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Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / October 14, 2021

Friday's Kabbalat Shabbat will be in the BZBI Sanctuary this week.

Spotlight

POWER

POWER Committee Listening Campaign

BZBI is now one of over 50 congregations in Pennsylvania who are part of POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Respond), an interfaith and multi-racial people's movement. [Listen to Rachel Beck's d'var Torah on Yom Kippur](#) to learn more about BZBI's growing relationship with POWER.

BZBI's POWER Committee is [launching a Listening Campaign](#) to identify shared concerns within our community. Committee members will set up meetings with individual congregants to learn about your interests and motivations to engage in justice work. This will lead to an action campaign based on what we hear from the community. [To be a part of this initiative, click here.](#)

Look for updates from the POWER Committee in the News section of the e-Cong. The Committee Co-chairs want to respond to your questions or comments - Email [Rachel Beck](#) or [Bill Brookover](#) to learn more.

I HEARD YOU WERE
LOOKING FOR A
MINION.



Guiding the Future of the BZBI Minyan

On Wednesday, October 27, we will hold meetings about the future of the **morning and evening minyan** to gather thoughts about the right mix of online and in-person observance going forward.

Directly after **morning minyan** on Wednesday October 27, at

[Register for the BZBI Services link here.](#)

At 4:00 PM that same day, we will hold a meeting for those interested in the **evening minyan**. **This will be held using a [DIFFERENT Zoom link; please register here](#).** The goal of this meeting is to assess BZBI's congregant engagement with the evening minyan and attendance will be limited to Temple members only.

Worship

Shabbat Multi-Access Services

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

Friday, October 15 - Cheshvan 9

[Kabbalat Shabbat](#)

6:00 - 7:00 PM

This week in BZBI's Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom

Shabbat Candlelighting

6:03 PM

Saturday, October 16 - Cheshvan 10

[Shabbat Morning Service](#)

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Cohen

In the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom

Torah Readers: Jesse Bacon, Sigal Bezborodko, Daniel Cohen, Esther Cohen, Jacob Cohen, Miriam Jennings, Rabbi Mort Levine.

Haftarah: Jacob Cohen

D'var Torah: Rabbi Abe Friedman

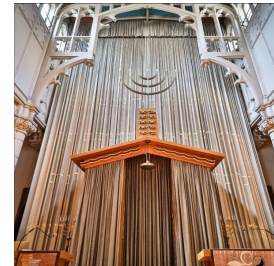
[Tot Shabbat](#)

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

In the Klinghoffer Chapel only

Shabbat Ends

7:00 PM



This Week's Downloads

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

Last Week's D'var Torah



Members

ATodah Rabbah to:

- **Dr. Rafael Levites** for underwriting the cost of one of BZBI's new AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) - may it have a long and lonely life. A second AED awaits sponsorship and we would welcome a donation from you to cover the cost.

Mazel Tov to:

- **Jacob Cohen**, parents **Sherri and Daniel Cohen**, and older brother **Benjamin Cohen** on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah
- **Halle Levinson** of Central High School for winning the Public High School Girls Tennis Doubles.

Condolences to:

- **Andrew and Dana Benn** on the loss of Andrew's grandmother, Roslyn Atcovitz

Donations this Week:

In Memory of

- **Helen Fischman** by Art Fischman
- **Pauline Harris** by Selma Harris Forstater
- **Robert Landau** by Steven & Hollis Berney

Yahrzeits October 16 - 22

Lana Braverman | Helen Fischman | Ruth Frank | Samuel Galinsky | Carl Goldenberg | Pauline Harris | Tillye Kaplan | Julian Katz | Carol Kaufman | Lillian Kirshner | Bernard Levy | Max Newirth | Bernice Oswald | Samuel Rosenberg | Annette Sussman | Herman Zuritsky





Basic Prayer Book Hebrew

Beginning Thursday October 12, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

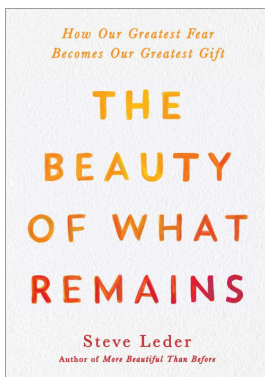
Join Ella Rose on Zoom to learn the basics of Hebrew reading, pronunciation, and comprehension. This class is for anyone looking for a strong foundation in reading the daily and Shabbat prayers. It runs through April 2022 and there may be a registration fee. [For more information, click here.](#)



Monday Torah Study

Monday, October 18 at 8:30 AM

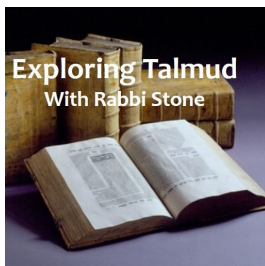
After morning *minyan* at approximately 8:30 AM, join Rabbi Mort Levine for a study session on the upcoming week's Parashah. There's a reason this class has lasted for years; join us to find out why! [Click for more information and to register.](#) Past session can be found on the BZBI Website under [VirtualBZBI](#)



BZBI Book Club: The Beauty of What Remains

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

Rabbi Steven Leder, from Wilshire Temple in Los Angeles, has indicated that he may join us for a discussion of [The Beauty of What Remains](#), his journey through the 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. [Register here.](#)



Exploring Talmud with Rabbi Stone

Monday, October 18, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

It's not too late to join Rabbi Emeritus Ira Stone [for the study of Talmud](#), learning about the heart of post-temple Judaism. The class takes place every Monday through May, 2022, except for holidays. [Please register here for the class.](#) The cost is \$180 for BZBI members and \$250 for the general community. Classes will remain online until it is safe to return to the synagogue.



It's also not too late to begins a new year of [exploring the Torah, this year focusing on the book of Exodus \(Shemot\)](#). The class takes place every Tuesday through May, 2022. [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.



[MahJongg for New and Experienced Players](#)

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

Weekly in-person MahJongg returns to Klinghoffer Chapel! 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.

Everyone who attends must be vaccinated and wear a mask at all times. Players will need a 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](#). Join us for a fun social gathering and remember to bring your sense of humor, available everywhere for free!



[ScholarStream](#)

Wednesday, October 20 at 8:00 PM

ScholarStream is a collaboration of JTS, RA, Schechter, and Ziegler, where teachers and leaders examine some of Judaism's key ideas and challenges. It consists of eight series of 3-4 lectures, running now through May 2022.

This week, **Series 1: Torah Relationships** continues with Rabbi Bradley Artson on *Loving Peace, One Person at a Time*. [More information and registration links are here.](#)

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Before the Law: An Introduction to Jewish Respo

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

Thursday 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.](#)



Rediscover old and new friends through knitting and crocheting. No experience is necessary! [Please RSVP](#) with your level of knitting experience, and if you are left- or right-handed.

Our focus this season will be hats and scarves for Project Home and Bethesda Project for homeless and housing insecure clients. Instructions for knitting an easy hat [are included in the listing on our website.](#)

News



Intergenerational Reading Project

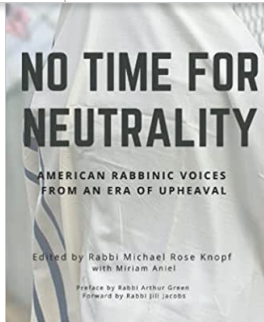
Last spring, BZBI launched the Intergenerational Reading Project to help foster relationships between children, teens, and adults in our community. The children read or are read to by an adult or teen buddy. The reading sessions range from weekly to a couple times a month for a recommended 30 minutes or whatever is best for each pair. Some participants meet over Zoom while others meet in the park or on their stoop. We would love to tell you more! [Please contact Eileen Dwell if you are interested.](#)



Neziner Hebrew School Update

Classes begin Wednesday, October 20

Neziner Hebrew School classes this year will take place in-person, with the exception of Thursday enrichment classes, which will take place virtually. Classes resume in-person on Wednesday, October 20, followed by the first Shabbat classes of the year on Saturday, October 23, and first Monday classes on October 25. Register for Hebrew School and/or Youth Groups using BZBI's [online registration form](#). The Youth and Family Calendar (including Hebrew School) is [here](#) and you can access an FAQ by clicking [here](#).



With a title that represents a call to action and a reference to the Book of Joshua, a book published last week features Rabbi Abe in a collection of sermons and essays from progressive American rabbis.

[No Time for Neutrality: American Rabbinic Voices from an Era of Upheaval](#) is a compendium of the best progressive Jewish voices from the years 2016-2020 which has already drawn praise from members of Congress, academics, and leaders of the Conservative movement. **[You can read reviews and purchase the book here.](#)** Book proceeds benefit T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights and HIAS.org.



[Save the Date: BZBI's Tree Planting](#)

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Last Spring, BZBI proposed to plant a Bald Cypress tree outside the building, which provides deep religious meaning to our community. After detailed review, the city and Philadelphia Horticultural Society proposed a smaller Honey Locust 'street keeper,' tree which will provide beauty and shade to our congregation and community. Mark your calendar for the tree planting celebration. Details when available **[will be posted on the BZBI Events page.](#)**



[Cold War Panel with Author Meryl Ain](#)

Monday, November 8th at 1:00 PM

Art Fishman's sister, Meryl Ain (author of *The Takeaway Men*), will be in conversation with Anne Sebba, (author of *Ethel Rosenberg: An American Tragedy*) for a discussion on Jews and the Cold War. The event is part of the Katz JCC's Festival of Arts, Books and Culture. The event is Zoom only and costs \$15. **[More information here.](#)**



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