



BZBI e-Cong: This week: Ariella Eisenstadt Bat Mitzvah Anniversary

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Spotlight

Statement on the Crisis in Ukraine

רָצָה ה' לְהַצִּילֵנִי ה' לְעֲזָרְתִּי חוֹשָׁה:
בְּשׁוֹ וְנִחְפְּרוּ יַחַד מִבְּקָשֵׁי נַפְשִׁי לְסַפּוֹתָהּ
יִסְגּוּ אַחֲזֹר וְיִכְלְמוּ חַפְצֵי רַעְתִּי:

O favor me, Adonai, and save me; O Adonai, hurry to help me.
Let those who seek to destroy my life be frustrated and disgraced;
let those who wish me harm fall back in shame.

– Psalm 40

While people around the world look with horror at the rapidly deteriorating situation in Ukraine, we as a Jewish community hold in our hearts particular concern for our brethren in this land. Masorti Olami (the international body of the Conservative Movement) is closely following the crisis and reports that “the present situation in Ukraine is extremely challenging with mass panic and residents fleeing towards the west of the country, away from lines of contact, causing blocked roads and traffic jams...Entrances and exits to [Kharkiv, a Masorti community near the border with Russia], as well as schools, have already been closed, and the Russian army is getting closer.” In the midst of this chaos, Masorti Olami has set up centers of refuge in Jewish schools and is working to transport members of the multiple Ukrainian Masorti communities towards safety in the west of the country, and beyond to Israel if necessary.

To support Masorti Olami's work, [donate here](#) and mark that you would like your donation to go towards the communities in Ukraine.

In this land which has long been the home of many Jews, we pray for an immediate resolution to the conflict. We hold on to the hope and resilience that has always been the hallmark of the Jewish people, wherever we are found. And we pray for the health and safety of all of the people of Ukraine.

כן יהי רצון

Let this be God's will.



Mazon Shabbat Next Week!

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 next weekend (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 ending hunger, by wielding our most powerful tool – the strength of our voices, grounded in the moral authority of our shared values.



Before Shabbat, listen to Mark's story at mazon.org/this-is-hunger. Then join us on Mazon Shabbat. And get involved. [More information here.](#)

Worship

We are looking for more readers, new or experienced, to read a chapter or set of *p'sukim* from *Megillat Esther*! We welcome participation from folks of all ages and will help you get ready. For more information, email Torah@BZBI.org.

Friday, February 25 - Adar I - 24

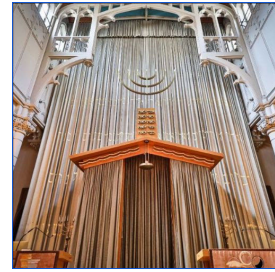
Mindful Minyan

7:45 - 8:15 AM

On Zoom Only

Shabbat Candlelighting

5:30 PM



Kabbalat Shabbat

5:30 - 6:30 PM

In Klinghoffer Chapel and on Zoom

Saturday, February 26 - Adar I - 25

Shabbat Morning Service

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Parashat Vayakhel and Shabbat Shekalim

Ariella Eisenstadt's Anniversary Bat Mitzvah

In the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom

Followed by Grab & Gab Kiddush

Torah Readers: Shoshana Barnett, Jesse Bacon, Tamar Fox, Rabbi Abe Friedman, Johannah Lebow, Oren Pollak, Rabbi Abi Weber

Haftarah: Ariella Eisenstadt

D'var Torah: Rabbi Abi Weber

Grab and Gab Kiddush and Because We Care baskets are sponsored by Katie Eisenstadt and David & Ruth Musher in honor of the one-year anniversary of their granddaughter Ariella Eisenstadt becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Co-sponsor: Cantor Rebecca Carl in memory of her father, Colin Joseph "CJ" Carl on his second yahrzeit.

Neziner Hebrew School

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tot Shabbat

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

In Klinghoffer Chapel

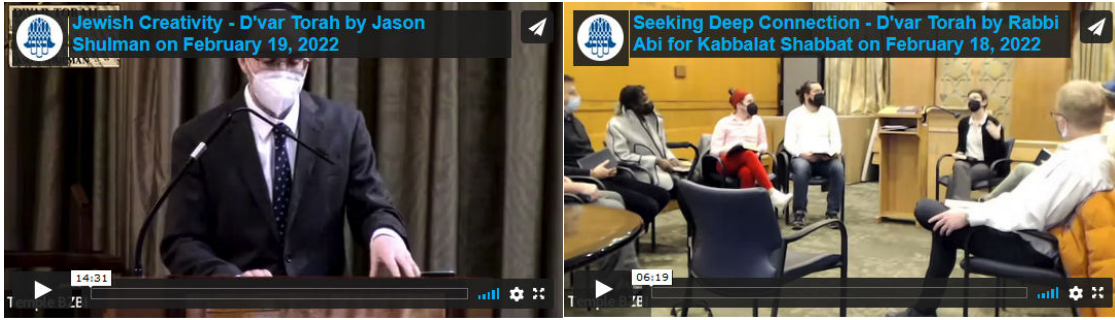
Shabbat Ends

6:30 PM

This Week's Downloads

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

Last Week's D'verei Torah



This Week's Minyan Schedule

Morning Minyan

- 9:00 AM Sunday (In-person and Zoom)
- 7:45 AM Monday and 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:

- 5:45 PM Monday (In-person and Zoom)
- 8:30 PM Tuesday - Thursday (Zoom only)
- 5:30 PM Friday (Kabbalat Shabbat In-person and Zoom)



Announcing the Purim Block Party!

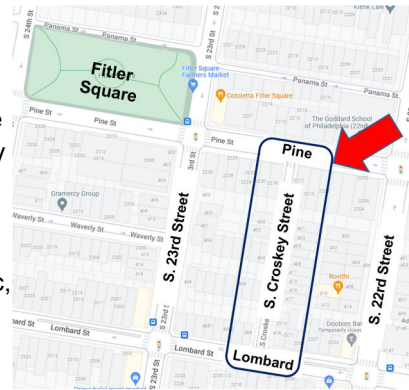
Thursday, March 17, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

BZBI & Mekor Habracha invite you to our Purim Block Party!

This year, help us blot out the name of Haman in a COVID-safe way - outdoors on South Croskey Street between Pine and Lombard.

We'll have carnival games, music, hamenstaschen, a raffle, and a family dance party with Dr. Dani Dancepants. Dress to impress because we'll also have a costume contest for children, adults, and pets!

All are welcome at this inclusive event.



Members

Donations this Week

In Honor of:

- **Janet Margolies & Art Fischman** on the birth of grandson, by Rabbi Mort & Carmie Levine
- **Ariella Eisenstadt's** Bat Mitzvah Anniversary by Rabbi Mort & Carmie Levine, Josh & Heidi Levy
- **Maurice Kanter's** Bar Mitzvah by Virginia Greene, Susan Zeelander

Refuah Shelema to:

- **Gary Schloss** by Penina Gould

In Memory of:

- **CJ Carl** by Cantor Rebecca Carl
- **Jean Cohen** by Kenneth Cohen & Doug Lerner
- **Benjamin Jacobs** by Ruth Shrier
- **Marcia Kahn** by Ilene & Drew Burach, Alyece & Steve Cummings
- **Morton Shear**, Rabbi Abi Weber's grandfather by the BZBI Sisterhood, Susan Zeelander
- **Marcia Siegal** by Virginia Greene
- **Sharon Wohlmuth Teacher** by Monica & Ramy Djerassi

Yahrzeits February 26 - March 4

Colin Carl | Jean Cohen | Robert Copeland | Willard Elfman |
Peggy Freeman | Charles Gallun | Lillian Gross | Esther Herzog
| Charles Levi | Moshe Lewensohn | Martha Poulter | Allen
Shrier | Shirley Waxman | William Whitehorn



Events

Bowling, Board Games and Movie Night

Sunday afternoon, February 27 beginning at 1:00 PM

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.



Monday Torah Study with Rabbi Mort Levine

Monday, February 28, 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 kibitz with the regulars as we have a lively, friendly, and detailed discussion of the meaning of the text and its application in real life. [Join with the regular BZBI Minyan Zoom link.](#)



Knitting and Crocheting Night

Monday, February 28, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

On the last Monday of each month, the Tikkun Olam committee invites you to join old and new friends for Zoom knitting and crocheting. Lessons and laughter will be had by all. [Registration for the Zoom class can be found here.](#)



Wednesday MahJongg

Wednesday, March 2, 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.](#)



Where Are You?

Wednesday, March 2, 8:00-8:30 PM

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.](#)



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

Wednesday, March 2, 8:00 - 9:00 PM

The next ScholarStream lecture features **Rabbi Josh Heller** on *When Do We Eat? Starting the Seder Early.*

Many families start *seder* before dark although the *Haggadah* wants us to tell the story at night. Rabbi Heller reviews his CJLS *Teshuvah*,

and in addition to practical suggestions, offers the chance to think more deeply about how our tradition understands time itself. [More information and registration links for all lecture series are here.](#)



Sisterhood Sip n' Sale

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

Sisterhood invites you to taste and purchase *Pesach* wine! Join us in the Rittenhouse Plaza conference room, 1901 Walnut Street for some smooth sipping. Come mingle (masked) in a designated area to taste and buy wine for *Pesach* and year-round! [Register here to attend and receive more information.](#)

A portion of proceeds go to the Neziner Hebrew School, Laurie Wagman Playschool, and Abigail R. Cohen Preschool. If you want to buy wine but are unable to attend, please register for the event and we will send information to you.



Purim Mishloach Manot Fundraiser

Order deadline: Friday, March 11 at 12:00 PM

Mishloach Manot are festive packages of holiday treats sent on Purim. It's one of the central *mitzvot* (commandments) of Purim, and part of how we create a joyous holiday together.

You should have received an email from HappyPurim with a personalized link to log into the Youth & Family fundraising website and send *Mishloach Manot* to those in the BZBI community. Questions? [Email Rabbi Max.](#)



Purim at BZBI

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

Maariv and *Megillah* reading take place on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 PM in the Goldberg Sanctuary. The *Megillah* will be read again on Thursday morning, March 17 at 7:45 AM.

This year we are excited to announce the BZBI & Mekor Habracha Purim Block Party! We are planning many more familiar and new activities, including the Youth and Family *Mishloach Manot* Fundraiser (see previous story), *Matanot L'evyonim*, and *Megillat Esther* reading with skits.

If last year's online Pandemic Purim inspired you ([take another look here](#)), then join us!



Building Bridges Through Music

Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 PM

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue

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.](#)

News



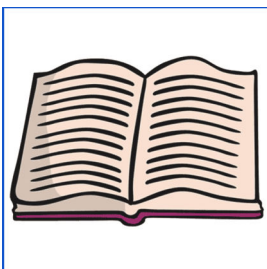
The Last Week to Donate to Gloves of Love

The Sisterhood and Tikkun Olam are co-sponsoring the second annual Gloves of Love clothing drive, lasting until the end of February. We are continuing to collect new and lightly used hats, scarves and socks to Project Home and the Bethesda Project. [More information here.](#)



Stephen Girard Reading Program

The Library at Stephen Girard Public School is getting ready to reopen following renovation. We hope to re-establish 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.](#)



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.](#)

Around the Community



HOSTS for HOSPITALS EST. 1996
Host-Home & Private-sitting Housing for Patient-Families

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
- Hotels / corporate apartments

HostsForHospitals.org/LearnMore
484-380-2999
Lodging@HostsForHospitals.org

JCRC and JEVS invite you to learn more about the important work JEVS does locally to train adults with disabilities for jobs. Via Zoom on Monday, February 28 at 12:00 PM. In honor of Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month.

The Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History presents *Judaism and Country Music* with Rabbi Sandra Lawson and Jewish Americana artist, Joe Buchanan on Tuesday, March 1 at 8:00 PM.

The Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia (JGASGP) announces a program on Sunday, March 6 at 1:30 PM with Serafima Velkovich on *Tips for Using Genealogical Sources at Yad Vashem*.

The Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History presents a concert on Tuesday, March 8 at 8:00 PM with BZBI's favorite duo *Nefesh Mountain* and friends.

Thinking of sending your teen to Israel this summer? USY has many Root One Vouchers worth \$3,000 per teen to pay for travel on one of their epic Summer Israel programs.

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 listing fee of \$180.

Israel Mission 75 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.

[You can find information on these and many more events on the BZBI website](#)



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