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BZBI e-Cong: It's Purim!

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Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / March 11, 2022

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

Spotlight



Shabbat Learning: Ukraine and Purim in an Upside-Down World

Cathryn Miller-Wilson, Executive Director of HIAS Pennsylvania, joins us this Shabbat for a discussion of the situation in Ukraine and how Americans can help Ukrainian refugees as well as over 80 million other refugees worldwide.

Cathryn has been HIAS Pennsylvania's Executive Director since November 2016. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and currently sits on the law school's Board of Managers. In 2004 she was awarded the Penn Law Alumni Society's Young Alumni Award for Professional Achievement.

We are also heading into the week of Purim, and many have rightfully asked how we can expect to celebrate joyously in a time of suffering and death. After Cathryn speaks, Rabbi Abe will reflect on how the specific themes and messages of Purim can actually lead us toward a constructive response to a world in crisis. [More information can be found here.](#)

How to Help Those in Ukraine

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

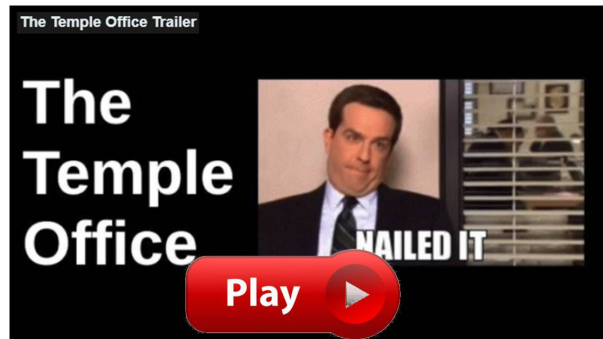
The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia is partnering with major Jewish relief agencies to coordinate humanitarian assistance. [Donate here.](#)

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

[Purim at a Glance!](#)

Wednesday, March 16 - Fast of Esther & Erev Purim

- 7:45 - 8:15 AM - Morning Minyan on Zoom
- **7:30 - 9:00 PM - Purim Minyan & Megillah Reading** in the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom
- 7:41 PM - Fast ends



Thursday, March 17 - Purim

- **7:30 - 9:00 AM - Purim Minyan & Megillah Reading** in Klinghoffer Chapel and on Zoom
- **5:30 - 7:30 PM - Purim Block Party** on Croskey Street between Pine & Lombard
- *No evening minyan*

Friday, March 18 - Erev Shabbat

- 7:45 - 8:15 AM - Mindful Minyan on Zoom
- 5:30 - 6:30 PM - Kabbalat Shabbat in Klinghoffer Chapel and on Zoom
- **6:30 - 7:30 PM - Yesod Dinner** on Zoom



Get in the Purim spirit by baking Hamantaschen with Carmie Levine!
Click above for a fun "How to" Video, and [Click here for the Recipe](#)



Purim Mishloach Manot - Last Days!

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.](#)

Worship

Friday, March 11 - Adar II - 8

Mindful Minyan

7:45 - 8:15 AM

On Zoom Only

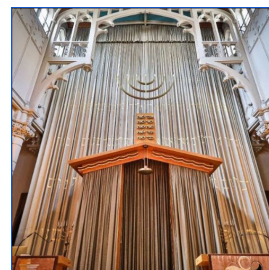
Shabbat Candlelighting

5:45 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat

5:30 - 6:30 PM

In Klinghoffer Chapel and on Zoom



Saturday, March 12 - Adar II - 9

Shabbat Morning Service

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Parashat Vayikra

*In the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom
Followed by Grab & Gab Kiddush*

Torah Readers: Jesse Bacon, Tamar Fox, Gaby Marantz, Oren Pollak, Eliana Rosenthal, Dan Segal, Kati Steiner

Haftarah: Ken Cohen

D'var Torah: Rabbi Abe Friedman and Cathryn Miller-Wilson

Grab and Gab Kiddush is sponsored by Sheila Davidson and her sister Marian Davidson-Amodeo in loving memory of their father, Murray Davidson, on what would have been his 100th birthday and Sheila's late husband, Peter Leokum, on what would have been his 77th birthday.

Shabbhakti In-Person

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

In Kahaner Auditorium

Neziner Hebrew School

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tot Shabbat

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

In Klinghoffer Chapel

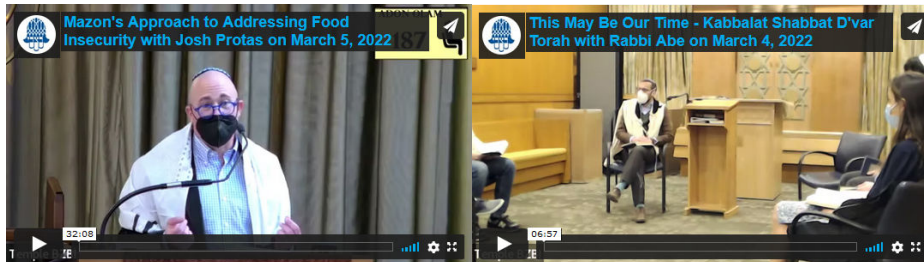
Shabbat Ends

6:45 PM

This Week's Downloads

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

Last Week's D'verei Torah



Members

Mazel Tov to:

- **Beth Oswald & Joseph Klein** on the marriage of their son, Josh, to Amy Elliott

Welcome New Members:

- **Joseph Weber & Donna Shear**
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Donations this Week

Purim Wishes:

- **In honor of the celebration of Purim and Neziner Hebrew School students** by Bev Cohen
- **Best wishes to all congregants in celebration of Purim** by Estelle Fleischer

Refuah Shelemah to:

- Wellness prayers for **Francesca Amodeo and Yehuda Moshe ben Bluma Bayla v Chaim Bunim** by Marian Davidson-Amodeo

In Honor of:

- **The BZBI community** with heartfelt appreciation & gratitude by Marian Davidson-Amodeo
- **Jonathan Fassler Goldberg's** engagement by Beverly Goldberg
- **Janet Margolies & Art Fischman's** new grandson Avi Louis by Terri & Matt Whitehorn, Susan Zeelander, Barbara Spector, Arlene Fickler

In Memory of:

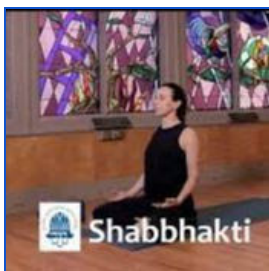
- **Dr. Murray Davidson** lovingly remembered on the occasion of what would have been his 100th birthday by Marian Davidson-Amodeo
 - **Peter Leokum** lovingly remembered on what would have been his 77th birthday by Marian Davidson-Amodeo
 - With deepest everlasting memory of my beloved mother, **Tillie Maiman** by Penina Gould
 - **Leon M. Robinson** by Susan & Barry Penn
 - **Clara Schwam** by Sima Hanau
 - **Marilyn Weiss** by Wendy Weiss & Greg Rowe
 - **Sharon Wohlmuth Teacher** by Beverly Fassler Goldberg
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Yahrzeits March 12 - 18

Tillie Allanoff | Beatrice Lewis | Clara Schwam | Martha Siegal |
Leon Spector



Events



Shabbhakti Yoga

Saturday, March 12, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Yoga can be so much more than postures on a sticky mat - it can be a way to connect with your true self as a manifestation of the divine.

Join Deb Glassman in Kahaner Auditorium for Shabbhakti yoga to explore the spirituality of Shabbat. Advance registration is required, with attendance limited to 16 participants.

The cost is \$10 for BZBI members and \$18 for community members, a significant discount from her public class fee. [Register here](#) or join us on Shabbat morning and we will bill you.

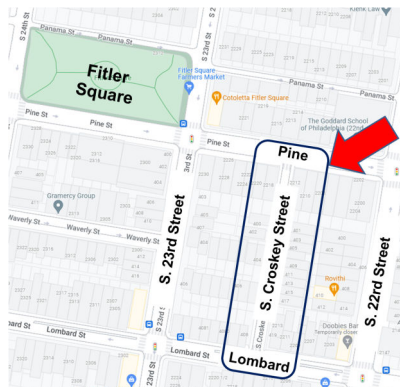


The Purim Block Party!

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

BZBI, Mekor Habracha, and Moshe House invite you to our Purim Block Party! Help us blot out the name of Haman in a COVID-safe way - outdoors on South Croskey Street between Pine and Lombard.

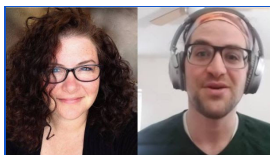
Join an all-ages dance party with Dr. Dani Dancepants, Drag Queen Story Time with Dominique Lee, a live mix from DJ Aluminum, as well as carnival games, music, hamenstaschen, and a raffle. Dress to impress because we'll also have a costume contest for children, adults, and pets! [All are welcome at this inclusive event.](#)



Yesod Friday Night Dinner

Friday, March 18 at 6:30 PM

Following *Kabbalat Shabbat*, we invite you to participate in the next Yesod Diner, an inclusive Shabbat experience via Zoom using the [regular Religious Services link](#). Those who participated in past dinners left with a full tummy and warm fuzzies! There is no cost to participating. Eileen Dwell will facilitate. More information can be found [on our website](#).



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, 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.](#)



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 co-sponsors 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.

This program includes Schubert String Quartet No 13, two movements from the Mendelssohn String Octet, and other masterpieces. 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.](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Eliana Light Artist-in-Residence Weekend

Thursday, March 24 - Saturday, March 26

We will soon welcome back Eliana Light for her final BZBI Artist-in-Residence weekend. Plans 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.

BZBI-wide Book Club

Monday, May 9 at 7:30 PM

The Spring selection is **What We Will Become** by Mimi Lemay. It is 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



Caps for Keppies

The Tikkun Olam Committee and Sisterhood thank everyone who made the Caps for Keppies, Gloves of Love, and Soft Scarf drives a success. Project Home and Bethesda Project have received 88 Caps for Keppies, 53 pairs of Gloves of Love, and 77 Soft Scarves. In addition, 50 belts and 12 wallets were donated.

Packages of new socks and men's undershirts will continue to be collected. Since November 2021 we have donated 128 pairs of socks and 12 mens' undershirts. The knitting hats and scarves will continue year-round and the next collection drive begins in the fall of 2022.



Intergenerational Reading Program

Do you want to create new connections between young and old in the BZBI community? Tikkun Olam is 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**.



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.**](#)

Around the Community

Choir Boy runs through this Sunday, March 13 at the Suzanne Roberts Theater. Written by the Academy Award winning writer of *Moonlight*, it is an extraordinary production with powerful music.

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.

NextGen invites 20- through 40-somethings to join *Shabbat Around the City*. Register to join a dinner near you on Friday, March 26 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.

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 going to Israel? 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. Virtual parlor sessions are scheduled on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 PM and Wednesday, April 6 at 12:00 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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