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Spotlight



Guiding the Future of BZBI's Daily Minyan

Wednesday, October 27 at 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM

We will hold meetings next Wednesday to begin preparing our daily *minyanim* for future reopening. Immediately after **morning minyan**, at approximately 8:30 AM, we will remain in the Zoom room and talk about interest in moving to in-person services. All are welcome.

[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.



American Birthright Film Viewing & Discussion

Sunday, November 7 - Sunday, November 14

The BZBI Sisterhood presents the viewing and discussion of a film with universal appeal and a Philly connection. Twenty-something Becky Tahel takes a physical and spiritual journey in the movie that will resonate with anyone who's ever struggled with a sense of identity and purpose. The film is part of the **Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival (PJFF)**.

- Stream at home beginning Sunday, Nov. 7 at 10:00 AM.
- Watch in-person Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7:00 PM at NMAJH
- Join the Zoom discussion on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 10:00 AM.

Instructions for accessing the film and joining the discussion **can be found here.**

Worship

Shabbat Multi-Access Services

Click on the **green underlined text** for info and registration.

Friday, October 22 - Cheshvan 16

Mindful Minyan

7:45 - 8:15 AM

Kabbalat Shabbat

6:00 - 7:00 PM

This week in Fidler Square and on Zoom

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Shabbat Candlelighting

5:53 PM

Saturday, October 23 - Cheshvan 17

Shabbat Morning Service

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

In Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom

Torah Readers: Tamar Fox, Johannah Lebow

Haftarah: Ken Cohen

D'var Torah: Rabbi Abe Friedman

Neziner Hebrew School

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

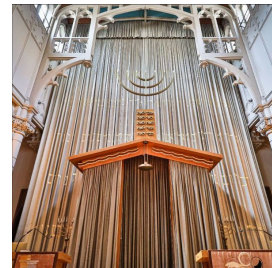
Tot Shabbat

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

In Klinghoffer Chapel

Shabbat Ends

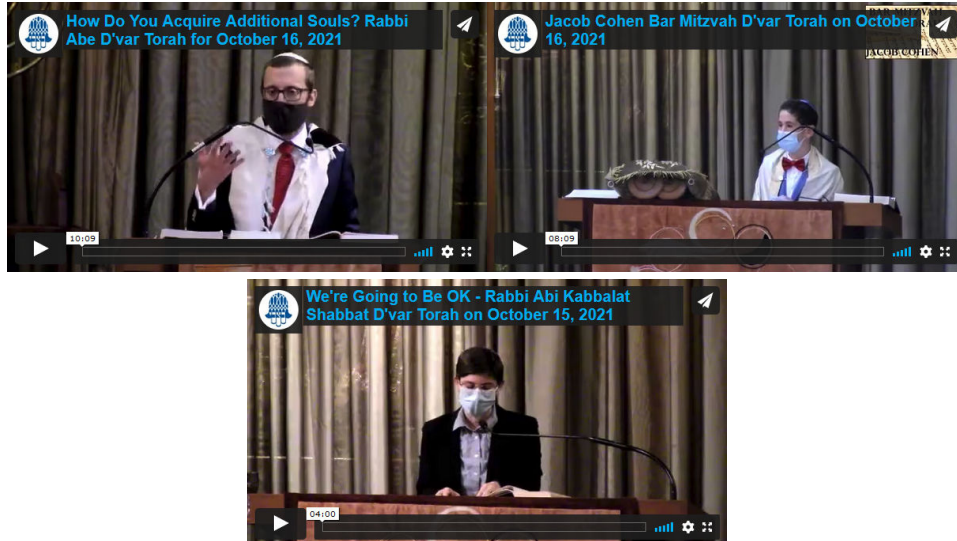
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This Week's Downloads

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

Last Week's D'verei Torah



Members

Todah Rabbah to:

- **Robin Lebow** for sponsoring Popsicle Kiddush this Shabbat in honor of the first anniversary of the 25th anniversary of her daughter **Johannah** becoming a bat mitzvah.
- **Sheila Davidson** in memory of her husband **Peter Leokum** for sponsoring the second BZBI AED machine (**Dr. Rafael Levites** underwrote the first AED).

Mazel Tov to:

- **Les & Eve Robbins** and Sarah Robbins & Ryan McGee on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter and daughter **Zahdi McGee** this weekend at Makom Community.

Donations this Week:

In Honor of

- **Jacob Cohen** on his Bar Mitzvah by Eileen Dwell & Chuck Steinberg, Susan Zeelander, Jasmine & Akil Bowler
- **Estelle Fleischer** on her special birthday by the BZBI Sisterhood
- **Les Robbins** on being named Board Chair of Jewish Family & Children's Service, by Jasmine & Akil Bowler, Cara Levinson
- **Rabbi Max Nissen** by Rachel & Andrew Saltzman
- **Rabbi Steve Leder** for guiding our BZBI book group by Eileen Dwell & Chuck Steinberg
- **Mara Freedman** for arranging to have Rabbi Leder lead our book club discussion by

- Eileen Dwell & Chuck Steinberg
- **Gwen Freedman** for suggestion the book for our book group by Eileen Dwell & Chuck Steinberg

In Memory of

- **Robert Landau** by Hollis & Steve Berney, Sharon Landau Berney
- **Bernie Levy** by Josh, Heidi, Wynne & Eli Levy
- **Lince Rosenblum** by Carol & Marty Rosenblum

Yahrzeits October 23 - 29

Fradel Berkowitz | Diane Eisen | Sol Hoffman | Winnie Levitt |
Nadine Lubarsky | Shirley Merkin | Sheila Morgan | Rose Mozes
| Don Odoner | Carol Puckett | Kevin Reitter | Lince Rosenblum
| Victor Ruby | Anna Schulman | Florence Seidner | Louis
Simon | Jack Sussman | Oscar Trager | Rhea Wisotsky



Events



BZBI Knitting and Crocheting

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

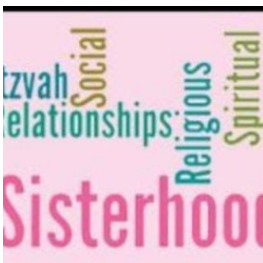
Join the first knitting session of the season on Monday evening as we create hats and scarves for Project Home and Bethesda Project. Easy instructions for knitting our first project **are included in the listing on our website.**



MahJongg Continues

Wednesday, October 27, 5:00 - 6:15 PM

Weekly in-person MahJongg in Klinghoffer Chapel continues! Money generated by winning hands goes to the BZBI Tzedakah fund. Players will need a MahJongg Card available from the Sisterhood Gift shop, where you can also get accessories and **A Beginner's Guide to American MahJongg.** You must be vaccinated and wear a mask to attend. **More information here.**



Sisterhood Monthly Planning Meeting

Monday, November 1, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

You are invited to join the Sisterhood for November's monthly meeting, where we will review past events, plan for future events, and enjoy each other's company.

[Click to register on Zoom for any or all meetings!](#)



ScholarStream

Wednesday, October 27 at 8:00 PM

ScholarStream continues this week with the last lecture in **Series 1: Torah Relationships**. Rabbi Elliot Dorff, Visiting Professor of Law at UCLA and Distinguished Professor of Jewish theology at American Jewish University speaking on *The Dysfunctional Families of Genesis*. [More information and registration links are here.](#)

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considered praiseworthy.'

Before the Law: An Introduction to Jewish Respo

Before the Law: An Introduction to Jewish Responsa

Thursday, October 28, 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.](#)

LIVE VISIONING OUR WORLD ANEW

Author Heather McGhee
Professor Laurie Zoloth, PhD
Rosh Yeshiva Benay Lappe

The Shemita Year: Visioning Our World Anew

Wednesday, November 3, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

We are now in the *Shemita* (sabbatical) year—a year of pause, release, and renewal. Join an in-depth conversation on how we can use the crises of the past two years as an opportunity to reimagine and rebuild our world in a new image with Heather McGhee, author of *The Sum of Us*, Rabbi Benay Lappe, founder and Rosh Yeshiva of Svara, and Dr. Laurie Zoloth, professor of Religion and Ethics at Harvard Divinity School. [Register for the program here.](#)



Sock It To 'Em and Belts & Billfolds

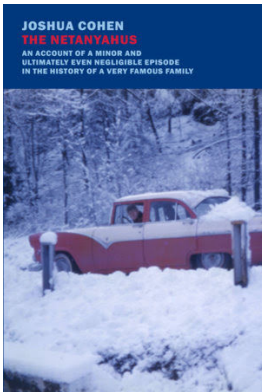
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Help us make the second annual Tikkun Olam clothing drive a success. Consider buying socks, belts and billfolds through Amazon Smile for clients of Project Home and the Bethesda Project. Gently used belts and wallets will also be accepted in the designated box in BZBI's 18th Street Foyer. [More information here.](#)



Save the Date!

- **Shabbakti Shabbat Yoga**, In-person on Saturday November 14 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM
- **BZBI Tree Planting** on the 18th Street sidewalk, Sunday, November 21, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Volunteer Appreciation Night** on Zoom for the fifth night of Hanukkah, Thursday, December 2nd at 5:30 pm



BZBI Book Club: The Netanyahus

Monday, December 13, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

On Monday, nineteen zoom screens were treated to hearing Rabbi Steve Leder, author of this month's book *The Beauty of What Remains*. Thank you to Gwen Freedman for suggesting the book and to her daughter Mara who invited Rabbi Leder to join us.

Our next read is *The Netanyahus* by Joshua Cohen on a new date, Monday, December 13, 2021. At this time, the book club will remain on Zoom. [More information here.](#)

News



BZBI Members join Har Nebo Cleanup

Yasher Koach to BZBI's Executive Director **Lynne Balaban** and Bookkeeper **Leslee Schwartz** for participating in Sunday's cleanup of Har Nebo historic Jewish cemetery. If you were among the hundreds of people who participated, please let us know. To learn more or get involved in future cleanup efforts, visit the [Friends of Jewish Cemeteries webpage](#).



Grab and Go Kiddush Sponsors & Volunteers Needed

As the weather cools, BZBI is moving from Popsicle Kiddush to "Grab and Go" Kiddush with a variety of goodies. We are in need of sponsors and volunteers to help us purchase and package the Kiddush bags. **Shoshana Bannett** is the contact person for more information and to participate.



[Early Childhood Education Virtual Tours](#)

The Laurie Wagman Playschool and Abigail R. Cohen Preschool is pleased to announce tours for prospective families for the 2022-2023 school year. Tours are held virtually on Tuesdays beginning November 2 at 9:30 AM for approximately 45 min. This is an opportunity for you to hear more about our program, ask questions, and see our classrooms in action. [Please sign up for the tour here.](#)



[POWER Committee Listening Campaign](#)

BZBI's POWER Committee has [launched a Listening Campaign](#) 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.](#)



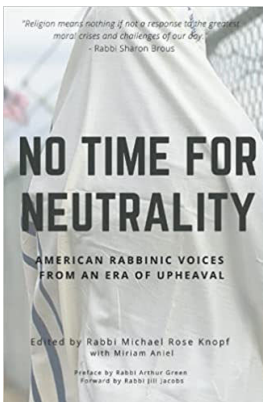
[Intergenerational Reading Project](#)

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. We would love to tell you more! [Please contact Eileen Dwell if you are interested.](#)



[BZBI Seeks a Director of Membership Engagement and Outreach](#)

We are looking for a warm, self-directed, energetic professional to fill a key position that is responsible for membership recruitment, engagement, renewal, and retention efforts along with programming and event coordination. Do you know someone who might be a good fit? [Ask them to review the position opening here.](#)



[Rabbi Abe Featured in New Book](#)

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 Friedman** 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. [You can read reviews and purchase the book here.](#) Proceeds benefit *T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights* and HIAS.org.



The (Millennial) Road to Financial Independence

Tuesday, October 26, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

The **JFCS Financial Empowerment Program** offers a free one-hour virtual information session that will explain credit terms and topics, and offer best practices to lay the groundwork for a strong financial future. The speakers are Sherry L. Hoban, Executive Director for Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project and Jamie Baum, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School student. Questions? Contact Laura Flowers at 267.256.2274 or lflowers@jfcshilly.org.



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