



BZBI e-Cong: Eliana Light, Cantorial Audition & Purim Thank You

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Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / March 18, 2022

Our mask mandate remains in place for all building visitors, including Early Childhood Education, Hebrew School, and In-Person Services.

Spotlight



High Holy Days Cantorial Audition

Saturday, March 19 at approximately 12:30 PM

Gedalia Penner-Robinson and Rebekka Goldsmith visit BZBI on Saturday, March 19 to audition for High Holidays 2022 cantorial roles. Please join us after Grab n' Gab Kiddush, in person or on Zoom, at approximately 12:30 PM, to listen to them sing High Holiday melodies. After Shabbat ends, we will follow up and ask for your feedback. Registration is not required. [More information here.](#)



Eliana Light Artist-in-Residence Weekend

Thursday, March 24 - Saturday, March 26

Eliana Light returns for her final 2021-2022 Artist-in-Residence weekend with meaningful music, powerful prayer, and thought-provoking education. Her intent is to help each of us discover the depth and richness of Jewish life within and take ownership of our Judaism. The weekend will include a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service, presentations to Hebrew School students, and multiple opportunities to engage in musical and spiritual growth.

The Artist-in-Residence program is sponsored by BZBI Sisterhood; Neziner Hebrew School; Youth & Family PTA; Penny and Sheldon Bernick; Melissa Lerman and Eric Berger; Anne and J.D. Albert; BZBI Laurie Wagman Playschool and Abigail R. Cohen Preschool.

How to Help Those in Ukraine

Nativ 41 is the current cohort of the Conservative movement's gap year program. They are welcoming 10 Ukrainian teen refugees to the Yemin Orde Youth Village. The Nativers put together welcome packages for the new refugees and need your help to welcome more. **[Donation information is here.](#)**

Masorti Olami has evacuated over 60 refugees from Ukraine to safe places, and provided them with food, transport and shelter. **[Donate here.](#)**

The Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) supports small Jewish communities around the world and rescues Jews in danger including in Ukraine. **[Donate here.](#)**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia is partnering with major Jewish relief agencies to coordinate humanitarian assistance. **[Donate here.](#)**

HIAS works to support refugees of all faiths fleeing oppression, including Ukraine. **[Donate here.](#)**

Worship

Friday, March 18 - Adar II - 15

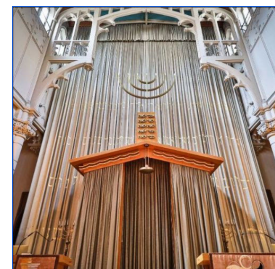
Kabbalat Shabbat

5:30 - 6:30 PM

In Klinghoffer Chapel and on Zoom

Shabbat Candlelighting

6:43 PM



Saturday, March 19 - Adar II - 16

Shabbat Morning Service

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Parashat Tzav

In the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom

Followed by Grab & Gab Kiddush and the Cantorial Audition

Torah Readers: Jesse Bacon, Jeremy Bannett, Carmie Levine, Rabbi Mort Levine,
Oren Pollak, Rabbi Abi Weber

Haftarah: Shoshana Bannett

D'var Torah: Rabbi Abe Friedman

Grab and Gab Kiddush is sponsored by the Beth Zion-Beth Israel office staff in celebration of Purim.

Neziner Hebrew School

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tot Shabbat

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

In Klinghoffer Chapel

Mishloach Manot Pickup

Available during Kiddush

High Holy Days Cantorial Audition

12:30 PM following Kiddush, in the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom

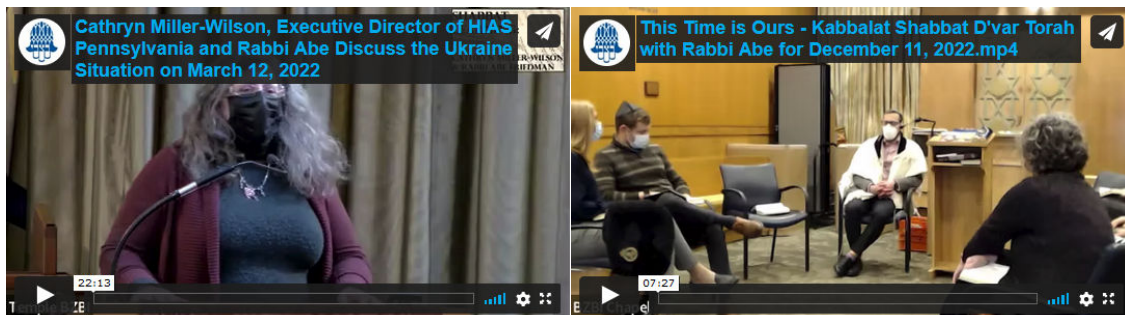
Shabbat Ends

7:52 PM

This Week's Downloads

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

Last Week's D'verei Torah



Members



Purim Thank Yous

Purim required many hours of staff, clergy, and - especially - volunteer effort.

Many thanks to **Megillah readers** Eliza Egeth, Tova Kahn, Rebecca Krasner, Johannah Lebow, Oren Pollak, Amit Schwalb, Amy Shulz, Kati Steiner, Gaby Marantz, Odelia Krasner-Friedman, and Ilana Wasserman. **Purim Shpiel** volunteers including the Neziner students (plus Rachel Beck!) and Chelm Players Art Fischman, Doug Barg, Dani Holtz, Carmie Levine, and Matt Whitehorn.

Mishloach Manot volunteers Anne Albert, Daniel Cohen, Terry Hirshorn, Carmie Levine, Alison & Maddie Paymer, Jen Merves Robbins, Greg Rowe, Diani Safdeye, Ilana Trachtman, Wendy Weiss, and BZBI's USY teens. **BZBI Youth & Family raised \$22,400 this year!**

Also, thanks to **Rabbi Mort Levine** for his Purim Torah, **Carmie Levine** for her Hamentashen Bake, and **Melissa Lerman** for the idea of the Ukraine Postcard campaign.

Did you miss the wonderful Shpiels? Click the images to watch!



Donations this Week

Refuah Shelemah to:

- **David Rasner** by Larry Copeland

In Honor of:

- **Janet Margolies & Art Fischman's** new grandson Avi Louis by Robin Lebow

In Memory of:

- **Judith Barg** by Robin & Doug Barg
- **My beloved grandmother** by Sharon & Avishai Greis

Yahrzeits March 19 - 25

Perry Jacobs | Harvey Litke | Joshua Presseisen | Felice Sharpio | Frances Wasserman | Reba Wasserman



Events



Scholarstream: The Power of the Prophets

Tuesday, March 22 at 8:00 PM

The next Scholarstream series, co-sponsored by major Conservative Jewish organizations and featuring well-respected rabbis and speakers, will be Series #6: The Power of the Prophets.

The first session, *Jonah: A Prophet Who Failed His Way To Success* and will be taught by **Rabbi Bradley Artson**, dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. [For more information, and to register, click here.](#)



Wednesday MahJongg

Wednesday, March 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.](#)



Building Bridges Through Music

Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 PM

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue

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

Polyphony joins with BZBI and ARTolerance to offer an evening of *Common Ground Through Common Sound* with the Polyphony String Quartet plus members of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra and the Chamber Ensemble from the Sanctuary Choir at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Suggested donation \$20. [More information here.](#)



BZBI Panel Discussion: Required Minimum Distributions

Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 PM

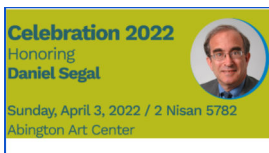
A panel of BZBI members, including Les Robbins, Sheldon Bernick, Terry Hirshorn, and Matt Whitehorn invite you to a Zoom discussion on the rules for retirement plan Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) when you reach age 70½. They will also talk about the tax benefit of donating IRA qualified charitable distributions to a charity, especially BZBI. [More information and registration here.](#)



Knitting and Crocheting Night

Monday, March 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.](#)



Jewish Learning Venture Honoring Dan Segal

Sunday, April 3 at 3:00 PM

Rhona Gerber, Jewish Learning Venture's Chief Development Officer, is pleased to announce that BZBI member Dan Segal will be honored at the organization's annual fund-raising dinner, to be held Sunday, April 3 at 3:00 PM, at the Abington Art Center, 515 Meetinghouse Road in Jenkintown. [More information and registration can be found here.](#)

SAVE THE DATE

BZBI-wide Book Club

Monday, May 9 at 7:30 PM

The Spring selection is [**What We Will Become**](#) by Mimi Lemay, a memoir of her upbringing in an ultra-Orthodox environment, the demands of faith, and the resulting painful decision to leave her community and its strict gender roles.

Jewish Thought and Psychoanalysis

Monday, May 23 at 7:00 PM

Join us for the Eighth Annual **BZBI Jewish Thought & Psychoanalysis Lecture** as we welcome Prof. Susannah Heschel, Chair of the Jewish Studies Program and Eli M. Black Distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. *This event is sponsored by BZBI member Dr. Harvey Schwartz.*

News



Join the HIAS Pennsylvania Postcard Campaign

Last Shabbat, Cathryn Miller-Wilson, Executive Director of HIAS Pennsylvania, gave a dramatic talk on the situation in Ukraine and how Americans can help them and some of the 80 million other refugees worldwide. [Watch her informative presentation here.](#)

Speak up for refugees by writing a postcard to our Congressional Representatives (and a call couldn't hurt!). You can download the pre-printed postcards, with the names and addresses of our Congressional representatives, [by clicking here](#)

Around the Community

Interfaith Philadelphia's Alternative Spring Break program with students from North Carolina State University, will join BZBI for Shabbat services on Friday evening, March 18. We hope you will join us to welcome them to our Temple.

The Society for the Advancement of Judaism (SAJ) sponsored the first American girl to have a bat mitzvah ceremony on March 18, 1922. Celebrate the weekend of March 17-19 with SAJ on the 100th anniversary of this milestone event.

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. A virtual parlor session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 PM. [Register here.](#) Another meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6 at 12:00 PM.

The Senior Center at the Free Library of Philadelphia hosts a free Zoom talk on Wednesday, March 23 at 11:00 AM on *FDR's Dark Secret: The President, Project M & The Jews*, a top-secret initiative to prevent European Jews who survived Hitler and the Nazis from settling in the U.S.

Philadelphia-Ukraine Rapid Response is a local working group including BZBI's Sabrina Rubin-

Erdely who are hosting a virtual fundraiser on Wednesday March 23 at 5:00 PM with Trudy Rubin, foreign affairs correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

NextGen invites 20- through 40-somethings to join *Shabbat Around the City*. Register to join a dinner near you on Friday, March 25 starting at 7:00 PM. There are COVID requirements.

Dara Horn, author of *People Love Dead Jews*, speaks at Temple Rodeph Shalom, 615 North Broad Street and via Zoom on Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30 PM. Presented with Center City Kehillah.

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and **Razom for Ukraine** are beneficiaries from a workshop on how to reconstruct your family's Ukrainian history. Sunday April 3 from 12:00 - 4:30 PM on Zoom.

Har Nebo is hosting a cleanup at the cemetery, 6061 Oxford Avenue in Philadelphia on Sunday, April 3 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Holocaust Memorial Plaza's Yom HaShoah candle lighting and arts program takes place in-person on Sunday, April 3 from 2:00 - 3:30 PM.

Thinking of sending your teen to Israel? USY has Root One Vouchers available; each is worth \$3,000 per teen to offset the cost of one of their Epic Summer Israel programs.

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



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