



## BZBI e-Cong: Purim preparations in full swing

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Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / February 17, 2022

## Spotlight



### **Purim is Coming**

Wednesday evening, March 16 - Thursday, March 17, 2022

The *Megillah* reading this year takes place on Wednesday evening, March 16, 2022, just six weeks away.

It's a great time to be part of the BZBI community and we are planning a number of familiar and new activities, including the Youth and Family *Mishloach Manot* Fundraiser (see next story), *Matanot L'evyonim*, a costume contest and *Megillat Esther* reading with skits. **Keep an eye out for exciting news on a Purim block party in the neighborhood!**

If last year's online Pandemic Purim inspired you ([take another look here](#)), then now is the time to think about your contribution. [Contact us with your ideas!](#)



### **Purim Mishloach Manot Fundraiser**

*Mishloach Manot* are festive packages filled with holiday treats that we send members of our community on Purim. It's one of the central *mitzvot* (commandments) of Purim, and part of how we create a joyous holiday together.

Last week you should have received an email from HappyPurim with

a personalized link to log into our fundraiser website and send Mishloach Manot to community members. The deadline to place your order is Friday, March 11 at 12:00 PM. Questions? [Email Rabbi Max.](#)

## Worship

### **This is President's Day weekend.**

Saturday, February 19, Tot Shabbat and Neziner Hebrew School will not meet  
Monday, February 21, the Temple office will be closed.  
Morning *minyan* will take place at 9:00 AM on zoom only. There is no evening *minyan*

### **Friday, February 18 - Adar I - 17**

#### **Mindful Minyan**

7:45 - 8:15 AM

*On Zoom Only*

Shabbat Candlelighting

5:22 PM

#### **Kabbalat Shabbat**

5:30 - 6:30 PM

*In Kahaner Auditorium and on Zoom*



### **Saturday, February 19 - Adar I - 18**

#### **Shabbat Morning Service**

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

#### **Parashat Ki Tissa**

*Maurice Kanter Bar Mitzvah*

*In the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom*

*Followed by Grab & Gab Kiddush*

**Torah Readers:** *Gregg Kanter, Larry Kanter, Margaux Kanter, Markus Kanter, Maurice Kanter, Jules Grief, David Waks*

**Haftarah:** *Maurice Kanter*

**D'var Torah:** *Jason Shulman*

**Flowers** are sponsored in honor of Maurice Isaac Kanter by his loving grandparents Rhoda and Seymour Kanter and by Ann Rosenberg and the late Marcus Rosenberg and in loving memory of Sheri Rosenberg Kanter.

**Kiddush** is sponsored by Ira Siegal and family in memory of his beloved wife Marcia Siegal.

Shabbat Ends

6:22 PM

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

- [Kabbalat Shabbat Prayerbook](#)
- [Shabbat Prayerbook](#)
- [Torah Reading for Parashat Ki Tissa](#)

#### Last Week's D'verei Torah




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## Daily Minyan Schedule

### Morning Minyan

- 9:00 AM Sunday (In-person and Zoom) and Monday (Zoom only)
- 7:45 AM Tuesday (Zoom only)
- 8:30 AM Wednesday (In-person and Zoom)
- 7:45 AM Thursday (In-person and Zoom)
- 7:45 AM Friday (Mindful Minyan on Zoom only)

### Evening Minyan:

- No minyan on Monday in observance of the secular holiday
- 8:30 PM Tuesday - Thursday (Zoom only)
- 5:30 PM Friday (Kabbalat Shabbat In-person and Zoom)

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## Members

### Mazel Tov to:

- **Jonathan Fassler Goldberg** on his February 14th engagement to Karen Perla Lipson.



### Condolences to:

- The family of **Sharon Wohlmuth Teacher** on her passing this week.
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## Donations this Week

### In Honor of:

- **Marlena Fuerstman** for her generous teaching of musical Torah by Rabbi Abi Weber
- **Josh “Desh” Rosenberg** in honor of the birth of Kedem Aviv Ziz Nemzer by Johannah Lebow.

**Refuah Shelema to:**

- **Terry Hirshorn** by Rosalie Kurz & Joseph Klein, Sara & Adam Laver

**In Memory of:**

- **Gerson Brandspiegel** by Leslee Schwartz
- **Marcia Kahn** by Marcy & Dan Bacine, Ellen Berkowitz, Deby Engelmayer, Arlene Fickler, Bonnie Goldberg & Robert Vogel, Virginia Greene, Hon. Sheldon & Andrea Hoffman Jelin, Abraham Kupfer, Rosalie Kurz & Joseph Klein, Sara & Adam Laver, Rabbi Mort & Carmie Levine, Cara Levinson, Shelley Rappaport, Sheila & Dan Segal, Rita & Bob Siegle, David Smolar, The Smolar & Minkoff Families, Terri Soifer, Anne Yas.
- **Julius Kaplan** by Sharon Kaplan
- **Bert Lebow** by Robin Lebow
- **Shim Maslin** by Judy & Bill Brookover
- **Marcia Siegal** by Ira Siegal
- **Jerome Shaiman** by Sara Shaiman, Leslee Schwartz
- **Morton Shear**, Abi Weber’s grandfather by Judy & Bill Brookover, Eileen Dwell & Charles Steinberg, Arlene Fickler, Virginia Greene, Judy & Steve Hurok, Phyllis & Michael Laver, Rabbi Mort & Carmie Levine, Cara Levinson

**Yahrzeits February 19 - 25**

Phyllis Daniels | Lillian Freedman | Louis Hirshorn | Bert Lebow  
 | Louis Lissack | Alfred Miller | Kurt Saltzman | Joel Schafer |  
 Gittel Schreider | Harry Shubin | Marcia Siegal | Barbra  
 Steinberg | Jean Zisserman



*Events*

**Maurice Kanter Bar Mitzvah**

*Saturday, February 19*

Maurice becomes a Bar Mitzvah where he has grown up - at BZBI! He first attended services at 10-months old, and since then Maurice has been in the Temple almost every Shabbat morning, as well as attending BZBI's playschool, preschool, and summer program.

Maurice is a 7th grader at Jack Barrack Hebrew Academy and his interests are varied, including creative writing, music composition, basketball, skiing, and travel. Mazel Tov, Maurice!





## **Monday Torah Study with Rabbi Mort Levine**

*Monday, February 21, approximately 8:15 AM*

Every Monday following 7:45 AM Morning *Minyan*, join Rabbi Mort Levine for an online study session on the upcoming week's *Parashah*. Pour yourself a cup of coffee and prepare to stand your ground with the regulars as we have a lively and friendly discussion on the meaning of the text and its application in real life.

**[You can view recent sessions on VirtualBZBI.](#)**

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## **Wednesday MahJongg**

*Wednesday, February 23, 5:00 - 6:15 PM*

Bring your competitive instincts and your sense of humor for our weekly in-person MahJongg in Klinghoffer Chapel continues. You must be vaccinated and wear a mask to attend. **[More information here.](#)**

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## **Character Paths and the Heart's Commitments**

*Wednesday, February 23, from 7:00 - 8:00 PM*

Rabbi Yitzhak Hutner (1906-1980), a leader of America's Haredi (ultra-Orthodox) community, was one of the most original and challenging thinkers in Jewish history. Join Rabbi Abe for the third session of his class on Rav Hutner's teachings on *Pesah*. English translation will be offered for all texts and no prior experience is required. **[Register here](#)** and a Zoom link will be sent to you before class.

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## **Where Are You?**

*Wednesday, February 23, 8:00-8:30 PM*

In this time of questioning, join Rabbi Abe on Wednesday evenings before *minyan* for the second season of "Where Are You?" with Rabbi Abe, a moving and contemplative exploration of the most important questions in life and in religion: Where have I been? Where am I now? And where do I go from here? **[Click here for more information.](#)**

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## **ScholarStream: Halakha - The Process Moving Forward, and the Forward-Moving Process**

Wednesday, February 23, 8:00 - 9:00 PM

The next ScholarStream lecture features Rabbi Elliot Dorff on *The End of Life*. Does Conservative Judaism approve of assisted suicide/aid in dying? How do the theological, moral, and legal sources contribute to our understanding of these sensitive topics? [More information and registration links for all lecture series are here.](#)



## **Bowling, Board Games and Movie Night**

Sunday, February 27

**Join Kadima** (5th - 7th Grade) for an afternoon of bowling from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination required for entry and must be uploaded on the registration form. [Register here](#). \$15 in cash or Venmo @BZBI\_Teens.

**Join USY** (8th Grade - High School) for Board Games and Movie Night from 3:30 - 5:30 PM. Contact Teen Programs Coordinator, [Rachel Beck](#) for more information about either program.



## **Mazon Shabbat**

Saturday, March 5, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Josh Protas, Vice President of Public Policy of [MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger](#) will join BZBI for the Shabbat service on March 5 to discuss *Serving Justice: Food Insecurity in Pandemic America*.

Close to 40 million Americans struggle to put enough nutritious food on the table, including 13 million children and 5 million seniors. Josh will share the unique role the Jewish community can play in the essential work to end hunger, wielding our most powerful tool – the strength of our voices, grounded in the moral authority of our shared values.





## **Sisterhood Sip n' Sale**

*Monday, March 7, 7:00 - 8:30 PM*

Sisterhood invites all BZBI members to taste and purchase Pesach wine! We will meet in the Rittenhouse Plaza conference room, 1901 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. Sipping will happen in a designated area. Come mingle (masked), with the opportunity to taste and purchase delicious wine for Pesach and year-round! [Register here to attend and receive more information.](#)

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## *News*



## **Priority Enrollment for BZBI Summer Camp**

*Ends Friday, February 18, 2022*

Priority enrollment for the 8-week summer camp at BZBI Early Childhood Education is open until tomorrow evening for current and incoming families, as well as synagogue members. Children from 18 months through Pre-K can apply. After February 18, we open enrollment to the larger community, as well as children entering Kindergarten, to fill open spots.

Camp runs from Wednesday, June 22 through Friday, August 12 with spots guaranteed for 8-week commitments. Once enrollment is complete, we will consider requests for individual weeks on a first come-first served basis. Please reach out to [Sara Goldfuss](#) if you are interested in camp enrollment for your child.

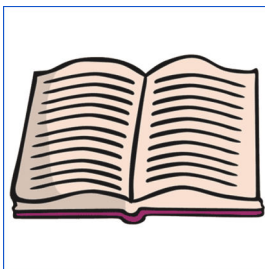


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## **Stephen Girard Reading Program**

The Library at Stephen Girard Public School is getting ready to reopen following renovation. Community leaders recently came to the school and were impressed with our past program support, commenting that our work helped land the \$90,000 grant to fix the library.

We hope to reestablish a group of volunteers to meet with fourth graders, read stories, and connect through song, music, and fun. There will be workshops and time together before we begin to volunteer. If you are interested in helping with reading programs, please [email Rosalie Kurtz.](#)



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## **Intergenerational Reading Program**

Do you want to create new connections between young and old in the BZBI community? We are interested in expanding our pilot intergenerational reading program. If you are (or know of) a school aged, a teen, toddler, or adult who wants to make a new friend at BZBI, please reach out. The commitment is small and the rewards are rich. Book titles, meeting places, and times are all flexible. For more information, please email [Liza Hillel](#) or [Carmie Levine.](#)



## **Building Bridges Through Music**

Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 PM

**Polyphony** bridges the divide between Arab and Jewish communities in Israel through classical music, and serves as a worldwide model for cooperation based on cultural exchange, dialogue, and partnership.

Polyphony joins with co-sponsors BZBI and ARTolerance to offer you an evening of *Common Ground Through Common Sound* with the Polyphony String Quartet plus members of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Ensemble from Sanctuary Choir at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

This concert program includes Schubert String Quartet No 13, two movements from the Mendelssohn String Octet, and other masterpieces. Suggested donation \$20. [More information here.](#)

## *Around the Community*



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**Kiddush HaShem**

Bob was evacuated by helicopter from up-state New York to HUP. His wife and adult daughter drove through the night, arriving Friday morning. They were lodged by a couple who were members of Beth Zion-Beth Israel.

"Thank you both for your hospitality. Sharing your Sabbath meal Friday night was a wonderful experience. I am strong in my faith and sharing your faith with me brought me much calm and peace."

**Please contact HOSTS for HOSPITALS ASAP to learn how you may help other Patient-Families**

- In-law suites or carriage houses
- Residences, whose owners are away
- Airbnb's on days when not being rented
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484-380-2999  
Lodging@HostsForHospitals.org

**The Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation and the Wassmuth Center in Boise, ID** host a conversation tonight, February 17, at 8:00 PM with Phillip Thompson, Director of the Idaho Black History Museum.

**Friends of Jewish Cemeteries** hosts a Zoom call on Friday, February 18 at 12:00 PM to announce plans for the spring and summer, 2022.

**The Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History** presents an evening of music with Mark Rubin, known as the "Jew of Oklahoma" Tuesday February 22 at 8:00 PM.

**The Jewish Federation's Kehillot, Women of Vision, Women's Philanthropy, NextGen and JScreen** sponsor a community-wide virtual gathering about the importance of testing for Jewish genetic diseases, Wednesday, February 23 from 7:30 - 8:30 PM

**Jewish Disability Advocacy Day (JDAD)** hosts a virtual gathering Wednesday & Thursday, February 23 & 24 among diverse communities across North America to harness our collective



power and break down barriers to opportunity and inclusion.

**ADL** invites you on February 24 at 12:00 PM to participate in Black History Month with an online event featuring writer, director, and former NFL wide receiver Matthew A. Cherry to celebrate his Oscar-winning short film *Hair Love*.

**The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ)** has started a digital marketplace that matches religious professionals and others, with opportunities at synagogues across the US and Canada. There is a fee of \$180 to be listed.

**The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia** invites you to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Israel's founding with an eight-day trip to Israel from May 14-21, 2023. Customized tracks are available to meet a wide variety of interests.

[Information on these events and many more can be found on our website](#)



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