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Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / September 30, 2021

Spotlight

Coming
Soon!
😊

Fall Adult Programming Announced

Under the leadership of Adult Programming chair Sarah Fleischman and her growing advisory committee, we've assembled an exciting list of classes for the fall, kicking off on October 11th.

The lineup, described in detail below, includes:

- [Monday - Torah Study with Rabbi Mort Levine](#)
- [Monday - Talmud Study with Rabbi Emeritus Ira Stone](#)
- [Monday - On One Foot: An Introduction to Judaism for Everyone](#)
- [Tuesday - Torah Study with Rabbi Emeritus Ira Stone](#)
- [Wednesday - ScholarStream Lecture Series](#) (future dates will vary)
- [Thursday - Before the Law: An Introduction to Jewish Responsa with Rabbi Abi](#)
- [Various Dates - Torah Academy with Shayna Flink](#)
- [Date/Time to be Announced - Basic Conversational Hebrew](#)

Rounding out the schedule are monthly [Book Club](#), [Sisterhood](#), and [Knitting](#) events, plus weekly [MahJongg](#).



BZBI's Improved Contact Tracing

With the first of many B'nai Mitzvah starting this Shabbat, we want to keep our members and guests safe by making sure we can alert you if there is a need. If you attend religious services in-person at BZBI, please help us by "checking off" your name in the binder (located near the entrance) with a Shabbat-friendly colored sticker. Thank you for all you have done to keep us safe over the last 18 months, and we look forward to continued safety in the community.

Shabbat Multi-Access Services

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

[Friday, October 1 - Tishrei 25](#)

[Mindful Minyan](#)

7:45 - 8:30 AM

Only on Zoom

[Kabbalat Shabbat](#)

6:00 - 7:00 PM

In Fittler Square and on Zoom

Shabbat Candlelighting

6:25 PM

[Saturday, October 2 - Tishrei 26](#)

[Shabbat Morning Service](#)

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Isaac Cooper's Bar Mitzvah

In the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom

Torah Readers: Isaac Cooper, Tamar Fox, Gregg Kanter, Johannah Lebow, Rabbi Mort Levine, Amit Schwalb, Kati Steiner

Haftarah: Isaac Cooper

D'var Torah: Rabbi Abe Friedman

[Tot Shabbat](#)

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

In the Klinghoffer Chapel only

Shabbat Ends

7:21 PM



This Week's Downloads

- [Kabbalat Shabbat Prayerbook](#)
- [Shabbat Prayerbook](#)
- [Torah reading for Shabbat Bereshit](#)

The Latest D'var Torah



Members

Mazel Tov to:

- **Isaac Cooper** on the celebration of his Bar Mitzvah

Welcome New Members:

- **Thayer & Julie Altman**

Donations this Week:

In Honor of

- **Suzanne Litke & Gary Bramnick** by Phyllis Kramer

In Memory of

- **Sarah Belinsky** by Ruth Shrier
- **Diane Eisen** by William Eisen
- **Ruth R. Frank** by Bonnie & Eliot Nierman
- **Jack Kramer** by Phyllis Kramer
- **Paul Morris Weinberg** by Beth Garstkiewicz
- **Philip Zuchman** by Sara & Adam Laver

Yahrzeits October 2 - 8

Bessie Bell | Renee Beitito | Pauline Braff | Stanford Braff |
Dora Freilich | Thelma Gorin | Freda Hirsh | Mary Kaplan |
Blanche Newman | Esther Schwartz | Flora Kahn | Paul
Weinberg | Samuel Werlinsky | Jerome Wilde



Events

SHABBÁT

Tot Shabbat returns in-person to the Klinghoffer Chapel this week. You are invited to join other families and our wonderful leader, Sarah Fleischman, for joyous singing and a Shabbat story with your little ones. The mini-service is designed for children 0-4 years old and their grown-up companions.

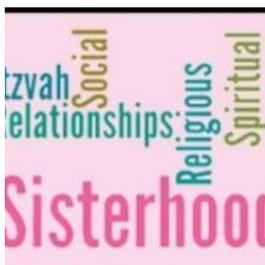
All adults and children 2-years-old and older must wear masks at all times while in the building and - more importantly - come ready to celebrate together! [More important information here.](#)



Monday Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Mort Levine

Mondays, beginning October 4 at 8:30 AM

Immediately following morning *minyan* at approximately 8:30 AM, join Rabbi Mort Levine for a study session on the upcoming week's Parashah. Pour yourself a cup of coffee and enjoy camaraderie with the regulars as we have a lively discussion on the meaning of the text. [Click for more information and to register.](#)



Sisterhood Monthly Planning Meeting

Monday, October 4 at 7:00 PM

The sisterhood holds its monthly meeting on the first Monday of every month beginning at 7:00 PM. For now, we continue meeting virtually via Zoom. [Click for more information and to register.](#)



SCHOLARSTREAM

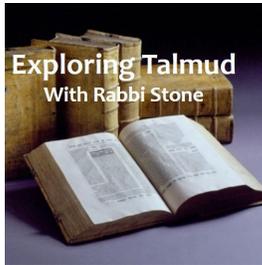
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Fall and Winter ScholarStream

Beginning Wednesday, October 6 at 8:00 PM

BZBI is again sponsoring ScholarStream, a collaboration of JTS, RA, Schechter, and Ziegler, during which respected teachers examine some of Zionism's key ideas and challenges. ScholarStream is divided into eight series of 3-4 lectures on specific topics, from October 2021 to May 2022.

information on the teachers and topics, plus a registration link (\$10 for BZBI members and \$10 for the community) [is located here.](#)



Rabbi Stone's Class on Talmud

Begins Monday, October 11, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

On Mondays, join Rabbi Emeritus Ira Stone returns for a [for the third year of studying Talmud](#), learning about the heart of post-temple Judaism.

[Please register here for the class.](#) The cost is \$180 for BZBI members and \$250 for the general community. Classes will be conducted online until it is safe to return to the synagogue.

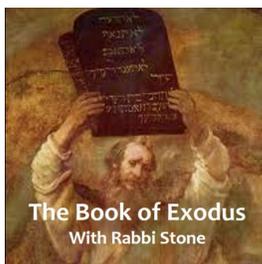


On One Foot

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

BZBI again offers our introduction to Judaism for everyone 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 information 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.

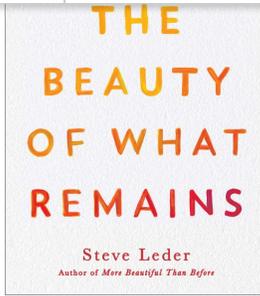


Rabbi Stone's Class on the Torah

Begins Tuesday, October 12, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

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.

[You can register here for the class.](#) The cost is \$180 for BZBI members and \$250 for the general community. Classes will be conducted online until it is safe to return to the synagogue.



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

Our next book is [The Beauty of What Remains](#) by Steven Leder, a rabbi at Wilshire Temple in Los Angeles. This inspiring and comforting book takes us on a journey through his personal experience of loss and how it can be fundamental to giving life meaning and touching us with love.

Gwen Freedman will lead the discussion. [For more information and to register, click here.](#)



[MahJongg for New and Experienced Players](#)

Wednesdays, Beginning October 20, 5:00 - 6:15 PM

Weekly in-person MahJongg returns to Klinghoffer Chapel on October 20. All are welcome, but everyone must be vaccinated and wear a mask at all times. This weekly game is a fun social gathering, not a high stakes game. There will be a teaching table and a playing table until everyone is confident in their game. Money generated by winning hands goes to the BZBI Tzedakah fund.

Players will need a current MahJongg Card available from [Amazon](#) or the BZBI Sisterhood Gift shop, where you can also get accessories and [A Beginner's Guide to American MahJongg](#), The cost of the cards is \$11.00 and the book is \$12.00.

Come with a sense of humor and a desire to meet fellow MahJongg players!



[Before the Law: An Introduction to Jewish Responsa](#)

Thursdays from October 21 - December 2, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

What is Jewish law and how is it decided? Who gets to decide? In this six-week class, Rabbi Abi explores the *halakhic* process and how it has changed (and persisted) over the last two thousand years. Discuss how the legal can become spiritual in our tradition. [More information here.](#)



[BZBI Knitting and Crocheting](#)

Monthly beginning Monday, October 25, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

For the fall, the Tikkun Olam committee again invites you to rediscover old and new friends through knitting and crocheting on Zoom. Lessons and laughter will be had by all.

Our focus will be to knit hats and scarves for Project Home and Bethesda Project for homeless and housing insecure clients. No



Basic Prayer Book Hebrew

Date and time to be confirmed soon.

Join Ella Rose on Zoom to learn the basics of Hebrew reading, pronunciation, and comprehension. This class is for anyone looking for a strong foundation in reading the daily and Shabbat prayers. It runs through April 2022 and there is a registration fee. [For more information, click here.](#)

News

POWER

POWER Listening Campaign

The BZBI POWER committee is launching a Listening Campaign to identify shared concerns within our community. We will be conducting 1:1 conversations with congregants to learn about individual interests and motivation to engage in justice work. We will then develop an action campaign that we can take on with POWER.

[Sign up here](#) for a 1:1 conversation with one of our committee members.

If you were not there in person or on Zoom, don't miss learning more about POWER and BZBI's upcoming plans, by [watching POWER Committee chair Rachel Beck's Yom Kippur talk.](#)



Neziner Hebrew School Offers a New Virtual Option

Classes begin Wednesday, October 20

The start of this year's Neziner Hebrew School is being delayed for two weeks to allow parents time to choose between traditional in-person classes and a new virtual option. This will give parents more flexibility in making the best choices for their children's educational needs and safety.

The virtual learning option is available for children in 1st through 7th grade. Bonim (pre-K) and Gan (K) remain in-person only. Hebrew High is currently in person, but a virtual option is being investigated.

For those students in 1st - 7th grade, [please complete the Hebrew School registration form](#), if you have not yet done so, as well as a [short Google form](#) to select between the two class formats. Following Winter Break, students may "transfer" between in-person and virtual classes.



Intergenerational Reading Project

You can still 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 us](#) for more information.



JGASGP Steve Schechter Memorial Lecture

Sunday, October 10, 2021, 1:00 PM

This year's free Steve Schechter Memorial Lecture features Dr. Robert Watson, Professor at Lynn University and award-winning author who has published over 40 books on history and politics speaking on the topic of *Truman and Israel: The Behind-the-Scenes Story of Statehood in 1948*.

The link for Dr. Watson's lecture will be [posted on the JGASGP website](#) on Sunday morning by 11:00. No one will be admitted after 2:00 PM.



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