

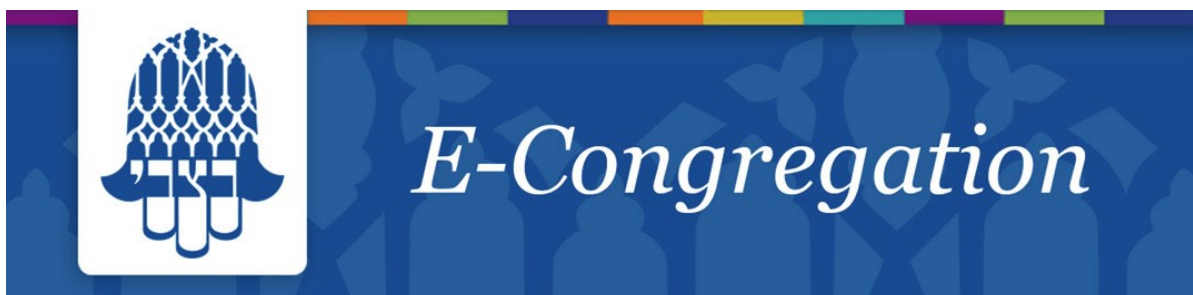


[Test] BZBI e-Cong: Volunteer Appreciation Night and Kahaner Kabbalat Shabbat

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel <templeoffice@bzbi.org>
Reply-To: Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel <templeoffice@bzbi.org>
To: David <communications@bzbi.org>

Thu, Dec 2, 2021 at 4:53 PM

[View this email in your browser](#)



Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / December 2, 2021

Spotlight



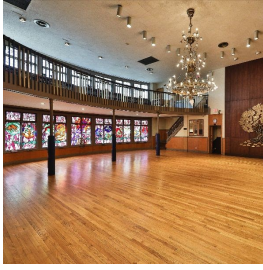
Tonight! Volunteer Appreciation Night

Thursday December 2, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Despite the challenges of 2021, more than 200 volunteers have provided spiritual support and comfort to BZBI members and the wider Center City community. Let's join together to let our volunteers know what they do is noticed, appreciated, valued and recognized.

Help us celebrate the volunteers who helped spread the light this year with a family-friendly evening on the **fifth night of Hanukkah**. We will share stories, songs, and light the candles together, and celebrate our community's spirit of generosity. [Register now, using the regular BZBI religious services link.](#)

Please consider becoming a Hanukkah light by making a contribution in honor of our dedicated volunteers. The reasonable donation levels encourage 100% participation; [you can donate here.](#) We couldn't do it without you!



Friday! Kahaner Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, December 3 at 5:30 PM

Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat is moving inside for the winter. To celebrate, we invite you to join us for a special musical Kabbalat Shabbat service in-the-round, featuring the grand debut of the BZBI Davening Team. This is an event not to miss. Let's welcome Shabbat with song and prayer together in a joyous return to Kahaner Auditorium.

Worship

Daily *Minyan* Moves to Multi-Access

We are delighted to announce that beginning this Sunday, December 5, some of BZBI's daily *minyanim* will be moving to a multi-access format offering in-person as well as Zoom options. Please see below for a full schedule of *minyan* times and formats.

Friday, December 3 - Kislev 29

Mindful Minyan

7:45 - 8:15 AM

Shabbat Candlelighting

4:18 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat

5:30 - 6:30 PM

In Kahaner Auditorium and on Zoom



Saturday, December 3 - Kislev 30

Shabbat Morning Service

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Parashat Miketz/Shabbat Hanukkah

Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Doss

In the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom

Followed by "Grab n' Gab" Kiddush

Torah Readers: Jesse Bacon, Andrew Doss (Mazel Tov!), Tamar Fox, Rabbi Valerie Joseph, Gaby Marantz, Oren Pollak, Dan Segal, Kati Steiner

Haftarah: Rabbi Valerie Joseph

Flowers are sponsored by Jennifer & Andrew Doss in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Andrew and by The Beth Zion-Beth Israel Mincha Maariv Minyan in honor of Shabbat Hanukkah.

Kiddush is sponsored by Rabbi Valerie Joseph & David Haas.

Neziner Hebrew School

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tot Shabbat

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

In Klinghoffer Chapel

Shabbat Ends

5:20 PM

Daily Minyan Schedule Effective December 5, 2021:

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	9:00 AM	7:45 AM	7:45 AM	8:30 AM	7:45 AM	7:45 AM	9:30 AM
	MULTI-ACCESS	ZOOM ONLY	ZOOM ONLY	MULTI-ACCESS	MULTI-ACCESS	ZOOM ONLY	MULTI-ACCESS
Evening	NO MINYAN	5:45 PM	8:30 PM	8:30 PM	8:30 PM	5:30 PM	NO MINYAN
		MULTI-ACCESS	ZOOM ONLY	ZOOM ONLY	ZOOM ONLY	MULTI-ACCESS	

This Week's Downloads

- [Kabbalat Shabbat Prayerbook](#)
- [Shabbat Prayerbook](#)
- [Torah reading for Shabbat Miketz/Shabbat Hanukkah](#)

Last Week's D'verei Torah



Members

Welcome New Members:

- Kimberly & Gareth Glaser

Condolences to:

- **Chuck Steinberg and Eileen Dwell** on the passing of Chuck's brother Harvey Steinberg.

Todah Rabbah to:

- **Max Shandler and Nathan Weingram** who chose BZBI as the recipient of their Giving Tuesday donation.

Mazel Tov to:

- **Lynne Balaban**, our Executive Director, who delivered the 2021 Hanukkah message as a NAASE board member to 300+ members of the North American Association of Synagogue Executives (NAASE)
-

Donations this Week:

In Honor of:

- **All BZBI Volunteers** by Arlene Fickler
- **Rachel Devor's** marriage by Arlene Fickler, Rachel Gross & HP Baker, Alissa & Jeff Hurok
- **Estelle Fleischer's** special birthday by Rachel Gross & HP Baker
- **Gail Kass & Roy Friedman** on their granddaughter's becoming B'nai Mitzvah by Arlene Fickler
- **Phyllis & Michael Laver's** 50th wedding anniversary by Rachel Gross & HP Baker
- **Lisa & David Marcus** on their 10th anniversary by Libby Schwartz, Temmy, Alan, Danelle & Ray
- **Miriam Steinberg Egeth** on the publication of her book by Arlene Fickler
- **Sam Weinstock's** Engagement by Alissa & Jeff Hurok

Refuah Shelamah to:

- **Debbie Fleischman** by Sheryl & Seth Gross, Arlene Fickler
- **Marlene Sellers** by Libby Schwartz
- **Lee Shai Weissbach** by Sheryl & Seth Gross

In Memory of:

- **Corinne Diamond Levy** by Samuel Diamond
- **Mildred Katz** by Doug Lerner & Ken Cohen
- **Robert Landau** by Rachel Gross & HP Baker
- **Katie Loeb** by Barbara Spector
- **Stanley Merves** by Rachel Gross & HP Baker
- **Joshua Presseisen** by Barbara Presseisen
- **Harry Rosenberg** by Esta Schwartz
- **Tema Roth** by Arnold & Shelley New, Rachel Gross & HP Baker
- **Flora Shadden** by Judy Torrance
- **Isadore Shadden** by Judy Torrance
- **Harvey Steinberg** by Barbara & Mitchell Black, Bonnie Goldberg & Robert Vogel, Betsy Horen, Alyssa & Marc Bailkin, Sharri Horowitz & Michael Carrier, Sheryl & Seth Gross, Sharon & Avishai Greis, Cara & Halle Levinson, Marsha Lester, Rita & Bob Siegle, Barbara Spector, Rabbi Mort & Carmie Levine, Arlene Fickler, Rachel Gross & HP Baker, Bruce & Lynn Norton Robins
- **Florence Strauss** by William Eisen
- **In memory of parents and grandparents** by Arlene Fickler

Yahrzeits December 4 - December 10

Joan Ayres | Liesel Baker | Eshgel Dayanim | Anne Gellmin |
Rachel Gomel | Jack Haimowitz | Rita Hirsh | Hyman Jelin |
Jacob Kaplan | Marilyn Klein | Henry Lacheen | Abraham Litke |
Katie Loeb | Rita Metzker | Jack Nathan | Karen Pressel | Harry



Events



Hanukkah Serve for 8 Events

Hanukkah ends at sunset on Monday, December 6

Tikkum Olam (repairing the world) is integral to our community and during Hanukkah we focus on giving back. Help us by serving others for eight days, through the *Servefor8* program. Remaining projects this year:

- **Creating holiday cards** for the Jewish Relief Agency on Thursday, December 2 - [Instructions here.](#)
- **Gift of Life House baking** cookies and other delicacies on Sunday, December 5 - [click here to sign up.](#)
- **Clothing collection** of new and gently used socks, belts, and billfolds through Monday December 6 - *see story below*
- **Knitting hats and scarves** for Bethesda House - *postponed until January 20*

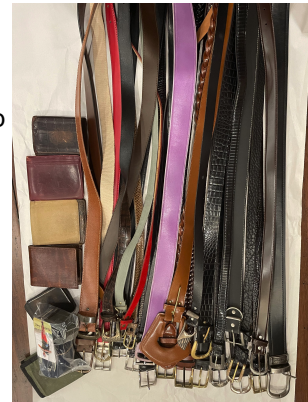
[To participate in any or all of these activities, click here.](#)



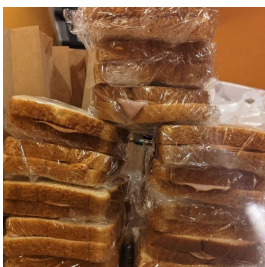
Hanukkah Clothing Collection

Through Sunday, December 6

We are looking for gently used socks, belts, and billfolds for the Bethesda Project and Project Home, plus women's sanitary products for Mercy Hospice. Drop off donations in the lobby of the Temple. The attached photos show some of the many donated items!



[If you order new items from Amazon Smile](#) then BZBI gets a donation; ship to Eileen Dwell & Charles Steinberg, 1919 Chestnut St. Apt 2201, Philadelphia, PA 19103

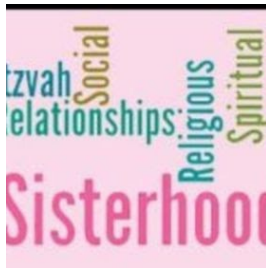


Serve for 8 Update

For the third night of Hanukkah, Tikkun Olam volunteers prepared bagged lunches and baked breakfast goods at home and delivered them to the Bethesda Project. Many thanks to Jennie Pritzker, Cara Levinson,



Josh & Heidi Segall Levy, Ilana Trachtman, Barbara Spector, and Alyssa Bailkin with her family.



Sisterhood Monthly Planning Meeting

Monday, December 6, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

The Sisterhood continues to meet on the first Monday of every month, now regularly scheduled for 7:00 PM. [We invite you to join us!](#)



ScholarStream: The Roots of Conservative Judaism

Tuesday, December 7 at 8:00 PM

ScholarStream lecture series three begins on Tuesday, December 7 at 8:00 PM and is focused on the roots of Conservative Judaism. There are three lectures in this fascinating and important series, including JTS Chancellor Shuly Rubin Schwartz and Rabbi Gordon Tucker, and Rabbi Elliot Dorff of the Ziegler school. [More information and registration links are here.](#)



Before the Law: An Introduction to Jewish Responsa

Thursday, December 9, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

What is Jewish law and how is it decided? Who gets to decide? In this six-week class, Rabbi Avi 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.](#)



Shabbhakti In Person!

Saturday, December 11, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Dr. Deb Glassman now offers her popular class in-person at BZBI once a month on the second Shabbat of the month. Advance registration is required, with attendance limited to 16 participants to maintain social distancing. The cost is \$10 for BZBI members and \$18 for community members. [Registration is now open](#) and closes when we reach capacity.



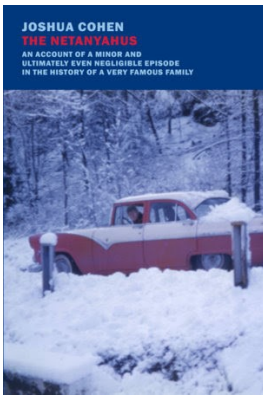
Men's Club First Meeting: Team Israel Baseball

Order boxed lunch by Monday, December 6

Meet via Zoom on Sunday, December 12 at 1:00 PM (note new time)

Team Israel was the Cinderella baseball team in the Tokyo Olympics this year, as the first Israeli national team to qualify since 1976. BZBI welcomes Peter Kurz, manager and coach and Assaf Lowengart, shortstop. [Register here](#) and you will be billed for Men's Club dues of \$18 including access to this event.

Falafel and Mac & Cheese boxed lunches (an additional \$18 each) can be ordered in advance and picked up before lunch, courtesy of T&K Grassroots Food Truck. [Purchase meals here.](#)



BZBI-wide Book Club: The Netanyahuus

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

Our post-Hanukkah book will be [The Netanyahuus](#) by Joshua Cohen. John Powers, reviewing the book on WHY?y's Fresh Air, says that Cohen is "Riffing freely on a true story, (as) this brilliant and hilarious new book takes a cozily familiar form, the campus novel, and turns it into a slyly oblique fable about history, identity and the conflicted heart of Jewishness, especially in America." Our meetings continue on Zoom for now. Please [register here](#).



Knitting and Crocheting Night

Postponed until Monday, December 20, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we've moved the Hanukkah edition of knitting and crocheting over Zoom until December. [Please RSVP](#) if you are interested, along with your level of knitting experience, and if you are left or right-handed. [Registration for the Zoom class can be found here.](#)

News



"Grab and Gab" Kiddush Sponsors & Volunteers Needed

We hope that you have been able to participate in our delightfully successful weekly "Grab N' Gab" Kiddush. These happen outside the Spruce Street entrance immediately after Saturday morning services and will continue until we can safely return to the traditional BZBI Kiddush in Kahaner Auditorium.

We'd be thrilled to have you sponsor a Kiddush or volunteer to help buy and package the Kiddush foods. [Contact Shoshana Bannett](#) to volunteer or [click here to sponsor a Kiddush.](#)



[Early Childhood Education Virtual Tours](#)

The Laurie Wagman Playschool and Abigail R. Cohen Preschool are currently offering tours via Zoom on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM for the 2022-2023 school year. This is an opportunity for you to hear about the program, ask questions, and see classrooms in action. [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.](#)

Around the Community

Boathouse Row hosts a virtual lighting of the menorah on Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 PM. This virtual holiday lighting is organized by the Mayor's Office of Public Engagement in partnership with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) hosts its annual event to end hunger on Sunday, December 5 at 6:00 PM. With stories of resilience, you'll see how a little light can dispel a lot of darkness. All JRA donors receive a link to the online event.

The Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History – renamed in recognition of financial support from businessman Stuart Weitzman - hosts a *Miracle on the Mall* gala on Monday, December 6th at 6:00 PM at the Museum.

Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia (JGASGP) has a program on Sunday, December 12 at 1:30 PM with Joel Weintraub speaking on *Here Comes the 1950 U.S. Census!*

ADL In Concert Against Hate on Sunday, December 12 at 8:00 PM features performances by Gloria Estefan and Josh Groban. You'll also meet real-life heroes and celebrate their courage and compassion in the face of bigotry and hate.

Moving Traditions hosts a webinar on Wednesday, December 15 at 8:00 PM for parents and educators that will help strengthen Jewish preteens and teens' personal wellbeing (*shleimut*), respectful relationships (*hesed*), and pursuit of justice (*tzedek*).

The Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History hosts James Beard Award-winning culinary historian and food writer Michael Twitty on Thursday, December 16 at 1:00 PM for a Zoom discussion of his new book *Kosher Soul* on Jewish and Black food traditions.



Website



Facebook



Twitter



Instagram

Copyright © 2021 Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you asked to receive regular updates about BZBI's news, events, and activities.

Our mailing address is:

Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel
300 South 18th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

[Add us to your address book](#)

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

