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## E-Congregation

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / September 10, 2021

### **Reminder: New Zoom Link for Services**

Beginning today, we will use the new High Holy Days Zoom link for all BZBI services, including Morning and Evening *minyan*. Kabbalat Shabbat, Shabbat morning, and new study sessions beginning the week of October 11. [Click here to register for the new Zoom link](#). Re-register as often as needed.

## Spotlight



### **Did You Miss RH<sup>2</sup>?**

We joyously welcomed the start of the High Holy Days with modern klezmer music and a Rosh Hashanah service in Rittenhouse Square on Monday evening. If you missed the band, we invite you to [view the event recording here](#). We do apologize for any inconvenience that may have been caused by the late start to RH<sup>2</sup> which was due to circumstances beyond our control.

RH<sup>2</sup> was open to the public and drew a large crowd. You can help us support RH<sup>2</sup> with [a contribution to our crowdfunding page](#).



Eitan Kantor (along with Rebekka Goldsmith) beautifully led our Rosh Hashanah service and will present touching new music for Yom Kippur! Here, Eitan introduces Ochila Lakel. [More videos and the full High Holy Days schedule are on our worship page.](#)

## Worship

### Summer Multi-Access Services

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

**Friday, September 10 - Tishrei 4**

[Mindful Minyan](#)

7:45 - 8:15 AM

*Zoom Only*

[Kabbalat Shabbat](#)

6:00 - 7:00 PM

*In Fittler Square and on Zoom*

Shabbat Candlelighting

6:59 PM



[Shabbat Morning Service](#)

9:30 - 11:30 AM

*In the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom*

**Torah Readers:** Jesse Bacon, Tamar Fox, Virginia Greene, Gregg Kanter, Margaux Kanter, Maurice Kanter

**Haftarah:** Virginia Greene

**D'var Torah:** Rabbi Abe Friedman ([print handout here](#))

[Tot Shabbat In the Park](#)

4:30 - 5:30 PM

*In Fittler Square*

Shabbat Ends

7:56 PM

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### This Week's Downloads

- [Kabbalat Shabbat Prayerbook](#)
- [Shabbat Prayerbook](#)
- [Torah reading for Parashah Va-Yeilekh](#)
- [Handout for the Rabbi's D'var Torah on Shabbat Shuvah](#)

### Rosh Hashanah Appeal and Sermons



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*Members*

- [Zoe and Christian Nam](#)
- [James Overstreet](#)

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## Donations this Week

- In honor of **Judy & Bill Brookover** by Harry Polatsek
- In memory of **Frances Evnitz** by Betty & Harmon Spolan

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## Yahrzeits September 11 - 17

Emma Borowsky | Ralph Dubroff | Frances Evnitz | Sylvia Fliegelman | Robert Goldman | Chana Kurz | Simeon Levites | Ethel Maiman | Phyllis Miller | Norman Zelnick



## Events



### Yom Kippur Schedule

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

#### **Kol Nidre (Erev Yom Kippur), Wednesday, Sept. 15**

- 6:00 PM: Childcare Begins
- 6:30 PM: Kol Nidre Service
- 6:51 PM: Light Holiday Candles

#### **Yom Kippur, Thursday, Sept. 16**

- 9:00 AM: Morning Service – *Goldberg Sanctuary, Zoom & Facebook Live (the Yiskor service will take place after 10:45 AM)*
- 9:00 AM: Young Family Service - *Lower Wolfson Auditorium (registration not required)*
- 9:00 AM: Childcare Begins
- 10:00 AM: Youth Programming
- 11:00 AM: Teen Programming - *Rittenhouse Square (if raining: Wolfson Aud.)*
- 2:30 PM: [Walking Meditation with Rabbi Abe](#) – *Rittenhouse Square (if raining: Kahaner Aud.)*
- 3:30 PM: [Shabbakti: High Holy Day Yoga with Dr. Deb Glassman](#) – *Kahaner Auditorium*
- 5:00 PM: Childcare Resumes
- 5:00 PM: Mincha Service
- 6:30 PM: Neilah Service
- 7:30 PM: Ma'ariv Service

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## **More Information**

- **If you did not reserve tickets, you can still join us** for Yom Kippur services on Zoom or Facebook Live.
- **[Register yourself and your guests for Zoom services here.](#)**
- Or simply **[go to our Facebook page to view the live stream.](#)**

### **If you attend in-person:**

- **Please dress casually.** The Goldberg sanctuary will have open windows to improve air circulation and so may be warm.
- **Will-call and stroller parking** will be available at the main sanctuary entrance on Spruce Street.
- The 18th Street entrance is only for **childcare** and those needing wheelchair access.
- Please **turn off your cell phones** and wear your mask at all times.
- Remember that you have pledged not to attend if you have potential exposure to – or symptoms of – COVID.
- Everyone – including children – should observe High Holy Days decorum and **walk at a moderate pace** for safety and to show consideration of others.

### **Childcare and Youth Programming**

- **The Young Family Service** is designed for parents/guardians to attend together with their little ones (preschool and pre-K). The service takes place Lower Wolfson from 9:00-9:30 AM on Yom Kippur. You do not need to pre-register, but all participants (grown-ups and children) must wear masks, and all parents/guardians/caregivers must be fully vaccinated.
- **Childcare/Youth & Family** registration is closed. If you registered your child, you should have received an email with details. Services on Zoom and in the Goldberg Sanctuary (if you have tickets) are open to all children.

### **Food Donations**

- Our food drive is taking a new approach, in cooperation with the Jewish Federation's **[Mitzvah Food Drive](#)**. We ask that you donate grocery store gift cards up to \$50 in value and drop them in the donation box at BZBI.

### **Clothing Donations**

- Tikkun Olam asks that you donate caps for babies (some members have been knitting them) as well as socks, undershirts, beanies and gloves. Bring them to the drop box in the Temple office. **[For more information, contact us.](#)**

### **Lulav and Etrog Pickup**

- Begins the morning of Tuesday, September 14.



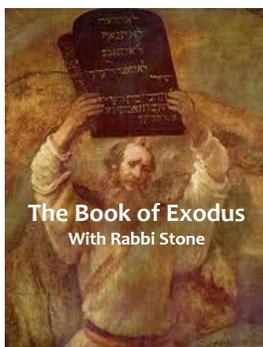
## **Tot Shabbat in the Park**

*Saturday, September 11, 4:30 - 5:30 PM*

Families with young children (infant to 5 years old) are invited to join Tot Shabbat leader Sarah Fleischman for a fun Shabbat sing-along.

Bring a picnic blanket, snacks, and water. Masks are not required outside, but anyone who would be more comfortable wearing a mask is encouraged to do so. If there is inclement weather, the program will be postponed to a later date.

Questions? Please [Contact us](#).



## Rabbi Stone's Classes Return

*Begins Monday, October 11 & Tuesday, October 12 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM*

**On Mondays**, join Rabbi Emeritus Ira Stone **for the third year of studying Talmud**, learning about the heart of post-temple Judaism.

**On Tuesdays**, Rabbi Stone begins a new year of **exploring the Torah, this year focusing on the book of Exodus (Shemot)** and its life changing and life affirming stories.

**Please register here for the classes.** You will receive an immediate confirmation email, followed later by an email with Zoom access information and a link to recordings of each class. The cost is \$180 for BZBI members and \$250 for the general community for each class series. Classes will be conducted online until it is safe to return to the synagogue.



## Basic Prayer Book Hebrew

*Beginning Monday, October 11, 6:00 - 7:00 PM*

Join us at BZBI to learn the basics of Hebrew reading, pronunciation, and comprehension. This is a class for those with no background in the language. Even if you can't tell alef from tof, this class will provide a strong foundation for reading the daily and Shabbat prayers. The class runs through April 2022 and there is a registration fee. **For more information, click here.**



## On One Foot Returns

*Beginning Monday, October 11, 7:00 - 8:30 PM*

BZBI again offers our basic orientation to fundamental Jewish concepts using the American Jewish University's On One Foot curriculum. You can join Rabbis Abe Friedman and Abi Weber, plus other community rabbis for a year-long adventure in Jewish learning.

For detailed information on the class, including the class schedule and additional steps required for registrants interested in conversion, **please click here**. This class will take place primarily in-person and there is a registration fee.



## **MahJongg Returns to BZBI**

*Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:00 PM*

MahJongg is coming back to BZBI, on a date yet date to be determined, based on interest and COVID guidelines. We play for fun, and we will teach you if you are new to the game. The gift shop has a stock of cards and a book for learning the game and for brushing up on strategy.

Interested? [Email Eileen Dwell](#) to let her know of your interest and level of play. More details to follow!

## News



## **BZBI Torah Academy Spots Still Available!**

Time is running out to join the BZBI Torah Academy, and become part of this ground-breaking group of Torah readers. Guided by coordinator Shayna Flink, you will receive group and one-on-one tutoring to build and sharpen your skills. The class will culminate with each student reading Torah during a BZBI Shabbat service. [To register, click here.](#)

*BZBI's Torah Academy is significantly subsidized by BZBI and the Rabbi Ezekiel Nissim Musleah Torah Fund. The program costs \$250 for BZBI members, with tuition assistance available.*



## **Registration Open for Fall Hebrew School and Youth Groups**

The first day of Hebrew School is less than a month away. If you have not registered for Hebrew School and would like to, please [complete the online registration form by clicking here](#). Share this information with friends, as they do not have to be BZBI members to join the Neziner Hebrew School community!

The health of our learners is a top priority, and we have been working with health professionals, and consulting local and national health guidelines, in order to provide a safe and engaging learning experience this year. You can [click here to read a detailed 1-page document outlining our health policies and procedures this year.](#)



The word, *madrachim* means guides. At BZBI, *madrachim* are teens (at least 14 years old) who work alongside Hebrew School teachers as teaching assistants, helping to enhance the experience of our students and serving as Jewish role models.

*Madrachim* also join a limited number of group training / mentorship sessions to reflect on their experience and grow as young Jewish educators. This is a great way for teens to learn new skills and earn a little money.

**[Please contact Rabbi Max directly](#)** if your teen is interested.



## **[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.



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