	Jim Lavranchuk	Talia Rubin	Ethan Wolkofsky
Lauren Angeline	Michelle Engler	Jay Lavroff	Alex Russo	Ella Wolkofsky
Joy Auerbach	Sarah Friedman	Josh Lavroff	Vicki Schwartz	

Contact Cantor Pincus if you’d like to chant.

Chanukah Around the World

Cantorial concert
with special guests



Cantor Galit Dadoun
Temple B'nai Or, Morristown, NJ



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



Joyce Rosenzweig
Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Join us to light the sixth candle with music!

Sunday, December 17

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

Come along on a musical tour of Chanukah music from around the world! Featuring Temple Beth-El's own [Cantor Emily Wigod Pincus](#), [Kathy Shanklin](#), the Tefillah Band, adult and youth choirs, all joined by special guests, [Cantor Galit Dadoun](#) and [Joyce Rosenzweig](#).

Bring your Friends and Family!

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

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

Sponsorship opportunities available.

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

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



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

From Our President

Building Community Inside and Out

One of the things I enjoy most about being part of the leadership of Temple Beth-El is the opportunity to speak to our young people on the morning of their bar or bat mitzvah. On each such occasion, I make sure to emphasize that as young Jewish adults, they will have a different and increased role in the community. Not just the TBE community or the New Jersey community, but the community of the entire world. It's an important message, and it applies to all of us.

Community is not just membership. It's a sense of belonging and recognition of responsibility. Where the idea of community first came from, no one can say. But it is clear that Jewish religious and cultural life is closely tied to community. The importance of community is at the core of many of our teachings, laws and ritual practices. The Torah itself is replete with references to being part of a community. The reading of Torah and the offering of many of our prayers, including the Barechu and the Mourner's Kaddish, requires the presence of a minyan, which is a community of 10 adults. One of the best known passages in Pirke Avot, the Wisdom of our Ancestors, is Hillel's admonition, "Do not separate yourself from the community." And we all live by the Talmudic pronouncement *Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh*, all of Israel is responsible for one another.

A strong sense of community has enabled Jews in the diaspora to survive through difficult times in every age. In 18th century Europe, when most countries denied citizenship to Jews and precluded us from working in certain professions and occupations, reliance on our communities was the key to survival. Kibbutz living has been an integral part of sustaining life in the state of Israel since its founding. And here in the United States, the established community of Jews who came earlier from Western Europe helped settle those who were part of the great Eastern European Jewish immigration wave of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, despite the fact that they had nothing in common other than their religion.

It seems that a sense of community is in our Jewish DNA. Some of the resulting benefits are the high value we place on education, a strong social conscience, treating others with kindness and respect, and recognition of our responsibility to serve.

Ironically, anti-Semites have, over the years, perverted our sense of community into an accusation that Jews are "clannish," which in turn makes us worthy of suspicion. If only our detractors took the time to examine the extent to which the Jewish community reaches out to aid and support other communities, perhaps they'd realize how wrong-headed that thinking is.

At Temple Beth-El, our sense of community goes well beyond what happens at 67 Route 206. We are always at the forefront of efforts to help repair the world. For example, each year we make the single largest donation to the Somerset County Food Bank. Last April, we helped organize and hosted the Hate Has No Home Here Interfaith Vigil for Peace, which brought together religious and civic leaders from diverse backgrounds to stand up to the unfortunate increase in intolerance. In October, we were honored by the Interfaith Hospitality Network, better known as IHN, for our work in assisting homeless people of all backgrounds. And just recently, we participated in an interfaith program on environmentalism called Many Traditions, One Home: Caring for our Earth. It is very clear that when it comes to community, we cast a wide net.

Ours is a holy community. It provides strength and security for today, and helps us meet the challenges of tomorrow. We feel God's presence throughout. May it always be so.

L'shanah tovah tikateivu,

Jay Lavroff



HONORABLE MENSCHEN

The recipient of the fall TBE Honorable Menschen award (formerly known as Mensch of the Month) is Sarah Shapiro. A senior at Hillsborough High School, Sarah has been volunteering at our temple blood drives since the sixth grade. In her seven years of service, Sarah has been an indispensable fixture at the blood drive canteen, assisting people after they donate, helping the donors to properly hydrate and recover, and providing pleasant and engaging conversation. At last year's blood drive, Sarah rolled up her sleeves and became a donor herself. In addition to being a hemoglobin heroine, Sarah loves working with young people as a dance teacher, a camp counselor at the JCC and as a madrich in our Religious School. Next year she will go on to college and study to become a special education teacher. On top of all that, Sarah is an accomplished dancer and enjoys ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, and lyrical.

Mazel tov, Sarah!

Legacy Circle

Thank you to the many of you who have already made a promise to include Temple Beth-El in your estate plans. Your generosity will strengthen Temple Beth-El for years to come.

To those of you who are still considering whether to leave a legacy gift to Temple Beth-El, or if this idea is totally new to you, let me answer some of the key questions I frequently hear when speaking to people about their legacy plans.

1. **Do I have to give the temple any money now?** Answer: NO. While occasionally donors want to make a donation during their lifetime, legacy gifts are typically after-life gifts.
2. **Well then, what is the program?** Answer: You work with your personal lawyer or financial planner to determine a way to include Temple Beth-El in your estate plan. If you let us know of this plan (by completing a promise form) we may qualify for grant monies.
3. **Who knows what I have decided to do in my will/estate plan?** Answer: NOBODY...until after you leave this earth.
4. **I'm concerned about making a promise since I don't know what my "final expenses" might be.** Answer: Many people have the same concern. Some have decided to leave a percentage of their estate to the temple rather than a fixed sum.

5. **Is a bequest in my will the only way to leave a legacy gift?** Answer: There are many ways to leave a legacy gift. Other methods include beneficiary designations, gifts of life insurance policies, charitable remainder trusts, etc. A beneficiary of a retirement policy is one of the easiest ways to establish a legacy gift.
6. **I just finished my will. Do I have to write a new one?** Answer: You don't have to re-write your will. You can add a codicil naming Temple Beth-El. Your attorney can help you accomplish this goal. Or there are attorneys within the congregation who have offered to help congregants add a codicil naming the temple to their will at low or no cost. Please contact me for more information about whom to contact.
7. **I'm too young to think about this.** Answer: If you have a will or beneficiary designations, or if you have children or own a home, you're not too young to think about what legacy you will leave the community. Consider how the organizations you have loved and supported in your lifetime can benefit beyond your lifetime. Think about the lesson of generosity you can show to your children.
8. **Whom should I speak to about this idea?** Answer: The Legacy Circle committee consists of Cindy Andrews, Lou Binder, Amy Rubin and me. You can reach out to any one of us.

Lillian Swickle, Chair
LegacyCircle@TempleBethElNJ.org

We honor our Legacy Circle:

Anonymous (5)
 Rande and Janet Aaronson
 Lou and Myrna Binder
 Gari and Charles Bloom
 Mike Bloomstein
 Liz and Dave Cohen
 Rabbi Arnold and Sarah Gluck
 Julie and Greg Hirsch
 Chrys Jochem
 Andy and Leslie Kass
 Bob Krovetz
 Jay Lavroff
 Leigh Miller
 Rick Miller
 Robin and Larry Osman
 Art and Betty Roswell
 Amy Rubin
 Lillian Swickle
 Goldie Taub
 Steve and Elayne Weitz
 Ann Weinstein
 Bruce and Marlane Wolf

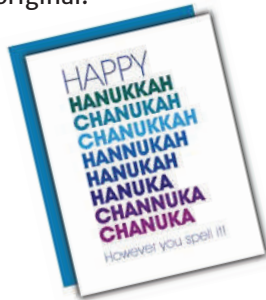
Please remember Temple Beth-El with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy. A legacy gift ensures that the community will continue to serve future generations.

Contact Lil Swickle at LegacyCircle@TempleBethElNJ.org.

From the Education Directors

What's the "Correct" Spelling of Chanukah?

Or is it Hanukkah? What a vexing problem. A direct transliteration of the Hebrew yields Chanukkah, but Chanukah is more common. So where does Hanukkah come from? It's also correct, if the Hebrew letter chet is transliterated as H with a dot under it. Unfortunately, that's a typographic challenge, so the subscripted dot is usually left out. What to do? Spell it in the original!



Mi she-bei-rach a-vo-tei-nu v'i-mo-tei-nu,
May God, who blessed our fathers and mothers,
bless you at the beginning of your Jewish education at Temple Beth-El.

We invite the entire congregation to celebrate the
CONSECRATION OF OUR NEW STUDENTS
and join us in wishing them well as they take their first steps on their new Jewish journey.

Shabbat Chanukah
Friday, December 15 — 7:00 p.m.

All-School/Community-Wide Chanukiah-Making Contest **Sunday, December 3** **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Open to the entire congregation.

[Click here to register.](#)

Donations of construction materials happily accepted (mosaic tiles, finished wood, hardware, etc. — feel free to get creative)

Not sure about what you have? Email Lisa at LisaFriedman@temple-bethelnj.org.



Playing Dreidel



Start with an equal number of tokens—pennies or chocolate coins called “*Hanukkah gelt*” in Yiddish—for each player. Have each participant put one token into the “pot.”

Give each player a turn spinning the dreidel—or *s’vivan*, in Hebrew. If it lands on:

⚡ *Nun*, the player gets nothing.

⚡ *Gimmel*, the player gets everything, and the other players refill the pot by each putting in a token.

⚡ *Hay*, the player gets half of the pot.

⚡ *Shin*, the player puts one token in the pot.

At the end, the person with the most pennies or chocolate coins wins.



“The highest form of wisdom is Kindness” —
The Talmud

“One message at just the right moment can change someone’s entire life” —
The Kindness Rocks Project

Our students have created a “Kindness Garden” near the entrances. The garden consists of hundreds of river rocks that have been decorated with messages of hope, encouragement and love. If you need a pick-me-up, borrow a stone from the garden. And feel free to decorate one at home to add to the garden.

Lighting the Hanukkah Candles

Each night of the holiday begins with the candle lighting ritual. On the first night, we place a single candle in the holder on the far right of the Hanukkah menorah and light it using the *shamash*, or “helper” candle. We let both candles burn until they extinguish themselves.

Each successive night, we add another candle, placing the candles from right to left but lighting them with the *shamash* from left to right. On the eighth night, all eight candles plus the *shamash* burn brightly.



We light the candles *after* we recite the blessings.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק
נר של חנוכה.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir
shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world,
who makes us holy with commandments and commands
us to light the Hanukkah candles.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם,
שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם
בזמן הזה.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam,
she'asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim hahem, ba-
zman hazeh.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world,
who made miracles for our ancestors long ago, at this
season.

The Sheheḥeyanu blessing is recited only on the first night of Hanukkah:

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם,
שהחיינו, וקימנו, והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam,
sheheḥeyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higi'anu lazman
hazeh.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world,
who has given us life, sustained us, and enabled us to
reach this time.

On the Friday night of Hanukkah, we recite the blessings and light the Hanukkah candles right *before* lighting Shabbat candles, and on Saturday night, we light them immediately *after* Shabbat.

As a sign of pride in their Jewish identity and to let others know about the miracle of Hanukkah, many Jews place the lit menorah (or an electric menorah) near a window.



To hear the blessings in Hebrew, go to
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Pinat Halvrit—Hebrew Corner

It Is Good to Give Thanks

The root יָדָה (yod-dalet-bay) has the basic meaning of admit, confess; acknowledge; thank, glorify, and praise. The morning prayer Elohai N'shamah acknowledges God as the source of our being and give us words to thank God individually for the gift of our soul by saying מוֹדֶה אֲנִי (modeh ani), “(I) thank you” (fem.: מוֹדֶה, *modah*). Later in the service, in the Amidah, we have the opportunity to offer our collective appreciation and gratitude with the words מוֹדִים אֲנַחְנוּ לָךְ (modim anachnu lach), “We gratefully acknowledge/we thank You.”

The recitation of Hallel, psalms of praise, includes הוֹדוּ לַיהוָה טוֹב (hodu LAdonai ki tov), “Praise God, for God is good,” because, well, it is טוֹב לְהוֹדוֹת (tov l'hodot), “good to give thanks.”

This appreciation of the Source of what we are and what we have finds its way into everyday Hebrew speech with הוֹדוּתֵי לֵאל (todah la-Eil), “Thank God!” Being polite means saying הוֹדֶה (todah), “thank you”; הוֹדוּת רַבָּה (todah rabbah), “thank you very much”; רַב־הוֹדוֹת (rav todot), “many thanks”; or even אֶלֶף הוֹדוֹת (elef todot), “a thousand thanks,” or חֲמוֹן הוֹדֶה (hamon todah), “huge thanks.”

When making a request in writing, it's polite to close with בְּתוֹדָה (b'todah), “with thanks,” or בְּתוֹדָה מֵיִרָאֵשׁ (b'todah meirosh) “thank you in advance,” thereby increasing the odds — we hope — that what we're asking for will be received positively and granted.

There are at least three special opportunities this month for which we can say הוֹדֶה (todah) in its various forms: 1) each time we bring in a food item for our annual TBE Thanksgiving Food Drive, we can be thankful to be part of a community that helps provide for those in need and grateful that we are able to make such donations; 2) when we gather here at the temple for our annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m.), we can thank our interfaith partners for joining us and express gratitude for all our blessings by donating to IHN; and 3) when we gather around our own tables with family and friends on חַג הַהוֹדָיָה (chag ha-bodayah), Thanksgiving Day. Before we eat turkey (הוֹדוֹ, *hodu* — no relation to the root), we can offer הוֹדָאָה (hoda'ah), “thanks,” as we acknowledge the Source of our bounty and again say הוֹדֶה (todah) for life and all its blessings.

מוֹדִים אֲנַחְנוּ לָךְ (modim anachnu lach), “Thank You.”

Wishing everyone Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous Chanukah!

L'shalom,
Sarah Gluck

Youth at TBE

Shalom! What Are You Doing This Summer?

Temple Beth-El is proud of its long-term relationship with our exceptional Reform movement's overnight summer camps. We know that the gift of Jewish overnight camp is a lasting gift to our children, as it helps them to build independence, confidence and their unique Jewish identities, while forming friendships that will last a lifetime.

Enrollment for summer 2018 at all of our movement's camps is already open. We are particularly excited to announce the launch of **URJ 6 Points Creative Arts Academy**, where we already have one camper from TBE enrolled for second session! We also encourage you to consider **URJ Camp Harlam**, **URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy**, and **URJ 6 Points Sports Academy** to find the best fit for your child.

Additionally, there are special opportunities for our teenagers currently in grades 9–11. Experience Jewish social action through the **URJ Mitzvah Corps** and discover Israel through **NFTY In Israel**. We are happy to speak with you about any of these programs and to connect you with other camp families to help you learn more.

Finally, scholarships, including a one-time incentive of up to \$1,000 for first-time campers, are available to help those for whom the cost of overnight camp presents an obstacle. *We are highly committed to helping every child have an overnight Jewish summer camp experience and will work with you to get the financial support you need.*

Please reach out to me (RachelFrish@TempleBethElNJ.org), Lisa Friedman, one of our amazing directors of education (LisaFriedman@TempleBethElNJ.org), or any member of the professional staff about Camp Harlam, the URJ 6 Points family of camps or any of the other wonderful summer programs our movement offers.

Rachel Frish
Director of Youth Engagement



Links to URJ Camps and Summer Programs

Creative Arts: <https://6pointscreativearts.org>

Sci Tech: <https://6pointsscitech.org>

Sports: <https://6pointssports.org>

Harlam: <https://campharlam.org>

Mitzvah Corps: <https://mitzvahcorps.org>

NFTY in Israel: <https://nftyisrael.org>



Young Families at Temple Beth-El

Experiences for families with children in Grade 2 and younger

Family & Holiday Events

Young Family Pajama Party,
January 27, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Young Family Passover Experience,
March 24, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Shabbat Experiences

Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. (in the Library)

Nov. 18, Jan. 6, Feb. 24 and April 28

Young Family Schmoozes

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. (in the TBE cafe)

Jan. 21, Feb. 11, April 15 & May 6

Young Family Initiative

We are so excited to tell you all about our Young Family Initiative at Temple Beth-El, designed especially for families with children in second grade and younger. If you have a young child, we hope you will take advantage of these terrific opportunities to learn, enjoy ritual experiences, make new friends, and have fun throughout the year. Our most recent event, a Young Family Sukkot Experience, was a great success. Hope to see you at the next event!

Sunday Schmoozes: These informal chats over breakfast and coffee offer parents a chance to socialize with one another while their children are in Religious School. No RSVPs necessary.

January 21

February 11

April 15

May 6

Shabbat Experience: Developmentally appropriate Shabbat morning experiences led by Cantor Emily Pincus and kindergarten teacher Amy Rubin, on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

November 18

January 6

February 24

April 28

Young Family Pajama Party: This popular event coincides with Tu B'Shvat. Come in pajamas and enjoy dinner and a craft as a family.

January 27, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Young Family Passover Experience: This interactive Passover Seder is ideal for extended families and is a great way to discover some new traditions for your own family's Seder. Led by Cantor Emily Pincus and Education Director Lisa Friedman.

March 24, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you at these events!

Any questions? Please contact Lisa Friedman

(LisaFriedman@TempleBethElNJ.org)



The Young Family Shabbat Sukkot Experience was a great evening for many families and young kids. In all, there were nearly 60 people, including new and prospective families as well as long-time congregants with their grandchildren. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful evening, getting to know people, singing and, of course, pizza! For upcoming events for young families, see the related article on this page.

Jewish LIFE

SUNDAY MORNINGS

**Hebrew Reading Refresher & Prayer Practice/
Adult B'nei Mitzvah**
with Sarah Gluck

**Interpretive Lenses: The Many Ways of Reading
& Understanding Torah/Adult B'nei Mitzvah**
with Rabbi Gluck

**Learn to Chant Torah: Introduction to the Art of
Cantillation/Adult B'nei Mitzvah**
with Cantor Pincus

November 5

Hebrew 8:45-9:30, Rm. 201
Interpretive Lenses 3: Commentaries, 9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash

November 19

Hebrew, 8:45-9:30, Rm. 201
Interpretive Lenses 4: Midrash, 9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash

December 3

Hebrew, 8:45-9:30, Rm. 201
Interpretive Lenses 5: Mysticism, 9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash

December 17

Hebrew, 8:45-9:30, Rm. 201
Interpretive Lenses 6: Chasidut, 9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash

January 7

Learn to Chant Torah, 9:00-10:30, Beit Midrash

January 28

Hebrew, 9:00-10:00, Rm. 201

February 4

Hebrew, 9:00-10:00, Rm. 201

February 11

Hebrew, 8:45-9:30, Rm. 201
Learn to Chant Torah, 9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash

February 25

Hebrew, 8:45-9:30, Rm. 201
Learn to Chant Torah, 9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash

March 4

Hebrew, 8:45-9:30, Rm. 201
Learn to Chant Torah, 9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash

March 11

Hebrew, 8:45-9:30, Rm. 201
Learn to Chant Torah, 9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash

March 18

Hebrew, 8:45-9:30, Rm. 201
Learn to Chant Torah, 9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash

March 25

Hebrew, 8:45-9:30, Rm. 201
Learn to Chant Torah, 9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash

April 15

Hebrew, 9:00-10:00, Rm. 201

April 22

Hebrew, 9:00-10:00, Rm. 201

Biblical Hebrew 101

Rm. 201
November 5 @10:30; December 3 @10:30, December 17 @10:30;
January 7 @10:30, January 28 @10:00; February 4 @10:00,
February 11 @10:30, February 25 @10:30; March 4 @10:30,
March 11 @10:30, March 18 @10:30, March 25 @10:30; April 15
@10:00, April 22 @10:00, April 29 @10:00

iEngage 3—Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Sundays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room
November 5, December 3

TUESDAYS AT 7:00 p.m.

Mussar: Seeking Everyday Holiness

Ner ha-Shem nishmat adam, the soul of a human being is the candle of God. —Proverbs 20:27
Mussar sees every human being as a pure, radiant soul while teaching that extremes of emotion, desire, and bad habits obscure that inner light. Mussar can help us lift these "veils" to uncover the brilliant light of the soul. Through a range of teachings and contemplative practices, Mussar can help us reach our highest spiritual potential to experience a life infused with joy, trust, love, and bringing the best of ourselves to others and the world around us. Please join Rabbi Gluck for 10 group meetings, alternating with weeks of individual study, reflection, and practice on your own. There are no prerequisites.

7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Beit Midrash

November 28; December 12; January 2, 16, 30; February 13, 27;
March 13, 27; April 10

Fee: \$90

The Meaning and Purpose of Life According to Jewish Text and Teaching

Last year, the Sai Baba community that meets at Temple Beth-El on Sunday afternoons invited Rabbi Gluck to speak about Jewish views of the purpose of human existence and how we are to lead our lives. The discussion was so engaging and uplifting that Rabbi Gluck has expanded it into a mini-course for us. Please join him for four Tuesday evenings of lively and enlightening study.

7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Beit Midrash

April 17, 24; May 8, 15

THURSDAYS

Israeli Dancing at 7:30 p.m.

November 2, 9, 16, 22, 30; December 7, 14, 21, 28; January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 27 (a Tuesday); April 4 (a Wednesday), 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 26 (a Tuesday); July 5, 12

SATURDAYS

Jewish Film Series at 7:00 p.m.

December 9: "Apples from the Desert"

March 17: "Keep Quiet"

April 21: "Transit"

May 12: "Brothers"

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Erwin Ganz: One of the Last Remaining Survivors of Kristallnacht

Thursday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. at the JCC
Erwin Ganz was born in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1929 and lived there until he was three. He was eight years old when Kristallnacht occurred.

This program is free and open to the community. To register, call 908-725-6994 x9018.

Sheryl Olitzky: Muslim and Jewish Women—The Building of Strong Mutual Trust, Respect and Friendship

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 p.m. at the JCC
Part 1 of a three-part series on Muslim-Jewish relations. Sheryl Olitzky is the executive director and co-founder of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, designed to foster abiding relationships between Muslim and Jewish women. In just a few years, this Sisterhood has grown into a movement with members throughout the U.S. and Canada. Fee: \$10/person. To register, call 908-725-6994 x9018.

Rachel Braun: Embroidery and Sacred Text—New Designs in Judaic Needlework

Sunday, November 19, 2:00 p.m. at the Flemington JCC
Embroidery and Sacred Text introduces 19 new designs in Judaic and biblical embroidery, with stunning photographs of Rachel Braun's original and colorful needlework. Rachel's needlework is elegant and inspiring, and graces the walls of libraries and houses of worship. Fee: \$10/person. To register, call 909-782-6410.

Rabbi Richard Address: The ¾-Life Challenge—Who Is that Person in the Mirror?

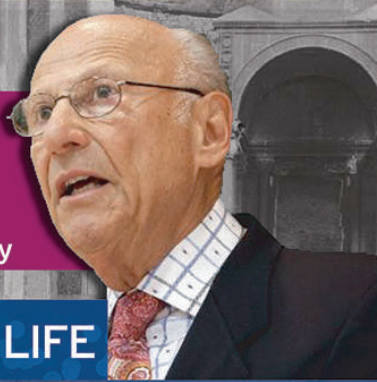
Sunday, November 19, 11:00 a.m. at the JCC
As we age, we become more aware of our own mortality and ask how we can live so that life has meaning. In this presentation, we will explore how a series of Torah texts can form a foundation for our own life's next stage. Following Rabbi Address's talk, representatives from the WILF Campus for Senior Living will be available to discuss and advise on specific challenges related to aging and care giving. This program is co-sponsored by the WILF Campus for Senior Living and the Brandeis National Committee, Somerset Chapter. Fee: \$18/person, includes brunch. To register, call 908-725-6994 x9018.

Alexandra Zapruder: Twenty-Six Seconds—A Personal History of the Zapruder Film

Monday, December 4, 7:00 p.m. at the JCC
Meet the woman whose grandfather filmed 26 seconds of the event that changed history—the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Alexandra began her career as a member of the founding staff of the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. Fee: \$10/person. To register, call 908-725-6994 x9018.

Elisha Russ-Fishbane: Jewish-Muslim Relations—Challenges and Opportunities


Tuesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. at the JCC
At a time when Jewish-Muslim relations are often fraught with mutual suspicion and competing narratives, there is a great need for both communities to take stock of where we are and how we got here. Elisha Russ-Fishbane, Assistant Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at NYU, is a historian of Jewish life and culture in the Islamic world and the religious and cultural encounters between Judaism and Islam. Fee: \$10/person. To register, call 908-725-6994 x9018.



Erwin Ganz

One of the Last Remaining Survivors of Kristallnacht

Thursday, November 9
7:00pm
Location: SSBICC
Free to Community



Jewish LIFE

In 1938, the Nazis began their crusade against Jews with discriminatory laws and the looting of property. They turned to violence openly in what has been known as Kristallnacht: The Night of Broken Glass. German soldiers set fires to synagogues, destroyed Jewish stores and businesses, and deported thousands of men to concentration camps.

Erwin Ganz was born in Frankfurt, Germany on 1929. He lived there until he was three. When his family was forced to leave, and they relocated to Bernkastel Koo, Germany. Erwin was 8 years old when Kristallnacht occurred. In 1939, Erwin and his family immigrated at the age of 9 to the United States, where they settled in Newark, NJ.


This program is co-sponsored with the Jewish Federation.

Register online at ssbjcc.org or call 908-725-6994 x9018.

Muslim and Jewish Women:

The Building of Strong Mutual Trust, Respect and Friendship
Part One of Three Part Series on Muslim/Jewish Relations

Sheryl Olitzky




Sheryl Olitzky is the Executive Director and Co-founder of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, an emergence of all types of women from local groups, designed to foster abiding relationships between Muslim and Jewish Women. It is the first national grassroots organization of Muslim and Jewish Women committed to living in harmony. In just a few years, this Sisterhood has grown into a movement with members throughout the United States and Canada.

Sheryl Olitzky was a marketing executive at many firms, including Procter & Gamble.

Register online at ssbjcc.org or call 908-725-6994 x9018.


7:00pm
Tuesday, November 14
At JCC Bridgewater
Fee \$10



Jewish LIFE


Rabbi Richard Address

The 3/4 Life Challenge – Who is That Person in the Mirror?



As we age we become more aware of our own mortality and ask how we can live so life has meaning. In this presentation, we will explore how a series of Torah texts can form a foundation for our own life's next stage. Following Rabbi Address' talk, representatives from the Wilf Campus for Senior Living will be available to discuss and advise on specific challenges related to aging and care giving.

Sunday, November 19
11:00am
At JCC Bridgewater
Fee \$18 includes brunch



Jewish LIFE

Rabbi Richard F. Address, is founder and Director of Jewish Sacred Aging, LLC® and the web site www.jewishsacredaging.com. He hosts a regular series of Jewish Sacred Aging pod-casts. Rabbi Address was ordained from HUC-JIR in 1972 and has served congregations in New Jersey and California. He served on the staff of the Union for Reform Judaism for over three decades as Regional Director, and then as founding Director of the Department of Jewish Family Concerns. He has served as adjunct faculty at HUC-JIR in New York, co-chairs the Jewish Advisory group for Sukkat Shalom, the Jewish hospice of Samaritan Health care. Rabbi Address also serves on an advisory committee for the Jewish committee for the Alzheimer's Association of Delaware Valley, and co-chairs the Committee of Spirituality and Diversity for C-TAC, the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care, in Washington, DC. He has contributed to numerous sites and publications on issues related to Boomers, spirituality and aging. His recent book (Behrman House) is Seekers of Meaning: Baby Boomers, Judaism and the Pursuit of Healthy Aging.

This program is co-sponsored by Wilf Campus for Senior Living, Jewish Family Service, and Brandeis National Committee, Somerset Chapter.

Register online at ssbjcc.org or call 908-725-6994 x9018.

Jewish-Muslims Relations:

Challenges and Opportunities
Part Two of Three Part Series on Muslim/Jewish Relations



Elisha Russ-Fishbane

At a time when Jewish-Muslim relations are too often fraught with mutual suspicion and competing narratives, there is a great need for both communities to take stock of where we are and how we got here. In this presentation, we shall explore our present predicament from a number of overlapping angles - history, religion and politics - and consider alternative routes being explored today in Israel, Europe and the United States to confront these challenges and work toward a more viable future.

Elisha Russ-Fishbane, Assistant Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University, is a historian of Jewish life and culture in the Islamic world and of the religious and cultural encounters between Judaism and Islam. He is the author of a book on the Jewish-Sufi movement of thirteenth-century Egypt, entitled *Judaism, Sufism, and the Pietists of Medieval Egypt: A Study of Abraham Maimonides and His Circle* (Oxford University Press, 2015), awarded the Salo Baron Prize for best first book in Jewish Studies.

Register online at ssbjcc.org or call 908-725-6994 x9018.

Tuesday, December 5
7:00pm
At JCC Bridgewater
Fee \$10



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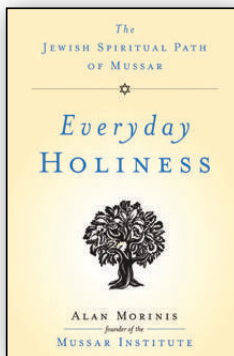
Lifelong Learning at Temple Beth-El



*The World of Mussar is open before you,
and you are invited to enter.*

SEEKING EVERYDAY HOLINESS

A
COMMUNITY
MUSSAR
PROGRAM



The Union for Reform Judaism and The Mussar Institute are offering *Seeking Everyday Holiness*, A Community Mussar Program that provides a practical and accessible introduction to the transformative teachings and practices of Mussar, based on the book *Everyday Holiness* by Alan Morinis.

This program goes beyond self-help, and provides an authentic Jewish pathway toward fulfilling the potential of your higher nature, the soul. Through contemplative practices, small group discussions, chants and reading you will be shown a path to transform your inner world so you can find more balance and wholeness in all areas of life. Mussar is suitable for all, regardless of level of Jewish knowledge, and no Hebrew is required.

Here's what you will get in the program:

1. A copy of the book *Everyday Holiness*.
2. Every other week small group meetings with materials for individual practice and study as guidance for the week in between.
3. Course Curriculum:

Everyday Holiness — Local group (va'ad) meeting over 20 weeks, beginning with an orientation session and then every other week meeting focused on the traits of:

- Humility
- Patience
- Order
- Equanimity
- Honor
- Truth
- Moderation
- Responsibility
- Trust

It's not too late to register!

**Seeking Everyday Holiness
starts at Temple Beth-El on
Tuesday, November 28.**

See the course description on p.14 for details, and please contact Rabbi Gluck or Sarah Gluck if you have questions.

"Alan Morinis of The Mussar Institute is an inspired teacher and practitioner of Mussar, a practice that is enriching the lives of so many within our Reform community. I look forward to our growing partnership as we cultivate a world with more kindness, generosity, compassion, humility and other life enhancing middot."

— Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism

To learn more about The Mussar Institute, go to www.mussarinstitute.org

This Year in Israel?

A TBE Israel adventure is a fabulous opportunity to see Israel as you never could on your own. Together we will have unique encounters with fascinating personalities, along with the classic sites that define a pilgrimage to Israel. Great for both first timers and veteran travelers to Israel.

Tentative Dates are June 20 – July 1 with an approximate cost of \$4,500 per person, double occupancy. The final planning of the itinerary will be based upon the needs of the participants. Contact Rabbi Gluck (rabbigluck@templebethelnj.org) to express your interest or get a tentative itinerary and inclusions.



Back by popular demand – Adult Board Game Night

Come join us for a fun night of games at ADULT BOARD GAME NIGHT at TBE. Feel free to bring something to share; it is BYOB (board and/or bottle).

November 11 and December 23 at 7:00 p.m.
RSVP to the temple office.



Knitting and Crocheting Group

If you like good conversation and company while you knit/crochet (or learn to knit) items to donate or for your own personal use, join us in the TBE lobby on the following Sunday mornings:

11/5	10:30
11/19	10:30
12/3	10:30
12/10	10:30



If you have unused yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks you'd like to donate, please place them in the designated box in the coat room. If you are knitting to donate, feel free to use what is in the box.

Contact Jodi Siegal if you have any questions.
jsdegonzalez@gmail.com

Welcome

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Temple Beth-El welcomes the following families who joined since June 1.

Jason and Jamie Kupperman
and their children Mia and Brayden

Robyn Starr
and her children Ascher and Talia

Bradley and Abby Schmidt
and their children Madelyn and Simon

Scott Richard
and his son Kenneth

Nathan and Beth Negin
and their children Joshua and Marianne

Moshe and Madelyn Moalam
and their son Elan

Gordon Lovas

Zohar and Melissa Lavy
and their daughters Olivia and Talia

Ken and Amy Kotkin
and their sons Max and Ari

Michael and Allison Goldstein
and their children Ryan and Lauren

Kevin and Stephanie Goldberg
and their children Maren and Ashton

Denis and Olga Belinskiy
and their sons Aaron and Roman

Derek and Marianne Adler
and their children Peter and Melissa

Nathan and Beth Negin
and their children Joshua and Marianne

Kim and Doug Beman
and their daughter, Katherine

Jason and Erin Stern
and their children Joshua, Reagan and Lilly



Annual Shabbat Chanukah Service

December 15
7:00 p.m.

Bring your Chanukah menorah and
candles from home to light at the
beginning of the service.

A Great Place for Coffee and Connection

You may stop by Cafe Beth-El, Temple Beth-El's bagel cafe, on Sunday mornings only once in a while, or you may be a die-hard regular. Either way, did you know that buying your morning bagel and coffee is a mitzvah for our congregation? That's because all the proceeds go to supporting the religious school, which has been a big part of its mission from the get-go, says Jay Taylor, who runs the cafe.

About 15 years ago or so, members Russ and Barbara Johnston, Debbie Youngerman, Shelley Gomolka and Stuart Farber came up with the idea to use the space next to the religious school to sell snacks, enabling members to purchase a quick, delicious breakfast for their children before Sunday school. Even more important, the cafe founders wanted to foster a place where congregants could nurture a sense of camaraderie, friendship and community during religious school hours. These volunteers put a great deal of time, energy and soul into the cafe for many years, and some of them still pinch-hit for Jay when he's unable to come in on the occasional Sunday morning.

Today, the cafe remains centered on community, says Jay, who took over running it about seven years ago. He loves the way it helps him stay connected to the temple's younger families now that his own kids are grown. "I want to make our temple as happy, warm and inviting a place on Sunday mornings as possible," he emphasizes, adding, "I'd like people to think of it as a great place to just get together for coffee on Sundays, whether it's with fellow congregants or even friends who aren't members." Bagels for the Sunday school teachers and madrachim are gratis, and Jay is happy to entertain requests for special bagel flavors – just ask!

Jay shops throughout the week for the cafe supplies and has a standing order with Bagelicious in Hillsborough for 7-10 dozen bagels per week. He tailors his order to whatever's happening at the temple that morning, whether it's a Brotherhood function, a religious school family education session, or a Membership Committee meeting. Jay arrives at TBE with bagels in hand by 7:30 on Sunday mornings, and his eager team of loyal volunteers – Simon, Sam, Lila and Audrey Stark, and Nathaniel Pincus – immediately sets to work schmearing and wrapping them all in time for the Sunday morning rush, starting with the first trickle of people at around 8:40. During that busy morning hour, he enjoys catching up with his young helpers and talking to them about school and their lives and interests.

The cafe remains open until about 20 minutes after the later Sunday school programs start, and then it's cleanup time. Jay gives some of the unsold bagels to our hardworking custodians, and the rest of the leftovers go to Agape House, a shelter in Somerville. And in keeping

with the community spirit of the cafe, there's a collection can for mazon (hunger), and a general tzedakah box at the register.

Jay's always looking for more volunteers to lend a hand and join in the fun. Working at Cafe Beth-El is a great way for sixth graders to do some community service, he points out. He could use some help on the cleanup end, for any children (or their parents) willing to stick around a few extra minutes after classes end at 11:00, or for students in later programs who would like to come a little earlier and roll up their sleeves. And for any congregants who are Costco members, Jay could also use some occasional backup shoppers to purchase cafe supplies there. Please contact Jay at 908-507-7849, or j.taylor@huber.com, with any questions.

So the next time you're tempted to drop your child off at Sunday school and race off on errands (as we all need to do sometimes), contemplate lingering just a few more minutes, digging into a bagel and enjoying some friendly banter with your fellow TBE members. See you there!

Café Beth-El

Fresh bagels, coffee, snacks,
and chillin' together

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



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

Contact Jay Taylor
908-507-7849 or
J.Taylor@Huber.com

College Connection



Seventy of TBE's college students received their High Holy Day package in mid-September — just in time to celebrate the holy days. They enjoyed Israeli candies and applesauce for a sweet new year. Thanks to Cindy Scott for helping to keep our community's kids connected. If you have a college student who isn't on our list, please send your student's contact information to c.scott93@yahoo.com.

Cultural Arts

Cultural Arts Happenings for November and December

Join us at the movies, Israeli folk dancing and cabaret/open mic.

Back by popular demand, on November 18, at 7:00 p.m., we present our fourth biannual cabaret-style entertainment. The evening includes a selection of wines, elegant finger-size desserts, jazz by Henry Nuremberg and friend, special guest appearances, stand-up comedians and open mic. We hope to create again a relaxed European-style cabaret entertainment with MC Randy Aaronson, in a specially decorated temple social hall. Come, relax, laugh and be amazed, yet again, at the talents within our own congregation!

Jazz lovers—it's for you!

Wine and sweets lovers – it's for you!

Comedy lovers—it's for you!

Open mic participants—it's for you!

So step up to the mic. We positively know that we have hidden talents in our midst. Show your face, please. And best of all, it's free to the public. Bring your friends! Grab a flyer in the lobby and **RSVP**. Last time we ran out of chairs quickly.

The Jewish Film Series continues, much to the delight of its many followers and supporters. On December 9 at 7:00 p.m., we will screen the Israeli film *Apples from the Desert*. Please note that this is not an originally scheduled film. This film had great nominations and a best film award from the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival in 2015.

Come at 6:45 p.m., before the film starts, to partake of a delicious spread of snacks, treats, coffee, tea and beverages. And stay after the film for a discussion of themes and issues in the movie. Here's to another great and wonderful movie. Make sure to see our flyer and poster in the lobby, and RSVP to Simona: bakerec@comcast.net

Israeli folk dancing with ruach has evolved into an every-Thursdays program and is still going strongly after all these years. Like zumba, or yoga, we use many muscles that work hard and burn many calories. You will breathe deeply and sweat, as in any good workout. You will lose yourself in the rhythms of the dance and the tuneful music and feel great as your endorphins kick in! Wouldn't it be wonderful to be lost in the moment and to revel in the joy of dancing?

Folk dancing continues every Thursday evening from 7:30 until 9:00 in the multipurpose room in the school wing, except on holidays. The cost is \$10 at the door, or prepay for five sessions and save yourself some money. The first dancing session is free for newcomers.

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

B'Shalom,

Simona Rivkin

Cultural Arts Committee Chair

NOVEMBER 18 at 7:00PM

**Cabaret Style Entertainment
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**Enjoy Wine, Elegant Sweets and Tons of
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FEATURING

Music:

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Surprise new Vocals and Compositions by... well it's a surprise!

Comedy:

Randy Aaronson as the Emcee - Humorous Sketches by Larry Osman, Andy Kass
and for her comedy debut "AGAIN"! Simona.

And many more!...

FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

(although donations will be welcome at the event)

So Come and Invite All Your Friends!

Please RSVP to Simona at BakerEC@Comcast.net

Last time we ran out of chairs very fast.

The Cultural Arts and Social Action Committees present

Apples From The Desert

**Saturday, December 9
7:00 p.m.**

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Discussion after the film

In Hebrew with English subtitles
Not rated, 96 minutes
Suggested donation \$7/pp or more

RSVP required to Simona at
bakerec@comcast.net

About:

Rebecca, a single daughter born into an Orthodox Jewish family, is tired of the lifestyle that her father has forced upon her. She and her mother go on a life-changing journey between worlds. The family conflict culminates in a moment of truth, forcing them to confront their beliefs and one another.



*We're collecting to provide complete Thanksgiving meals to seventy IHN and Homesharing families. **You can help.** Please donate:*

Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
Canned Corn
Canned Cranberry Sauce

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

Stuffing (Boxed)
Sweet Potatoes (Small Cans)
PLEASE, NO GLASS!

Please consider bringing an item every time you come to the temple. Whole turkeys are also needed. Contact Carol Ahlert at carolahlert@yahoo.com or Barbara Johnston at bjohnston1836@gmail.com to coordinate.

Place donations in the **baskets in the Religious School** rotunda until November 19. We also need volunteers to assemble the baskets on November 19, and deliver them on November 20.

Sisterhood thanks Wegmans for the generous donation of a \$150 gift card to use toward this annual charitable effort.

Please contact Carol or Barbara to help.

Sponsored by Sisterhood and Religious School

Fry This!

It's Chanukah, and everyone knows it's all about those crispy, golden-brown latkes. But after a few batches, you might be wondering what to have on all the other nights to celebrate the "Festival of Oil."

Fortunately, there's no lack of things to fry, and Jews have always been creative in perfecting some of these delicious, tempting foods. Here's a short list to get you thinking, plus a couple of recipes. Add a salad and some fruit for dessert if you're feeling guilty!

- Sufganiyot
- Fish and chips, British style (did you know that this dish originated in the Jewish section of London?)
- Chicken cutlets (recipe below)
- Onion rings
- Apple, pineapple or corn fritters
- Meatballs

Chicken Cutlets

A universal child-pleaser.

1 package of boneless chicken breasts
Flour
4 eggs

1 box of Panko bread crumbs
Salt and pepper
Freshly squeezed lemon juice (optional)

Cut the chicken breasts into smaller, thinner, chicken-tender-size pieces. Set up an assembly line with a plate of flour, seasoned with salt and pepper; the four eggs, beaten; and a plate of the Panko bread crumbs. Have a little extra of each ingredient, if possible, so you can replenish if you run out of eggs, for example.

Dip each cutlet first in flour, then the eggs, and then the Panko. Make sure the piece is covered entirely. Fry until crispy and golden brown. Keep the finished cutlets in the oven on low, on a cake rack set over a cookie pan, so they get some airflow underneath and remain crisp.

Squeeze on some lemon juice, if desired, and enjoy!

Fazuelos

(Fried Haman's Ears – yes, they're for Chanukah, too!)

Variations on this recipe are common across the Sephardic world. They're shaped like Haman's ears to celebrate Purim, but they're also a Chanukah specialty because of the oil they're fried in. This recipe is from Turkey and comes out crisp and light.

Ingredients:

3 eggs
2 T. brandy (optional)
Pinch of salt

About 2 cups of all-purpose flour
Sunflower or light vegetable oil for deep-frying
Confectioner's sugar and/or cinnamon to sprinkle on

Beat the eggs lightly with the brandy, if using, and salt. Add as much flour as the eggs will absorb to make a soft dough. Start beating it in with a fork and continue working it in with your hands until the mass holds together well. Knead for 10 minutes, until the dough is smooth and elastic, adding a little more flour if it's too sticky. Wrap in plastic wrap and allow to rest for 15 minutes at room temperature before rolling out.

Divide the dough into two balls to make it easier to handle. Roll out each one as thin as possible on a lightly floured surface with a lightly floured rolling pin, working from the center outwards. Cut into strips four inches long by 1-1/2 inches wide. If desired (for Purim), you can then pinch each strip in the middle to form a butterfly, which supposedly evokes the shape of ears.

Deep-fry in batches in medium-hot oil in a frying pan or deep fryer, about two inches deep, until golden. Lift out and drain on paper towels or on a cake rack set over a cookie sheet.

Serve cold, sprinkled with confectioners' sugar and cinnamon. They keep very well, for a long time, in an airtight container.

Source: *The Book of Jewish Food: An Odyssey from Samarkand to New York*, by Claudia Roden.

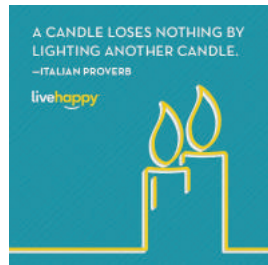
Renaissance Happenings

The Scoop

As anticipated, Ellis Island Museum's extensive range of exhibits was fascinating and enjoyable to our members and offered some important insights to those on the October Renaissance outing. The day closed with shared discoveries over a lively group dinner held at The Orchid Restaurant in Metuchen.

Esther Wallach

Renaissance Group



Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, Dec. 10 (Pre) Chanukah Party Pot Luck at Noon
TBE Multi-Purpose Room #13
 You can contact Fran Taber at robert.tabor628@gmail.com or call 732-469-1393 to let her know what dairy dish you are bringing.

New Members

Welcome to Lynette and Brian Skowronek, Elaine Goldschmidt, Susan and Ulrich Bauer, Joan Williams, and Amy and Alan Berger. We look forward to seeing you at the Chanukah party. Come and celebrate with us as we put together our 2018 calendar suggestions!

Spin on it: Sufganiyah



Long before the word sufganiyah was adapted into modern Hebrew from the term sufganim, which referred to cakes made of spongy dough, every culture had its own version of fried dough. It was German Jews who brought theirs to pre-state Israel, said Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Magder, a culinary historian based in San Francisco. Fried doughnuts have been popular winter treats in Germany since at least the 19th century, she explained. Germans would butcher their animals as winter approached. Gentiles would fry dough in lard, and German Jews would fry dough in goose fat. When German Jews immigrated to pre-state Israel, they brought with them a tradition of fried doughnuts at Chanukah time, along with year-round baked goods customs like dark rye breads and Shabbat tortes and kuchen. "A piece of German Jewish cooking got sewn into Israeli culture," observed Abusch-Magder.



A fun day was had by all on the recent Renaissance outing to Ellis Island.

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.

Ritual

Share your Joy and Blessings — Host an Oneg

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

12/8/2017	2/16/2018
12/22/2017	2/23/2018
12/29/2017	3/2/2018
1/5/2018	4/13/2018
1/26/2018	5/11/2018



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

You are invited to attend the 2017 Annual Sisterhood Woman of Valor Award Dinner for *Simma Friedman*

When: Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Temple Beth-El Kitchen Social Hall



Please help us honor this year's very deserving Woman of Valor, Simma Friedman, who has worked tirelessly in so many capacities for the Sisterhood, as well as the greater Temple Beth-El community. Join us for a thoroughly enjoyable evening with friends and memorable dedications to a truly special lady. A catered vegetarian dinner will be served.

Simma is the buyer and manager of TBE's Gift Shop. If you've purchased something from the gift shop in recent years, chances are Simma selected it for you. Simma lives in Hillsborough with her husband Jack and their three children, Max, Zach and Sara,

all of whom are or have been very active members of TBE's youth group.

In the spirit of supporting the community at large, Sisterhood will also be collecting contributions at the dinner for the Resource Center of Somerset County, a Hillsborough-based organization that provides assistance to victims of domestic abuse. Your contribution to this worthy charity will also be an opportunity to honor Simma personally.

This event is open to all paid-up members of Sisterhood. If you haven't yet paid, it's not too late: membership registrations will also be accepted at the Woman of Valor Dinner.

RSVP by Sunday, December 11 to:
Donna Tischfield, Woman of Valor Dinner Chair
Njbird@optonline.net
(732) 271-4632

Sisterhood

CHANUKAH

The Gift Shop Is Coming:

Monday, November 27 — 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 29 — 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 3 — 8:30 a.m. to Noon
Monday, December 4 — 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 6 — 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 10 — 8:30 a.m. to Noon

For more information, email Donna Tischfield at njbird@optonline.net or Simma Friedman at simmafriedman@embarqmail.com.

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We want to thank the Temple Beth-El community for the many expressions of friendship during our illness. Your prayers, calls, visits, cards and offers of help were greatly appreciated.

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Social Action

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

It has been a busy fall for Social Action at Temple Beth-El. We worked closely with Rabbi Gluck preparing for the Many Faiths, One Home interfaith event on October 29, which is focused on caring for our world. One of the initiatives stemming from that event is a decision to become a founding member of a new GreenFaith Circle in our area, composed of at least five congregations from at least three different faith traditions. This Circle will act as a support group for, and amplifier of, our own environmental initiatives, and we will also plan actions jointly with the other member congregations, to further enhance the visibility and focus on sustainability in our broader community. If you would like to take part in the GreenFaith Circle, please contact David Cohen at david@decarchitect.com

A B'rit Olam Congregation

On September 18, the temple's board of trustees also endorsed becoming a B'rit Olam Congregation under the URJ's Urgency of Now campaign and in partnership with the Religious Action Center (RAC), the social justice arm of the Reform movement.

Our temple board has unanimously agreed to:

- Act in solidarity with vulnerable communities;
- Build relationships across lines of difference in our local community;
- Act at the local, state, and/or federal levels to address the root causes of injustice through advocacy and/or congregational or broad-based community organizing; and
- Foster a culture of sacred and civil dialogue in our congregation where all opinions are heard

The Religious Action Center commits to provide Brit Olam congregations with resources, training, and specific campaigns to address issues facing our most vulnerable populations and social justice concerns.

There are three primary campaigns currently being promoted by the Religious Action Center, including criminal justice reform, gay and transgender rights, and immigrant justice (this last initiative is being co-chaired by our own Liz Cohen). Please join us in framing how Temple Beth-El will participate in this sacred work. Contact Liz Cohen at liz@decarchitect.com to learn more about how you can become involved in any of these three interest areas.

URJ Biennial Resolutions

Our next event will be an open meeting on Monday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m., to discuss and have input on the resolutions being brought to this year's Biennial Convention of the URJ, occurring in early December.

There are six resolutions under consideration at this time, and we will present the language of each at the meeting. We welcome all congregants to attend and to contribute their perspectives on the resolutions, in order to inform and guide our voting as congregational delegates to the Biennial. The resolutions are on the following topics:

- Racial justice;
- School discipline and academic climate;
- Redistricting of voting communities;
- Addressing the impacts of climate change;
- Responding to the global refugee crisis; and
- Student on student sexual violence in schools.

We will also discuss our goals for implementing our B'rit Olam commitment.

The success of these initiatives depends on broad involvement from the congregation. We hope to see you on October 31!

To RSVP, or for more information, please contact David Cohen at david@decarchitect.com.

News from Reform Jewish Voice of New Jersey

Reform Jewish Voice of New Jersey is proud to share our new mission statement:

"Reform Jewish Voice of New Jersey (RJVNJ), an arm of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, is a means for Reform Jews across our state to join together with a strong and effective voice. We build partnerships and coalitions across lines of race, class, and faith to work together for a more just and compassionate New Jersey. We advocate in Trenton and around the state for public policy that embodies the principles of the Reform Jewish Movement; through grassroots outreach we build relationships and collaborate with New Jersey synagogues, organizations, and individuals to address critical social justice issues facing our state."

Through house meetings held last year, we learned that the top issues of concern for Reform Jews around the state include health care, immigration, environment, and racial/religious justice. These will continue to be our major focus in action alerts, programs, and meetings with state legislators in the coming year.

Please contact Liz Cohen, RJVNJ co-chair, at rjvoiceofnj@gmail.com to join our email action alert list, learn more, and/or share your thoughts.



Social Action

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

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Leigh Freeman, Coordinator — IHN / Temple Beth-El

Our next hosting date is December 24-31

2017-2018 IHN Hosting Schedule

December 24-31	April 22-29	August 12-19
February 11-18	June 3-10	

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
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

IHN Fundraiser

Please help the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) shelter the homeless. IHN is holding its annual benefit raffle with all proceeds going to support its continuum of care program. This year's grand prize is a Broadway show certificate for \$500.00. Second prize is a 40" flat screen TV and third prize is dinner for four at Cherry Valley Country Club.

Buy your tickets by sending a check for \$20 per ticket to IHN's office at 98 West End Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876. Your tickets will be mailed to you. The drawing will be held on December 1, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the IHN offices. Winner need not be present. Thank you for your support.



Lifecycle

Our Condolences to...

Cindy Andrews, on the passing of her mother, Jackie Rubenstein
 Brett Cooper, on the passing of his father, Arnold Cooper
 Gail Wohl, on the passing her husband, Alan Wohl
 Daniel Braun, on the passing of his father, Sol Braun
 Gerald Shubitz, on the passing of his brother, Leonard Shubitz
 Brian Skowronek, on the passing his aunt, Fredene Skowronek
 Joshua Skowronek, on the passing of his sister-in-law, Fredene Skowronek

Mazel Tov...

To Jay and Donna Tischfield, on the engagement of their son, Dr. Samuel Tischfield, to Ms. Elizabeth Charlotte Violin

Our B'nei Mitzvah Students

Derek Boxer
 Allison Brenner
 Max Cooper
 Adam Leach

Our Caring Community

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Yahrzeits November

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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 November 3 and 4

Mona Feirson, cousin of Marilyn Muzikar
Stephen Holler, father of Keith Holler
Joseph Lieberman, father of Madelyn Okun
Paul Young, father of Anita Tolman
Morton Hersh, father of David Hersh
Lois Naroden, mother of Alan Naroden
John McBride, father of Mark McBride
Louise Fidelman, mother of Wayne Fidelman
Mildred Ellenberg, mother of Naomi McGlashan
Myer Kaplan, father of Ellen Davidson
Anna Novak, mother of Dr. Gerald Novak
Joseph Miller, father of Lorin Miller

To be read November 10 and 11

Eugene Bradley, father of Patrick Bradley
Benjamin Schlosser, father of Lynn Levine
Sondra Silverstein, mother of Fern Smith
Ben Altschule, father of Sara Friedman
Al Kamine, husband of Fern Kamine
and father of Harold Kamine
Morris Simon, father of Janet Halpern
Meghan Bradley, daughter of Ileen and Robert Bradley
Martin Rosenel, father of Mr. Richard Rosenel
Hilda Slackman, mother of Rhonda Brown
Eileen DeJager, sister of David Hersh
Max Miller, grandfather of Brett Miller
Stanley Gluck, father of Rabbi Arnold Gluck
Lila Stein Kroser, mother of Marla Lerner
Renee Krovetz, mother of Robert Krovetz
Isabelle Mendelson, wife of Stanley Mendelson
Erwin Naroden, father of Alan Naroden
Warren Thaler, husband of Harriet Thaler
Felix Hermann Brown, husband of Susan Brown
Rachelle Friedberg, wife of Morton Friedberg
Fanny Horowitz, mother of Sidney Horowitz
Marilyn Kohn, mother of Hal Kohn

To be read November 17 and 18

Raymond Boschen, father of Karen Kaplan
Julius Greenhut, grandfather of Robert Adler
Tseelah Grinberg, mother of Michelle Gerner
Susan Small, mother of Brian Small
Annette Rothman, mother of Shelley Gomolka
Shirley Steinman, mother of Judith Steinman
Jacob Blaustein, father of Betty Roswell
Marc Jurgrau, brother of Fern Schiffman
Pauline Klinghoffer, mother of Doris Moshinsky
Marc Rosberger, father of Molly Rosberger
Sidney Shubitz, father of Gerald Shubitz
Alfred Sweetwood, husband of Gail Meyers
Sofie Tesman, cousin of Marc Friedman

Molly Waldorf, mother of William Waldorf
Murray Berger, father of Alan Berger
Shirlee Hersh, mother of David Hersh
Saul Naidorff, father of Judy Schachter
Roslyn Eber, mother of Beth Moran
Sidney Herman, father of David Herman
Fae Shubitz, mother of Gerald Shubitz
Herman Mintz, brother of Goldie Taub
Joseph Nerenberg, father of Henry Nerenberg
Melva Shulman, mother of Evette Adler

To be read November 24, 25

Elayne Cohen, mother of Randy Cohen
Stacie Michelle Goldstein, sister of Seth Goldstein
Joseph Skolky, father of Barry Skolky
Herman Bloomstein, father of Michael Bloomstein
Max Osman, grandfather of Larry Osman
Nat Schnitzer, grandfather of David Schnitzer
Laura Shapiro, sister of Irene Lieberman
Zena Fish, mother of Andrea Bradley
Philip Schwartzman, father of Tina Kanterman
Karen Andell, wife of Jonathon Andell
Jeanne Farber, mother of Edith Hurwitz
Harold Freed, father of Diane Morrison
Nathan Lane, father of Steven Lane
Ruth Uhlfelder, aunt of Robert Adler
Anna Zelnick, mother of Zelda Reinhart

To be read December 1 and 2

Jack Adler, grandfather of Michael Cohen
Karl Friedman, grandfather of Doris Moshinsky
Lester Raynes, brother of Harriet Thaler
Herman Adler, grandfather of Robert Adler
Arthur Brooks, father of Cindy Mangel
Alan Hatoff, father of Harlee Hatoff
Faye Miller, grandmother of Brett Miller
Harry Berkowitz, uncle of Marcy Rosenfeld
Leonard Eber, father of Beth Moran
Jeffrey Peck, father of Jacki Skole
Marvin Skowronek, brother of Joshua Skowronek
Murray Stern, father of Lisa Dickholtz
Ira Tiplitz, father of Andrea Wolkofsky
Alfred Bloom, father of Andrew Bloom
Charlotte Cohen, aunt of Shelley Drozd
Esther Cohen, mother of Rita Fink
Mildred Hillman, mother of Lillian Swickle
Florence Levenson, mother of Edith Rugg
Gustave Miller, father of Shuey Horowitz
Dr. Irving Miller, uncle of Gayle Skolky
Mary Rucci, mother of Victoria Freiman

Yahrzeits December

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To be read December 8 and 9

Donald E. Grafer, brother of Chris Grafer
Glenn Rankin, husband of Stacy Rankin
Harry Spinner, brother of Max Spinner
Eva Gitterman, mother of Matthew Gitterman
Herb Cohen, father of Michael Cohen
Stanley Charles Goldstein, father of Seth Goldstein
Ida Kaye, grandmother of Susan Plan
Rochelle Glaser Freedman, mother of Cindy Weiss
Jules Blake, husband of Barbara Blake
Julian Arthur Kahn, father of Hillary Angeline
Estelle Malin, mother of Marilyn Muzikar
Alvan Milgram, father of Marc Milgram

To be read December 15 and 16

Estelle Bauer, mother of Elaine Goldsmith
Sondra Katz, mother of Pauline Schneider
Roberta Meyers, wife of Edmond Meyers
Alexander Howard, brother of Sidney Horowitz
Olivia Roth, mother of Alice Fox
David Diamondstein, father of Leslie Kass
Joel Keiles, brother of Ann Weinstein
Anne Weintraub, grandmother of Sheldon Stept
Shirley Berger, mother of Alan Berger
Lewis M. Bloom, father of Charles Bloom
Howard Gross, brother of Carol Ahlert
Marvin Raynes, brother of Harriet Thaler
Harry Schrier, father of Sally Rosen
Eugene Friedman, brother of Marc Friedman
Irving Levine, father of Alvin Levine
David Schoor, father of Marla Schoor
Sadie Bailin, mother of Gary Bailin
Alan Stept, father of Sheldon Stept

To be read December 22 and 23

Morton Blaustein, brother of Betty Roswell
Greta Bollag, grandmother of Laura Miller
Karen Hargey, mother of Joseph Keim
Bernice Skowronek, wife of Joshua Skowronek and mother of Brian Skowronek
Walter Greenbaum, father of Robert Greenbaum
Maurice Greenberg, father of Elaine Krantz
Barbara Kass, sister of Henry Nerenberg
Sylvia Applebaum, grandmother of Seth Goldstein
Samuel Attner, father of Paul Attner
Donald Gorka, stepfather of Wendy Horowitz
Esther Kaminetsky, mother-in-law of Fern Kamine
Marvin Siegel, father of Craig Siegel
Morton Swickle, brother-in-law of Lillian Swickle
Jack Vogel, father of Dana Colon

Mildred Trachtenberg, mother of Alta Malberg
David Locker, father of Stephen Locker
Eric Strand, brother of Thomas Strand
Evelyn Weinberger, mother of Daniel Weinberger
Bertha Bloomstein, mother of Michael Bloomstein
Dave Locker, father of Brenda Osofsky
Edythe Schrier, sister of Sally Rosen
L. Dover Frankel, father of Jan Miller
Jill Kaplan-Goret, sister of Mitchell Kaplan
William Levine, grandfather of Jeremy Bloch
Howard Richman, great uncle of Lynn Small

To be read December 29 and 30

Evelyn Southland, mother of Stuart Southland
Jackie Spinner, wife of Max Spinner and mother of Michael Spinner
Jack Spinrad, father of Marcy Rosenfeld
Beatrice Cohen, grandmother of Michael Cohen
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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, November 1

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
6:45 p.m. Confirmation Parents Meeting
7:30 p.m. Women's Torah Study

Thursday, November 2

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

Friday, November 3

6:00 p.m. Ma'ariv Services with Kaddish
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Seder with New Members Welcome

Saturday, November 4

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study
with Bar Mitzvah of Derek Boxer
7:00 p.m. Youth: Grade 7 Shul-in

Sunday, November 5

7:30 a.m. Blood Drive
8:45 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Adult B'nei Mitzvah - Hebrew
9:00 a.m. Young Family Schmooze
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Sisterhood Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Adult B'nei Mitzvah - Torah
10:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew
10:30 a.m. TBE Knitting Group
4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: iEngage3: Jewish Values and the
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Monday, November 6

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

Wednesday, November 8

7:15 p.m. TBE Reads: The Orphan's Tale
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 9

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Erwin Ganz, Survivor of
Kristallnacht
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 11

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
7:00 p.m. Game Night
7:30 p.m. Brotherhood Poker Tourney

Sunday, November 12

1:00 p.m. Wise Aging Initiative

Monday, November 13

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Post-confirmation
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:00 p.m. Social Action Review of URJ Resolutions
7:30 p.m. Oversight Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 14

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Sheryl Olitzky, Muslim and
Jewish Women and the Sisterhood of Salaam
Shalom
7:30 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16

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

Friday, November 17

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service
8:30 p.m. Youth: Grade 4/5 Oneg

Saturday, November 18

9:00 a.m. Shabbat Experience for Young Families
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study
with Bat Mitzvah of Allison Brenner
7:00 p.m. Cabaret-style Entertainment with Open Mic

Sunday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Basket Assembly
8:45 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Adult B'nei Mitzvah - Hebrew
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Adult B'nei Mitzvah - Torah
10:30 a.m. TBE Knitting Group
11:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: The Three Quarters Life
Challenge
11:00 a.m. RS: Madrichim Training
7:30 p.m. Brotherhood Social

Monday, November 20

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, November 21

7:00 p.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Honoring IHN

Wednesday, November 22

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

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day — Offices Closed

Friday, November 24

Offices Closed
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, November 25

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

Monday, November 27

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Post-confirmation trip to NYC (Time TBA)
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, November 28

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Mussar: Seeking Everyday
Holiness

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

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

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

Calendar of Events

Friday, December 1

Taste of NFTY (Grades 6-8)
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 2

Taste of NFTY (Grades 6-8)
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study
with Bar Mitzvah of Max Cooper

Sunday, December 3

Taste of NFTY (Grades 6-8)
8:45 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Adult B'nei Mitzvah - Hebrew
9:00 a.m. Sunday School with All School Chanukah
Program
9:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Adult B'nei Mitzvah - Torah
10:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew
10:30 a.m. TBE Knitting Group
2:00 p.m. Wise Aging Initiative
4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: iEngage3: Jewish Values and the
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Monday, December 4

12:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Youth Culture Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Chanukah Dinner
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Elisha Russ-Fishbane

Wednesday, December 6

URJ Biennial Convention Begins
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, December 7

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

Friday, December 8

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 9

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series: *Apples from the Desert*

Sunday, December 10

12:00 a.m. URJ Biennial Convention Concludes
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
12:00 p.m. Renaissance Chanukah Party

Monday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 12

Chanukah: First Candle
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Mussar: Seeking Everyday
Holiness

Wednesday, December 13

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

Thursday, December 14

Chanukah: Third Candle
6:30 p.m. Woman of Valor Dinner honoring Simma
Friedman
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, December 15

Chanukah: Fourth Candle
6:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner for Birthright Trip Participants
7:00 p.m. Shabbat Chanukah Service with Consecration

Saturday, December 16

Chanukah: Fifth Candle
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study
with Bar Mitzvah of Adam Leach

Sunday, December 17

Chanukah: Sixth Candle
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew
11:00 a.m. Youth: Grade 3-5 Chanukah Program
3:30 p.m. Meet the Artists Reception
4:30 p.m. Chanukah Around the World Cantorial
Concert

Monday, December 18

Chanukah: Seventh Candle
4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Post-confirmation
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, December 19

Chanukah: Eighth Candle
8:45 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Adult B'nei Mitzvah - Hebrew
9:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Adult B'nei Mitzvah - Torah
5:00 p.m. Youth: Grade 6/7 Event

Wednesday, December 20

Chanukah: Final Day
4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Women's Torah Study

Thursday, December 21

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

Friday, December 22

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 23

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
7:00 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, December 24

IHN Hosting Week

Monday, December 25

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Tuesday, December 26

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Wednesday, December 27

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Thursday, December 28

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

Friday, December 29

IHN Hosting Week
NFTY-GER Winter Kallah
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 30

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

Sunday, December 31

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