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E-Congregation

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / August 19, 2021

Spotlight



High Holy Day Ticket Requests Due Tomorrow!

In-person services will take place in the Goldberg Sanctuary. We have enough seating to accommodate all BZBI members who want to attend in-person, BUT YOU MUST REGISTER BY NOON ON FRIDAY.

[Register here for tickets and to attest to your vaccination status.](#)

Zoom Services will be live streamed from the Goldberg Sanctuary. BZBI Members are free to mix and match between in-person and Zoom services, in the manner that best meets your needs. We always welcome you and your guests on Zoom (at no charge; donations welcome) [Register here for Zoom services.](#)

Facebook Live Services will be offered at the same time as Zoom services for our wider community. You do not need to be a member of BZBI to attend. Simply go to the [BZBI Facebook page](#) and click on the live video link any time during the service.

If you want to invite guests, we encourage you to register for in-person services before the registration deadline. [The member registration form](#) allows you to place your guests' names on a waiting list. Next week, we will begin to distribute remaining tickets to guests. This means your in-person ticket may be given to a guest if you do not claim it!



The Return of RH²

Monday September 6, 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Celebrating the High Holy Days is as easy as a walk in the park. Join us for a seventh year of Rosh Hashanah in Rittenhouse Square (RH²) and mark the start of the *Yamim Noraim* with an evening of spirited music and a family-friendly service. We are especially pleased to return to the park after cancelling last year's event.

5:00 PM - Concert with the BZBI RH² Band

- Josh Madoff – Keyboards, co-director
- Dan Blacksberg – Trombone, co-director
- Michael Winograd – Clarinet
- Warren Mobley – Bass
- Matt Scarano – Drums
- Sarah Gordon, Eitan Kantor and Rebekka Goldsmith – Vocals

6:00 PM - Traditional service for Erev Rosh Hashanah

Bring a lawn chair • Grab a blanket • Pack a picnic. No formal attire required. In the event of rain, RH² will be moved indoors to the BZBI Sanctuary. [More information here.](#)

Worship

Summer Multi-Access Services

Click on the [green underlined text](#) for info and registration.

Friday, August 20 - Elul 12

[Mindful Minyan](#)

7:45 - 8:15 AM

[Kabbalat Shabbat](#)

6:00 - 7:00 PM

In Fittler Square and on Zoom

Shabbat Candlelighting

7:32 PM

Saturday, August 21 - Elul 13

[Shabbat Morning Service](#)

9:30 - 11:30 AM

In the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom

Torah readers: Dan Segal, Kati Steiner and Oren Pollak

Haftarah: Terry Hirshorn

D'var Torah: Ira Siegal

[Tot Shabbat in the Park](#)

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Fittler Square Park

Shabbat Ends

8:31 PM



This Week's Downloads

- [Kabbalat Shabbat Prayerbook](#)
- [Shabbat Prayerbook](#)
- [Torah reading for Parashah Ki Tetzei](#)

Our Most Recent Recordings



Members

[Welcome New Members](#)

- Alexander Schwartz, Christine Cook-Schwartz and their son Miles
- Fern and Robert Billet

[Condolences to:](#)

- Susan and Marty Lisman who lost their home in a fire this week.

[Donations this Week](#)

[In Honor of:](#)

- **Rebecca Krasner** on her new position with the Center City Kenian by Eileen Dwell & Chuck Steinberg, Virginia Greene

In Memory of:

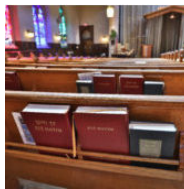
- Third yahrzeit of my father **Sidney August** by Arthur & Lynne Ellis
- **Gerta Wertheim** by Judith Wertheim
- **Ronald Brownstein** by Eileen Dwell & Chuck Steinberg
- **Dr. Isadore Kotzin** by Miriam Kotzin
- **Gertrude Horwitz** by Susan & Sherwood Goldberg

Yahrzeits August 21 - 27

Sidney August | Lester Baker | Eleanor Brody | Regina Fassler | Alex Field | Amos Gvili | Gertrude Horwitz | Eugene Kaplan | Paul Lipow | Bernice Meyers | Martin Neifield | Lois Pritzker | Frieda Rosenberg | Richard Ruby | Benjamin Weinstein



Events



More High Holy Day Information

BZBI has released a complete Guide to this year's High Holy Day services; [you can access it on our Worship webpage](#). Some highlights:

During most services, **Childcare and Youth & Family** activities are available, but space must be reserved in advance. We are utilizing Kahaner Auditorium and other rooms in the building. The deadline to reserve your child's (or children's) spot is **Monday, August 23**, and **[the reservation form is located here](#)**.

Sukkot begins on Monday evening, September 20. The cost to order a personal **Lulav and Etrog set** is the same as last year at \$54 per set, and the deadline to place orders is **Friday, August 27**. **[Click here to order your set](#)**.

The **Tikkun Olam committee** seeks warm socks, undershirts, hand sanitizers and used **[Cool Keppies for Kids](#)** baseball caps for local shelters and those in need. Please bring these items to the drop box in the Temple office. For more information, **[contact Rosalie Kurz](#)**.

This year, the Jewish Federation's **[Mitzvah Food Drive](#)** is soliciting grocery gift cards, which can be purchased at a local grocery store and dropped off at BZBI. We will have more details as the Federation finalized their plans.

You will find everything you might need for the Holy Days and more at the **[BZBI Sisterhood Gift Shop!](#)** Proceeds benefit the Laurie Wagman Playschool, Abigail R. Cohen Preschool, and Neziner Hebrew School. Visits are by appointment only. Please **[email the Temple office](#)** or call 215-735-5148.



Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Abi!

Saturday August 21, 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Plan to join us this week for a very special Tot Shabbat to welcome Rabbi Abi and her family! Join other families with young children (infant - 5 years old) for a playdate in Fitter Square Park at 4:30 PM. Our super amazing new rabbi, Rabbi Abi Weber, will lead our little ones in some joyous Shabbat songs and story time.

Feel free to bring picnic blankets and snacks. Masks are not required outside, but anyone who would be more comfortable wearing one is welcome to do so. **[Click here for more information](#)**.



BZBI-wide Book Club Meeting

Monday, October 18, 2021, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Many thanks to Sharon Greis who capably steered our discussion of *Apelrogon* on Monday evening. It was attended by 22 rectangles aka 25 readers! Our next read, *The Beauty of What Remains* by Steven Leder, will take place at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 18. Gwen Freedman will be our discussion leader.

The following read, *The Netanyahus* by Joshua Cohen, is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, and will be led by Matt Whitehorn. Both titles are available at [The Free Library](#).

News



Registration Open for Fall Hebrew School and Youth Groups

Registration for 2021-2022 Youth and Family programs is now live! You can use one streamlined registration form to sign up to four children or teens up for Hebrew School and a range of youth groups. You can [access the online registration form here](#).

Rabbi Max, BZBI's Director of Youth and Family Education, is working closely with medical professionals and the Reopening Task Force to plan for a safe return to in-person learning and programming. For more information, please access [the FAQ page in the Youth and Family section of the BZBI website here](#).

Share this information with friends who have Jewish children. You do not have to be a BZBI member to join our Neziner Hebrew School learning community!



Announcing BZBI Torah Academy

We are proud to announce the first cohort of BZBI's Torah Academy! Join Shayna Flink in the holy and exciting journey of learning - or brushing up on - your reading of Torah. Together we will create a community of Torah readers. You will be matched with a tutor, who you will meet virtually, and also attend group classes. Your learning will culminate with you reading Torah at a Shabbat service at BZBI. [To register for this new program, click here.](#)

BZBI's Torah Academy is partially supported by the Rabbi Ezekiel Nissim Musleah Torah Fund



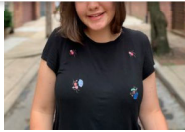
Membership Renewals Link Available

Have you renewed your BZBI membership? This is a reminder that ticket requests for the High Holy Days must be received no later than noon on Friday, August 20th. [The on-line membership renewal form](#) is available on Shul Cloud. Fill out and submit the form. It only takes minutes and then you can order your High Holy Day tickets!



Intergenerational Reading Project

You can volunteer with the Intergenerational Reading Project and support grateful young children. Our mission is to build relationships between BZBI children and older adults through reading. If you are interested in participating, please contact [Rebecca Krasner](#) for more information.



Mazal tov to BZBI 12th grader Elle Baker for her acceptance into Moving Traditions Kol Koleinu fellowship, a yearlong national teen fellowship focused on Jewish feminism, social change and leadership. Elle is one of six fellows from this area, and we are honored to celebrate and support her! [Learn more about Kol Koleinu here.](#)

Walk Against Hate Scheduled: On October 10, ADL returns to sponsoring the Walk Against Hate in Philadelphia. The Last Walk was a show of solidarity against antisemitism and racism which drew more than 100,000 participants. More information, including an August 28 organizing meeting, [can be found here.](#)

The next Jewish Genealogical Society meeting on Zoom is on Sunday, August 29 at 1:00 PM with Michael Tobias, Recipient of IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award on how DNA matches united 5 Half-siblings, all sharing the same father but with four different mothers. [For more information, click here.](#)



JTS Summer Lecture Series

Monday, August 23, 2:00 – 3:30 PM

The Jewish Theological Seminary series entitled *A Wandering People: Jewish Journeys* is offered on Mondays through August 23 at no cost to BZBI members.

This week the final lecture in the series, *Travelling to Babylon—For Good* with Dr. David Kraemer, Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics. [Register for the final lecture here.](#)

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