



BZBI e-Cong: Disability Awareness Shabbat this Weekend

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Spotlight



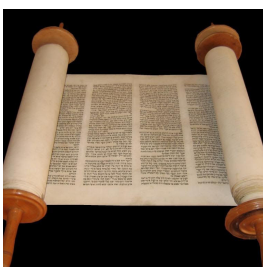
Disability Awareness Shabbat

Saturday, February 5, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

BZBI is pleased to welcome David Marcu, Senior CEO of Israel Elwyn, for a D'var Torah and discussion on building a society in which individuals with disabilities are citizens with equal rights and in which we each determine our own future and way of life.

Israel Elwyn (IE) is an Israeli nonprofit that provides services and programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Join us in-person in the Goldberg Sanctuary or via Zoom. [More information here.](#)

Disability Awareness Shabbat is generously sponsored by Sheldon Bernick, the Chair of BZBI's Israel Engagement Committee, and cosponsored by Jewish Learning Venture and Israel Elwyn.



Gabbai Training Begins

Sunday, February 13, 1:30 - 2:30 PM

The Ritual Committee is sponsoring an in-person meeting for BZBI members interested in learning about what is involved behind the scenes for a *Gabbai* to support the Torah reading on Shabbat and *Haggim*. Ginny Greene will run through the responsibilities of a *Bima Gabbai* and review the job of preparing Torah scrolls for holidays.

Those who complete the training can begin assisting as soon February 26, picking out and rolling the Torah scrolls for Shabbat Shekalim. [Register here to request more information or attend the session.](#)

Worship

Friday, February 4 - Adar I - 3

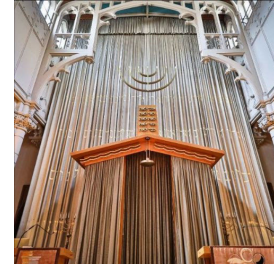
Mindful Minyan

7:45 - 8:15 AM

On Zoom Only

Shabbat Candlelighting

5:06 PM



Kabbalat Shabbat

5:30 - 6:30 PM

In Kahaner Auditorium and on Zoom

Saturday, February 5 - Adar I - 4

Shabbat Morning Service

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Parashat Terumah

In the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom

Followed by Grab & Gab Kiddush

Torah Readers: Elle Baker, Jeremy Bannett, Rabbi Mort Levine, Gaby Marantz, Oren Pollak, Dan Segal, Rabbi Abi Weber

Haftarah: Ginny Greene

D'var Torah: David Marcu

Flowers are sponsored by Virginia Greene in memory of her mother Rosarina Greene

Neziner Hebrew School

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tot Shabbat

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

In Klinghoffer Chapel

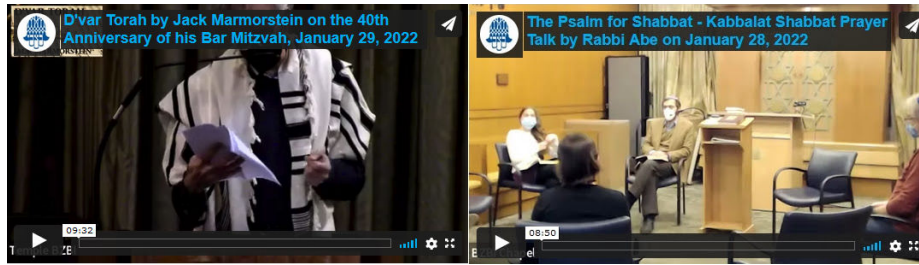
Shabbat Ends

6:07 PM

This Week's Downloads

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

Last Week's D'var Torah



Members

Condolences to:

- **Judith Maslin** on the passing of her husband **Rabbi Simeon (Shim) Maslin**
- **Josh and Ivy Weingram** on the passing of Josh's great uncle, Gerson Brandspiegel, a beloved Holocaust survivor

Mazel Tov to:

- Early Childhood parents **Pam & David Miranda** and big brother Arlo on the birth of twins Jade Brielle and Hana Hart
- Early Childhood parents **Jenni & Jared Wallace** and big sister Remi on the birth of baby Zander Max

Donations this Week

In Honor of:

- **Odelia Krasner-Friedman** reading Haftarah by Rabbi Valerie Joseph & David Haas
- **Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell** for a safe journey to Israel to by Rabbi Valerie Joseph & David Haas
- **Sheila Rosenblum's** birthday by Arlene Fickler
- **Sheila & Dan Segal** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson by Arlene Fickler

Refuah Shelema to:

- **Arlene Fickler's brother David** by Rabbi Valerie Joseph & David Haas

In Memory of:

- **Herbert Barg** by Doug Barg
 - **Marilyn Brand** by Robert & Cathy Abelson Lipshutz
 - **Abram Diamond & Rose Forman** by Miriam Diamond
 - **Sylvia Feinstein** by Rosalie Feinstein
 - **My grandparents** by Natalie Landro
 - **Rabbi Shim Maslin** by the Cohen/Ludwig Family, Arlene Fickler, Bonnie Goldberg & Robert Vogel, Virginia Greene, Robin Lebow, Barbara Spector, Rabbi Ira & Annie Stone
 - **Ernst Presseisen** by Barbara Presseisen
 - **Allen Shrier** by Ruth Shrier
 - **Barbara Steinberg** by Eileen Dwell & Chuck Steinberg
 - **Benjamin Stillman** by Marcia Stillman
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Yahrzeits February 5 - 11

Emerson Roy Avery, Jr. | Esther Burden | Stella Cantor | Abram Diamond | Rebecca Gralnek | Rosarina Greene | Elliott Haness | Samuel Hilf | Hersh Horen | Harry Maletzky | Andrew Marmorstein | Ernst Presseisen | Leah Saks | Elaine Snyder | Francis Stern | Benjamin Stillman



Events



MahJongg Continues

Wednesday, February 9, 5:00 - 6:15 PM

Try it - you'll love it! Bring your competitive instincts and your sense of humor! Weekly in-person MahJongg in Klinghoffer Chapel continues, with money generated by winning hands going to the BZBI Tzedakah fund. You must be vaccinated and wear a mask to attend. [More information here.](#)



Character Paths and the Heart's Commitments

Wednesday, February 9, 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. His writings, collected under the heading of *hilkhot de'ot ve-hovot ha-levavot* (Character Paths and the Heart's Commitments), use the Jewish holidays as a framework for understanding deeper levels of Jewish spiritual experience.

Join Rabbi Abe for the second 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.



Where Are You?

Wednesday, February 9, 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.](#)

ScholarStream: Diversity, Inclusion and Equity

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

Gail Labovitz of Ziegler will speak on *Options for Egalitarian Partnerships in Conservative Halakha*. Could it be possible to have a Jewish marriage in which each partner, of whatever gender, is equally responsible for initiating the binding relationship, and has equal rights to seek its end when necessary? Rabbi Labovitz will discuss new, egalitarian options for Jewish marriages.

It's also time to register for the next ScholarStream lecture series beginning Wednesday, February 16 on *Halakha - The Process Moving Forward & the Forward-Moving Process*.

[More information and registration links for all lecture series are here.](#)



Introduction to Mindfulness

Thursday, February 10, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Join Rabbi Abi and mindfulness expert Gary Schapiro for a one-time deep dive into mindfulness/awareness theory and practice. Rest your mind and learn to make friends with whatever arises there. Cut through your speedy, racing, looping discursive thoughts and open your heart of compassionate wisdom in this one-hour session.

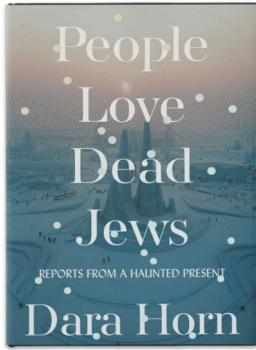
There is no charge for this class, which uses the regular BZBI religious services Zoom link. **[More information is on our website.](#)**



Shabbakti In Person!

Saturday, February 12, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Join Dr. Deb Glassman in Kahaner Auditorium for BZBI's once a month in-person Shabbakti yoga class. 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 open](#)** and closes when we reach capacity.



BZBI-wide Book Club: People Love Dead Jews

Monday, February 14, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The upcoming book club selection is **People Love Dead Jews** by Dara Horn. She challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths, and so little respect for Jewish lives, as they continue to unfold in the present. Terry Hirshorn will be our discussion leader. Please [register here](#).

In May 2022, the book club will discuss **What We Will Become** by Mimi Lemay. It's a mother's memoir of her transgender child's odyssey and a heartfelt portrait of an unforgettable family.



News

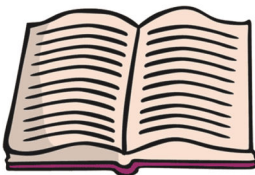


Priority Enrollment for BZBI Summer Camp

Monday - Friday, February 7 - 18, 2022

Priority enrollment for the 8-week summer camp at BZBI Early Childhood Education **opens on Monday** for current and incoming families, as well as synagogue members. Children from 18 months through Pre-K can apply. After February 18, we will 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.



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) 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](#).



Gloves of Love News

As we move into the colder months, Tikkun Olam and Sisterhood are ready to start the 2022 Gloves of Love Drive which will support Project Home Clients. We are continuing to collect hats, scarves and socks. [More information here.](#)

Around the Community

The JCC Maccabi Games (the Olympics for Jewish teens) will be held in San Diego, July 31 - August 5, 2022. Philadelphia will send Boys & Girls Soccer and Basketball, plus Ice Hockey, Tennis, Swimming and Dance teams. Jewish teens ages 13-16 are eligible. Tryouts begin in February.

The Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation & the Nathan and Esther Pelz Center in Milwaukee sponsor a free talk on Sunday, February 6 at 3:00 PM with Dan Grunfeld on his new book and his father Ernie Grunfeld, the only athlete in NBA history whose parents are survivors.

The Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation will host a free virtual lunch talk on Thursday, February 10 at 12:00 PM with Matthias Thoma, Director of the Eintracht Museum in Frankfurt Germany. Learn about how a sports museum addresses the Holocaust legacy through public education.

USCJ, Rabbinical Assembly, Rising Song Institute and others sponsor *Kol Tefilla, The Concert* on Saturday, February 12 at 9:45 PM. Featured artists include Rabbi Yosef Goldman and others familiar to BZBI members.

Congregation Kol Ami of Elkins Park has invited Combatants for Peace to visit virtually on Sunday, February 13 at 1:00 PM. A Palestinian and an Israeli will share their journey to non-violence and have a conversation with us.

Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia (JGASGP) has a program on Sunday, February 13 at 1:30 PM with Mark Olsen, Family Tree Maker Ambassador.

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History and the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum is hosting the first in a series of musical events on Tuesday, February 15 called *Jews and Country Music*.

More events and news from the JCC Maccabi Games, Israel Bonds, Jewish Family and Children's Services, JEVS Human Services, and Hosts for Hospitals can be found using the link below.

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



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