

Shofar



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Rabbi's Message

Making Strides for Religious Understanding in the Holy Land

Pastor Todd Buurstra, religious leader of the North Branch Reformed Church, and I have been making strides together for some time now. Some have been in the area of advocacy, where we have been strident in our call for justice and compassion for the weak and vulnerable among us: the stranger, our neighbors who are immigrants, and especially the Dreamers, the young people brought to our country as children by parents who are undocumented sojourners in the U.S.

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A Day to Celebrate Israel

Honoring Steve and Irene Lieberman

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Worship Schedule

MARCH

Friday, March 2

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, March 3

Parashat Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11–34:35

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study with guest Rabbi Ofek Meir

Friday, March 9

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 10

Parashat Vayak'heil - P'kudei, Exodus 35:1–40:38

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

Friday, March 16

6:00 p.m. Ma'ariv Services with Kaddish

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Across America Shabbat Seder and Dinner

Saturday, March 17

Parashat Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1–5:26

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

Friday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 24

Parashat Tzav, Leviticus 6:1–8:36

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

5:00 p.m. Young Family Passover Experience

Friday, March 30

Erev Pesach

First Seder

No Evening Services

Saturday, March 31

Yom Tov Pesach

Special Holiday Reading: Exodus 12:37-42, 13:3-10

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

6:30 p.m. Congregational Second Seder

APRIL

Thursday, April 5

Erev Yom Tov Pesach

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

Friday, April 6

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

Saturday, April 7

Parashat Sh'mini I, Leviticus 9:1–10:11

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

Wednesday, April 11

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

Thursday, April 12

Yom HaShoah

Friday, April 13

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 14

Parashat Sh'mini II, Leviticus 10:12–11:47

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

Wednesday, April 18

Yom HaZikaron

Thursday, April 19

Yom HaAtzma'ut

Friday, April 20

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, April 21

Parashat Tazria - M'tzora, Leviticus 12:1-15:33

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

Sunday, April 22

1:00 p.m. Community-wide Yom HaAtzma'ut Program at JCC

Friday, April 27

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, April 28

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

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

Torah Portions

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

www.reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study

Shofar Submissions and Deadline

The next issue of the Shofar will be May-June 2018. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submissions is April 15.

Submit articles via email to:

ShofarEditor@templebethelnj.org.

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

Temple Calendar Webpage

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

A Note From Our Cantor

by Emily Wigod Pincus



Welcoming Elijah

As we all know, no seder is complete without a communal expression of our hope for a visit from Elijah the prophet, who signals the time when “the hearts of parents will be turned towards their children, and the hearts of children will be turned towards their parents” (Micah 3:24). Elijah heralds the coming of the messianic age, the day when the lion will lie down with lamb, when there will be peace on earth, when nations will study war no more. We connect our redemption from slavery in Egypt to the redemption of the world.

Traditionally, there are three special Shabbatot in the three weeks leading up to Pesach: Shabbat Parah, Shabbat Hachodesh, and Shabbat HaGadol. Just as before the High Holy Days, we have the month of Elul to prepare us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the three-week period containing these Shabbatot serve to prepare us for this special time. The themes of the haftarot for all of these special Shabbatot are purification, redemption, and renewal. It is a good time to think about what our mission as Jews in the world should be. This leads up to the last Shabbat, Shabbat Hagadol, when we read these words from the prophet Micah, “See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before the great and awesome day of Adonai” (Micah 3:23).

For the next coming three Shabbatot, we will prepare

to welcome Elijah with musical references to our hopes for a messianic age. When you come to services, please do listen for it! With music, we will express our hopes and prayers for the redemption of the world. We are a house of prayer, and as such, we are the original address for this.

But in an unexpectedly significant confluence of events, the Saturday of the last Shabbat, Shabbat Hagadol, falls on March 24. This is also the day of the March for Our Lives, whose mission and focus is to demand that a comprehensive and effective bill be immediately brought before Congress to address gun issues. The hearts of parents and their children will be turned outward, towards other children and parents, and towards the safety of all. Some of us may pray in shul, and some of us may pray with our feet, but either method is a valid way to welcome Elijah and to prepare our hearts for the possibility of a visit. May each of us choose the way that brings us closer to that day.

Editor’s Note: See page 22 for Passover recipes and page 10 for information on Temple Beth-El’s congregational second seder on Saturday, March 31.

Our thanks to our January and February Torah chanters

Jared Bendavid, Karen Donohue, Leslie Kass, Talia Rubin, and Dhani Skole

And our Megillah chanters in honor of Purim

Beth Borrus, Jim Lavranchuk, Ariel Lerner, Ed Malberg, and Marcy Rosenfeld

Contact Cantor Pincus if you’d like to chant from the Torah.

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Along with Dr. Ali Chaudry of the Islamic Center of Basking Ridge, we began to take steps together to stand against hate, bringing together a community of communities comprising nine different religions for a prayer vigil in April 2017 at Temple Beth-El. That coalition came together again in October at North Branch Reformed Church to stand for environmental responsibility.

Recently, the three of us — Pastor Todd, Dr. Ali, and I — were blessed to make pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to walk in the footsteps of the forebears of our three faiths, to bear witness to the truths that each of us holds dear, and to reflect on the greater truth of the One God that unites us all.

Pastor Todd and I shared our journey with the CCAR Interfaith Clergy Mission to Israel, which included six rabbis, six Christian clergy, and one imam. Dr. Ali joined with Rabbi Marc Klein on an Interfaith Clergy Mission with the Jewish Federation in the Heart of NJ. Though these two missions were organized under different auspices, their itineraries were so similar that it is possible to speak of them as if we shared the same experience.

Upon reflection, Pastor Todd, Dr. Ali, and I were able to divide the most powerful aspects of our journey into three categories: witnessing faith, witnessing hope, and witnessing modern Israel, Jews, Arabs, and Palestinians.

On Sunday, March 11, at 4:00 p.m., our three congregations will come together as Pastor Todd, Dr. Ali, and I share reflections on our journey, engage in dialogue with our communities, and all break bread together. Here is a preview of the kind of insights I look forward to sharing.

Witnessing Faith

I have visited the holy places of other faiths before, but I must confess that such encounters were primarily of academic or historical interest. This time, the experience was remarkably different. Standing side by side with Christian and Muslim friends, for whom these sites were part of their living-faith narrative, made them come alive with emotion and drama. We were witnessing each other's faiths as we listened to the stories of events that happened in each place, and saw them through each other's eyes.

We spoke openly and soulfully about what these events and places mean to us, how they have shaped us, and also of our struggles to reconcile the contradictions inherent in religious symbolism. I noted the discomfort of my Christian colleagues as they watched coreligionists kissing the burial slab of Jesus. And they saw my distress at how the Western Wall has become a place of exclusion, division, and even violence against those who don't hew to ultra-Orthodox



Rabbi Arnie and Pastor Todd pause for a breathtaking view during a run around the perimeter of the Old City of Jerusalem.

interpretations. The more we learned and engaged in heartfelt dialogue, the more we returned to the same mantra to describe what we were observing, intoning like a chorus the words, "It's complicated!" But amidst all the complexity, there was the deep emotion of witnessing each other's faith that touched our souls. Among the differences we saw an illuminating similarity shining through, and that was the shared experience of God's presence in the world and in our lives.

Witnessing Hope

News reports from Israel and the Middle East depict a bleak reality of bitter conflict and discord. Rarely do the media offer reason for optimism. But there is much more to the picture than hatred and violent struggle. There is also cooperation, coexistence, understanding, and even loving fellowship between Jews and Arabs, as well as Christians, Jews, and Muslims. It may not make the headlines, but it is there to be seen, and it is cause for hope.

One shining example is the work of an organization called Roots, which was founded by former extremists Rabbi Hannan Schlesinger and Ali Abu Awad. Hannan is a West Bank settler who once believed that the entire Land of Israel was given by God to the Jewish people. He had never met a Palestinian face to face. In fact, he says they were invisible to him. Then, one day, he had a transformational encounter with a Palestinian neighbor that compelled him to understand and embrace the truth that there is another people, the Palestinians, who have a legitimate claim to the same land and a right to their own sovereign state.

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Bright Lights in the Land of Promise

First, let me thank you, Temple Beth-El, and Rabbi Arnie for making it possible to share this trip through CCAR and Da'at. It was a very great blessing. Adding to the fun of a run around the Old City was the rich religious dialogue. Poor Arnie had to put up with my longer legs and constant questions, which he ably answered while we huffed and puffed. I have learned so much, and feel full and blessed.

In Israel, I saw both bright signs of peace and dark shadows of conflict.

The dark shadows of conflict included security checkpoints and fences that divided Jewish from Arab neighborhoods. While they may be necessary, they are evidence of the firm divide. And although I recognize the issue of settlements is complicated beyond what I understand, growing settlements seem to make a two-state solution even more complicated to negotiate. And lastly, I learned much about the futility of the Palestinian leadership that never misses a chance to miss an opportunity, and serves more as a dictatorship than a just representative of its people.

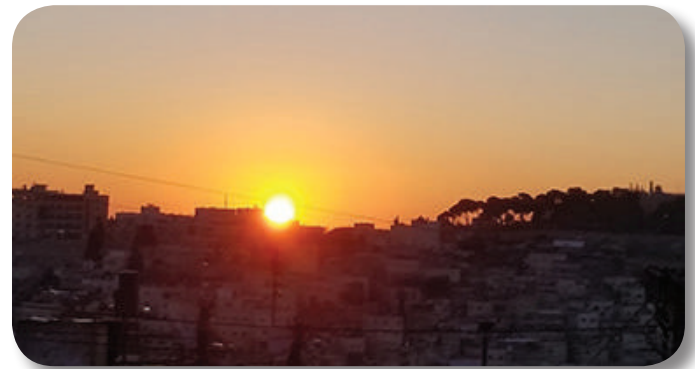
But not all is dark as the sun rises. The lunch at our Muslim host's house in Shfaram nourished not only our bodies but our souls, as our host shared how he is leading his community towards accepting "the other," as evidenced by his warm hospitality. And then there was Rabbi Noa Sattath's presentation of the work of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC) at the Reform Seminary, Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. I was encouraged by how the Reform movement is a leader in justice and peace

initiatives in Israel, and how your congregation is donating generously, that the Israeli Reform movement might grow. And while I could add more, the joint presentation between Rabbi Hannan Schlesinger and Palestinian Noor A'wad regarding befriending the enemy, as part of the *Roots/Shorashim Project*, was nothing short of a bright light. While they acknowledged the many rejections they receive, the growing acceptance was heartening.

I come back home with a much deeper commitment to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (Psalm 122:6), and I hope to take more members of my congregation to Israel one day, so that we can more fully enter into what God has done, and is doing, in this land of promise.

Pastor Todd Buurstra

North Branch Reformed Church



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We met Hannan along with a young Palestinian man from Bethlehem named Noor Awad. Noor and his family have experienced great hardship under Israeli occupation, and many of his friends have embraced the path of militant resistance. But Noor, too, was moved by a human encounter with his neighbors, Jewish settlers whom he has embraced as partners in the pursuit of peace and reconciliation. At this stage, *Roots* is promoting dialogue and human understanding, but they realize that this is a precursor to the quest for a political solution that will involve two states that share one homeland.

Witnessing Modern Israel, Jews, Arabs, and Palestinians

From afar, the Middle East takes on a mythic quality. It seems more like a seething cauldron of powerful forces that threatens to overflow and scorch the earth than the actual pastoral landscape of hills and valleys, verdant vineyards, bustling cities, and diverse people living colorful lives day by day. The land of the Bible, the place where Jesus lived and taught and the site of Muhammad's rise to heaven, is also a thriving modern country inhabited by Jews, Christians, and Muslims. It is not just a place of dreams deferred, but also one of dreams fulfilled, though certainly more so for the Jewish people than the Palestinians. But here, too, lies a source of hope. Israel is a model of a people dispersed and despised returning home to build a nation where they can be self-reliant.

That quest has come at a cost. Security is a constant challenge, as we saw when we visited the northern border, where threats loom large from Hizbollah and ISIS in Syria and Lebanon. Standing on the Golan Heights, it was clear to all why Israel had to take control of the hills from which Syrian artillery rained down on Jewish communities in the valley below from 1948 to 1967.

Similarly, one cannot fully understand what Israel means to the Jewish people unless one goes to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem. It brings home with the most painful clarity why the Jewish people believe in the necessity of a sovereign Jewish state. One of the most meaningful moments of our journey was the tearful embrace of a Christian colleague that conveyed to me the depth of that understanding.

Yes, Israel is a complicated reality. Yes, there is so much more to do to realize the promise of peace and dignity for all the people who are destined to share that holy land. But we, three faith leaders from Central New Jersey on a pilgrimage to the roots of our respective faiths, discovered the greater truth of all our faiths, forged on that sacred soil — that we are all children of the One God, sisters and brothers who must learn to love one another and share the gifts that God has given us.

Please RSVP to the temple office to say you'll join us on March 11 at North Branch Reformed Church, and tell us what you can bring for the pot luck dairy meal.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck

From Our President

65 Years of Excellence



The year 1953 was an interesting and historic year. In Washington, Dwight D. Eisenhower was inaugurated as president, and Earl Warren was sworn in as chief justice of the Supreme Court. The Korean conflict came to an end. The first Chevrolet Corvette rolled off the assembly line and the first issue of *Playboy* hit the newsstands. Eugene O'Neill died and Hulk Hogan was born. And in Somerset County, New Jersey, a group of 15 young, pioneering Jewish families gathered together to establish a new synagogue, founded on the principles of our ancestors, yet progressive and modern in approach and thinking. This was no dream. It was a vision come to life. And its name is Temple Beth-El.

From our humble beginnings in Somerville, our temple community has made enormous strides over the past 65 years. (See related article on TBE's history on page 8) Our membership has grown to more than 400 families, making us one of the largest congregations in the area. Our clergy and staff have dedicated their professional lives to the cause of promoting and perpetuating Jewish values. We can justifiably boast that our religious school has educated thousands of young Jews, some of whom have gone on to become rabbis, cantors and Jewish educators. We have consistently been at the forefront of social justice issues locally, across the country and around the world. Our adult education program is vibrant and robust. And we have become a cultural center for music and the arts. Anyone who has spent time at Temple Beth-El will tell you that it is a place alive with the spirit our founders imparted, and we continue to grow in ways that they likely could not have imagined.

A community as genuine, caring and diverse as Temple Beth-El is worthy of celebrating every day. But this year, as we approach the 65th anniversary of our founding, we

can and should step back and admire our accomplishments. And so we shall! On the evening of Saturday, April 14, 2018, we will celebrate this momentous occasion with a gala dinner dance. It will be an opportunity to relax, eat, and socialize with friends, old and new, all for a wonderful reason. In addition to lauding our institutional achievements, we will pay a well-earned tribute to Arthur Roswell, Sid Horowitz, Ed Malberg, Ed Tolman and Lil Swickle, five of our outstanding temple presidents whose unflagging support and unparalleled leadership has helped us excel over the past six and one half decades.

Too often these days, we use superlatives to describe things that do not fit the bill. Our morning coffee is "awesome." Our daily workout was "amazing." The hundredth meme we've viewed on our phone was "incredible." Going over the top with effusive praise can actually diminish the value of the object of our acclaim. But make no mistake: there is nothing artificially inflated about speaking of Temple Beth-El in only the most laudatory fashion. While that may seem somewhat immodest, the fact is, we've earned it. And while 65 is an age when many are pondering retirement, our community is enthusiastically looking forward to the next 65 years of excellence, and beyond.

So here's to Temple Beth-El! I look forward to seeing everyone on April 14th to raise a glass in our honor and say "L'chaim!!!"

L'shalom,

Jay Lavroff

Temple Beth-El 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY'S
HISTORY AND ITS FUTURE.**

HONORING PAST PRESIDENTS

Sid Horowitz, Arthur Roswell, Ed Malberg,
Ed Tolman and Lillian Swickle

EVENING HIGHLIGHTS

Dinner, Drinks, Music and Dancing, Dinner,
Auction/Party Board, and more

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14 AT 6:00 P.M.
AT TEMPLE BETH-EL**

Cocktails, Dinner, and Dancing
Cocktail Attire

RSVP at tinyurl.com/TBE65th2018

COMMITTEE:

Alta Malberg, Chair

Caren Bateman, Gari Bloom, Andrea Bradley, Susan Brenner,
Debbie Herman, Wendy Horowitz, Paula Kornberg, Pam Lavroff,
Robin Osman, Melissa Pyle and Amy Rubin

A History of Temple Beth-El

(Editor's note: In honor of the 65th anniversary of Temple Beth-El, we offer this brief review of the community's history. Please join us on April 14 as we celebrate this milestone. See the flier on page 7)

Before Temple Beth-El

Simon Weil was the first Jew in Somerville, arriving in 1864. In 1892, Weil and others organized the Anshe Chesed Cemetery Association which, in 1907, became Congregation Anshe Chesed, an Orthodox synagogue with some 40 members.

Between the two World Wars, many Jews focused their activities on Jewish communal organizations outside the synagogue. The year 1921 saw the incorporation of the Young Men's Hebrew Association (YMHA) of Somerville; the Jewish Community Center Association was formed in 1941.

After World War II, the Jewish community grew from several sources. Some young Jewish families came directly from New York or Newark. Others continued the slow movement west from the inner ring of suburbs. They followed the companies that built or expanded facilities in the area.

The Origins of Temple Beth-El

This expanding, youthful Jewish community began to bump up against the Orthodox strictures of Anshe Chesed. These Jews wanted a faith that was accessible, involving and relevant. Determined not to let their children become a lost generation of American Jews, they sought a Judaism consistent with their own modernity. A Committee of Sponsors organized a community-wide meeting on July 27, 1953, with over 140 people in attendance. Rabbi Daniel Davis, New York regional director for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, spoke.

Some among the group glimpsed a vision bright enough to undertake the challenge of building a Reform congregation. On August 27, 1953, 15 families founded Temple Beth-El. Dr. David Tapper was the first president, and the congregation's first affiliate, the Sisterhood, elected Jane Tapper as its president. The first Shabbat service was held on September 4, 1953, in a room above the A&P at 149 West Main Street, Somerville. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services attracted significant crowds, and, most important to the founders, a religious school was established, with volunteer teachers and 27 students.

Temple Beth-El quickly found more appropriate space above the Price & Co. women's wear store on the third floor of 30 West Main Street. The congregation pitched in to make its new space suitable. Floors were re-planked and walls painted. Sheets were hung to become classroom walls, and the entire space was used for fundraising, for parties, for bazaars, for whatever was needed. By that first fall, 25 families were considered members.

Social Justice at the Core

So much of what Temple Beth-El now values could be glimpsed at the beginning. The early members were activists and builders, traits that have continued. Serious about their Judaism, they met weekly for Shabbat services, established a partnership with their rabbi, and studied with the student rabbis to better prepare for their roles as teachers. They enjoyed each other's company. There was no parking lot to meet in after the meeting or service, so the members often adjourned to Howard Johnson's or Johnny's Diner to continue the discussion. Committed to the Jewish community and to social justice, these members provided leadership in the community for both these concerns. They had a common vision.

As membership grew, so did the need for larger quarters, especially for the school. The temple was fortunate to acquire 228 Altamont Place, a three-story mansion well past its prime, and its carriage house. Once again, the congregants scrubbed, painted and repaired the facilities. Bedrooms became classrooms, and sitting rooms gave way to an assembly hall. The feathers and dirt in the carriage house gave way to a professionally designed bimah and a kitchen. The new buildings were dedicated on September 9, 1960.

In June 1961, the congregation named Rabbi David Klein as its first full-time rabbi, and confirmation class became the capstone of the religious school. Sisterhood established the nursery school, and the Temple Beth-El youth group became integral to the congregation's programming.

To Hillsborough We Go

With the continued economic development of the area through the '60s, Jews joined in the ongoing push into the suburbs. New roads aided this movement, as did the increasing acceptance of Jews in companies and professions that had been closed to their parents. Once again, temple leadership sought additional space for the rapidly growing congregation, especially for the school, which led to the purchase of an office building at 67 Route 206 in Hillsborough. In one great leap, Temple Beth-El had more classroom space, more worship and social space, and, by the standards of the time, more parking space. And there was land on which to grow. The congregation began school and worship in the fall of 1969, with a formal dedication on January 24, 1970. The religious and nursery schools reveled in their new facilities, the annual temple art show reached new dimensions, and the Sisterhood got a room for the Judaica shop and a full kitchen.

The concerns of the '70s and the temple's long-standing values were reflected in the congregation's activities. Adult

forums and sermons focused on housing discrimination in Somerville and the issues of war, peace and protest. The Social Action Committee advised the congregation on a wide range of matters. Educating our children remained at the core. A building campaign created a new religious school wing with 10 classrooms, which opened in the fall of 1978.

Other significant changes didn't show up on the floor plan or schedule of activities. As residential development continued in Hillsborough, the Jewish population grew apace. A search for Jewish meaning brought many to Temple Beth-El. And, as women increasingly began to work outside the home, they were no longer willing to settle for auxiliary status. These women were naturally drawn into the leadership of Temple Beth-El, with the first female president of the congregation serving in 1978. Female voices have filled our pulpit from the mid-1970s, and nearly all our student and invested cantors have been women. These talented women have been powerful Jewish role models for our congregational family.

Our rabbinic leadership strengthened with the long tenures of Rabbis Michael Abraham and Bill Krauss. In 1991, the congregation welcomed a young, energetic

rabbi, Arnold Gluck, and his family. The community built a permanent sanctuary for its increasingly diverse Reform congregation in 1996, and a new two-story education wing and a new social hall in 2002.

With a visionary rabbi, committed lay partners, and an increased staff, we were now able to expand our programming to address the challenges of Temple Beth-El's world. Adult Torah study, serious Hebrew education, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, outreach, social action, professional staffing, leadership development, and staff development all worked hand in hand to make a difference in the Jewish lives of the temple's membership.

Rabbi Tarfon taught in Pirke Avot: You are not required to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to abstain from it. The many people who, over the course of 65 years, have embodied that teaching, have written, and are writing, the history of this congregation. We share this history and these memories as we continue to work, so that this house, which they named for God, this Beit Eil, will always honor that dedication.

Adapted from "The History of Temple Beth-El," written by Ed Malberg for the community's Jubilee in 2004.

HONORABLE MENSCHEN

Honorable Menschen for Spring 2018—the Stark/Ferling Family



For five years, Simon Stark and his crack bagel-shmearing crew – Sam, Lila and Audrey – have been rolling into the temple kitchen early every Sunday morning to make sure our café can deliver fresh bagels and treats to all of our hungry congregants, teachers and staff. And talk about service with a smile! The tremendous ruach they bring to the task brightens the café even on the dreariest of winter mornings. When the occasional work commitment keeps Simon away, Rhona seamlessly steps in to pinch hit (although not without being reminded “that’s not how Daddy does it”). Without the selfless efforts of this special family, the café simply would not be possible.

In addition to their work in the culinary arena, Rhona Ferling lends her professional literary skills to the *Shofar* as an editor and contributing writer. Simon is active in Brotherhood and always plays a significant role in setting up and taking down the Sukkah. And Sam, Lila and Audrey are regular participants in student life, including singing in our youth choir, *Soufganiyot*.

We are extremely fortunate to have a family like the Stark/Ferling clan that is so deeply committed to our community. It is our pleasure and privilege to recognize them as our Honorable Menschen for Spring 2018.

From the Executive Director

A well-functioning team is a great asset to any organization. A change in the staffing of the team creates both an opportunity and a challenge.

That's the double-edged sword I was faced with when our beloved Susan Walters retired in October after 22 years of fine service. Would I be able to find someone with Susan's compassion and attention to detail? How would I manage losing all of Susan's institutional knowledge?

I didn't expect we would find anyone with synagogue experience or familiarity with the synagogue software, but we did! I'm very pleased to introduce Dina Fisher. She joined the team shortly after Susan retired and has been quickly coming up the learning curve and fitting in with success. Dina serves the congregation in the main office, providing support to the administrative and ritual activities of the community.

I'll let Dina introduce herself to you in her own words. If you haven't met Dina yet, please stop by and introduce yourself, and join me in welcoming her to the Temple Beth-El family.

L'shalom,

Amy Rubin

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Shalom!!

I am Dina Fisher, the new administrative assistant at Temple Beth-El. I joined the team at the end of October. I'm really enjoying the work and the community.

Over the past 11 years I have worked at the East Brunswick Jewish Center in its religious and preschool offices, and at Beth El Synagogue in East Windsor as the director of the early childhood center. These experiences have really prepared me for life at Temple Beth-El.

I earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Hofstra University and a master's degree in management from New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). I live in South Brunswick with my husband of 22 years, Scott, our daughter Brittany, a freshman at Penn State University, our son Mitchell, a junior in high school, and our beloved shitzu, Buddy.

In my spare time, I volunteer for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Lymphoma Research Foundation, two causes close to my heart.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone at Temple Beth-El. If I can be of any assistance, don't hesitate to reach out.

L'shalom,

Dina Fisher

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It's Time to Plan for Passover!

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



Saturday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious catered Seder meal with roast chicken, brisket, or vegetarian entree options.

The price for adults is JUST \$44, and there is no charge for children under the age of 13.

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

We honor our Legacy Circle:

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 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
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 Lillian Swickle
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 Irwin Vogel
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THIS PASSOVER REFLECT ON THE
 PAST AND IMPACT THE FUTURE



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 beneficiary designation.



To create your Jewish legacy contact:
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Strangers to Friends: The Message of Passover

Passover is my favorite Jewish holiday of the year. Why, you may ask? It certainly isn't because of the delicious matzah, that's for sure! (I confess, though. I do like to make matzah brie...)

No. I love Passover because of the message of the holiday. "Remember, you were strangers."

I remember when my family first joined Temple Beth-El in 1969, before many of you were born. We were strangers here and didn't know anyone. We were warmly welcomed by the then congregants, many of whom have remained my steadfast friends since that time.

We welcome people to Temple Beth-El in many ways. We greet "strangers" and invite them to sit with us at services. We welcome guests who are being hosted by IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) and who live with us for a week. We strike up a conversation that turns into a friendship. This is one of the aspects I love most about Temple Beth-El.

I want to make sure that my beloved temple remains strong. With that objective, I have chaired the legacy gift

committee these last couple of years and have encouraged many congregants to consider doing what I have done – make a legacy gift to Temple Beth-El. Mine is as a bequest to temple in my will.

Perhaps you, too, will make a legacy gift. When you make such a commitment, you help to ensure that this wonderful, welcoming congregation remains strong for future generations long after we are gone. Rest assured that no one knows the amount of your intended gift when you make the promise. That would be known only after you have left this earth.

I would be happy to discuss this further. Please feel free to contact me or a member of the committee. I look forward to our conversation.

Lillian Swickle, Chair
 Lou Binder
 Cindy Andrews

From the Education Directors

10 Things Kids Hate About Seder

1. I don't know what it means.
2. It's boring. It just drags on and on. There's so much to read.
3. I'm hungry. Being allowed to have only a small bite of food each time we say a blessing is torture.
4. Horseradish doesn't taste good.
5. My extended family speaks different languages.
6. I'm not allowed to text at the table.
7. Being expected to read Hebrew just because I'm in Hebrew School makes me uncomfortable.
8. I have to recite the Four Questions, even though I'm not the youngest. Not fair!
9. It's a drag to give up foods I like for eight days.
10. Matzah is messy.

Conversations over the years with students in Grades 3 through 7 have given them the opportunity to express all the things they don't like about the Passover Seder. The idea is not to focus on the negative, but to allow the kids to get everything they don't like about Seder out of their systems before flipping the conversation around to the positive.

It is always important to acknowledge what children have to say about their experiences — and — you know what? — about Seder, they're right!

Seder is meant to be interesting and engaging, not dry and boring. It should be not too long, just long enough to tell the story, and to tell it meaningfully. There's much we can do to make the experience lively and interactive, for children and adults alike. Convey the messages of freedom and redemption clearly and with feeling. Sing songs. Put on a skit. Come in costume, if you are so moved. Ask questions, and make it clear that everyone around the table has something valuable to contribute, including, maybe even especially, the children. After all, they are the ones who will carry the tradition forward. Our job is to give the great themes of Pesach new life each year through the rituals and symbols of the Seder.

So, let's rework our list:

10 Things Kids Want From Seder:

1. I like being Jewish. Please help me understand what this means.
2. The Haggadah is long. Please help me understand it by choosing to read some, but not all, of it. I don't mind



moving from beginning to end, but reading every word in between is too much. I'm still just a kid.

3. Please put some healthy snacks on the table so I can focus on the Seder and not on my growling stomach.
4. Explain what the foods on the Seder plate represent so I know why horseradish is included and understand that it isn't supposed to taste good.
5. I love being together with my family; I just wish the old folks would speak English consistently so we all can talk to each other.
6. When you let me know that you value my presence and participation, I'll be happy to be present and participate. It's no problem to leave my phone in my room.
7. I like learning Hebrew and know you're proud of me, but please don't put me on the spot. I may not be as comfortable with it as you think I am. Maybe someone could help me get started or even read with me.
8. I don't mind reciting the Four Questions, even though I'm not the youngest, but please ask me instead of just expecting me to do it.
9. When I understand the reasons for giving up foods I like, it's not so hard. I can manage without them (especially when you let me have some extra Passover goodies).
10. Matzah is messy no matter what. No positive spin here.

The Passover story is a magnificent tale of faith and freedom. Its message of the redemptive power of God that sustained our ancestors in their journey from slavery to freedom will continue to sustain us in our generation and in generations yet to come. This year, as we gather for Seder, let's make sure that everyone around the table can play an active role in retelling the story to truly understand and live the values that distinguish our faith and our people.

Chag Pesach sameach — wishing you and your family a joyous Passover!

Sarah Gluck

Our Teens Experiencing and Changing the World

Our teens have had several terrific travel experiences over the past two months. In January, we launched a new overnight trip to New York City for our eighth and ninth graders. It was a tremendous success. We had fun and still learned so much. The itinerary included visits to the historic Central Synagogue for Shabbat, the 9/11 Museum and Memorial, Times Square, and Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum. It was special to celebrate Shabbat together from start to finish, and the teens loved riding the subway!

In early February, 11th and 12th graders in our post-confirmation program made their way to Atlanta, Georgia. They spent time learning about Jewish history, the Civil Rights Movement, and the ways in which these intersect. Our itinerary included visits to The Temple (a historic Reform congregation in Atlanta with significant ties to social justice and the civil rights movement), the Center for Civil and Human Rights, and services at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Another highlight was time spent involved in a community-service project with Open Hand Atlanta, an organization that seeks to eliminate disability and untimely death due to nutrition-sensitive chronic disease.

At the end of February, our 10th-grade confirmation class went to Washington, D.C. for the L'Taken Seminar

for Social Justice with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. L'Taken is an educational leadership program that exposes students to a variety of issues, such as economic justice, abortion, gun-violence prevention, immigration, and other civil and human rights. In addition to learning sessions, Shabbat celebration, a visit to the United States Holocaust Museum, and free time to explore and socialize, the program culminated with a day on Capitol Hill in the offices of both senators and congressional representatives to lobby on issues of importance.

A common thread of all these immersive experiences is the opportunity to build lasting relationships with one another. For many, the greatest highlight of their trip is bonding with their peers.

L'Shalom,
Lisa Friedman



Above left: Ninth graders riding the subway in New York City

Above: The confirmation class takes on the Capitol

Left: The post-confirmation class attended services at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta

Young Family Events



Young Family Passover Experience

Saturday, March 24, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars now for this popular event. We will learn about the Passover holiday with stories, crafts, and games.

<https://tinyurl.com/TBEYFPassover2018>



Young Family Shabbat Experience

Saturday April 28 9:00 a.m.

Join Cantor Pincus, kindergarten teacher Amy Rubin, and Music Together instructor Donna Lewin for an interactive Shabbat experience designed for our youngest children and their families.

RSVP to Cantor Pincus:

CantorPincus@TempleBethElNJ.org



Almost Graduation Time

Springtime is the season of flowers and mortar boards. If you or one of your children will be donning a cap and gown in the upcoming graduation season, please let us know where you/they are graduating from. We want to list all of the graduates in the next issue of the Shofar.

TBE Spring Blood Drive

Sunday, April 15

8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Save a life. Donate blood.

Donating blood is a simple, easy, and quick. It is a great mitzvah that can help up to 3 people for each pint donated.

Please register at tinyurl.com/TBEBloodDrive2018

Please bring picture identification. Remember, eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of fluids before donating!



Sitcoms in Sushan — A Purim Hit!

A truly collaborative effort brought *The Purim Mooners* to the stage. Thanks and kudos to author Steve Landau and producer Cantor Pincus, a talented cast, great singers, and musicians with a sense of humor.

Cast

Rande Aaronson, Doug Beman, Beth Borrus, Max Cooper, Emily Dickholtz, Karen Donohue, Jim Lavranchuk, Jay Lavroff, Donna Lewin, Sam Redlich, Kayla Rubin, Jodi Siegal, and Ruth Southland

Soufganiyot/People of Brookshan

Ben Bauman, Rebecca Bauman, Emily Dickholtz, Alex Herskovitz, Febee Herskovitz, Julie McCloskey, Nathaniel Pincus, Isabella Russo, Audrey Stark, and Lila Stark

Fantastic Musicians

Piano: Kathy Shanklin

TBE Tefillah Band: Lou Binder, David Gold, Jay Lavroff, Evan Lerner, Henry Nerenberg, Larry Osman, Vicki Schwartz, and Alan Zeldin

Behind the Scenes:

Technical: Jim Lavranchuk

Carpentry: Doug Beman

Sound and Slides: Ariela Southland

Poster: Josh Lavroff

Hamentaschen Detail: Jodi Siegal

Program: Leigh Freeman



The entire cast



*Jim Lavranchuk as King Ahasha Ralph Kramden
and Doug Beman as Servant Norton*



*Rabbi Gluck with Ben and Rebecca Bauman
and Audrey Stark*



TBE Connects groups are gathering this spring! Meet with other congregants in small groups. Laugh, learn, socialize, exercise, and connect while pursuing a common hobby, passion or interest together. It's all about getting to know one another a little better.

Curious? Check out the group descriptions listed below, and contact the group's coordinator to learn more:

TBE Tennis

Spring is almost here! Contact Dave Cohen at david@decarchitect.com or 609-915-5944 if you are interested in getting together with other members of our TBE family for a round of tennis. Don't be concerned if your backhand is a little rusty: all ability levels are welcomed in this friendly group.

TBE Tennis generally plays at Hillsborough High School during religious school hours on Sundays, so you just might get in a set or two before heading back to TBE to pick up your kids. And you'll have an easier time justifying that bagel at the café, too!

Baby Boomers and Empty-Nesters

Sixteen members of the Baby Boomers and Empty Nesters group got together to enjoy a convivial evening of dinner and conversation at Sahara Restaurant in Manville recently. And the group is looking forward to many more such fun outings.

Originally titled the Empty Nesters, the group expanded its concept to baby boomers to be more inclusive and welcome those who still have children living at home. "The direction of the group is still evolving and is flexible," observes Susan Goldberg, one of the group coordinators, but "I do get the feeling the group is looking for fun activities and opportunities to socialize."

In fact, the group is talking about a food tour in New York City this spring. And down the road, Susan sees the potential for new friendships to form, and to eventually get members involved in planning and coordinating future gatherings.

Join other Temple Beth-El baby-boomers and empty-nesters for a dessert and games party at the home of Susan and Carl Goldberg on Saturday evening, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. Email Susan (scjrgold@aol.com) or Donna Etkins (dsetkins@gmail.com) for more information about the group, or to RSVP for the gathering.

Jewish Spirituality

The Jewish Spirituality Group meets once a month, with about eight regular attendees. "We aim to know God through direct experience and live that knowledge in the world. And we seek to nourish body and soul through study, discussion, and meditation," Michael Herzog, the leader of the group, explains.

The focus of the group is on people's direct experience: "not so much what you think in your head, as much as what you feel in your heart and gut," he says. The group also discusses what is going on in the lives of each member, and what they find important or inspiring. "The personal dimension to this group, in addition to our open-hearted interest in the truth and spirit, has made this

group a source of fellowship, support and inspiration," he affirms.

Michael adds that "people in the group have said that they feel free to express themselves, even about personal subjects such as anxiety, anger, aging or questions of faith." And everyone finds the 10 minutes of silent meditation practiced at each meeting quite meaningful. Attendees report feeling rejuvenated and connected to a deep feeling of peace. "There is also a feeling of Presence, as if God is truly 'in this place,'" he muses.

The group has gathered at Duke Farms several times, and also met several times last summer. Future topics may include a consideration of impermanence, as described in the book of Ecclesiastes, with an exploration of what is not impermanent; and the questions "Is God in this place? If God is not present, where is God?"

For more information, contact Michael Herzog at michael.herzog@allergan.com or 908-809-3903.

TBE Reads

Love to read? Then you might want to check out TBE Reads, which is completing its first year. Roughly 20 congregants receive email announcements about the group's upcoming reads. Every two months, a group of six to eight people gathers to discuss a broad selection of books, including fiction, nonfiction, Jewish literature, and award winners, and to get to know one another a little bit better.

"You can really learn about someone over a book discussion," observes Deborah Herman, leader of the group. "Readers have been generous in their willingness to share personal stories in the context of the book discussion." In her view, one of the best aspects of this group "is that everyone has had the opportunity to get to know someone new." In fact, the book club members come from many different towns within the temple's geographic reach to discuss the books they read.

Join fellow congregants in the TBE library on Tuesday, March 20, at 7:15 p.m. for refreshments and a book discussion. This month's selection is *Rashi's Daughters (Book I: Joheved)* by Maggie Anton. This group reads a new selection every six to eight weeks, and members take turns recommending books, leading the book discussion and bringing delicious snacks, says Deborah. Please contact her at daherman@mac.com or 908-963-6003 if you would like to learn more.

Cycling Connection

TBE Cyclists is a group that gathers on Sunday mornings in late spring to connect and cycle. This spring the group will adopt a bulletin-board type of approach, in which people who would like to organize a ride can post the time and the route, and invite others to join.

Typical rides from the TBE parking lot might include the various paths at Duke Gardens, across Route 206, and the Delaware-Raritan Canal towpath, from a Manville starting point. The Sourlands Mountain Preserve is another option that can be arranged. These rides are suitable for most people's cycling level, but could potentially include climbing some moderate hills.

Contact Jerry Novak at GNovak1@its.jnj.com or 908-229-9328 to learn more, or to volunteer to lead an upcoming ride.

Jewish LIFE

SUNDAY MORNINGS

March 11

Hebrew Reading Refresher & Prayer Practice/Adult B'not Mitzvah • 8:45-9:30, Rm. 201

Learn to Chant Torah/Adult B'not Mitzvah, Session 5 • 9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash

Biblical Hebrew • 10:30-11:50, Rm. 201

March 18

Hebrew Reading Refresher & Prayer Practice/Adult B'not Mitzvah • 8:45-9:30, Rm. 201

Learn to Chant Torah/Adult B'not Mitzvah, Session 6 • 9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash

Biblical Hebrew • 10:30-11:50, Rm. 201

March 25

Hebrew Reading Refresher & Prayer Practice/Adult B'not Mitzvah • 8:45-9:30, Rm. 201

Learn to Chant Torah/Adult B'not Mitzvah, Session 7 • 9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash

Biblical Hebrew • 10:30-11:50, Rm. 201

April 15

Hebrew Reading Refresher & Prayer Practice/Adult B'not Mitzvah • 9:00-10:00, Rm. 201

Biblical Hebrew • 10:00-11:20, Rm. 201

April 22

Hebrew Reading Refresher & Prayer Practice/Adult B'not Mitzvah • 9:00-10:00, Rm. 201

Biblical Hebrew • 10:00-11:20, Rm. 201

TUESDAY EVENINGS

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

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

May 8 and 15

Instructor: Rabbi Gluck

Last year, the Sai Baba community that meets at Temple Beth-El invited Rabbi Gluck to speak about Jewish scriptural views of the purpose of human life and how we are to lead it. The questions and subsequent discussion were so engaging that Rabbi Gluck was inspired to expand it into two sessions for the TBE community. Please join him for two Tuesday evenings of study and conversation.

***For the entire community and also for our Adult B'not Mitzvah class**

THURSDAY EVENINGS

Israeli Dancing

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 27; April 4 (a Wednesday), 12, 19, 26;

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 26 (a Tuesday);

July 5, 12

SATURDAY EVENINGS

Israeli Film Series

Saturdays, 7:00 p.m.

March 17, *Keep Quiet*

April 21, *Transit*

May 12, *Brothers*

See the Cultural Arts page for details.



Yom HaShoah

Community-wide Yom HaShoah Service

Wednesday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: George Blank

At Temple Sholom, Bridgewater

Reception to follow program.

Inspired to Serve

Temple Beth-El is privileged to have four newly elected officials in its congregation, serving in positions from local school boards to the New Jersey Assembly. Our fellow congregants and public servants are interested in pursuing a broad range of goals while in office, with an eye toward improving the lives of people in their communities.

Learn more about your fellow congregants and their positions below.

ROY FREIMAN

Office: New Jersey Assembly, District 16. Elected in November 2017, sworn into office on January 9, 2018. Roy is a Democrat.

Experience: None as an elected official. Previously appointed to Hillsborough Township Sustainability Committee.

What Inspired His Candidacy: Roy said he was disappointed with the leadership in state and national politics, and reached out to Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker to ask how he became involved in politics. That contact led to a regular conversation between the two that ultimately inspired Roy to help lessen the political divisiveness between people and work at finding solutions to bring communities together. Roy felt that his professional background in strategy at the corporate level could be beneficial in office.

Goals While In Office: Roy says government's role is to help make people's lives better and more fair by solving problems people may not realize exist. Among his core goals, Roy says New Jersey needs to address affordability issues, particularly for millennials and senior citizens; attract more businesses to spur economic development; protect the environment; support women's healthcare initiatives; and address abuse of power issues in workplaces in order to ensure fairness and protection of human rights. "While we have to work on the economic issues, there are real humanistic issues that have to be addressed, and they go beyond what the state touches," he said.



DAVE COHEN

Office: Princeton Town Council. Elected in November 2017, sworn into office on January 2, 2018. Dave is a Democrat.

Experience: Dave has been involved with local government for 15 years, serving on the executive board as treasurer and president of the Princeton Democratic Club, which has 600 members and is the largest of its kind in New Jersey. Dave also served 10 years on the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the planning board for four years.

What Inspired His Candidacy: Dave had considered running for Town Council for several years, and was finally inspired to do so after attending the 2017 Women's March on Washington, which he says was "a truly incredible, life-changing experience, where one of the central messages of the speakers was: 'If you are concerned about the direction our country is headed, don't just tell the politicians what you want them to do – run for office yourself!'"

Goals While In Office: Dave says he has many priorities, all of which relate to encouraging the concept of smart growth, which means that density creates many positives for the local environment: healthier and happier communities and smaller carbon footprints.

Smart growth is considered a powerful preserver of affordability, and hence diversity, for a town like Princeton — creating options for smaller, less costly apartment living, and eliminating the need for families to have a car for every family member. Smart growth results in a more livable, aesthetically appealing physical environment. Smart growth also can be beneficial for the local economy, attracting young people, creating jobs, generating a higher density of consumers to support local businesses, and drawing visitors from around the region who want to spend leisure time in a vibrant, attractive place with lots of things to do.



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JILL GLADSTONE

Office: Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District Board of Education

Experience: Elected in April 2007. Serving fourth term, second year as board president.

What Inspired Her

Candidacy: Over a two-year period, Jill attended school board meetings as a private citizen and often spoke during the public comment portion of meetings, while learning how board decisions are made. She said she decided to run because she was unhappy at the time with some administrative decision-making being presented to the board for approval. Those decisions included implementation of a controversial elementary math program, as well as a Language Arts curriculum that Jill



believed was weak in providing fundamental skills, but had not had enough evaluation and input from stakeholders. Jill felt that the knowledge she gained attending meetings prepared her to serve on the school board and represent constituents.

Goals While In Office: Jill's goals are multifaceted, and governed by state requirements that limit board actions to policy-making, planning, and appraisal to ensure a well-run district. Specifically, Jill supports the five-year strategic plan initiated last year and spearheaded by the district superintendent. Jill said the plan incorporates genuine, hands-on involvement of a wide range of school and community members. The plan also aims to study and make improvements in the areas of communication, safety, health and wellness, technology and sustainability.

In addition to supporting the strategic plan, Jill said she wants to continue to be a well-informed board member who understands the perspective of each of the stakeholders, including administrators, staff, parents, students and taxpayers.

Editor's note: Noah Horowitz was elected in November 2017 and is serving his first term on the Branchburg Board of Education. A profile of Noah was unavailable for this article.

Two New Programs from the Jewish Federation



The Jewish Federation
OF SOMERSET, HUNTERDON & WARREN COUNTIES

HELPING TODAY.
SECURING TOMORROW.

Did you know that your Federation has been working diligently to bring Jewish experiences to the children of our community? In the past year, we have begun two major programs to enhance and promote Jewish identity among young people: The Jewish Overnight Camp and Israel Experience Scholarship Program, and the Gift of Israel Program.

The camp scholarship program is meant to encourage families to choose Jewish overnight camp rather than other camps for their children. We all know that children who attend overnight Jewish camps are far more likely to be active in their Jewish communities as adults, and to have a strong Jewish identity. The program grants scholarships to first-time overnight campers based on the length of their stay at camp. It is a need-blind program and open to everyone in the community. Last summer we were able to provide 17 scholarships to first-time campers, and we hope to give out even more this year. If you know anyone going to Jewish camp for the first time, please have them go to our website and apply for the scholarship. It only takes five minutes. <https://jfedshaw.org/summer-scholarship>

The Gift of Israel Program is a joint savings program between synagogues, their members with children

in religious school and Hebrew high school, and the Federation. The program is intended to put aside funds contributed by the synagogues, the families and the Federation in order to make it possible for a child to go on an organized youth trip to Israel at the culmination of Hebrew high. If you have ever been to Israel, you understand the powerful impact of seeing a country where Jewish life and culture are prevalent. It is empowering and uplifting to Jews in general and to our children in particular. You can learn more about the Gift of Israel Program by visiting our website <https://jfedshaw.org/gift>.

Our doors are always open: please feel free to visit us upstairs at the JCC at 775 Talamini Road, Bridgewater, at any time, or call me at 908-758-2001. We look forward to hearing from you.

Robin Wishnie
Executive Director

Cultural Arts

Cultural Arts Happenings

Join us at the movies and Israeli folk dancing!

The Jewish Film Series will continue on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., with the film *Keep Quiet*. This documentary chronicles the story of a member of Hungary's far-right extremist party who regularly espoused anti-Semitic rhetoric and Holocaust denials. However, the shocking revelation that his grandparents were Jewish, as well as Holocaust survivors, forces him to confront the painful truths of his family's past, his own wrongdoing and the turbulent history of his country. It causes an improbable, but seemingly genuine, conversion from a prejudiced provocateur to devout Jew. But is this astonishing transformation one of genuine epiphany and rectitude or an act of fraud and moral impropriety? You decide!

We are excited to announce that the discussion of this film will be led by Margit Feldman, a Holocaust survivor born in Hungary, who will provide thoughtful insights and questions. Margit's book, *Margit - A Teenager's Journey Through the Holocaust and Beyond*, written with Bernard Weinstein, has become recommended reading for children studying the Holocaust. Her life after liberation from Auschwitz has now been chronicled in a documentary film titled *Not A23029*. She also supports Raritan Valley Community College's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, and helps create an annual spring educational program, in which 3,000 students learn about the Holocaust.

Come before the film at 6:45 p.m., to partake of a delicious spread of snacks, coffee, tea and beverages. Make sure to see our flyers and poster in the lobby. RSVP please to Simona: bakerec@comcast.net

Israeli folk dancing with ruach has evolved into a weekly program and is continuing into spring. 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. But you will also lose yourself in the rhythms of the dance and the tuneful Israeli music and feel great as your endorphins kick in! Wouldn't it be nice to feel happy, and lost in the pleasure of the moment?

Here is the schedule for the next two months: March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 27. April 4, 12, 19 and 26, evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room in the school wing.

Cost: \$15 at the door, or save money by prepaying for five sessions. Call Simona if interested in prepaying. The first dance class 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!

L'shalom,

Simona Rivkin

Cultural Arts Committee
Temple Beth-El

Passover Begins March 30

Do you need a place to celebrate Passover?

Consider joining the congregational Seder on March 31 (see flyer on page 20), or contact the temple office to be matched with someone who has an extra seat at their Seder table.

Do you have an extra seat at your Seder table?

Consider welcoming someone who doesn't otherwise have a place to celebrate the holiday.

Contact the temple office if you have room at your Seder table.

Contact Dina Fisher at DinaFisher@TempleBethElNJ.org, 908-722-0674, ext. 312

Temple Beth-El Jewish Film Series presents

KEEP QUIET

**Saturday, March 17
7:00 p.m.**

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

**Discussion after the film
with Holocaust Survivor
Margit Feldman**

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

RSVP required to Simona at
bakerec@comcast.net

Awards:

Best Documentary, Tribeca Film Festival, 2016

About:

Csanad Szegedi's story is remarkable: as vice-president of Hungary's far-right extremist party, he regularly espoused anti-Semitic rhetoric and Holocaust denials, and he was a founder of the Hungarian Guard, a now-banned pro-Nazi militia. His world is rocked, however, when he discovers that his maternal grandparents were Jewish, as well as Holocaust survivors, who had hidden their faith fearing further persecution. This shocking revelation forces him to confront the painful truths of his family's past, his own wrongdoing and the turbulent history of his country. It also causes an improbable, but seemingly genuine, conversion from prejudiced provocateur to devout Jew. But is this astonishing transformation one of genuine epiphany and rectitude or an act of fraud and moral impropriety? You decide!



Sponsored by TBE Cultural Arts Committee

Fresh Inspiration for Your Passover Table, and Beyond

With Pesach fast approaching, you've undoubtedly started thinking about the Seder meal ahead, whether you're planning it or simply eating it. Many of us love Passover, but have you started to dread the prospect of the umpteenth brisket, chicken soup and potato kugel menu?

It doesn't have to be that way. Naomi Nachman's cookbook, *Perfect for Pesach*, offers dozens of mouthwatering recipes that break new ground and breathe new life into venerable old classics. Think pastrami meatballs, southwestern chicken egg rolls, roasted cauliflower and garlic soup, ricotta pancakes, roasted root vegetables with spicy pecan crunch, mini lemon curd trifles, and more.

As a young girl growing up in Sydney, Australia, Naomi always considered Passover her favorite holiday. "I come from a big Orthodox family, and we always had huge family feasts," she explains. "My parents and grandmother were great cooks and my first culinary role models, and I always enjoyed watching them work in the kitchen."

Later, as a young married woman living in the United States, far from home, she found herself having to tackle the Seder for the first time. "It was sheer need," she recalls. "I had no family nearby at the time, so I opened a book I'd gotten as a bridal shower present, with a small section on Pesach, and decided I would go for it." It was a success, and it emboldened her to keep seeking new recipes and approaches.

In time, Naomi turned her passion for cooking into a kosher chef business, The Aussie Gourmet (www.theaussiegourmet.com), in Woodmere, NY, where she lives with her family. She has also developed culinary arts programs for Jewish summer camps, hosts a weekly show called "Table for Two with Naomi Nachman" on the Nachum Siegal Network, and writes several food columns for various publications. Naomi also travels the world doing kosher cooking demonstrations, as well as running Kosher

Chopped competitions nationwide, based on the television show *Chopped!*.

All this proved fertile ground for inspiring her debut cookbook. Naomi wanted to offer both reimagined classics and new recipes, because "more and more things are available as ingredients that we can utilize for Pesach. Ten or 20 years ago, we didn't have that kind of variety."

That kind of access, and the increasing sophistication of culinary tastes, has driven the demand for cuisine that takes traditional Jewish holiday dishes to the next level. Naomi recalls, "When I first started doing Jewish cooking demonstrations, I was always asked to prepare a brisket. That was the signature dish. Now, people are really looking for new, exciting flavors and ideas." In fact, she points out, hers is the first kosher cookbook to feature a poke recipe.

Although these dishes are "perfect for Pesach" and its special dietary restrictions, Naomi uses these recipes in her own business year round. As such, they also embody the shift to clean, wholesome eating. Naomi avoids processed foods and hydrogenated fats in her recipes, and most of them are gluten-free, a boon to those of us who are sensitive to or are cutting down on gluten.

As a former yeshiva teacher, she brought her mindset to the feel and look of the book. "I wanted to break down the information on the page, to make it easy to read and look at," she explains. The notes and cook's tips guide cooks in preparing food ahead of time, and also freezing leftovers, whenever possible. The "year round" note enables the reader to adapt the recipe to cooking during the remainder of the year, when Pesach restrictions are not an issue, she adds.

So if you're looking for some fresh inspiration for your Seder table (and the week's worth of meals that follows), check out *Perfect for Pesach*. Here are a couple of recipes to get you started.

Pastrami Meatballs

meat – yields 8-10 servings – freezer friendly

These might look like ordinary meatballs, but they have a secret weapon inside: The finely diced pastrami mixed into the meat mixture doesn't just add incredible flavor to the meatballs, but it keeps them extremely moist and soft. They're like no meatballs you've ever had before!

Method

Prepare the meatballs: Mix together all meatball ingredients in a large bowl until combined. Set aside.

Prepare the sauce: In a large saucepan, stir together marinara sauce, water, sugar, lemon juice, tomato paste, and cranberry sauce. Bring to a boil over medium heat.

Roll the meat mixture into balls approximately the size of golf balls. Carefully drop balls into boiling sauce. Reduce heat to low; simmer for approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.

Ingredients

2 pounds ground beef
6 ounces pastrami, very finely chopped
2 eggs
3 tablespoons ketchup
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon onion powder
½ teaspoon dried oregano

Sauce

2 (32-ounce) jars marinara sauce
1 cup water
1 cup sugar
juice of 2 lemons (about ½ cup)
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 (14-ounces) can whole berry cranberry sauce

Cook Tips

- If there's any leftover sauce, freeze it and use it to make meatballs a second time!
- You can also use this meat mixture to form patties and grill them as burgers.



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yields 8-10 servings

I couldn't write a Pesach cookbook without including this famed Australian dessert that just happens to be ... "Perfect for Pesach!"

Method

1. Preheat oven to 250°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside.
2. In bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, beat egg whites until soft peaks form.
3. Add sugar, vinegar, and sifted potato starch; beat until a soft and glossy meringue forms.
4. Pour the meringue mixture onto prepared parchment paper, shaping it into a large circle with a narrow rim.
5. Bake for 90 minutes, or until crisp on the outside.
6. Turn off oven and allow the meringue to cool inside the oven for several hours.
7. **Prepare the topping:** In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, beat topping until stiff peaks form.

Pavlova

8. Immediately before serving, spread whipped topping over the top of the cooled meringue shell. Top with fruit.

Ingredients

- 4 egg whites
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 2 teaspoons potato starch, sifted

Prepare Ahead:

Bake meringue up to a week in advance and store airtight at room temperature.

Cook Tips

- Feel free to replace the strawberries and kiwis with the fruit of your choice.
- To make a layered Pavlova as shown in the photo, double both the meringue and whipped cream. No need to double the fruit, as that only goes on the top layer.
- You can make these as mini pavlovas. Form meringue into 2-3-inch circles and bake at 250°F for 30 minutes.



Topping

- 1 (16-ounce) container nondairy whipped topping
- 6 strawberries, sliced
- 2 kiwis, peeled and sliced

Renaissance Happenings

The Scoop

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet" – except perhaps A Garlic Rose!

But nonetheless, it was a pleasurable gathering of our Renaissance members, who enjoyed a very congenial Valentine's day luncheon at this gastronomic establishment.

Esther Wallach

Renaissance Group

Mark Your Calendars

Sun., April 22 12:30 p.m. **Paid-up Membership Luncheon — Cafe Graziella, Hillsborough**
Good food, good friends, good time! \$18 per person. Watch for flyer from Stanley Mendelson to RSVP your interest. Not sure if you are paid up? Email Bob Taber at fct4gc@gmail.com.

Sun., May 6 Noon (brunch) 2:00 p.m. (show) **Senior brunch and play, A Night of Broadway presented by SKIT (Show Kids Invitational Theater) at Voorhees High School, Glen Gardner, NJ.** Tickets include brunch, and are priced at \$15 center section, \$10 for the side section. Email Barry at barryskolky@yahoo.com for best available seats.

Proposed Events - Details to Follow

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| August | Somerset Patriots ball game and Girasole dinner, Bound Brook |
| Summer or Fall | Two-hour cruise and brunch outing, Lake Hopatcong, NJ |
| Summer or Fall | A performance venue at Hopewell Theater, Hopewell, NJ |
| Fall | Free tour of Swaminarayan Hindu Temple, Robbinsville, NJ
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DID YOU KNOW



Make Silver Gleam

For an effective silver polish, make a paste of three parts baking soda to one part water; rub onto silver with a clean cloth, then rinse thoroughly and dry. If silver is extremely tarnished, line your sink with aluminum foil and place the silver inside. Pour in a cup of baking soda, a dash of salt, and enough boiling water to cover. Let rest for a few minutes and rinse with warm water; dry with a soft cloth.

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.

Sisterhood

Honoring Simma Friedman as Sisterhood Woman of Valor 2017

Sisterhood held its annual Woman of Valor dinner on December 14, 2017, honoring this year's recipient, Simma Friedman. Candles burning brightly in Chanukah menorahs that served as table centerpieces added to the festive evening, attended by approximately 50 Sisterhood members. Together, with Simma's family and friends, we enjoyed a Mediterranean dinner, catered by Sahara in Manville.



Above, from left: Simma Friedman, Debbie Friedman, Marsha Malberg, Sarah Gluck, Lisa Friedman

Left: Simma Friedman and Donna Tischfield



Current and Past Women of Valor: (clockwise from top left): Marsha Malberg, Cindy Scott, Cindy Andrews, Karen Kaplan, Ronnie Weyl, Irene Lieberman, Lil Swickle, Simma Friedman, Carol Ahlert, Marcy Rosenfeld



As part of this special evening, we collected contributions, in Simma's honor, for Safe + Sound of Somerset County (formerly the Women's Resource Center). Sisterhood matched the \$500 in donations, dollar for dollar, for a total of \$1,000. We thank Simma for all she has contributed over the years and all she continues to do, in her devoted and loving way, for Temple Beth-El and the greater community!

*Sisterhood will lead the congregation
in an uplifting and joyful Shabbat service
on Friday, March 23,
with members participating
in the 8:00 p.m. service.*



Sisterhood members who would like to participate in the service may do so by calling Sisterhood board member Marsha Malberg at (908) 722-4587 or emailing her at memalberg@aol.com and requesting either an English or Hebrew part.

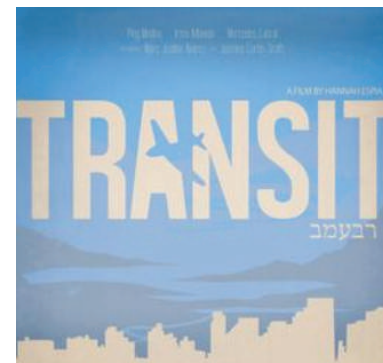
Sisterhood Movie Night

Come enjoy a Saturday night out with Sisterhood and TBE's Cultural Arts Committee, as both co-sponsor the showing of the 2013 award-winning film *Transit*.

Transit will be screened at 7 p.m. April 21. The film tells intersecting stories about Filipinos living in Israel, and the implications of a law that threatens to deport the children of migrant workers there.

Sisterhood's Immediate Past President Marcy Rosenfeld will lead a post-film discussion about the movie's implications.

Admission is free for Sisterhood members.





Women's Torah Study

(one of the many perks of Sisterhood membership)

Next session: Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Marsha Malberg, 5 Ginkgo Court, Somerset

Discussion leader: Marcy Rosenfeld

Parashiot Vayak'heil P'kudei, Exodus 35:1 – 40:38

- Moses teaches the rules of Shabbat. (35:1-3)
- Moses asks the Israelites for a donation of gifts, and those who are skilled help build the Mishkan [Tabernacle] under the direction of Bezalel and Oholiab. (35:4-38:20)
- A statistical summary of the materials used for the Tabernacle and an account of producing the priestly vestments are recorded. Moses blesses the Israelites for their work. (38:21-39:42)
- Upon God's instruction, Moses sets up the Mishkan and the priests are anointed and consecrated. (40:1-33)
- A description is given of a cloud that covers the Mishkan by day and a fire that burns by night, indicating God's presence therein. (40:33-38)

Come join us to discuss the Israelites' experience and what message it might have for us as modern women. Torah study evenings are enjoyable, with lively and engaging conversation.

RSVP to Gayle Skolky at gskolky@gmail.com or 908-575-0444.

Sisterhood Annual Rummage Collection

Spring cleaning time is nearly here, and there's a way to turn the annual ritual into an act of tikkun olam for TBE and the greater community.

Sisterhood will hold its annual rummage collection from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 22 in the Sanctuary Social Hall, collecting a wide selection of household items for donation to Big Brothers-Big Sisters, and the Giving Network. Tax receipts will be available.

Beyond Sisterhood, donated items are distributed to nonprofit locations such as Savers, Value Village or Unique Thrift stores, which will sell the items at a nominal cost. Those profits will benefit Big Brothers-Big Sisters.

The following items are needed for donation, and should be placed in large garbage bags:

- Bedding, curtains, drapes and towels
- Men's, women's and children's clothing, as well as shoes, boots, purses and belts
- Stuffed animals, books, compact discs, DVDs, board games and luggage

Donated items also will benefit the Giving Network, a nonprofit started in 1999 that helps Somerset County families in need by providing basic household items to

recipients referred by Social Services and other organizations.

The Giving Network will accept:

- Blankets, towels and sheets in good condition
 - Microwaves, toasters, toaster ovens, lamps and dishes
 - Pots, pans, bowls and silverware
 - Irons and ironing boards
 - Infant car seats, cribs, bassinets and pack-n-plays
- Computers, furniture, tools, printers, coffee mugs and plastic ware will not be accepted for donation.

To donate items that cannot be dropped off on April 22, email Cindy Scott at c.scott93@yahoo.com





*Save
the
Date!!*

*The Annual Sisterhood
Women's Day of Rest and Renewal
May 12, 2018*

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

Give yourself a truly unique and rewarding day.

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

Please check Sisterhood's Tuesday Tidbits, the May/June Shofar and the "What's New at TBE" weekly announcements for event location and further details.

Social Action

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

The Reform Jewish Voice of New Jersey

Reform Jewish Voice of New Jersey (RJVNJ), the regional arm of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, is gearing up to bring a strong Jewish perspective to policy discussions in New Jersey.

One value the group embraces is the injunction to "not put a stumbling block before a blind person." What does this mean in today's context? When someone, even with healthcare insurance, is sick and needs medical care, placing exorbitant hidden costs into his medical bills would qualify as an impediment, a stumbling block of the cruelest kind.

A few intrepid Temple Beth-El congregants met recently with District 16 Assemblyman Roy Freiman to discuss the intricacies of Assembly Bill A2039, the "Out of Network Consumer Protection Act."

The intent of A2039 is to protect healthcare consumers from surprise hefty charges for out-of-network doctor or facility services provided without informed consent. These protections would apply both to services provided on an emergency basis, when immediate medical attention

is needed and no in-network option is available, and to non-emergency medical care provided, for instance by a specialist member of a team, without informing the patient that the provider is out-of-network. The bill also requires that costs be identified when informing the patient of out-of-network services.

Our group learned much during the conversation. Some in-state insurance plans are automatically covered by the protections in the bill, while other federally regulated ARISSA plans would be able to opt in to the protections but would not be automatically covered.

Assemblyman Freiman supports the bill but shared his concern that "tiered" plans are not covered by the legislation and might still present sticker shock for consumers who participate in such plans. "Tiered" plans include all providers as in-network, but offer different reimbursement levels for different providers.

To learn more about the Reform Jewish Voice of New Jersey, contact Liz Cohen, liz@decarchitect.com.

Brotherhood

Brotherhood Breakfast

Larry Osman of "Uncle Larry's Schlumpia" will present his informational and comedic journey from corporate America to small business food entrepreneur. Potato-Onion; Lox, Eggs & Onions; Cheese Blintz; and Apple Strudel Schlumpia will be served.



For those who don't know, Schlumpia are Filipino spring rolls (lumpia) with Jewish-inspired fillings: Schlumpia.

March 18, 9:15 a.m.

\$5 admission per person for Brotherhood members
(and family members)

\$10 per person otherwise

Brotherhood Person of Honor: Leigh Freeman

On Sunday, May 6, Brotherhood will honor Leigh Freeman as this year's Person of Honor.

A long-time member and trustee of Temple Beth-El, Leigh has been involved in a variety of temple projects and causes. She is best known for her ongoing work as a volunteer for the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) of Somerset County. Since 1996, when she first began serving as an evening shift volunteer, to her current volunteer position as the IHN/TBE coordinator, Leigh has been an integral part of making this program work. As coordinator, Leigh oversees all the IHN activities that take place at Temple Beth-El. She is also responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient volunteers for each shift and that all volunteers are properly trained.

But Leigh doesn't stop there. Since 2000, Leigh has been a member of the adult choir at Temple Beth-El. She helps to uplift the congregation's worship, singing at services, regional concerns and cantorial concerts held at the temple.

Leigh also participates in volunteer activities in the greater community. She has served as a board member of Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA) and has helped immigrants develop English language skills. In 2008,



Leigh was honored as a Somerset Star for her outstanding contributions made in the community as a volunteer by the Somerset County United Way.

Leigh's working career has taken her from being a professional dancer (she worked with Tommy Tune), to book editor, then 10 years as project manager of workforce development at New Jersey Public Television, and now to her current job as constituent and legislative aide to Senator Linda Greenstein of the New Jersey 14th legislative district.

Most of all, Leigh really loves and enjoys her family: her daughter, Jess, who shares her passion for dancing, her supportive and wonderful husband, Richard, and of course her pug dog, Reeses.

We invite our entire temple community to come out on May 6 to honor Leigh and to thank her for her service, both to Temple Beth-El and the local community.

In the upcoming months, please keep an eye out for information on how to register for this event.

The Person of Honor Breakfast supports the Brotherhood Youth Scholarship Fund, which helps temple youth attend Jewish programs throughout the year.



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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 April 22-29

2017-2018 IHN Hosting Schedule

April 22-29 June 3-10
August 12-19

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/TBEIHNSignups 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



Mark Your Calendars

March 9-10

National Day of Unplugging

The National Day of Unplugging runs from sundown to sundown. Carve out one day to unwind, unplug, relax, reflect, get outdoors, and connect with loved ones. Make it a weekly habit.

Visit www.nationaldayofunplugging.com for more information.

Lifecycle

Our Condolences to...

Lillian Swickle, on the passing of her brother-in-law, Bob Friedman
Vicky Brody, on the passing of her father, Gene Alden
Andrea Bradley, on the passing of her father, Leon Fish

Mazel Tov to...

Jay and Donna Tischfield on the naming of their granddaughter, Silvia

Upcoming B'nei Mitzvah

Jordan Curau (March 17)
Chelsea Harris (March 24)
Jude Bergman (April 21)
Norah Holler (April 28)

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. 311, or 908-229-1618.

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

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



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Yahrzeits March

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

To be read March 2 and 3

Estelle Freeman, mother of Richard Freeman
William Knauer, father of Leonard Knauer
Ruth Papier, grandmother of Shelley Drozd
Harold Jurgrau, father of Fern Schiffman
Harriet Morrison, sister-in-law of Leon Morrison
Beverly Weitman, mother of Nanette Mantell
Greta Bauer, mother of Ulrich Bauer
Dorothy Dallow, mother of Brian Dallow
Gus Friedman, father of Marc Friedman
Anna Rosenthal, mother of Arlene Hysen
Augusta Auerbach, mother-in-law of Andrea Auerbach
Billie Sharon Crumley, sister of Stuart Southland
Rose Grossman, mother of Linda Strand
Morris Schenkman, father of Eugene Schenkman
Herman Blond, father of David Blond
Walter Klimczak, father of Joan Weiss
Florence Naidorff, mother of Judy Schachter

To be read on March 9 and 10

Robert Bradley, father of Robert Bradley
Martha Lottman, mother of Liz Cohen
David Stern, father of Jason Stern
Louis Zibulsky, grandfather of Robyn Becker
Ellen Fischer, mother of David Fischer
Charles Insler, father of Elayne Weitz
Anne Swickle, founding member of Temple Beth-El
Max Chanoch, father of Keith Chanoch
Anne Finkelstein, mother of Beth Lavranchuk and Lori Blond
Morris Goldstein, father of Marcia Shubitz
Rose Mintz, mother of Goldie Taub
Daniel Wachtel, loved one of Ann Weinstein
Anne Feurman, mother of Ileen Bradley
Paul Glaser, father of Shelley Drozd
Jacob Seckler, father of Ellen Bailin
Alice Seid, grandmother of Kenneth Rubin
George Skowronek, brother of Brian Skowronek and son of
Joshua Skowronek
Karen Zweig, mother of Lauren Iannucci
Frederick Dallow, father of Brian Dallow
Herbert Ringel, father of Jeff Ringel
Mary Rugg, mother of Stuart Rugg

To be read on March 16 and 17

Joseph Enzer, husband of Lillian Swickle
Rose Faer, mother of Beverly Bober
Dorothy Levine, mother of Alvin Levine
George Okun, father of Charles Okun
Bernice Jacobs Sarnoff, mother of Nancy Burke
Richard I. Spivack, father of Michelle Grafer
Charles Feurman, father of Ileen Bradley
William Irving Klinghoffer, father of Doris Moshinsky

Bathsheva Malberg, mother of Marc Malberg and Edward Malberg
Mildred Schoenfeld, mother of Eugene Schenkman
David Sloane, father of Leslie Marcus
Fay Berger, grandmother of Dana Colon
Richard R. Freeman, father of Richard Freeman
Pedro Laureano, father of Madelyn Moalam
Arthur Lavin, grandfather of Liz Cohen
Dorothy Nerenberg, mother of Henry Nerenberg
Raymond Redlich, father of Sam Redlich
Sylvia Oppen, grandmother of Tamar Yarkoni
Dr. Harvey Freed, brother of Diane Morrison
Phyllis Phillips, sister of Jeanette Tuckman
Phyllis Rosenfeld, sister of Alan Rosenfeld
Stuart Tuckman, father of Robert Tuckman
Tillie Vogel, mother of Irwin Vogel
Lotte Weyl, mother of Lewin Weyl

To be read on March 23 and 24

Joan Bateman, mother of Caren Bateman
Eileen Lemansky, mother of Ellen Edwards
Albert Swickle, father-in-law of Lillian Swickle
Victor Vigdergaus, father of Simona Rivkin
Hannah Walitsky, mother of Paul Walitsky
Sheila Broder, sister of Debbie Friedman
Ben Spinner, father of Max Spinner
Robin Callaghan, cousin of Brian Small
Melvin Wolfson, father of Laura Kasauskas
Ida Goldstein, mother of Marcia Shubitz
Jules Swickle, husband of Lillian Swickle
Stanley Gold, grandfather of Kimberly Beman
George Roberts, father of Sharon Hambro
Eva Spivack, grandmother of Michelle Grafer
Bernard Kimmelman, father of Alan Kimmelman
Charles Steinman, father of Judith Steinman
Leonard Miller, father-in-law of Laura Miller
David Zelnick, father of Zelda Reinhart

To be read on March 30 and 31

Abraham Levenson, father of Edith Rugg
Rose Seckler, mother of Ellen Bailin
Anne Gomolka, mother of Albert Gomolka
Dahlia Johnston, mother of Russ Johnston
Charles Bronston, father of Jan Gorban
Yael Gorban, mother of Arie Gorban
Tiby Sharlin, sister of Goldie Taub
Benjamin Brown, father of Marvin Brown
Sol Ferling, father of Rhona Ferling
Herbert Schall, friend of Stanley Mendelson
Mrs. Betty Chaprack, mother of Alice Barrow
Barbara Hirschhorn, sister of Betty Roswell
Irwin N. Levison, father of Carol Levison
Otilie Wassermam, grandmother of Tamar Yarkoni

Yahrzeits April

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

To be read on April 6 and 7

Martha Brody, mother of Bruce Brody
Benjamin Horowitz, father of Sidney Horowitz
Felice Platt, sister of Rena Fruchter
Mollie Schenkman, mother of Eugene Schenkman
Hyman E. Cohen, father-in-law of Barbara Cohen
Jeffrey Mayer, brother of Cheryl Nelson
Lloyd Goldberg, father of David Goldberg
Robert Rubin, father of Kenneth Rubin
Rabbi Victoria Seren Tuckman, wife of Robert Tuckman
Lillian Richman, great-aunt of Lynn Small
Rosalie Zapolin, mother of Zorina Walitsky
Cheryl Bloomstein, wife of Michael Bloomstein
Joseph Kelson, father of Ellen Brown
Antoinette Bouchonville, mother of Maria Landau
Arnold Friedman, father of Donna Stein
Irving Leventhal, father of Alan Leventhal
Robert Donohue, father of Karen Donohue
David Schnee, stepfather of Jay Tischfield

To be read on April 13 and 14

Hadassa Gradowski, mother of Helen Gradowski
Ada Sage, mother of Eileen Ruderman
Fred Schrier, father of Sheryl Miller
William Weitz, father of Steven Weitz
Gregory Grinberg, father of Michelle Gerner
Ruth Altschule, mother of Sara Friedman
Bernard Cudzynowski, father of Joseph Cudzynowski
Sidney Reinhart, father of Morton Reinhart
Irving Schwartz, grandfather of Debbie Manrique
Frederick Chester, father of Simma Friedman
Esther Katz Rosen, aunt of Betty Roswell
Edward Ditman, father of Robin Kimmelman
Elaine Freiman, mother of Roy Freiman
Fannie Friedman, grandmother of Doris Moshinsky
Patricia Klimczak, sister of Joan Weiss
Milton Lottman, stepfather of Liz Cohen
Henri Samson, father of Shari Miller

To be read on April 20 and 21

Selma Green, aunt of Iris Naroden
Kenneth Lieb, father of Wendy Spinner
Joseph Burke, husband of Nancy Burke
Hy Fine, grandfather of Tamar Yarkoni
Bernard Isaacson, father of Gerald Isaacson
Evelyn Kugler, aunt of Mark Andrews
Saul Barrow, father of Steve Barrow
Lewis Busch, father of Ronald Busch
Armond Sherman, uncle of Jonathon Andell
Fannie Fruchter, mother of Rena Fruchter
Sanford Krongold, father of Ruth Krongold
Kathleen McBride, mother of Mark McBride
Seymour Morrison, brother of Leon Morrison
Robert Rosen, father of Steve Rosen

Jean Chanoch, mother of Keith Chanoch
Shirlee Shandler, grandmother of Brett Miller
Stanley Witlieb, father of Beth Berger
Herbert Greenberg, husband of Phyllis Greenberg
Leo Mayer, father of Cheryl Nelson
Carole Rosenhaus, aunt of Steven Weitz
Rose E. Seckler, aunt of Ellen Bailin
Milton Skowronek, father of Joshua Skowronek

To be read on May 4 and 5

Richard Schenkman, brother of Eugene Schenkman
Ray Shinske, father of Caryn Shinske
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To be read on April 27 and 28

Irene Gluck, mother of Julie Hirsch
Joseph Landau, father of Steven Landau
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Sylvia Barrow, mother of Steve Barrow
Paul Donal Paton, father of Kim Fromberg
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Dorothy Chester, mother of Simma Friedman
Ethel Milstein, mother of Gail Meyers
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Peter Spaulder, father of Mara White
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Sylvia Goldstein, grandmother of Seth Goldstein
Nettie Gross, mother of Carol Ahlert
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Rose Poe, grandmother of Rick Miller
Florence Roswell, mother of Arthur Roswell
Anne Mendelson, mother of Stanley Mendelson
Wanda Michaelson, mother of Stacy Boxer
Mae Waldman, mother of Dori Knauer

Acts of Tzedakah

Adult Education Fund

In memory of Abraham Tucker
Barbara Cohen

Ariel E. Malberg Social Action Fund

Marilyn Muzikar
In honor of Ed and Marsha Malberg
Caryn Shinske
In memory of Ariel Malberg
Fred and Mary Jo Ambrust

Beautification

In honor of Donna and Jay Tischfield's
granddaughter's baby naming
Cynthia Scott and David Goldberg and family

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Gene Alden
Bob and Linda Morris
In memory of Jackie Rubenstein
Cindy Andrews and family

Endowment Fund

In memory of Elaine Roswell
Robert and Frances Taber

Garden Fund

In memory of Elaine Roswell
Harriet Thaler

General Fund

In honor of Goldie Taub's birthday with love
Janis and Ed Weisberg
In honor of Steve and Irene Lieberman
Edith Hurwitz
In memory of Elaine Roswell
Reuven Greenvald
In memory of Elaine Roswell
Amy and Ken Rubin
In memory of Jackie Miller
Amy and Ken Rubin
In memory of Leon Fish
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In memory of Levi Anglin
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Keshet Network

In memory of Ruth Rosenblum, Morris Kaminetsky,
Esther Kaminetsky, Leon Rosenblum, Al Kamine
Fern Kamine

Mazon Hunger Fund

In memory of Jay Jefferson Cooke
Rhona Ferling and Simon Stark

Memorial Fund

Glen and Carol Landesman
In memory of Jill Stuart
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In memory of Anna Rosenthal
Arlene Hysen
In memory of Bessie Tucker
Barbara Cohen
In memory of Cheryl Bloomstein
Michael Bloomstein
In memory of David Mendelson
Stanley Mendelson
In memory of Dora Kirsch
Stanley Mendelson
In memory of Dr. Ray Taub, Rebecca Taub, and
Paula Edelson
Goldie Taub
In memory of Rose Mintz
Goldie Taub
In memory of Elaine Roswell
Margit and Harvey Feldman
Sherry and Doron Steger
Doris Dresdale
Keith Chanoch and Caren Bateman
In memory of Elaine Roswell and Claudia Johnston
Alan and Marcy Rosenfeld
In memory of Farra Tebbi-Lewis
Farnaz Tebbi
In memory of Gail Shinske
Caryn Shinske
In memory of George Okun
Madelyn and Charles Okun
In memory of George Rugg and Mary Rugg
Stuart and Edith Rugg

In memory of Herman Rubin
Sylvia Rubin

In memory of Jack Cudzynowski
Joseph Cudzynowski
In memory of Jackie Miller
William and Stephanie Miller
In memory of Jackie Rubenstein
Cynthia and Robert Denig
In memory of Jessica Schoenberg
Michael and Isa Beck
In memory of Leon Blitman, Mary White, Ina
Roistacher
Michael and Mara White
In memory of Leona Berkowitz
Steven and Jody Berkowitz
In memory of Lewis Bloom
Gari and Charles Bloom
In memory of Muriel Goldberg
Gari and Charles Bloom
In memory of Melvin Wolfson
Laura and Edward Kasasuskas
In memory of Morris Schenkman
Eugene Schenkman
In memory of Ralph Jackson
Robert and June Greenbaum
In memory of Roz Ringel
Jeff Ringel
In memory of Tiby Sharlin and Rose Mintz
Goldie Taub
In memory of Walter Greenbaum
Robert and June Greenbaum
In memory of Dahlia Johnston
Barbara and Russ Johnston
In memory of Marjorie Silverman and Lucien Sabah
Jeff and Ghislaine Silverman
In memory of Elaine Roswell
Robert and Frances Taber

Youth Activities

In honor of Adam Leach becoming a bar mitzvah
Melissa and David Fischer

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March

Calendar of Events

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Thursday, March 1

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

Friday, March 2

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, March 3

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study with guest Rabbi Ofek Meir

Sunday, March 4

8:45 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Hebrew Reading Refresher + Prayer Practice/Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Learn to Chant Torah Session 4
10:30 a.m. Purim Carnival opens early for youngest students
10:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew
11:00 a.m. Purim Carnival

Monday, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 6

6:30 p.m. Investment Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 7

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:00 p.m. Dinner Dance Planning Meeting
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:30 p.m. Women's Torah Study

Thursday, March 8

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Falafel & Film
6:30 p.m. Investment Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, March 9

National Day of Unplugging
7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 10

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

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

Sunday, March 11

8:30 a.m. Pancake and Omelette Breakfast, sponsored by religious school
8:45 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Hebrew Reading Refresher + Prayer Practice/Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Grade 5 Family Ed
9:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Learn to Chant Torah Session 5
10:00 a.m. NFTY-GER Board Meeting
10:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew
1:00 p.m. Wise Aging Group
4:00 p.m. Interfaith Israel Trip Reflections at North Branch Reformed Church

Monday, March 12

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Youth Culture Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Jewish Spirituality Group
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:30 p.m. Oversight Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 13

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Mussar Intro Session

Wednesday, March 14

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

Thursday, March 15

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

Friday, March 16

6:00 p.m. Ma'ariv Service with Kaddish
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Seder and Grade 6 Shul-in
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Across America: Seder and Dinner

Saturday, March 17

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Curau
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series: *Keep Quiet*
7:30 p.m. Baby Boomer/Empty Nesters Gathering

Sunday, March 18

8:45 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Hebrew Reading Refresher + Prayer Practice/Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Learn to Chant Torah Session 6
10:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew

Monday, March 19

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

Tuesday, March 20

7:00 p.m. TBE Reads — Book Club *Rashi's Daughters: Jocheved*

Wednesday, March 21

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: An Evening to Celebrate Israel

Thursday, March 22

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

Friday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 24

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Chelsea Harris
5:00 p.m. Young Family Passover Experience
7:00 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, March 25

8:45 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Hebrew Reading Refresher + Prayer Practice/Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Board Meeting
9:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Learn to Chant Torah session 7
10:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew
11:00 a.m. Youth: Grade 7-12 Passover Program

Monday, March 26

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

Tuesday, March 27

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Mussar: Seeking Everyday Holiness
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Wednesday, March 28

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

Friday, March 30

Erev Pesach
Passover Begins — First Seder

Saturday, March 31

Pesach — Second Seder
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
6:30 p.m. Community Second Seder

April

Calendar of Events

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Monday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 4

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

Thursday, April 5

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

Friday, April 6

Yom Tov Pesach, Offices Closed
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with the Choir

Saturday, April 7

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

Sunday, April 8

1:00 p.m. Wise Aging Group
11:30 a.m. Jewish Spirituality Group

Monday, April 9

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

Tuesday, April 10

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Mussar: Seeking Everyday Holiness
7:30 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 11

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:00 p.m. Community-wide Yom HaShoah Service at Temple Sholom

Thursday, April 12

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

Friday, April 13

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 14

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
6:30 p.m. 65th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Sunday, April 15

8:00 a.m. Spring Blood Drive
9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Grade 3 Family Ed
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Hebrew Reading Refresher + Prayer Practice/Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew
11:00 a.m. RS: Grade 7 Field Trip to Phila, Time TBD
1:00 p.m. Wise Aging group (snow date)

Monday, April 16

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

Tuesday, April 17

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: The Meaning and Purpose of Life

Wednesday, April 18

Yom HaZikaron
4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, April 19

Yom HaAtzma'ut
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Dr. Rachel Korazim, a literary celebration of Israel at JCC
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, April 20

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Dinner
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, April 21

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bar Mitzvah of Jude Bergman
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series: *Transit*

Sunday, April 22

IHN Hosting Week
9:00 a.m. Sisterhood Rummage Collection
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Hebrew Reading Refresher + Prayer Practice/Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Board Meeting
10:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew
1:00 p.m. Community Yom HaAtzma'ut Program at JCC
6:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Francine Klagsbrun, Lioness-Golda Meir

Monday, April 23

IHN Hosting Week
4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, April 24

IHN Hosting Week
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: The Meaning and Purpose of Life
7:30 p.m. Young Family Initiative Meeting

Wednesday, April 25

IHN Hosting Week
4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Phoenix Schneider, Supporting our LGBTQ Community at JCC

Thursday, April 26

IHN Hosting Week
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, April 27

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

Saturday, April 28

NFTY-GER Spring Kallah
IHN Hosting Week
9:00 a.m. Shabbat Experience for Young Families
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Norah Holler
7:00 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, April 29

NFTY-GER Spring Kallah
IHN Hosting Week
8:45 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Hebrew Reading Refresher + Prayer Practice/Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
9:00 a.m. RS: Grade 4 Trip to Cemetery
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew
1:00 p.m. Wise Aging Group

Monday, April 30

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

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