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Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / September 3, 2021

**Assistance to Flood Victims**

Our heart goes out to all of those affected by the storms this week. If you are in need of physical, financial, or emotional support in the face of these devastating floods, please reach out to [Rabbi Abe](#) or [Rabbi Abi](#) and we will mobilize the community to help.

**Spotlight**

*This is the fast I desire: to let the oppressed go free, to break off every yoke; to share your bread with the hungry, and to take the wretched poor into your home.*

– Isaiah 58:6-7 (Haftarah for Yom Kippur)

In recent weeks we have watched heart-wrenching scenes from half a world away as thousands of Afghan adults and children, many of whom bravely worked with and aided American service members, desperately sought to escape inevitable Taliban reprisals. The crisis in Afghanistan touches our hearts, and at the same time those fortunate enough to find shelter on our shores face a different, but no less serious, challenge: they find themselves strangers in a strange land, dependent on charity and kindness.

As our prophet Isaiah makes clear, sheltering and providing for the most vulnerable people is a core Jewish imperative. We are proud to live in a city that has held true to our earliest values and opened its doors to 2,300 refugees from Afghanistan.

HIAS PA, founded as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, is on the front lines offering food, housing assistance, job training, and other critical needs for our newest neighbors. Nevertheless, there is more work to be done: many more people remain at risk of violence or murder in Afghanistan, and while they are eligible for "humanitarian parole" in the United States, the \$575 fee per person has pushed this lifeline dangerously out of reach. HIAS PA asks that we [urge the White House and Congress act to waive fees for humanitarian parole applications](#). Please write to your elected representatives and share this story with your friends and family.



You can also [make a financial contribution](#) or [donate household goods](#) through HIAS PA. The [Philadelphia Nationalities Service Center](#) is accepting welcome kits, clothing, furniture, and household goods as well.

Rabbi Abe Friedman  
Senior Rabbi

Rabbi Abi Weber  
Assistant Rabbi

Rabbi Ira F. Stone  
Rabbi Emeritus

Rosalie Kurz  
BZBI Trustee, Tikkun Olam Chair



## **Start the Holy Days with RH<sup>2</sup>**

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

Help us joyously welcome the start of the High Holy Days with spirited music and a family-friendly service in a COVID-safe outdoor environment. The return of Rosh Hashanah in Rittenhouse Square (RH<sup>2</sup>) merges so many things we love; being Jewish, music, prayer, picnics in the park, family, and community.

We have gathered a six-piece band, with Josh Madoff on keyboards, Dan Blacksberg on trombone, Michael Winograd on clarinet, Warren Mobley on bass, Matt Scarano on drums and Sarah Gordon on vocals. The hour-long concert will be followed by a traditional service for Erev Rosh Hashanah. In the event of rain, RH<sup>2</sup> will be moved indoors to the BZBI Sanctuary. [More information here.](#)

RH<sup>2</sup> is *FREE* and open to the public. But you can help us pay for the event with a contribution [to our crowdfunding campaign!](#)



Eitan Kantor (along with Rebekka Goldsmith) will lead our High Holiday davening this year! Here, Eitan introduces a haunting melody for "Open Up The Gates". [More videos and the full High Holy Days schedule is on our worship page.](#)

## *Worship*

### **Summer Multi-Access Services**

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

**Friday, September 3 - Elul 26**

#### **Morning Minyan**

7:45 - 8:15 AM

#### **Kabbalat Shabbat**

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Meet in Fitter Square and on Zoom

Shabbat Candlelighting

7:10 PM

**Saturday, September 4 - Elul 27**

#### **Shabbat Morning Service**

9:30 - 11:30 AM

In the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom

*Torah Readers:* Edward Kerson

*Haftarah:* Nancy Leaderman

*D'var Torah:* Rabbi Ira Stone

Shabbat Ends

8:08 PM



### **This Week's Downloads**

- [Kabbalat Shabbat Prayerbook](#)

- [Shabbat Prayerbook](#)
- [Torah reading for Parashah Nitzavim](#)

Watch Rabbi Stone's moving D'var Torah on social justice



## Members

### Welcome New Members

- Suzanne and Joshua Dayanim
- Dr. Auren and Brooke Weinberg
- Alexis Rosen
- Samantha and David Dreilinger
- Jonathan Wallace and Martina Risech

### Welcome New BZBI staff

- Gedalia Penner-Robinson, Torah Reading Coordinator
- Shayna Flink, Torah Academy Coordinator. [Click for Torah Academy information](#)

### Donations this Week

#### In Appreciation of

- Our *aliyah* by Sheryl & Seth Gross
- My mom Sima Hanau, and appreciation to BZBI by Cheryl Hanau

#### In Memory of

- Dora Civan & David Civan by Mort Civan
- Julian Alkon by Yudit Alkon
- Benjamin Rosenblum by Carol & Martin Rosenblum

### Yahrzeits September 4 - 10

Edward Day | Mamie Fickler | Bernard Freilich | Carl Glassman  
 | Berniss Goren | Cyril Myers | Harriet Neifield | Fannie  
 Pomerantz | Benjamin Rosenblum | Judy Shifrin | Sarah Siegal  
 | Robert Steinberg



## Events

Labor Day and Erev Rosh Hashanah are Monday, September 6.  
 The Temple office is closed. Morning *minyan* is at 9:00 AM



### High Holy Days Schedule

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

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Monday, Sept. 6 / Elul 29, 5781

- 9:00 AM: [Daily morning minyan on Zoom](#)
- 5:00 PM: RH<sup>2</sup>: [Rosh Hashanah in Rittenhouse Square](#) (Rain location: Goldberg Sanctuary)
- 7:06 PM: Light Holiday Candles

Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Tuesday, Sept. 7 / Tishrei 1, 5782

- **8:30 AM: Shacharit Service** – Goldberg Sanctuary, Zoom & Facebook
- **9:00 AM: Young Family Service** - Lower Wolfson Auditorium (registration not required)
- 9:30 AM: Childcare Begins
- 10:00 AM: Youth Programming
- 10:00 AM: Teen Programming
- 1:00 PM (Approx.): Sanctuary Service Ends
- **5:00 PM: Community Tashlich** on the Schuylkill River at Locust Street (If raining: same location the next day)
- 5:30 PM: Shofar Blowing at the conclusion of Tashlich
- 8:03 PM: Light Holiday Candles from a pre-existing flame

#### Rosh Hashanah Day 2, Wednesday, Sept 8 / Tishrei 2, 5782

- **9:00 AM: Shacharit Service** – Goldberg Sanctuary, Zoom & Facebook
- 9:00 AM: Childcare Begins
- 10:00 AM: Youth Programming
- **10:00 AM: Shabbhakti: High Holy Day Yoga with Dr. Deb Glassman** – Kahaner Auditorium
- 11:00 AM: Teen Programming
- **11:30 AM: Chai Chi: High Holy Day movement with Doug Barg** – Kahaner Auditorium
- 1:00 PM (Approx.): Service Ends
- 8:01 PM: Holiday Ends

#### Shabbat Shuva, Saturday, Sept 11 / Tishrei 5

- **9:30 AM: Shabbat Service** – Goldberg Sanctuary and Zoom
- 7:56 PM: Havdallah

#### Kol Nidre (Erev Yom Kippur), Wednesday, Sept 15 / Tishrei 9

- 6:00 PM: Childcare Begins
- **6:30 PM: Kol Nidre Service** – Goldberg Sanctuary, Zoom & Facebook
- 6:51 PM: Light Holiday Candles

#### Yom Kippur, Thursday, Sept 16 / Tishrei 10

- **9:00 AM: Morning Service** – Goldberg Sanctuary, Zoom & Facebook
- **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
- **12:00 Noon (Approx.) Yizkor Service**
- 12:30 PM (Approx.): Mussaf Service
- **2:30 PM: Walking Meditation with Rabbi Abe** – Rittenhouse Square (If raining: Kahaner Aud.)
- **3:30 PM: Shabbhakti: 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
- 7:48 PM: Break-the-fast

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### More Information

- **The deadline has passed** for in-person service registration, childcare reservations, Youth & Family events, and Lulav & Etrog orders.
- **You can still join us** for RH2, Tashlich, and High Holy Day 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.](#)
- [Download and print Tashlich prayers here.](#)

#### If you attend in-person:

- For those with tickets, the decision to attend services is a personal one and we respect your choice to attend in-person, online, or in some combination of the two.
- The Goldberg sanctuary will have open windows to improve air circulation and so may be warm. **Please dress casually** and bring water to stay cool and hydrated.
- **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 the little ones (preschool and pre-K) accompanied by parents/guardians from 9:00 - 9:30 AM on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and the morning of Yom Kippur. Registration is not required and there is no charge to attend.
- **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.

#### Selihot Night Live

- If you missed the amazing presentations by rabbis and scholars, [you can view the recording here](#). The page includes links to the source sheets used for each presentation.

#### Book of Remembrance and *Machzor* Pickup

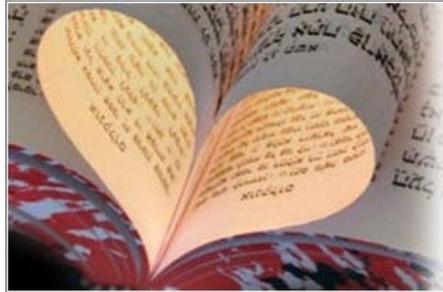
- If you reserved a *Machzor* for use at home during the High Holy Days, you can pick it up at the Temple office today, September 2 until 5:00 PM or tomorrow, Friday, September 3, between 8:00 AM and Noon.
- **Lulav and Etrog Pickup** begins on the morning of Tuesday, September 14.

#### 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.](#)



BZBI welcomes the entire spectrum of Center City's Jewish community: people of all ages, races, ethnicities, and abilities; interfaith families; people who are single and partnered; individuals of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We are committed to disability justice and universal accessibility, and will do our best to provide accommodation.

To request assistance in breaking down barriers you may have to joining our community, please call us at 215-735-5148 or email [engagement@bzbi.org](mailto:engagement@bzbi.org)



#### 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. Afterwards, everyone is invited to enjoy a special treat and spend time together in the park. Registration is not required.

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](#).



#### Mazon Shabbat

Saturday September 18, 9:30 - 11:30 AM

On Shabbat Ha'azinu - between Yom Kippur and Sukkot on September 18, we will be joined by Abby J. Leibman, CEO & President of MAZON for *Outside the Promised Land: Food Insecurity in Pandemic America*. Together we'll discuss what hunger looks like in our nation and how it shifted during the pandemic.

The Jewish community can play a unique role in ending hunger, wielding our most powerful tool - the strength of our voices, grounded in the moral authority of our shared values. [More information is available here.](#)



#### MahJongg Returns to BZBI

Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:00 PM

MahJongg is coming back to BZBI, on a date yet 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 will follow!



## **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 liturgical Hebrew. 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 Rabbi Abe, Rabbi Abi, and 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 in-person and there is a registration fee.

## *News*



### **Men's Club**

As you may recall, for years BZBI had a strong Men's Club that organized and sponsored many events and programs including the annual Tefillin Wrap, Men's Club Shabbat, trips to Phillies and Sixers Jewish Heritage Nights and speakers on various topics.

I (Matt Whitehorn) have been in discussions with the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs about reinstating our Club. The BZBI Men's Club can be a hub for our community, and of course will be an inclusive group.

I could use some help in the organizing the effort, so I am asking for volunteers to assist. If you are interested, [please contact me via email!](#)



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

Looking past the Holidays, Hebrew School classes begin in October, so if you would like to register your child(ren) for Hebrew School and have not already done so, please [click here and complete the Hebrew School and Youth Group registration form](#) as soon as possible.

Rabbi Max 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, you can access [the FAQ page on the BZBI website.](#)

Share this information with friends, as they do not have to be BZBI members to join the Neziner Hebrew School community!



### **Neziner Hebrew School is Hiring Madrichim**

The word, "madrachim" means guides. Madrichim 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. Madrichim also participate in 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 professional skills and earn a little money.

[Please contact Rabbi Max directly](#) if your teen is interested to learn about the application process.



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

There's still time to join the first cohort of BZBI's Torah Academy, and help us create a community of Torah readers. Guided by talented and experienced coordinator Shayna Flink, you will receive both group and one-on-one tutoring to build or sharpen your skills. The class will culminate with each student reading Torah here at BZBI.

**To register for this new program, 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.*



## **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.

**NEW**  
**High Holiday Grocery Gift Card Drive 2021**

**Help nourish families in need.**  
Donate grocery store gift cards or purchase food through the Mitzvah Food Program Amazon Wish List.  
[jewishphilly.org/hhgiftcards](http://jewishphilly.org/hhgiftcards)

## **Gift Card Donations for Hunger**

Every day, the **Jewish Federation's Mitzvah Food Program** works tirelessly to fight hunger by providing nutritious food to families in need through five food pantries. This year, there is a simple way you can help nourish families in need. Purchase grocery store gift cards of up to \$50 and drop them off at BZBI during business hours or before Holy Day services, and we will forward them to the Federation.

Thank you and *L'Shanah Tovah*.



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