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Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Weekly E-Newsletter / July 14, 2022

We can all use a little perspective from time to time. It's natural to get caught up in the daily rush of commitments and concerns, to lose sight of the broader context of our lives. Once in a while, it helps to take a step back and reflect on the big picture.

This week brought us a very big picture indeed. The release of [the first deep field image from the James Webb Space Telescope](#) offers a reminder that the entirety of human history – all of our striving, our failures and our accomplishments – accounts for barely three millionths of the span of the universe. It calls to mind Carl Sagan's reaction to Voyager 1's final picture of Earth from 4 billion miles away: "Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe, are challenged by [this point of pale light](#)."

And yet Judaism also teaches us that each human being is a universe in and of itself. To save a life is to save the world, our Talmud teaches; to help one person is to help the vast interconnected points of light of our galaxy. The Webb Telescope also teaches us that, at our best, humanity can pull off incredible feats of creativity, innovation, and daring. Thousands of people, working for hundreds of companies and agencies in 29 states and 14 countries across three continents, spent twenty years developing the technologies, systems, and processes that allow the Webb Telescope to produce the breathtaking images we saw this week. The challenge before humanity is whether we will choose to apply the same determination and ingenuity that launched the Webb mission in order to solve problems much closer to home.

Read more about the deep field image at the [Webb Space Telescope website](#).

Spotlight

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Thank you to everyone who came out to the Ice Cream Social last Friday at Fitler Square! We had a wonderful time making ice cream sundaes, passing out popsicles, and enjoying the sugar rush afterward on the playground. We look forward to seeing you at our next event where there are sure to be more ways to socialize and cool off this summer with your friends at BZBI.



Book of Remembrance

Submit by Friday, July 15

The deadline for your submission in the **Book of Remembrance** is **tomorrow**. Please return your memorial form or, if you have any questions, [call or e-mail Phyllis in the Temple office.](#)

Worship

[Friday, July 15 - Tamuz 16](#)

[Kabbalat Shabbat](#)

7:30 PM

Fitler Square (in case of rain: Klinghoffer Chapel)

Shabbat Candlelighting

8:10 PM



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[Saturday, July 16 - Tamuz 17](#)

[Shabbat Morning Service](#)

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

In the Goldberg Sanctuary and on Zoom

Followed by Grab & Gab Kiddush

[Parashat Balak](#)

- **Torah Readers:** Barbara Spector, Amit Schwalb, Emerson Avery, Shoshana Bannett, Lisa Myers
- **Haftarah:** Sheldon Bernick
- **D'var Torah:** Sabrina Rubin Erdely

Shabbat Ends

9:15 PM

Join our Multi-Access minyanim on Sundays (9:00 AM), Mondays (5:45 PM) and Thursdays (7:45 AM) in the Klinghoffer Chapel and on Zoom.

This morning's Minyan included 12 members that came to support Barbara Spector as she observed her mother's Yahrzeit, followed by delicious treats afterwards. Come join in Minyan and support your fellow members!

This Week's Downloads

- [Kabbalat Shabbat Prayerbook](#)
- [Shabbat Prayerbook](#)
- [Torah Readings for Parashat Balak](#)

Last Week's D'var Torah

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Letting Go - D'var Torah on Saturday,
July 9 by Shlomo Cohen

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

[You can always join us online by clicking here.](#)

Members

Mazel Tov to:

- **Beverly Socher-Lerner** on being named to the School District of Philadelphia's superintendent transition team!

Donations this Week

In Honor of:

- **Rabbi Abi** for teaching Talmud class by Lynne & Arthur Ellis

In Memory of:

- **Harriet Wundohl** by the BZBI Sisterhood
- **Gustav Wertheim** by Judith Wertheim
- **Harriet Wundohl** by Sally & Edwin Rosenthol
- **Dr. Leslie Rose**, father of Sarah Torok by Sara & Adam Laver, Rachel Katz Cogan, Brian & Jennifer Merves Robbins
- **Benjamin Stark** by Marcia Stillman

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Yahrzeits July 16 - 22

Samuel Aron | Edward Benz | Samuel Berger | Bernice Bernick |
Trudy Cohen | Joseph Dalinka | Leona Fischer | Bruce Garstkiewicz
| Miriam Goldberg | Michael Gottlieb | Thomas Herskovitz | Gertrude
Jelin | Ruth Koenig | Leah Lyman | Rabbi Ezekiel Musleah | Loretta
Penn | Paul Schenkler | Reuben Segal | Anna Sherr | Rose Stoler



Do you have a *tallit* or other ritual items in BZBI's old *tallit* closet in the chapel?

The old tallit closet is now being repurposed for much needed storage space. All personal effects will be removed on Friday, July 29. Please make arrangements for a space in the new closet and move your belongings before that date.

Each cubby in the new closet is available for reserved usage. The cost is \$36 per year or \$540 for a lifetime lease. **Please contact Phyllis** in the Temple office to reserve your new space.



BZBI Singing Group

Do you love to sing? What about singing amongst friends and congregants? BZBI is looking to start a Singing Group for ALL AGES! If you are interested, **please fill out this form** and Liat will contact you further.

Events



Outdoor Movie Night

Thursday, July 21 at 8:00 PM

Join us as we come sing along to 'Encanto' (rated PG) at the Schuylkill River Banks (just north of Walnut Street Bridge, on the east side of the river). **Please contact Liat ahead of time if you plan to attend so we can plan where to meet.**

Sisterhood Summer Soiree

Tuesday, July 26 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM

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will provide light appetizers, and individuals can pay for their own drinks. [Click the link here to sign up.](#)



Shabbat Picnic at Filter Square

Friday, July 29 at 6:30 PM

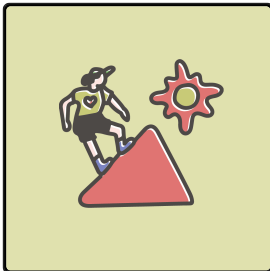
Looking for a chance to wind down after a long week? BYOB/D (Bring Your Own Blanket and Dinner) for a picnic at Fittler Square, followed by a spirited Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:30pm.



Summer Tot Shabbat Playdates in the Park

August 6 and August 27 from 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Join us in Fittler Square for an afternoon of fun. This program is geared to infants through three-year-olds together with their grownups. Older siblings and Tot Shabbat alumni are welcome to join! [Please let Phyllis know you are planning to attend!](#)



Hike and Heal

Sunday, August 21 from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Join members of BZBI for some fresh air outside! Location TBA (Most likely Wissahickon Trail). Bring some trail mix, plenty of water, and a furry friend if you have one! For more information and to RSVP, [please contact Liat.](#)

Ongoing Events



Cool Caps for Keppies

Monday, July 4 through Monday, September 5

BZBI Sisterhood is collecting gently used baseball caps and flip flops to be donated to Bethesda Project and Project Home. A collection box is located in the Temple lobby. Please contact [Eileen Dwell](#) for more information.

Wednesday MahJongg

Wednesday, July 20 from 5:00 - 6:15 PM

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must be vaccinated and wear a mask to attend. [Contact Lia for more information.](#)



Knitting and Crocheting

Will resume after the High Holidays

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

News



BZBI is on AmazonSmile!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support BZBI every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to us.

On your first visit to [AmazonSmile](https://smile.amazon.com), you need to select **Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel** as your charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.



Israel 75: Travel to Israel on a Mission Trip!

Israel Mission 75 invites you to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Jewish State's founding from May 14 - 21, 2023. Personalize this exhilarating and meaningful eight-day journey by selecting a customized track that speaks to your passions including adventure; food, wine & culture; tech & business; and people, places & politics.

[To learn more, visit the Jewish Federation website.](#)

2022-2023 Hebrew School and Youth and Family Programming

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12:00 P.M. All registration forms submitted after the deadline will incur a \$100 late fee. Please [click here to complete the registration for 2022-2023](#) for Hebrew School (pre-K through Hebrew High School), as well as other youth and teen programs.

Around the Community

A huge win for POWER'S climate justice and the state of Pennsylvania: The efforts of POWER members has paid off, as the state has allocated \$125 million to create the Whole-Home Repairs Program!

Walk together in American history with the **Philadelphia Civil Rights Mission** to Atlanta, Georgia, and Montgomery and Selma, Alabama from September 17 - 20, 2022.

The 42nd **International Conference on Jewish Genealogy** (IAJGS) will be held virtually from August 21 through August 25, 2022.

JEVS Human Services offers the Franklin C. Ash program for Jewish college students who would like a paid internship at a non-profit Jewish organization in the Philadelphia area.

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



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